NDSP director Rakow dies at 55

Security head served ND for three decades

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Eighteen months and one day after doctors told Rex Rakow he had 12 to 18 months to live, the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) director died at his home in Granger, Ind. He was 55.

"That was the type of fighter he was," Rakow's wife Linda wrote in a note that Coordinator of Event Security Gappy Gagnon shared with The Observer.

Rakow, a Mishawaka native and NDSP's leader for over 30 years, was diagnosed with cancer in September 2005.

"I think of Rex and I think of faith, family and friends," said Associate Director of NDSP Phillip Johnson. "Rex lived his life as a Catholic, as a model for all of us. We're lucky to have had Rex cross our paths in life."

Johnson, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1981, first met Rakow while a student at the University.

"I had parked my car in R2 late one night. I was a photographer so I had gone to the back of the car to grab the camera from the trunk," Johnson said. "Rex was on patrol and he asked me if I wanted a ride back to my dorm, and we developed a friendship that lasted many, many years."

Such friendships blossomed between Rakow and countless other people, many cultivated while he served as director of campus safety office at Albion College, as adjunct instructor of criminal justice at Indiana University in South Bend, as a member of the Indiana Law Training Board and as a leader at NDSP for over three decades.

"He truly made not only Notre Dame, but our profession, a better place. I have so many messages that have crossed my desk today," Johnson said, noting one from a classmate of Johnson's who spoke of the accomplishments of NDSP.

Jenkins to honor CSC overseas

Trip to Puerto Rico celebrates anniversary

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Just two months after his trip to Uganda as part of the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative, University President Father John Jenkins will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Puerto Rico Center for Social Concerns (PRSCC) today by making a special visit to Puerto Rico to commemorate the event.

"I think it means quite a bit to [the Center] to have Father Jenkins there to celebrate the anniversary," said Liz MacKenzie, director of Senior Transition Programs at Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns. "The PRSCC is closely tied to Notre Dame. It is mostly Notre Dame grads who work there and a lot of work is done with the alumni club [in Puerto Rico]."

According to Frances Shavers, executive assistant to the President, Jenkins will arrive in Puerto Rico today and will meet with alumni and friends of the University.

Week warns, promotes alcohol moderation

By MARCELA BERRIOS
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With the slogan "BAC to the Beach; Here for the sing, not the binge," the organizers of Safe Spring Break/Alcohol Awareness Week 2007 warned students to exercise moderation in their vacation alcohol intake during an information fair in LaFortune Student Center Wednesday.

Student government, the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education (ODAE), Peers Inspiring Listening, Learning And Responsible Socializing (PILLARS) and the Coca-Cola Company put together a series of activities and giveaways through-
Stop by SMC graduation

I'd like to thank my fellow reporters, the lovely Amanda Michaels, Kelly Meehan and Kate Antonacci for informing me about what I'm writing about today.

When I read Kate's article on Feb. 16 about Wire News General Electric CEO Jeffrey Immelt coming to Notre Dame to speak at graduation, I felt a bit miffed.

"Surely," I thought, "the speech will be relevant to the theme of Go Forth and do good," that all graduation speeches are geared towards, but what about for students outside of Mundex?

Honestly, we're Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish. The prestigious Catholic university in the world. We have pull.

Then I read Amanda's column of Feb. 19, a list of 66 people who would be better graduation speakers than Immelt. No offense, but I can add a few hundred names to her list.

One of them is Samuel Altus, the speaker SMC selected for their graduation ceremony.

I read Kelly's article of March 5, and I was shocked. I wasn't surprised that SMC was shocked. I wasn't surprised that SMC couldn't, or chose not to.

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NDSP under Rakow that he saw firsthand as a NDSP employee in his undergraduate years.

Rakow was known for his "great sense of humor" and his quiet leadership style, Johnson said. "He was a terrible professional who had that rare ability to make people like him so he could be effective in a job where you have to say no to a lot of people," Gagnon said. "He was such a good professional with such a good demeanor." Gagnon and Rakow were friends before Rakow became Gagnon's boss, bonded by a similar sense of humor — a bond that lasted them through the years.

Gagnon said he and Rakow would talk throughout the week about two shows they always watched — "NYF Blue" and "Monk." "A fond memory is just sitting in his office and laughing," Gagnon said.

Many fond memories of Rakow also do to have with his dedication to service, Johnson said. "He was a true servant leader," Johnson said. "Rex really was a great teacher, a great mentor to many people." After being diagnosed with cancer, Rakow was named co-chairman of Notre Dame's American Cancer Society Relay for Life, an event he had been active in prior to his illness.

"He was active in many philanthropic activities. Rex was a person who just thought that the way to make the community a better place was by being active," Johnson said. "Rex thought he was just doing what all of us should be doing in serving not only Notre Dame but our community and serving others." Rakow worked until early January, when he took a leave of absence from his position.

"He basically worked every day until it was too debilitating for him to come in," Gagnon said. "Since 1979, when he first joined NDSP as an assistant director, Rakow worked hard to improve the safety of the University he so deeply loved.

"When he came here, he was a young man in his profession and we were just a security department," Gagnon said. "Throughout his career here, he oversaw the department as it went from a security department to a police department."

Harold Burke-Sivers, director of public safety at Portland University and president of the Western Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, remembers Rakow from his time as a full-time officer and student at Notre Dame from 1985-89.

"My decision to pursue a career in public safety and dedicate my life to serving university students is a direct result of Rex's leadership and mentoring," Burke-Sivers said in an e-mail to Johnson shared with The Observer. "Rex was a truly consummate professional, a good friend and a loving husband and father. He made a difference in my life and in the lives of so many others." Burke-Sivers said he was able to visit Rakow at his home in mid-February, where he thanked him for his "guidance, encouragement and support over the last 22 years."

"We often don't have the opportunity to tell people how much they mean to us, so this was a real blessing," he wrote.

Last year, the Alumni Association also honored Rakow for how much he meant to the community by awarding him the 2007 James F. Earmark Award for service by an employee to the University. He also received an award by the student government for his outstanding service to the campus community.

"He is not someone who liked or needed the limelight," Gagnon said. "He didn't need awards to make himself feel good. But I'm sure the recognition received helped him recognize how much he was appreciated."

In 2006, Rakow was also made an honorary member of the Notre Dame Monogram Club — a fitting award for a man who inducted fellow Notre Dame men's and women's basketball and had a passion for golf.

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rent anti-discriminatory clause, which states that the University "does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age," Popit said.

The Social Concerns committee wanted to recommend that the University's Academic Council add sexual orientation into the clause.

Popit said she has been working on this resolution most of the year and has researched other top tier and Catholic institutions — specifically schools run by the Congregation of the Holy Cross — to see whether their anti-discriminatory clauses include sexual orientation.

"It is very interesting to see how many of these schools do have it in their anti-discriminatory clauses, including two of the Congregation of the Holy Cross schools [Holy Cross College in Indiana and King's College in Pennsylvania]," Popit said. "This has set a precedent, and it's up to Notre Dame if they want to follow it or not."

Popit said this is at least the second time in Notre Dame history this issue has been brought to the University Senate and the Faculty Senate both passed similar resolutions in 1998, she said.

Plamottil said although attempts in the past have failed, it is important that the Student Senate keep urging the administration to insert sexual orientation into the clause, even if their actions are just "one more drop in the bucket."

"If we let this go under the table and pretend this doesn't exist ... then the administration will continually pretend that this isn't a problem," Plamottil said.

Fisher Hall senator Drew Clary questioned the appropriateness of the resolutions' reference to the Catholic Church or the comparisons it draws to other colleges, but several other senators praised Popit and Plamottil for their work on the resolution.

"This resolution is a great way for the Senate to stand up against discrimination without going outside any of the boundaries of the Catholic Church and make that statement to the administration," off-campus senator Mark Healy said.

In other Senate news:

- Andrichik said Dillon Hall senator Matthew Ludwick will be referred to the Student Union Ethics Committee for his excessive absences.

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will also meet with a reporter from El Nuevo Dia — the largest newspaper on the island.

"The PRSCC has served as a vehicle for the dedication and involvement of members of the Puerto Rican community in San Juan and the surrounding communities," Shavers said. "Father Jenkins is grateful for their efforts, and the vision of the PRSCC's founders and the efforts of its many staff, volunteers and partners. This is a wonderful way to recognize their work and celebrate the Notre Dame spirit.

The Center will celebrate its two decades of dedication to Puerto Rican communities with a banquet at the Nautical Club in San Juan today, which will host current volunteers, 14 former volunteers and Notre Dame alumni. The Center's founders — Jose Enrique Marxuach and Gilberto Fernandez and Martita Marxuach — will also attend the event along with ND Club of Puerto Rico president Ricardo Alvarez.

According to Pat Guzman, who has worked at the PRSCC for two years and graduated from Notre Dame in 2005, the communities of Puerto Rico will show their appreciation to the former and current volunteers by hosting the banquet.

The anniversary celebrations mark the first time that Jenkins has visited Puerto Rico and the PRSCC since becoming president of the University.

"Many of these people began their work long before Father Jenkins traveled to the area," Guzman said. "They are an inspiration to the PRSCC in Old San Juan and the surrounding communities."

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about his motives for running a "Campaign to Abstain" in the recent student body president election. He also debated whether his actions warranted his removal from office.

Dworjan was impeached last Wednesday by a majority vote of the Senate, but last night's vote of 15-11 failed to remove him from office.

Dworjan ponied flyers telling students to vote abstain in the days leading up to the Feb. 15 run-off election for student body president and vice president. Dworjan violated a provision in the Student Union Constitution against campaigning to the student government office, located on the second floor of LaFortune, because he used the copy machine to print his posters. He also violated the Constitution by posting flyers around campus without the required approval of both the Judicial Council and the Student Activities Office.

Dworjan took the podium for the second time in two weeks and attempted to persuade senators not to vote for his removal. He said his motive was to educate students about the printing quota.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Indonesian plane crash kills 21

YOGYAKARTA — Survivors of the fiery crash of a Boeing 737-400 Wednesday said the plane appeared to be going too fast and shook violently before it touched down, caught fire, and exploded in flames, killing at least 21 people. About 115 dazed and bloodied survivors staggered from the Indonesian jetliner after it broke apart due to high-speed impact. The plane, carrying 140 passengers and crew, had been carrying 140 passengers and crew, officials said. Two people were missing. It was the third such crash in as many months in Indonesia, and raised questions about the safety of the country's booming airline sector.

French law forbids online violence

PARIS — France makes it a crime for anyone who is not a professional journalist to film real-world violence and distribute the images on the Internet. Critics call it a clumsy effort by authorities to battle "happy slapping," the youth fad of filming and posting real-world violence and distributing the images on the Web between mobile phones. The measure, tucked deep into a vast anti-crime law that took effect Wednesday, has sparked much debate about how to protect freedom of expression. Lawyers and journalists who seek to protect freedom of expression on the Internet, said the measure will also hinder citizens' abilities to expose police brutality.

NATIONAL NEWS

Borat called 'victim of suppression'

WASHINGTON — Borat, that crass chronicler of the American condition, has been singled out by the State Department as a victim of suppression in his own homeland. Specifically, the government took control of the registration of Kazakh Internet domains in 2005 and revoked Baron Cohen's domain name. The move, which requires new legislation, would bring the previously unselected upper house in line with similar institutions, such as the U.S. Senate. Jack Straw, leader of the Commons, said the vote was a historic step forward and would mean Borat will compete with others to discuss how to protect freedom of expression.

Man arrested for boy's kidnapping

BRADENTON — A Mexican national surrendered at the U.S.-Brazil border Wednesday on allegations of abducting an 11-year-old from a Florida bus stop last month and leaving him tied up in the woods before the boy escaped, officials said. Vicente Ignacio Beltran-Moreno, 22, agreed to voluntarily return from Mexico after several days of negotiations with the FBI, Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Webb said.

Law aims to hinder online predators

Associated Press

HARTFORD — Connecticut law-enforcement officials are pushing for passage of a new law that would require MySpace, Yahoo!, and other social-networking sites to verify users' ages and obtain parental consent before minors can post content to their profiles. The bill, sponsored by Rep. William Tong of New Haven, seeks to set up a sexual encounter with an 11-year-old Connecticut girl. It was one of the first federal sex cases involving the popular site.

LOCAL NEWS

Factory raid catches illegal immigrants

MISHAWAKA — An immigration raid at a factory that makes fiberglass-reinforced polymer composites on Tuesday arrested 36 workers suspected of being undocumented immigrants.

More than 50 agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement raid ed a plant in Mishawaka, Ind., on Tuesday with a warrant that allowed them to interview workers and review their records.

ICE spokesman Gail Montenegro said 36 workers — 32 of them Mexican nationals, and one from El Salvador — were arrested. They were taken away in large bus to a Broadview, Ill., center where customs agents interviewed and fingerprinted them.

BRITAIN

Commons backs historic change

Lawmakers begin motion to remove non-elected members of House of Lords

Associated Press

LONDON — Legislators took an unprecedented step Wednesday toward ending an age-old tradition of allowing Britain's non-elect­ ed elite to have a powerful, hacking proposals for an entirely elected House of Lords. House of Commons lawmakers took 337-224 in favor of developing laws to elect all members of Parliament's upper chamber — potentially one of the most significant constitutional changes in British history.

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Queen Elizabeth addresses the House of Lords in London in June 2001. The House of Commons voted Wednesday to develop laws to make all Lords elected officials.

Bitter clash between peers and Prime Minister David Lloyd George over his 1911 budget, which the Lords had threatened to veto — led to a limiting of their powers and brought the first modern call for reform.

Of 63 nations, only two have non-elected peers — members who inherit their right to be in the chamber — will be removed. Some Church of England bishops — known as the Lords Spiritual — will remain, selected by an independent body reporting to Parliament. For most of the chamber's history, all those with inherited titles — created by the monarch — could take a place in the Lords, provided they were male, over 21 and citizens of Britain, the Commonwealth or Ireland. Since 1958, women and so-called life peers — mainly drawn from the ranks of retired politicians or those nominated by political parties — have also been appointed.

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Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, who met with other attorneys general on Tuesday, said 10 to 20 other states are considering similar legislation.

"The solution is financially feasible, practically feasible," he said. "If we can put a man on the moon, we can check ages of people on these Web sites.

Under the proposal, any networking site that fails to verify ages and obtain parental permission of users under 18 would face civil fines up to $5,000 per violation. Sites would have to check information about parents to make sure it is legitimate. Parents would be contacted directly when necessary.

Blumenthal said Connecticut has jurisdiction because the advertise­ ments posted on the Web sites are seen in the state.

In a statement Wednesday, McSpadden Chief Security Officer Hemadania Nigan said the company is committed to protecting teens online but does not believe the pro­ posed bill is the best way to do that.

"We have and will continue to focus considerable resources on developing effective ways to make our site safer," he said.
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LABS and ODAE representatives at the information fair handed out more free merchandise and brochures informing students about the alcohol equivalences of different beverages and the different effects they may have on a person's sobriety. "Not all drinks are created equal," McGinley said. "If students don't know how much alcohol is poured into each drink they have, they're at a higher risk of compromising their decision-making skills and putting themselves in circumstances where they're not in full control of their actions." An ODAE handout said 12 ounces of beer contained the same amount of alcohol as 1.25 ounces of liquor or 4.5 ounces of wine. Consequently, when students drink from a 16-ounce cup, the contents of the cup — and not the number of cups — should determine the amount of drinks the student gulps.

"Even experienced drinkers may not be aware that when they have only one drink they feel fine, but they're not really having just two drinks because each Long Island ice tea in reality contains as much alcohol as five beers," McGinley said.

Sophomore Michael Call, a fellow PILLARS member, echoed McGinley's warnings and stressed the importance of educating students about responsible drinking.

"Alcohol Awareness Week is necessary at Notre Dame and every college campus and the reason for choosing Maris (as a running mate) was that it was a sound mind that it was going to be an even bigger challenge since we both being female, but ...." Brown said. "I didn't pick her because she didn't challenge us, but we didn't even bring it up in the campaign." Braun agreed that "making history" was never an objective.

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"While it certainly wasn't their goal, Brown did concede that they are "certainly proud" and that "it's definitely a cool benefit." When and they announced the appointment of current Fangborn senator Shena Plemmons to the position of Chief Executive Assistant (CEA), they added another female to the board of student government hierarchy. But Braun added again, however, it was "never an effort to have an all-female leadership, nor is in continues to make history in that way," Braun said.

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"Just last week, I was at the library, and one of my friends came up, and she was like, 'You know in my opinion, like not that gender, our professor has been talking about gender this week, and how amazing it is that the student body has elected three females to the student government to represent their concerns,'" Brown said. "But I think that this is something that will go down in history," Plannottti said.

And while they don’t expect their gender to be an issue during the administration, Brown and Braun say they are preparing for the future.

“We know we are going to catch heat, we’re going to be criticized or we’re going to do stuff that not everyone’s going to like. We’ve already accepted that — it’s part of the job, it comes with the territory," Braun said. "But I don’t foresee issues resulting from an issue we can’t control, like our gender." As of yet, Brown said they have no plans to bring a positive feedback. The positive response, on the other hand, has been overwhelming.

"I think we were both kind of surprised by all the positive feedback we got from alumni and University administration. I think the fact that we were the first all-female ticket," Braun said.

"It's really cool to get letters from alumni, from women who were in the first class of females here, saying 'I could not have believed that the student body would elect two females,'" Brown added.

While the feel experience — both at home and in Notre Dame student government — has prepared them for some difficult roles, neither see it as a big problem. "Notre Dame — we saw aspects of unfairness when we were in the campaign," Braun said. "We know we’re going to go up against that [barrier], and we’re willing to take risks, but not to believe that the student body would elect two females," Braun said. While Braun added that this elec-

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**Gas prices skyrocket in California**

High costs are expected to spread to the rest of the country this summer

*Associated Press*

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Gasoline prices have jumped $2 or more in some parts of California and Hawaii, and may hit that level or higher by the time the country uses the busy summer driving season approaches.

"It kills me," said Gloria Nunez, 53, as she filled her Ford Explorer SUV at a San Jose gas station. Nunez, a clerk for a communications company, has started working a couple of overtime hours each week to help soften the blow.

"All of a sudden you kind of have to watch your pennies," she said.

Analysts say drivers should brace for more increases in the coming weeks. Crude oil, which makes up about half the price of gasoline, is trading above $60 a barrel.

"People are doing the same thing. The bus is packed," said Hector Esqueda, an 18-year-old justice administration student from Los Angeles who has stopped driving his gas-guzzling, older-model Lincoln Continental to save money.

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In kindergarden, you brought your teacher a plastic bag containing an extra pair of underwear, you know, just in case you had an "accident." Back then, you could "read" Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak before you could actually read, because your mom had read it to you as so many times as a bedtime story that you remembered every word. You even knew exactly when to turn the pages.

You also knew exactly what to call your stuffed animals. Your incalculable creativity inspired you to name them in accordance with their animal monikers—"Beez," "Puppy," and "Puddy"—amongst your special friends.

But even "Puppy" couldn't console you when you realized that Santa Claus did not, in fact, lay your key under the Christmas tree and that Rudolph was not the one who sank through that same basement floor not long after, when the object of your affection dropped the one line that has been known to forever perfectly some people into eternal bride-jammers—"I just want to be friends."

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A few years later, you voraciously read the Boxcar Children books, and afterwards, you no longer wanted your comfortable red brick house on Maple Street and moved into a new one in the Boxcar children did before they were long gone. And your Migration, your way to school in your mom's minivan, whenever "mm bop, ba duba dop / ba du mm bop / ba du dop / ba du mm bop" rang from the radio on your way to school in your mom's minivan, you funcion singing right along with baac, Taylor and Zac.

One time after your mom dropped you off, you realized that you forgot to ask her to sign the permission slip for the class field trip to Washington, D.C. You then forced your treasuring hand to forge her signature. A few years later, your hand trembled again, this time as you spun one of your parents' old bottles of barbecue on your basement floor—your first game of Spin the Bottle. Your first kiss followed. So did your first heartbreak. Your heart sunk through that same basement floor not long after, when the object of your affection dropped the one line that has been known to turn perfectly some people into eternal bride-jammers—"I just want to be friends."

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In D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), of course, you learned to "just say no" to drugs. And in social studies you learned about the French courage proceeds from vanity, the German from phlegm, the Spanish from pride, the English from coolness, the French from the art of love, the Dutch from obstinacy, the Russian from insanity, but the Italian from anger. And maybe one of these days you'll even find yourself on a beach in the Bahamas, and after you've had a little too much Sex on the Beach (cocktail, of course), you might feel that warm sensation otherwise known as an "accident" dribbling down your leg. Whispers.

But regardless, you're older now. "Accidents"—although they have been known to affect college-age folks—are no longer acceptable. And your Migration, Education and Assimilation: Three Forces that blur America professor surely didn't list a pair of underwear as a requirement in the syllabus. But she doesn't want you to finish the semester—or make it back to South Bend alive.

While Cable News feasted on the story of Natalee Holloway when she disappeared in Aruba in 2005, those who knew her were devastated. After all, perhaps she had once been the quintessential Santa Claus-believer, Boxcar Children enthusiast too.

You work hard, calculating derivatives and filling up blue books. You undoubtedly have a lot left to live through—more books to read and more heartbreaks to endure. And maybe one of these days you'll even learn how to parallel park.

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Sacrifice is worth it

In the "Tuesday, March 6 edition of The Observer," I read an article regarding pornography in male dorms ("Group Discusses pornography in male dorms."). As the Gender Relations Center (GRC) commissioner for Carroll Hall, I felt that I should speak up on the issue. The article states that students (males and females alike) feel uncomfortable around pornography; this is due to the action of the pornographic image and is a sign that pornography is not "good" from a moral standpoint. I am extremely embarrassed to say that images of women and women in pornography are removed from the dorms to allow students to maintain a moral code as well as academic responsibilities. However, I am one of the "male" students who want the dorm to be free from pornography. The dorm is the place where we have no choice but to live and work, so we should have the freedom to choose what we want to look at. I believe that if we are able to choose what we want to look at, then we should be able to choose what we want to say. I hope that some time in the future, people will stop looking at pornographic images and focus on the meaning of the words and must include any line with the author's name and contact phone number. All submissions must include the author's name and contact number.

Enough is enough. I am tired of having to look at images that are not appropriate for my age and gender. I am tired of having to explain to my friends why I am not interested in looking at these images. I am tired of having to defend my beliefs. I am tired of having to explain why I am not interested in looking at these images. I am tired of having to defend my beliefs. I am tired of having to explain why I am not interested in looking at these images. I am tired of having to defend my beliefs.

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Submission deadlines are rigorous, and they must be made on time. Failure to meet deadlines will result in the penalty of having your submission rejected. Therefore, I urge you to submit your work as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at rdnsdmcobserver.com. I look forward to your submissions.

Dan Hicks
graduate studies
philosophy
March 7

Letters to the Editor should be no more than 350 words in length. Guest Columns should be no longer than 800 words and must include a byline with no more than 20 words. All submissions must include the author’s name and contact phone number.

Submissions must be in by 3:00 p.m. the next day.

During the Lenten season, the Church asks us to pay special attention to the poor, the hungry, the sick, the homeless, the prisoners, and the victims of war. This is not just a call to charity, but a call to justice. As the Rev. Richard Warner, CSC, points out in his FaithPoint column, sacrifice is worth it. We should be willing to make sacrifices for the sake of the greater good, even if it means giving up something we value dearly.

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Be mindful of those in need, wherever they're from.

Richard V.
Warner, CSC
FaithPoint

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Apathy towards global issues critically affects college campuses across the nation. Students seem to expand their understanding of the world by studying abroad in other developed countries, but frequently end up spending social time among fellow Americans. This all-too-common experience fails to deliver an understanding of the factors that result in poverty for almost half of the world’s population in ways that outreach programs such as the Foundation for Sustainable Development (FSD) can. Without students studying the reality of the developing world, there is truly any wonder why they suffer from apathy.

FSD empowers students

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**Fight Feature**

**Tommy Z hooks, blocks and jabs for charity**

By BRIAN DOXTADER and ERIN MCGINN

Scene Editors

The last straw of "Sweet Home Alabama" faded, giving way to a barely audible bagpipe rendition of the Notre Dame Victory March. The stands were packed, though only minorities stood to their feet, while those who had chairs climbed up to get a better look at Notre Dame's strong safety confidently paraded toward the ring.

Tom Ziskowski (for Tommy Z as he's known in boxing circles) climbed into the ring wearing Fighting Irish green trim on his shorts and extended an arm into the air, as Three 6 Mafia's "It's a Flair" blared from the speakers. It was a three-ring circus, and the man everyone had come to see was finally taking center stage in the Century Center's grand arena.

With the aid of his family, Tom Ziskowski held a charity boxing match to raise money for coach Charlie Weis' Hannah and Friends, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. There were numerous silent auction items available at the entrance of the Center, including large photographs of various Notre Dame football players (such as Ziskowski), Jeff Samardzija and Brady Quinn as well as signed items, like footballs and programs, and a photograph signed by former Irish head coach Lou Holtz.

The audience chanted throughout the match, and both boxers put on a good show, with St. Germain gamely heading back into the ring after being bloodied early in the first round.

In many ways, the event resembled nothing less than a circus — a raucous and chaotic atmosphere in which there was always something happening. That was especially true of the "round-card" girls (students from the Chicago area Harper College) that appeared during each contest. In one of the more spirited rounds, the "round-card" girls also threw miniature boxing gloves into the crowd, which clearly excited the fans.

There were nearly a dozen fights preceding Zibby's, but it was obvious why everyone was there. Though the early bouts were entertaining — including a match that featured Eva Jones-Young, a South Bend native and the three-time female world champion, and a fight that ended in an unquestionable knockout — the audience's impatient buzz became more pronounced as the night wore on. By the time Ziskowski floated and jabbed through his three rounds, the entire event had drawn out to over three hours.

Thankfully, though, Tommy Z didn't disappoint his opponent, Ryan St. Germain, whom Ziskowski fought with his same brevity that he did Robert Bell last summer. In fact, this fight lasted over ten times as long, though the crowd was obviously itching to see another vicious knockout. The audience chanted throughout the Gloves, and both boxers put on a good show, with St. Germain gamely heading back into the ring after being bloodied early in the first round.

No. 9 clearly dictated the pace and flow of the fight, but seemed to ease up in the second round before coming out strong in the third. In fact, St. Germain was probably one of the only guys in the entire Center who wasn't rooting for a speedy knockout.

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**DVD Review**

"Samurai" reissue enhances timeless masterpiece

By BRIAN DOXTADER

Some Edition

1954's "Seven Samurai" is widely regarded as Akira Kurosawa's finest effort, which in turn makes it one of the first films to gain an instant status in the film canon. A sprawling, 200-plus minute epic, "Seven Samurai" is one of those films, like "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Schindler's List," that everyone should feel obligated to see at least once. Its epic sweep and passionate commitment to its subject matter is what makes it so memorable and so timeless.

"Seven Samurai" is a deep and powerful film, with many profound scenes, and its sure-footed narrative keeps the film from flagging, though it certainly requires cinematic patience. The glorious black-and-white cinematography (a trademark of Kurosawa) emphasizes the differences between the samurai, the bandits and the villagers. The appearance of guns highlights the sweeping away of the old way, with Kambli standing as a symbol of honor and purity — the most honorable and pure character in the film, who represents one of the last vestiges of tradition and honor. The same theme would appear in films for years to come (especially in the Western), including Sam Peckinpah's "The Wild Bunch" and Clint Eastwood's "Unforgiven."

Kikuchyo (Toshiro Mifune) and the master swordsmen Kyazo (Seiji Miyaguchi), a series of strikes and counter-strikes lead up to a climactic battle that tests the physical and mental will of each of the samurai. "Seven Samurai" is a deep and powerful film, with many profound scenes, and its sure-footed narrative keeps the film from flagging, though it certainly requires cinematic patience. The glorious black-and-white cinematography (a trademark of Kurosawa) emphasizes the differences between the samurai, the bandits and the villagers. The appearance of guns highlights the sweeping away of the old way, with Kambli standing as a symbol of honor and purity — the most honorable and pure character in the film, who represents one of the last vestiges of tradition and honor. The same theme would appear in films for years to come (especially in the Western), including Sam Peckinpah's "The Wild Bunch" and Clint Eastwood's "Unforgiven."

The image quality is much-improved over any of the film's earliest DVDs, but Criterion has recently released the film in a deluxe three-disc special edition. Unlike the original release, which was a single disc, the special edition of "Seven Samurai" spreads the film over two discs, which was a great decision, since it optimizes picture and sound quality — the two elements that should really be the bottom line for any DVD release.

The film looks beautiful, having received an "all-new, high definition digital transfer." The image quality is much-improved over the original release, with deeper contrasts and many of the specks and image imperfections removed.

The audio comes in the original Japanese mono track, with re-done subtitles, though it's easy to suspect that some of the voice work is above-average. Kurosawa's script has been lost in translation, though there are also two audio commentaries — one by film scholars David Belove, Isao Kimura, Stephen Prince, Tony Rayns, and Donald Richie, and another by Japanese-dubbed expert Michael Beck. Beck's deep, insightful commentary, in particular, lives up to the scholar's reputation as one of Japan's foremost experts on Kurosawa's cinema.

The bulk of the special features come in the form of three documentaries — a 20-minute "making of," a two-hour video conversation between Kurosawa and Nagisa Oshima titled "My Life in Cinema" and "Seven Samurai: Origins and Influences," which puts the film in a historical context. The best of these is "My Life in Cinema," which really allows the viewer to get an intimate, poignant glimpse into the heart and soul of Kurosawa.

Criterion's packaging is also quite nice, as the DVDs come housed in an attractive cardboard case that includes a booklet supported by several essays and pictures.

Kikuchyo (Toshiro Mifune) defends a small Japanese village from marauding bandits in Akira Kurosawa's masterful 1954 film "Seven Samurai."

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**Seven Samurai**

Three-disc Remastered Edition

Criterion Collection

Last June, Tom Ziskowski knocked out his opponent, Robert Bell, within 49 seconds in the first round of his professional debut at Madison Square Garden. It was an enjoyable evening for all in attendance and a great way to raise money for some worthy causes. And admittedly, it was a guilty pleasure for anyone in the fight. It was easy to suspect that some of the flavor of the fight was lost in translation, though there were entertaining matches — including a fight that featured Eva Jones-Young, a South Bend native and the three-time female world champion, and a fight that ended in an unquestionable knockout. The audience's impatient buzz became more pronounced as the night wore on. By the time Ziskowski floated and jabbed through his three rounds, the entire event had drawn out to over three hours.

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While realistically it would seem that no release could do "Seven Samurai" justice, Criterion's re-release outdoes its already-highly-regarded edition of one of cinema's greatest gems the lavish treatment it so richly deserves.

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While some may argue that E-Z-Mac and Ramen noodles are the staples in a college kid's diet, it's inevitable that when it comes to campus food, dining hall food is a wonderful world of ever-renewing possibilities. You may have now-unsatisfied palate. To you, the dining hall gods. While I too was first trapped in the rut of slapping a hunk of broccoli onto my plate each day, I soon began to expand those food horizons. Currently, my favorite use for broccoli is as a substitute for rice or pasta. Top your broccoli with your favorite sauces, Asian dishes and even the occasional taco salad. Adding extra color and vitamins to your diet never hurt anyone, and it also tastes pretty ridiculously excellent.

For future reference, though, I wouldn't recommend adding broccoli to a sandwich. Too wet, too messy and too difficult to eat without looking like a 4-year-old who can't handle holding a wrap together.

Salads are another opportunity to go, as Strong Bad would say, "crazy-go-nuts" with variety and concoction happiness. Sunflower seeds? Mandarin oranges? Tortellini stir-fry? Nothing is off limits if you pair it with the right greens and a complimentary dressing.

The band Gaelic Storm first gained great popularity after their appearance in the film “Titanic.” Since then they have released several Irish-themed albums.

No longer will you be trapped in the days of wilted-iceberg-and-overripe tomato salads, my friends. Baby spinach leaves, feta cheese, peppers and basil-vinaigrette create what is nothing short of a heavenly blend of loveliness.

Lastly, never underestimate the power of the pastry presses and that Quinoa-stye grilling things in aiding your new creations. Toasted wraps are always better than untoasted, and with the sandwich presses you can even achieve cross-hatching grill marks and pretend you're Bobby Flay on "Boy Meets Grill."

Meals can become a bit repetitive by second semester, but with a little creativity it's still possible to have appetizing entree on even the most dull dining hall day.

If you're feeling particularly ambitious, you can even use flatbread or pitas to create your own grilled pizzas.

So what's the bottom line, kids? Getting trapped in a state of DH overload can happen to anyone, but the ingredients are there to find your freedom. You just have to get cooking.

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Creative concoctions combat culinary conventions

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

With St. Patrick's Day and the wearin' of the green just around the corner, Irish culture is in full bloom in expectation of the holiday. As would-be revelers prepare for parades, parties and green beer, the distinct sound of traditional Irish music can be heard not far behind. For those looking to add some last minute Irish music to their repertoire before the 17th, they need turn no further than "Bring Yer Wellies," the band Gaelic Storm got its start touring Irish pubs near Santa Monica. In 1997, the band starred as the steerage band in the film "Titanic."

One decade and five albums later, Gaelic Storm shows that it still has the same ingenuity and energy with its sixth album, "Bring Yer Wellies." "Wellies" is slang Wellingtons, rubber rain boots in Europe.

Nearly every song in "Bring Yer Wellies" has a fun, carefree tone that one might hear from a band in a real Irish pub. An intricate combination of fiddles, whistles, bagpipes, drums and an accordion allows Gaelic Storm to create full melodies catchable enough to make feet involuntarily tap along in time.

One of the notable harp基礎totalis is "Hello Monday," which laments the arrival of the work week after a weekend spent enjoying the previous week's paycheck. Most of these "pub songs" are funny and light-hearted in nature, lending an enjoyable air to the album.

Interpersed throughout are several instrumental numbers that make strong use of the electronic bagpipes for which Gaelic Storm is famous. These include fast paced jigs and reels, each containing three parts that flow into each other to create songs worthy of being replayed again and again.

The best of the instrumentals is "The Salt Lick," which begins slowly and escalates to a rushing tempo dominated by the bagpipes. Here and elsewhere on the album, the bagpipes have a clear, unfettered sound that is unlike the sometimes harsh tone real bagpipes create.

Each song on "Bring Yer Wellies" gives the impression of being a live recording while maintaining a clear and rich sound — a distinctive feat to accomplish. What makes this album even more impressive is that fact that the band recorded the 14-track set in only one month, a testament to their hard work and commitment to their music.

By the final song of the album, entitled "Kiss Me I'm Irish," listeners will feel compelled to take to the streets and proclaim this Irish saying to anyone who will listen. In "Bring Yer Wellies," Gaelic Storm delivers a festive collection of genuine Irish sounds, despite technically being an American band. The album is the perfect way for anyone ready for St. Patty's Day to get a head start on the merriment.

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O'Neal drops 24, Heat scorch Bulls in Miami

Heat center Shaquille O'Neal struggles for position during the second half of Miami's 103-70 victory over Chicago Wednesday night. O'Neal finished with 24 points in the contest.

NBA

Center adds nine boards, eight assists in Wednesday win

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal had 24 points, nine rebounds and a season-high eight assists, Eddie Jones added 12 points, and the Miami Heat put together a huge second-half run to beat the Chicago Bulls 103-70 on Wednesday night.

O'Neal — who scored 24 points in three quarters — came out of the game with 12 minutes left before Pat Riley emptied the bench. O'Neal had 14 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, while Udonis Haslem added 12 points for the Heat — who've won 10 straight at home, moved within three games of Washington in the Southeast Division and got a measure of revenge for the 42-point beating Chicago inflicted in Miami on opening night, when the Heat raised their championship banner.

Beno Udrih, who was coming off a 48-point effort against Milwaukee, had 14 points on 6-for-18 shooting for Chicago. Chris Duhon added 12 and Kirk Hinrich had 11 for the Bulls, who had a three-game winning streak snapped and failed in their quest for their first four-game winning streak since mid-December.

Miami also improved to 5-2 since Dwayne Wade dislocated his left shoulder, while the reigning NBA finals MVP, watched the game from the bench with his teammates for the first time since he was injured last month.

Jones, who scored 14 points in the fourth, established a season-high in scoring for the second straight game, and also set season-bests in 3-pointers (six) and field goals (eight).

Playing without Jason Kapono, the NBA's leading 3-point shooter who sprained his ankle Monday and will miss at least 10 days, the Heat hit 10 of 23 from behind the arc, and held Chicago to 35 percent shooting.

James Posey shot in Kapono's place, and finished with seven points and six rebounds.

The Heat started with seven unanswered points, their best game-opening run of the season, and led 28-9 after Jason Williams' layup with 2:02 left in the first quarter.

Raptors 94, Grizzlies 87

Chris Bos had 19 points and six rebounds, and the Toronto Raptors ended a three-game losing streak with a victory over the NBA-west Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday night.

Andrea Bargnani, the No. 1 pick in the draft, added 18 points for the Raptors, who led by as many as 25 points.

Toronto ended an eight-game skid to Memphis and moved 4 1/2 games ahead of idle New Jersey for first place in the Atlantic Division.

Rosh Bosh was back after grabbing just one rebound in a loss to Washington on Tuesday night.

The Raptors have not dropped three straight since Dec. 6-11. At that time, they were in fourth place in the Atlantic and 13th in the East, but they've gone 26-15 since.

Mike Miller scored 19 points for the Grizzlies, who have lost five straight overall and eight of their last nine road games, falling to 4-27 away from home.

Miller had six points as Memphis began the game on 10-0 run, but Toronto ended the first quarter leading 23-20 and never trailed again. Juan Dixon had eight of his 17 points in the second quarter.

Dixon, who scored a season-high 24 points against Cleveland last Friday, started his second straight game in place of Anthony Parker (sprained right ankle). Toronto acquired Dixon from Portland just from last month's trade deadline.

Bargnani hasn't shown any signs of fatigue in his rookie season. He showed a nice touch outside and inside and Bargnani had 12 points as Toronto led 49-38 at halftime.

The Grizzlies' defense ranked 25th last year and was almost the same this season.

Tracy McGrady had 25 points and nine assists, and the Houston Rockets beat Boston Wednesday night to snap the Celtics' four-game winning streak.

Six players scored in double figures for the Rockets, who ended a two-game skid and won for just the second time in six games. Shane Battier had 15 points, and Chuck Hayes tied a career high with 14 points and added 11 rebounds.

You Ming, playing for the second time since missing 32 games with a fracture in his right leg, had 11 points and five rebounds for Houston.

At Jefferson, last week's Eastern Conference player of the week, led Boston with 26 points and 13 rebounds. Paul Pierce also scored 20 for the Celtics.

The Rockets led 30-22 after one quarter, then started the second on an 11-2 run to blow it open early.

Luther Head, Rafe Alston and McGrady hit 3-pointers on consecutive possessions, and Howard's layup capped the run and put the Rockets up 41-24 with 8:50 left in the second.

Jutes 92, Sonics 89

Andrei Iguodala had his third triple-double and Joe Smith switched the winning jumper with 14.4 seconds left to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to the fifth straight win, over the Seattle SuperSonics on Wednesday night.

Iguodala finished with 25 points, 11 rebounds and 10 points, and Andre Miller had 17 points.

Once a leading candidate to earn the most ping pong balls in the draft lottery, the Sixers instead are talking about the playoffs. The postseason is still in reach, for sure, but thinking about it beats another dreamy end so the season — only don't tell that to Sixers fans who want their team to lose and get that No. 1 pick.

Samuel Dalembert grabbed a season-high 20 rebounds, 12 on the defensive end.

Steven Hunter had 13 points. Ray Allen led Seattle with 29 points. The SuperSonics had their three-game winning streak snapped a night after a come-from-behind 100-99 win at New York.

The Sonics have suddenly gotten used to these late-game heroics, only this time they were on the losing end. They even missed the final-minute free throw, too.

Allen was fouled by Kyle Korver on a driving layup that tied the score at 89-all with 36 seconds left. Allen, a 90 percent free-throw shooter who had made his first six, missed this one.

Then Smith, considered a throw-in player in the Allen Iverson trade with Denver, showed up again. He's even more valuable to the Sixers than as just an expiring contract. He made the 18-foor winner for the winning basket.
NBA Standings

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NFL

Broncos sign Graham to five-year deal

Associated Press

Daniel Graham is the latest addition to the Denver Broncos, one of the most active teams so far this off-season.

The Broncos agreed Wednesday with the former New England tight end on a five-year, $30 million deal that includes $15 million in guaranteed money.

A team spokesman said he could not comment. The deal was disclosed by a person familiar with the deal who requested anonymity because it had not yet been signed.

Meanwhile, the Atlanta Falcons were talking to 35-year-old wide receiver Joey Harr, who was cut last week by their NFC South rivals in New Orleans. ESPN.com quoted unnamed team sources as saying the Falcons reached agreement with the outspoken receiver, but the Falcons denied it.

"It's not done yet," Falcons spokesman Reggie Roberts said Wednesday night. "We haven't signed a contract, so he's not an Atlanta Falcon. We haven't reached an agreement, so he's not an Atlanta Falcon."

Graham had been with New England since the Patriots drafted him with the 21st overall pick in 2002. He caught 120 passes for 1,393 yards and 17 touchdowns in his time with the Patriots, but is now primarily a blocker.

The 6-foot-3, 257-pound Graham grew up in Denver and attended the University of Colorado. He signed a five-year, $32 million deal with the Miami Dolphins for the Broncos from 1972 to 1974. He joins newly signed running back Travis Henry plus two players the Broncos obtained in trades: cornerback Dre' Bly and defensive tackle Dan Wilkinson.

In Davie, Fla., Joey Porter passed his physical and signed a five-year, $32 million contract with the Miami Dolphins. Porter, a three-time Pro Bowler, spent his first eight seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, who released him last week in a salary-cap move. He ranks fourth in Steelers history with 60 sacks, including seven last year.

Porter joins a defense that ranked fourth in the NFL in yards allowed and included defensive player of the year Jason Taylor.

"It's great that we were able to acquire a player of Joey's caliber," Taylor said. "He has been an impact player in this league for many years, and when you add someone who has the ability to make plays like he does, it will help not just the defense, but the entire team."

IN BRIEF

Pistons Hunter suspended after positive drug test

NEW YORK — Detroit Pistons guard Lindsey Hunter was suspended 10 games without pay by the NBA on Wednesday after testing positive for phentermine, a banned substance primarily used for weight loss.

"I'm as shocked as anyone," Hunter said after arriving at the Palace on Wednesday. "It was a diet pill — we've all taken stuff and nothing ever happens."

Hunter said the pill was prescribed for his wife by a doctor.

"We do that at our house — if I've got a head cold, I might grab one of her pills," he said. "It was just a bonehead mistake on my part."

Phentermine is listed as a stimulant or performance-enhancing drug under the league's Anti-Drug program and brings an automatic 10-game penalty for a first positive test.

NCAA BASKETBALL

North Carolina State vs Duke

7 p.m., ESPN2

Baylor vs Missouri

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PGA Tour

Woods announces plan to host PGA event

Golfer also says it’s undetermined where event will take place

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tiger Woods joined elite company Wednesday as one of only three players to host a PGA Tour event during their careers.

But this wasn’t about taking his place with Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. Woods was more interested in the dozen children seated to the side of a packed lounge in the National Press Club, where Woods and PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem announced plans for the AT&T National that marks the return of golf to the nation’s capital.

Still to be determined is where the tournament will be played and the size of the field.

Woods made clear, however, that the tournament would pay tribute to the military over the Memorial Day weekend, which has been long retired when he gave his name to a tournament in Dallas.

"Not too many people are fortunate to have an opportunity like this," Woods said. "What Bobby Jones did for golf and starting the Masters, that won’t be touched. As far as what Jack did at the Memorial, or Arnold at Bay Hill or Mr. Nelson in Dallas, those have been tremendous impact on our sport."

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"Obviously, with my competitive nature, I want it to be before," he said.

First the tour has to secure a golf course.

All signs point toward Congressional Country Club for 2007 and 2008. The club is to be at least $6 million, but he hasn’t decided the size of the field.

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He started the Target World Challenge, an unofficial event held in California in December, in 1999 and spoke to his father about finding a way to earn full tour status.

"The way the tour is structured, it didn’t look like we would have an opportunity until 2010, ‘11 or ‘12," Woods said.

"But we were lucky enough that this one came up," Woods said.

It came at the expense of the International, played at Castle Pines outside Denver. Woods already has put his mark on his new tournament.
Kobe suspended one game for hit

Lakers guard Kobe Bryant shoots during the second quarter of a 102-94 Los Angeles win Feb. 26 over Utah.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kobe Bryant was suspended one game by the NBA on Wednesday for striking a player in the face, his second penalty for that action in a little more than a month.

And if he does it again, he could be looking at a more severe punishment.

“We considered suspending him for multiple games,” NBA executive vice president Stu Jackson said on a conference call. “Certainly if this occurs again, most likely there would be multiple games.”

The most recent incident came with 38 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter of the Lakers’ 117-107 double-overtime loss to Minnesota on Tuesday night, when Bryant struck Timberwolves guard Marko Jaric after taking a shot.

The play was similar to one that drew Bryant a suspension late in January, when he hit San Antonio’s Manu Ginobili in the face after taking a shot. Jackson determined that play to have been an unnatural basketball action and suspended Bryant from a game at New York.

There was no foul called on the first play, but Bryant was called for a foul Tuesday.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson was restrained in disagreeing with the suspension, but couldn’t help letting some sarcasm drip through.

“In this league, everybody’s got a pretty face, and we’re going to try to keep it that way,” Jackson said before the Lakers’ game at Milwaukee.

Jackson acknowledged that the two plays Bryant was suspended for are similar, but made it clear that he didn’t agree with the punishment.

“If they’re going to make a call, even if they’re wrong, they’ll still be consistent,” Jackson said.

Bryant, second in the NBA with 29.2 points per game, missed Wednesday night’s game and forfeited about $161,000 in salary.

Jackson said Bryant was simply using his normal follow-through in an attempt to draw a foul.

“I think I’m going to have to put about 50 clips of Kobe shooting his shot and his arms going out like that so the judge of this deed of Kobe’s sees that he does this a lot,” Jackson said.

“It’s not an unnatural basketball motion.”

And Jackson said Bryant is hardly the only player who uses his arms to create space for shots or draw fouls, pointing to the Lakers’ Dec. 17 overtime loss to Washington in which Gilbert Arenas shot 27 free throws.

Backs coach Terry Stotts said he sees Bryant and other star players use their hands aggressively all the time.

“As far as extreme flailing into a face, I don’t see that very often,” Stotts said.

“But I think star players throughout the year have found ways to get off them, too.”

Stu Jackson acknowledged being surprised by having this incident come up from Bryant again, but did not want to comment on Bryant’s intent.

Irish guard Colin Falls goes to the basket during Notre Dame’s 67-66 loss to DePaul at Allstate Arena in Chicago Feb. 8. Falls scored a team-high 20 points in the contest.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Syracuse beats UConn, advances to play ND

Villanova, West Virginia also defeat Big East foes in first round at Madison Square Garden in New York City

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Unlike last season, Syracuse didn’t need any last-second magic to knock Connecticut out of the Big East tournament. Democrats Nichols scored 28 points, hitting seven 3-pointers, and Eric Devendorf added 19 points to help fifth-seeded Syracuse beat the Huskies 78-65 in Wednesday’s opening round at Madison Square Garden at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

"We didn’t need a miracle at the end of the game," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "We played well for the last 15 minutes."

Boeheim’s team made history in the 2006 tournament when the Orange won it all as the ninth seed behind a remarkable in the 2006 to turn around when said. "We played well for the Syracuse beat the Huskies 78-50 in points to help fifth-seeded Syracuse tournament in the way to the title.

It was the first time a team took the title by winning four games, and it was Syracuse’s fifth Big East championship. The Orange have won eight straight tournament games — one short of Connecticut’s record of nine set from 1998-2000.

On Wednesday, the Orange (22-9) used a 25-4 run to start the second half and turn a two-point deficit into a 61-46 lead with 11:14 left. Nichols scored 11 points, including three 3-pointers during the spurt.

"The second half we got better shots, tightened up on defense and did a better job on the boards," Boeheim said. Despite finishing in fifth-place in the conference, Devendorf felt the Orange needed a victory in the tournament to secure an NCAA bid.

"We just had to get this win," he said. "This kind of gets a lot off our shoulders as far as the NCAA tournament goes, but we still have a lot to do here."

While Syracuse appears headed to the NCAA tournament, Connecticut will miss it for the first time since 2001.

Connecticut (17-14) entered the Big East tournament as the No. 12 seed — its lowest ever. The inexperienced Huskies were the No. 11 seed in 1997 and were trying to salvage a tough season that started with a Top 25 ranking.

The frustration of a difficult season was evident. Huskies coach Jim Calhoun received a technical foul after a traveling violation midway through the second half. Viulnantly anned, Calhoun kicked the Big East sign in front of the stands.

"When bad things happen to you by someone, people, and they do happen to you at times, and as that built we became a team with intensity," Calhoun said.

The Huskies could get no closer than 10 points the rest of the way.

Boeheim and Calhoun, two Hall of Fame coaches, have combined for a 4-17 win.

"When you think about the brand and tradition of the Big East league and see Syracuse and Connecticut and the league’s two Hall of Fame coaches going at it on the first day, it’s pretty staggering," said coach Mike Brey, who will face Syracuse in the quarterfinals on Thursday.


"In the second half we just couldn’t get it going," Dyson said. "We missed shots we needed to make.”

Villanova 75, DePaul 67

Scottie Reynolds hit free throw after free throw down the stretch, showing the poise of a post-season-tested veteran.

The freshman guard stepped up as Villanova’s big playmaker, scoring 29 points and making 11 free throws in the last 4:17 minutes to lead the ninth-seed ed Wildcats to a victory over No. 6 DePaul in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

"I was just trying to be aggressive," Reynolds said. "A switch kind of turned on in me where I wanted to be more aggressive on the ball. It ended up and we got close.”

Curtis Sumpter added 25 points and the Wildcats (22-9) won their fourth straight, advancing to play top-seeded Georgetown (23-6), which won the opening round Wednesday. The Hoyas, who received a first-round bye, and the Wildcats split their two regular-season meetings.

"We’ve just had two great games," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "This is going to be a battle, man. That’s what’s all about when you get here.”

Sammy Mejia scored 20 points, and Wilson Chandler and Branden Burrows each had 18 for DePaul (18-13), which was playing in its first Big East tournament after joining the conference last season.

"You’ve got to make open shots, and we didn’t make them," DePaul coach Jerry Wainwright said. "That’s not a magic game. They were more efficient than we were. They took advantage.”

Reynolds was outstanding with guard Mike Nardi sidelined for most of the game with a left ankle injury. Nardi was injured in the first half of the Wildcats’ victory over Syracuse on Saturday, and only played 5 minutes in this one.

But Reynolds made Nardi’s absence completely missed. He shot 6-of-19 from the field, including 4-of-11 from 3-point range, and was 13-of-16 from the foul line to tie a Villanova record for points in the Big East tournament. Kenny Kittles also scored 29 against Providence on March 11, 1995.

"I think we know what he’s doing and he can run the show," Mejia said.

Villanova led 28-26 at halftime, but came out shooting to start the second half. The Wildcats took a 39-28 lead on March 11, 23, as the three-pointers by Sampiere and another by Reggie Redding.

"I think we have to figure out a way to come up aggressive and match the other team’s intensity because I think that was the difference in the game," Mejia said. "We made a lot of runs when they were double digits or when they were down close.

After Mejia got DePaul within five at 57-52 with a layup with 4:48 left, Reynolds made two free throws and then missed a 3 before Chandler hit one of his own to cut the Blue Demons’ deficit to 59-55 with 2:57 left.

Redding’s jumper made it 61- 55, but Mejia hit two free throws with 2:07 remaining to make it a four-point game.

It was a foul shooting clinic from there, with Villanova shooting 14-of-18 from the line, including Reynolds’ 6-of-8, as the Wildcats sealed the victory. It was a good game Villanova was the good foul line clipper compared to DePaul’s 16-of-19.

"I was just 17-47 (36.2 percent) from the field.

"It does get into a free-throw shooting contest, usually we’re pretty good," Wright said.

"That gave me confidence. We talked about finishing games. If we can get to a position where we’ve got the lead, we’re usually pretty good because our guys shoot well.”

West Virginia 92, Providence 79

If West Virginia keeps hitting shots from all over, the Big East could square Garden court, it might have a long stay in the Big East tournament.

West Virginia made a Big East tournament record 23-straight.

West Virginia, the seventh-seeded Mountaineers beat Providence in the opening round Wednesday night.

"We’re a tough out," coach John Beilein said. "We’ve had a lot of ups and downs, but we’ve played very consistently. We really did a great job tonight.

The win kept alive West Virginia’s chances of an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament should it not win the conference title.

"I think the best idea for everyone in the country is just to keep winning and not worry about any of this," Frank Young and Alex Buoff each scored 21 points for the Mountaineers, who moved into the quarterfinals against second-seeded Louisville on Thursday night.

"Twenty hours and we’re back playing again," Beilein said.
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Injured forward Bob Kurz, the Irish (23-6, 15-5) still had five players finish in double figures and shot 48 percent from the field.

Syracuse forward Demetris Nichols led all scorers with 29 points while forward Terrence Roberts added 20 in the teams' first meeting.

"The last time we beat Syracuse. I'm not saying that they're the same team, but the psychological advantage is on our side being that we are 1-0 against them this season," Irish guard Russell Carter said.

Syracuse applied backcourt defensive pressure late in its first game against the Irish and cut a 28-point Notre Dame lead to 10 with 2:42 remaining, but the Irish held off the Orange in the final minutes. Brey is not concerned about the press this time around. Instead, Syracuse’s zone remains the focus.

"I would not be worried about their press, but they did not play us any zone up there," Brey said. "Orange coach Jim Boeheim did not start zone against us."

Since its loss to Notre Dame, Syracuse has won seven of its last nine contests, including a 72-58 upset of No. 9 Georgetown Feb. 20.

"They're probably going to try and get a little revenge. We went in there and established the rhythm and tempo we wanted at their place," Irish forward Hillesland said. "They're another team that's playing really well now."

Hillesland could be the key to c r a k i n g Syracuse's zone defense because of the success he has had this season against the zone. In Notre Dame's 81-78 win against Providence Feb. 15, Hillesland lingered near the foul line and disrupted Providence's 2-3 zone defense, collecting 14 points on 7-of-11 shooting. The extra attention Providence gave Hillesland opened up opportunities inside for Kurz, who finished that game with 15 points.

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Irish guard Tory Jackson drives to the basket in Notre Dame's 78-54 win Feb. 20 over DePaul at the Joyce Center.

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But Brey and his team can't be finished yet. They still have some demons to exorcise, beginning today in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament in Madison Square Garden against Syracuse. Brey (and the Notre Dame program for that matter) has seen nothing but frustration in the Garden in the past. The coach is just 2-6 in the Big East tournament, while the Irish overall have gone just 3-11 since joining the conference before the 1995 season.

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Lacrosse

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"You have to play every game as a must win from here on out," Irish junior goalkeeper Joey Kemp said.

The Irish need to get back on track from their first two games. A major factor in their two victories was Notre Dame's advantage over their opponents in shots on goal. In the loss to Cornell, though, the Irish were outshot by 14 attempts. The defense needs to limit their opposition's attempts — Kemp is good enough to make a sufficient number of saves for the Irish to win if the team shot totals stay close.

Notre Dame also needs to have good midfield play to help its offense. In the Penn State victory, junior midfielder Michael Podgajny netted four goals and had two assists for a season-high six points.

The upperclassmen are a very important part of leading this team as preseason All-American senior attacker Brian Hobschmann stands atop the team with seven goals. However, a good barometer of success is how well the underclassmen are doing. Freshman attacker Will Yeatman needs to continue his scoring success. Along with Podgajny, he leads the team with nine points. Sophomore attacker Ryan Hoff also has helped out with four goals and two assists of his own.

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freshman. Calli Davidson also earned honorable mention honors last year.

Seniors Miesle and Laura Heline hope to return to the MIAA championship this year after winning the title in 2004 during Senior's senior season as a player.

"Two of them have won the conference tournament before so they know what it takes to get there," Sullivan said. They want to go out with some kind of record.

After their demanding Fort Myers schedule, the Belles will hit the beach before returning to school and starting their home season March 25 against Rose-Hulman.

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No. 14 Notre Dame (2-11) beat Loyola (Md.) in their first contest of the year in a 9-7 battle. Loyola is currently ranked No. 16. Then the Irish conquered pre-season No. 16 Penn State in Happy Valley.

After the 13-8 loss at Cornell, Notre Dame travels to No. 12 North Carolina, who has had a hot 3-1 start this season. The Irish also visit Drexel, a team with a landmark 11-10 victory over then-No. 1 Virginia, the defending national champion. The road trip ends with a weekend visit to Ivy League team Dartmouth.

Notre Dame needs to get past this five game road trip in its brutal early schedule. After these games, five of Notre Dame’s remaining eight matches are here in South Bend, and only one is against a team that is currently ranked in the top 20. That

Irish guard Russell Carter drives to the basket against Marquette in Notre Dame’s 85-73 victory Feb. 24 at the Joyce Center. Carter is the Big East’s fourth leading scorer with 16.9 points per game.

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