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Exclusive off-campus housing offered

Townhomes, houses, apartments available to students

By TESS CVANTOS
News Writer

Students looking to move off campus have a plethora of options for housing, most of which cluster students together in all-student neighborhoods.

Options include Clover Ridge, Irish Crossings and Irish Row and the wide variety of Kramer Properties rentals.

The amenities offered at these complexes vary.

Clover Ridge provides its 300 residents with a swimming pool, exercise room, tennis court, tanning bed and courts for tennis, basketball and sand volleyball. Free cable, internet, water utility and parking are included.

Kristie Nasykowy, property manager for Clover Ridge, said, "The thing that students really like about Clover Ridge is that we try to put them near their friends. They can get off-campus living but still have friends close by."

Irish Crossings, with 84 residents, and Irish Row, with 182, are the newest of the properties. They include all utilities except gas and electric, and offer full furnishings with each unit.

Recession affects potential jobs

By JOHN TIERNEY
The economic recession is affecting students looking for jobs in a variety of industries, according to Ray Vander Heyden, assistant director for business career programs at the Notre Dame Career Center.

"This affecting the whole economy, and a wide range of organizations," he said.

Assistant Professor of Economics Abigail Wozniak agrees that the recession, which initially only affected the financial sector, is now an issue for the entire job market.

"It's surprising how wide ranging it has been," Wozniak said, citing the effects of the recession on the consulting and legal industries.

Both Vander Heyden and Wozniak also cited non-profits as being affected by the recession. "Funding isn't flowing into non-profits as much," Vander Heyden said.

Wozniak views the legal sector as another industry that will be hit by the recession because of its close reliance on financial sector.

"I think the financial sector is going to be different long term," she said. "The legal profession is somewhat tied to what's happening in the financial sector."

You need a lot of lawyers to help you with that. If you're really on the fence and never really go to law school, you shouldn't go because you can't get a job," she said.

Wozniak cites the healthcare and education sectors as ones that she sees with potential to grow. Growth in education would be helpful for the long-term future of the country, according to Wozniak, who is currently on leave from Notre Dame at Princeton University for the academic year.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Bulls Extravaganza**

This past weekend I had the pleasure of attending an evening with a lovely lady at a Chicago Bulls extravaganza. I didn’t want to call it a game, because that was far and away the least interesting part.

The seniors didn’t shy away from belief me, I’m sure it’s on YouTube.

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**Leon Zhou**

freshman

**Stanford**

"Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle."

"It’s a Wonderful Life. I’m not going to leave my couch."

"Catch Me if You Can."

"Rush Hour 2."

"Dances With Wolves."

"Animal House."

Casey Watt meets his opponent at the net after his win clinched the match for Notre Dame against Michigan Wednesday.

**OFFBEAT**

Eagle survives crash through truck windshield

**BENO** — The eagle has landed — with a thud — after crashing through the windshield of a tractor-trailer on a Nevada highway. State wildlife officials said Wednesday that a 15-pound golden eagle with a 7-foot wing span has a swollen head but otherwise appears unhurt after crashing into a Florida truck driver’s big rig on Monday.

Matthew Roberto Gonzalez of Opa Locka, Fla., was driving on U.S. Interstate 80 in northeast Nevada near Wells, about 60 miles west of the Utah line, when the eagle crashed into the cab of his truck.

“I heard a loud thump like a brick or something coming through the glass,” said Daryl Young of Miami, the co-driver who was dozing in the sleeper berth when it happened. “I woke up, and the windshield was all over me. Next thing I know there was a big bird lying on the floor.”

Man uses debit card to buy drink in alleged holdup

CHARLESTON — Would-be robbers take note: Don’t use your debit card during a holdup. A West Virginia man who police say attempted to rob a convenience store instead ended up buying a soft drink with his debit card — ultimately leading to his arrest.

Shawn Thomas Lester, 33, told the store clerk Monday he had a gun and wanted all the money in the register, police said. But the suspect got flustered when a customer walked in and the clerk told him to pay for the soft drink.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Students seek out service
University provides philanthropic programs for interested Domers

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Next week, while their classmates jet off to exotic locales, spend time at home or remain on campus, some Notre Dame students will spend their spring break serving others by participating in one of the many service programs offered by Notre Dame’s Center for Social Concerns.

According to Connie Snyder-Mick, the assistant director of the Center of Social Concerns, a total of 240 students will be participating in spring break service programs.

The Appalachia seminar focuses on the problems facing the people who reside in the Appalachian Mountains. Each site offers a different slate of activities for the week — students can help with anything from home repair to building playgrounds for children, all in the name of environmental conservation.

The Children and Poverty Seminar takes place in New York City. The seminar focuses on the lives of young people affected by poverty, with a focus on community outreach, education and prevention.

The Environmental Justice and Human Rights seminar examines how poor and minority communities were affected by the hurricane from a theological and environmental standpoint.

The Civic Activating Community, Faith, Culture, and Work seminar sends students to Coachella, Calif. to work alongside Priests of the Holy Cross aiding people affected by economic challenges.

The L’Arche seminar has two locations: Washington, D.C. and Toronto, Canada. L’Arche communities provide a place for people with disabilities to live and work alongside other people with disabilities. The seminar provides students with the opportunity to see how living in such a community has influenced members.

The Migrant Experience focuses on the social issues involved with migrant farm labor. Students will travel to Immacolata, Fla. to gain firsthand look at these issues.

The Changing the Face of American Healthcare seminar will send students to Washington, D.C. to examine the declining health care system by visiting government agencies and health care organizations.

No matter which seminar they choose, all Notre Dame students participating are looking forward to spending a week helping others.

Junior Michelle Romeo will spend next week helping teach high school students at the David School in David, Ky. She is looking forward to spending her spring break doing something worthwhile.

"After having a really fun fall break when I was abroad, I felt like I should do something productive for this break," she said.

Sophomore Lindsey McAlarson is participating in the L’Arche seminar. She said she is looking forward to broadening her horizons and forming connections both with the people she will meet at the site and her fellow students.

"I’m going on the trip because I want to do something meaningful with my spare time and experience something new and meet people," she said.

McAlarson is giving up a week at home in sunny Florida to travel to Toronto to volunteer, but she said that the experience is worth it.

"I’m missing out on being with my family," she said. "But in the long run, this experience will definitely be worth it."

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Notre Dame offers spring break alternatives

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

The Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) at Saint Mary’s is offering a substitute to the traditional spring break trip for students. The program is called Women’s Issues in the City Alternative Spring Break, and will take junior Michelle Romeu to Indianapolis to work with the Indianapolis Peace Institute.

Carrie Call, director of OCSE, said the trip is offered in conjunction with the Indianapolis Peace Institute in Indianapolis.

"Students had to apply to the program through OCSE. During the trip, students will work with Kate Williams, a member of IPI. Williams is a Saint Mary’s alumna.

"Throughout the trip, students will learn about women’s issues and will also participate in service programs. "On the trip, students will get to work at the L’Arche site in Toronto, and will conclude on March 13."

"The trip provides students with the knowledge to combine service and education during their spring break," Call said.

According to IPI’s Web site, the program will allow students to “examine women facing issues in Indianapolis, and how we can seek to address them and improve their community. IPI offers several trips during spring break and fall break each year. "I think students are participating because they care about women’s issues, they want to learn more about how to make a difference, and they want the experience of working hands-on service," Call said.

According to the IPI Web site, it offers these trips to give students “the opportunity to delve into women’s issues related to the field of justice, and helps build an intense short-term setting. For more information about IPI programs, visit www.indi­anapolispeace.org.

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Students as neighbors. They will only have other students in these properties companies share that the varying homes and include apartments, townhomes and houses in full sizes and at varying distances from campus, Kramer-owned. Lafayette apartments provide water utility, but most Kramer properties, the houses specifically, leave residents responsible for their own utilities, Kramer said.

"What's unique to Kramer Properties are the houses. Not many have the options we have, with the number of houses and the different sizes available."

One reason all the rental companies share is that students in these properties will not see other students as neighbors. "Organizations allow students to cluster together and have their own neighbor. Our townhomes and apartments are 100 percent student occupied," Kramer said.

The reasons for this are obvious, Kramer said. "Students typically study late, they stay up late, they party and can be disturbing to residents that are not students," Kramer said. "There's less potential for problems if they're with like-minded people on the same schedule."

Junior Jacqueline Livaudais will live off campus next year with two of her friends. Instead of renting a unit in one of these complexes, however, she will live in an independently-owned house. Finances are a major reason for her decision to move off. "It's significantly cheaper to live off campus. It's about half the price, at least for us," Livaudais said. "We also wanted to live in a house as opposed to an apartment."

Livaudais and her friends found the house through a friend who lived there last year.

Sophomore Octavia Raitu has already begun looking at housing options for her senior year. "I think living off campus can give you a little more of what it's like to live in the real world," Raitu said. "The Notre Dame campus is a bubble, and while that is fine for some purposes, it fosters a disconnect from reality that makes the transition to life after college more jarring than it should be. I'm not saying living on campus senior year would be a mistake, but it's an experience I want to try."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Prime minister bungles words
TOKYO — Reading Japanese isn’t easy — even for the Japanese.

Take Prime Minister Taro Aso. He’s made so many public blunders that an opposition law­ maker tried to give him a reading test during a selected session of parliament.

The Japanese leader bungled the word for “frequent,” calling China-­Japan exchanges “cumbrous” instead. Another time, he mis­ read the word “toshu” (follow), saying “fushu” — or stench — and sounded as if he were saying government policy “stinks.”

When the Aso administration’s political roads have been quick to heap ridicule, many Japanese have seen a bit more of themselves in Aso’s gaffes than they have been comfortable with.

Missteps, designed to improve reading ability have become all the rage. Aso’s remarks is his most­toned’s notoriously tricky mishmash of Chinese characters and its two sets of indigenous syllabaries.

Afghan election to stay in August
KABUL — Afghanistan’s election commission rejected President Hamid Karzai’s request to move presidential elections to the spring, saying the country won’t be safe enough or have enough money to hold a vote.

The decision on Wednesday was a car bomb exploded outside the main U.S. base at Bagram, underscoring the shaky security situation the country faces as a resurgent Taliban militia increases its attacks.

Karzai had asked the commission to move the elections from Aug. 20 to spring, but the commission said that was not possible because of spring weather, lack of funds, security issues and logistical problems like the distribution ofballots.

AFGHANISTAN

Violence leads to precautions
NEW HAVEN — A federal judge on Wednesday threw out a conviction against a former Navy sailor accused of passing along classified information.

One San Antonio company said it expects a 50 percent increase in business this year.

Judge overturns conviction

NEW HAVEN — A federal judge on Wednesday threw out a conviction against a former Navy sailor accused of passing along information about ship movements, dealing a post-mortem blow to a Bush administra­ tion that had praised the case as a success.

A U.S. District Judge Mark Kravitz over­ turned last year’s conviction of Hassan Abu­ Iklahad, of Phoenix, on a charge of providing material support to terrorists, citing the lan­ guage of the law. He upheld his conviction for disclosing classified national defense information.

LOCAL NEWS

Senator develops proposal for fund

INDIANAPOLIS — A top state senator is develop­ ing a proposal that would establish a state­ level unemployment insurance fund that he said Tuesday is likely to be supported by employers and taxpayers.

In his proposal, Republican Sen. Dennis Kruse of Auburn, chair­ man of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor Committee, is taking the lead on the issue in the GOP­ controlled Senate. The Democrat-led House failed to pass a bill to fix an unemployment system that has been paying out millions of dollars more in bene­ fits than it has been collecting from employer taxes.

Atlanta — Lawmakers in two states, outraged by California’s “Doornum,” are seeking to limit the number of embryos that may be implanted by fertility clinics.

The California case — in which a woman and her partner paid almost $1 million for an experimental treatment that did not work — has galvanized lawmakers and patients’ rights advocates into action.

In Georgia, state Rep. Todd Strange has introduced a bill that would ban “doornum,” a procedure in which embryos are transferred to multiple recipients, even if one of the recipients is not willing to continue with the pregnancy.

The bill, which has 25 co­ sponsors, would also require doctors to obtain informed consent from all patients before implanting embryos.

The proposal has been met with resistance from some fertility doctors, who argue that the ban would hurt patients who are desperate for a child.

However, supporters of the bill say it is necessary to protect patient autonomy and ensure that patients are fully informed about their options.

The bill is expected to be considered by the Georgia House of Representatives in the coming weeks.
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"We want to show not only that Chicago supports this bid, but that America does," said Kapshandy. Chicago may host Olympics

By BECKY HOGAN

Chicago is rallying for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic bid, and the Notre Dame community is trying to help make that a reality.

Senior Kelly Kapshandy, who has been working on the Chicago 2016 Olympic and Paralympic bid for more than a year, sought the support of the Notre Dame community Wednesday in the LaFortune Student Center where she registered more than 425 students, faculty and mem­

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favors of adding sexual orientation to the clause because they believe it may be passed about a month ago.

Sophomore Bridget Flores, the co-president of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), said the group obtained permission from the Student Affairs Office (SAO) to pass around the petitions, and they have been bringing them to class, club meetings, LaFerriere, the dining halls and residence halls.

They plan to bring the petitions to Fr. Jenkins' office on March 18, along with petitions that outlines their objectives.

The petition, including sexual orientation in the Non-Discrimination Clause, the University of Notre Dame reserves the right to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in the administration of its educational programs, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, employment, and athletic and other student administrative programs," the letter said.

A similar position was delivered to Fr. Jenkins last April. At that time, assistant for News and Information Dining halls and Franks said in an email Wednesday that the petition the new information was presented that would have caused us to change our position regarding the addition of sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause.

The position of the University in not including sexual orientation in the clause was reached after legal and theological analysis, and is stated in Notre Dame's Spirit of Inclusion document and accompanying 1997 letter from then-president Fr. Edward A. "Monk" Malloy to the Notre Dame community.

The document states that Notre Dame strives to create an "environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth.

"We welcome all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and nationality for example, precisely because of Christ's calling to treat others as we desire to be treated."

Spirit of Inclusion Document

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In linking Sanger to the eugenics movement, Franks made numerous other claims.

"She said her work was nothing more or less than the facilitation of the process of weeding out the unfit and preventing the birth of defective or those who will become defective," Franks said.

Franks also gave her perspective on Sanger's motivations — which she said not only as unproductive but harmful.

"Sanger believed in a sexual license," she said. "She really believed that if women could live like her and have multiple lovers and no children, they could have freedom."

Franks gave her view on Sanger's philosophy of feminism, "although Sanger's eugenicist, she is clearly not as a Catholic Institution," Malloy wrote in the Inland Student News, the Faculty and Student Senates and the College Denver class, which submitted a statement in signed students in favor of the change.

Malloy wrote that the University considered these requests over the next few years of the 1996-1997 school year and decided not to add sexual orientation to the Non-Discrimination clause.

"Within society at large, the phrase 'sexual orientation' tends to mean that someone is a part of a specific social group and not as an individual," she said. "However, the phrase only means that one is part of a larger group and not that one is an individual."

DeWey said that the officers of the University consider the change, which is "very much in the philosophy of the University."" The petition which was not part of the committee's deliberation and was not addressed during the meeting with Fr. Jenkins on March 30 to discuss their petition.

The point of the petition is not just to get sexual orientation added to the non-discrimination clause, Flores said. "We want students to be aware of what is going on, of how unwelcoming of a place Notre Dame can be to students of alternative lifestyles, but how we recognize that Notre Dame is a great place and we want to make it a better place," she said.

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Overbudget NASA gets more

WASHINGTON — NASA can land a spacecraft on a peanut-sized asteroid 150 million miles away, but it doesn’t come close to hitting the budget target for building its spacecraft, according to congressional auditors.

NASA’s top officials know it and even joke about it.

This week auditors found that on nine projects alone NASA is nearly $1.1 billion over cost estimates that were set in the last couple of years. Congress’s financial watchdog, the Government Accountability Office, reviewed NASA’s newest high-money projects and found most were either over budget, late or both. That doesn’t include two of NASA’s largest spending projects whose costs have wildly fluctuated and still aren’t firm — replacements for the space shuttle fleet and Hubble Space Telescope.

Historically, overruns have caused NASA to run low on money, forcing it to shelf or delay other projects. Often, the agency just asks taxpay­ers for more money.

In fact, NASA got $1 billion from the stimulus package. It’s to be spent on climate-watching satellites and exploration among other things.

“Getting an extra infusion of money doesn’t necessarily mean you have a capability to spend it well,” said Cristina Chaplain, GAO’s acquisitions chief who wrote the study.

A second GAO report used NASA as one of its leading examples of projects over prices in estimating costs. The space agency, which has a budget of about $18 billion, needs “a more disciplined approach” to its projects, the GAO said. NASA spending has been on GAO’s “high risk” list since 1990. Its cost overrun problems will be the subject of a House Science Committee hearing Thursday.

“A cancer is overtaking our space agency, the routine acquiescence to immense cost increases in projects,” NASA’s former science chief Alan Stern wrote in an op-ed piece in the New York Times in 2008. He quit last year over the shifting of money to pay for cost overruns.

NASA’s spending problems are so predictable and big that two years ago Congress put it under the same tough budgeting rules as the Defense Department. That means NASA must notify Congress if a program’s cost rises by more than 15 percent. The GAO report issued Monday was the first using NASA’s own numbers.

In a statement to The Associated Press, NASA said its mission “are one-of-a-kind and complex, which always makes estimating challenging.” We do believe NASA is a good investment of federal funds and strive to provide the best value,” the agency statement said.

External forces, such as launch availabilities, also cause delays, the agency says. The agency says it has improved its cost estimating.

Last December then-NASA administrator Michael Griffin tried to cut $1 billion over costs — like the $400 million extra needed for the Mars Science Laboratory — with do-it-yourself projects that keep requiring extra trips to the hardware store. When a reporter quipped that his design of projects uses his own money, Griffin drew laughter with his response: “And we are spending your own money for this.”

Imposing financial discipline, as GAO urges, “is an uphill fight,” said Smithsonian Institution space scholar John Logsdon, who is on NASA’s advisory council.

In the latest report, NASA couldn’t provide the GAO with current accurate estimates on two of its biggest projects so the watchdog agency merely cited ballpark guesses:

- The program to build new spaceships to send astronauts back to the moon would cost somewhere around $37 to $49 billion and already has financial and technical risks, the GAO found.

- The multibillion-dollar James Webb Space Telescope, whose current cost is $5 billion, is projected to cost $6 billion over estimates three years ago, before NASA chose its new cost accounting methods.

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In his December news conference, Griffin said there isn’t a very good way to estimate at the front end of a mission what it’s going to take to achieve scientific pri­orities.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

Spicy Sea Nuggets

Andrew Nesi

THE FUNNIEST thing I've ever seen to happen in The Observer was published a few months ago. On the page typically dedicated to national and international news, the full-page-width headline said this:

"9/11 Masterminds Prepared to Confess?"

Don't worry, we're not to the funny part yet. The headline was right — 9/11 masterminds were, in fact, prepared to confess. And the article was complete, and didn't continue on the page or anything.

Beneath the headline, though, was a picture. Unfortunately, as far as I know, the people pictured were not, in fact, 9/11 masterminds. No, they were a lesbian couple from Iowa City, Iowa, and their three young children. And you thought not having a recognized Gay-Straight Student Alliance was as bad as Notre Dame got.

Newspapers have long been known to navel-gaze, a bit. It's not unusual to see front-page newspaper stories about the decline of the newspaper, as if someone outside the paper cared as much about the solvency of the Savannah as they do about Iraq, Obama and other front-page news.

But this is not an example of gazing at my own navel. To be clear, I'm not really part of The Observer. I mean, yes, I get invited to the parties, and now and then I leave the paper's budget for a delicious dinner at The Vine each semester. But other than that, all I do is send in an e-mail once every other week.

Until there was Free Heavenly Ham in The Observer offices at the end of last semester, I had never met then-Editor in Chief Chris Hille. I only knew Kaitlynn Bley, another editor, from class and her embarrassing spam-post (now a noun) on my Facebook wall about a cool new Web site I could go to find out about all of my crushes. And I only knew Deirdre Kraus, yet another editor, because she was a mediocre defensive back on the Radin interhall football team that I helped coach. Last week, they all left office, leaving the keys and responsibility to a whole new set of budding liberal media elites.

So all of that aside, there's something most people on this campus don't realize about The Observer staff.

These people work damn hard every single day and night to get out a full paper. That's not something that most school newspapers even dream of doing — once a week, maybe three times, that's more standard. But every day? We're in pretty good company.

They catch a lot of flak on this campus for their faults. I've had at least three professors who have shared with the class that they avoid The Observer as much as possible. Another suggested that reliable source of news would be to read The Observer, and believe the opposite. And granted, many students on this campus are incomplete. Sometimes their pictures imply that lesbian women were the masterminds of the 9/11 attacks.

And no, they don't always — or, ever — do the hardest-hitting, investigative journalism.

But compared to many school newspapers, they do an incredible amount of hard work to make it all happen, and it's really impressive. At the risk of sounding remarkably ignorable, this is something that it's taken me until my senior year to realize: by and large, we don't give student leaders on this campus enough day-to-day credit for the remarkable amount of work they do. Within their organizations and groups, of course, they get due credit. But from the outside, that's often ignored.

It's not just Chris, Kaitlynn, Deirdre, and countless others at The Observer. It's Bob, Gran, Cynthia and countless others in Student Government. It's even Andrew, Greer, Brandon, and countless others at The Irish Rover.

Whatever we think of the content of their work or their attitude towards it, these people all do remarkable things around this campus. They work hard so that we can all be part of a more engaging, interesting, worthwhile campus community. Do they miss the ball sometimes? Of course. And it's fine to make fun of them where they do.

But I owe them all a thank you, too, and an apology for not saying it sooner.

Andrew Nesi is a senior American Studies major from Fairfield, Conn. As you can tell from this column, he's not the people he describes — does not always do the same remarkable things in the same way.

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Change we should believe in

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Scene

Thursday, March 5, 2009

By J.J. REES
Scene Writer

In the fall of 1997, Frank and Rebecca Polito opened a restaurant on Grape Road to moderate success, especially considering their national chain competition on the main drag of Mishawaka. On Aug. 8, the Politos woke up to find that their restaurant of almost 11 years had caught fire, along with the adjacent business.

Fortunately for the Politos, they had been planning on opening up a new branch of their restaurant on Hickory Road, just off McKinley Avenue, in the former home of Rathskeller Pizza. That morning, the family decided to sign the lease and begin immediately on building up their replacement restaurant. By Sept. 5, the new Polito's was open for business.

It is difficult to see how exactly Polito's has changed. Beyond the unpretentious front room, the standard back room seems like a place for more of a bar-restaurant feel, but it isn't. There's certainly an atmosphere of establishment; servers and chefs seem to have been doing their jobs for years, or at least have watched their parents do theirs. The décor is hackneyed, with posters of The Three Stooges, football teams, Miller, Coors and "Hoosiers." Three TVs sit in the corners, playing programs from sports and news to "America's Funniest Videos." Despite the sports posters and beer pitcher specials (Miller Lite $6, Killian's and Blue Moon $7.50), things like families with young children and a gameroom/arcade keep the restaurant from achieving sports bar status.

Getting past these incongruities, Polito's affirms itself as famous for its "secret family vodka sauce," and with good reason. Our waitress offered this creamy, peppery mix as a sample with rigatoni, and our small taste did not disappoint. Thick as alfredo, enough of the sauce leaves a peppery after-kick in the back of the throat. However, loaded onto the penne graciella with chicken, the sauce becomes the main element of the dish. Although the chicken was a bit dry, it was a fitting addition to the pasta, sun-dried tomatoes, broccoli and mushrooms.

A friend was quick to tell me that Polito's serves the best chicken parmesan sandwich he's ever had, so my selection was predetermined. And to his credit, the sub was the most satisfying part of the meal. Served on a breadstick-like roll, the massive amounts of chicken and mozzarella cheese are rounded out by a smaller amount of flavorful sauce. Perhaps the best part of the sub is the bread — firm but chewy. I only ate half of this huge sandwich that night, and to my surprise, I enjoyed the second half just as much days later.

The pizza is popular (especially the weighty stuffed pizza), but the thin and thick pizzas were disappointing. The pepperoni was too greasy and the ground sausage was seemingly without effort. To qualify, because the half-sandwich was so filling, I tried the pizza a short time after we left, but I suspect that the dull flavor and poor texture were results of more than a short wait.

A strange aspect of our meal was that the service was quickest for our entrees. Otherwise, our server seemed bogged down by a busy section. It was understandable to wait a few minutes on orders, but processing the check caused one of the longest delays.

All things considered, I don't recommend against Polito's. Sure, skip the pizza and head to Bruno's. Maybe get a pitcher of beer and try some pasta or one of the run-of-the-mill specials. Bear in mind the penne graciella, as long as you don't mind shoveling away some of the delicious vodka sauce. But if you've ever enjoyed a chicken parmesan sandwich, do consider Polito's. And make sure the TVs are tuned to something fitting, like "America's Funniest Videos."

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Rises From The Ashes

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Polito's Italian Family Pizzeria
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10 Words or Less: Incredible chicken parmesan sandwiches, family atmosphere with sports bar aspirations

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BLUE-COLLAR COMEDY

LINDSAY SCHRADER'S INTENSITY - AND HER FUN-LOVING APPROACH TO THE GAME - HAVE HER PLAYING BETTER THAN EVER.
Recipe for success for Irish in tourney: toughness

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

If Notre Dame wants to do well this weekend, it is going to have to be the toughest team in Connecticut for at least four days.

That isn’t to say the Irish aren’t a tough team. Their 21 losses this season, including 10 in the always competitive Big East — and four losses in double figures — speaks for itself. But so does the play of Notre Dame’s potential opponents in the tournament.

Even though Notre Dame’s first game is against two teams limited to the Big East tournament — St. John’s has lost six of its last seven and Syracuse has won just three games in its last 13 games — Irish coach Muffet McGraw is cognizant of the fact that games against those two were both tight matchups.

“I think both are good games. The St. John’s game we had an opportunity to beat them on the 3-point line and win and that was a very close game,” she said. “And the Syracuse game, we were doing this ‘drill that we were working on the whole season.”

Notre Dame beat the Red Storm 70-47 on Jan. 17 and the Orange 90-79 on Feb. 24. But in the conference quarterfinals, starts that got under the Irish’ s skin, Villanova, which had a murderous finish to its conference season.

The Wildcats waited until the end of February before playing Pitt, Louisville and Connecticut — the three teams in the conference — and two of those games were on the road. And after a disappointing loss to South Florida to end the regular season, Villanova will no doubt be hungry for a win to flash in front of the NCAA Selection Committee.

And even if the Irish make it past Villanova, there looms UConn — the undefeated, top-ranked, seemingly unstoppable juggernaut of women’s basketball.

The Irish have put up the best offensive performance against the Huskies, losing by only 10 points in Hartford on Feb. 22. But with trainer Tessy Nwabisa saying her team played close with the Huskies, that was UConn’s smallest margin of victory for the season and Notre Dame’s lead early in the game was its largest deficit all season.

“The thing that surprised McGraw was that UConn was not controlling the game. And then I talked with coach Ashley Braszko play in the last few years knows she must keep them in games. When they have needed an extra rebound or two to secure a lead, some

It’s been a good thing for Notre Dame’s offense that Bruszewski has been one of the top producers for the Irish this season, and her 10.9 points per game is third on the team. She is also making 38.3 percent of her shots.

McGraw said it is good for the team that she hangs up on the edge because she is more comfortable facing the basket.

“She’s not a back-to-the-basket, drop step, power player. She’s a finesse player. And her strength is in her versatility that she can face the basket, it makes her harder to guard,” McGraw said. “She has shot the ball well and that helps her, because she’s shot the ball well and gained some confidence.”

Recently, McGraw said, the Irish playbook has been reconfigured to add plays designed for Bruszewski. That’s panned out well for the 6-foot-1 forward, who has averaged 12.2 points per game and 7.9 rebounds in the last nine games.

“I think coach gave me the green light. She wants me, if I’m the first down there, to post up and drop from there or take it off the drive. She has given me a lot of freedom,” Bruszewski said of her play since the reins have been taken off.

McGraw said she saw glimpses of Bruszewski during Notre Dame’s games against top-tier opponents last season.

“I remember thinking she played best in the big games,” she said. “We weren’t sure how she would play well. We had Connecticut, she played well. Rutgers, she played well. Buffalo, she played well. It was just as good as we had I’d say.”

But, Bruszewski saved her best performance during her rookie campaign for her last: a 16-point effort during Notre Dame’s Sweet 16 loss to Tennessee.

“And then in the second year in the NCAA Tournament, we went career-high, another game career-high. You have a lot of respect for somebody who can get their career high against a team like Tennessee,” McGraw said.

Braszko said playing well as a freshman against those teams has given her confidence going into this season because she has the knowledge that she can hang with any team in the country.

“Now I know I can play with them. If I know I can play with them as a freshman, and now I’ve evolved my game so much, I’m more confident,” she said. “They can get that killer instinct.”

More no evidence was that when the Irish played Vanderbilt earlier this season, overcoming an 18-point deficit to win by two on the road.

“We just don’t want to lose,” Irish forward Bea Bruszewski said. “You wouldn’t be playing college basketball if you wanted to lose.”

The fighter’s attitude goes throughout the entire team.

Center Erica Williamson’s self-professed favorite thing about playing defense is taking charges.

“Game plan was guards Lindsay Schrader and Melissa Lechlitner play a great deal of passion, all of which trickles down to the rest of the team,” McGraw said. “I think coach gave me the green light that she can hang with any team in the country.

And when they’ve gotten punched, they punch back.

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Former guard Breona Gray did a lot of things that wouldn’t show up in the stats, things like accepting defensive responsibilities against the top scorers from the other team — just like McGraw will ask freshman Frederica Miller to do.

The Irish need to make sure they bring this mindset with them to Hartford, because it is the best cure for what has ailed the Irish all season long.

When they have failed to score, tough, gritty defense, ball movement and great hustle to keep them in games. When they have needed an extra rebound or two to secure a lead, some
Fun and games
Lindsay Schrader balances intensity with a positive attitude towards basketball

By BILL BRINK

Blue-collar
Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said the phrase described her senior guard precisely.

Lindsay Schrader wasn’t sure about that. Sure, the collar on her No. 24 Irish jersey is indeed blue, but she couldn’t envision the term “blue-collar” applying to a basketball player.

“The way I show emotion on the court, that’s one thing that really helps me go out and everything,” she said. “Some games I’m just not feeling it, and its hard, and my other teammates pick it up.” She paused, thinking. “Blue-collar?”

Whatever phrase Schrader feels will accurately describe her, Schrader’s production on the court this season necessitated a lot of hard work.

A reworking of her jump shot and a motivational session with a coach got her on track to success.

Having fun
Schrader has fun on the court. She’s intense, but enjoys herself.

“She just looks like she’s having so much fun,” McGraw said. “She’s enjoying every minute. She’s upbeat at practice, she’s upbeat at film sessions.”

That attitude carries over into postgame press conferences, where Schrader will elaborate on other players’ answers, interpret her opinion and pressure her teammates to respond well when asked about her. All is good fun.

“If you’re gone to play college basketball you’ve got to love it.”

It’s not all fun and games, however. McGraw said Schrader’s confidence infects the other players and that her vocal leadership has improved.

“She’s been kind of a leader by example during her time here and even at the beginning of this year, but I think now she’s really seeing a sense of urgency,” McGraw said. “She’s playing with so much confidence that it’s existing from her now and I think she’s really enjoying being in that role.”

Schrader said being energetic on the court helps both her and her teammates, and that she carries confidence into every game and expects to outperform her opponents.

“I have the mentality that we’re good, and they’re going to have to stop us instead of the other way around,” she said. “We’re going out there and chip on our shoulder because we are a good team and we just have to prove it.”

Revamping her game
Schrader leads the team in scoring with 12.9 points per game and in rebounding at 7.4 per game. Part of that comes from a retooled jump shot that Schrader spent all of last summer perfecting.

The reason for the re- construction: the old way wasn’t working.

“It wasn’t going in,” she said.

The ball was falling too far behind her head, she said, which threw off her rhythm. She focused on shooting the ball from in front of her face.

“It helped me tremendously,” she said. “I just got into a bad habit. That’s all I did, the ball was in front of my face.”

Her overall game changed in one moment, she said. A meeting with assistant coach Jonathan Tsipis.

“Coach Tsip and I had a talk, I feel like I’ve changed a lot,” she said. “I feel a lot more at ease and confident on the court.”

She said she knows what to do when the team has two days off, the Bartlett, Ill. native will go home.

“I just go home for a night just to get away from it,” she said. “Seeing these girls all the time, I don’t get too much, I love them, but it’s good to get away for a whole week. It just helps you clear your mind.”

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“Should they win that, they get No. 1 Connecticut,” she said. “I know the atmosphere, I know what it takes to win.”

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Off the court
Schrader said people would be surprised to see how much fun she has when not playing basketball.

“Everyone probably thinks I’m so serious, mean, uptight, b***** stuff like that, but off the court I’m so relaxed, easy-going, I try to be a little funny,” she said.

“I have a totally different aspect outside the court and I think that’s good to have.”

Schrader enjoys “Grey’s Anatomy” (“If I have a game Thursday I have to record it and watch another time”) and “Life.” If she gets the chance when the team has two days off, the Bartlett, Ill. native will go home.

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Sport Editor

The Irish need rest, and they earned an extra day of it. No. 20 Notre Dame enjoys a first-round bye in the Big East championship this weekend at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn.

Notre Dame (21-7, 10-6 Big East) got the No. 5 seed in the tournament, which in the new 16-team format gives it a bye. On Saturday at noon, the Irish play the winner of Friday's matchup between No. 12 seed Syracuse and No. 13 seed St. John's.

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More than that, McGraw said everyone on the team, freshmen to senior, has contributed of late. She said while the senior guard Lindsay Schrader and sophomore forward Becca Brizowski have gotten most of the attention, everyone else has chipped in.

I feel like all the starters are playing well, and it's a really good feeling going into everybody's contributing," McGraw said.

Freshman forward Kellie Watson, McGraw said, has passed the ball well recently. Watson turned down several open looks in Notre Dame's last game, a 72-66 win over West Virginia at home Monday, to pass to teammates.

"She's a fantastic passer, and that's something that I thought when I saw her in high school is really her greatest strength," McGraw said. "She has great visions and can get the ball out of her hands so quickly."

Watson had three assists in each of the last two games. She also broke a four-game stretch without hitting a 3-pointer when she sank one against the Mountaineers.

McGraw also mentioned junior guard Melissa Lechlitner, who went through a scoring drought recently, as someone who's playing better. In the five games before the West Virginia game, Lechlitner shot 29.7 percent from field goal range, but made 4-of-4 shots Monday.

Finally, junior center Erica Williamson has surged in the past three games. She scored 20 and 21 points back to back against DePaul and Georgetown in early January, but never again, a 72-66 win over West Virginia. Against Syracuse, however, she scored 18 and had 11 rebounds, and she scored 13 against West Virginia.

That defense, McGraw said, still leaves something to be desired. The team worked on it during practice Wednesday, McGraw said. She did say, however, that she was happy with where the offense was.

Both teams present similar challenges to the Irish, McGraw said.

"They're both really athletic, they both have quickness — they're a little bit quicker than we are," McGraw said. "They'll both play some zone and some man. We're trying to find some new wrinkles and new things to do coming into the tournament, but it's nice that we've played them both recently so we have some film on them."

Note:

McGraw said the team needed rest, so they took practice off on Tuesday and will take practice off again today.

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Irish freshman guard Natalie Novosel jumps to save a ball from going out of bounds, scoring her teammates in the process, during Notre Dame's 96-61 win over Evansville on Nov. 19, 2008.

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No. 5 seed Irish face winner of Syracuse-St. John's

Team has first-round bye, plays its first game on Saturday

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**THUR.**

**Slumdog Millionaire** (2008), 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., Browning Cinema

If for some odd reason you have been living on the other side of the planet (which is not an excuse because then you're practically in India) and have missed the chance to see the fabulous film "Slumdog Millionaire," here's your chance! Jamal Malik, a poor Indian orphan, lands a spot on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" in hopes of running with his true love and winning enough money to pull both of them out of poverty. This story is packed full with enough adventure, excitement, romance and the necessary heart-warming ingredient to ensure this movie is worth your time.

**Dining Hall Dish**

Riley O'Connor's Songwriters Spotlight, 8:30 p.m., The Beanery Gourmet Coffee and Cafe

Known for his powerfully thematic and insightful songs, Riley O'Connor will be taking the stage at The Beanery restaurant for an all-original performance that will have audiences humming along to both his energetic rock songs and his heart-felt ballads. O'Connor is a native of South Bend, and released his first album, "Working on a Memory," in 2004. Enjoy the cozy atmosphere of this coffee house as you snuggle in for a relaxing and entertaining Saturday night. Tickets are $5.

**FRI.**

Organissimo at Trio's Restaurant & Jazz Club, 9 p.m.

With minimal partying taking place on Notre Dame's campus this weekend, take advantage of the opportunity to venture into the unknown corners of South Bend and visit Trio's Restaurant & Jazz Club. Don't miss out on the chance to relax after a tough week of midterms with Organissimo, a band that incorporates the tradition of classic 1960's jazz with modern twists. The event is free, but bring a few extra bucks to indulge in the upscale, casual dining experience Trio's promises to provide.

Feel the Spirit! Presented by the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, 2:30 p.m., Leighton Concert Hall

Wind your weekend down with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. Not only will you get to see the show for the extremely low student price of $5, but you will also get to listen to the beautiful voices of the South Bend Chamber Singers. Pieces performed will range from Benjamin Britten's "Solemn English Folksong," to a unique take on the American spiritual in John Rutter's "Feel the Spirit." Tickets are $25 for faculty and staff, $23 for seniors and $5 for all students.

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**SAT.**

**Dining Hall Dish**

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Lent brings certain challenges to the student who frequents the Notre Dame dining hall. What to do on those meatless Fridays? You have two choices: Fend for it or work around it. This week's column is geared towards giving you tips about what to make on those meatless Fridays?

1. Know your proteins. Without the obvious choice — meat — you may be looking for another option. Other foods high in protein are: fish, and especially tuna, eggs, nuts and seeds (try peanut butter or adding seeds and nuts to your salads), beans (try tofu or the various beans available at the salad and Mexican bars), cheese and yogurt.

2. Think up new ways to serve the above protein-packed items with these ideas. Mash up black beans and mix with olive oil in order to make a great spread to add to your sandwich.

Take a sweet or a baked potato and add a mixture of black beans, tomatoes and a little bit of sour cream and cheese. For an even quicker meal, just pour a little chili over a baked potato. Don't stick with plain tuna, kick it up. Try taking either the salad bar tuna or the sandwich bar tuna spread and mixing in ingredients like olives and even corn. Then layer on cheese and spinach and give it a good toast in the Panini maker to make it into a great tuna melt. If you're not a tuna fan, you can take the same idea and apply it to egg salad.

Instead of adding meatballs to your spaghetti, look for other options. Try adding in some cooked vegetables and extra cheese to make it a little heartier.

3. Make an excellent salad. Salad is so much more than just a bunch of green stuff. Try out all of those things on the salad bar and load it up with lots of flavor and vitamins.

4. Take advantage of the new things in the dining hall. The North pizza bar usually offers pesto sauce more often, both dining halls try out sushi and usually crab meats appears at the stir fry bar. You can even request it to use in other things. It would make a great addition to a salad or pasta. Keep an eye out and you might find something really worth the try.

5. Deal. It might be annoying sometimes, but hey, it's only one day a week. Listen to your mom's good advice and eat your vegetables instead.

*Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu*
Warner's contract with the Cardinals is a matter of perspective.

Initially, Warner had sought to be among the top five paid quarterbacks in the NFL, about $14.5 million a year. On Tuesday, Bartelstein offered Arizona a two-year, $23 million deal. The Cardinals initially had offered two years and $20 million.

The deal was essentially reached on Tuesday, Cardinals general manager Bruce Allen said, with only a few details to be ironed out on Wednesday.

"We want to continue with a number that was fair to Kurt, and to be able to do that within the context of other team objectives," Graves said.

The Cardinals now turn their attention to possible free agent signings, such as for some of their current players, including safety Adrian Wilson and linebacker Karlos Dansby.

Earlier in the negotiations, Warner had offered to give $1 million a year of his contract toward a new deal for Boldin, but that provision was in the final agreement.

Boldin had been asked to be traded because the Bengals failed to follow through on a promise for a new contract a year ago.

Graves said the team still plans to eventually address Boldin's desire for a long-term contract.

Warner has been with the Cardinals for four seasons but had to work his way to the starting job from backup to Matt Leinart in training camp a year ago. He went on to have a Pro Bowl season last year, his career MVP may with the St. Louis Rams.

He started all 20 games for Arizona last season. In 16 regular-season starts, Warner completed 67 percent of his throws for 4,583 yards and 30 touchdowns, with 14 interceptions. He finished second in the NFL in completions, completion percentage and yards passing.

In four playoff games, he was even better, completing 79 percent of his passes for 1,347 yards and 12 touchdowns, with three interceptions.

But for one extremely costly interception, Warner turned in Arizona's 27-23 loss to the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl, completing 31 of 43 passes for 377 yards and three touchdowns.

In addition, Warner was named the NFL man of the year for his off-the-field contributions, as well as his playing excellence.

Graves called Warner "an elite player, a class act, and a professional."

Warner's return to the top was one of the best stories of last season, an intriguing chapter to his storbybook career. His well-known talk included stock-shelves in a supermarket, then working his way through the Arena Football League and NFL Europe to the Rams, where he was thrust into the starting job after an injury to Trent Green.

Warner led the Rams to two Super Bowls, winning one of them, but lost his starting job to Marc Bulger and left as a free agent for the New York Giants, where he was displaced by rookie Eli Manning.

Then it was off to Arizona, where he went back to the leader of a franchise that rocketed to excellence in 2008.

Lewis resigns with Baltimore

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens brought back a famous Pro Bowl player and added another one, too.

Linebacker Ray Lewis will finish his career with the Ravens after reaching agreement on a multiyear deal with Baltimore, which also agreed with center Matt Birk on Wednesday.

"From beginning to end as a Raven, ... Wow! To be with the Ravens is a dream," said Birk, "for an entire career, that doesn't happen in the NFL," Lewis said.

Birk can have a greater legacy than to be able to stay in one place for an entire career.

In the statement released by the team, the Ravens said, "And when a team makes you feel really wanted, that's a factor you're not going to ignore. They said, 'Let's get this worked out, we did.'"

"The Jets let the 31-year-old receiver leave as a free agent last week, restructuring his contract to make it easier," saidaring coach. "Birk is back to the starting center, Jason Brown, who signed a five-year, $13.5 million contract with the St. Louis Rams.

To add a player like Matt, who will also give us outstanding leadership, makes us a better team," coach John Harbaugh said. "We're not standing pat. We're moving forward and getting better."

Lewis earned his 10th Pro Bowl this season after leading the NFL with 167 tackles and having surgery on his left foot. He's been able to have a greater legacy than to be able to stay in one place for an entire career."
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**Thursday, March 5, 2009**

**NCAA Softball Division 1 Top 25**

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**MLB**

**L.A. signs Ramirez for two seasons**

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES — The winter of discontent in Mannywood is over.**

Manny Ramirez and the Los Angeles Dodgers officially agreed Wednesday on a $45 million, two-year contract that keeps him with the NL West champions. The slugger can void the second season of the deal and again become a free agent.

At times, McCourt's franchise was for $45 million in guaranteed money, including a $4 million bonus of a 2011 option, and gave the Dodgers the ability to maintain control of Ramirez through 2012. It also did not include the no-trade provision.

Ramirez will make a $1 million commitment to the Dodgers Foundation as part of the deal.

"We are thrilled that Manny wants to be a Dodger and that he has made such a tremendous commitment to the Los Angeles community," said McCourt in a statement.

"We witnessed something very special last year in the way that our fans connected with him and the manner in which the team came together. Now, we focus our complete and undivided attention on our primary goal, winning a world championship."

**In Brief**

Alex Rodriguez gets hip checked by doctor

**NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez has a new problem.**

Hours after Rodriguez played Tuesday for the Dominican Republic in a tuneup for the World Baseball Classic, the New York Yankees announced he would get his ailing hip checked by a specialist.

An exam Saturday revealed a cyst in Rodriguez's right hip. The 35-year-old slugger is scheduled to visit Dr. Marc Philippon on Wednesday in Vail, Colo.

"Alex has proven his durability throughout his career, and we will take every precaution and step necessary to ensure his health as we near the start of the 2009 regular season and beyond," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said in a statement. Rodriguez's status for the WBC was uncertain. The Dominican's first game is Saturday against the Netherlands in Puerto Rico.

**NHL's Cooper and Smith still missing**

**TAMPA, Fla. — Family and friends of free-agent NHL offensive lineman Corey Smith, who played for the Detroit Lions last season, and former South Florida player William Breakley. The Friends have been missing since their boat overturned Saturday in rough seas.**

"Authorities were done, but about a dozen charter boats motored out Wednesday, some with friends of the families aboard, to try to locate some signs of the men, according to dock workers at John's Pass near St. Petersburg. Three private planes also flew over the endless stretch of water, according to Cooper's father."

Penguins' Shero signs forward Bill Guerin

**PITTSBURGH — This is becoming a recurring theme: The Pittsburgh Penguins, badly in need of a linemate for Sidney Crosby, add one of the best forwards available at the trading deadline.**

General manager Ray Shero made a second significant deadline move in two seasons, picking up forward Bill Guerin from the New York Islanders on Wednesday for a conditional draft pick. Guerin, 38, once was one of the NHL's top power forwards and was the Islanders' second-leading scorer with 16 goals and 20 assists in 61 games.

"I think it's worth a chance with a Billy Guerin, that playing with good players he will be able to score goals. I'm hoping he can re-energize his career here in Pittsburgh," Shero said. "I think it's good move for both of us."
STUDENT STAND-UP

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TIME: 7pm - 9pm
ROOM: Montgomery Auditorium, LaFortune
INFO: Please prepare 2+ minutes of vocal performance, with or without CD accompaniment.
CASH PRIZES FOR CONTEST WINNERS.
Cleveland Cavaliers win earns them playoff spot

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 23 points, Delonte West had 13 and six other Cleveland Cavaliers scored in double figures Thursday night as the Cavaliers defeated the Milwaukee Bucks 91-73 on Wednesday night in a potential first-round series preview.

At 48-12, the Cavaliers wrapped up their fourth straight postseason berth with more than one month left in the regular season. But Cleveland has been doing everything at an accelerated rate. The Cavs moved 36 games over .500 for the first time and improved their league-best record at home to 27-1.

Mo Williams scored 15 against his former team and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 14 for Cleveland, which lowered its magic number for winning the Central Division to six.

Richard Jefferson scored 29 for the Bucks, currently clinging to the No. 8 spot in the Eastern Conference.

Cleveland swept the four-game season series between the teams, who could meet again in April with more at stake.

Milwaukee was still within striking distance late in the third quarter, but Wally Szczerblak hit a 3-pointer and James followed with one of his own as the Cavs, who seemed disininterested for much of the night, took a 14-point lead into the fourth.

The Bucks fought back and were ahead by just three points at the start of the fourth, but then the Panthers did, with a 10-minute stretch so overwhelming that it left opponents in the pantry.

DeJuan Blair scored 23 points and was dominating defensively. The Panthers' decisive 21-2 run after they fell behind by nine in the first half early in the second half, and rallied for a 90-75 victory Wednesday night.

Pitt set up a Big East showdown against No. 1 Connecticut on Saturday that eventually might decide one — or two — of the four top seeds in the NCAA tournament.

The Golden Eagles (23-7, 12-5) spoiled Pitt's bid to send off its seniors with a 57-48 lead with 15:36 remaining. However, the Panthers (27-3, 14-3) weren't flustered by the kind of turn-around they may see again in postseason play, quickly answering with a 9-0 run finished off by Blair's dunk to tie it at 57.

"We realized that even when they made that run and went ahead, that we were executing and doing things right," Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said. "We took good shots and didn't make them and, eventually, those good shots became makes and we were able to pull away."
Carmelo vows to adhere to coach's policies

After blatantly ignoring Nuggets head coach George Karl, Anthony was suspended one game this week.

Anthony, who will return to action Thursday night against Portland, and Karl both said there was no rift between them. "I never had any words with George. We never had an argument. It was just, you know, he took a stance on what happened and the result was a suspension," Anthony said. And he said he understands Karl's position. "He's got to do his job. He's got to coach. We've got to play. I mean, at all times during the 82-game season, everybody's not going to always agree, and that was just one of them times I didn't agree," Anthony said. "I didn't want to come out of the game."

Anthony said it won't happen again, and Karl said he believes him.

What Karl wanted was for Anthony to come out. "I think it was a combination of different feelings, he wasn't playing very well and he finally made some shots and his reaction was overboard," Karl said. "And I get to play policeman." Anthony said he should have gotten off with a warning. "Well, I mean, when somebody comes to sub you out, I guess you're supposed to go out. Like I said, it was one of those things where I felt like I wanted to stay in the game and make a run and try to win that game," Anthony said. "In my eyes I thought the situation was minute," he added. "Nobody knew what happened. Some of my teammates didn't even know what happened. The only people who knew was me, Anthony and Karl the person that was coming to sub me in."

Tha't's not the point, Karl said. "To understand Karl's reaction, it helps to remember that he found himself in a somewhat similar situation in Milwaukee several years ago when he was coaching the Bucks and Tim Thomas refused to return to the court in the final minute of a blowout at Denver. Karl wanted to suspend Thomas, but team owner Herb Kohl wouldn't go along with it, reasoning that nobody had seen his reaction, so it was best to keep a lid on it. Karl lost that argument and his relationship with both Thomas and Kohl cooled after that."

This time, the Nuggets backed Karl 100 percent, and Karl made his point loud and clear. "As an organization, we talked about it and we had to ... come down in a strong way," Karl said. "I'm not a big believer in suspensions. I don't necessarily like them. I think they're probably more uncomfortable to me than anybody," Karl said. "But I think there's certain situations where they are necessary." Interestingly, Anthony never apologized for his actions, either in his chat with the media or his 20-minute meeting with Karl. "I think there was just a moving on kind of conversation," Karl said. "I don't know if the word 'apology' was there, but I think we all feel that we're in a good place. We're excited about the challenge and it's best right now to forget about it and move on."
UNC holds onto victory over Virginia Tech

Coble leads Northwestern to upset at Purdue; MSU head coach Izzo vows to shave his head after IU victory

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Tyler Hansbrough had 22 points and 15 rebounds and No. 2 North Carolina stayed close to the regular season title with an 86-78 victory over fading Virginia Tech on Wednesday night.

The Tar Heels (26-3, 12-2), who lead Duke by one game heading into their regular season finale on Sunday in Chapel Hill, N.C., led almost throughout and took command with a 10-0 run that started with 5:03 to play — after the Hokies closed within one.

Virginia Tech (17-12, 7-8) lost for the fifth time in six games, and once again saw their hopes of an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament dashed.

The Hokies have lost seven of their last 10 games and they finish the regular season at Florida State on Sunday.

A.D. Vassallo led Virginia Tech with 25 points, while Malcolm Delaney added 18 points and 12 rebounds.

The Hokies got within 63-62 on Vassallo’s jumper in the lane with 5:16 left, but Hansbrough hit a 3-pointer from the left corner.

Malcolm Delaney tries to protect the ball as Virginia Tech guard Tyrone hashrough reaches for the ball as Virginia Tech guard.

After Purdue failed to score, Northwestern’s Thompson drained a 3-pointer to give Northwestern a nine-point lead with 5:34 remaining.

Purdue cut the deficit to two points and had several chances to get closer, but missed three free throws in the final 1:04.

Northwestern led 64-61 in the closing seconds, but the Boilermakers put Thompson at the line with 0.7 seconds to play and he made both.

Izzo keeps promise

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Tom Izzo is ready to pay the price for winning the Big Ten title.

With his hair.

After the No. 8 Spartans held off Indiana 64-59 on Tuesday, clinching their first outright conference crown in a decade, Izzo said he would fulfill the promise he made to students last fall by shaving his head — after the NCAA tournament.

"I lie to my other people, but I don't lie to my students, which will be embarrassing," the Spartans coach said. "I'm not going to embarrass my team in the NCAA tournament. I'm going to wait till it's all over and embarrass my wife then.

His players, of course, are ready to pull out the razor now.

But Izzo thinks the Spartans (24-5, 14-3) have plenty of work ahead to get ready for next week's Big Ten tournament and the NCAA tournament after that.

He was disappointed with his team's inability to put away a short-handed Hoosiers team that has now lost eight straight and played most of the game without leading scorer Devan Dumes, who appeared to injure his right knee less than four minutes in and did not return.

Kalin Lucas scored 15 points and Raymar Morgan had 14 points and seven rebounds, including a thunderous dunk off a rebound with 27.5 seconds to preserve the victory.

The two also combined to make three free throws in the final 16 seconds to seal it.

"We struggled, we just didn't have the energy tonight and maybe I should have played a little bit more, but I don't," Izzo said. "They had a lot of energy. They just played hard and they hurt us.

Indiana (6-23, 1-16) was led by Verdell Jones with 15 points.

Nick Williams and Malik Story each had 11, and the three combined to lead the Hoosiers back from a 13-point deficit with 9:10 to go.

Indiana was within 55-52 with 3:31 left but failed to convert on four opportunities to tie the score or take the lead.

Instead, they finished their home season with the fewest wins (5) since 1969-70 and tied the school record for worst home winning percentage (.333), set by the 1943-44 team that went 3-6.
**Women's Swimming and Diving**

**Athletes tune up before nationals**

By NATHANIEL LEE

Sports Writer

Coming off of its unprecedented 13th consecutive Big East championship, Notre Dame traveled to West Lafayette, Ind., for the Purdue Boiler-Make-It Invitational, a final qualifier and tune-up before the NCAA Zone Diving and Swimming Championships.

"We went out there to try and improve times in order to possibly make the NCAA Championships," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "The 200 relay team accomplished that." Early in the Boiler-Make-It Invitational, Irish juniors Megan Farrell and Ashley Edpall made an impact, finishing first and second, respectively, in the 200-meter individual medley. But their times of 2:01.10 and 2:04.13 were just short of the NCAA B-cut.

The school record in the 200-meter medley relay also fell this season at the hands of Kuhlke, freshman Colleen Potsch and sophomore Samantha Maxwell and Amywren Miller. Their first-place time of 1:39.29 was good enough to land the final Irish NCAA B-Cut.

"For the NCAA Championships, an A-Cut is an automatic berth, and then the Rankings of times determine which B-Cut qualifiers will make it," Barnes said. Right now we have between two and four athletes that are hoping to get that opportunity."

Next up the schedule for the Irish is the NCAA Zone Diving Championships, where divers Natalie Still, a junior, and Heidi Grossman, a sophomore, will look to make a splash. The qualifying divers will travel to Minneapolis, Minn., March 13 to compete.

"Right now the athletes who might continue are training hard to just get faster," Barnes said. "We just focus on getting better in order to swim fastest at nationals and being able to make an impact there."

The Irish swimmers will have to wait an extra week, before leaving for College Station, Texas, to compete for individual and national recognition in the three-day NCAA Championships from March 19-21.

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**Men's Swimming and Diving**

**Divers prepare for Zone C competition**

By MIKE GOTIMER

Sports Writer

Notre Dame's divers will look to continue their strong season at the NCAA Zone C Diving Championships in Minneapolis on March 13.

The Irish will boast a good deal of experience in the meet, as four of their five participants competed in the event last year.

Senior captain Michael Bullfin leads the way for the Irish and will be competing in the Zone Championships for the fourth consecutive year.

Bullfin is coming off a strong performance at last month's Big East championships in which the All-American finished second in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events.

Last season, the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., native finished in sixth place in the 1-meter at the Zone Championships and later moved on to become the first diver in Notre Dame history to score points at the NCAA championships.

Sophomore Eric Lox, Wesley Villafior and Nathann Geary will each return to the event for the second consecutive season. Each diver performed well in Notre Dame's first-place finish at the Big East championships.

Lox was consistent at the event, finishing fifth in the 1-meter event and third in the 3-meter event. Villafior finished fourth in the 1-meter and seventh in the 3-meter while Geary finished ninth in the 1-meter and fifth in the 3-meter. Each diver is looking to advance to the finals for the first time in his career.

Irish junior Caleb Dunnichay will make his first trip to the event. The Elwood, Ind., native was the most consistent Irish diver at the Big East championships besides Bullfin. Dunnichay finished third in the 1-meter and fourth in the 3-meter.

Competition at the NCAA Zone C Championships begins at 1 p.m. at the University Aquatic Center on the campus of the University of Minnesota.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE
Laxers set to hit the road
By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The No. 11 Irish (3-1) start out on the road this break as they take on No. 13 Dartmouth (2-1) in Hanover, N.H., this Saturday — Notre Dame’s second away game of the season. The Irish went 2-1 in their recent three-game homestand, losing to No. 1 Northwestern and defeating Ohio State and Penn State, who will be hosting the Invitational to know whether or not the Irish senior pole vaulter Mary Saxer, with his performance in the Big East Indoor and Field Championships, will continue their in-season routines. The Invitational will begin at 5 p.m. Friday and continue through Saturday. The national championships will take place at Texas A&M University the next weekend.

FENCING
Team faces reigning NCAA champs
By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The NCAA Midwest regional will be the make-or-break event for the Notre Dame fencing teams this weekend as they head into the final qualifying event before the NCAA championships.

ND TRACK AND FIELD
Irish look ahead to end of indoor season
By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will finish up the indoor season with two meets over break. This weekend, the Irish will compete in the Alex Wilson Invitational, held at Notre Dame’s Meyo Field. Although the Big East Championships have already been completed, the Invitational still has major ramifications for some athletes.

“The Alex Wilson meet provides Notre Dame athletes a last chance to qualify for nationals. It is an essential meet for those looking to secure a provisional or automatic mark that will advance them to the NCAA Indoor and Field Championships,” senior pole vaulter Matt Schipper said.

Those who succeed in qualifying for nationals will take a trip down to Texas in two weeks. So far, senior pole vaulter Mary Saxer is the only Irish athlete to officially punch her ticket to the meet. Schipper, with his performance in the Big East Championships, also qualified, but will have to wait until the Invitational to know whether or not he will be taken.

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ment, where the Irish will have three full days of playing, facing Texas Tech twice, UNLV, Cal-Bakersfield and Loyola Marymount.

“We need to have a competitive edge. It’s more fun to play against them because we have more better competition,” Fleury said. “It’s much more of a challenge.

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affluence of Florida sunlight. “We can get them outside at their place last year,” senior Keil Pollock said. “They can just take a trip and not have the risk of their team book back. After the march against the Hawkeyes, the Fighting Irish will play South Florida Wednesday.

“South Florida is always tough for us,” Tefft said. “We don’t need much of a break, especially if it’s not playing especially well, hav­ ing won at No. 1 Northwestern this past Saturday.

“Duke is always great,” Tefft said. “And they are very, very good this year.”

Leading the Irish into this year was motivation. North Carolina goalie Grant Zimmerman, who made 18 saves in last year’s NCAA Tournament, was the backup goalie.

■ “Our pitching and the fact that we improved so much from the first weekend to the second weekend makes us very strong,“ Fleury said.

Last time the teams met, Corrigan led the Irish beat Stanford, 11-0 at Palto Alto, Calif. "Fleury said that tournament boosted Notre Dame’s confidence.

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"Our guys are pretty excited for Notre Dame rose above .500 with a record of 7-7. The Irish will now gear up for a four-match trip to California starting next Saturday.

"The biggest thing we try to get in California is outdoor play. The college tennis world is over break, as long as we get some outdoor matches. Every team will be an emotional experi­ ence."

"Tough,“ Fleury’s stomach. “I actually almost threw up the other two days before every break, to get to see the sun and it is warmer than twenty degrees.”

"Fleury said. Notre Dame begins spring break Friday, but for the ten­ days over a break may seem tough for us," Tefft said. "We need to adjust our game. As long as we get some outdoor matches, every team will be an emotional experience.

"South Florida is always tough,“ Fleury said. “We have the core of their team from last weekend, a 19-goal outburst where Notre Dame will go down to their place and it’s going to be a tough game."

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Men’s Tennis

Irish look to capitalize on victory

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port in the Judi-Genar Classic, where the Irish will play Arizona, Arizona State and UCLA. The Irish will stay in Phoenix, Arizona and Arizona State to conclude their spring break tournaments. Much of the season’s major competition will be during this tournament, as Arizona, Oklahoma, Arizona State and UCLA all finish their top 20 se­

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**Men's Basketball**

**Going out in style?**

Hoopsters hope to win Senior Night contest against SJU

By GREG ARB O C A G T

Sports Writer

After Monday’s demoralizing loss to Villanova, many have accepted that Notre Dame’s hopes of making the NCAA Tournament are slim, but the Irish players haven’t. At the very least, that’s the team’s party line as it prepares for the final game of the regular season Friday against St. John’s.

“T don’t think we’re accepting anything,” senior Ryan Ayers said about the team’s postseason possibilities. “Anything could happen from here, so why would we give up now. We’re going to come out with a lot of pride and play with a lot of heart on Friday.”

Besides the fact that their postseason lives will be on life support, emotions will be high.

ND Softball

Squad set for return to action

By MOLLY SAMMON

Sports Writer

With spring break approaching, Notre Dame anticipates a long week of play in the southwestern portion of the country, playing a group of teams with different abilities.

The Irish traveled to North Carolina State for the Wolfpack Invitational last weekend, only to later find out all games were cancelled due to excessive rain.

“Not being able to play was really boring,” senior Kyle McAlarney said. “We’re just sitting in the hotel room,”

sophomore shortstop Katie Fleury said. “You can’t do any form of activity at all.”

The first stop for the team next week will be the University of Nevada Las Vegas’ invitational tournament.

**Baseball**

Notre Dame heads south to take on No. 7 Rice and others

By BILL BRINK

Sports Editor

The Irish will get a tough test this weekend when they face No. 7 Rice, one of three teams Notre Dame will play in Houston, Texas, but Irish coach Dave Schrage said he’s not concerned about who his team faces.

“Right now, we’re concerned more about how we’re playing than who we’re playing,” he said. “We only get three days of practice and then we’re on the road again traveling.”

Notre Dame (3-3) will play Oral Roberts Friday, Rice Saturday and Washington State Sunday. Because of warmer weather, the Irish have practiced outside more this season than in the past, but sporadic indoor practices prevent the team from practicing fly balls.

When indoor on the football field at the Loftus Sports Center, the team practices fundamentals and footwork.

“We can take a lot of ground balls, and I think that’s shown in our infield defense,” Schrage said.

Despite the fact that the team hasn’t spent much time outside, some players have started the season hot at the plate. Tate Morel and Greg Sherry lead the team in hitting with .366 and .373 average, respectively.

“Very similar to football, where the top 10. There’s really not one team that has separated itself this year,” he said. “When you get a matchup with someone such as North Carolina, the rankings sort of a springboard and you’re just trying to find your advantages on both sides of the field.”

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**Softball**

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By DOUGLAS FARMER

Sports Writer

Before Notre Dame heads south to Florida and Georgia for spring break, the No. 7 Irish will host Iowa (6-5) Friday at 3 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Starting with this match, the Irish (11-1) will have four matches in eight days during spring break. The team will also face South Florida (1-5) in Tampa, No. 4 Duke (9-1) in Orlando, and finally, No. 8 Georgia Tech (5-4) in Atlanta.

But first and foremost, the team must face Iowa, a match not to be overlooked amidst the high rankings and the

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**Men’s Lacrosse**

ND prepares to host No. 3 UNC at Loftus

By SAM WERNER

Sports Writer

The No. 7 Irish will face their toughest test of the young season this weekend when they welcome third-ranked North Carolina to the Loftus Sports Center Sunday.

Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan said that, while he recognizes the Tar Heels’ (6-0) as a very talented team, he didn’t want to get caught up in the rankings.

“I don’t think anyone’s oblivious to the fact that they’re No. 3 in the country,” he said. But I don’t think it’s something we’ll spend much time talking about.”

Irish senior captain Peter Christian said that, at this level, all the teams are virtually equal, and rankings don’t matter much.

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