Fellowship rallies in honor of MLK, Jr.

Demonstration also focuses on effects of Iraq war with speeches, Scripture reading and prayer service.

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Snow flurries did not deter the more than 40 students in the Notre Dame Peace Fellowship from rallying at the Clarke Memorial Fountain Wednesday to commemorate the 39th anniversary of the death of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. The rally featured speeches on King's teachings and the war in Iraq, a recitation of hort — including the number of civilian deaths sustained in the conflict — and a Scripture committee chairs approved for 07-08

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Student body president Liz Braun and vice president Marie Braun called their first Student Senate meeting to order Wednesday and encouraged the new senators and committee chairs to actively engage in their administration.

"I encourage you to always voice your point of view, no matter what. The point of Senate is to create conversation and debate," Braun said. "Senate has the capability to get a lot done, and Liz and I would really like to see that happen this year."

Before the meeting began, the new Senate Oversight committee chair, Ian Sevier, led the senators through the process of introducing, discussing and passing a mock resolution.

The new senators then introduced themselves to each other, and Brown and Braun were sworn into office.

As their first acts in office, the senators passed several items of new business, including the Student Senate bylaws for the 2007-08 term, a list of rules regarding policies and procedures in the Senate.

The senators also unanimously approved Brown's recommendations for committee chairs.

Carol Hendrickson, a junior in Brown-Phillips, will serve as Academic Affairs committee chair. Hendrickson told senators to see SENATE/page 4

ND offers dining, religious options for Easter break

Students remain on campus to avoid hassle

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

With the extended Easter weekend a day away, students and faculty members are preparing for the holiday break.

Students traveling home for the weekend will be flocking to the South Bend Regional Airport, busing to Chicago airports and loading up the trunks of their cars for the trip home. And for those who are staying on campus, the University provides a number of ways to celebrate Easter.

Some students are glad to be heading home for the holiday weekend — including freshman Mary Kusek, who will be traveling to Fond du Lac, Wis., to spend the Easter weekend with her family.

"I'm excited to be going home because Easter is the one holiday where my whole extended family gets together," Kusek said.

But with only two days off from school, traveling home is often time-consuming or expensive for students. Angela Amido, a freshman from Memphis, said she is staying on campus to avoid the hassle of making the trip home.

"I think that Easter at [Notre Dame] would be a lot of work," she said. "I'm glad I'm not giving up the opportunity to be with my family, though."
**INSIDE COLUMN**

No frills, no thrills

Ever heard of the phrase "you get what you pay for"? It's a statement applicable to anything and everything, especially nowadays in the context of air travel. Recall the flight experience of yesteryear, when those who could afford flying received luxurious service in return. You've seen the well-groomed travelers spread out in reclining seats on TV Land, wanted on by beautiful stewardesses. In those days of black-and-white television, flying was so cheap that piano bars were on longer flights. But here we are in the post-9/11 era, where you're lucky enough to even receive a complimentary refreshment on board. With carriers burning through cash at a frightening rate, for them, the easiest way out of bankruptcy court is to slash ticket prices to get more people in the seats. Though appealing to the cost-conscious consumer, this means that quality service phases with the airfares. Remember the ghastly histrion bag? It's history. Need a cocktail? Don't expect free booze, even on international flights. Do it! A standby passenger pudding for the suffering.

**IN BRIEF**

The Lord's Supper Mass will be held today at 5 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Classes will not be held Friday through Monday in observance of the Easter holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your favorite Easter treat?**

- Mark Sullivan: "Easter bunnies; because they lay chocolate eggs."
- Maureen Clark: "Solid milk chocolate Easter bunnies."
- Matthew Zell: "Chocolate eggs, because they lay chocolate bunnies."
- Chris Esber: "I like Peeps, because you only live once."
- Allison Hickey: "Anything but Peeps."
- Brian Mahon: "Hollow chocolate Easter bunnies — but they have to be hollow."

Members of Notre Dame Students for Environmental Action (NSDEA) Erin Burns, left, and Bill Ehrlich put together signs Wednesday to campaign against excessive energy use and carbon dioxide emissions for Earth Week.

**COUPLED WITH AN EASTER CELEBRATION AT NOTRE DAME**

- **Offbeat**

  **Couple fights to name baby 'Metallica'**

  STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Metallica may be a cool name for a heavy metal band, but a Swedish couple is struggling to convince officials it is also suitable for a baby girl.

  Michael and Karolina Tomaro are locked in a court battle with Swedish authorities, which rejected their application to name their six-month-old child after the legendary rock band.

  "It suits her," Karolina Tomaro, 27, said Tuesday of the name. "She's devious and she knows what she wants." Although little Metallica has already been baptized, the Swedish National Tax Board refused to register the name, saying it was associated with the rock group and the word "metal."

  "She saw the case and called the name "ugly."

  **Chicago suit charges 'negligent dancing'**

  CHICAGO — A woman is suing her dance partner, claiming he dropped her on her head after flipping her into the air at an office party. Lacey Hindman, 22, was a victim of "negligent dancing," says her lawyer, David M. Baum.

  In the suit, Hindman claims that during a party at a Chicago bar and restaurant in April 2006, David Prange grabbed her by the forearms and tossed her in the air, and then she crashed to the wooden floor. Hindman said in the suit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, that she suffered a fractured skull and brain injuries. She is seeking damages for medical bills and lost wages for time missed from work.

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Angulo said of King, the Vietnam War, 'There comes a time when silence is betrayal.'

"As he said in his speech against the Vietnam War, 'There comes a time when silence is betrayal.'" Angulo said.

The Observer, Thursday, April 5, 2007

News correspondent to speak at lecture

The Peace Fellowship plans to continue its anti-war activism through "profes­ 
sors to speak out against the war and have more dialogue" with the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. The Peace Fellowship has held several forums with ROTC leaders in the past. The rally was disturbed at one point by hecklers who railed the participants 'hippies' and told them to 'go get high,' but the shouts did not halt the proceed­ 
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when we receive new mem­
bers into the Church through
Baptism during the Easter
 Vigil," he said.
Brett Perkins, Campus
Minister, director of Protestant
student resources, said Prot­
estants are extend­
ed a formal invitation to join
the Notre Dame com­mu­nity to celebrate Easter, but
the efforts to include these
students are not extraordi­
ary.
"Campus Ministry doesn’t
focus on being interdenom­
inational this week because
it’s so special for the Catholic
Faith ministry," Perkins said.

Protestant students attend
services during the Triduum
Holy Thursday, Good
Friday and Easter Sunday
— days when the Church
reflects on the Last Supper,
and the Crucifixion and
Resurrection of Christ.
"Protestant students will
attend Mass, but are more
likely to attend services that
are like the Protestant and
Orthodox stations of the cross.
Eucharistic services like
Stations of the Cross on Good
Friday or the office of Tenebrae,
night prayer celebrated at 11 p.m.
on Holy Thursday," Perkins said.

No dorm liturgies will be
offered during Holy Week, in
part to foster community
among all students, Perkins
said.

Protestant and Orthodox
students who wish to attend
a local Protestant church for
Easter can find a ride
through Campus Ministry on
an individual basis, Perkins
said.

All students who do not go
home for Easter are encouraged
to attend services in the
Basilica on Good Friday and
Easter. On Good Friday from
11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., however,
I’d go on a practice MCAT," she
said. "I don’t mind having
to go to the Basilica — I enjoy
being part of the greater ND community."

Katie Ottolini
Junior

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really nice experience," Amido
said.
For those who are staying,
North and South Dining Halls
will remain open for the dura­
tion of the break, though with a
modified schedule. As they
have done for all Fridays in Lent, both will serve a non­
meat menu on Good Friday,
while South Dining Hall will
offer a special Easter buffet
Sunday from noon until 4 p.m.,
completely with a traditional
roasted lamb, hors d’oeuvres
and a variety of desserts.

The restaurants in LaFortune
will remain open for a small
portion of the break. Burger
King and Sharro will be closed
on Friday, Saturday and
Sunday, and Starbucks will be
closed on Saturday and
Sunday. The Huddle Mart and
Subway will be closed only on
Sunday.

The Hesburgh Library will
stay open for those students
looking for some work done
over the holiday weekend. It
will keep its traditional hours
on Friday and Saturday, but
will be closed entirely on Sunday.

The Basilica of the Sacred
Heart will be open daily to
Masses to celebrate Holy Week. A
celebration of the Last Supper
will take place in the Basilica
tonight at 5. On Good Friday
there will be a celebration of the
Lord’s Passion in the Basilica at
3 p.m., followed later that day by the stations of the
Cross at the Basilica at 7:15.
On Holy Saturday, the Great
Paschal Vigil will be held at 9
p.m., and the week culminates
with Easter Sunday Masses at
8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and
9 p.m.

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Economy
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faturing was dominant (in
the South Bend economy). A
minority was employed in
service related industries,
Bergrstrand said. "There has
been a lot of growth in terms
of financial services as well
as growth of jobs in health care."

Today, the majority of jobs
in the area are service-relat­
ed, and South Bend has
become a regional center for
financial services. Although Notre Dame has
not been pivotal to the
South Bend economy,
Bergrstrand said. The
University now bears an
even larger burden as the
largest employer in the area.

"In the past, the jobs at
hotels, restaurants and
other businesses brought by
Notre Dame and the
University’s economic impact
only grew. There was some
good news, however, from
employment data released
Monday by the Indiana
Department of Workplace
Development. The state’s
seasonally adjusted unem­
ployment rate was 5.3 per­
cent in February, down from
5.8 percent the month before.
Locally, St. Joseph County
ranked No. 47 out of 92 in a list
of unemployment by county, reporting a 4.6
percent jobless rate.

The national unemploy­
ment rate for 2006 was 4.6
percent, according to U.S.
Department of Labor
Statistics.

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A Progressive Agenda for Mexico
6:00 pm - Tuesday, April 10th
Hesburgh Center Auditorium

Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Sólorzano
Former Head of Government, Federal District, Mexico
Founding Member, Partido de la Revolución Democrática (PRD)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pelosi meets with Syrian leader

DAMASCUS — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi closed her White House-Middle East policy Wednesday, meeting with Syria’s leader and insisting “the road to Damascus is a road to peace.”

But that brought a sharp attack from the Bush administration, which has rejected direct talks with Damascus until its changes to war.

Washington accuses Syria of backing Hamas and Hezbollah, two groups it deems terrorist organizations. It also says Syria is fueling Iraq’s violence by allowing Sunni insurgents to operate from its territory. Syria denies it is acting in Lebanon’s government. Syrian government officials have been implicated in the 2005 assassination of former Lebanese premier Rafik Hariri in Beirut.

Ukrainian politics erupts in protests

KYIV — Protests by thousands of supporters of Ukrainian’s Russian-leaning prime minister marched Wednesday to the office of the pro-

Western president, protesting a presidential order to hold early elections

U.S. terrorist seeks lighter sentence

San Francisco — The lawyer and par-

t of a political move by top House

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Same-sex marriage ban shut down

WASHINGTON — The defeat of a proposed

constitutional ban on gay marriage was a cal-

culated political move by top House

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Associated Press

TEHRAN — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad defused a growing con-

frontation with Britain, announcing on Wednesday the release of 15 captive British sailors Wednesday and then gleefully accept-

ing the crew’s thanks and handshakes in what he called an Easter gift.

officer. Former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld’s defense

assistant secretary, Robert Gates, said it played a role in

the standoff too far.

Lindh, 26, was captured in Afghanistan in 2001 by American forces and

sent to the Taliban after the Sept.

11 terrorist attacks. He was charged with conspiring to kill Americans and support terrorists but pleaded guilty to lesser offenses. The buyer of the documents online and had

shipped about half of them. While all but three of the items, worth an

estimated $30,000 in all, have since been recovered,

McTague told investigators that he

used a yellow legal pad to sneak the documents out while working at the

National Archives and Records Administration last summer. As an

unpaid intern, he had been responsi-

ble for arranging and organizing doc-

uments out while working at the

National Archives, said the

much less.

Archives intern convicted of stealing

PHILADELPHIA — A 40-year-old intern with the National Archives pleaded guilty Wednesday to stealing 150 of the documents, including an official announcement of President Lincoln’s death, and put-

ting most of them up for sale on eBay.

McTague said he did let the process move for-

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world leaders discuss global climate change

BRUSSELS — Scientists and diplomats from more than 120 countries debated the urgency of changes in the Earth’s climate Wednesday as they tried to finalize a report on global warming that will guide policymakers for decades to come.

In closed-door meetings, the delegates argued over revisions in the 21-page draft text, in one case making changes to highlight how global warming will reduce staple crops in countries such as China and India, where millions of people could go hungry.

The conference is due to release the report by Friday. The text is a synopsis of a more than 1,400-page assessment by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, with contributions by more than 1,000 climate experts, on the impact of global warming and the vulnerabilities of economies, ecosystems and human health.

It will be presented at a Group of Eight leaders summit in June in Germany, during which the European Union will press President Bush in sign on to international talks to cut emissions.

The report also will be the basis for a conference in December in Indonesia to set an international framework for controlling the emissions of carbon dioxide after 2012, the expiry date of the Kyoto Protocol, which mandates emissions cuts for industrial countries.

The United States, which has refused to coordinate action to curb greenhouse gas emissions with other countries, was playing a low-key role in Brussels so far, said delegates on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Delegates said the talks were going slowly, with disputes over the level of confidence attached to the statements. Some countries wanted the wording either toned down or the level of certainty reduced, delegates said. The issue was handed to a smaller “contact group” to resolve.

“We have made too little progress as far,” said Hans Verolme of the World Wildlife Fund Nature, who is attending the sessions. “We want to make sure that what comes out in the end is crisp, well structured and understandable to the layman.”

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The report stresses that climate changes will have a more devastating impact on poorer countries — and poorer citizens within those countries — because they are less capable of adapting to shifts in weather patterns.

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The text is the second of four reports by the climate change panel. The first, issued in February, updated the science of climate change, concluding with near certainty that global warming is caused by human behavior.

Belgium

Glocksen latest to kiss ‘Idol’ stage goodbye

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gina Glocksen, who had her share of good and bad “American Idol” moments, kissed the show goodbye Wednesday, becoming the latest casualty in viewer voting.

The exit of Glocksen, 22, of Naperville, III., thrilled the number of finalists to eight. The winner will be chosen in May.

Judge Randy Jackson had said on Tuesday’s program that Glocksen — the show’s resident rocker girl, with her red highlights and all-black outfit — gave a “nice, controlled performance” of the classic song “Smile.”

Her colleague Simon Cowell stopped short of praise on the 29-year-old’s rendition, saying he had not allowed to speak to the media.

calls and text messages. Scarnato, 24, of San Antonio, is not opposed to showing a little skin on “Idol.” Though Cowell derided her take on “Ain’t Misbehavin’” as a bit “pageant-y,” he applauded her “nice legs.”

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Companies pursue new approach

EMC's 'Mod Squad' seeks to inform struggling borrowers, not foreclose on homes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- EMC, a global technology leader, recently launched its 'Mod Squad' initiative to assist struggling borrowers and prevent foreclosures.
- The Mod Squad team provides quick, personalized help, contacting borrowers who are facing job loss, illness, or other hardships.
- By reaching out early, the Mod Squad aims to prevent foreclosures and keep families in their homes.
- The initiative is part of EMC's broader effort to support sustainable housing and protect consumers from predatory lending practices.

EMC's commitment to responsible lending and consumer protection sets it apart in the competitive financial services industry.

In Brief

NM residents vote on space attraction

UPHAM, N.M. — Billionaire Richard Branson looks at a bleak and featureless expanse of the New Mexico desert and sees the perfect spot on which to build the future of suborbital travel. But in poor southern New Mexico's ranching community, Branson has said he chose the southern New Mexico desert as a launch site because of the weather, the large expanse of open desert and the NM residents vote on space attraction.

In Brief

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) director general and chief executive, Giovanni Bisignani, said Wednesday, and Asia will spearhead the recovery of the global airline business. "The Mod Squad," said Bisignani, "is the perfect spot on which to build the future expanse of the New Mexico desert and sees the growing importance is clearly defining a new leadership role in all aspects of the industry." Bisignani said the geneva-based (IATA) governing body that regulates international air transport, looks the global airlines industry up and make a combined net profit of $3.8 billion this year.

EMC's Mod Squad

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The industry had suffered six years of losses, amounting to more than $40 billion over that time, as airlines were hit a lull in travel after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, high jet fuel prices and health scares like SARS.

Bridgestone is third among the world's biggest tiremakers after Japan's Bridgestone Corp. and France's Group Michelin.

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"We are now looking forward to the union membership's ratification vote, a process which will likely take several days," the statement said.

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ZIMBABWE

National media prints threat on Briton's life

A normally busy road in Harare is quiet on the second day of a national strike Wednesday in Zimbabwe's capital.

Associated Press

HARARE — Zimbabwe's state-run newspaper appeared to threaten a British diplomat it accused of supporting government opponents on Tuesday, suggesting on its front page that she could be welcomed home "in a body bag" if she persisted.

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An American specimen

Throughout the natural world, few creatures in the existing biological kingdom create such a lasting impression as the variety of human beings, and none more so than the modern American. Upon venturing out of its natural habitat and confronting a wide variety of new threats, this foreign life, the species will regress to instinctive traits and philosophies long neglected. The creature is professed to develop in his steady diet of nationalistic jeremiads. The American seldom fails to develop in his mind an idea that adherence to a vague transcendent power, although it is indistinct, will engender frequent (and confused) professions of this faith, but in private life, the subject rarely lets himself be shackled by the complicated moral codes accompanying such a declaration of belief. The belief itself—and I call it for lack of a better word, perhaps "feeling" or "hunch"—more clearly hits the mark—steams from a mysterious source. It would appear to be culturally or socially inculcated, yet it occurs in such an inscrutably weak fashion as to seem a result of heredity—perhaps the product of recessive genes.

Despite a natural recognition of some things greater and grander, the American specimen finds the boundaries of reverence only in its self-image. A fierce sense of pride is predominant. The American has long ago lost the awe of Fitzgerald's pilgrims, who faced something commensurate to their capacity for wonder. Today, awe is sought in every way but reflection or intercommunication.

Further close examination of the subject reveals a tendency to reject precedent ideas, teachings and ideologies, based solely on the fact that they are old. When at certain times a truly necessary rebellion does occur, the replacement philosophy or ideology, will be reduced to its basest terms so as not to prompt confusion among the masses. This sense of unquestioned revolution for the sake of change crops up frequently enough to make the concept of rebellion seem itself an established institution. Does the American realize the irony in the situation, when rebellion has become conformist? Perhaps this transformation of an ancestral cultural trait into something so conventional marks the American's diminishing ability to appreciate finer details. The specimen displays difficulty in distinguishing between the reality of the world and the virtual reality of the television screen. To compensate, the specimen may resort to self-selected practice of making frequent overt generalizations, even in its self-diagnoses. If prayed the reader will excuse such scalded behavior, whenever encountered. The American can take comfort in knowing that in this deplorable trait he is not unique among peoples of the world. Such comfort will be short-lived, however, because immediately the responsibility to change, to become more aware, must follow. It is not lack of facts but a personal choice that prevents the creature from grasping subtleties.

Knowledge without action is sloth. No longer is the American one of Taine's innocents abroad; today, he is willfully ignorant. Recognizing any or all of these attributes without understanding their specific cultural histories can lead an outsider to view Americans as impassive, rude, illogical and corrupt. Yet most any specimen will disprove this expectation, given time. Focusing on individual attributes cannot yield a true understanding of what exactly distinguishes this creature. It is the meeting of all of these cultures, not their particular backgrounds, that forms the true substance of an American. Their interweaving makes the definition of such a species possible.

That the American has any sense of national identity at all, given the mixed and muddled stock that produced him, is truly a wonder. Strangely enough, these wide-ranging origins support the American specimen in times of need and yield some sort of common purpose. As he makes his own history, he should be mindful of maturing in the same way he was born—through the meeting of different paths. Producing a unity through the coalescence of different elements is perhaps his greatest achievement.

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Rapes not ‘inevitable’

I was dismayed to read the comments made by Sister Denise Lyon in Tuesday’s story about an ongoing rape investigation at Notre Dame (“Assault investigation continues as ‘rape case’”). April 3, particularly her claim that rapes at Notre Dame are “inevitable.” To describe rape as “inevitable” is to suggest that it is unavoidable, unavoidable and unacceptable; to describe rape as “inevitable” is to suggest that there is nothing that can be done to end rape and sexual assault. The truth could not be further from this view. There is nothing at all “inevitable” about rape — rape is an act of violence and requires the willful decision of one human being to sexually assault another. Given that rapes are committed almost exclusively by men — according to national crime statistics, 99.8 percent of the people in prison convicted of rape are men — I would hope that male readers of The Observer would also be alarmed to see rape described as “inevitable.” It is not “inevitable” that men rape women; men are not inherently rapists. Men can choose to work to end rape and sexual assault, and, I for one, am encouraged by the growing number of men around the world who are actively involved in the movement to end sexual violence. I only wish Lyon would join us in this movement, and then maybe she would realize that rape is a preventable act of violence, not an “inevitable” part of female experience or male biology.

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Yojimbo

Rowling waves roar with gusto in Akira Kurosawa’s 1961 film “Yojimbo.” Like the torrential rain that soaks the battlefields of “Seven Samurai,” the elements are never mere backdrops in Kurosawa’s creations. They loom over the proceedings like a secondary character. Out of this maestro of swirling sands and dust comes one of the most iconic stars in the entire samurai canon — Toshiro Mifune’s Sanjuro. Arrogant, stuck into his scruffy kimono, he walks purposefully on long, powerful strides. It’s a worthy arrival for a swordsman who would become Kurosawa’s most revered mythical hero, as timeless today as it was 45 years ago. And before this tale is done, he would leave a deep and indelible cut on world cinema, inspiring the work of countless admirers like George Lucas, Francis Ford Coppola and Sergio Leone.

A masterless samurai in 19th-century feudal Japan, Sanjuro is a wanderer in search of a purpose — or, at the very least, amusement. His travels take him to a town so wicked it makes Sodom and Gomorrah look tame. Teeming with vile redeemable characters can be counted on to set two equally wicked gangs against each other in “Yojimbo.”

Using his camera to sweep across the landscape, Kurosawa lets us in on this open secret in the first 10 minutes. The streets are deserted but strewed with limbs and corpses, bloody reminders of how high the body count goes. Momentarily startled by all this carnage, the wary Sanjuro wastes little time before he sets out to work. With his services to both of the town’s rival crime lords, pitting them against each other. All the while, he uses his peerless swordplay to steadily thin the town’s herd of miscreants, one handful after another.

With its 1961 collaboration between Kurosawa and Mifune, the world’s permanent collection of two samurai epics attest, it is great cinematic poetry. Mifune’s impish performance is superbly understated, one of the all-time greats. He reveals as much with a scratch of his beard or wiggle of his shoulders as a lesser actor would with a minute-long monologue. Even though the titular character has changed little from the last time we saw him, the atmosphere in “Sanjuro” is lighter and more warm-hearted, far removed from the morbid town that Mifune haunted in “Yojimbo.” Kurosawa’s terse direction lets the film breathe by allowing the especially Mifune, have some fun along the way.

As the narrative progresses, Sanjuro grows quite fond of his brood of brave but foolish young wards. As the samurai stalk through the forests in search of leads, they follow in single file behind Sanjuro, who stops to scold them — as he frequently does — for their incompetence. “We can’t move like this, like a cespipedes,” he hisses while impatiently scratching his knee. Mifune’s facial expressions in these comic exchanges are priceless. They are the work of an accomplished actor who has sunk so far into the role that every action comes across with a relaxed, commanding ease.

These scenes of genteel comedy add a great deal of depth to “Sanjuro,” but Kurosawa never forgets to give us what we came to see: unparalleled swordplay. Needless to say, the final warrior’s duel between Sanjuro and his nemesis lived up to its billing. It astounded all who saw it when the film debuted in 1962 and has lost none of its edge to this day. The slow-burning buildup seems to last forever before the conclusive burst of violence.

This powerful technique would later inspire the iconic, ten-foot-long confrontation that ends Sergio Leone’s “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.” For his own iconic, tension-building conclusion, Leone studied Kurosawa’s methods and paid homage to the master, like so many devotées to come.

Criterion Collection DVD

For a pair of films that left behind such a rich legacy, the 1999 DVD releases of “Yojimbo” and “Sanjuro” were shamefully ordinary. They were two of the earliest DVD releases for the Criterion Collection. As such, they lacked the depth and polish of later releases as DVD technology aged. The only special features included were the two original trailers.

Fortunately, Criterion — a company unparalleled in its restorations and releases of classic films on DVD — has rewarded “Yojimbo,” along with its equally notable sequel “Sanjuro,” with a second life on DVD. Using archived film prints, Criterion created entirely new digital transfers while sweeping away all the dirt, scratches and imperfections that piled up on when a film nears its 50s. The new transfers look gorgeous, and the sound has been similarly cleaned up. The films never show their true age, a testament to Criterion’s painstaking restoration.

For bonus features, each DVD includes a 20-page commemorative booklet with scholarly essays, a 40-minute Japanese documentary on each film’s production, trailers and behind-the-scenes images. The most notable addition, though, are a pair of commentaries by Stephen Prince, one of the world’s foremost authorities on Kurosawa’s oeuvre.

The topics of his commentary are deep, varied and vast, including the John Ford westerns that inspired Kurosawa, the historically accurate swordplay and the masterful use of the widescreen frame. These are two of the finest commentaries Criterion has ever recorded. Listening to Prince here feels like spending a week with a Kurosawa guru at a top film school.

Thanks to Criterion’s diligent archival efforts, “Yojimbo” and “Sanjuro” have been given a worthy resting place on history’s shelf. In the “Yojimbo” commentary, Prince acknowledges Kurosawa’s place among the inner circle of cinema’s sages, calling him “one of the world’s great epics of screen violence.”

Time and again, Kurosawa proved capable of composing some of the most lyrical and balletic swordplay feats ever filmed. But as the quiet moments in these two samurai epics attest, it is great humanity, not violence, which lies at the core of his pictures.

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When does a seemingly innocent musical about love and learning turn into something more and change people's minds about multiple levels?

Not to sound like a reactionary, but when discussing Disney's smash television movie, "High School Musical," I'd like to lay out a few reservations that I think need to be addressed concerning this program and all of the spin-offs it has sired.

What could be better for adolescent kids than a story about people fighting the typical high school clique stereotypes, coming together in the end and realizing we can all be ourselves? It doesn't matter if you're the brain, the basketball player or the drama star — you can be friends with anyone and we can allget along in the end. Sounds good, right? It does — aside from the completely unreal depiction of what high school is actually like.

A film like "The Breakfast Club" or a television show like the now-defunct "Freaks and Geeks" is a far more accurate depiction of what individuals go through in the cutthroat world of growing up. In "High School Musical," the problems are too easily solved, and none of the kids have those finicky real problems about fitting in. The backstabbing that's true to life and personal issues about being rejected from time to time are all in this together.

The main song in "High School Musical" claims "We're all in this together. Once we know that we are — We're all stars and we see that. The problem is, if you dance through the halls of a high school with the moves you learn from the stars of "High School Musical," I doubt you'll have many people dancing along with you. To the producers of "High School Musical" — a little dose of cynicism never hurt anyone.

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Some might argue that the shiny world of Disney's modern musical classic, "High School Musical," is a bastion of destructive fantasy that bears no semblance of a realistic high school experience. The world of the film seems to unite against what is commonly known to fans as "ISM," finding joy in criticizing the overly happy bubblegum pop as uncom­for­thably disconnected with the real world.

Frankly, these cynics are just plain wrong.

Yes, it's true that not all high school students will move to a new school, audition for the lead of a play and fall in love with a hottie like Zac Efron — and all within two hours. It's also true that we can't all be like the dynamic team of Ryan and Sharpay Evans, as our wardrobes aren't stylishly decked out with sequins at a moment's notice. But while the "ISM" cynics might see this as an attachment to fantasy that could disillusion the innocent youth of America, ISM fans know that a little fantasy is good for the soul. Plus, imagining yourself singing and dancing with a teen idol never really hurt anyone.

The very heart and soul of Disney is founded on the idea of escapist fantasy. Walt Disney created his theme parks as a way for people, even just for a day, to escape from the reality of their lives and enter the world of fantasy. We know when we walk into the Magic Kingdom that it's actually steel and cement and there is a person inside of that Mickey Mouse costume, but that doesn't mean it any less magical. The same can be said for the Disney Channel's "ISM." We know that's not how high school actually is, but that doesn't mean we can't still gain enjoyment from it — much like how we don't worry about the "Body" thinking that we're going to be able to walk on to the football team. And even though the plot of "ISM" Besides firmly in the world of fiction, there is still a lot that can be gained from watching it. There's no sex, violence or substance abuse — which is a big plus for a kid who is growing as how we live in a world where fifth graders are now having sex in classrooms with posted lookouts.

Some may argue that the idea of cliques dissolving and everyone becoming friends doesn't happen in the real world. But why doesn't it? It's not that such a scenario can't occur but that people choose not to act that way. While "ISM" is certainly idealistic, it is by no measure unreachable.

"High School Musical" also promotes a surprising amount of more modern social values. Most visibly, the film works to break any and all racial stereotypes that it could possibly encounter in forming its cast. Gabriella Monet, played by Vanessa Anne Hudgens, and Troy Bolton fall in love across the racial divide in an epic and endearing romance. Plus, the villain of the story, Sharpay, is as white as they come.

Awkward? Perhaps, but we can appreciate the decision not to call attention to issues of race, at least on the surface. After all, it is a Disney Channel movie — true fans know what to expect.

In the end, "High School Musical" is nothing more than what it claims to be: a feel-good movie that everyone from star­ry-eyed adolescents to young-at-heart college students can enjoy. Sure, its underlying messages are couched in catchy songs and cute clothes, but what harm does that do? We all need to be reminded from time to time "that all our dreams have limitations, that's what it's all about."

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Tigers stave off 7-run Blue Jays rally, win 10-9

National, Indians, Rangers all earn afternoon victories

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers got their AL championship rings, then treated thousands of hard fans to the same roller-coaster experience of last October.

Curtis Granderson hit his first career grand slam as Detroit built a nine-run lead Wednesday, and the Tigers held on for a 10-9 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

"This lets us know that we can go ahead and hold teams off, and that's one of the things we're going to have to do over the course of the season," manager Jim Leyland said.

Coming off their first pennant since 1984, the Tigers lost Monday's opener 5-3 in 10 innings. Detroit chased A.J. Burnett 0-1 early in this one, and Granderson connected off Shaun Marcum for his first homer of the season, capping an eight-run third with a drive to right-center. And then in conditions that made the game's not over until we come off that field," Leyland said. "The game's not over, that's for sure.

Granderson also had an RBI triple in the seventh off Victor Zambrano and tied his career high with five RBIs.

"You just wanted to try and continue and add runs on the game's not over, he said. "The game's not over until we come off that field."

Toronto closed with seven runs in the eighth off relievers Jason Frasor and Fernando Rodney but the potential tying run was stranded at third when Magglio Ordonez, who lost two fly balls in the swirling wind earlier in the inning, made a routine catch on the warning track to right-center. "It was probably one of the game's," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "It was so tough out there. A lot of guys could have given up after having a lit­tle bit to do with these conditions out there were just brutal.

The wind became a factor in the late innings, holding up several pop flies and carrying a baseball so seemingly easy over the out of the reach of Ordóñez. The Tigers got their first two games to Florida by a combined score of 17-5, then Wednesday trailed 5-0 and 6-1. It was 6-4 heading to the bottom of the ninth, but Young's bases-loaded single with one out off closer Jorge Julio had completed the comeback. Young hit an arching ball toward the left-field corner, and outfielder Josh Willingham let it drop, hoping it would land foul.

"I knew it was going to be close," Willingham said. "That's the kind of ball I had."

Karen Zekert, his manager, Fredi Gonzalez, agreed.

INDIANS 10, WHITE SOX 9

Grady Sizemore narrowly gave the Indians the lead with one swing. And then in conditions similar to those of a foulball out­fielder Jason Michaels ran hard and made a tumbling catch on a line drive to save the victory.

Sizemore, whose two-run homer in the seventh put the Indians ahead, raced over to congratulate the fallen Michaels after his catch Wednesday.

"I thought he was going to punch me in the face. He was telling me it was a great catch," Sizemore said.

On a day of subfreezing tem­peratures with snow flurries and a biting wind, Michael's catch of Joe Crede's long fly to left with two runners on in the ninth wasn't a sure thing.

"I thought it was going to be a routine pop fly. I just kept going and it had a lot of air time," Michaels said. "Grady's pretty aggressive out there. I wasn't going to hit each other."

Sizemore, who led off Monday's opener with a homer as the Indians routed the White Sox 12-2, connected Wednesday for the first pinch hitter in Texas since 1984. The Angels had last opened with a homer

"We're playing good base­ball," manager Mike Scioscia said. "We still have some things we're trying to clean up, but all in all, we've had a lot of good things happen­ ing.

The Angels outscored the AL West-rival Rangers 17-7 and left Texas rookie manager Ron Washington still looking for his first victory.

The Angels had last opened with a three-game sweep in 2004 at Seattle.

Last year, the Angels struggled to a 17-28 start and didn't win a three-game series until July 3-5 at Seattle. Their 54-29 record from July on was the best in the major leagues, but they still missed out on the postseason after winning con­secutive division titles.

Vladimir Guerrero, a scourge of Rangers' pitchers, singled in another run in the series finale. He went 6-for-11 (.545) in the three games.

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7 Texas 75-9 9
8 Rice 72-10 8
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Former Grambling State coach Eddie Robinson waves goodbye after coaching his last home game at Eddie Robinson Stadium in 1997. He transformed the school into a powerhouse for future NFL players.

Legendary coach Robinson dies at 88

Associated Press

To his very last day, Eddie Robinson was always battling something. There was the institutional racism that surrounded him, the piddling football budget he and his coaching staff subsisted on at predominantly black Grambling State and, ultimately, the Alzheimer's disease that took his life at age 85.

"He'd been fighting that battle for a long time," said former Grambling quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams. "It was one of the many he fought in his lifetime."

Robinson died Tuesday night, not long after being admitted to Lincoln General Hospital in Baton Rouge, La., Williams said. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease shortly after he retired in 1997 and had been in and out of a nursing home during the past year.

And so ended the life of a beloved football coach who put a small school in remote northern Louisiana on the map and turned it into a virtual farm team for the NFL during a career that spanned 57 years.

Robinson built a football powerhouse with a world-wide reputation, all the while struggling to get past years of segregation and discrimination against blacks.

His success at Grambling no doubt made him the first easily recognizable black coach in any sport.

"Today we mourn the loss of a great Louisiana and a true American hero," Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco said. "Coach Eddie Robinson became the most successful college coach of all time and one of the greatest civil rights pioneers in our history."

Coach Robinson elevated a small town program to national prominence and tore down barriers to achieve an equal playing field for athletes of all races. Robinson won 408 games, the most ever for any coach at the time of his retirement in 1997. He sent hundreds of players to the NFL and other leagues, and the majority of them were clutching college degrees when they left.

"We will be forever grateful for the more than 200 young men he developed at Grambling who starred in the NFL and those who later coached the next generation of NFL players," NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said. "He always focused on coaching his players to be better men as well as better football players."

In Brief

Fenway Park adds seats to right field

BOSTON — A downtown advertisement behind the outfield bleachers proclaims "Welcome to Fenway" in Japanese, anticipating new Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka and the fans and media expected to arrive with him.

But they won't be the only newcomers in the Boston ballpark this season.

The Red Sox have added a new bleacher section on the roof deck in right field with 200 seats that will be sold for $25 apiece. They're calling it "Conigliaro's Corner" to honor Tony Conigliaro, a promising outfielder whose career was derailed after he was hit in the face by a pitch in 1967.

The new seats, marketed specifically for families, are part of an annual offseason renovation that in previous years included the addition of seats above the Green Monster and a batting cage off the Red Sox dugout.

MLB signs multi-year, $700 million deal with DirecTV

NEW YORK — Baseball struck a deal to keep its "Extra Innings" package of out-of-market games on cable television, an agreement that likely will allow the sport's new TV network to be available in at least 40 million homes when it launches in 2009.

Baseball announced an exclusive $700 million, seven-year agreement with DirecTV on March 8, but during a hearing last week in Washington, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., pressed baseball to resume talks with IN Demand, which is owned by affiliates of Time Warner, Comcast and Cox. While baseball had set a March 31 deadline, the sides kept negotiating and announced an agreement Wednesday night.

"Our chief goal throughout the process was to ensure that fans would have access to as many baseball games and as much baseball coverage as possible."

Drunk driver kills Gainesville policeman after parade

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — A police officer who was struck by a car after the Florida Gators' championship died Wednesday, authorities said.

Lt. Corey Dahlern, a 22-year veteran, was struck by a black Toyota as police were clearing the streets at the University of Florida early Tuesday after the Gators' win against Ohio State, authorities said.

Dahlem died Wednesday just before 3 p.m., hospital officials said.

The Florida Highway Patrol said the driver, Austin John Wright, 21, of Atlantic Beach, had a blood-alcohol level almost three times the legal limit. He is accused of running two motorcycle officers off the road. The officers were not injured.

Wright remained in jail Wednesday on $500,000 bail.
Falcons coach flies to rescue in Boulder

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — A fading, mostly empty arena. The likeness of Bob Knight and Bill Self to compete against on the hardwood and along the recruiting trail. A program with no royal history of success or much support.

Bring it all on, declared Jeff Bzdelik.

He left Air Force to take over as basketball coach at the University of Colorado on Wednesday, the latest in a series of career challenges he's undertaken and done under the Rocky Mountain front range.

"I get excited by great, great challenges," said Bzdelik, who was 50-16 at Air Force after a 2 1/2-year stint as coach of the Denver Nuggets. "He led us to the playoffs for the first time in a decade in 2004.

"When somebody said to me, 'You're never going to win there,' I'm kind of a sicken with that," Bzdelik said. It's kind of like with the Nuggets: 'You're never going to make the play-offs. Hey, we did it in one year.'

Similarly, he was admonished not to schedule heavyweights at Air Force, warnings that only drove him to do exactly that, and the Falcons flourished.

Now, his biggest challenge yet.

"Maybe we can't,' turn it around, Bzdelik said. 'Maybe I don't (succeed). Maybe I fall. But I want to try.

The 54-year-old Bzdelik replaces Ricardo Patton, who went 7-20 in his 11th and final season in Boulder.

In his first season at Air Force, Bzdelik led the Falcons to the best record (21-7) in the program's 50-year history and an NCAA tournament bid. This year, they won a school-record 26 games and reached the NIT semifinals.

"And now here's an opportunity in my own backyard, and it's the ultimate opportunity," Bzdelik said. "The Big 12 is intimidating and the inconsistency of the tradition there, well, it is what it is. Now, with renewed commitment to facilities and excitement and dynamic leadership, can we now move it up the ladder? That excites me.

Bzdelik signed a five-year deal worth $750,000 annually plus incentives. Bzdelik said he agonized over leaving the academic, where he met with the players late Tuesday and told them he was waving goodbye.

He later called his captains to tell them he was leaving.

"I struggled with this, I did," Bzdelik said.

Air Force athletic director Hans Meul said the players were angry about Bzdelik's departure, but junior Tim Anderson said the players might be disappointed but understood why he left.

"I don't think any of us were angry," Anderson said. "I'm not angry with him. I believe him when he said it was a hard decision and he couldn't really decide either way. He said it was the toughest decision he's ever made, and so I believe him.

NFL

Police will investigate further in Vegas shooting

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Las Vegas prosecutors asked police on April 10 to do more investigating before deciding whether to charge Jones in the Feb. 19 altercation at Minx, a club several blocks west of the Las Vegas Strip.

The shooting left one man paralyzed. Authorities haven't identified the gunman, but Castro has said the 23-year-old Jones was the "inciter" of a fight that started inside the club.

"It isn't that we're missing things, they just wanted more information," said Lt. George Castro, leader of the Las Vegas Police Department's violent crimes unit. "They said there were more to this than what was recommended.

Since being drafted by the Titans in April 2005, Jones has been arrested five times and questioned by police in 10 episodes.

He met Tuesday in New York with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to discuss the case.

Goodell has said he will announce his decision on suspensions or other disciplinary action within the next 10 days.

Jones told the NFL Network, in an interview that will be broadcast Thursday and Friday, that football means the world to him and also addressed why trouble seems to follow him.
NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte’s return to the Yankees was pushed back a day because of rain, while Johnny Damon’s injured calf left him unsure when he’ll play again.

The scheduled game between New York and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Wednesday afternoon was postponed, washing out what would have been Pettitte’s first start in pinstripes since the 2003 World Series.

“It’s definitely disappointing because you’re ready. You want to get this day over with because you’re so excited for it to get here,” Pettitte said. “It felt like cramps the other day, but it’s definitely much worse than that.”

Pettitte left Monday’s opening victory over Tampa Bay with cramps in both calves, but said Wednesday only the right one was still bothering him. In the clubhouse, he had his right calf wrapped.

“We’re probably dealing with a strain, but to what degree we don’t know yet,” general manager Brian Cashman said. “No bruising. It’s not swollen. But it’s sore.”

Melky Cabrera was slated to start in center field Wednesday, and second baseman Robinson Cano was in the leadoff spot.

Cabrera will fill in for Damon until he returns. If Damon has to go on the disabled list, the Yankees would probably call up an outfielder from the minors. But after talking with team physician Dr. Stuart Hershon, Cashman said a stint on the DL was “not something that’s being recommended right now.”

No tests on Damon were planned yet. First, Hershon wants to see how Damon feels Thursday, Cashman said.

The GM was asked if an injury to Damon might open up a spot for former outfielder Bernie Williams on the major league roster. Cashman had a one-word answer: “No.”

Williams, a longtime stalwart and fan favorite, declined New York’s offer of a minor league deal and fan favorite, declined New York’s offer of a minor league contract in the offseason and never came to spring training.

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NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte’s

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and he accepted an offer without visiting the Ann Arbor campus.

his contract with West Virginia had a $2.5 million buy-out clause — $500,000 for each year remaining on his deal — and he said his lawyers are taking care of that.

The buyout issue is sensitive, but I wanted to be the coach of Michigan,” Beliein said Wednesday after being introduced at a news conference. “Obviously, the buyout was something I had to consider.”

Michigan will pay Beliein $1.3 million this season, plus $1 million bonus, as part of a six-year contract.

Athletic director Bill Martin, who said football coach Lloyd Carr is making $1.6 million a year, hopes Beliein’s contract demonstrates a commitment to basketball at a school where that has been questioned.

“It does to me,” Martin said.

Martin said negotiations on economics with Beliein took 10 seconds, adding he didn’t need to address the buyout issue.

“It never came up because there was no way Michigan was going to pay it,” Martin said. “To John Beliein’s credit, he said, ‘The buyout is my responsibility.’

Both Beliein and West Virginia hope to keep the resolution private.

The agreement on the buyout is between coach Beliein and West Virginia University,” the school said in a statement from its general counsel’s office. “Any details will be worked out between the two parties.”

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NCAA Basketball

Michigan signs Beliein to school-record deal

Michigan hired Tommy Amaker, who was making nearly $1 million a season, last month after his sixth season without an NCAA appearance. The new coach made the announcement in 1999.

The school’s pool of candidates began with 40 names. Once it was trimmed to about a dozen, Martin said he wanted to talk to each coach before the list was cut to six or seven. Several coaches were interviewed, but Michigan never brought any of the six to campus for an hour session.

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Michigan has had good recruiters and good coaches, but Beliein is the best basketball coach Michigan has ever had,” McCormick said. “His offense is creative and exciting, he mixes zone and man-to-man defenses, and he’s won wherever he’s been.”

The 54-year-old Beliein is 551-318 with 26 winning seasons during a 29-season career in college that started at Erie (N.Y.) Community College and continued at Nazareth, Le Moyne, Canisius, Richmond and West Virginia.

Previous moves were made with his wife in a moving truck and kids in car seats. His latest was in a private jet Wednesday morning with Michigan officials, his wife and two of their sons.

“I grew up on the shores of Lake Ontario,” said Beliein, whose hometown is Burt, N.Y. “I’ve made almost a complete circle back to the Great Lakes.”

Amaker took over a mess at Michigan, stemming from NCAA violations, and cleaned up the program on and off the court. But he didn’t lead the Wolverines back to the NCAA tournament.

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Bosh's clutch free throws sink host Orlando

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Chris Bosh scored 28 points, including five free throws down the stretch, to lift the Toronto Raptors to a 111-108 win over Orlando Wednesday night.

Hedo Turkoglu shot off a rebound and passed to score a career-high 37 points, but it wasn't enough to get the winning 3-pointer from the wing. Turkoglu had gone 2-for-9 with 3 turnovers from the field.

Turkoglu tied the game at 106 on a 3-pointer with 3:18 left, but Bosh didn't score for the next two minutes. Bosh hit the go-ahead shot with 1.5 seconds left called for goaltending on Turkoglu's layup with 47 seconds.

Trailing 108-105, Turkoglu missed a jumper. Dwight Howard had the rebound, but Bosh drew an offensive foul on Greg Oden.

With 9.4 seconds left, Bosh drained both foul shots to seal the win.

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But Howard didn't score in the last six minutes of the third quarter, finishing with 18 points and 14 rebounds, and Bosh slowed down in the fourth.

The Magic didn't miss much in the first quarter, getting a season-high 36 points, but trailing 15 to 10 by the third quarter. Oden had 11 points and 10 rebounds. Chicago's P.J. Brown, who moved to center in Wallace's place, scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Isaiah Thomas was dominant at times in the paint, scoring 15 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in his third start since he replaced struggling center Brendan Haywood in the starting lineup. The Magic outscored the Wizards in the first quarter, but the Wizards had 12 assists to the Magic's five, 11 rebounds and five turnovers.

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Rowers face tough test in Indy regatta

By DANIELLE KELLER
Sports Writer

After winning the Labrokes Cup Title last weekend, the Irish will travel to Indianapolis this Saturday to compete in the Indiana Invitational. In the first match of the day, the No. 13 Irish will race No. 15 Wisconsin. Later in the day, Notre Dame will take on Indiana and Purdue. Although only one of the opponents is ranked, Irish coach Martin Stone views each team as tough competition.

"I think that all three crews we face will present challenges," Stone said. After a shift from their usual lineups during last Saturday's regatta, the Irish plan to return to the original crews to give racing experience. Even though the lineups were different, the team performed well in last weekend's regatta, winning the varsity-four, second varsity-four and second varsity-eight races. The varsity-eight, novice-eight and second varsity-eight boats all finished second.

Saturday's competition marks the second race of the season for Wisconsin. In their first competition, the Badgers' varsity and second varsity crews went undefeated against Indiana. Stone said that Wisconsin was an especially swift team, having finished in the top 20 last season.

Last weekend, Indiana competed in Cincinnati. The Hoosiers swept away the competition, winning races against Dayton, Eastern Michigan and the Bearcats. The Indiana Invitational is the fourth outing of the spring season for the Irish. They will compete in the Windermere Real Estate Regatta April 14-15 in Redwood Shores, Calif.

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Men's Tennis

Irish look to regain form in Dallas

By JAY WADE
Sports Writer

No. 5 Notre Dame will try to reclaim the consistency that brought them an 11-match winning streak earlier this season against Southern Methodist University (SMU) Saturday in Dallas. The Irish, 18-3 overall, have been inconsistent lately, getting shut out by No. 2 Ohio State March 31 and then turning around and beating No. 8 Illinois 5-2 two days later.

"After the win against Illinois, especially after the Ohio State loss, hopefully it will help us focus and end the season as strong as possible," Irish junior Shovra Parbhoo said. While the Mustangs (12-5, 1 Conference USA) are not ranked, they are riding a five-game winning streak and are coming off a 5-2 victory against No. 45 Wisconsin. Notre Dame and SMU have traded blows over the past few seasons, with the Irish claiming a 5-2 victory last year and the Mustangs winning two years ago in Dallas by the same score.

"When you go on the road, you cannot take anything for granted," Parbhoo said. "We only have a few matches left, so we have to make them all count."

Parbhoo has his own reasons to be focused for the SMU match — his overall record of 90-25 (55-12 in dual matches) places him one win away from his fourth collegiate event.

But Parbhoo was not concerned about the climate change, since the Irish are leaving today for Dallas and will have plenty of time to get acclimated to the heat. Also, a little heat could go a long way for the Irish, he said, as it should prepare them for their upcoming matches in places such as Tampa, Fla., for the Big East tournament, and Athens, Ga., for the NCAA Tournament.

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Irish senior Ryan Keckley strikes the ball during Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over Illinois Sunday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Women's Golf

Irish head to Indiana Invitational

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look for a positive performance Monday in the Indiana Invitational as it prepares for the Big East Championships later this month.

The tournament, held in Indianapolis and hosted by Crooked Stick, will end the following day.

This year's lineup will feature senior co-captain Noriko Nakazaki from the No. 1 spot, where she has led the team in scoring in seven out of eight tournaments this year. Nakazaki topped the Irish squad when she finished in a tie for sixth at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational March 18.

Freshman Annie Brophy will tee off from the second spot thanks to her consistent contribution throughout the season. Her best round came at the UNLV Invitational, where she ended up with a one-over par 71.

Julie Kim, a fellow freshman, will shoot from the No. 3 spot. Due to an injury early in the season. Kim will golf in only her fourth collegiate event. Since recovering from the injury, however, she has impressed coach Susan Hunt enough to become a consistent name on the Irish scorecard.

Kristin Wetzel, another freshman, and sophomore Lisa Maunu round out the lineup at fourth and fifth spots.

"Over the past week layoff we have been playing as much as possible to stay competitive between each other," Maunu said. "We have all been working on our swing and putting to fine tune them."

The sophomore also commented on what the invitational means in terms of preparation for the Big East championships.

"This tournament is very important for Big East and for momentum into regionals," she said. "We have to have a strong tournament in both this tournament and Big East so we can hopefully pull up our regional ranking."

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Belles travel to Madison

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will travel to Madison, Wis., this weekend with a time of 47.20 seconds due to some short sprinters due to Weather that would have wreaked havoc at Boilermaker Complex, the site of the tournament.

The toughest opponent Notre Dame will face this weekend at the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind., might not even swing a club.

While Big Ten schools — including Ohio St., Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan St. and host Purdue — will make up part of the field, the Irish might have to devote just as much attention to the inclement weather. "It's not going to be as much as pure golf and scoring really low," senior co-captain Cole Isban said. "It's going to be more of a survival test with how bad the weather is supposed to be. Being a northern team, I think we might have an advantage there.

With flurries possible on Saturday and high temperatures not expected to break 44 degrees, the Irish will have the opportunity to put their well-developed cold weather games to the test.

Notre Dame has another reason to head into the weekend with some confidence. The team is very familiar with the Kemper Course at the Birdie's Invitational, the Big East tournament in three years ago. We've been there a lot."

The rest of the field, while solid, is not quite as strong as it was last weekend at the AdminiStaff Augusta State Invitational in Evans, Ga. "You always like to win," Isban said. "But it's a good field, even though it might not be as strong as Augusta State's."

In the Irish for the Irish to have a good showing, Isban, an All-America candidate, will have to use his experience to lead the way through the harsh conditions. Fellow co-captain Adam Gifford will try to use momentum from his one-under-par 71 in Georgia to carry him to another low score in West Lafayette.

After the Boilermaker Invitational, the Big East tournament is only two weeks away, April 22-24 in Louisville.

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"We've been very careful through the streak, sophomore Brittany Bargan earned an honorable mention in the Big East. The Buckeyes have given the power bases a chance to gain RBIs; Brown leads the Big East in runs scored with 24. With her strong pitching during the streak, sopho-
more Kristen Wambgo, recently named ACC player of the week, has also had a strong season with 24 goals and 21 assists. But the Irish have two players of the week of their own. After wins over Connecticut and Duquesne, sophomore Jillian Byers and Brittney Bargan were named offensive and defensive Big East players of the week, respectively. Byers tallied four goals and an assist in both games last weekend for a total of 10 points on the week. Billings scored three goals in the two games, and she also grabbed six ground balls and forced three turnovers.

The Irish have found success lately with impressive defensive play and balanced offensive production. Over the four-game winning streak, the Notre Dame defense has allowed an average of just seven goals per game. "This time of year the kids are fresh," Louderback said. "With the Buckeyes that begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, and they are hoping to be back at full strength by the end of next week.

"It's going to be another week before (junior) Brook Buck is back. We've been very careful just taking it slow, but she'll be back," Louderback said. "But other than that, we should be at full strength this weekend."

After taking a day off from practice Wednesday, the Irish will be back at practice Thursday. Louderback feels that at this point in the season, the most important thing is staying fresh. "This time of year the kids are in a pretty good groove of playing and it's mainly now just hitting enough to stay good and confident," Louderback said. "We'll probably play a little more defensively these next few days just because one team has only played once together and we should get them a little more experience playing together."

After Notre Dame's two match-

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SCM SOFTBALL

Hope game postponed by snow

Contest with Flying Dutch may be played

April 26 instead

By REBECCA SLINGER
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Saint Mary's will have to wait to face MIAA second place Hope College - thanks to the weather. Officially cancelled Wednesday's game between the teams Wednesday morning because of the threat of snow.

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Weis let this rule slide Saturday when he fingered rising sophomore George West as his current No. 2 receiver behind rising junior David Grimes. West is competing with rising senior Darrin Bragg, rising junior D.J. Hood, and rising sophomores Bobby Parrin, Barry Gallup, and Richard Jackson for that No. 2 spot.

Overall, West said he does not see the competition this spring in counter-productive.

"We have completely great chemistry and we're all young guys and we know we're all out there to compete," West said Monday. "We're all friends about it and we encourage each other. Somebody makes a good play, you know, it's a good thing for the receivers.

"We feel as a receiving corps we have something to go out there and prove because everybody doubts us this year. We're taking that to heart right now."

Fullback Luke Schmidt added that competition is beneficial to the team overall, but he hopes to remember members will not take it personally if they are not picked as starters. Schmidt is battling for time on the field with returning starter Asaph Schwapp.

"Hopefully, everyone on the team will be able to take that positively and try and make themselves better and hopefully battle for it again next year," Schmidt said Monday. "Hopefully, they won't take it in a negative way, go hide themselves in a hole, just not care about the team anymore and care only about themselves. Hopefully, that'll be a positive effect on the team."

And then there's the quarterbacks.

Weis said he currently employs a system where each of the four candidates for starting quarterback — rising junior Evan Sharpley, rising sophomores Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer, and incoming freshman Jimmy Clausen — each spend time in the No. 1 position.

"I think you cannot make a subjective analysis when you're doing something that is this critical because we've all been in the comfort zone of having Brady Quinn since the day I walked in here. Well, Brady's not here anymore," Weis said Monday. "I think going under my three premises of coaching, premise No. 2 is always tell the players the truth regardless of the consequences.

"Well, that's the one we're taking right now. I think it's important to analyze the quarterbacks and just tell them, 'That's the way it is.' That's what I will do.

When practice and training camp is over and the depth charts are set for Notre Dame's season opener against Georgia Tech Sept. 1, Weis said he does not foresee any problems with team chemistry.

"No matter what you do, there's going to be people who say, 'Well, it should be so and so, should be so and so,'" Weis said. "Just got to worry about what's the best interest of the team."
**FOOTBALL**

Weis: Spring position battles won’t hurt team chemistry

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

As the Notre Dame coaching staff looks through 21 spring games on both sides of the ball this spring, there are bound to be players disappointed with their spot on the depth charts. But Irish coach Charlie Weis said Monday he is making sure this disappointment does not end up in fighting among the team.

"So really, it doesn't divide the team. [The] question implies, correctly so, that you can have division on the team," Weis said. "I think that when they realize that I'm the one making the decisions based on objectivity, usually you don’t have those problems."

Weis said he hopes to have depth charts set by the end of spring practice and then revise them again when the 15 remaining incoming freshmen enter during the summer. He reiterated that depth charts are not set in stone.

"It isn't like depth charts never change," Weis said. "Depth charts change eventually, and injuries occur on top of it. That's part of being a starter and part of being a backup." In his press conferences, Weis has been tight-lipped when reporters ask him about position battles. He will often say that he is encouraged by certain positions or how a given player is doing — but he will not comment on who stands where.

And that's by design, Weis said. "Just imagine if I came in and told you everything that happened in practice today and did that on a daily basis. I mean, God, people all across the country will be drooling over that," Weis said. "You just can't do it that way. It's part of my job to protect players so we don't create a situation like that."

**BASEBALL**

Early pressure

Irish try to climb out of conference cellar in series at Cincinnati

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame has won each of its last two non-conference games, but the Irish have to look all the way back to March 23 to find their last Big East victory.

Sitting at 1-4 in conference and 13-14 overall, the Irish travel to Marquette Stadium in Cincinnati for a three-game series with the Bearcats today, Friday and Saturday that coach Dave Schrage called a "must-win."

"The next couple of weekends, we have to make hay in the league," Schrage said. "The Irish find itself in 11th place in the 12-team conference."

**ND SOFTBALL**

ND heads to Chicago for DePaul showdown

Wednesday's contest with Valparaiso was postponed to April 12 at 5 p.m. If weather permits, the Irish will face No. 23 DePaul today in Chicago for two Big East conference games at 3 p.m. and 5.

These DePaul series represent important games for Notre Dame because the Irish and Blue Demons are locked in a tie for first place at 8-0 in conference play. Overall, DePaul boasts a 24-7 record, while the Irish are currently 12-8.

Notre Dame will have to post one of its best offensive performances of the season to get the win, as it faces DePaul senior pitcher Tracie Adix, who this past week won her third Big East pitcher of the week honor of the season.

The Blue Demons are led offensively by junior Sandy Vogt, who has a team-high 17 RBIs on the season. Right behind her is fellow junior Marcy Willis, who has batted in 16 runners this year.

Sophomore Amber Patton has scored many of those runs, boasting a .354 average from the leadoff spot. The Irish are on a 10-game winning streak and have earned some Big East recognition themselves. Senior Stephanie Brown earned her first ever Big East player of the week honors.

**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

No. 4 Duke invades Loftus

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is 1-8 all time against Duke, but it has a chance to change that today.

The No. 4 Blue Devils will invade the Loftus Center today at 4 p.m. for a showdown with No. 11 Notre Dame

The Irish (9-2) bring a four-game winning streak into the game — their eighth of the year against a ranked team.

Duke (9-1) visits South Bend on a five-game winning streak of its own, highlighted by last Saturday's thrilling 19-18 sudden-death overtime win over No. 5 Virginia.

The Blue Devils won a thriller last year in Durham, 11-10.

Duke will challenge the Irish attack Heather Ferguson heads upfield in Notre Dame's 15-7 win over Duquesnes Saturday at Moose Krause Stadium.