MLB commissioner speaks at JACC

Bud Selig headlines Opening Night Dinner, says baseball thriving despite steroid scandals

By JAY FITZPATRICK
News Writer

Despite the ongoing use of performance-enhancing drugs, Major League Baseball (MLB) Commissioner Allen "Bud" Selig told attendees at Tuesday’s annual baseball Opening Night Dinner he believes this is the "golden age" of baseball.

"We’re in the midst of an amazing renaissance of baseball. The sport’s never been this popular, the sport’s never done this well," he told his audience in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

The commissioner cited increased attendance and competitive balance to try to support his claim.

Last season, the 30 MLB teams drew a combined 79.5 million fans, and an average attendance of nearly 33,000 per game, projects the MLB will break that record with 80 million fans. Selig also stressed the importance of competitive balance, or parity, in the League. During the 2007 season, no team had a winning percentage above .600 or below .400 — and that balance came only four years after Detroit lost 113 games (the second most all-time) and six years since Seattle tied an MLB-record with 110 wins in 2001.

After the New York Yankees

Like weather, snow days unpredictable

ND hasn’t canceled classes since 2000; no formal policy exists to determine closures

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

In the past 90 years, Notre Dame has closed the campus due to severe winter weather conditions only eight times — and the decision about whether to cancel classes can be as unpredictable as South Bend weather patterns.

President of Business Operations James Lyphaus, who plays a central role in the decision to cancel classes due to inclement weather, said there is no criteria or policy used to decide when to call snow days.

"There’s no set amount of snow or specific temperature. Each situation is evaluated on its own circumstances. There are no specific parameters for which we would cancel classes," he said.

Lyphaus also said the decision to close campus due to weather is not dependent on what other schools and businesses in the area are doing.

"We really make independent evaluations of road and weather conditions," he said.

"We have our own people do assessments of parking lots, roads and the surrounding community in the early morning hours."

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Snow-related closures at Notre Dame


Jan. 6, 1999: University closed. No classes affected because it happened during winter break.

March 9 and 10, 1998: University closed at 3 p.m. on March 9 and all day March 10. No classes affected because it happened during spring break.

1997: Employees left at snow. Afternoon classes remained in session.


Late November early December 1918: No date available; University closed.

Every dorm room on campus is utilized in the winter, and if students made more use of the internet, the Office of News and Information would recommend students to use the internet to access information when the campus is closed.

Information courtesy of the Office of News and Information

Ethical politics examined

Professor calls campaigns ‘fistfights,’ discusses voter responsibility

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Presidential campaigns are “a fistfight in business suits,” American Studies professor Robert Schmuhl said during a lecture about ethical voting Tuesday.

“Anything goes, figuratively speaking. Braces knuckles, switch blades, and sucker punches are commonly used political techniques,” Schmuhl said of the competitive — and often times vicious nature — of the race to win the White House.

American Studies professor Robert Schmuhl discusses ethics within presidential campaigns in a lecture Tuesday.

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Electoral ethics examined

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By KATE MCCLELLAND
News Writer

Though wireless is the Internet connection of choice for many students on campus, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) says using an Ethernet cable will help speed up the network.

"If you’re trying to download and play a two gigabyte movie, then you should be using the wired connection," Latimer said. "But if you’re watching TV with your friends and IM’ing or checking your e-mail at the same time, the wireless connection is what is best for you.”

For students on the run, the higher navigation speeds may be the dealbreaker.

"I usually get on the Internet before class and I try to use the Ethernet,” Latimer said.

However, he said OIT ultimately recommends using the connection that is appropriate to what you are trying to accomplish online.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Save the good ol' Frosh-O**

I don't know about you, but I loved Frosh-O. Who wouldn’t love that wonderful weekend where freshmen are forced to endure 72 hours of solid awkwardness and boredom all in the name of Griffin Dassatti.

Contact Griffin Dassatti at griffind@nd.edu.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH CANDIDATE — OBAMA OR CLINTON — HAS THE BEST CARD TO PLAY?**

- Amanda Spiegelberg
  - freshman
  - Walsh
  - "Obama because no one's sure if Clinton is really a woman."

- Katie Donocik
  - freshman
  - Pangborn
  - "Bob and Grant because their posters are everywhere."

- George Klamas
  - sophomore
  - Keough
  - "Hillary. There is something about she-males that gets to people."

- Jacqueline Collins
  - senior
  - Pasquerilla East
  - "Why does it have to be about cards? Why can't it be about chess or backgammon?"

- Caitlin Lambert
  - junior
  - Pasquerilla East
  - "Obama because Hillary is a witch."

- Paul Porto
  - junior
  - Knott
  - "Hillary because Caitlin is a witch."

A packed student audience awaits the arrival of singer Ben Lee at Legends Saturday night.

**OFFBEAT**

**Man charged in staged sympathy shooting**

DOTHAN, Ala. — A Hartford man has been charged with two misdeeds for allegedly staging his own shooting, which put him in the hospital, to get sympathy from family members.

Charles Gregory Hatcher was indicted by a Geneva County grand jury on charges of obstruction of justice and giving false information to law enforcement officers, both Class A misdemeanors. He turned himself into the Geneva County Jail last week and was released on $1,500 bond.

Police found Hatcher in a cotton field with a bullet wound on his back and another on the back of his leg on Dec. 3. He spent several days in the hospital. Hartford Police chose not to prosecute the case, but the grand jury indicted him anyway, Geneva County District Attorney Kirke Adams said.

Meth deposited in ATM, woman jailed

BREMERTON, Wash. — Credit unions accept deposits — just not of methamphetamine. A woman who allegedly dropped an envelope containing money and a bag of meth at a Kitsap Credit Union was arrested and charged with drug possession, according to court documents.

A bank employee reported the deposit to police, who contacted the 18-year-old customer. Officers said she might have mistakenly included the bag when she got money out of her pocket at the deposit.

Information compiled by The Associated Press.

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**IN BRIEF**

As part of Ethics Week, Richard "Digger" Phelps will present a lecture entitled "Community Services: An Ethical Imperative" today at 12:30 p.m. at the Mendoza College of Business.

Women's basketball will play Marquette tonight in the Joyce Center at 7.

Women's tennis will play Ohio State Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Admission is free.

The film "9 Star hotel" will be playing at the D'Artelato Performing Arts Center Thursday at 7 p.m. as part of the "Immigration: A Notre Dame Perspective" film series.

There will be Stations of the Cross Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies is hosting a lecture entitled "Unsettling Accounts: Neither Truth nor Reconciliation in Confessions of State Violence" Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is hosting its annual Black Coffeehouse Friday at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Tickets cost $5.

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will play against Canisius Friday at 5 p.m. in the Loftus Center.

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

Weekly events aimed at preparing students for life after college

By LINDSAY SENA

As seniors finish their final semester, they are forced to look toward the real, sometimes intimidating, world after college.

To help ease the transition, the Senior Class Council is hosting "What's Next Wednesdays," a series of seminars co-sponsored by the Alumni Association, Annual Fund and Center for Social Concerns.

The Senior Class Council hosts several senior-specific events throughout the year, senior class president Bridget Keating said.

"We're hoping to celebrate our last year together and look ahead and prepare for life beyond Notre Dame," she said.

The series, which will be held the next four academic Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the LaFortune Room, will feature the following topics:


The Senior Class Council and the Career Center have collaborated in the past to host senior transition seminars, Keating said. At the start of the 2007 academic year, however, they decided to collaborate with the Alumni Association, Annual Fund and Center for Social Concerns.

"We saw an alignment of interests among our sponsors," Keating said. "So we looked to expand this program. Seniors need as many resources to the table as possible."

To determine which topics are most pressing to seniors, the Senior Class Council "sent out a survey in the fall semester to gauge interest in various events to see what we could offer to seniors to make our last year the best possible," Keating said.

"When we suggested senior transition seminars, these topics generated great interest and students really wanted to hear about real world issues they'll be facing in a few months."

The seminars, whose themes were discussed and agreed upon by each of the sponsoring organizations, will feature guest speakers ranging from Notre Dame professors to local experts,

Keating said.

The upcoming seminar on personal budgeting will be relatively "hands on," Keating said.

"It will definitely be an open, casual forum with the speaker presenting his or her material and then plenty of room for questions and answers."

Food and prizes will be offered at each of the four seminars. Students will be entered in a lottery for a pair of tickets to the first home football game of the 2008 season for each seminar they attend.

"We're excited about the collaboration and serving the senior class," Keating said. Although the topics are geared toward seniors, they are open to all students.

Contact Lindsay Sena at lsena@nd.edu.

Looking for solid business and accounting experience to put on your resume?

The Observer is accepting applications for a 2008-09 Business Manager and Controller. Responsibilities include preparing a yearly budget and handling payroll for a 200-person staff.

Since the Controller will take over as the 2009-10 Business Manager, Controller applicants should be sophomores, or juniors staying for a fifth year.

Both positions are salaried, about six to 10 hours a week. Please contact Maddie Hanna at mhanna1@nd.edu or Kyle West at kwest1@nd.edu if interested.

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| BOARD OF GOVERNANCE |

Leaders discuss DSLC schedule, 'Monologues'

By ASHLEY CHARNEY

Abigail Hirshy, president of the Student Diversity Board, reminded the Board of Governance during its meeting Tuesday that the Diverse Student Leadership Conference (DSLC) will begin today and run through Friday.

Gwendolyn DuBoy, executive director of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), will deliver the keynote address at 7 tonight in the Student Center Lounge. The president emeritus of Spelman College, Johnetta Cole, will deliver the conference's closing remarks at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Hirshy said.

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Baseball
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win three consecutive World Series from 1998-2000, there was a mounting amount of uncertainty heading into the next season. Boston's win last season marked the first time a team had repeated as World Series champions in the 21st century, but Selig noted the obvious dip in talent in the 2007 postseason to try to show competitive balance in the sport.
For the past few years, the three other teams playing in the two league championship series were in the bottom third of the league in terms of revenue. Colorado, with a $25 million payroll, was 24th at $25 million.
Selig said competitive balance like this has given fans more than ever "hope and faith" that their team has a legitimate shot at making a postseason run.
"I've been studying the division races, and I really like what I see," Selig said. "I think every race is going to have multiple teams that are going to look at the back of the standings and say, 'Hey, we've got a chance to make a run.'"
Selig also addressed the ways in which Major League Baseball has addressed the problem of performance-enhancing substances.
After an initial congressional hearing in March 2006, Selig asked Mitchell to conduct a thorough, comprehensive investigation of the use of performance-enhancing substances in the sport. The result was the George Mitchell Report.
"I ask George Mitchell to conduct a thorough, comprehensive investigation of the use of performance-enhancing substances in the sport," Selig said. "That's not to say we know exactly how it works, but we know that it's been a widespread phenomenon. We're going to have multiple teams that are going to make a run at making a postseason run."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pakistan groups may form coalition

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's two main opposition parties said Tuesday they would form a coalition government if — as expected — their groups win the biggest share of votes in next week's parliamentary elections.

The hour-long meeting of Benazir Bhutto's widowed husband, Asif Ali Zardari, and former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, took place Tuesday several hours after a U.S.-government-funded organization predicted the opposition would score a landslide victory in the Feb. 18 balloting.

Zardari told reporters his Pakistan People's Party would invite Sharifi's Pakistan Muslim League-N as well as "other democratic forces" to join a governing coalition even if Bhutto's group won enough legislative seats to rule on its own.

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The assessments test whether roads are safely passable and parking lots can be adequately cleared, he said.

Lyphout and Saint Mary's vice president for operations, David Gariley, said conditions have merited canceling classes in the past due to very heavy snowfall with high winds that may cause drilling.

Any class canceled due to weather conditions would be rescheduled at the discretion of individual professors, Lyphout said.

Of the eight weather-related decisions that resulted in class cancellations, The last campus closure occurred in December 2006 during final exams week. According to Vice President of News and Information, Dennis Brumback, the closings were rescheduled during the days of the three remaining exams.

Since Saint Mary's is a residential campus, snow days are rare. Gariley said he could not say how many snow days have occurred in the College's history, but remembered only one in the past 17 years.

"Most students are resident in campus, so for the most part students are here," he said. "The decision basically comes down to watching weather conditions and road conditions as well as recommendations made by local government entities.

In contrast, Indiana University-South Bend has cancelled classes three times this semester due to weather conditions. It is in the South Bend Tribune.

Gariley also said that if roads around the college's vicinity remain open, Saint Mary's would likely make the decision as to whether Notre Dame decides to close.

If the University were to cancel class, Lyphout said, the decision would be a collaboration between, Provost Tom Burish and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves.

The campuses would be notified of the canceled classes and closures through e-mails and voice mails, Lyphout and Gariley said.

University snow-clearing operations are crucial in keeping campus roads and walkways open.

Bill Thistlwaite, superintendent of Notre Dame's Landscape Services, said, that while snow-clearing technologies have improved over the years, most of the machinery has remained the same.

"The technologies have just gotten more efficient and we have better piece of machinery, but in the end a plow is a plow," Thistlwaite said. "We've also introduced brooms and an environmentally safe liquid in the last 10 to 12 years.

The liquid helps prevent ice from building up on the campus walkways. Other equipment used includes Robmat machines with buckets, pick-up trucks with plows and small dump trucks with plows.

Thistlwaite said weather-related closures sometimes depend on whether his crews can keep up with the snow and ice.

"This winter has been really unusual with torrential downpours of rain and big spikes in temperatures."

Thistlwaite said more employees have worked this winter in order to keep up with the weather conditions.

"The way we run our crews has changed a lot to make it more efficient," he said.

It takes about 23 people from the University's Landscape Services crew to clear snowy paths each night, including four people on the night shift and three people on the early morning shift.

Thistlwaite said the walks and campus roads were the first priority for clearing snow, followed by faculty and campus-student and commuting parking lots. Other student lots are the Landscape Services' last priority.

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**New York** — Film director Steven Spielberg and actress Mia Farrow joined activists working to end the Olympics as a backdrop to address human rights concerns, urging Beijing to ease political leverage on Sudan's government to help end the Darfur conflict.

"How can Beijing host the Olympic Games at home and underwrite genocide?" said Farrow, a U.N. goodwill ambassador, shivering in freezing weather outside the Chinese Mission. "Time is running out for the people of Darfur.

Another letter signed by 120 lawmakers also called on Hu to use his "significant influence" to help with peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts. Olympic speedskating gold medalist Joey Cheek, who co-founded the Team Darfur athletes coalition, joined activists in Washington. Rallies also were scheduled for Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston and Chicago and for 10 other countries, including France, Germany and Egypt.

Farrow and several humanitarian groups had been critical of Spielberg for continuing to work on the games, even as the Sudanese military said it bombed three towns in West Darfur last week.

Spielberg, who sent a letter to Hu, is urging China to take a stronger stance against Sudan, still hopes to attend the Olympics. But he said his conscience is pointing him toward spending his time and energy on the relief effort instead of the ceremonies.

"The situation has never been more precarious," he said. "While China's representatives have conveyed to me that they are working to end the terrible tragedy in Darfur, the grim realities of the suffering continue unabated."

Several nations have put their athletes in a precarious position if they feel compelled to use the games as a platform for discussing Darfur.

On Monday, the British Olympic Association acknowledged that its team agreement appeared to go beyond laid out by the International Olympic Committee barring any "manifesto, demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda" at an Olympic venue or area.

The U.S. Olympic Committee plans to ask American athletes to comply with IOC rules, but won't impose additional measures.
Venezuela ends deal with Exxon

CARACAS — Venezuela's state oil company said Tuesday that it has halted selling crude to Exxon Mobil Corp. in response to the United States' oil company's drive to use the court to seize billions of dollars in Venezuelan assets.

Exxon Mobil is locked in a dispute over the nationalization of its oil subsidiaries in Venezuela that has led President Hugo Chavez to order the court to seize billions of dollars. The move was triggered by a decision by the United States court to seize billions of dollars in the case. The court also ordered the company to change its name to Exxon Mobil.

Tuesday's announcement by state-run Petroleo de Venezuela SA, or PDVSA, was limited to Exxon Mobil, which PDVSA accused of "figurative-economic harassment" for its efforts in U.S. and European courts.

PDVSA said it has "paralyzed sales of crude to Exxon Mobil" and suspended commercial relations with the Irving, Texas-based company.

Foreclosures account for home sales

WASHINGTON — A growing share of home sales are from foreclosures, especially in states hardest hit by the housing bust. In some parts of California, Colorado, Florida and Arizona, foreclosed homes account for more than 50 percent of home sales come from foreclosed houses.

The trend, which is putting adding downward pressure on home prices, is most notable there and in Nevada, Colorado, Tennessee and Michigan, but is also evident in Ohio, Florida and Arizona, according to an Associated Press comparison of 2007 sales and foreclosure data.

In California, for example, 17.5 percent of home sales were single-family properties that were foreclosed. That's down from 20.6 percent in 2006.

The growing proportion of foreclosure sales is both a symptom and cause of worsening conditions in the weakest housing markets, real estate experts say. Homeowners who aren't on a deadline to sell are yanking their properties off the market, and this means the remaining inventory is increasingly held by banks eager to unload foreclosure properties at fire-sale prices rather than carry the costs on their books. Property values and local tax revenues are suffering as a result, consumer advocates say, especially in neighborhoods with lots of minority residents for whom lending standards were weakest.

Still, standards are getting tighter. There is a real complacency, or an under-appreciation of how bad this is," said Ramsey No, an investor and former real estate broker in San Diego who regularly combs through the local sales database to assess the impact of foreclosure sales.

Reactions to such concerns, the Bush Administration and lenders, including Bank of America Corp. and Citigroup Inc. unveiled a plan Tuesday to give seriously delinquent borrowers a 30-day break from foreclosure while lenders try to work out a way to make the mortgage more affordable. The AP's foreclosure analysis compared the annual rate of existing home sales in the quarter of 2007 — the most recent quarter available from the National Association of Realtors — with foreclosure sales data provided by RealtyTrac Inc. of Irvine, Calif. The analysis found.

In Colorado, foreclosures sales accounted for 15.6 percent of home sales in 2007, up from 10 percent in 2006. In California, the number jumped to 11.3 percent from 3.7 percent. In Tennessee, it rose to 9.7 percent, and in Michigan it climbed to 9.3 percent from 4.9 percent.

Nationwide, including Washington, D.C., foreclosure sales grew to 4.9 percent up from 4.7 percent in 2006. Still, the overall level of existing home sales, up from 3.3 percent in 2006. Comparable data were not available for South Dakota and New Hampshire.
Economic stimulus misguided

Last Thursday, Congress passed an "economic stimulus package" worth $167 billion. Under the plan, Americans earning between $3,000 and $75,000 would get $300 to $600 plus $300 per child. Those earning between $75,000 and $150,000 would get a $1,200 rebate. The IRS will have the checks out by the end of the summer. Congress hopes that the plan will ward off the recession clearly emerging, despite the Republican front-runner’s statements that the American economy is fundamentally solid.

Listening to the triumphal and self-congratulating tone of the major players in both parties, one would think that Congress might have found a cure for cancer, or at least done something useful for a change. "There were no winners or losers in this except the American people, who saw us rise above any differences we might have had and work to agreement on what is the No. 1 issue, and that is our slowing economy," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. Senate majority leader Harry Reid hailed the plan as an "example of how government is supposed to work." Unfortunately, this is an example of how government does work.

Neither party seems willing to talk about where this $167 billion rebate is going to come from. In 2007, the U.S. federal budget was approximately $2.8 trillion. However, the U.S. government only collected $2.4 trillion. Total expenditures exceeded revenues by an incredible $400 billion. The U.S. government simply doesn’t have the money to afford such a rebate, but Congress really just doesn’t care. What’s another $167 billion, anyways? Government doesn’t produce any wealth of its own. Nearly everything it gets, it takes from the private sector. It can only get wealth in three ways. First, it can forcefully take it from individuals in the form of a tax whether they like it or not. Second, it can inflate the currency, essentially printing money out of thin air, which leads to poor investment decisions, inflation and eventually a bust as the American public is now witnessing. Finally, it can borrow more and invest in more bonds, which support further government spending.

Usually when there is a deficit, the Treasury sells government bonds to investors. The Treasury uses this money to pay off the short-term between what it wants to spend (always too much) and what it collected in the form of taxes (also too much, but not enough to cover expenditures). The U.S. government promises to pay interest on those bonds to the bondholders over the life of the bond, finally paying back the face value of the bond at the maturity date. Last year, the U.S. government paid $243 billion just on the interest costs. No wonder Mark Poyar is a senior finance major and vice president of the College Libertarians. His Web site is http://ndlibertarians.blogspot.com. He can be contacted at mpoyar@nd.edu. Poyar and the Libertarian students are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Bulletinproof Ideas

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"I know very well that one must fight, for one is often in contradiction to the spirit of the age."
In response to Andrea Laidman's article ("The unwell, unregulated militia," Feb. 11) Ms. Laidman writes that officials in Washington, D.C., worry about lifting the city's handgun ban and "respond that lifting the ban will only make violence worse." However, she does not stop to ask an even more obvious question: Is it possible that Washington's harsh and restrictive gun laws caused the high level of violence in the first place?

The facts seem to indicate yes. England has much more restrictive laws than America and a higher rate of violent crime than the United States (in 1996, a 25 percent higher rate of robbery in England, as seen in the study "Crime and Justice in the United States and in England and Wales, 1981-1996" by U.S. Department of Justice.) One very plausible explanation for this is that criminals in places with accessible firearm laws are deterred from some crimes by the prospect of being injured by law-abiding citizens who keep and bear arms, while in places with harsh and unconstitutional firearm laws, criminals lack this fear.

Laidman points to acts of violence involving firearms: killing police officers, children, and parents. This is not the sign of a firearms-initiated problem, this is a sign of grave and serious family and community problems.

Finally, Laidman claims that precedent is on the side of those who wish to ban handguns. But this is incorrect, for hunting, target shooting, and self-defense have been an American tradition (and precedent) since 1776. And the part of the Second Amendment that says "the right of the people to keep and bear arms" could not be more clear. Furthermore, even George Washington said that a "free people ... ought to be armed."

Christina Holmstrom ("Monologues encourage mistreatment of women," Feb. 11) raises an interesting point; she claims that discussing the Vagina Monologues as an issue of Academic Freedom is to "woefully miss the mark." In this, I believe Holmstrom to be correct. I would, however come to a vastly different conclusion regarding the fate of the "Monologues." The Vagina Monologues seeks to reclaim the sense of what it means to be a woman, to stop women from being ashamed of their sexuality and to raise awareness regarding violence perpetrated against women.

These goals are perfectly in keeping with the Catholic Church's teaching on sex and sexuality. The Church does not speak of sex as evil or morally wrong provided it is exercised in the right way. Rather, the Church teaches that "sexuality is a source of joy and pleasure" (Catechism, 2362). Do the monologues present an inappropriate use of sexuality? The answer may well be yes.

The play may present acts that are not well ordered to good relationships with God and others. The general ethos of the Monologues is, however, edifying to those who attend the play, provided that they understand something about the feminist movement and approach the play with a critical eye.

Further, and this point is clear, "Monologues" raises important questions. How do we reclaim our sexuality? What is the correct way to express that sexuality? When sexual violence has been perpetrated against a woman (or a man) how do we heal? Our esteemed President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh once said: "The University is where the Church does its thinking." Our theology department is grounded in this philosophy: I would argue that it is not simply academic theologians who are to do the thinking of the Church. Rather we are all called to engage in this discussion.

The presence of "The Vagina Monologues" on campus is not a question of academic freedom. It is, however, necessarily tied to our Catholic character. As the premier Catholic university in this country, it is our duty to perform these monologues. Where else, if not at Notre Dame can we have this discussion? Where else can the Church do this thinking? I urge Dean Roche, Father Jenkins and you, the students, to join me in this dialogue: Approach the monologues with a critical eye and engage in the thinking of the Church.

Meli Barber
I was OK until they took away "30 Rock." Then I finally realized how my older brother must have felt during the 1994 Major League Baseball strike. How was I going to survive a writers' strike that had no end in sight? In the beginning, it wasn't that bad. With the exception of "The Office," most of my favorite shows still had a handful of episodes left to air. But with each passing week, I felt new episodes slipping away from me. Some of my favorite series even ran out of episodes before Christmas break.

In desperation for new TV of any variety, I began counting down the days until "American Idol" and "Rock of Love 2." I became even more dependent on my favorite soap opera, "General Hospital." In the past, I would let a few episodes at a time accumulate on my DVR, but now I found myself more excited than ever to check in on the residents of Port Charles every time an episode came on. But once it ran out of new episodes, I was left standing behind the writers. Did the WGA make some mistakes during the strike? Yes. Why spend so much time lashing out at Ellen DeGeneres and Jay Leno when the strike? Why go out with friends because I actually enjoy it.

However, the writers still deserved to get compensated for all their work. My biggest fear is that some shows may not get new shows for weeks. Tears glistened in my eyes as I read "I was given Billy Bush and Nancy O'Dell instead." But how exciting was the presidential race during this whole strike? Why go out with friends over Christmas break when the Iowa caucuses are on? Oh, you want me to go to a movie? Well, there's a Democratic debate that I don't want to miss. Going to Corby's for Mardi Gras? No, it's Super Duper Tuesday, fools! I will always remember this election year for saving my sanity when "How I Met Your Mother" and "Gossip Girl" ran dry.

Despite all my complaints about TV abandoning me, I have stood behind the writers. Did the WGA make some mistakes during the strike? Yes. Why spend so much time lashing out at Ellen DeGeneres and Jay Leno when you've got bigger fish to fry? However, the writers still deserved to get compensated for all their work.

Unfortunately, it took a $2 billion hit to the L.A. economy for producers to officially recognize the potential of new media. The Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation estimates that $1.3 billion of that loss was from businesses outside of the studios — caterers, florists, costume shops, restaurants and hotels that were secondary losers. It's time for the industry and its city to get back on its feet.

And when production does start back up and my television viewing habits are back to normal, I can return to obsessing over "30 Rock" and crossing my fingers that "Friday Night Lights" doesn't get canceled. And, I can figure out whether I'm only watching "Ellie Stone" because of the strike or because I actually enjoy it.

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

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RETURN BRINGS NEW APPRECIATION

Finally, the writers' strike is coming to an end. The weekly worship of my television set will return.

In desperation for new TV of any variety, I turned to TV on DVD as well. Season 1 of "Felicity" and Season 2 of "The Wire" comforted me, as did my brother's "Family Guy" DVDs. I even started re-watching " Arrested Development" for the 20th time. I think one can agree that the writers' strike wasn't that easy when late night TV found auxiliary sources.

"How I Met Your Mother" and "The Office" were my favorite shows. Having to wait for new episodes meant that I saw less of the people I live with. I only realized what television was when they were taken away. It was like having a friend go abroad. I knew the show would return to my life, but once it returned, I was reminded of the secondary losers the writers are now.

The cause for celebration is not only that "The Office" is coming back, but also that the writers successfully brought about the change they were looking for. They will be compensated for their work being viewed on what is called "new media" (basically the Internet). But even though Hollywood is going back to work this week, it is the first time in a month that the writers will be in production, and this means that we may not get that lost week back. My biggest fear is that some shows will be discontinued for the season. This past few months throw into sharp relief just how much television is integrated into my life. Even though it may not be my sole reason for living — though that is still up in the air — it is a crucial part of my life. It is time for the industry and its city to get back on its feet.

As Hollywood is going back to work, the writers' strike is coming to an end. But one thing is still the same: despite the strike, the writers still deserve recognition for their work. I am looking forward to checking in on my favorite television shows again.
Irish Gardens general manager Ann Marie Szymanski says she enjoys watching romance bloom on campus almost as much as she loves flowers. “Every episode has at least one cute story from Irish Gardens,” she said. “It’s kind of the beauty of working there.”

Tales from the shop, located in the basement of LaFortune Student Center, range from feel-good affairs to romantic comedy.

One such story occurred one day when a graduate student walked into Irish Gardens around closing time and purchased a dozen red roses. When Szymanski inquired as to why he bought seven, an unusual number in the floral industry, the man answered that he was giving the odd number of flowers to his wife to commemorate his baby daughter having slept through the night for the first time since she was born. The infant slept seven hours in a row.

On another occasion, a man entered the store and asked Szymanski, “Which types of flowers say that you’re sorry?” With her advice, the man settled on five Casablanca lilies in a vase to give the next shop. “Since we opened at 8 a.m. and the same man returned and began picking more flowers for purchase, Mr. Szymanski asked him what had happened, the man replied only, ‘I’ve made someone else mad.’”

Stories such as these, Szymanski said, have made her three-year career at Irish Gardens worthwhile. As general manager, her responsibilities include overseeing the accounting of the shop, ordering the necessary supplies and flowers, designing and procuring advertisement and putting together bouquets. Financial manager Megan Jullien and products manager Sarah Snyder round out the Irish Gardens management trio. “They are both a huge help to me,” Szymanski said. Jullien and Snyder assist in accounting, ordering flowers and designing bouquets. Like Szymanski, Jullien has worked at Irish Gardens for the past three years, while Snyder has worked for Irish Gardens for two years.

Szymanski said Irish Gardens normally pulls in around $100 a day. The student-run business anticipates a $6,000 take for the four weekdays through Valentine’s Day on Thursday.

“Most boys just know that red roses demonstrate too much commitment and that they are definitely looking for something more tentative.”

Ann Marie Szymanski general manager Irish Gardens

Flowers such as these Gerber daisies figure to be popular items today and tomorrow as Valentine’s Day shoppers buy bouquets for would-be significant others.
NCAA Men's Basketball

Hummel's career night propels Purdue upset

No. 9 Butler needs overtime to take down Wisconsin-Milwaukee; No. 22 Pittsburgh handles Providence with stifling defense

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Robbie Hummel scored a career-high 24 points and No. 19 Purdue beat No. 10 Michigan State 66-54 Tuesday night. Hummel, a freshman, also grabbed 11 rebounds and made 4 of 7 3-pointers.

E'Twaun Moore scored 12 points and Keaton Grant added 11 for Purdue, which won its 10th straight game to remain alone in first place in the Big Ten. The Boilermakers improved to 8-0 in conference play in the midst of four games in eight days. But the Bulldogs came out flat, trailing by as many as 12 in the first half and seven in the second before Grant took over as Butler took the lead from the start of overtime and didn’t relinquish it.

Michael (12-11, 7-6) squared its lead after too many turnovers, but Ricky Franklin, who had missed his previous four 3-point attempts, tied the game at 67 with 0.8 seconds left. Purdue has made an off-balanced shot with Green’s hand in his face.

That barely deterred Green, who took over in overtime with a pair of free throws, a corner jumper and six free throws as the Bulldogs pulled away. Green finished 10-of-10 from the line.

The Boilermakers pulled out lead early in the second half on a dunk by Marcusegue, but the Spartans responded with a 7-0 run behind A.J. Green and forced Purdue to call a timeout.

Purdue led through the end of the second half, though Michigan State cut its deficit to one with 1:14 left.

Purdue led 56-52 in the final minutes before Hummel made a long 2-point jumper as the shot clock wound down to make it 58-52 with 2:42 left in the game.

Neitzel missed a 3-pointer, and Green made two free throws on the other end to put the game out of reach.

Purdue turned the tide defensively by forcing two quick-clock violations that showed in the final minutes of the game. The Boilermakers went on an 11-0 run and held Michigan State to 2 of 7 shooting in the final 3:30.

Butler got into it after little-used forward Zach Hahn hit three free throws after missing 14 of 18 in the second half.

Purdue men's basketball coach Matt Painter said Hummel's performance was crucial.

"If it was someone else, it could have come down to a matter of a few more points for us. We needed that," Painter said. "Robbie Hummel led us in scoring. We didn't get a lot of production from other players besides him. Our bench scored 24 points, which was a big help, but he carried the team by scoring 24 points.

"Again, we knew this was a big game. We knew that no matter what happened, we couldn't afford to lose. Robbie made sure we didn't lose."
**AP Top 25**

**Women's Basketball Poll**

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**MLB**

Former pitcher Roger Clemens, right, accompanied by attorneys Lanny Breuer, center, and Rusty Hardin, arrives at the office of Rep. Danny Davis, D-Ill., in Washington on Feb. B. Clemens will testify before Congress today.

**Congress to quiz Clemens, McNamee**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Roger Clemens and his accuser, Brian McNamee, will be the main witnesses at a House hearing on the Mitchell Report after New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte and two others were dropped Monday night.

Former Clemens teammate Chuck Knoblauch and convicted steroid distributor Kirk Radomski also were taken off the witness list for Wednesday's public session. One new witness was added Monday night: a lawyer who worked with former Senate majority leader George Mitchell to produce December's report on drugs in baseball.

But all attention will be focused on Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young Award winner, and McNamee, his former personal trainer, who alleged he injected the pitcher with performance-enhancing drugs.

"I guess it's just time, isn't it?" Clemens' lead lawyer, Rusty Hardin, said in a telephone interview.


McNamee also accused Pettitte of using HGH — Pettitte acknowledged he did so for two days in 2002 to deal with an elbow injury. Before Pettitte spoke to committee lawyers under oath last week, Ward said he thought Pettitte would tell Congress he dis­cussed HGH with Clemens between the 2000 and 2002 seasons.

With Monday's decision, Pettitte was spared the potentially difficult situation of having to deliver public testimony that could hurt the position of Clemens, a friend, past teammate and former workout partner.

Portions of Pettitte's sworn deposition, though, may be read aloud at the hearing. And the committee's ranking Republican, Tom Davis of Virginia, said in an interview with Newsday that Pettitte's account matches McNamee's in most details.

**In Brief**

Source says Vikings' Udeze diagnosed with leukemia

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Vikings defensive and Kenesek Udeze has a form of leukemia, which is cancer of the blood and bone marrow, a person with the team confirmed Tuesday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the information. The Vikings declined to comment, but they issued a statement from coach Brad Childress that didn't specifically address Udeze's condition.

"We respect the privacy of Kenechi. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Minnesota Vikings organization are with Kenechi and his family," the state­ment read.

Two Twin Cities television stations first reported the news on Monday night. KSTP-TV, without citing a source, reported that the 24-year-old Udeze was undergoing tests to deter­mine the severity of the disease. Ethan Udeze, Udeze's agent, declined to com­ment.

NASCAR puts Busch, Stewart on probation for six races

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — It began with crunched fenders, harsh words and maybe even a punch in the face. But the final result was just a slap on the wrist from NASCAR: a six-race probation for Tony Stewart and Kurt Busch.

Heading into Sunday's Daytona 500, it's beginning to look like NASCAR officials were serious when they said they will cut driv­ers some slack on their bad behav­ior this year.

"We're still working into letting the drivers develop and vent in proper ways, but we're giving them some more latitude," NASCAR vice president of compedi­tion Robin Pemberton said Tuesday. "We said in the offseason we would do that and I think this is another step in letting you know what we mean."

Twins sign Hernandez to replace Santana

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins added some seasoning to their suddenly raw rotation. Right-hander Livan Hernandez agreed Tuesday to a $5 million, one-year contract with the team that could earn him an additional $2 million in performance bonuses, raising the average age for a group ransacked by the departures of Johan Santana and Carlos Silva.

Santana was traded to the New York Mets, and Silva signed with the Seattle Mariners. Another starter from last season, Matt Garza, was dealt to the Tampa Bay Rays.

"If we could find the right guy, we were going to add that," general manager Bill Smith said. "We certainly weren't afraid to go in without veteran starters, but it's going to be giving those young play­ers someone to look to."

**around the dial**

**NCAA Basketball**

Maryland at Duke

7 p.m., ESPN

St. John's at Cincinnati

7 p.m., ESPNU

Kansas State at Texas

9 p.m., ESPN
New look Heat fall to Nuggets in overtime

J.R. Smith shoots career-high eight 3-pointers in 114-113 win; Billups’ big fourth quarter pushes Pistons past Hawks

MIAMI — J.R. Smith made a career-best eight 3-pointers and scored 28 points, Kenyon Martin added 29, and the Denver Nuggets edged the Miami Heat 114-113 in overtime Tuesday night.

Carmelo Anthony scored six of his 22 points in overtime for Denver, which has won three straight.

Denver Wade scored a game-high 29 points, but missed a 22-footer at the buzzer for Miami — which hit its last three-point basket and 23 of its last 24 games.

Wade — who also had 10 assists and made a 3-pointer with 2:16 left in overtime to tie the game at 113, then drove down the first row of seats in a futile effort to grab a loose ball a minute later that possession. Anthony Carter made two free throws, putting the Nuggets up by two with 1:26 left.

Anthony added two more free throws with 2:1.1 seconds to play and Ricky Davis’ 3-pointer with 1:33.6 seconds left got Miami within a point. Anthony missed with about 10 seconds remaining, Wade missed a rebound and Wade dribbled up the left side of the floor to one of his favorite spots.

But the shot rimmed out, and Miami left frustrated once again.

“I know it’s been a tough year,” Wade told fans before the game, “I’m glad you’re still here helping vote him onto the Eastern Conference All-Star Team and it won’t last forever.”

It only seems that way.

Smith scored 23 points and added a Heat season-best 18 rebounds. Dorell Wright scored 19 and 11 scoring with 1:51 left before Davis ended up with 18 points and 16 rebounds.

Allen Iverson scored 16 points on 5-for-20 shooting for Denver, and Marcus Camby ended up with 12 points and 16 rebounds.

Neither team led by more than four points through the first three quarters. Smith scored a career-high 37 points against the Hawks on Dec. 22.

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Trent Hunter picks up a goal, two assists in 4-3 win over Flyers; Hurricanes move into first place in Southeast Division

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Zednik moved out of ICU after neck laceration

Associated Press

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Doctors in Buffalo have already told him next year is the realistic return target, and on Tuesday, Tu Dara Nor— who operated on the forward Sunday night— said he recommended he not resume strenuous activity for three months. Still, the notion just might enough for a reason of the playoff-starved Panthers to have some hope.

"We have to set it aside now, and play hockey," said Florida defenseeman Jussi Jokinen, who helped Zednik off the ice. "That's what we do."

The Panthers hope Zednik can travel home to South Florida by the weekend.

He has a photo of his 4-year-old daughter at his hospital bedside, and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman has phoned to check on Zednik's condition and progress.

"He is awake and in good spirits," Nor said. "He just had minimal neck swelling, or discomfort. He is speaking quite well. His voice is not hoarse. He's hungry. He wanted eggs for breakfast.

Nor said Zednik would be asked to sit up and walk a few steps over the next couple of days, and if he can do those things, a discharge plan will be discussed.

Knowing that Zednik—who can talk and is alert—is doing as well as can be expected, the Panthers also felt a sense of relief. Zednik isn't believed to have suffered any long-term brain or nerve damage, and one surgeon described him as "very lucky." It's the first time since 1989 that the Panthers bench has ever had a player taken to the hospital.

"The accident remains the dominant topic in the NHL," and to Clint Malarchuk—a good friend of Zednik's—slashed a similar incident in 1989—it resonated deeply. He won't watch the Zednik incident with the Panthers with Zednik to talk about any- thing that's on his mind.

"For any players who are traumatized like this, it's pretty grizzly," Malarchuk said.

When Jokinen's skate bit Zednik's neck, a significant amount of blood immediately began pouring out into the ice. After wrapping a towel around the cut in his throat, Zednik asked a trainer to take it to the Panthers' bench. His carotid artery—which carries blood to the brain—was severely severed and emergency surgery that night at Buffalo General Medical saved his life.

"Shows how tough the guy is," Jokinen said. "He was able to skate to the bench, with the cut in his neck, his bleeding blood like that. It was pretty amazing, you know?"

Zednik never lost consciousness. He actually complained that Sabres' emergency room surgeon Dr. Les Bisson was applying too much pressure to his neck in an effort to stop the bleeding.

By the time he reached the hospital, Zednik needed five units (roughly five pints) of blood. If he had lost just one-third of the blood in his body, "I think he will come back someday and play if that's what he wants to do," coach Darryl Sutter said.

Practice seemed normal Tuesday for the Panthers, who had a team meeting before the Sabres practice. "It was a tough day," coach Bob Glose, who was called up from the No. 3 squad in Rochester to fill Zednik's roster spot, said with the team for the session.

A 12-year veteran, Zednik had 15 goals and 11 assists in 54 games this season, his first with the Panthers. He didn't manage a single point over 16 games between Dec. 28 and Feb. 25, when he had six goals and three assists in the four games that preceded Sunday's game in Buffalo, giving the Panthers a chance to see the team try to make the playoffs for the first time since 2000.

"We weren't having some scoring chances," Martin said. "They just weren't going in. They started going in, and there's no doubt in the last two weeks that line had been very productive for our hockey team."

The Panthers entered Tuesday's lineup for the first time since the Southeast Division, two points behind Washington for first place and the No. 3 spot in the Eastern Conference play-off qualifying round.

Montreal visits Florida on Wednesday night.
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revenue in tonight's game, which
will be broadcast on ESPN.

Despite a flu breakout within the
team, however, Notre Dame guard
darren mock and Marquette forward
wesley Hubert scored in spite of the
game.


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meet is of the utmost impor-
tance for the team. The compe-
tition is a culmination of all the
practices, workouts, dual meets
and invitations that the team has
attended to this point.

"The Big East meet is our
largest and fastest meet of the
year," Kyle said. "And we are all
excited to see our hard work pay
off." On the diving side, the Irish
could get some important con-
tributions from multiple com-
petitors. Junior diver Michael
Bunkt, who missed the regular
season with school record-
breaking performances in the
final two meets, will lead a con-
fident group into the event.

"The diving team has the
noteworthy task of giving the
swimmers a very large lead to
work with and aid in bringing the
Big East championship home.
We've been practicing well,
and all the girls are pretty con-
fident and ready to head to
New York."
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Christian Riege, 26; Avenell Hall, 53; Joanna Kerns, 55; Ray Manzarek, 69

Happy Birthday: Take action when it comes to business and partnerships. Positively express your truth, no matter what you do this year. Once you have gained the respect of others, the benefits from your hard work will not be limited to what a few can do for you. Always think through any situation before you even think about being a coach. Your number are 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The influence you have on your future by the actions you take now will determine the totality of your future. No one else is making your decisions on this year's birthday. Be happy, and hidden doors will open for you. The soft-spoken 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Open up to the people you find and hold back if you are questioning anyone's loyalty. Live can be a stage and when you are on stage you will be voted in to the 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep your finances, thoughts and reality matters a secret. Emotional matters will occur if you let someone get into your world. Take action for the way you feel. Begin a campaign you believe in. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will lose it if you let someone get to you today. Hide your emotions if you don't want to say something that will work against you, causing grief in the future. Go through the motions without showing being soft. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Love is in the picture and socializing will be a favorable way of evening. You will be dead on in your assessments and finding solutions to your problems. Social will lead to imagery and spark creative, profitable ideas. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be a synch for information today, not so yourself in a situation that will allow you to learn. Join in conversations, take a moment to network with people who have something in common with you. A development will lead to a partnership. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotions will be high on the Richter scale as you play it for the right tonight. Play your cards close to your chest and see what everyone else is doing in the end. To hold your ground you will win. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have got to get yourself the light tonight. You have got to let someone know just how much you love them and give the feedback you are not getting. The people you give it to the 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may have to make some personal changes to your future to make sure that you do. It may not work out as expected but do not give up on searching everything that may come your way in the end. You will be able to talk your way into a better place, deal or situation. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may find it difficult to get along with loved ones today. Don't worry over what your emotions bring. You just need to ignore things if you don't want to accept anything. Don't be emotional numbers down slow by 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be patient in your work now. You will have to give what you are not in your shoes and you will see the results of your work over. You are in a leadership position today.

Birthday Baby: You are a positive, progressive and popular. You are determined and determined and doing what will benefit you the most. You are intelligent, a thinker who leads with your mind. 5 stars

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Something's got to give

Big East Leading Scorers

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Two of the Big East's hottest teams square off

By CHRIS KHOREY

16-4 versus 18-5.
No. 18 in the USA Today poll versus No. 17.
No. 2 in the Big East versus No. 4.

Notre Dame is looking to capitalize
now behind the team.

Shamrock Invitational and the
regular season-ending Big East championships, it
takes some dedication to stay focused — and, more import­
tantly, to stay fast.

Irish guard Lindsay Schrader looks to pass in Notre Dame's 81-66 win over Pittsburgh on Sunday.

Assists & Turnovers

Big East Play '07-'08

At 1.14, Notre Dame ranks first in conference play in assists to turnovers ratio.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish play first game sans Peters

By DEIRDRE KRASULA

With changes in Notre Dame's lineup, tonight's game against Marquette at 7 in the Joyce Center will give younger Irish players the opportunity to prove they deserve playing time.

No. 16 Notre Dame's 81-66 win over No. 15 Pittsburgh showed improvement in Notre Dame's defense, but it came at a heavy price. Early in the second half, freshman Devereaux Peters collapsed to the court, shaking in pain. According to MRI results released Monday the freshman tore the anterior cruciate ligament.

HOCKEY COMMENTARY

Time for the icers to march through the tunnel

This may be an exercise in futility, but it sounds too damn cool not to put it out there.

Imagine instead of lounging around in your dorm room on a Saturday afternoon in February, kicking the crumpled Sbarro's pizza, you make room on a fee table to sit and look around in your dorm room.

Kyle Cassily
Sports Writer

Irish center Christian Hanson checks forward David Wolffberg in Notre Dame's 2-1 win over the U.S. Under-18 team on Feb. 1.

Men's Swimming

Long layoff before Big East title meet

By CHRIS DOYEN

With 32 days in between the regular season-ending Shamrock Invitational and the Big East championships, it takes some dedication to stay focused — and, more importantly, to stay fast.

Irish center Christian Hanson checks forward David Wolffberg in Notre Dame's 2-1 win over the U.S. Under-18 team on Feb. 1.

With most of that downtime new behind the team, Notre Dame is looking to capitalize on the work it has done by staying sharp and making sure no one is worn out for the event in East Meadow, N.Y., on Feb. 20.

Sophomore John Lytle, who has consistently scored points for the Irish in freestyle events this season, said preparation involves more than just the physical side of practice.

"We are slowly decreasing our workout intensity in order to be physically ready to race," Lytle said. "But at the same time we are mentally preparing ourselves more each day."

Preparation for the Big East

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