Impeachment hearing unprecedented
Tonight's ethics case first in Senate history; Morrissey senator questions punishment

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

While Morrissey senator Greg Dworjan's impeachment is not the first decision of its kind for the Student Senate, impeachment due to ethical infractions — such as the two Dworjan committed — is unprecedented in the group's 38-year history.

Last year, when Stanford senator David Thaxton went abroad, the Senate was forced to officially impeach and remove him from office in his absence, simply to find a replacement.

"That wasn't very contentious," said student body vice president Bill Andrich. "In fact, I'm pretty sure it was unanimous."

Dworjan's case, however — which will come before the Senate again tonight — has required a bit more thinking on student government's part.

The senator was found guilty of violating two articles in the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body. First, he used the LaFortune student government office's copy machine to make flyers urging voters to abstain in the runoff election — but the Constitution prohibits campaigning anywhere in LaFortune outside of the basement and computer lab.

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Assistant News Editor

Friends and classmates of freshman Courtney Smotherman gathered in LaFortune Student Center Tuesday to watch her compete in the nationally known game show Jeopardy!

Smotherman racked up $10,400 throughout the program, answering questions about the objectives of the U.S. State Department in the United Nations, the Great Natchez Tornado of 1840, the nation's most populous island in the world and other topics.

She also knew "boombox" was slang for large musical inst.ist C.S. Lewis, among other things.

While she earned $600 in the opening round, Smotherman entered the final Jeopardy! round in second place, but after she wagered $5,600 and incorrectly said the most populous island in the world was Japan's Hokkaido — not the Indonesian island of Java — she fell to third.

Her final earnings totaled $1,000 — the stipulated award given to the third place finisher — which she said she used to buy new books earlier this semester, since Tuesday's Jeopardy! episode was taped this past January.

Smotherman said Jeopardy! producers contacted her in November after she performed well in an online exam conducted last March to screen potential contestants.

She auditioned in Chicago.

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

Jenkins will address Great Lakes problem
With March Madness just around the corner, NCAA athletes are not the only ones gearing up for competition. Registration recently began for the world's largest five-on-free basketball tournament.

Bookstore Basketball, now in its 16th year at Notre Dame, will accept teams until Friday. The first round of the tournament will begin April 2.

So far nearly 60 teams comprised of students, faculty and staff members from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross are scheduled to participate, head commissioner Jim Rogers said.

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

Biology professor David Lodge, director of the Notre Dame Center for Aquatic Conservation, is traveling to Washington, D.C. today to testify to the U.S. House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment on the impact of ship-borne invasive species in the Great Lakes.

Lodge, who has conducted research on aquatic ecosystems for the past 25 years, shifted his focus to damage caused by ships about seven years ago. He currently leads a team of undergraduates and graduate students who assist him in these endeavors.

"I was contacted because the research we do is relevant to thinking about how this problem could be managed better. Our research can inform the development of policy," Lodge said.

Additionally, keeping in contact with other scientists who study Great Lakes problems, Lodge said.
INSIDE COLUMN

Oosasa, Oosasa

...Siegfried in the head with a big Kielbasas.

With the largest population on campus, we Dillon men rarely get excited about much unless free food is involved, but showed up in droves to cheer on our undefeated hockey teams, because of its importance to Dillon.

The night, braving the sharp and pointy winner.

the men of Dillon, erupted after Fallon's dom awards from decades ago. But now the team.

line of mediocre sporting ventures — a perfect season. Each player will receive three shutouts this season in eight games in the first overtime goal because it gave Big Red sports the cold to support Siegfried in the Interhall hockey championship.

Even though Fallon's heroes won the game, the goaldancing of senior Joe "Stonewall" McKenna won our hearts.

McKenna dominated opposing shooters all season with an approximate 97.298 save percentage while posting three shutouts in eight games this season.

Even though he is described by a teammate as very quiet, he made a lot of noise on the ice against the Ramblers with his pads, shutting down opponents to the delight of the Dillon cheering section.

Even though McKenna is the most visible player on the ice for Dillon, he would be nothing without his supporting cast. All of Dillon's team was crucial in the win.

A friend of mine on the team explained to me that after the game-winning goal, everyone on the team wanted to have Fallon's baby.

But directly after the game, Dillon captain Matthew Lodiwick took the trophy to the place where few dare tread — his bedroom.

He slept with the trophy throughout the night, bringing the sharp and pointy parts, because of its importance to Dillon.

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Trust me Paul — it was more than just the team.

I, sitting in the stands with the rest of the men of Dillon, erupated after Fallon's goal. But I bet it gave Big Red sports the one thing they needed after such a long line of mediocre sporting ventures — a winner.

Right now in the Dillon Hall display case sits a lovely bowling pin (I don't think anyone knows why) and other random things from decades ago. But now we have something everyone can recognize and enjoy.

And so now I leave you with the triumphant words of my forefathers in Dillon Hall.

We are Dillon Hall, all the others suck. Dillon Hall Dillon Hall Rah, rah...

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE OFF-CAMPUS RESTAURANT AND WHY?

Colleen Peabody

Bobby Polish

Kelsey Larson

Scott Andrews

Tim Anderson

Mike Mestehnarm

In the winter, anywhere that delivers.

"Anywhere that serves baby seats.

"Chipotle. There's nothing better.

"South Bend Chocolate Factory, because it only serves my favorite food.

"Bruno's Pizza, because you had your pizza? It's amazing.

"The place that lets you throw pizza because they let you throw peanuts.

Pillars members sophomore Mike Chios, left, freshman Caitlin Fleming, center, and sophomore Lauren Cummings hand out BAC cards Tuesday. Pillars is a volunteer student organization sponsored by the Notre Dame Office of Alcohol and Drug Education.

Jay Fitzpatrick

Sports Writer

OFFBEAT

Unleaped fly leads officers to pot stash

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — Too bad nobody told him his fly was down. A 22-year-old man was arrested for drug possession after police found a marijuana pipe and drugs stash in his underwear.

Police made the arrest after they found the man's car stuck in a ditch in the Town of Wilson. According to a criminal complaint, the man's pants were undone and officers asked if there was anything illegal in his clothing. They found a pipe and a small amount of marijuana.

The Sheboygan man was charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, felony marijuana possession and operating a vehicle after having his license revoked, police said.

Man brandishing torch robs bank

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Authorities on Tuesday were looking for a man who robbed a bank in Anchorage while swinging a flaming torch fashioned from a burning T-shirt and a yard-long metal pole. On Monday, the masked robber threatened to set fire to people, including the teller, and burn down the bank building in Fairview if his demands weren't met.

The man stormed the Alaska USA Federal Credit Union branch at about 3:45 p.m., said FBI spokesman Eric Gonzalez. He yelled at customers to get down on the floor.

He fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of money, authorities said. Some customers managed to flee the bank, authorities said.

Police later recovered the still smoldering shirt outside the bank.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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IN BRIEF

Angela Vandalin, an associate professor of cinema studies at Melbourne University in Australia, will speak at 4 p.m. today in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on "Podcasts, Mobisodes, and the TV Experience."

David Solomon, Director of the Center for Ethics and Culture, will be speaking at today's Theology on Tap at 8:30 p.m. in Legends. The topic for the discussion is "Right to Full Life: Consistent Ethic of Life."

Dancer and fiddler Natalie MacMaster will perform in Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Angelus Film Series will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in Browning Cinema. Films to be shown include: "The Trojan Kid, Kilroy Was Here, The Queen of Cactus Cove," and Silences. The series is sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Culture.

The film "Pan's Labyrinth" will be shown Thursday at 10 p.m. in Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The CCHA Hockey Playoffs will be held in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse Friday at 7:35 p.m. The teams have yet to be announced. Tickets are available from the athletic department ticket office.

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

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the article "Student travel safety repaired University record" in the Dec. 5 edition of The Observer and Colleen Hipp was a sophomore and mised the number of people on the bus. Hipp was a freshman when the deal and there were 31 people on the bus. The Observer regrets this error.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group presents plan for $650,000 endowment

By SONIA RAO

News Writer

Plans for a Student Union endowment containing nearly $650,000 were presented to members of the Council of Representatives (COR) Tuesday night in LaFortune.

Student body president Lizzi Shappell said Student Senate drafted amendments that would allow for money from the carry forward account and revenues from the Shirt to be placed into an endowment used for student programming.

The carry forward account contains money leftover from various groups' funds, and the Shirt Project revenues are split equally between the Student Union Budget and the Shirt Charity Fund. The charity fund is expected to contain $943,000 by the end of the term.

Under the policy changes, the carry forward account should never exceed $100,000. Any funds generated by the Shirt will produce "a very, very small amount of money" at any time, so "we would only use the revenues generated from the endowment ... which are complicated quarterly," Shappell said.

The Financial Management Board will study the numbers to make sure they are reasonable, particularly concerning the amount of money generated by the Shirt.

"These numbers could change if FMB thinks it should," Student Union Board manager Patrick Vassel said.

Student body vice president Bill Browning said the Student Union endowment would contain no less than $650,000, but the amount could change if FMB and the Financial Management Board agree.

Vassel said the Student Union budget was approved as the successor to Vassy's, which will produce $650,000 endowment funds.

"Among 30 applicants, FMB thinks it should," Student Senate President Brianne FMB thinks it should," Student Senate President Brianne Gargala, a pre-med biology major and president of Notre Dame's CMK chapter, took the initiative to start the club her freshman year after much planning, organizing and recruiting.

She got the ball rolling her sophomore year by calling the former CEO of College Mentors for Kids, Kelly Frank. Last year — its first on campus — the Notre Dame chapter of CMK consisted of 10 children. This year, it has grown to 20, and Gargala says she hopes participation will reach 30 next year.

The program is statewide, with 19 chapters currently in Indiana, she said. Among the universities that participate are Indiana, Ball State and Purdue, which presently has 80 students.

College Mentors for Kids tries to expose children to college life to emphasize the importance of higher education. Each Tuesday, dance students from the Holy Cross Grade School in South Bend to Notre Dame to participate in activities divided into three categories: culture and diversity, higher education and community service.

"It is important to stress that we are not tutoring the kids," Gargala said. "Just exposing them to all a university has to offer."

Gargala said the group does not yet have official club status, but is working on acquiring it before next year.

Currently the program operates under Domers Mentoring Kids. This program is an umbrella for five mentorship groups on campus, including Our Lady's Helpers, Bandlink, College Mentors and College Mentors for Kids.

While the program aims to spark children's interest in higher education, it is not limited to students whose parents did not go to college.

Exposing children to university life may have a positive effect. Several third graders who are required to take the standardized ISTEP test, have shown improved scores in recent years following participation in the mentoring program, Gargala said.

In addition, 71 percent of teachers reported improved literacy skills as a result of their students participating in CMK, according to college mentors.org. Gargala said students also seem to have an overall greater interest in education as a result of their mentoring experience.

Gargala, whose duties include taking charge of the program's budget, transportation and communication, is proud of her new passion.

"Those two hours of my week mentoring are such a relief when I don't have to think about work or anything else. It's just so much fun. I even learned a lot about my school," she said.

Students interested in participating in College Mentors for Kids should visit the group's table at next year's Activities Night.

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Rogers said the tournament's goal is to have 700 teams participate. Last year's tournament saw 580 teams compete for the championship title, which went to "U Got a Flad Draw," a squad that featured Notre Dame football stars Brady Quinn and Chinedum Ndukwe.

"Last year's competition was really fierce," senior Kevin Gleason said. His team, "Never Nudes," was eliminated in the seventh round and were held by a particular character in the country.

Jenkins said he was not prepared to address any potential changes in the structure of the forum, which, for the past two years, has featured several national or international experts about the topic of immigration. Both forums employed a star moderator — as well as 2005's event for NRSE anchor Tom Brokaw, while last year's featured Gwen ifill from "Washington Week" and "The NewsHour with Bill Moyers."

"I think [the level of interest] has been good," Jenkins said. "Obviously, we always want to improve it." While the September's forum on global health led to the university's partnership with the UN Millennium Project — an initiative led by presidents that pairs donors and organizations with African villages to work collaboratively on development goals — Jenkins said he did not choose the topic of immigration with any extra University commitment in mind.

We do not have specific plans for any follow-up actions, but last year we had no specific plans either," said Jenkins, who called Notre Dame's current involvement with a village in Uganda a "fortunate coincidence."

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Upward Bound to host conference

By EMILY KEEBLER

Notre Dame's Upward Bound program will host its fifth annual TRIO Day conference Saturday, helping low-income and first-generation students and their parents get ready for college with presentations in McKenna Hall.

The Upward Bound College Preparatory Program is a U.S. Department of Education initiative that provides high school students with resources and skills for success in high school and higher education. Since 1966, the federal government has funded Notre Dame's Upward Bound program, making it one of the oldest in the country.

The program is hosting "TRIO Scholars Embracing the Future" to celebrate TRIO Day, a national day of recognition for program participants. Former Indiana Sen. Cleo Washington will deliver the keynote address.

"The conference provides an opportunity for students to share their experiences, gain new knowledge, and network with peers from Notre Dame's Upward Bound program. They will get exposure to different college possibilities and might be able to choose the conference theme, planned meals, designed T-shirts and nametags and selected awards that other students will receive. It gives them firsthand experience on how a conference is set up and planned," Upward Bound Director Alyssia Coates said, adding that the exposing high school students to conferences teaches them important networking skills.

The Upward Bound students also designed presentations focusing on diversity and life choices. They will present their findings to peers from Notre Dame Upward Bound as well as youth in programs at Purdue University Calumet, the Robinson Community College and Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Parents will also attend the leadership conference.

"The reason parental involvement is so important is that often times parents and students don't have time to do things together," Coates said. "It's a great opportunity to have the two entities together and to learn."

Many of the students' parents are adult learners, Coates said, so their participation at the conference will help them as well as their children.

Presentation themes range from "Information Literacy Tools Beyond Google" to "Financial Pitfalls to Avoid in College" and "College Sports: Going for the Extra Point."

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Street fighting greets peacekeepers

MOGADISHU, Somalia — The first peacekeepers to arrive in Somalia's capital in more than a decade met with an outbreak of violence Tuesday, as mortar rounds hit the airport during a welcoming ceremony and a deputy prime minister was shot in the returning streets.

The battle is one of the latest in a conflict that has seen little more than anarchy for almost two decades. The violence is the latest example of the volatility peacekeepers face in a country that has seen more than its share of turmoil.

Aid group arrives in capital to protect police

WASHINGTON — On the heels of the announcement by a high-level Bush administration official last week that the United States is considering sending more troops to Iraq, the Bush administration on Tuesday tried to explain away the bloodshed that has gripped southern Somalia.

Within days of an agreement with Ethiopia, which helped the administration topple an Islamic militia in the Somali capital, the government was plunged into turmoil after a group of Somali guerrillas attacked the capital.

The civil war that has raged in Somalia for decades has been a source of concern for the Bush administration, which has sought to prevent the country from becoming a haven for terrorists. But the violence has continued, and the government has been unable to assert control.

The new violence is likely to add to the administration's concerns about its ability to bring stability to the region.

Earthquake kills 70, destroys homes

San Francisco, California — The 7.6-magnitude quake struck Sumatra yesterday before 11 a.m. and was felt as far away as neighboring Malaysia and Singapore, where some tall buildings were evacuated.

Several aftershocks followed, the strongest measuring 6.1, adding to fears of people already too nervous to live indoors.

Many said they would sleep in their cars during the night. Some slept on their porches or in the hills Tuesday night.

NATIONAL NEWS

Democrats attack Walter Reed, war

WASHINGTON — Democrats are using the uproar over Walter Reed Army Medical Center as their latest cudgel to batter President Bush for his Iraq war policies as the administration shows signs it fears political fallout from the controversy.

Reports of patient neglect and shoddy outpatient care at the hospital have brought Army brass to Capitol Hill to explain and apologize. Bush's handling of the war has been compared to his handling of the economy.

War-weary voters put Democrats in charge

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday his decision to send more troops to Iraq would allow President Hamid Karzai's administration to make its first move in the absence of Taliban fighters in the country. But it involves only half the number of soldiers that fought in a similar offensive nine months ago, when some 11,000 U.S.-led troops attacked fighters in Taliban areas, not the other way around.

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before receiving an invitation to compete in California. Though the television network did not cover Smotherman’s airfare, it arranged a reduced hotel rate for her and her mother in Los Angeles, where they met Jeopardy! host Alex Trebek.

“He’s really funny,” Smotherman said. “He’s got a dry sense of humor, and you can tell he’s a dad because he talks a lot about his son and his daughter.”

During Trebek’s on-air interview segment with the contestants, he asked Smotherman about her involvement in Notre Dame’s Academic Competition Club, Smotherman prepared for Jeopardy! by reading trivia magazines.

“It’s all academic.” said Capt. Yes Biantoro, who witnessed the fire at Yogyakarta airport in central Java.

Several passengers told local media that there were many survivors. Metro TV reported that a nearby hospital was treating around 60 injured.

It caught alight when it landed, ” said Sapari. He didn’t provide any other details. The cause of the accident was unclear, but at least one passenger said the jetliner had overshot the runway.

HRC World television carried footage of raging flames poking through several windows of the passenger compartment.

Witnesses said the aircraft had been gutted. Metro TV said that 133 people were listed on the plane’s manifest. Witnesses told local TV station RCTI TV that “before landing I felt the plane shake strongly.”

“We overshot the runway, then I heard the sound of an explosion and ran through an emergency exit,” continued passenger Muhammad Syamsudin, a local Islamic leader. “It hit the runway and then it landed in a rice field. I saw a foreigner. His clothes were on fire and I jumped from the emergency exit. Thank God I survived.”

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“During Trebek’s on-air interview segment with the contestants, he asked Smotherman about her involvement with her high school aerospace science club, where she helped build a rocket that flew 799 feet in 44.6 seconds. Her family frequently delivered answers in the form of questions at her quiz bowl competitions.

With years of practice and anticipation under her belt, she ringed in an assortment of trivia categories Tuesday, including "At the movies," "It’s all academic," and "Spanish places in the U.S."

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Bernanke: Regulation necessary

Chairman urges Congress to limit debt of loan buyers Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke urged Congress Tuesday to bolster regulation of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and suggested limiting their massive holdings to guard against any danger their debt poses to the overall economy.

Bernanke has previously supported efforts to pare the two mortgage companies' huge portfolios. This time, however, he was more specific and recommended that their holdings might be linked to a "manageable public purpose, such as the promotion of affordable housing.

The Fed chief's suggestion was contained in remarks delivered via satellite to bankers meeting in Hawaii.

His remarks come as worries about risky mortgages are making investors skittish. Those fears contributed to last week's worldwide stock meltdown, where the Dow Jones industrials suffered a gut-wrenching 416-point plunge. Wall Street on Tuesday staged a rebound, gaining more than 150 points.

"Legislation to strengthen the regulation and supervision of GSIs is highly desirable, both to ensure that these companies pose fewer risks to the financial system and to direct them toward important social benefits," Bernanke told the banking gathering.

He said the Fed would like to see legislation passed this year.

The Commerce Department reported that factory orders dropped by 5.6 percent in January, the biggest decline since July 2008, when the economy was slowing sharply in advance of an actual recession that began in 2001.

The government said orders for big-ticket durable goods plunged by 8.7 percent, even bigger than the 7.8 percent drop originally reported a week ago. That initial report had jolted investors and contributed to last week's 416-point-one-day drop in the Dow Jones industrial averages.

The new report in stride. Stocks rebounded as investors were encouraged by a recovery on world markets and moved to recover some of the big losses suffered in last week's shock wave pullback. The Dow Jones industrials rose more than 150 points.

"Every single company in this country is trying to deleverage," the Commerce Department's associate commerce secretary for economic indicators, said Tuesday. "And that's an incredibly difficult thing to do when the demand is weak, so the demand is going to be weak for another 12 months, at least, if not a little longer than that."

The number of delinquencies of mortgage loans were cut in half last year, though the rate of new delinquencies continues to rise.

"Today's report shows the continued efficacy of the government's efforts to deal with the delinquencies and foreclosures that had built up between 2006 and 2008," said John Tierney, U.S. attorney for New York. "We are still some distance from normal," he added. "But as the data show, we are making progress in cleaning up the banks' portfolios and in resolving the losses to the federal government."
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and policymakers from the Environmental Protection Agency as well as the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) has helped put Lodge’s studies on the map. Lodge’s trip to the nation’s capital puts a spotlight on one of the major projects he and his students have led concerning organism transportation. Many ships bring organisms from other parts of the world to the Great Lakes. As part of the practice, the ships take out vast volumes of ballast, of water to maintain the appropriate stability in the water for these organisms to travel safely.

"However, there is a major side effect,” Lodge said. “During the extraction process, millions of organisms are taken to places where they’ve never been before, and this can cause problems for many species in the Great Lakes. It’s a procedure called ‘invasion.’”

One of the best known examples of an organism that has inflicted severe damage in the Great Lakes region has been the zebra mussel, whose original habitat is located in the Black Sea. The zebra mussel causes at least $1.50 million worth of industrial damage in the Great Lakes region annually.

"The mussels which clogged up pipes caused the shutdown of the Detroit Edison Plant, and this toll doesn’t include damage to fishing and native biodiversity,” Lodge said.

Zebra mussels also stimulate the proliferation of clodriotum botulinum, bacteria responsible for botulinum toxin, which is a natural poison produced by this bacteria that could hinder muscle movement and breathing.

With these dangerous health effects and the economic damage incurred by invasions, Lodge hopes to bring attention to the committee before he returns to Notre Dame. “I hope that we’ll convince the committee that this is a problem that requires additional regulatory action,” he said. “And that Congress will pass a new law that will require ships to treat their ballast water.”

“WE’RE ANTI-BIOTICS
(BUT PRO-CHICKEN)"

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First floor. Second, he posted the flyers without the required stamps of approval from the Office of Student Activities and the Judicial Council.

But when Andrichik discovered the iniminating flyers next to the copy machine and again stumbled upon them in the Hesburgh Library, he had no idea who had broken the rules.

When he brought these allegations to the Executive Committee of the Judicial Council, the group determined they were not actual election violations — but that it was clear, from the presence of campaign materials in the student government office, that unethical behavior was going on. At that point, Dworjan came forward to accept responsibility, and the case was sent to the Student Union Ethics Committee.

Dealing with the case has been a fiasco for the student government — (Andrichik) archives no history of a senator being impeached for an ethical infraction. “This is the first type of impeachment hearing procedure I’ve seen,” said Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin, who has been at his post for six years.

What’s more, the Ethics Committee’s main purpose is usually to select a member of the Student Union to receive the Michael J. Pulombo award for service and dedication to the Student Union, As Kozlow said: “We rarely ever have hearings.”

Still, the committee decided Andrichik and Dworjan would present their cases before the Ethics Committee, which they did last Tuesday. The committee then voted 7-1 that Dworjan’s use of student government resources was a violation of ethics and decided in a vote of 4-3 to try a new case, the Senate impeach Dworjan. As a testament to the newness of the event, Kozlow drafted a Bill of Impeachment.

A majority of the Senate signed that bill last Wednesday, officially impeaching Dworjan.

"A lot of people didn’t know abstaining was an option that still counted as a vote, so it was more an educational thing,” Andrichik said. "And I didn’t dislike any of the candidates personally,” Dworjan said of his actions. "I didn’t hide the fact that I made the posters.”

Dworjan also said that while he was familiar with most aspects of the Constitution, he probably hadn’t read the entire 59-page document "cover to cover.” He said he figured the part about getting certain approval to post flyers would never pertain to him.

"But every senator, at the beginning of this term, swore an oath to uphold that Constitution,” Andrichik said. "So... it’s probably a good idea for life in general, if you’re going to swear an oath to uphold something, to be fairly familiar with the documents.”

Tonight, Dworjan faces removal from office — a verdict that requires the support of two-thirds of the Senate’s voting membership (that is, dorm senators and one off-campus senator).

"I think the line session is whether or not the violation warrants the punishment. I’m taking part in the democratic process by helping educate voters about their options, and I might get kicked out of Senate for that?” Dworjan said. "That’s like having a $100 fine for a two dollar crime.

"It just doesn’t make a lot of sense to me.”

In the speech he gave before the Senate last Wednesday, Dworjan lamented the group’s inability to enact significant change — a concern that persisted through Notre Dame history.

In fact, in 1972, three years after its establishment, the Student Senate was abolished because it was considered ineffective. It was reinstated in 1981, but in 1985, then-student body president Bill Healy, his vice president Duane Lawrence and other student leaders again made a push to disband the Student Senate.

“Student Senate doesn’t do anything,” Lee Broussard, manager of the Student Activities Board — the former Student Union Board — told The Observer in an Oct. 15, 1985 article. "A bunch of people debate things and they don’t accomplish anything.”

On Wednesday, Dworjan criticized the "overly specific” provisions of their Constitution, calling for a complete re-drafting of the document and proposing the creation of student government laws. He also asked Senate members not to sanction those people who celebrate the democratic process.

"In this Senate, which is sometimes criticized for doing so little, I hope that our contribution to the Senate is that we may again find the voice of the people in this body,” he said. "I invite all of you to join in the search for that voice.”

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A WASHINGTON — Alleging heavy-handed political pressure, fired U.S. prosecutors testified Tuesday they felt "pressure" to "slander" groups that pursued "negative" litigation and to "suck up" to U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft. They also testified before a House Judiciary Committee hearing that they felt undermined and under surveillance by Justice Department officials.

Former U.S. Attorneys Carol Lam, left, and David Iglesias prepare to testify on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday.

A press conference was held with former U.S. attorneys before the hearing. The Associated Press reported that they were fired for their work on criminal cases, and that the firings were politically motivated.

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In the early 1990s, the Clintons tried to socialize the United States health care system, a scheme ominously known as "Healthcare." This plan would have put one-seventh of the U.S. economy under the control of the federal government. It would have required every business in America to provide health care to its employees, costing thousands of jobs. The plan would have forced those who were perfectly happy with their current private care to opt out for the one-size-fits-all government program. The program would have established price controls on premiums, which would have inevitably led to rationing and a long wait as in every other country with socialized medicine. Thankfully, the American public wanted no part of this. Largely due to the Hillarycare debacle, voters wisely threw the rascals out, giving Republicans control of the House for the first time in 40 years.

Unfortunately, it seems that the American public is increasingly supportive of such a plan. DrudgeReport.com, an Internet news site that often picks up stories that the major news networks simply ignore, linked a new study last Saturday showing that almost two-thirds of Americans agree that the government should provide health care for all. Ironically, the same study also showed that only one-third believed that the government could do a better job than private insurance companies at actually providing medical coverage. Public opinion seems to largely coincide with those of politicians. All major Democratic presidential contenders, including Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards, favor a vast expansion of federal funding for health care programs. If not outright socialized medicine, even George W. Bush got in on the action late in his first term by passing his Prescription Drug Bill, originally supposed to cost $400 billion over ten years, but now estimated at $1.2 trillion. P.J. O’Rourke’s quip that “if you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it’s free” clearly applies. Nearly all welfare programs follow the same progression in coming into existence. The supporters of such plans often express a desire to “help” some less fortunate group, whether that group is the old, the young or the poor. Next, they turn to the voting population and appeal to their sympathy and other heartfelt sentiments. Finally, the politicians use this political capital to create or expand a program that consists of a forced transfer of money from one group to the politically favored interest group. Supporters often claim that without federal funding for medical care, these groups would be unable to get the access to medical care that they truly need. Thus, many commentators often praise the initiators and supporters of such legislation as humanitarians and compassionate philanthropists who are doing their best to help people. But is this accurate?

William Sumner once wrote that “the type and formula of most schemes of philanthropy or humanitarianism is this: A and B put their heads together to decide what D will receive as the supporters of government funding of health care (or any other welfare program) are doing something compassionate and humanitarian is absurd. By focusing only on the benefits that D will receive as the supporters of government subsidized health care programs do, they completely ignore what they are doing to C. The most basic fact of government is thus forgotten or willfully ignored — namely, as Sumner says, that the government “cannot get a cent for any man without (first) taking it from some other man, and this latter must be a man who has produced and saved it.” The government will forcefully take C’s money from him whether he likes it or not for D’s medical care. The government is, as the old saying goes, “robbing Peter to pay Paul.” It is making C into a slave for D. Those would enable such a scheme are not compassionate friends of humanity, but its enemies. The true test of compassion and philanthropy does not lie in spending someone else’s money, but rather in what a person does with his own money and what action he takes to help others.

Someone once said that democracy is two wolves and a sheep: a majority vote on what’s for supper, while in a constitution republic the wolves are forbidden on voting on what’s for supper. James Madison, the Father of the Constitution, once wrote in response to proposed aid for French refugees fleeing from insurrection in San Domingo to the U.S. that “I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the moneys of the constituent states.” If our politicians and judges actually took his words and the Constitution seriously, America would once again become a constitutional republic as intended by the Founders, the America of the Forgotten Man. Return charity to the private sector where it belongs.


**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Impeached senator speaks out**

To the students of Notre Dame:

As you know from reading Thursday's edition of The Observer, the Senate will decide the matter of my impeachment at six this evening. I am presenting my case to you, the student body, before the Senate decides whether your best interests were at hand in my actions involving the Campaign to Abstain.

Like Alexis de Tocqueville, I believe that America is great because America is good, and that, when challenged, Americans stand up for their rights. I have not lied in saying that I hung posters for the Campaign to Abstain, because I did not believe it to be a wrongful act. My impeachment has become an argument between two sides.

On the one side are those who believe that every rule must be followed to precision, and that these rules must be just. The other side isn't about me, but an idea — that democracy also sometimes entails disregarding rules that are unjust, especially those rules that limit the freedom of speech and political participation. I am simply the most visible member of the student body who believes in that idea. I also believe that while the student body in general isn't moved to participate in the student government, when a member of our community is being persecuted for his stand for the basic freedoms we enjoy as Americans, this is something we can all view as unjust.

Of those that voted in the run-off election, 201 voted to abstain. I also believe that if the option to abstain as a protest had been more widely publicized, this number would have been significantly higher. Decisions are made by those who show up. This past week, I've heard a lot of positive feedback from members of the student body, and I ask those of you who want to see the student government do what's right for the minority from a tyranny of the majority.

I'm a senior this year, and my only stake in this all is seeing that the right thing is done before I finish my term at the end of this month. This evening, I ask you to show your support so that you may watch the greatest democratic ideal of all in action — protecting the rights of the minority from a tyranny of the majority.

Greg Dwojan
senior
Merryman Hall
March 6

**Don't silence the laughter**

I think that to suggest that this type of production should not be "allowed" goes against the very fabric of the American belief system. The concepts of freedom of speech and freedom of academics are two irreplaceable facets of the nation which we are charged to uphold. While you might feel this play showed the "moral decay" of our society, I feel that the idea of censorship shows a different level of moral decay in society. Where would academia or our Church be today without our ability to speak freely?

I am an improvisational comedian and I would categorize my performances under "this type of production." Should I not be allowed to perform? What about stand-up comedy? What about controversial plays and musicals? Where would you stop?

While we all have the freedom to say what we want to, you also, luckily, have the freedom to not come to our performances if they bother you so much.

Matt Molloy
senior
O'Neill Hall
March 6

**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

"OUT, DAMNED SPOT! OUT, I SAY!"

All you need is love

As a recent observer of the debates raging in the Viewpoint of late, I must say that I am encouraged by Gary Caruso's sentiments that we learn to love one another. "Praying for religious temperance and peace," Mar. 3, I applaud Caruso for raising this important point, for too often defense of dogma blinds people of the law of love, leading to actions of Pharisaical proportion. In fact, in a world torn by violence and war, it seems that the Beatles got it right: "All you need is love." Yet daily practice shows that we frail humans need more than this, because we fail so often to love as we should. In this tragic human condition, where can we turn for help and guidance?

Some might turn to a philosophy or a way of life. One may read a set of teachings, adopt a code of conduct, and lead a life according to the spirit of this philosophy. Men have grown very wise and good by following these philosophies. Yet, human experience shows that time and again man will fail. It almost seems that there is some original defect in our nature that we can't get rid of; some innate flaw that years of improvement cannot erase. In other words, it seems that we are not primarily in need of advice, but of a savior. A man, born without arms, drowning in the ocean doesn't need advice on how to swim; he needs a lifeguard to rescue him.

As Caruso points out, Jesus taught many marvelous things. Yet his true mission on earth, as He, himself, told us, was to be put to death and to rise from the dead. Somehow, in the greatest mystery of all, which man can only comprehend with the eyes of faith, the dying and rising of this God-man becomes the concept of paradise to man, offering us salvation and peace.

This Lent, let us not stop at fulfilling Jesus' command to love one another, but, trusting in his salvation, let us grow in love for both God and our neighbor.

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senior
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March 6
FINCHER EXAMINES DARK FEARS IN ‘ZODIAC’

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
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The deep, pervasive sense of fear that blankets the world of David Fincher’s “Zodiac” couldn’t be more appropriate for a film that tells the story of one man’s journey to catch a serial killer. The film follows the story of four men — two cops, a journalist and a cartoonist. Of course, the thought of an unknown, unmeasurable threat unfolding in our streets is a terrifying one, even in a city as large as San Francisco. The film captures the sense of fear and uncertainty that the Zodiac case sparked in the Bay Area in the late 1960s and early 70s.

The violence. Two San Francisco Chronicle pers, needling them with his threats of fur-coded letters and ciphers to local newspapers, “the Zodiac” — as he identifies himself, becomes one of the most recognizable faces of the 70’s serial killer picture, a particularly blasted genre. Following each subsequent attack, “the Zodiac” leaves behind his methods, and their careers and lives are irrevocably tied to a dark obsession with the perplexing case, one full of dead ends and false trails.

Fincher has long been one of Hollywood’s most talented directors, and he already has two modern classics on his filmography — 1995’s “Se7en,” a decadently dark thriller obsessed with the seven deadly sins, and 1999’s “Fight Club,” an entertaining film but one that lacked the virtuosity of his earlier work. For fans of the director’s small, but accomplished oeuvre, “Zodiac” was to be a return to form for the 44-year-old, especially given its topical similarities with “Se7en.” After all, the last Fincher-helmed serial killer movie was 2002’s “Panic Room,” an accomplished oeuvre, “Zodiac” is only his second film of late. “Zodiac” is his only second film of the decade. It’s been five years since his last effort — 2002’s “Panic Room,” an entertaining film but one that lacked the virtuosity of his earlier work.

The_ordered precision of Fincher’s camera. The film’s considerable 160-minute running time, we’re not sure that actually catch anything. When Gyllenhaal, near the film’s conclusion, walks into a hardware store, we wonder if it’s the closest thing to a solution. When Gyllenhaal, near the film’s conclusion, walks into a hardware store, we wonder if it’s the closest thing to a solution.

I left the theater disturbed, even haunted. I felt the theater disturbed, even haunted. What the killer had done to his victims was disturbing, and the fact that he was never caught was even more so. But the truly haunting part was seeing what happened to the three victims the killer never knew — the ordinary men who became swept up in an extraordinary event, and risked their lives and their careers in an obsessive search for understanding.

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

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I Aerosmith and The Rolling Stones special edition and the "Alien with the release of the two-disc bad movies I have ever seen." Quadrilogy" box set were viewers though it has his name on it. Only Jed in 1980 and went on to first screen credit as an assistant release "Zodiac," is one such level of critical and commercial later become Fincher's highly release, included in the special of the film. While the theatrical film's production late in the game Fincher was brought into the James Cameron's spectacular Jam es Cam eron' s spectacular "Footage of the older, more mature role of the older, more mature who is not as involved as in the first two films. "Alien 3" suffers from a lack of vision due to the clash between Fincher and 20th Century Fox. On the bright side, famed British actor Peter Postlethwaite puts in a fine performance as the prisoner, David. While the Assembly Cut — not an official Director's Cut due to Fincher's disavowal of the film — solves many of these problems, one can only imagine what the movie could have been if Fincher had been able to make the film he wanted. While the Special Edition DVD does have commentary from the theatrical version editor Terry Rawlings and other crew, a commentary by Fincher is the most glaring omission from the DVD. This omission will probably never be rectified because of Fincher's still-troubled relationship with the studio. The extras include fea- turettes that cover pre-production, production and post-production. All are very interesting and worthwhile, although Fincher looks hag­gared and angry through most of them. If you are an avid fan of the series, the "Alien Quadrilogy" box set is the way to go as it includes all four of the films along with Director's Cuts of "Alien," "Aliens" and "Alien: Resurrection." In addi­ tion, it has the Assembly Cut of "Alien 3" and a plethora of extras that are well worth the time it takes to watch them. For those not willing to splurge on the box set, the two-disc version of "Alien 3" still contains the worthwhile Assembly Cut of the film. Se7en (1995) Gluttony, envy, pride, greed, lust, wrath and sloth are the seven deadly sins as recognized by Catholic church doctrine. Although not stated in Bible, the list has existed for centuries and has been used outside of the church in such works as Dante's "The Divine Comedy." Fincher's 1995 crime drama "Se7en" centers on m urders based on these sins. Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman star as detectives Mills and Somerset who are assigned to investigate bizarre murders that are inspired by the seven deadly sins. The victims are not only guilty of the sins that they serve to represent, but they also are killed in such a fashion that uses that sin against them (for example, the gluttony victim is drowned in food). Somerset, about to retire from the force, takes it on as his last case and is accompanied by Mills, who is taking over his position. Like other films with such a partnership ("Lethal Weapon," for example), Somerset is both level-headed and wizened after a great deal of experience, which con­trasts the more hot-headed and rash behavior of Mills. As each death occurs, the detectives try to work to beat the killer before he manages to collect all seven of his victims. "Se7en" is as perfect as a gritty crime drama can possibly be. The script — penned by Andrew Kevin Walker — is nothing short of excellent and it earned the film a BAFTA award. Fincher's directing does not disappoint and the film is easily regarded as one of his best. The cast in the film is top-notch, led by Freeman and Pitt, who both give excellent performances. Pitt's performance in particular is one that moved him from the category of "pretty boy" to being regarded as a genuinely talented actor. As usual, Freeman does not disappoint and is perfect playing the role of the older, more mature detective. They are supported with performances from actors such as Gwyneth Paltrow — as Pitt's wife who is unsure about starting a life in a gritty city — and R. Lee Ermey — the hard-nosed police captain. There is also an unforget­table performance by the actor portraying the killer, "John Doe," and the film is worth watching for that performance alone. The film has been released on two DVD sets, including a two-disc platinum edition released by New Line. The set comes in a quality package, inspired by the note­books that the killer is shown to be see FINCHER A TO Z/index page 14
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keeping. The film disc comes with four amazing audio commentaries that focus on "The Stars" (with commentary by Fincher, Pitt and Freeman), "The Story" (which analyzes the script and provides a full story), "The Picture" (which talks about the filming process) and finally "The Sound" (which discusses the film's various music and sound effects). The second disc contains supplemental materials that include numerous deleted and extended scenes, alternate endings and DVD-ROM content (such as scripts, web sites and photo galleries).

"Se7en" is an amazing example of a frightening crime drama, with examinations of the psychology that characterizes serial killers, their victims and the detectives who hunt them. Although at times uncomfortable to watch, it is also gory and at times uncomfortable to watch, it is also gory and often difficult for viewers. One cannot help but be fascinated by the realism of the film as it deals with the dark and gritty film-noir look. Combine all of that with the outstanding and unforgettable performances, and it is hard to label "Se7en" as anything but a winner.

The Game (1997)

Starting Michael Douglas and Sean Penn, Fincher's "The Game" is one of his most underrated, yet it remains one of his best films.

With one of the most unexpected endings in recent cinema, "The Game" is an unusual film for Fincher because it deals with the weird and the "crazy" people. "Allon 3" is a movie about a dying man on a flask of penal colony plane, "Se7en" has a deranged murderer obsessed with the seven deadly sins, "Fight Club" has a protagonist with insomnia and Fincher's most recent, "Zodiac," is about an unhinged murderer. Only 20 years of age when he first took up filmography, Fincher is an outstanding director whose films have had remarkable success in the box office. His casual, grumpy attitude and demeanor contrasts in every way with Edward Norton's character, setting up the film's climactic payoff — which was famously given away on television by Rosie O'Donnell one week before the premiere in 1999.

The cultish themes of the film perhaps contributed to its success in the DVD market, making it one of the most collected DVDs. Several versions exist on DVD, but the most impressive is the "Two-Disc Collector's Edition" which is designed to look like the packages of soap Durden sells in the film. The first disc contains the movie along with four commentaries, which are especially insightful for a film like this. Disc two is entirely devoted to special features that range from discussing the philosophy of the film to showcasing the unusual promotion the studio used. Fans of the film can also spend time reading interviews with the cast and crew, as well as interviews with those who brought the film to life.

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Outside Zodiac (2007?)

As his latest film, "Zodiac" continues Fincher's trend of creating haunting, stylized pieces that challenge and provoke audiences. Fincher's next picture, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," which is based on a novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald, has already begun filming in New Orleans. Fincher is reteaming with Brad Pitt for a third time, this time with "Button," which is based on a novel by the same author. "Button" will have a different feel than "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," which has been anticipated 2002 follow up to "Fight Club." A suspense film about a woman and daughter trapped inside their own home, "Panic Room" solidified Fincher's status as one of Hollywood's top directors, though it didn't match the success of "Se7en" or the cult following surrounding "Fight Club." The film follows Meg Aliman (Jodie Foster), a recently divorced woman who moves in with her daughter Sarah (Kristen Stewart) to a new home with a unique feature: a "panic room" tucked away from the rest of the building, complete with video monitors and a reinforced steel door. It isn't long before three thieves — Junior (Jared Leto), Burnham (Forest Whitaker) and Raoul (Jared Harris) — break into the house. Meg and Sarah hide in the panic room, but it turns out that what the thieves are after is in the room with the Alimans.

"Fight Club" is one of Fincher's most unique works — and also one of his best, savagely violent and yet also frightfully brilliant, the movie is one of the rare films that is able to entertain while also raising deep and relevant problems for viewers. One cannot watch "Fight Club" without asking meaningful and often difficult questions about happiness (or lack thereof) and its effect on the human psyche.

Brad Pitt makes this film, giving one of the more twisted and psychological performances of his career. His casual, grumpy attitude and demeanor contrasts in every way with Edward Norton's character, setting up the film's climactic payoff — which was famously given away on television by Rosie O'Donnell one week before the premiere in 1999.

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"Panic Room" has come to DVD in three distinct incarnations — a special first edition, an updated "Superbit" edition and a deluxe three-disc set. The three-disc set is definitely the way to go, as it is packed with informative special features. Perhaps the best of the features is the commentary by Fincher, who is always insightful and interesting — here, he imparts a metric of information about the making of the film, from pre-production through production and release. The feature film is accompanied by numerous documentaries and featurettes about "Panic Room," including a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the film.
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Albany County District Attorney David Soares speaks about a nationwide investigation into the illegal sale of steroids Tuesday. A published report implicated additional athletes in the steroid scandal.

Steroid trial implicates more athletes

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Two more people linked to a nationwide investigation into the illegal sale of steroids were arraigned Tuesday on drug-related charges as a published report implicated more athletes, including the winner of the Ohio bodybuilding competition named for Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Steven and Karen Lampert of Anti-Aging Centers in Nanuet pleaded not guilty in an Albany County, N.Y., courtroom and were released without bail. They are charged with submitting prescriptions to a Florida pharmacy — some "obviously forged" according to the district attorney — for drugs totaling more than $50,000 for people without a medical need. Steven Lampert is charged with 20 counts, his wife with two.

"It seems as though our clients have much less involvement than the others," said Jay Golland, a lawyer for Karen Lampert. Prosecutors describe the Lamperts as "criminal associates" of Signature Pharmacy in Orlando, Fla. Albany County District Attorney David Soares says Signature was at the center of a web of businesses and doctors that illegally wrote prescriptions for steroids.

The arrangements come a day after not guilty pleas were entered in Albany by 11 other defendants, including four Signature Pharmacy officials.

Soares acknowledged that bodybuilder Victor Martinez was an "unindicted co-conspirator" in the case and is linked to the Lamperts' Anti-Aging Centers.

Martinez won the Arnold Classic bodybuilding competition Saturday in Ohio. A spokesman for Schwarzenegger said he wants bodybuilders to stop using steroids.

"He's clearly opposed to these steroids," said Aaron McCar. "And he's working with top officials in the bodybuilding community to come up with a system where they rat the sport of steroids."

Martinez told The New York Times he bought testosterone from the Lamporters after their clinic told him he had low levels of the hormone. He also said the company asked him to become a partner, but he declined.

"I didn't trust them, and other people were warning me not to do business with them," he told The Times.

Calls placed by The Associated Press to Jim Lorimer, a bodybuilding promoter and co-creator of the Arnold Classic, were not immediately returned.

Back to the Dial

IN BRIEF

Lopez to compete on LPGA Tour at 60
OMAHA, Neb. — Nancy Lopez knows she might not be able to win on the LPGA Tour as a 50-year-old, but that's not going to stop her from trying.

Lopez said she plans to play five or six LPGA Tour events this year, starting with the $2.6 million Ginn Open in Reunion, Fla., April 12-15.

She's played in only 11 tour events since 2002, and she hasn't had a top-10 finish since 1997.

"I know I have to get in real good shape to try to compete with the young girls, but I think I still have the mental capacity to go out there and play good golf," Lopez said Tuesday at a news conference before a University of Nebraska at Omaha women's athletics fundraiser. "Let's just see if I can make it in the hole a little faster than I have the last few years."

Lopez spent the past couple years working to improve her fitness and has lost more than 30 pounds.

Kings forward Artest arrested after assault charges
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest slapped a woman's face and grabbed her repeatedly, causing visible injuries, according to a sheriff's report made public Tuesday.

Artest was arrested Monday after a woman inside his home in a Sacramento suburb called 911 and said she had been assaulted. In a portion of the 911 tape released by authorities, the woman described Artest as "out of control," slamming her and grabbing her repeatedly, causing visible injuries.

"Victim sustained visible trauma after being repeatedly grabbed by Artest and pushed to the floor," said the Placer County Sheriff's Department report. "Artest then slapped victim's face (and) by use of force prevented victim from leaving."

The report also said Artest took a phone from the woman the first time she tried to call 911.

Linebacker Porter agrees to contract with Dolphins
Joey Porter wasn't unemployed for long.

The trash-talking linebacker, cut last week by Pittsburgh to save salary cap room, agreed to a five-year, $32 million contract with Miami, giving the Dolphins a potentially devastating pass rushing tandem with Jason Taylor, the defensive player of the year.

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Los Angeles — The Pac-10 tournament assignments were made Tuesday, and the teams have been ranked at one time or another for being a very, very tough team. They have at least 18 wins, and those seven teams were choose on four occasions, with the top six teams a lock to play in the NCAA tournament. That could be bypassed.

"I think it's the No. 1 conference in the country if it's not No. 1, it's No. 2," said Ernie Kent, finishing his 10th season at Oregon, added. "I think it’s the No. 1 conference in the country. If it's not No. 1, it's No. 2."

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**Giants' slugger gets comfortable at new spot in batting order**

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Although Barry Bonds is still recovering from the flu, he was strong enough to get his first hits of spring training in what might be his new spot in the San Francisco Giants' batting order.

Bonds went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs in an 8-4 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday, the slugger's first game action since his illness started six days ago.

"I'm behind a little bit," said Bonds, who was winded and even seemed a bit shaken off his illness. "I just wanted to really see pitches, I wasn't really going to swing — just actually see pitches and be out there. I was fighting the flu, but I had fun."

The longtime cleanup hitter batted third as the Giants' designated hitter against the Angels, and manager Bruce Bochy said Bonds probably will stay in that spot through the spring and beyond.

Bonds, who persevered despite getting dizzy while running the bases, seems excited about his new skipper's plan.

"That's something I'm going to do for a while here in the spring, maybe get a look at it," Bochy said. "You give him one more at-bat. You get him up definitely in the first inning, maybe allow him to get an extra at-bat later in the game, but also get him off his legs a little bit, maybe 40 or 50 innings when he hits in the eighth and I can throw somebody out there as a ninth-inning defensive replacement to run."  

From 1995 until late June 2002, Bonds was the Giants' No. 3 hitter in 900 times — roughly 80 percent of his appearances, including most of his record 73-home run campaign in 2001. Since moving into the cleanup spot three months before San Francisco's run to the 2002 World Series, Bonds has batted third for the Giants just 32 times — only 7 percent of his games.

But Bonds is optimistic about the possible move, chiefly because the Giants have Dave Roberts in the leadoff spot this season. The slugger thinks San Francisco hasn't had a leadoff hitter with Roberts' speed and ability since Kenny Lofton was in uniform for that World Series run.

Bonds thinks Roberts will help him by stealing bases and causing havoc for opponents — even if it also opens up more chances for fearful pitchers to add to Bonds' major league record of 645 intentional walks.

"For me to hit third, I need somebody who wants to run," Bonds said. "Me and Dave have got to get out on the field together first, that there's a lot of open doors in that situation."

The change is still in the experimental stages — as is Bonds' evaluation of several new models of his favorite Canadian maple bats. The seven-time NL MVP says he won't know anything for certain about the upcoming season and his change of Hank Aaron's home run record until he gets back to full strength.

"My legs feel a lot better," Bonds said. "I'm still slow as heck. Maybe we feel good, I just started eating again. I hadn't eaten for two days, except drinking soup."

Bonds went 0-for-2 in the Giants' spring opener last Friday, but was soon side-lined with the flu that ravaged San Francisco's roster in recent weeks. He stayed home in bed on Saturday and Sunday, and returned only for a brief batting practice session Monday after most of his teammates had left the Giants' training complex for a game in Tucson.

Though still coughing on Tuesday morning, Bonds felt strong enough to pick up his bats. Unless he feels a whole lot worse Wednesday morning, he plans to play again at the Seattle Mariners' complex in Peoria — making a rare road trip to get his 42-year-old body closer to game shape.

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但是Bonds对可能的移动持乐观态度，主要是因为Giants有Dave Roberts在先棒位。这位击球手认为San Francisco还没有一个以Roberts速度和能力的先棒位击球手，比如Kenny Lofton在世界大赛中。

Bonds认为Roberts将帮助他通过偷垒和造成混乱给对手。他需要跑。Bonds说。

"梅和戴夫必须在比赛前赶到球场一起，那么有很多打开的大门在那情况下。"

这个变化仍然在实验阶段——Bonds对即将到来的赛季和他把第四棒纪录改成Hank Aaron的纪录的改变。他还必须等到完全恢复。

"我的腿感觉好多了。"Bonds说。"我现在还是两周前。也许我们感觉舒服了，我只是开始吃东西了。我没有吃两天，除了喝汤。"

Bonds周二早上的比赛没打。如果他周三早上感觉不好，他计划打比赛。他呆在床上在周六和周日，然后回来只打一次击球练习。但在周日他没吃东西了，他开始在比赛前打网球。Bonds在第三局，他击中了Malcior Izturis的平快球，后者在击球区。Bonds的平快球被Izturis的球打中，Freddrick Lewis在第三局跑回来，Izturis高球抛出，Bonds单击。

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Lowly Flyers stun Brodeur, Devils in overtime

Budaj stops all 21 shots as Avalanche extend winning streak to 5 games, move closer to final playoff spot in West

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A mix of exciting new players and talented holdovers are giving the Philadelphia Flyers hope for the future.

Simon Gagne scored 1:47 into overtime, sending the Flyers to a 5-4 victory over the New Jersey Devils on Tuesday night.

Randy Jones and put his own er's goal.

Each time the Devils went ahead in the second period, the Flyers answered quickly. Just 42 seconds after Brylin deflect- ed a slap shot from Elias to give the Devils a 3-2 lead, Richards tied it with a shot that went between Lukowich's legs and past Brodeur.

Biron preserved the one-goal lead with a pad save on a point-blank shot by Scott Gomez early in the third and made an acrobatic stop during a Devils' power play midway through the period.

While flat on his back, Biron turned his body, kicked his right leg up and somehow stopped a slap shot by Jamie Langenbrunner, earning a standing ovation from a home crowd that's had few reasons to cheer this season.

"When the trade was made, I was excited because I knew I liked playing in this building," Biron said. "It's a place I'm comfortable in.

New Jersey, which is chasing Buffalo for first place in the Eastern Conference, missed an opportunity to gain ground on the Sabres.

"We've just got to get back playing our game," Langenbrunner said. "Right now we're making too many mistakes, we're turning the puck over too many times and flying from way too many chances.

Colorado 2, Boston 0

Left for also-ran status just a week ago, the Colorado Avalanche are suddenly back in the Western Conference playoff picture.

Peter Budaj stopped 21 shots and Brent Clark broke a scoreless deadlock in the third period to lift the Avalanche to their fourth straight win over the Boston Bruins on Tuesday night.

Milan Hejduk scored an empty-net goal and added an assist for the Avalanche, 3-0 on a season-high, five-game road trip.

Colorado, ninth in the West, pulled to eight points behind Minnesota for the eighth and final playoff spot. The Wild lost to San Jose 3-0 on Tuesday.

Colorado has gained six points on Minnesota during its winning streak, and will play the Wild twice more this sea- son.

The Avalanche trail Calgary — which beat St. Louis 4-2 on Thursday — by 10 points for seventh place in the confer- ence. Colorado has three games remaining against the Flames.

"We've got to make a great run," Avalanche coach Joel Quenneville said. "We're playing the teams we have to catch, so we control our own destiny, but we still have to win almost every game.

If Budaj keeps playing the way he has, that shouldn't be a problem.

Budaj, chosen as the NHL's No. 3 star for last week, made seven saves in each period to record his third shutout of the season and fifth of his career. He stopped Mark Mowers on a breakaway in the closing sec- onds of the first period, then made a glove save on Glen Murray's one-timer early in the second to thwart Boston's two best scoring chances.

"We just didn't create in the offensive zone," Boston center Patrice Bergeron said. "We stood around instead of going to the net. Tonight, we weren't crashing the net.

Tim Thomas stopped 28 shots for the Bruins, whose two- game winning streak ended. Boston is 12th in the East, four places and four points behind eighth-place Carolina.

"Tonight was an important game," Thomas said. "Four games out of the playoff picture, we could have been two if we got the win. We had a chance to pick up two points tonight, and we didn't get the job done.

Atlantic 4, Florida 2

Keith Tkachuk is surprised the Atlanta Thrashers have had such an easy time against the Florida Panthers.

"They have a lot of good young players over there," Tkachuk said. "They are a young team with nothing to lose.

Tkachuk scored his first two goals with Atlanta to help the Thrashers in their fourth straight win, over the Panthers on Tuesday night.

Ilya Kovalchuk and Marian Hossa continued leading the Thrashers' dominance of Florida. The Thrashers are 6-0 against their Southeast Division rival this season and have won 10 straight over the Panthers at home.

"Atlantic has an All-Star line- up and taking a lot of penal- ties against these guys is not going to work in our favor," Florida's Chris Gratton said after his team tied a season high with 10 infractions. "I don't think it was the refs' fault.

Scoring his 35th goal with two assists, Kovalchuk has 11 points in the season series. His wrister hit 3-2 with 6:24 remaining. Tkachuk's second goal, on a power play, capped the scoring with 1:51 remaining.

"When we acquired Keith, we knew he is a great player and a veteran, but he has an unbe- lievable presence at the net," Atlanta coach Bob Hartley said. "He is strong, smart and knows how to position himself.

Hossa's 99th goal gave the Thrashers a 2-1 lead with 16:39 remaining. Atlanta had a two-man advantage when he took Alexei Zhitnik's pass from the right circle and used a wrister to beat Ed Belfour.

Hossa has six goals and eight points against Florida this sea- son.

"We didn't play much even- strength," Panthers captain Olli Jokinen said. "Both teams were fouling a lot. Some calls weren't called. The first 20 games, they called everything. Then they go back to the old rules. That's tough.

Juraj Kolnik scored his ninth goal 4:54 later to make it 2-2. Gratton held up Shane Hnidy long enough to help Kolnik move down the slot and fire the puck under Kari Lehtonen's pads.

Tkachuk acquired in a Feb. 25 trade with St. Louis, opened the scoring on a breakaway when he skated past Bryan Allen and beat Belfour to the glove side with a backhand 2:41 into the game.

"We had a lot of chances," Tkachuk said. "We had a good group of five-on-threes, and you should be able to take advan- tage of those."
**Irish in the BET**

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**2002**
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Lost to Maryland 72-77 in semifinals

**2001**
Lost in Final 64-54 in quarterfinals
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Lost to Marquette 61-58 in quarterfinals

**1999**
Lost to Santa Clara 68-70 in first round

**1998**
Beat Providence 79-63 in first round

**1996**
Lost to Syracuse 78-65 in the first round

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**Cwynar**

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... tackles and 17 sacks. Despite playing tackle on Marijan’s defensive line, Mike Frank mostly sees Cwynar playing at defensive end in defensive coordinator Corwin Brown’s 3-4 defensive scheme.

"Our guys have matured, and I think that’s a very good sign," Frank said. "Not only for recruiting purposes, but also heavily involved.

He sure had a lot of positive things to say about Coach Brown and I think that’s a very good sign," Frank said. "Not only for recruiting purposes, but also heavily involved.

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by Chris Hine

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"I played many different sports, such as swimming, tennis and cross country," she said. "But my parents encouraged me to stick with one sport, and I chose golf."

It is fortunate for the Irish that she listened. Nakazaki lettered all four years in golf at Hoffman Estates High School in Hanover Park, Ill., where she served as captain her senior year. She was the cornerstone of her team, earning all-conference honors, and was recognized as the team MVP in each of her four years in high school.

As soon as she set foot on campus, Nakazaki began assaulting the record books, setting two school records in her first tournament with the Irish. At the Cougar Classic, she shot a then-record 69 in the first round — the lowest in Irish history — and shot an unprecedented one-over par 217 for 54 holes.

The senior continues to cement her legacy in Irish history through her dominant play. She's earned two-time All-Big East selections along with many more school records.

Nakazaki has also learned to balance the demands of being a Notre Dame student and athlete. She proved her success in both arenas when she was named a Big East Academic All-Star in the 2004-05 season.

"Receiving education at an institution like the University of Notre Dame means a lot to me not only because I learned a lot about finance and the business world, but also because it prepared me to be in the real world," Nakazaki said. "Education gave me the power to make choices in my life."

Much of her success both on the course and in the classroom can be attributed to her stringent, precise work ethic.

"Whether it is golf or academics, I always strive for the best and perfection," Nakazaki said. To pinpoint where this determination and resolve comes from, Nakazaki credits her mother, Ritsuko Nakazaki. "My mother has been a role model for me," she said. "She taught me to work hard and to appreciate others."

Although Noriko Nakazaki admits that one day she would aspire to "be on the LPGA tour and become the world's best player," she is currently focused on one goal — to golf at the NCAA regional, with hopes of advancing to the final.

But no matter how the season ends for Nakazaki, she will always have her family to thank for her involvement in the sport she loves.

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By JAY FITZPATRICK and KEN FOWLER  
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Notre Dame landed its fourth verbal commitment — and third lineman — for the Class of 2012 Tuesday when defensive tackle Sean Cwynar out of Woodstock, Ill., said he would play for Irish coach Charlie Weis. Cwynar, a junior at Marian Central Catholic High School, is listed at 6-foot-4 and 283 pounds. Players cannot sign binding letters of intent until next February. 

One of the reasons Cwynar decided to commit early to the Irish was because he wanted to be active in recruiting other players to play for Notre Dame. 

"I commit now maybe I can have some other commits jump in the boat and help make something special," he said. Cwynar had offers from Iowa, Michigan State, Purdue and Wisconsin, among others. Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for IrishEyes.com, said Cwynar received so many offers this early because of great potential in the college game. Frank also said Cwynar plays a lot like another Irish defensive standout. 

"He reminds me a lot of Derek Landri, but a guy who's bigger and stronger than Landri coming out of high school," Frank said. "He shows the same kind of quickness and the same kind of tenacity that you'll see from Derek Landri when he plays on the field." 

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Beasts of the East

Fourth-seeded Irish look to shake Big East tournament demons

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Four years ago, Colin Falls hit a three to beat West Virginia in the first round of the Big East tournament. Little did the then-freshman know that he would lose his next three Big East tournament games and, along with fellow fourth-year player Russell Carter, would still be looking for that elusive second win as a senior. 

"I think that's one thing our seniors have talked about — getting better in New York — but we still have to go and do it," Irish coach Mike Brey has said. "We don't know what to expect, but this is the way Tommy lives his whole life," Zbikowski said shortly before the bout began.

Zibby headlines local exhibition matchup

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At approximately 10:30 Tuesday night, Irish safety Tom Zbikowski finished a three-round exhibition match at the Century Center in South Bend. Just 12 hours earlier of Zbikowski didn't have medics, a ring or an opponent. Zbikowski, the headline of the 12-hour event, was originally slotted to take on heavyweight fighter Kevin Murphy. However, Murphy was recently suspended after testing positive for unspecified illegal substances. Ed Zbikowski, Tom's manager and father, scrambled to find a new opponent with less than 24 hours notice.

"We don't know what to expect, but this is the way Tommy lives his whole life," Zbikowski said shortly before the bout began. He was able to add Ryan St. Germaine, a 25-year-old fighter out of Goden, Ind., to the card earlier that afternoon. St. Germaine began his professional career a month ago and has gone 1-1 in his two fights since. 

No winner was declared in Tuesday's fight because judges only keep scoring during official, non-exhibition matches. However, the focus of the night — which included eight amateurs and three professionals — was on Zbikowski.