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NCAA settles class-action lawsuit

Student-athletes can receive \$2,500 in additional reimbursements under conditional terms

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

The NCAA is prepared to ease restrictions on educational expenses for current student-athletes and set aside \$10 million to reimburse former athletes.

The decision is part of the settlement of a class-action lawsuit filed by former athletes who argued that NCAA limits on scholarships — which can cover only tuition, books, housing and meals — are an unlawful restraint of trade because of the billions of dollars generated through major college football and

basketball.

The settlement, which includes a provision to allow NCAA member schools to offer year-round health insurance for student-athletes, will not become official until a judge sanctions it and both sides give final approval.

How the settlement would affect the approximately 700 Division I athletes at Notre Dame is unclear, senior associate athletic director John Heisler said.

"It would be premature to know [how it affects] Notre Dame for sure," he said. "I think it is the next step in a legal conversation that's been ongoing for some time

and I don't know that we know the full extent of what the implications will be."

Former football players Jason White of Stanford and Brian Polak of UCLA, and former basketball players Jovan Harris of San Francisco and Chris Craig of Texas-El Paso first filed the class action suit in February 2006.

Heisler warned that the settlement reached Wednesday might not reflect the final version.

"The judge has to agree to the settlement and it's going to take some time for this to shake out. And we're going to have to con-

tinue to analyze [how it] impacts us and impacts any of our athletes," he said. "I think it's just too early to know."

The suit claimed that athletes need a significantly higher amount of funding in addition to tuition, books, housing and meals than they currently receive through their athletic scholarships.

Under terms of the deal, students-athletes will be able to apply for as much as \$2,500 a year for up to three years for reimbursement of certain "out-of-pocket expenses," including

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No liquor, no patrons, no Casa

Unpaid taxes lead to restaurant closing

By MARCELA BERRIOS and
KAREN LANGLEY
News Writers

Adios, Taco Tuesdays and half-off pitchers.

Casa del Rio, a popular off-campus eatery located at 1705 South Bend Ave., will serve its last meal tonight after a failure to keep up with tax payments prevented its owner from renewing the establishment's liquor license.

"I've been pondering it for a while," owner Jesse Arredondo, said. "It's just been harder and harder to make ends meet."

Arredondo, who opened Casa in September 2004, said he is out of the capital needed to run the restaurant. Casa will not reopen unless he finds business partners in the next few days.

The restaurant's liquor license expired Dec. 21, and Arredondo couldn't renew it because the property's taxes were not up to date, a requirement under Indiana law.

"You have to be current when you go to the renewal hearing," he said.

And without its famous drink deals — such as \$1 domestic draughts on Tuesdays and half-price margarita pitchers Sundays and Wednesdays — Casa saw an immediate drop in revenue.

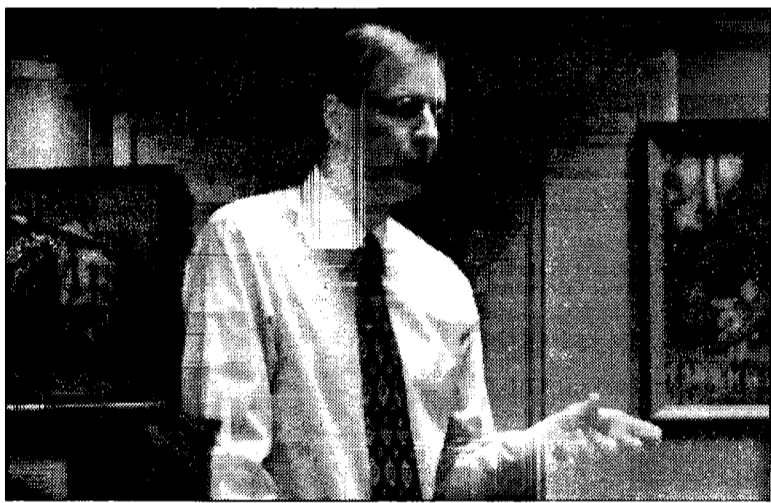
"It has hurt me extremely to be without the liquor license," Arredondo said.

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STUDENT SENATE

Hate speech denounced in resolution

One senator opposes, two abstain from vote in reaction to racist letters, anti-gay T-shirts



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer
Parker Ladwig from University Libraries spoke about the state of electronic reserves at Notre Dame Wednesday.

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

The Student Senate passed a resolution Wednesday denouncing hate speech and stating that it "stands in solidarity" with the Notre Dame gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) community. Shirts condemning homosexuality, which some students wore last semester, prompted the resolution.

"While the solidarity with the community is a focus of the resolution, the resolution, we hope, is proactive as well as reactive in that we're

addressing all forms of hate speech and any future occurrences," Social Concerns Committee Chair Karen Koski said.

The resolution passed, with only one senator opposing and two abstaining from the vote. Although Fisher Senator Stephen Bant agreed with the Senate's intentions, he did not believe that a Senate resolution would accomplish much for the issue. Instead, he argued that giving the shirts too much attention would be counterproductive.

"I think it's pretty obvious

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Director of GRC says campus at extremes

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

The University's Catholic character plays a major role in promoting many students to search exclusively for life partners and others to respond by rejecting committed relationships altogether, the director of the Gender Relations Center said Wednesday.

Citing Catholic character as the "framework of our values and morals," at Notre Dame, Heather Rakoczy spoke about relationships and interactions on campus as part of the second installment of "Notre Dating"

Wednesday.

"People take relationships much more seriously here, searching for a life partner rather than simply dating in order to meet people and have a good time," Rakoczy said. At the other extreme, students are fearful of this culture of dating and abstain from the process entirely or "feel pressure to be in committed, long-lasting relationships."

The problem lies in the extremes. Students' responses are "radical on either end. There is no middle ground," Rakoczy said.

The GRC's focus, therefore,

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SMC jokes barred from Revue

Keenan's annual function opens tonight in O'Laughlin Auditorium

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

The Keenan Revue opens tonight, but it will be missing an element present in past performances.

Despite the seemingly requisite crotch thrusting and du Lac-mocking, this year's Revue will not feature jokes aimed at Saint Mary's students.

In accordance with the dorm's agreement with the College to perform at the O'Laughlin Auditorium, which Revue organizers consider an ideal size, representatives of the College's student govern-

COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer
Eric Routen and Eric Wallace perform in last year's Keenan Revue. Shows will be held tonight, Friday and Saturday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

John Locke

No, I am not talking about the English philosopher who founded the social contract theory. I am not talking about the British empiricist either. I am talking about the knife-slinging, boar-hunting, former paraplegic hero of Oceanic flight 815 John Locke.

Katie Kohler
Saint Mary's Editor

It's been 260 days since the "Lost" Season Three finale. And yes, of course I've been counting. And tonight at 8 p.m., "Lost" is finally back.

The sole purpose of this column is to explain why John Locke is the deepest, most mysterious, craziest and phenomenal character on "Lost" — which is why, even after being shot and thrown into a ditch to die at the end of Season Three, he emerged just in time to try to convince Jack not to use the radio (which he does anyway, but still).

John Locke was brought up in foster care, only to be conned by his biological father, Anthony Cooper, for his kidney. After confronting him several times in order to prevent him from conning a woman to steal her fortune, his father threw him out an eight-story window, leading to his four-year wheelchair stint as a paraplegic.

But Locke didn't give up. He went to Australia to participate in a "walkabout," which is a spiritual journey, even though he was in a wheelchair. And now, he is going to be the reason "The Others" don't kill all 38 of the remaining survivors.

If anyone watches "Lost," they'll know Locke's often-used phrase, "Don't tell me what I can't do." His character is tragic, but strong. He makes everyone else on the island look weak and selfish. He has become one with the island and as a result, he is the only person who doesn't really want to leave.

Everyone looks to Locke for guidance because they can sense that he knows what's up. And he does.

John Locke spent a majority of Season One with Boone unearthing the Hatch, which sustained life with food, medical supplies and shelter while everyone else was sitting under tarps next to campfires.

He realized there was something special about Walt before he got kidnapped when everyone else thought he was a creepy child molester.

He was learning the secrets of "The Others" while everyone else thought he was a traitor.

He has single-handedly helped every single person on the island and now with season four so very close, I cannot wait to see what Locke will do next.

While Locke has never been the central character in the show, it wouldn't be a show without him. There's so much more we need to find out and hopefully, it'll happen in Season Four.

Even though there are 48 more episodes over the next three seasons, Locke will not die. He will not be a traitor. And he will get off the island. I am totally sure of it. And if I'm wrong, he's going to have a pretty sweet exit.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT FOOD WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY DEEP-FRIED?

					
Alex Gorrell sophomore Alumni	Andrew Gathof senior Zahm	Andrew Luttrell freshman Dillon	Hannah Ha freshman Welsh Family	John Strong senior Alumni	Kerry McGuire junior Welsh Family
"Buffalo, because their wings are delicious."	"Twinkies."	"Fish."	"Fried buffalo chicken pizza with a fried twinkie for dessert."	"Dragons."	"Deep-fried Taco Bell."



Students gather at the Winter Career and Internship Fair in the Joyce Center Wednesday. More than 170 employers and 480 recruiters participated in the fair. The event was open to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and other area colleges.

OFFBEAT

89 frozen ferrets found in Va. home
VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Authorities removed nearly 200 animals from a Virginia Beach home, including 89 frozen ferret carcasses. Police spokeswoman Margie Long said animal control agents found more than 100 live ferrets, a dog, a bird and three cats, most of them suffering from dehydration and malnutrition. Long said the frozen bodies of 89 ferrets, a cat, a rat and an otter were discovered in freezers in the house and garage.

Sixty-one of the live ferrets had to be euthanized because of poor health.

Ore. boy picks wrong place to park bike
SALEM, Ore. — If it's on the floor at the Goodwill store in Salem, it's for sale. So when Cody Young parked his bicycle in the wrong place, it got sold. Not only that, the bike that cost \$232 four years ago went for \$6.99. "That was just insulting," the seventh-grader said. Young said he and friends went to the store on Sunday to look at speakers. He didn't have

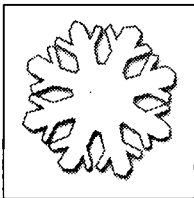
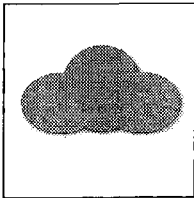
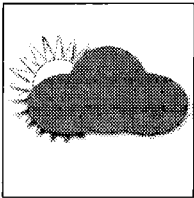
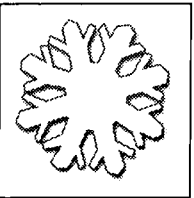
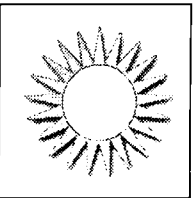
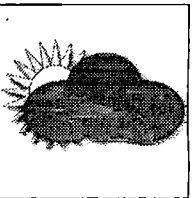
a lock, but his friends told him they'd previously parked inside the store. He left it near other bikes that were for sale. While they were shopping, his black BMX bike was sold. Goodwill officials said they were looking into the sale. They said they were unable to identify the bike's purchaser. "We will make every effort to do the right thing," spokesman Bob Barsocchini said, "and we will throw in a bike lock."

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

- There will be a Blood Drive today from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. Registration is needed. To register, call 631-6100.
- The Fry Street Quartet will perform tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public.
- The film "In July" will be shown at 7 p.m. and again at 10 p.m. tonight in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets will cost \$3 for students, \$5 for faculty and staff, and \$6 for general admission.
- Men's basketball will play Providence tonight at 7 in the Joyce Center.
- Men's hockey will play the U.S. Under-18 Team Friday at 7:35 p.m. in the Joyce Center ice rink in an exhibition.

- There will be a Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Music will be provided by the Women's Liturgical Choir.
- Men's basketball will play DePaul Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Center. TV coverage will be on ESPN Classic.
- On Tuesday, there will be an Alumni Panel for Teach for America at 7 p.m. in 100-104 McKenna Hall.
- To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 22 LOW 12	HIGH 17 LOW 8	HIGH 30 LOW 23	HIGH 30 LOW 12	HIGH 29 LOW 20	HIGH 35 LOW 23

ND Alert will be tested again Friday

In November test of emergency warning system, students did not receive text messages for 2 hours

Special to The Observer

ND Alert, Notre Dame's comprehensive emergency notification system, will be retested Friday afternoon. During the process, many students, faculty and staff will receive text-message alerts to their cell phones for the first time.

An ND Alert test in November revealed that some e-mail messages took more than two hours to arrive. Modifications have been made to local e-mail delivery systems, and the upcoming test will verify the effectiveness of these changes.

"Safety is of paramount importance, and we believe that time is of the essence in the face of the kinds of emergencies this system will address," said Gordon Wishon, associate provost, chief information officer and associate vice president of information technologies.

New in this round of testing, every registered cell phone user that has not opted out of the text messaging service will receive a text alert. In the past, the opposite was true: texts were sent only to those who had opted in during the fall semester. A change recently instituted by the emergency sys-

tem vendor, Connect-ED, now includes all cell phone numbers except those that have been opted out. Some employees, particularly those who must pay a per-message fee for texts, may want to opt out of this feature. This may be done by following the instructions at the emergency page of OIT's web site.

As with the first test, the mass notification system will distribute messages to student, faculty and employee home and office telephones, registered cell phones, University e-mail accounts and any additional personal e-mail accounts previously provided. The University's cable system also will broadcast a test message to any live television in residence

hall rooms, common areas such as the LaFortune Student Center and offices. All messages will clearly indicate that a test is under way.

Faculty and staff who have not registered emergency contact information such as personal cell phone numbers or non-University e-mail addresses are encouraged to do so.

Registration is available through the "My Resources" tab of InsideND.

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Gordon Wishon
chief information officer

Agencies ineffective, professor says

Camacho says U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fails to self-analyze

Special to The Observer

In an article published in UCLA Law Review, Alex Camacho, associate professor of law at the Notre Dame Law School, criticizes Congress and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for mismanagement of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) program under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The article is the first comprehensive assessment of what Camacho calls a "pioneering but ultimately defective program."

Camacho contends that regulatory agencies like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fail to systematically review the effectiveness of their programs and therefore do not have the information necessary to know what works and what doesn't.

He says these agencies would benefit greatly by incorporating an experimental approach to regulation: try a course of action, gather data and assess the program's effectiveness, adjust the approach based on the information gathered, and continue to monitor and adapt throughout the life of the program. Such an approach is particularly crucial when there is substantial uncertainty regarding the best regulatory approach for an agency to take — a fairly common condition in environmental

regulation.

"The ESA should be periodically and methodically evaluated to determine if it is advancing the public goals it was proposed to cultivate," Camacho said. "Though the ESA has been modified several times since its original adoption in 1973, neither Congress nor the Fish and Wildlife Service has really bothered with rigorous analysis of its efficacy."

Camacho points to the Habitat Conservation Plan of the ESA as a promising regulatory innovation for its stated goal of saving endangered species via negotiated agreements between private landowners and the federal government rather than by government mandate alone.

"Though these agreements may have promise for addressing conflicts over species conservation and economic development," he said, "with few exceptions they are adopted with little participation from the public or independent scientists. This too often produces risky regulatory approvals that lack basic yet vital information."

Camacho cites the oft-touted Plum Creek agreement in Washington.

"The agreement remains in effect despite a 50 percent decline in endangered spotted owls attributable to an alarming influx of invasive barred owls — a contingency unforeseen during agreement approval," he said. "With monitoring and adaptation, this could be prevented."

Camacho added: "The ESA has failed to harness the potential for regulatory learning that exists for

every regulatory program. Such adaptive regulation would allow enacted laws, Congress, and administrative agencies to actually be judged on their performance and be held accountable for outcomes, not just intentions."

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2005, Camacho earned law degrees from Harvard Law School and Georgetown University. He specializes in the study of regulatory innovation in environmental, land use, and local government law.

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associate professor
Law School

More alumni in Peace Corps

University moves up four spots on list of most represented mid-size schools

By DENNIS SLATER
News Writer

Notre Dame is climbing up the list of medium-sized schools sending students into the Peace Corps.

After spending last year as No. 21, Notre Dame jumped to No. 17 in 2007 with 23 alumni currently in the Peace Corps.

Medium-sized schools on the list are defined as those with undergraduate enrollments between 5,000 and 15,000. Notre Dame, with an enrollment of about 8,000, is tied for its spot on the list with Appalachian State University and The University of Montana.

Notre Dame has been among the nation's top 25 for the past five years. The University of Virginia topped the list of medium-sized colleges and universities with 72 alumni in the Peace

Corps. There are currently more than 8,000 Peace Corps volunteers serving in 74 countries around the world.

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"Of course, this is no surprise given the University's deep focus on humanitarian efforts, both in the U.S. and abroad. I think the founding

ideals of Notre Dame and the Peace Corps are very much in sync. Peace Corps enjoys enormous support on campus from faculty and staff, which we truly appreciate."

Many Notre Dame graduates are searching for a way to give back to the community through service to others and do so through the Peace Corps.

Erik Janowsky, a 1987 alumnus, had an affinity for Latin America and studied Spanish throughout his years at Notre Dame, he said. He went to Ecuador as a Peace Corps member and service soon became a vocation for him.

He embarked on a career in community development and eventually co-founded a non-profit organization with another Notre Dame alumnus establishing a primary health care project in Ecuador, he said.

The Center of Social Concerns is responsible for informing and providing Notre Dame graduates with the opportunity to join the Peace Corps.

Students, faculty and community members interested in the Peace Corps can attend the upcoming campus information presentation, or contact the Notre Dame regional recruiter Liz Ategu. The presentation is on Thursday, at 6 p.m. in Room 116 of DeBartolo Hall.

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résumé preparation and career counseling. Former student-athletes must file their claims within three years.

Some of the costs athletes could soon have reimbursed include traveling home for family emergencies and purchasing computers.

The financial impact on Notre Dame and how many athletes will take advantage of the program is still unclear, Heisler said.

"I don't think any institution knows that [how much it will cost]. It's hard to project that. They talked about the NCAA providing this additional funding for the student athlete opportunity fund for five years," he said. "What happens after that, I don't think that question was answered. I think we have a ways to go before any of us have an

appreciation on how it impacts any of us here."

Much of the money to be made available after the settlement would be funneled through the NCAA's existing \$218 million opportunity fund.

"The biggest dollar amount talked about is the student athlete opportunity fund which is an NCAA sponsored program which basically provides funding through the conferences to the membership and that money can be used for a variety of things," Heisler said. "It can be medical in nature, it could be academic in nature, it can involve emergency sorts of things in terms of getting somebody home for a funeral if there's a death in the family."

Chris Hine contributed reporting. Information from Associated Press was used in this report.

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Dating

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was to discuss ways in which students can find "balance in order to integrate all aspects of [their] lives," including the considerable influence of Catholic teaching here at Notre Dame, Rakoczy said.

Through increased discussion of topics often labeled "taboo" within some Catholic circles, Rakoczy said, students can facilitate a greater understanding of how Catholicism can improve rather than worsen gender relations on campus.

Just as parietals and single-sex dorms are a part of student life at Notre Dame, so too is Catholicism a significant and permanent aspect of the nature of the University, she said. Students must find an appropriate outlet for discussion and educa-

tion in order to accomplish improvement in gender relations on campus, Rakoczy said.

Rakoczy moderated the second event organized by the Gender Relations Center (GRC) to study the effects of a Catholic education on dating.

Wednesday's discussion included large and small group activities to begin the discussion. FIRE starters are student peer educators on campus,

who facilitate greater awareness, discussion and solutions to many of the gender issues on campus. Standing for "Finding Identity Relationships Equality," the FIRE starters presented per-

sonal experiences and initiated greater dialogue between students in attendance.

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Heather Rakoczy
director of Gender Relations

Beginning with an integrative look at the defining features of Catholic character, Notre Dame graduate and current seminarian Mark DeMott stressed that the University must be a "community shaped by

Catholic Christianity," where students can "engage, learn from, struggle with, and allow faith to become a part of who you are."

The "Notre Dating" series events will be held on the last Wednesday of every month through April in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge.

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Heather Rakoczy
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Final report spares Israeli prime minister

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert emerged relatively unscathed from the final report Wednesday on his handling of Israel's 2006 war in Lebanon, even though the inquiry criticized both the government and the army for "serious failings and flaws."

The report stopped short of blaming Olmert personally for what many Israelis saw as a stunning debacle that emboldened the Jewish state's enemies. A harsher indictment could have threatened Olmert's rule and his stated goal of signing a peace treaty with the Palestinians within a year.

U.S. warns China to relax restraints

GENEVA — The United States has told China to get serious about relaxing the restraints on financial information providers in a letter that could represent a final warning before the U.S. asks the WTO to intervene in the matter, the Associated Press learned Wednesday.

In the letter to Chinese trade officials, the office of the U.S. Trade Representative signaled it has run out of patience with China's refusal to change rules introduced two years ago that appeared to boost the official Xinhua News Agency at the expense of financial information companies such as Reuters Group PLC and Bloomberg LP.

The World Trade Organization said it has yet to receive a formal complaint from the United States, which is pursuing China in separate trade cases over rampant Chinese product piracy and measures hindering sales of U.S.-made auto parts, CDs, DVDs and books, in separate cases.

NATIONAL NEWS

Judge throws out Katrina levee suit

NEW ORLEANS — A federal judge threw out a key class-action lawsuit Wednesday against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over flooding from a levee breach after Hurricane Katrina.

U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval ruled that the Corps should be held immune over the failure of a wall on the 17th Street Canal that caused much of the flooding of New Orleans in August 2005.

The suit led to 350,000 separate claims by businesses, government entities and residents, totaling billions of dollars in damages against the agency.

Astronauts face power problems

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two astronauts pulled off a riskier and trickier-than-usual spacewalk Wednesday, replacing a failed electric motor and giving the international space station a much-needed power boost.

The station's power system still has problems; a joint for rotating one set of solar wings is mysteriously clogged with metal shavings and can't be fixed until later this year. Wednesday's successful operation, however, added to the power margin at the orbiting outpost and cleared the way for the deliveries of two science labs.

Atlantis is supposed to lift off with the European Space Agency's Columbus lab next week after a two-month delay, but a new problem could force yet another postponement.

An inspection Tuesday uncovered a bent radiator hose in the shuttle's payload bay. The hose works as is and doesn't leak Freon, but some engineers fear it could break from the vibrations during liftoff.

LOCAL NEWS

13-month-old shot to death in car

GARY, Ind. — A 13-month-old boy was shot to death in what his mother described as a carjacking, and police said Tuesday they have arrested a person of interest.

Kwana Shaw was driving with her son, Josiah, in the city of Gary Monday evening when a man forced his way into the car, police said.

A SWAT team arrested a man on a failure to appear in court warrant Monday in Portage, about 12 miles east of Gary.

"Our investigators talked to that individual and will probably be talking to him again as the investigation continues," Gary Police Cmdr. Samuel Roberts said.

Roberts would not say whether police believe he was the gunman.

KENYA

Washington reconsiders aid to Kenya

Post-election "ethnic cleansing" in Nairobi has claimed 800 lives

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — The top U.S. envoy to Africa called the month of post-election violence in Kenya "ethnic cleansing" and said Wednesday Washington was reconsidering hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to the country.

Jendayi Frazer said neither President Mwai Kibaki nor his chief rival, opposition leader Raila Odinga, is doing enough to stop the bloodshed that has claimed more than 800 lives since the disputed Dec. 27 presidential vote.

Much of the violence has pitted other tribes, including Odinga's Luo, against Kibaki's Kikuyu who are the largest ethnic group. Kikuyus have long been resented for their dominance of Kenya's economy and politics, but poor Kikuyu are among the slum dwellers who have been left out of the country's economic boom.

Frazer said the violence she saw during a visit earlier this month to the western Rift Valley pitted the Kalenjin, who support Odinga, against Kikuyus.

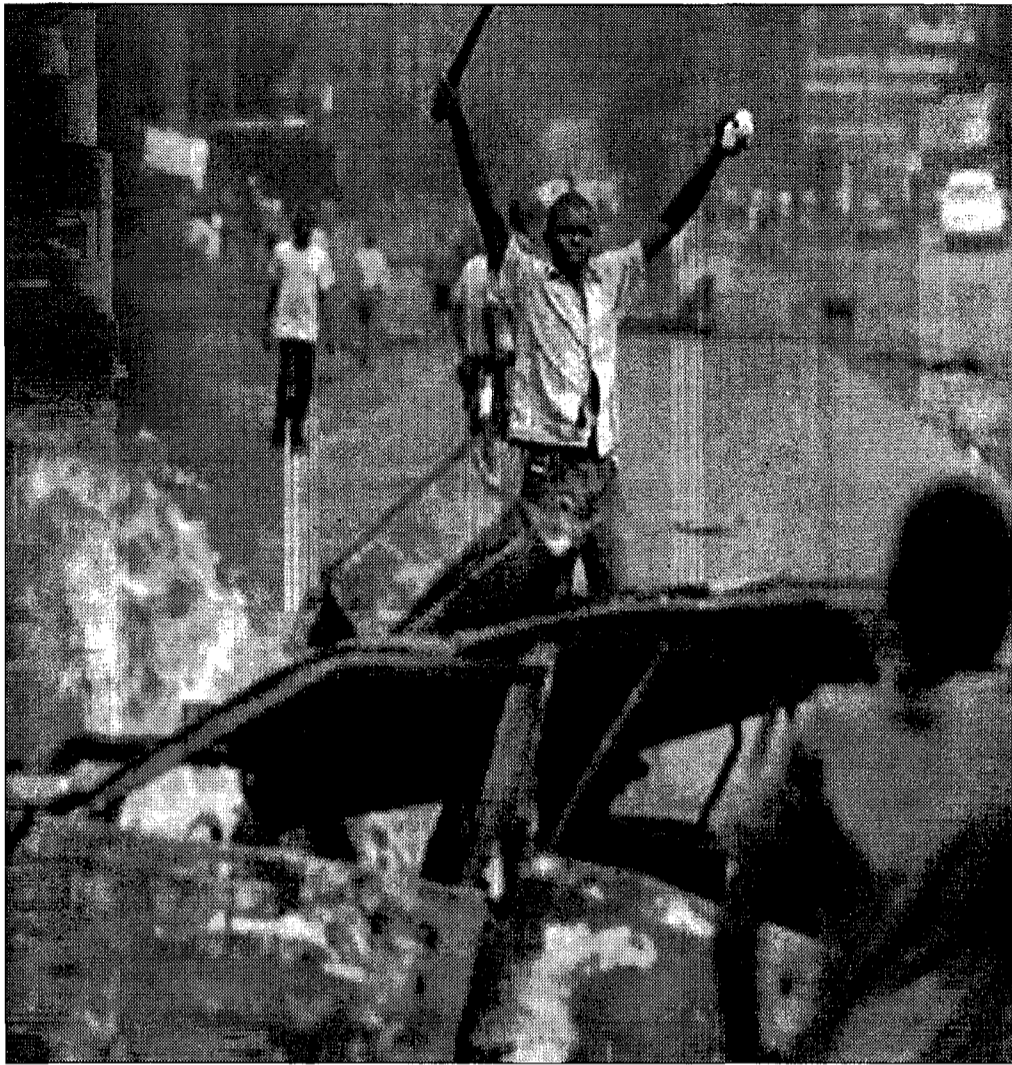
"The first wave of this violence, it was primarily in the Rift Valley, and it was Kalenjin pushing out Kikuyu. But that may now be spreading to Kikuyus pushing out Luos and Kalenjins," Frazer told reporters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the sidelines of an African Union summit.

"What I was talking about in terms of the ethnic cleansing that I saw was the immediate aftermath of the election, in which there was an organized effort to push people out of the Rift Valley." In that area, she said people were told to leave their homes on the threat of death if they did not flee.

Frazer said she did not consider the killings a genocide.

In Washington, the State Department appeared to back away from Frazer's characterization of the violence as ethnic cleansing.

"Very clearly, there is a very serious situation, if not crisis, with respect to people



The town of Kisumu is now almost completely ethnically cleansed of Kikuyus, and mobs armed with makeshift weapons erect burning roadblocks and search for the few Kikuyu targets remaining.

being displaced in Kenya," spokesman Sean McCormack told reporters. He said experts from the State Department's Office of War Crimes Issues were compiling information about the violence but had not yet made any findings.

But he noted "ethnic cleansing," unlike "genocide," is not a legal term with a set definition.

"If they do document any instances of atrocities, we'll have to look at what next steps to take, but at this point we're not there yet," McCormack said.

Kikuyus were the major victims of the first explosion of violence after the announcement that Kibaki had won the election, which the international community and election monitors agree

was rigged.

Hundreds of Kikuyus have been killed, and members of the group account for more than half of the 255,000 chased from their homes, most in the Rift Valley.

In the Rift Valley, decades-old grudges over land are at the heart of the conflict. The valley is the traditional home of the Kalenjin and Masai people. British colonizers seized large tracts of land to cultivate fertile farms there. When much of that land was redistributed after independence in 1963, President Jomo Kenyatta flooded it with his Kikuyu people, instead of returning it to the Kalenjin and Masai.

Some of the violence is an expression of long pent-up anger by the marginalized majority in Nairobi slums,

where 65 percent of the capital's residents teeter are struggling just to survive.

Human rights groups and others accuse politicians of orchestrating the violence.

Frazer said neither Kibaki nor Odinga, who says he won the election, have done enough to halt the violence. She said speeches made by both had proved counterproductive.

"I think both sides have spent quite a lot of time, and unhelpful time, in the public," Frazer said.

"We're calling for an investigation into the inciting of violence as well as an investigation into who is actually killing people," Frazer said. "We know there have been politicians on radio inciting violence before the election ended."

Giuliani bows out of race, endorses McCain

Associated Press

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — Rudy Giuliani, who sought to make the leap from New York mayor to the White House, bowed out of the Republican presidential contest Wednesday and endorsed front-runner and longtime friend John McCain.

"John McCain is the most qualified candidate to be the next commander in chief of the United States," Giuliani said. "He's an American hero."

Once the front-runner himself, Giuliani decided to abandon the race after a dismal performance in Tuesday's Florida primary, a contest on which he had bet his political fortune. Instead, McCain won and Giuliani came in a distant third.

Giuliani recalled he had said in an earlier debate that McCain would be his choice for president if he were not running himself.

"If I'd endorsed anyone else, you would say I was flip-flopping," he said, mentioning an oft-repeated criticism of McCain's chief rival, Mitt Romney.

McCain, standing at Giuliani's side, acknowledged his former rival as "my strong right arm and my partner."

"This man is a national hero and I'm honored by his friendship," he said.

The endorsement joined two Republicans who had campaigned on similar themes that highlighted their national security credentials — McCain's status as a Vietnam POW, war hero and a Senate voice on defense matters, and

Giuliani as a stalwart New York mayor during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Giuliani announced his exit from the race and backing of McCain at the Ronald Reagan Library, site of Wednesday night's debate involving the remaining GOP candidates.

Tuesday's result was a remarkable collapse for Giuliani. Last year, he occupied the top of national polls and seemed destined to turn conventional wisdom on end by running as a moderate Republican who supported abortion rights, gay rights and gun control.

The results seriously decimated Giuliani's unconventional strategy, which relied heavily on Florida to launch him into the coast-to-coast Feb. 5 nominating contests.

Revue

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ment were present at the Revue dress rehearsal Wednesday night. On behalf of the Board of Governance, student body vice president Kelly Payne asked Revue organizers to eliminate two references to Saint Mary's students from skits.

Payne said she would object "if they're going to talk about Saint Mary's in a degrading way that's not funny."

"They're performing on Saint Mary's campus, and the student body in the past has had problems," Payne said.

The writers had alternate lines prepared for the few scenes they guessed might be found objectionable, Revue director John Siegel said earlier Wednesday.

This year's production, "Night of the Living Revue," has four musical numbers and 22 skits, which were selected from 90 contenders, Siegel said. The Revue is entirely student-run, acted and written.

Siegel said all acts underwent an "extensive screening process" before they made it into the Revue — which has in the past spurred com-

plaints by audience members offended by its edgy material.

"It's never our wish to offend or make anyone uncomfortable," Siegel said. "We use humor to address issues around campus and greater issues for young people in a different way."

Keenan rector Father Mark Thesing views all components of the Revue throughout the rehearsal process. He has in the past cut skits, though the Revue is mostly the students' show, he said.

"I never know what's going to make people laugh and what's going to make people upset," he said. "Sometimes they seem trivial to me. Sometimes I can understand their concerns or objections."

This year's Revue differs from those of past years in the variety and quality of its skits, Siegel said.

"This year, they're all very distinctive," he said. "Across the board it's a very strong Revue."

All free tickets for the Revue were distributed last week within 20 minutes of being made available to the student body, and Keenan residents snapped up reserved tickets for their guests.

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"We use humor to address issues around campus and greater issues for young people in a different way."

John Siegel
Revue director

Casa

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Though no alcohol has been sold at Casa for more than a month, its billboard still advertises the specials.

"We encourage people to come in, and then explain [our] plight," he said.

Even before the license expired, Casa was going through a rough patch Arredondo attributed to the losing season of the Notre Dame football team.

With accumulating defeats at home and on the road, some fans were less willing to pay the high rates for local lodging, Arredondo said. And local residents were unlikely to celebrate most of the season's games with a dinner out, he said.

"A lot of factors, in the end, were responsible," he said. "But having a poor season certainly didn't help our economy."

At its peak in 2006, Casa did a bustling business, Arredondo said. On some Tuesdays, when tacos and domestic drafts were each \$1, a customer could find a wait as long as 100 tables.

For students, affordability and proximity were key selling points.

"I'll miss Casa del Rio," said sophomore Federico Valiente. "It was conveniently cheap and

close to campus. And the food was good."

"I guess from now on we'll have to settle for Chipotle."

Valiente said he and his friends went to eat at Casa last Saturday, and as they ordered their food, Arredondo told them about the restaurant's financial difficulties.

Senior Brad Bitterly said that ever since he moved off campus, Casa's dollar tacos were a quick and affordable meal.

"It wasn't exactly high dining but the food and, most importantly, the drinks were cheap," he said. "Perhaps the cheapness of the food made you feel

like you were truly eating from a Mexican street vendor in [Mexico City]."

After Arredondo says goodbye to Casa's last customer tonight, he plans to share a final celebration with those who helped make it happen for more than three years.

"We'll close the doors and have a couple of cocktails with our friends and family here," he said, before adding an explanation. "After closing the business, I can't serve any alcohol during business."

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Federico Valiente
sophomore

Hate

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that the student body supports the G and L community," Bant said. "I think it does a larger disservice to the gay and lesbian community to keep bringing up this hate and keep mentioning this hate, as obviously it was a very immature act that was done for attention, and we're giving them attention."

However, other senators said that the Senate should pass the resolution to show that this act should not be condoned.

"It might have been just two shirts, but just the fact that no one has really said anything is extremely disturbing," Howard Senator Erdina Francillon said. "I believe that it is important to pass this to finally get on the right path."

A few senators compared the T-shirt incident to the racist letters sent to three residence halls last week. O'Neill Senator Matt Molloy said the T-shirt incident is worth specifically addressing in light of the recent mailings. While the University notified the entire campus about the racist letters through an e-mail, the offensive T-shirts received much less attention.

"The University sent an e-mail to every student denouncing the racist letters, and nothing happened with the [anti-gay] shirts," Molloy said. "We need to stand up and address it because no one else has."

Koski said that in addition to passing the resolution, the Senate should take action to support the GLBTQ community and to combat hate speech. Possible events could be a

dialogue series and greater involvement with "Stand Against Hate Week" in April, she said.

Academic Affairs Committee Chair Carol Hendrickson also gave a presentation about the hiring and tenure of Catholic faculty. Hendrickson said that future Senate meetings will feature speakers about this topic, including a Faculty Senate member and a member of the administration — though the speakers have not been confirmed.

Hendrickson presented a graph showing a projection of Catholic faculty compared to non-Catholic faculty, from 2006-2042, at the proposed 51 percent hiring rate.

"It's pretty obvious that we will be losing our Catholic majority faculty pretty soon," she said.

Although faculty, alumni and the administration have been involved in the debate over the hiring of Catholic faculty, Hendrickson said that students should become aware of the issue.

"What's been missing all along is student involvement," she said. "There hasn't been a lot of organized student discussion."

After student body president Liz Brown suggested a town hall meeting or dorm meetings to inform students and get their opinions, senators debated the effectiveness of both venues and whether or not students will become engaged in the issue.

"Most people are just concerned about going to class and their everyday routine and not thinking about when [they'll] send [their] kids here or the history and the legacy of Notre Dame," Francillon said.

In other Senate news:

♦ The Senate unanimously passed a resolution that proposed an amendment to the Student Body Constitution, adding the student business board general manager to the financial management board. Ian Secviar, the oversight committee chair, initiated this resolution.

♦ Parker Ladwig from University Libraries spoke about the state of electronic reserves. During the past few years, about 175-180 courses placed materials on e-reserves. During fall semester, however, 280 courses used e-reserves, Ladwig said.

♦ Residential Life Committee Chair Marianna Montes said that although the University Committee on Academic Technology positively received the iTunes U proposal that she and senior Patrick Finnigan gave January last Friday, legal issues delay the use of iTunes U at Notre Dame.

"The administration wants to make sure that all intellectual property of our professors is properly stored and protected," she said.

Matt Molloy
O'Neill Senator

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IN BRIEF

Deal near in investigation of Eli Lilly

NEW YORK — Eli Lilly and Co. and federal prosecutors are exploring a settlement of an investigation into the drugmaker's marketing of its top seller, the anti-psychotic Zyprexa, The New York Times reported Wednesday.

The Times reported on its Web site that the company could wind up paying more than \$1 billion to state and federal governments. The report said several unidentified people involved in the investigation confirmed the settlement discussions.

Indianapolis-based Lilly said in a statement that it received a grand jury subpoena from the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania seeking Zyprexa-related documents. Lilly spokeswoman Tarra Ryker declined to elaborate on the possibility of a settlement when reached by phone.

"We are cooperating with the government in these investigations, and the discussions around those are confidential," she told The Associated Press. "We've said pretty much all we're going to be able to say on this."

Economy has worst year since 2002

WASHINGTON — The economy nearly stalled in the fourth quarter with a growth rate of just 0.6 percent, capping its worst year since 2002.

Wednesday's Commerce Department report showed that the economy deteriorated considerably during the October-to-December quarter as worsening problems in the housing market and harder-to-get credit made individuals and businesses more cautious in their spending. Fears of a recession have grown, even as inflation remained elevated.

For all of 2007, the economy grew by just 2.2 percent, the weakest performance in five years, when the country was struggling to recover from the 2001 recession. The housing collapse was the biggest culprit; builders slashed spending on housing projects by 16.9 percent on an annualized basis, the most in 25 years.

The gross domestic product report for the last quarter of 2007 came as the Democratic-run Congress and the Bush administration continued to work on a program of tax rebates and business incentives.

Tax rebates inch closer to reality

Senate finance committee approves bill, hopes for full floor vote by week's end

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A plan to send \$500-\$1,000 rebates to all but the richest taxpayers advanced in the Senate Wednesday after Republicans and Democrats teamed to add aid for disabled veterans, the elderly and the unemployed to a House-passed economic recovery bill.

The package would make individuals with annual incomes of up to \$150,000 and couples with incomes up to \$300,000 eligible for the rebates. Qualifying families would also get \$300 for each child.

The Senate Finance Committee approved the measure on a bipartisan vote Wednesday, and senior aides said the Senate could begin voting on it as early as Thursday in hopes of completing it by week's end.

The income limits compare with caps of \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for couples in an economic stimulus bill the House passed on Tuesday.

They were part of a bill written by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the Finance Committee chairman, and backed by Charles Grassley of Iowa, the panel's senior Republican, which would pump \$193 billion into the economy over the next two years. The House measure would inject \$161 billion.

The Senate plan also would expand rebate eligibility to 20 million older Americans on Social Security and to disabled veterans and tack on an unemployment extension for those whose benefits have run out.

"It helps seniors and it helps those hit hardest by the economic downturn," Baucus said of his plan.



Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., left, talks with Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa., on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008.

He said it could win quick approval and be ready for enactment by Feb. 15.

"This cannot be loaded down," Grassley said, "or it is likely to sink."

Baucus originally proposed to let even the richest taxpayers share in the rebates, saying that would attract Republican support for his measure. Grassley said that lifting what some Republicans deemed "suffocating income limits" in the House plan was a key reason he was backing the bill.

But Senate Democrats balked at the idea of wealthy people — including

lawmakers — getting rebate checks. Baucus' new proposal expressly bars members of Congress from getting the checks.

It also goes further than the House package in efforts to bar illegal immigrants from receiving rebates. Under the Senate measure, recipients and their spouses and children would have to have valid Social Security numbers to qualify. The House bill omits that requirement, although it expressly disqualifies nonresident aliens.

In backing the bill,

Grassley broke with President Bush and Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. Both have said the Senate should simply pass the House-passed stimulus measure.

Grassley told Iowa reporters that he believed the Senate would act quickly on the measure and that he and Baucus would team up to try to block further amendments to the bill.

"If Baucus and I can work together, we can keep amendments down, keep it from becoming a Christmas tree," Grassley said.

Market pulls back despite big rate cut

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A still-anxious Wall Street closed lower Wednesday, sacrificing the advance it made after the Federal Reserve cut interest rates half a percentage point. Investors collected profits after nearly three sessions of big gains, unwilling to leave money on the table amid ongoing economic uncertainty.

It wasn't surprising that the market pulled back, having suffered months of losses and having driven the Dow Jones industrials up more than 470 points so far this week ahead of the late-day downturn.

Anthony Conroy, managing director and head trader for BNY ConvergeX Group, said expectations of more downgrades of bond insurers like Ambac Financial Group Inc. and MBIA Inc. — as well as uneasiness ahead of Thursday's Commerce Department report on personal income and spending inflation —

was enough to spur people to cash in profits from the market's initial gains.

Key reports on the job market and manufacturing set to arrive Friday could also add to investors' concerns about the state of the economy, which has been dragged down by a crumbling housing market and losses at major financial institutions.

"Volatility is here to stay," Conroy said. "People who think these issues will go away overnight in one Fed rate cut are mistaken."

The Federal Reserve lowered the fed funds rate, or the interest banks pay one another for overnight loans, to 3 percent, the lowest level since spring 2005. It also lowered the discount rate, or the interest the Fed charges on loans to banks, by a half-point to 3.50 percent.

Scott Fullman, director of investment strategy for I.A. Englander & Co., said it was unlikely the market's downturn was because of disappointment over the rate cut or the

Fed's accompanying statement, which if anything asserted that the central bank is willing to lower rates further if needed.

The Dow, which had been up more than 200 points after the Fed's decision, finished down 37.47, or 0.30 percent, at 12,442.83.

"We're seeing profit taking ahead of the employment report on Friday," Fullman said, referring to the Labor Department's data on job creation and unemployment. "The market has had a really nice run-up this week, and investors are taking advantage of that."

Broader stock indicators also turned lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 6.49, or 0.48 percent, to 1,355.81, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 9.06, or 0.38 percent, to 2,349.00.

Government bond prices rose as the stock market pulled back. The yield on the 10-year benchmark note fell to 3.63 percent from 3.68 percent late Tuesday.

Schwarzenegger will support John McCain

California governor to back Arizona senator for impending Republican primary elections

Associated Press

SIMI VALLEY — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will endorse John McCain on Thursday, giving a certain boost to the Republican presidential front-runner six days before California's high-prize primary.

The two will appear at a news conference after touring a Los Angeles-based solar energy company and the governor will make his endorsement official, his senior aides confirmed Wednesday.

Schwarzenegger's endorsement is yet another setback for Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who saw Florida slip from his grasp Tuesday after McCain rolled up the support of that state's two top elected Republicans, Gov. Charlie Crist and Sen. Mel Martinez.

His strategy in tatters, Romney plans to offer himself as the conservative alternative to McCain as he pushes ahead in hopes of winning enough delegates to topple the Arizona senator when 21 states vote in the Republican contest on Tuesday.

Schwarzenegger's move comes as McCain plows ahead toward the nomination, the only Republican candidate to have won three hotly contested primaries since voting began earlier this month.

"Governor Schwarzenegger is

an exceptional governor and we are honored that he has decided to endorse Senator McCain, and look forward to the event tomorrow," said Steve Schmidt, a senior McCain adviser who managed Schwarzenegger's 2006 campaign.

The four-term senator is running strongly ahead of his competitors in California, which offers a whopping 170 delegates to the Republican nominating convention. Candidates secure three delegates for each of the state's 53 congressional districts they win in the primary, in which only Republicans can vote.

The ultimate effect of Schwarzenegger's endorsement is unclear. The celebrity governor and former actor is universally known in the state, and his political network certainly will be helpful to McCain, who has virtually no organized effort in California after his candidacy nearly collapsed. The actor-turned-governor also is a prolific fundraiser.

But Schwarzenegger has a strained relationship with some conservatives in his own party and McCain, himself, is fighting to convince GOP rank-and-file that he's committed to conservative values. Schwarzenegger's nod could exacerbate concerns about McCain among the party establishment.

Breathalyzer tests not permitted in hearings

Poor performance in toxicology labs results in judge's refusal to allow device in courtrooms

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The State Patrol's toxicology lab has had so many ethical lapses and made so many scientific mistakes in recent years that alcohol breath test results should not be admitted at trial, a court ruled Wednesday.

The ruling by a three-member panel of King County District Court will likely make it easier for defendants in pending county cases to beat drunken driving charges and for those previously convicted on breath test evidence to appeal.

"Simply stated, without the reliable evidence that a correctly functioning breath test instrument can provide, the discovery of the truth in DUI cases suffers," the judges wrote. "The innocent may be wrongly convicted, and the guilty may go free."

Prosecutors can still try to win convictions based on other evidence, such as erratic driving and field sobriety tests.

The ruling by Judges David Steiner, Darrell Phillipson and Mark Chow is not binding on the county's other 18 district judges but is expected to be highly influential, said Presiding Judge Barbara Linde.

The court handles about 5,000 drunken driving cases a year, and the vast majority plead guilty or accept deferred prosecution.

The ruling cited problems with the patrol's toxicology lab, including the false certification of solutions used to verify breath tests, the improper rejection of data, mistakenly switched data and reliance on software that miscalculated data. Prosecutors can try to get breath tests admitted in cases after they have proven the lab's practices have been cleaned up, the judges said.

"The judges are saying, 'If you wanna play 'CSI,' you've got to make sure you can do it the way 'CSI' does it,'" defense attorney Ted Vosk said. "The science they did at the lab was so sloppy you can have no confidence in any of the results that were obtained."

Vosk said he was one of many defense attorneys around the state who helped cover the more than \$25,000 it cost for experts, transcripts and other legal expenses in challenging the lab's work before the King County judges.

King County is the third in the state to reconsider the validity of the tests since reports of problems surfaced, and its ruling is the most sweeping. Skagit County judges ruled that although misconduct at the lab was troubling, there was no immediate evidence that the breath test results were invalid. In Snohomish County, judges threw out the tests in about 40 cases.

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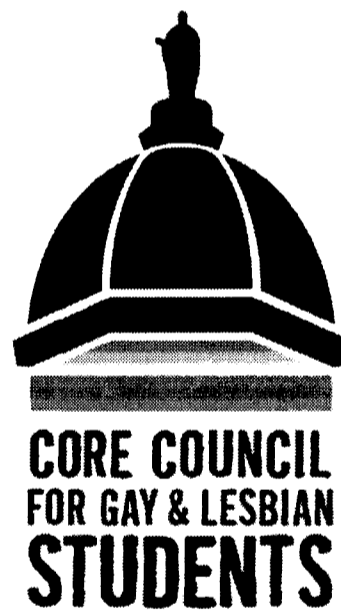
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Town targets Bush, Cheney

Petition accuses president, vice president of crimes against Constitution

Associated Press

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — A town petition making President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney subject to arrest for crimes against the Constitution has triggered a barrage of criticism from people who say residents are "wackjobs" and "nuts."

In e-mail messages, voice-mail messages and telephone calls, outraged people are calling the measure the equivalent of treason and vowing never to visit Vermont.

"Has everyone up there been out in the cold too long?" said one.

"I would like to know how I could get some water from your town," said another. "It's obvious that there is something special in it."

The petition — with more than 436 signatures, or at least the 5 percent of voters necessary to be considered — was

submitted Thursday and the town Select Board voted 3-2 Friday to put it on the ballot. It goes to a town-wide vote March 4.

It reads: "Shall the Selectboard instruct the Town Attorney to draft indictments against President Bush and Vice President Cheney for crimes against our Constitution, and publish said indictments for consideration by other authorities and shall it be the law of the Town of Brattleboro that the Brattleboro Police, pursuant to the above-mentioned indictments, arrest and detain George Bush and Richard Cheney in Brattleboro if they are not duly impeached, and prosecute or extradite them to other authorities that may reasonably contend to prosecute them?"

News of the measure made the rounds on the Internet, and soon people started calling and

writing. The Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce got about 60 e-mails Monday, all of them negative, said Executive Director Jerry Goldberg.

A day later, he said, "we had three or four calls in a row that were very positive. One even volunteered to help."

The petition has no legal standing, since the town attorney has no authority to write an indictment and the police have no authority to arrest Bush or Cheney if either visits Brattleboro.

Bush has not visited Vermont during his presidency; Cheney visited Burlington in 2002, but has not been to Brattleboro.

Anger at the Bush administration is hardly new in Vermont. The state Senate voted last year to support impeaching the president. Anti-war rallies are regular occurrences, and "Impeach Bush" bumper stickers are common.

Clemson University fraternity on probation

Three members charged with misdemeanors after freshman dies of alcohol poisoning

Associated Press

WALHALLA, S.C. — Three fraternity members at Clemson University were charged with alcohol-related misdemeanors after a freshman died of alcohol poisoning during an off-campus party, a prosecutor said Wednesday.

The students' activities did not directly lead to the death of 18-year-old Benjamin Garrison Sprague, prosecutor Chrissy Adams said. But the three students, all members of the fraternity Sigma Nu, face charges that include transferring beer and liquor to a minor and using fake identification to buy alcohol.

Sprague was not forced to drink at the party, Adams said.

"Ben made choices that night to consume alcohol, and he consumed alcohol in excess, and that led to his death," Adams said. "These boys made a mistake by providing the alcohol and having it available at a fraternity party to underage drinkers."

Sprague died of alcohol poisoning Dec. 9 at a Sigma Nu fraternity house. He had a blood-alcohol level of nearly 0.38 percent — about five times above the legal threshold for driving, Oconee County Coroner Karl Addis has said.

After Sprague's death, the school's Sigma Nu chapter was placed on interim suspension by the university and the national fraternity pending investigations. The suspension means the group cannot hold any meetings or parties.

"We fully expect our members to abide by, uphold and support the laws of the land, including laws pertaining to alcohol purchase, consumption and use," said Brad Beacham, executive director of the Virginia-based national Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Adams said Sprague, who had recently been initiated into the fraternity, had been drinking for four hours before he arrived at the party. Adams read a statement from Sprague's parents that said, "While we acknowledge Ben's errors in judgment, we do not believe his errors overshadow his goodness."

Clemson spokeswoman Robin Denny said the school will determine whether the students who were charged would also be suspended.

"Our first thoughts are with the Sprague family and continue to be with them, since this is just another sad day for their family and for the Clemson family," Denny said.

The prosecutor said Jetin Patel, 19, of Spartanburg, was charged with using a fake ID to purchase beer at a grocery store. He also faces charges of underage possession of beer and transfer of beer to a person under 21.

Matthew Rinckel, 20, of Lynchburg, Va., was charged with transfer of beer and transfer of liquor to a person under 21.

Addison Kerr, 21, of Atlanta, was charged with transfer of liquor to a minor.

Kerr's attorney, Mills Ariail, said his client was hoping to be allowed to enter a pretrial intervention program, which could remove the charges from his record.

"The family, from what I understand, did not want criminal charges brought," Ariail said. "They don't want these boys to face this the rest of their life."

An attorney for Rinckel declined to comment through another lawyer in his firm, and it was unclear whether Patel had an attorney. All three were booked Tuesday and released from jail on their own recognizance. A court appearance for them has been scheduled for late February, Ariail said.

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12:30 pm Introduction

12:45 pm Robert Jensen, Ph.D.

- Ph.D. in Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota
- Associate Professor in the School of Journalism at University of Texas at Austin
- Author of *Getting Off: Pornography and the End of Masculinity*
- Co-author of *Pornography: The Production and Consumption of Inequality*
- Co-editor of *Freeing the First Amendment: Critical Perspectives on Freedom of Expression*



2:30 pm Gail Dines, Ph.D.

- Ph.D. from the University of Salford in England
- Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies at Wheelock College in Boston
- Co-editor of *Gender, Race and Class in Media*
- Co-author of *Pornography: The Production and Consumption of Inequality*
- Featured in ABC News, National Public Radio, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Vogue*



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Jesus is my co-conspirator

Why are you here?

At least a few times in my career here at Notre Dame, I've been asked this question in manners incredulous and inquisitive, hostile and hospitable.

Now, I cannot read

minds and so I cannot speak for the beliefs of other people with any degree of certainty, but I think it is a fairly safe bet that if religious belief were somehow quantifiable I'd probably be considered below average, to be cautious. Living in close proximity to other people means that this gets noticed, and occasionally questioned.

I try to brush off the question with something flippant or funny, such as "The weather was too nice to say no" or "I heard the food at North Dining Hall was great" but these are diversions, not just to the questioner but to myself, the questioned. You see, I've been trying to explain it to myself darn near every day I've been on campus the last four years. I like it here a lot, I really do. I'd stay another year or two if they'd let me (well, if they let me for free), but why? Yes, there are friends and fun times and all that, and I don't mean to dismiss these crucial considerations, but recently, I think I may have come upon an answer.

Ironically enough, I was attending mass at the time. Our dorm's priest was delivering the homily and talking about the greatest needs human beings had. I found myself nodding along when the three he listed were to love, to be loved, and to be a part of something greater than themselves. The last of these three was referred to as the main reason most people believe in a religion. I believe it is also the main criteria by which I select my favorite movies.

Sitting there listening to the priest I realized that nearly all of the movies I love involve a group of people coming together and utilizing their individual talents toward the pursuit of a common goal. The preference stretches across genre lines. My favorite war movie is "The Great Escape," in which the inmates of a POW camp undertake an intricate escape plan, hoping to free 200 people. The effort encompasses tailors, strategists, forgers, diggers and Steve McQueen. Though the plan is ultimately less than successful, the story is inspiring.

My favorite western is "The Magnificent Seven," in which seven disparate gunslingers take very little pay to defend a Mexican village from an evil thief. Though mentioning the comparison in an article ostensibly about religion might strike some as curious, I think the same philosophy might apply to caper films such as "Ocean's Eleven" and, of course, "The Great Muppet Caper."

The point of all this is to say, in an embarrassingly inflated fashion, that although I might not agree with very much of the dogma, I still empathize with the need for that feeling of being a part of something greater. I want to feel that there is a reason for us to be here.

The more strident atheists, like Richard Dawkins, author of the provocatively titled "The God Delusion," and his kindred spirit Christopher Hitchens fail to see religious belief in the proper light. They think of it as the complete acceptance of an utterly ridiculous story and thus view it unfavorably. I tend to think of religious belief as an attempt to come up with answers to the questions our own existence forces upon us, including the one which leads off this column: Why are you (or any of us) here?

I don't doubt that Dawkins and Hitchens have considered these questions. My problem is that they have answered them so confidently that they seem to have moved on from them. We are here because of a random disturbance in the universe, leading eventually to the creation of all life. We fall in love because our genes want us to reproduce. People are happier or sadder than other people because of differing levels of certain chemicals in the brain. In short, Dawkins and Hitchens have dismissed the notion of a soul.

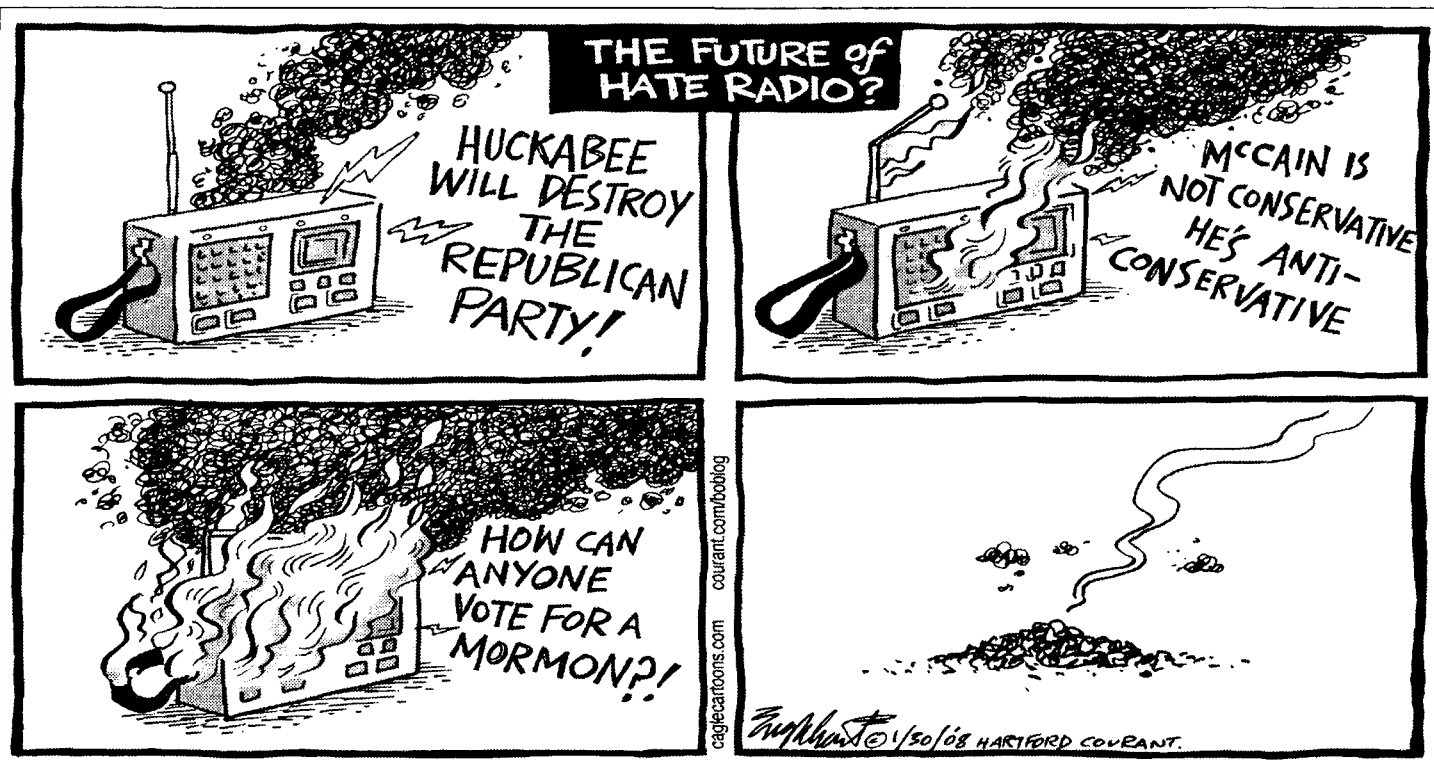
The problem with these answers, however true, is that they are too certain. Religion may offer similarly pat answers, i.e. we are here because of the will of God, and we are here to do God's will, etc., but it does not, or should not, lend itself to the same degree of certainty, as the believer is forced to ask further, "What is God's will, and how do we best enact it?"

If belief is a continuum, I myself may fall closer to Dawkins' and Hitchens' end of it than to St. Francis', but I don't conceive of myself as an easily understood product of natural selection and chemical imbalances. I like to think more of myself, and the rest of us, than that. And that's the reason I like it here. As Norman Mailer, a man with uncertain religious beliefs himself, once said, "You can say the word soul at Notre Dame and nobody snickers."

John Everett is a senior English major. He is thought to be somewhere between 21 and 45 years of age. He is armed only with a sharp wit and is considered cantankerous. If you have any information regarding his whereabouts, please contact jeverett@nd.edu

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A fellow who is always declaring he's no fool usually has his suspicions."

Wilson Mizner
playwright

Celebrate Catholic education, community

This week marks the 36th annual national celebration of Catholic Schools Week. All over the country, Catholic elementary and high schools are celebrating the unique contributions a Catholic education makes to the students who attend, as well as to the world. At my children's grade school, "St. Joe South Bend," as the students call it, kids are participating in a special prayer service, an environmental awareness day, a pep rally, "share a book with a buddy," an all-school rosary, "no homework night," and that most beloved of all days for uniform-wearing grade-schoolers everywhere, Dress Down Day. They also have, rather inexplicably, a Catholic Schools Week Breadstick Day fundraiser for two local charities, through which, for \$1, you get two scrumptious Little Caesar's breadsticks. With sauce. Though the connection between breadsticks and Catholic Schools Week remains unclear, they can't wait to dig in on Friday (which is also Dress Down Day — no sauce on the

Kate Barrett

Faithpoint

uniforms!). And in one of the very human twists of fate that only happens in Catholic schools, my oldest son will take a break from Dress Down Day tomorrow morning, pull his good shoes out of his backpack, and help serve at the funeral of an elderly parishioner who died earlier this week.

The National Catholic Education Association has chosen "Light the Way" as the theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week, to challenge Catholic school students and graduates to let their lights shine and brighten the future for all humankind. It also reminds us that we are on "the Way," just as the Bible described the followers of Jesus in the early Church.

Now, I know this isn't "Catholic Universities Week." You don't need to be told to read with a buddy; declaring a no-homework night could be fun, but probably inadvisable; and you don't have uniforms to dress down from. But that which makes all Catholic schools unique also makes Notre Dame unlike any secular school anywhere: communities connected by a commitment to a common faith in Jesus Christ simply live

life differently. And when all the newly matriculated students cascade out of here each May after Commencement weekend, so very many of them begin, in small ways and large, to "light the way." The experience of sharing faith and life here in a Catholic community that prays, mourns and rejoices together will lead you to seek out parishes to pray in; propel you to serve in ACE schools; motivate you to choose Holy Cross Associates or Farm of the Child or Covenant House; and compel you to bring, through your faith, a much heightened level of ethical behavior to whatever your chosen career path.

Maybe you remember Catholic Schools Week from your own educational past, or maybe not. But think about all the kids around South Bend and all over the nation who are celebrating, praying, participating in fundraisers, dressing down, and learning what it means to "light the way." Maybe all of us here, at this place which has an unparalleled opportunity to be a light of hope and wisdom and courage, could take a deep breath, pray Father Hesburgh's prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit," and live as a light.

Do your part to make your section, residence hall, team or class a stronger, more welcoming community. Don't let slurs which perpetuate racism or cheapen sexuality or glorify superficial values pass unchallenged. Make sure you're spending part of each day focused on other people and not just yourself. Dare to ask for help if you're trapped by an addiction to alcohol or pornography or other self-destructive behavior.

Through the grace of God, each of us has gifts in abundance to offer those around us. Though you could easily, maybe cynically, say, "Yeah, yeah, yeah," and never give this one more thought, I hope you won't. Take some time to pray about what you have to offer to the world, and do not fear to help light the way.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Affirmative action fair

In his Viewpoint column ("True diversity," Jan. 29), Greg Yatarola argued against affirmative action, claiming that "not all blacks and Hispanics are disadvantaged. In fact, when they marry and form stable families, they move into the middle class about as well as everyone else." I'm having some trouble understanding this claim.

There's the suggestion that "stable families" are the key to achieving middle-class status — a claim that was roundly debunked almost immediately after Senator Moynihan made it in the '70s. More fundamentally, Yatarola seems to be assuming that being disadvantaged or advantaged is a matter of wealth or economic class. That is, racism — the disadvantages faced by African-Americans and others — is nothing more than classism — the disadvantages faced by the poor. Racism, strictly speaking, does not exist. If this is the assumption Yatarola is starting with, then the conclusion that affirmative action should go probably follows fairly quickly: affirmative action was created to fight racism, but racism doesn't exist, therefore there's no reason for affirmative action. But this assertion that racism is nothing more than classism is, sadly, false.

Barack Obama, for example, is a wealthy, politically powerful African-

American. If Yatarola is right, racism would play no role in Obama's bid for the Democratic nomination. He would not, in particular, be attacked using stereotypes of African-Americans. And yet, last week, Rick Murphy, a columnist for a Long Island newspaper called The Independent, published just such an attack. (The publisher has since taken his column offline, but — should you wish to see the ugly face of American racism firsthand — you can view Google's cached version of the page at <http://tinyurl.com/2p2bs7>.)

Yatarola suggests that "The simple, obvious solution would be to favor those applicants who can actually show some degree of hardship in their backgrounds, instead of trying to infer it from their races." But if a wealthy, powerful African-American like Barack Obama has faced the hardship of racism, it's a safe bet that most African-Americans face the hardship of racism. Affirmative action, in the various forms which it currently takes, infers hardship from race because race is a reliable indicator that one has suffered hardships.

Dan Hicks
grad student
off campus
Jan. 29

The right to skip

With all due respect University Provost Thomas Burish ("University clarifies absence policy," Jan. 30), I am 21 years old and feel that I am capable of making my own decision on whether or not to attend class. I'm sure most freshmen have that decision-making quality as well.

If I skip and get a poor grade, oh well, my fault. From now on, will I need my mommy to call my professor when my tummy hurts like in high school? Is this communist Russia? I don't think so.

Please don't take our last college freedom of sleeping in or napping past the one easy class on our schedule. You've taken so much away from the students. Don't stoop this low. It's un-American.

Ryan Sarb
senior
off campus
Jan. 30

No need for attacks

In response to Will Guappone's suggestion that we must accept bad behavior from politicians ("Truth, lies and politicians," Jan. 29), I say stop hiding behind your cynicism and recognize that voters have a real choice in this election.

It's true that no candidate is perfect, but when one campaign is engaging in bitter, divisive and patently false attacks while the other calls for inclusion, positivity, and a new way forward, platitudes like Guappone's insistence that politics is dirty straight up hurt our democracy.

Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are running fundamentally different kinds of campaigns, and this year there's no need to accept lies and meanness as part of the game. Just stop making excuses and choose what is possible — leadership that may not be perfect, but that all Americans can be proud of.

Claire McGatheey
junior
abroad
Jan. 29

The true silverware thief

As a senior, I have endured four years of being lumped in with our so-called "thieving" student body. I'm no thief...except for that time I stole a traffic cone and put it in the middle of the road. And that time that I took a "No Trespassing" sign while trespassing (just for the irony). Oh, and I totally saw a girl last year snag a nutcracker from North Dining Hall during the Christmas season. During Christmas! For shame. If you are reading this, you know who you are. Jesus is watching.

Exceptions aside, every time that yearly summary of dining hall "theft" is published in the paper, I cringe. No more. It is

time the truth came to light. My freshman year, I worked in SDH on the dishline. During my time spent plugging my nose and sifting through other people's refuse, I noticed something interesting. First of all, what's with people throwing away whole pieces of fruit? While they do make good projectiles for dishline food fights, I think that's a little wasteful. Oh, and when baked potatoes hit your face they do some serious damage.

But I digress. What I noticed was that while frantically trying to keep up with the flow of trays, lots — and I mean lots — of silverware got thrown away. I think

I know where all 12,960 spoons went, as well as any forks and knives. I'm sure that this accounts for almost all of the lost utensils, and maybe even some of the bowls, plates, and cups. Now as for the chairs and tables, I'm not so sure. But hey, I guess theoretically those could get lost down the dishline as well.

I guess my point, Food Services, is that when you point a finger, there are three pointing back at you.

Scott Deeney
senior
Keough Hall
Jan. 29

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'LOST' and Season 4 creates

Top 5 Things that won't happen in 'LOST' this year

5. There will be no romantic tension between Jack/Sawyer and Kate.

4. The survivors will set up a "confessional" so they can record and vent their feelings about the others to a camera.

3. Everyone will survive.

2. All problems will be solved – daddy issues, marital struggles, revenge schemes.

1. The Harlem Globetrotters will parachute onto the island to play a pickup game with the survivors.

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LOST: SEASON 4 PREVIEW

By TAE KANG
Scene Writer

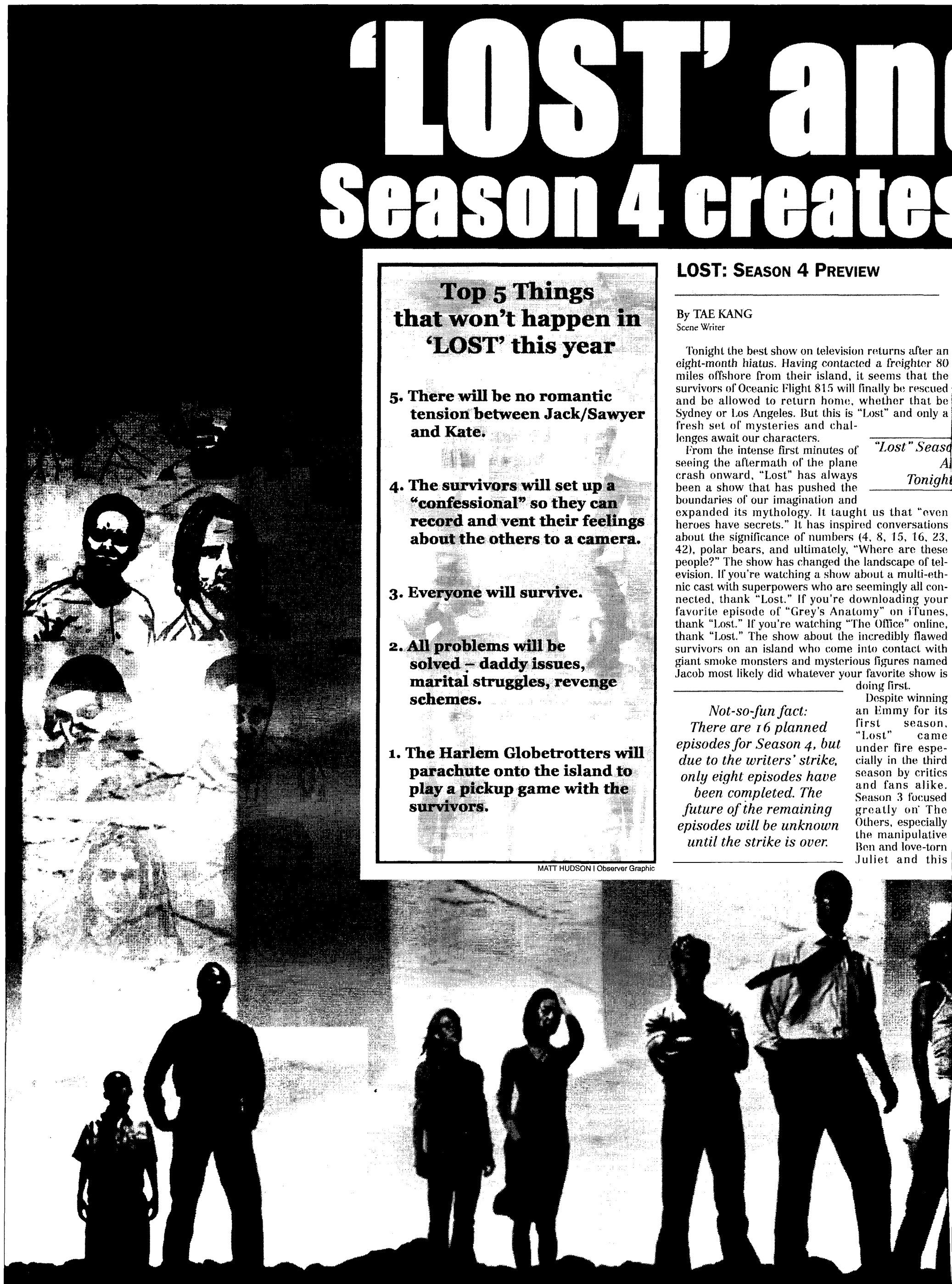
Tonight the best show on television returns after an eight-month hiatus. Having contacted a freighter 80 miles offshore from their island, it seems that the survivors of Oceanic Flight 815 will finally be rescued and be allowed to return home, whether that be Sydney or Los Angeles. But this is "Lost" and only a fresh set of mysteries and challenges await our characters.

From the intense first minutes of seeing the aftermath of the plane crash onward, "Lost" has always been a show that has pushed the boundaries of our imagination and expanded its mythology. It taught us that "even heroes have secrets." It has inspired conversations about the significance of numbers (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42), polar bears, and ultimately, "Where are these people?" The show has changed the landscape of television. If you're watching a show about a multi-ethnic cast with superpowers who are seemingly all connected, thank "Lost." If you're downloading your favorite episode of "Grey's Anatomy" on iTunes, thank "Lost." If you're watching "The Office" online, thank "Lost." The show about the incredibly flawed survivors on an island who come into contact with giant smoke monsters and mysterious figures named Jacob most likely did whatever your favorite show is doing first.

*Not-so-fun fact:
There are 16 planned episodes for Season 4, but due to the writers' strike, only eight episodes have been completed. The future of the remaining episodes will be unknown until the strike is over.*

Despite winning an Emmy for its first season, "Lost" came under fire especially in the third season by critics and fans alike. Season 3 focused greatly on The Others, especially the manipulative Ben and love-torn Juliet and this

"Lost" Season 4
Tonight



And FOUND? more mysteries

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took screen time away from fan favorites like Hurley and Locke. Also, the decision to air the first six episodes long before the last 16 episodes was a controversial one. Some felt the creators had no plan for the storyline and only answered questions with more questions.

With this, the producers announced the show would end after three more seasons and they began to satisfy many a quenching mystery. In the latter half of Season 3, "Lost" regained its original form and began to show quality episodes, one after another. This culminated with the season finale that shocked and surprised the haters (who took back their harsh words about their show) and completely changed the story-telling narrative of the series.

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While "Lost" excites viewers with cliffhangers and intrigues them with mysteries and philosophical dilemmas, it is ultimately the characters and flashbacks that are the heart of the show. Their dilemmas on and off the island and inner-demons drive the show forward. From the heroin-addled former rock star to the Korean couple to the former torturer for the Iraqi Republican Guard, it is the depth of the characters that navigates "Lost." The viewers see that heroes are not always so perfect and villains are not always so clear-cut.

With Season 3's thrilling conclusion, there lies the whole new mystery of who the people are on the freighter and the promises that these new characters are even more frightening and dangerous than The Others.

The producers have compared each season to a chapter of a novel, which they unwrap and tell. I compare it to a five-course meal at a fine restaurant. The procedural shows like "Law and Order" or "reality" TV shows are like a Happy Meal at McDonald's compared to "Lost." They fill a basic need, but go no further and are not truly satisfying. No other show is as complex, deep, and intense as "Lost." It is ultimately a tale of survival and suffering, pain and redemption of the human experience. Live together, die alone.

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Top 5 Reasons Why Jack Kicks Butt

5. **Jack Shephard doesn't need a haircut.** Despite being on the island for four months, his hair is just as short and clean as ever.
4. **Jack Shephard is intense.** The plane just crashed and people are discombobulated. Jack is there to save them. Boone is bleeding non-stop and Jack pours his own blood into him while operating on him. Jack thinks his father is having sex with Jack's wife. Well, he tackles him.
3. **Jack Shephard doesn't discriminate when it comes to women.** Former patient who is engaged to another man? Check. Italian woman devoted to her father? Check. Asian tattoo artist? Check. Brunette Midwestern convict? Check. Blonde fertility doctor whose motives are impossible to read? Check.
2. **Jack Shephard says stuff like "Either we find a way to live together or we're going to die alone."**
1. **Jack Shephard "walks amongst us but is not one of us."** He's the leader of the survivors. He sacrifices himself to free Kate and Sawyer despite seeing them intimately together. He's like Moses but dreamier.

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NCAA BASKETBALL — BIG EAST

Pitt men topple Nova; Hoyas dominate Red Storm

Lady Panthers extend winning streak to 11 games; top-ranked Huskies trounce South Florida, remain unbeaten

Associated Press
MEN'S

PITTSBURGH — At the same point of the game in which Pitt uncharacteristically fell apart in a rare home-court defeat four days before, the Panthers showed why they've stayed nationally ranked despite being without two key starters.

Sam Young and Tyrell Biggs led a game-changing, second-half rally in which Pittsburgh turned a one-point deficit into an 18-point lead and the No. 18 Panthers bounced back to beat Villanova 69-57 on Wednesday night.

Young scored 15 points and finished off the pivotal 22-3 run that began with 13 minutes remaining by blocking Corey Stokes' outside jumper, grabbing the ball and scoring on a breakaway dunk while being fouled. Young completed the three-point play to make it 59-41, then celebrated by puffing out his chest and pointing at himself as if to say, "Hey, did you see that?"

Young, who is averaging 18

points but was held to 11 by Rutgers, felt it was a play worthy of some showing off.

"The block and the three-point play summed it up," Young said. "I felt I was real energetic after that. With that block, I felt like I was coming out of my slump."

Scottie Reynolds scored 26 points, but Villanova (13-6, 3-5 Big East) — ranked 19th when it beat Pitt 64-63 at home on Jan. 6 — lost its third in a row. The streak is the Wildcats' longest since they dropped five straight late in the 2003-04 season. They have lost four of six overall.

Georgetown 74, St. John's 42

Georgetown and St. John's are two of the foundation programs of the Big East Conference. They are about as far apart as two teams can get right now whether it's on the scoreboard or in the standings.

The sixth-ranked Hoyas handed St. John's its worst Big East loss ever Wednesday night. Their victory looked like a first-place team giving a lesson to a team that is tied for last place.

"They're a Big East team and this conference is tough,"

Georgetown's Jessie Sapp said. "I was surprised at the score but at the same time I was happy."

Sophomore reserve Vernon Macklin scored a career-high 18 points for the Hoyas (17-2, 7-1) who entered the game leading the nation in field-goal percentage defense (35.8) and they were fifth in points allowed (57.5).

Their defensive effort wasn't the reason for this blowout.

St. John's (7-12, 1-7) had its worst shooting game in a season where it ranks next-to-last in the 16-team Big East at 42.2 percent. The Red Storm finished 10-for-47 from the field (21.3 percent) in losing their sixth straight overall and eighth in their past nine games.

WOMEN'S

UConn 71, South Florida 48

Maya Moore called it perhaps the worst game Connecticut has played all season, and the top-ranked Huskies still won by 23 points.

Moore scored 23, and UConn (20-0, 7-0 Big East) beat South Florida on Wednesday night, giving the Huskies 20 wins for the 15th consecutive season, and putting Moore in double digits for the 20th consecutive game.

That's the longest such streak for a UConn player since Diana Taurasi scored in double digits in 31 consecutive games between Feb. 19, 2003 and Jan. 27, 2004.

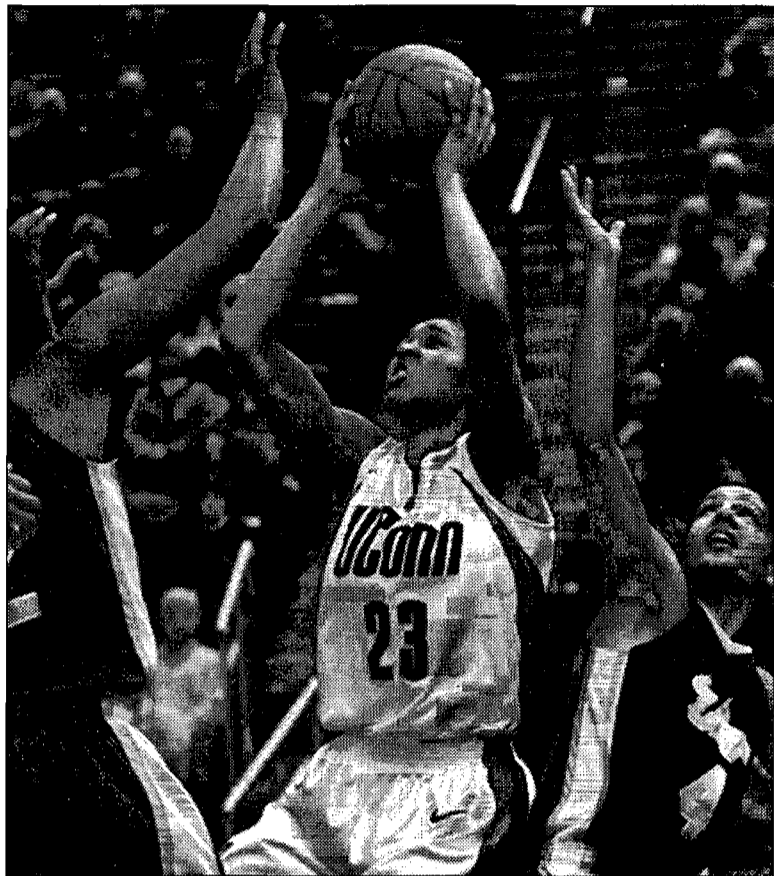
"That's great, but it doesn't make this feeling inside feel any better, as far as the way we know we could have played and didn't," Moore said.

Renee Montgomery added 21 points for the Huskies, but was the only other UConn player in double figures. She called it a bad win.

"We were turning it over, not getting a shot at all," she said. "On defense, we weren't getting all the way out on shooters or they were getting offensive rebounds. Those are just all the things that we can control. That's when it's bad, when the things you can control, you do bad at, then that's when you have trouble."

Pittsburgh 72, Villanova 63

Mercedes Walker put on a show for her hometown crowd.



Bulls forward Melissa Dalembert and guard Jazmine Sepulveda try to stop Huskies forward Maya Moore in UConn's 71-48 win.

Walker dominated the inside and finished with a game-best 23 points and nine rebounds in her return to Philadelphia, leading the No. 14 Panthers to a 72-63 victory over Villanova on Wednesday night.

"It feels good to get this win in my hometown," said Walker, a standout at University City High.

Mallorie Winn chipped in with 18 points as Pitt withstood a tough second-half challenge and extended its winning streak to 11 games, the team's longest run since opening the 2006-07 season 12-0.

Xenia Stewart added 14 points, and Shavonte Zellous had 13 for the Panthers (17-3, 7-0 Big East) who prepped for Saturday's key conference matchup against No. 4 Rutgers with a win.

But Wednesday night the Panthers' focus was squarely on Villanova, which was coming off a tough loss to Rutgers. And it is no surprise that Walker was the catalyst.

"I talked to Mercedes for the last three days about coming home," said Pitt coach Agnus Berenato, who hails from near-

by Gloucester City, N.J. "She was so happy to come home."

"She is a totally different person from when she left, and I think she is proud of who she is."

Laura Kurz led Villanova (12-9, 2-6) with 19 points. Tia Grant scored 15 and Stacie Witman finished with 10.

The Wildcats relied on their long-range shooting to stay within striking distance of the Panthers, but faded in the second half. Villanova shot 9-for-27 from 3-point range.

"We're much better than last year, but if you look at the wins and losses you wouldn't know it," Villanova coach Harry Perretta said.

Villanova, which has taken half its shots from beyond the arc and entered the game shooting 38 percent (201-for-528) from 3-point range, has lost four of its last five and six of eight.

"It's a tough way to live, but it is the only way for us to compete with these teams because, athletically, we have a tough time matching up," Perretta said of his team's dependence on the 3.



Hoyas forward Vernon Macklin defends Red Storm forward Anthony Mason Jr. during Georgetown's 74-42 win Wednesday.

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Philadelphia	28-16-5	61	163	140
Pittsburgh	28-19-4	60	148	139
New Jersey	28-19-3	59	127	119
NY Islanders	24-21-6	54	126	146
NY Rangers	24-22-6	54	125	132

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Ottawa	32-15-4	68	179	147
Montreal	27-15-8	62	158	136
Boston	26-19-5	57	132	134
Buffalo	23-21-6	52	147	141
Toronto	20-24-8	48	144	167

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Carolina	25-24-4	54	161	171
Atlanta	24-25-4	52	145	176
Washington	23-23-5	51	147	160
Florida	22-25-5	49	130	148
Tampa Bay	20-26-5	45	147	172

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Detroit	38-10-4	80	177	112
Columbus	25-21-6	56	130	130
Nashville	25-21-5	55	147	141
St. Louis	23-19-7	53	126	138
Chicago	23-23-4	50	139	143

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Minnesota	29-19-3	61	143	139
Calgary	25-17-8	58	146	143
Vancouver	26-20-5	57	133	125
Colorado	26-20-4	56	138	138
Edmonton	23-25-5	51	140	161

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
San Jose	28-15-5	63	132	119
Dallas	29-20-7	63	158	141
Anaheim	27-21-6	60	136	142
Phoenix	27-22-2	56	141	139
Los Angeles	20-29-3	43	145	172

NCAA Men's Basketball ESPN/USA Today Poll

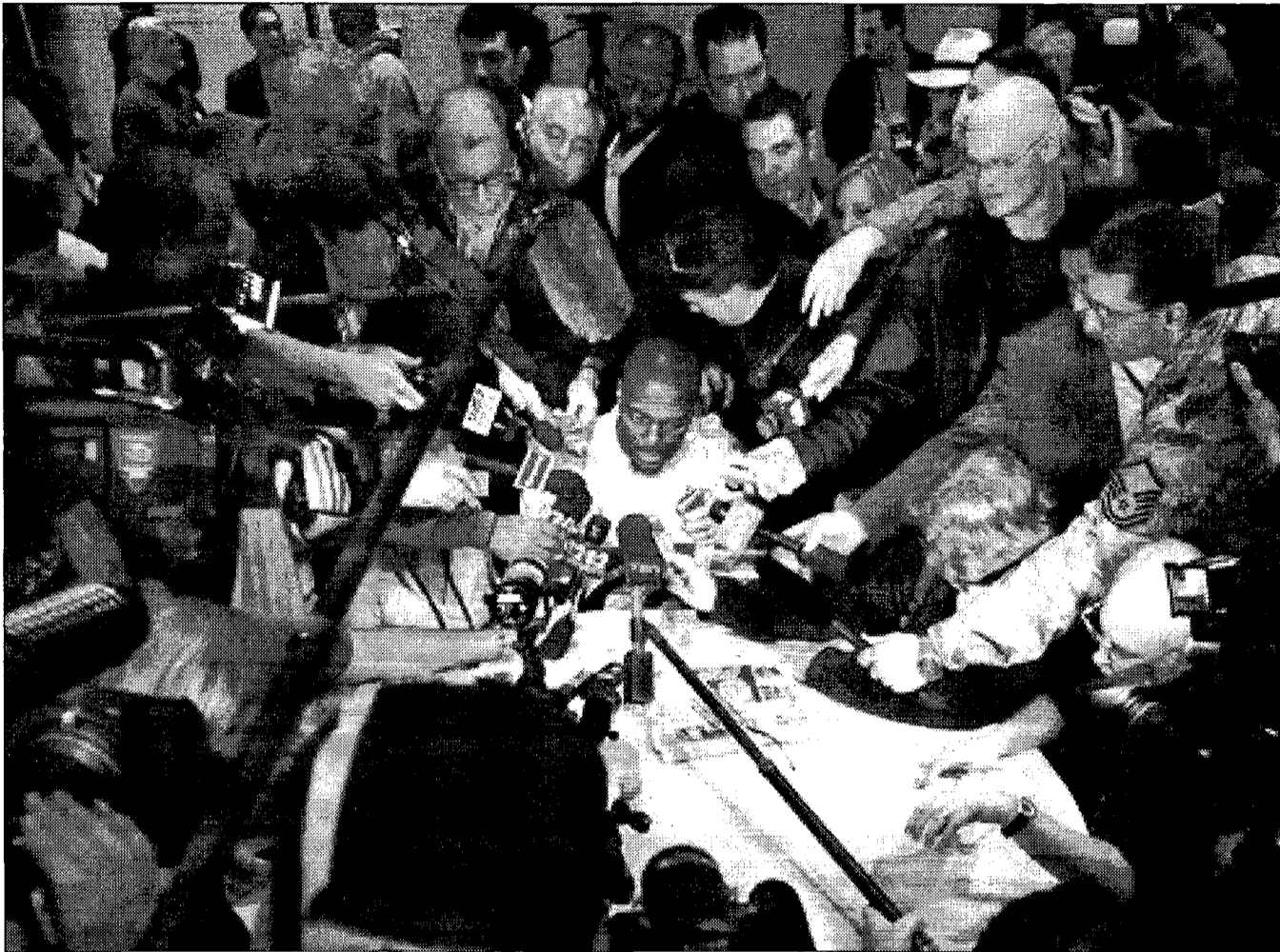
	team	record	pts.
1	Memphis(20)	19-0	764
2	Kansas(11)	18-0	755
3	Duke	17-1	700
4	North Carolina	19-1	663
5	UCLA	18-2	650
6	Georgetown	16-2	605
7	Michigan State	18-2	584
8	Tennessee	17-2	567
9	Washington State	17-2	515
10	Texas	16-3	473
11	Indiana	17-2	450
12	Butler	19-2	405
13	Wisconsin	16-3	395
14	Stanford	16-3	348
15	Xavier	17-4	252

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NFL



Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress is surrounded by a mob of reporters as he answers questions at the Super Bowl Media Day.

Plaxico's prediction offends QB Brady

Associated Press

PHOENIX — 23-17.
Just 17 points for the potent Patriots.

A certain MVP quarterback thinks that's a Super-sized diss.

Tom Brady scoffed when told Wednesday that New York Giants receiver Plaxico Burress guaranteed New York will beat Brady's undefeated New England team in Sunday's Super Bowl.

"We're only going to score 17 points?" Brady said before chuckling about it. "OK. Is Plax playing defense? I wish he had said 45-42 and gave us a little credit for scoring more points."

Considering the Patriots set an NFL record by scoring

589 points, Brady's 50 touchdown passes were the most ever for one season, and Randy Moss broke Jerry Rice's mark with 23 TD catches, Burress might have been a bit chintzy.

The last time the Patriots played the Giants, in the season finale, New England rallied from 12 points down in the third quarter to win 38-35. The Patriots have not scored fewer than 20 points in their 18 victories, and the last time they put up only 17 was Dec. 10, 2006 — a 21-0 loss at Miami in their last regular-season defeat.

Even if the Giants' defense performs at its peak, it's still doubtful New England will score only 17 points.

"I know they have confi-

dence. They should have confidence," Brady said. "They are the NFC champions."

"I learned a lesson early in my career: No matter what you say during the week — and God knows we say a lot this week — we're going to be focused on going out and winning this game. We're confident, but I don't think we share our thoughts with everybody."

Burress did. And when he showed up 33 minutes late for the Giants' media session Wednesday morning, there was speculation the wide receiver was trying to avoid the spotlight.

Turns out Burress was spending time with his 1-year-old son and family at breakfast, claiming he was

unaware so many people wanted to interrogate him about his prediction.

Nor was he aware, he said, that a hefty fine comes with missing a Super Bowl week media session.

"I don't understand what the fuss is about," Burress said, surrounded by at least as many TV cameras, microphones and notepads as Brady was two hours earlier. Nobody wants to lose."

"All this is entertainment," added Burress, who was held out of practice Wednesday because of an ankle injury that has plagued him all season. "It's sports, and sports are entertainment. So 23-17 is the prediction I made, but the game still has to be played."

IN BRIEF

Pettitte to corroborate McNamee's story

WASHINGTON — A lawyer for Andy Pettitte's former personal trainer said Tuesday he believes the pitcher will tell Congress he discussed human growth hormone with Roger Clemens between the 2001 and 2002 seasons.

The lawyer, Earl Ward, said Pettitte talked about HGH with trainer Brian McNamee following a conversation with Clemens, who has denied that he used HGH or steroids. McNamee worked with both Clemens and Pettitte.

"We're hopeful based on Andy's reputation that he will corroborate Brian's statements with regard to Roger," Ward said in a telephone interview.

Pettitte's meeting with a congressional committee investigating drug use in baseball was postponed until Monday. He originally was slated to appear for a deposition or transcribed interview Wednesday but the date was changed Tuesday by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Rockne crash site caretaker dead at 90

EMPORIA, Kan. — Easter Heathman, who was 13 when he raced to a field near his family's central Kansas farm to find the plane crash that killed legendary Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne, has died. He was 90.

Heathman died Tuesday at an Emporia, Kan., hospital, where he had been for about a week after contracting pneumonia, said his son, Tom Heathman.

Tom Heathman said Wednesday that his father had been taking people to the crash site, located on private land near the Heathman farm, for about 20 years. He said his father gave the free tours because he wanted to honor Rockne, who at 43 was at the height of his career at the time of the March 1931 crash.

Rockne led the Fighting Irish to consecutive undefeated seasons his final two seasons. His death, which President Herbert Hoover called "a national loss," made front-page news across the country.

PGA Tour's most popular event competes with Superbowl

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — For a change, the FBR Open isn't the biggest show in town, not with the Super Bowl just down the freeway.

Still, it's "party on" when the PGA Tour's most raucous event begins a four-day run Thursday at TPC Scottsdale.

The FBR draws the largest crowds on the PGA Tour. The biggest day is Saturday, when more than 150,000 revelers are expected to attend. Some even watch the golf. Total attendance has topped a half-million each of the past four years.

When the Super Bowl was held in nearby Tempe in 1996, the tournament moved up its schedule with the final round on Saturday. Not this year. The competition will end Sunday, about an hour before the Patriots and Giants kick off in Glendale.

As usual, Tiger Woods is not entered, opting instead for a more lucrative trip to Dubai.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshmen help Rebels snap slump vs. Vanderbilt

No.1 Memphis wins 15th consecutive road game; Spartans beat Illini, reach best 21-game record in school history

Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — The rest of the Southeastern Conference might want to take notice of Mississippi's Eniel Polynice.

The small forward relentlessly drove to the basket for 18 points Wednesday night in the Rebels' 74-58 much-needed victory over Vanderbilt and rendered Shan Foster, one of the SEC's top scorers, ineffective.

"Polynice was better off the dribble than we were about getting in front of him and he was a great finisher," Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings said. "He had six layups in the first half and five came against one guy."

That one guy was likely Foster, though Stallings didn't want to identify the player after he made the comment. But Ole Miss players were well aware of the score after Polynice's tough all-around game.

He finished with five assists, four rebounds and two blocks and sealed the game with a steal and dunk with about three minutes left. As important, he held Foster, the SEC's No. 2 scorer, five points below his average of 19 per game.

"E.P.'s always on the other team's best man," Ole Miss' Dwayne Curtis said.

Polynice provided most of the highlights — including three eye-popping reverse layups off baseline drives — but it was Ole Miss' freshmen who pulled the game out when Vanderbilt rallied in the second half.

Led by Chris Warren, fresh-

men scored 18 of Ole Miss' first 26 points in the pivotal opening minutes of the second half as the Rebels (16-3, 3-3 Southeastern Conference) stopped a two-game losing streak and sent the Commodores (17-4, 2-4) to their fourth loss in five games.

Memphis 89, Houston 77

Coach John Calipari shrugged when he learned Kansas lost on Wednesday night, leaving his top-ranked Memphis Tigers as the last undefeated team in the country.

Chris Douglas-Roberts scored 30 points and Joey Dorsey grabbed 22 rebounds, matching a career high, as Memphis equaled the best start in school history with an 89-77 win over Houston.

About the same time the Tigers closed out the Cougars, the Jayhawks lost 84-75 to Kansas State. Calipari only cares that his team seems to be improving with each game.

"It's nice, I guess," he said. "Are we getting better? We got better today."

Robert Dozier scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half and the Tigers (20-0, 6-0 Conference USA) overcame a season-high 22 turnovers to extend their regular-season winning streak to 39 games. Memphis matched its best start since 1985-86 and won its 15th consecutive road game.

The Tigers countered their turnover total by shooting 58.5 percent, out-rebounding the smaller Cougars 49-29 and scoring 44 points in the paint.

"We turned it over a few too many times, but we played well," Calipari said. "What you saw was one of our best efforts."

Dion Dowell scored 23 points and Robert McKiver scored 20 for the Cougars (15-4, 4-1), who dropped to 2-10 all-time against the No. 1 team. Houston coach Tom Penders was also denied his 600th career victory.

Penders was more resigned than disappointed afterward, conceding that the Cougars were simply overmatched.

"They're just a great team," Penders said. "You're going to have to play an extremely strong, efficient game, and hope they're not playing at their highest level, to knock them off."

Michigan State 51, Illinois 41

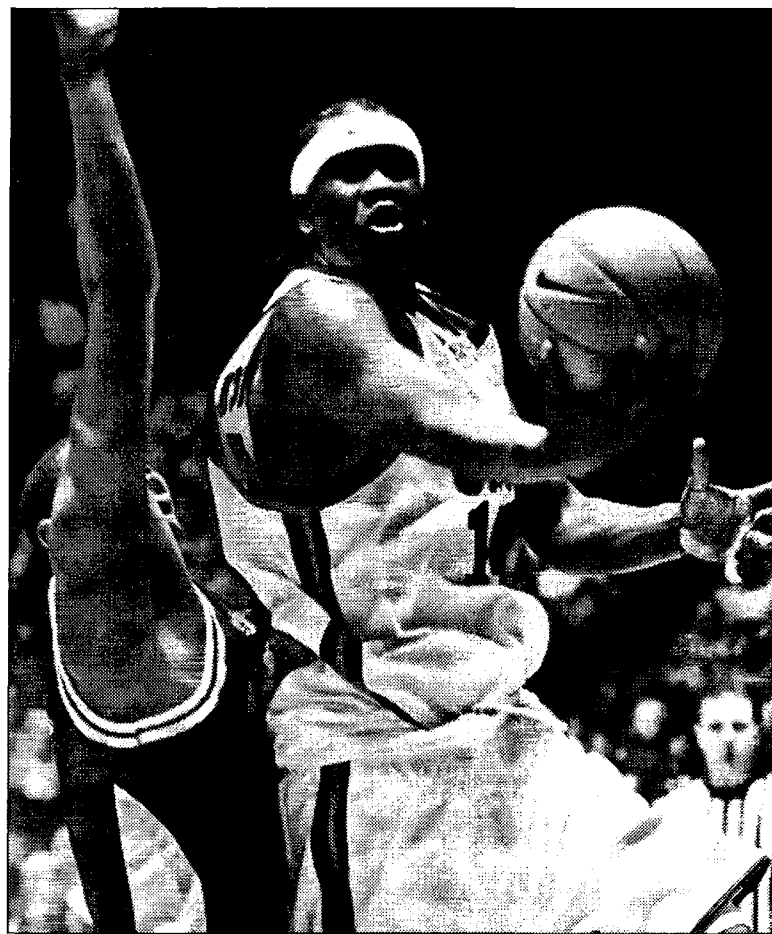
Drew Neitzel scored nine of his 15 points during a key stretch in the second half, helping No. 8 Michigan State beat Illinois 51-41 and set a school record on Wednesday night.

"The milestone will probably mean more to me tomorrow than it does right now," coach Tom Izzo said.

The Spartans (19-2, 7-1 Big Ten) have their best 21-game record in program's 109-year history.

The Illini (10-12, 2-7) didn't make it easy.

Illinois went on a 17-2 run after a rough start, led at half-time and responded to Neitzel's scoring flurry by taking a 32-31 lead.



Rebels guard Eniel Polynice scores over Commodores guard Jermaine Beal during Mississippi's 74-58 win Wednesday.

The Spartans took control with a 9-2 run, then took advantage of shooting free throws while the Illini struggled at the line to hurt their comeback hopes.

"We kept it within a couple of possessions, but still the free throws are so tough for us," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "We foul them, and they

make two. Then we come down, drive to the basket, get fouled and don't make free throws we need.

"I wish it wasn't the same story, but it's been like that all year for us."

Illinois reserves Mike Tisdale and Calvin Brock each scored seven points and a couple other players had six points.



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NBA

Iguodala scores 18, 76ers destroy Bucks by 43

Magic's fourth quarter run secures win over heat; Raptors Bargnani scores 19 points to defeat Wizards

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Watching on Philadelphia's bench with a rare fourth quarter off, Samuel Dalembert felt like an investor following his hot stock tip sky-rocket on the scrolling ticker.

Philly piled up the points — +30, +39, +41, +47.

Milwaukee totally crashed.

"You want to see how far you can hold them down," Dalembert said. "We gave them no life at all."

Andre Iguodala scored 18 points and Andre Miller had 14 to lead Philadelphia to a 112-69 victory over the Bucks on Wednesday night, the 76ers' largest win in more than 25 years.

"This is one we need to forget about," said Bucks coach Larry Krystkowiak.

The Sixers, who won for only the fourth time in the last 15 games, hit a pair of milestones in the rout: This was their largest blowout victory since defeating Atlanta 132-85 on Dec. 8, 1982, and the Sixers recorded their widest margin of victory in 12 seasons at the Wachovia Center.

The Sixers had 32-point wins over Charlotte in 2005 and Seattle in 2001.

"Oh really?" said Iguodala, his eyes widened. "It shows we just kept playing."

Thaddeus Young scored 14 points for the Sixers, who ended the month with a 4-4 mark. Not great, but enough for rebuilding Philadelphia to find itself on the brink of a playoff spot. Coach Maurice Cheeks has tried to squash blossoming talk of a postseason push and instead

worry only about winning a nice slate of home games leading into the All-Star break.

Counting the win against the Bucks, the Sixers play seven of eight at home before the break.

Cheeks said before the game his goal for the semi-homestand was to win all seven. Well, they're off to a nice start after punishing the Bucks for all 48 minutes.

"That was a great game for us from start to finish," Cheeks said.

Royal Ivey scored 17 for the Bucks, who were without leading scorer Michael Redd for the third straight game because of a left knee strain. Mo Williams had 14.

The Bucks haven't won on the road since winning at Philadelphia on Jan. 8. They are only 5-22 on the road, including an 87-80 loss at New Jersey on Tuesday. They also matched their lowest point total of the season.

"There wasn't much fuel in the tank," Krystkowiak said. "There wasn't much they could call upon. I know they're tired, but we need to get our energy up, rest up and get our feet back under us."

Magic 107, Heat 91

The score suggests that it was just another Orlando Magic blowout victory over the woebegone Miami Heat.

A victory, yes.

A blowout, well, not exactly.

Hedo Turkoglu had 27 points and 12 rebounds, Rashard Lewis scored 19 points and the Magic needed 12 consecutive points in the final quarter to pull away and beat the under-

manned Heat Wednesday night.

"Glad to have that win," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. "Scary game."

Dwight Howard scored 16 points with 13 rebounds and Maurice Evans added 13 points for the Southeast Division-leading Magic (29-18), who have won the last eight meetings between the Sunshine State rivals.

Ricky Davis scored 21 points, while Luke Jackson and Chris Quinn added 14 apiece for the Heat, who played without Dwyane Wade (flu), Shaquille O'Neal (hip) and Udonis Haslem (ankle). Not surprisingly, given the lineup depletion, Miami trailed most of the way in what became its 17th loss in the past 18 games.

But that didn't mean the Heat couldn't make things interesting.

"We all knew that it was going to be tough because those guys ... they've got nothing to lose," Turkoglu said.

Daequan Cook's jumper with 11 minutes remaining drew Miami within 83-80, and the Heat were clearly thinking upset.

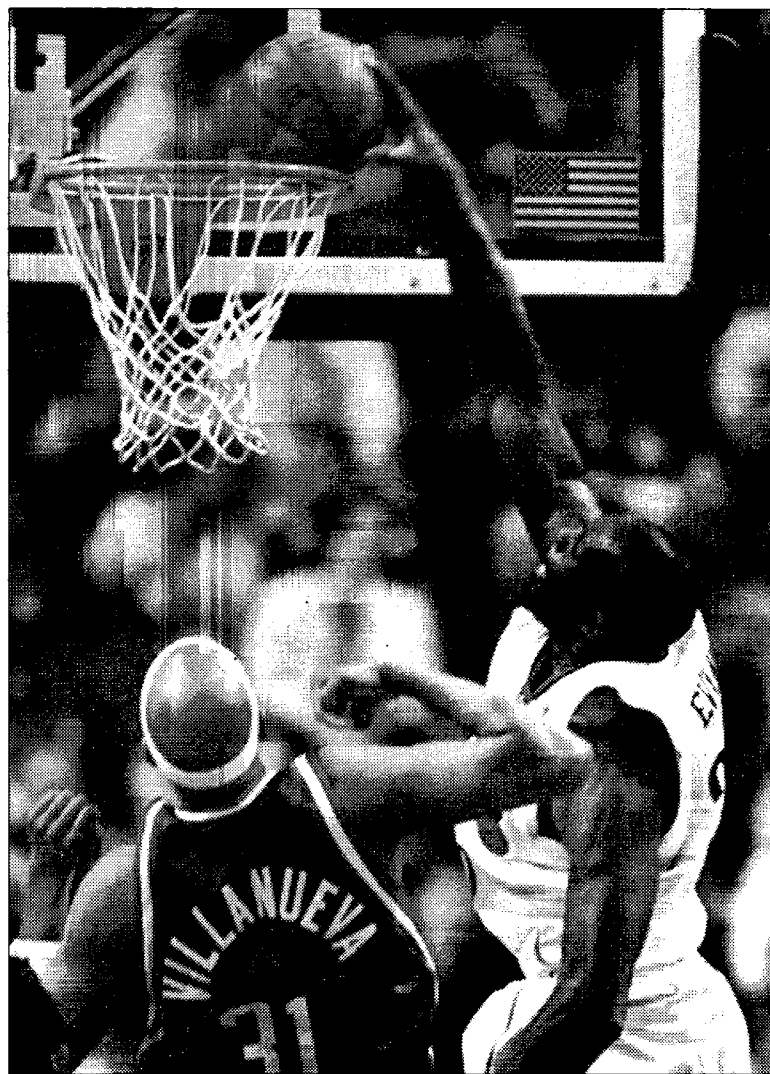
From there, though, it was all Orlando.

An 18-1 run gave a close game the appearance of a run-away.

"We thought we had a battle there," Quinn said. "And then they stepped up."

In the teams' last four meetings at Orlando, the Magic have prevailed by an average of 23 points.

It was the first time since O'Neal was traded to Miami that he, Wade and Haslem all missed



76ers forward Reggie Evans dunks against Bucks forward Charlie Villanueva during Philadelphia's 112-69 win Wednesday.

a game. And the diminished bench seemed to take a toll on the Heat down the stretch. Miami shot 28 percent (5-for-18) in the final quarter, getting outscored 24-15.

Raptors 122, Wizards 83

The Toronto Raptors didn't have to wait long for another shot at Washington, and they certainly took advantage of it.

Andrea Bargnani scored 19 points, Chris Bosh had 16 and Toronto used a big second quarter and a flurry of 3-pointers to beat the Wizards on Wednesday night.

The 39-point margin of victory matched the biggest in team history, a 112-73 win over Atlanta on April 12, 2002.

"They blew us out of the water," Washington guard DeShawn Stevenson said.

Anthony Parker had 15 points and Jose Calderon added 11 points and 11 assists for the Raptors, who avenged a 108-104 overtime loss at Washington on Tuesday.

"We were mad about [Tuesday] night's game so we just came out and played our basketball game by being more aggressive," Calderon said. "We did this tonight and didn't let the other team get back."

The top pick in the 2006 draft, Bargnani reached double figures for the third time in four games.

"If he continues to do that, this team is going to be a lot better," Bosh said.

Juan Dixon had 12 points and Carlos Delfino added 11 for Toronto, which finished 13-of-18 from 3-point range. The Raptors are the NBA's best 3-point shooting team, making 42.3 percent from beyond the arc.

Washington's Roger Mason called Toronto's shooting "phenomenal," but Antawn Jamison said the Raptors benefited from

easy looks.

"You can ill afford to have them shooting open jump shots like they did tonight," Jamison said. "They got a numerous amount of open jump shots and they converted them."

Toronto has won a season-high six straight at home and eight of 11 overall.

"More than just the 3s, it's the way we moved the basketball," Toronto coach Sam Mitchell said. "We rebounded a whole lot better, we kept our defense like we did [Tuesday] night. The difference is we shot the ball much better and we rebounded better."

Stevenson led Washington with 16 points, Mason had 14, Andray Blatche 12 and Jamison 11. The Wizards were without forward Caron Butler (hip flexor) for the second straight game.

The Wizards, who had won seven of 10, were out of this one early. Toronto scored the game's first 12 points before Stevenson made a 3-pointer. The Raptors led 28-23 after the opening quarter.

"We just couldn't get it going," Jamison said. "We didn't communicate. I'm disappointed with our performance defensively."

A 3-pointer by Mason cut it to 36-32 with 7:56 remaining in the second, but that was the last time the Wizards were close. The Raptors pulled away with a 17-2 run over the next four minutes, capping the spurt with 3-pointers from Bargnani, Dixon, a hook shot by Rasho Nesterovic and a 3-pointer from Delfino, forcing Washington to call timeout trailing 53-34.

"They executed very well," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said. "We tried different adjustments and we just didn't get it done. We didn't do enough to close out people on the perimeter and when we did, they still made shots."

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NHL

Minnesota hands Anaheim fourth straight loss

Kovalchuk injured, Thrashers end five-game losing streak; Red Wings score in third period to come back against Coyotes

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Jean-Sebastien Giguere and the Anaheim Ducks began the longest continuous road trip in team history with a thud.

Brian Rolston, Marian Gaborik and Mikko Koivu scored less than two minutes apart in the second period as the Minnesota Wild beat the Ducks 5-1 on Wednesday night in the first game for both teams following the All-Star break.

Pierre-Marc Bouchard and James Sheppard also scored for Minnesota, which won its third in four games and sixth in nine.

Anaheim, which got another shaky performance from Giguere, lost its fourth straight after a six-game winning streak. The Ducks, whose lone goal came from Corey Perry, have scored five goals during the skid.

"We've got to start getting dirty, start getting in high-traffic areas, playing our physical style of game and playing our skating game," defenseman Chris Pronger said. "We're a skating team that has to support one another, and when we don't we've got a lot of holes."

This marked the start of an eight-game, 15-day road trip for the Ducks, who added last season's leading scorer, Teemu Selanne, to the team on Monday. The Finnish Flash, who scored 48 goals last season, has skated with the team for three days but didn't dress for the game.

"It never hurts to get good players," Ducks coach Randy Carlyle said.

Giguere, who dominated the Wild in playoff series in 2003 and 2007, had a rare Minnesota meltdown early in the second period while the Ducks defense collapsed.

Giguere was going down on a slap shot by Rolston, but the puck was deflected by Francois Beauchemin and went into the top corner of the net 82 seconds into the period. It was Rolston's fourth goal in four games.

Thrashers 4, Penguins 1

The Atlanta Thrashers had to wait to find out how costly their slump-ending victory over Pittsburgh would prove to be.

The Thrashers lost star Ilya Kovalchuk to a knee injury

while ending a five-game losing streak in Wednesday night's 4-1 victory over the Penguins. How badly hurt Atlanta's leading scorer was couldn't immediately be determined.

In his first game since Sunday's All-Star Game, also at Philips Arena, Kovalchuk scored his 38th goal but was injured in a knee-on-knee hit from Pittsburgh's Jarkko Ruutu in the second period.

Kovalchuk made a brief return later in the frame for one shift. He missed the third period and will be examined by team doctors on Thursday.

"You can't keep him off the ice," Thrashers general manager and coach Don Waddell said. "He was determined to come out and at least test it."

"These kind of injuries, you always wait until the next day and see how the swelling is and just see how he reacts from it," he said.

Kovalchuk was leveled by Ruutu 3:21 into the second period. The collision left Kovalchuk laying on the ice in obvious pain in front of Atlanta's bench before he limped to the locker room.

Atlanta's Steve McCarthy immediately followed the collision by crashing into Ruutu and then punching the left winger while having him pinned against the boards in front of the Thrashers bench.

Red Wings 3, Coyotes 2

The Detroit Red Wings waited until the third period to strike, and that was good enough.

Nicklas Lidstrom's goal with 7:28 left completed a comeback and lifted the NHL-leading Red Wings to their fifth straight win, win over the Phoenix Coyotes on Wednesday night.

It was the sixth goal for Lidstrom, who also had two assists. Henrik Zetterberg and Tomas Holmstrom also scored. Pavel Datsyuk had three assists, and Chris Osgood made 32 saves. The biggest stop came on Shane Doan's breakaway with 30 seconds left.

Martin Hanzal and Ed Jovanovski scored for Phoenix and Ilya Bryzgalov stopped 36 shots.

Lidstrom beat Bryzgalov, who was screened by Holmstrom, with a slap shot with 7:28 left.

"I was aiming on the blocker



Wild winger Branko Radivojevic jumps as he attempts a shot against Ducks goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere during Minnesota's 5-1 win Wednesday.

side. There were two or three bodies in front of the net and I knew Holmer was one of them," Lidstrom said. "I just tried to pick the blocker side corner. If Holmer's not there, he's probably going to see the puck and make the save."

But Osgood still had to foil

Doan, who got behind the Red Wings defense and was in alone from the blue line.

"I just tried to stay up as long as I could," Osgood said. "I tried to get everything low so he couldn't slide underneath me."

The Coyotes led 2-1 after two periods.

"We were a little bit rusty at the start. They had some jump on us," Lidstrom said. "I think it helped their cause by playing [Tuesday]. They got their legs going. It took us a while to get ours. Then we took the game over and created a lot of chances."

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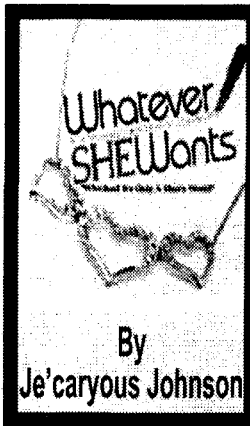
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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles drop game to Olivet

Comets catch fire in second half, defeat struggling Saint Mary's

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

Despite all five starters scoring in double figures, Saint Mary's skid continued Wednesday when the Belles lost 80-70 at Olivet.

Coming off back-to-back conference losses to Calvin and Hope, Saint Mary's (8-10, 4-6 MIAA) entered the game needing a win to get back on track in the MIAA.

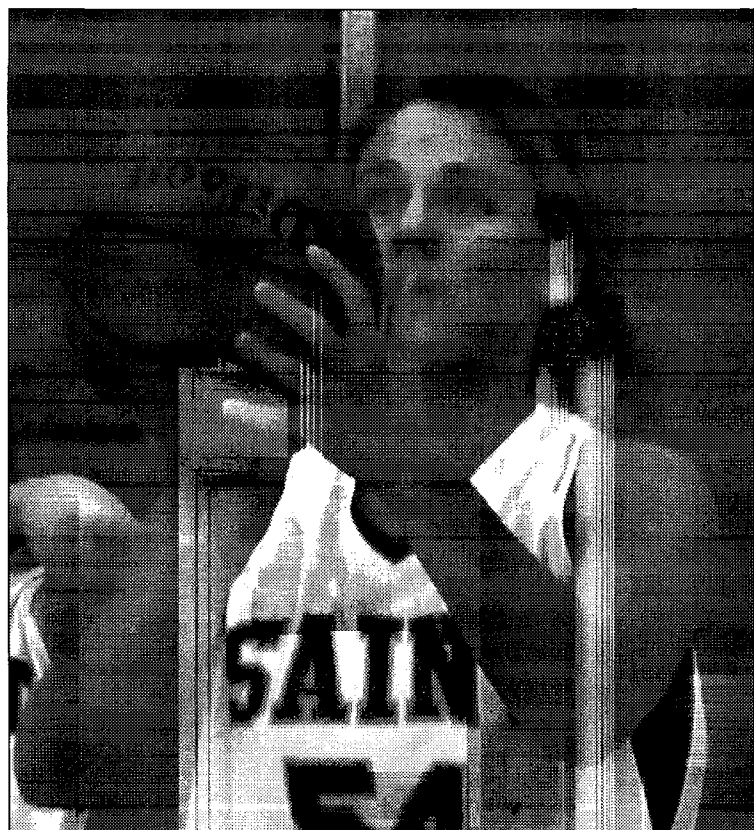
The first half looked promising, especially when two free-throws by junior guard Katie Rashid pushed the Saint Mary's lead to 21-13 with 10:13 left in the first half. But Olivet chipped away at the lead, and the Belles clung to a 33-31 lead at halftime.

The Comets tied the score at 42 on a 3-pointer by sophomore guard Nykole Pfaff and followed that up with another trey, this time by junior guard Sarah Mangold with 13:57 to go in the game. Olivet got up by as many as six, at 55-49, with 10:15 to play.

Twice the Belles cut the margin to just a single point — first on a Kammrath layup with 7:28 left to make the score 57-56, and later on a Newsom three to bring the score to 62-61 with 6:05 left.

But the Comets scored 15 of the game's next 17 points to open up an insurmountable lead. Olivet hit its free throws down the stretch to keep the Belles at bay until the final buzzer.

As a group, the Belles' starters had their best offensive output of the season. Junior guard Meghan



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer
Saint Mary's sophomore Anna Kammrath lines up a free throw in the Belles' 74-71 win over Tri-State on Jan. 19.

Conaty led all scorers with 17 points, including 14 in the first half.

Close behind Conaty were guard Alison Kessler with 15, sophomore forward Anna Kammrath with 14, junior forward Erin Newsom with 13, and Rashid with 11.

Kammrath and Newsom also

came up big on the boards, pulling down 10 and nine rebounds, respectively.

But no bench players from Saint Mary's scored, and Olivet's reserves totaled 32 points.

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BOXING

Politician refuses to appear with Iron Mike

South African leader under pressure from women's rights groups

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — ANC leader Jacob Zuma withdrew from a charity fundraising banquet honoring former boxer Mike Tyson on Wednesday after being criticized by women's groups in South Africa.

In a country with one of the highest rates of rape, Zuma was found not guilty of raping a family friend two years ago. Tyson served a three-year sentence for the 1991 rape of an 18-year-old beauty queen in Indiana.

Reporters arriving at the event were handed a statement from organizers saying Zuma "had been called away on urgent ANC business."

Women's groups had called on Zuma to withdraw from the event. Earlier Wednesday, the One in Nine Campaign, a group of

women's rights organizations, had called "the pairing of Zuma and Tyson ... particularly distasteful and abhorrent."

Carrie Shelver, of People Opposing Women Abuse, called Zuma's withdrawal a good step.

"It may be, and it seems to us, that pressure placed on him in the media may have swayed him," Shelver said.

About 50,000 rape cases are reported each year in South Africa, almost 150 per day. Women's rights groups estimate that only one in nine rapes is reported to police.

Zuma had planned to be the keynote speaker at the banquet, where an auction of Tyson items was to benefit children's organizations.

African National Congress officials did not immediately return calls.

Tyson, once called the "baddest man on the planet," will tour Soweto on Thursday and be a celebrity commentator at a boxing event on Saturday.

Organizers promised Tyson would make a statement at the banquet denouncing violence against women.

However, Tyson did not address the issue. He took to the stage and made a brief statement about how pleased

he was to be in South Africa and thanked the organizers for their hospitality.

He then returned to his seat next to Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, the anti-apartheid icon and ex-wife of former president Nelson Mandela, who he befriended some years ago in New York.

The master of ceremonies, Carol Manana, did make comments supporting women's rights and the eradication of violence against women. Manana is a television sports presenter and survivor of domestic abuse.

Both Zuma and Tyson are seen as fighters who have survived harsh upbringings to become powerful popular figures. Both have had run-ins with the law, and have poor records when it comes to women's rights.

The 41-year-old boxer, who famously took a bite out of rival Evander Holyfield's ear, also was accused of abusing his former wife.

Zuma, who is facing corruption charges, said during his rape trial that the woman had been wearing a skirt, which he interpreted as inviting his sexual advances.

Zuma has apologized for his statements during his trial, but recently earned more criticism from women's groups when he took a second wife. Polygamy is in line with some South African traditions.

Zuma's "statements prior, during and post rape trial reveal his patriarchal beliefs on men and women's roles and rights in South Africa," the statement from the One in Nine Campaign said.

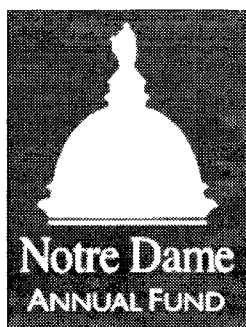
The women's groups said they couldn't protest at the banquet venue, a casino and hotel on airport land, which is considered a key national security point. Emperors Palace is hosting Tyson.

Mark Jakins, owner of the casino and hotel, acknowledged many sporting heroes have been "tinged by controversy," but that organizers were "focusing on Mike Tyson's credentials as a boxer."

Shelver said Tyson was a poor role model. "There is some skepticism about his rehabilitation and you need to be careful," she said. "The youth are an easy target. They love sporting heroes."

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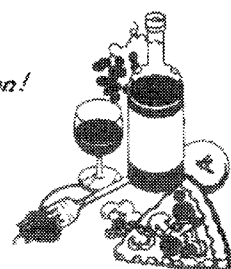
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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish look for fifth straight win over Michigan

No. 23 Wolverines have dropped first two dual matches

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has won four straight matches against Michigan.

Tonight, they'll look for a fifth.

The No. 9 Irish travel to the Varsity Tennis Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. to face the No. 23 Wolverines.

Irish coach Jay Louderback is 16-3 in this rivalry — which he says always charges up his team.

"Being Michigan, our kids are always up for it," Louderback said.

The Wolverines are coming off back-to-back 7-0 losses at the hands of Vanderbilt and Kentucky and are looking for their first win of the season.

Louderback is not taking them lightly, however.

"Their opponents have been very good.

They've had two or three three-set matches, and they're young," he said. "They're playing two or three freshmen. I look for them to be tougher Thursday than in the first two matches."

For Notre Dame's part, the Irish want to shake off an upset loss to No. 16 Vanderbilt from last week-

end.

Despite winning the pivotal doubles point 3-0 and 2-1 in their first two matches, Louderback is not satisfied with the play from his pairs.

"Yesterday we switched around a little bit and tried some different things, and we're going to do more of that [in practice Wednesday]," Louderback said.

The coach is continuing to mix and match his players to find the best combina-

tions to complement his top team of Brook Buck and Kelcy Tefft, ranked No. 3 in the nation.

Although none of Michigan's players or doubles

teams are ranked, Louderback respects the Wolverines.

"We always know they're going to be good.

They're a tough team," Louderback said.

Junior Chisako Sugiyama is the Wolverines' top player. She entered the

dual season second on

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Michigan's all-time winning percentage list, at just under 75 percent of her matches. She won 18 of 21 dual matches last year and went undefeated in Big Ten play.

Overall, Louderback is

pleased with his team's preparation, but he knows that playing on the road against a good indoor team will be challenging.

"We had a great week of practice, but they've got good indoor players who hit

the ball really big," the coach said.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Michigan 18-8.

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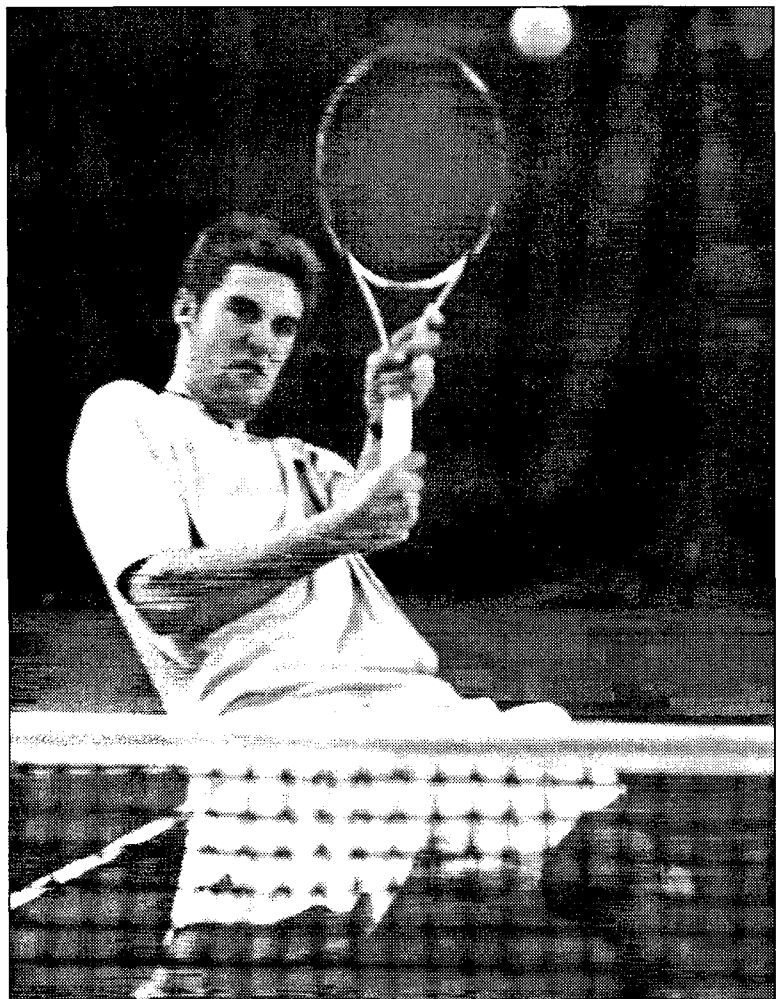
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Irish senior Brett Helgeson volleys the ball in Notre Dame's 5-2 win over Penn State on Jan. 20.

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enough good looks at second serves and that really hurt us. It also limited our opportunities to capitalize on easy points."

The Irish will look to continue their winning ways as they travel to Evanston, Ill., this afternoon to take on Northwestern, with the match set to start at 4. Notre Dame is 3-1 on the young season.

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Hillesland had four assists, six rebounds and a momentum-changing dunk, while Ayers scored 10 points in 19 minutes off the bench, including hitting two of his three 3-point attempts.

Brey said he will keep the new lineup for the foreseeable future, including tonight's game against the Friars, because Hillesland's quickness makes the Irish harder to defend.

"There's a little different feel with me and [point guard] Tory [Jackson] both driving and trying to kick it to shooters," Hillesland said.

Ayers said coming off the bench forced him to make better use of his time on the floor.

"It made me a little more aggressive," he said. "It gave me a little more edge."

But the junior hasn't ruled out starting again later this season.

"I want to keep working hard and maybe get back into the starting lineup if I can," he said.

Most of Notre Dame's scoring against the Wildcats came from two

familiar faces. Junior guard Kyle McAlarney, who poured in 30 last Saturday, is averaging 18.2 points per game in Big East play and was awarded the conference's player-of-the-week award for his performance.

"He's a big part of things," Brey said of McAlarney. "His confidence and his aggressiveness can jumpstart us sometimes."

Lost in McAlarney's success last Saturday was the play of sophomore forward Luke Harangody, who

scored 25 points. The 6-foot-8 Harangody, who is averaging 22.5 points per game, has been especially effective against smaller centers.

Providence will probably guard

Harangody with forward Randall Hanke. At 6-foot-11, Hanke will have a height advantage on the Irish big man, but he will not have quite the advantage that 7-footers Hasheem Thabeet of Connecticut and Roy Hibbert of Georgetown had when they slowed Harangody earlier this month.

The Friars get most of their scoring from their guards, four of whom average double-figure points

per game. Their leading scorer is junior Jeff Xavier, who averages 13.1 points per game.

At 12-7 and 3-4 in the conference, Providence is in a tie for 11th in the Big East.

But they beat third-place Connecticut on the road on Jan. 17, so Brey is taking nothing for granted.

"We're not looking past Providence," Brey said. "They beat Connecticut, who's the hottest team in our league."

Notes:

♦ Harangody was named one of the top-30 candidates for the 2008 Naismith Award, college basketball's most prestigious player-of-the-year honor.

♦ Tonight's game is "Camo Night." Free camouflage T-shirts will be handed out to the entire lower bowl of the Joyce Center.

At halftime, Notre Dame will honor Sgt. First Class John Adams, who has recently been named one of the United States Army's "Real Heroes." A video about Brey's trip to Kuwait over the summer for Operation Hardwood will be shown.

♦ As part of ESPN's "Student Spirit Week," ESPN2 will feature the Leprechaun Legion during coverage of the game.

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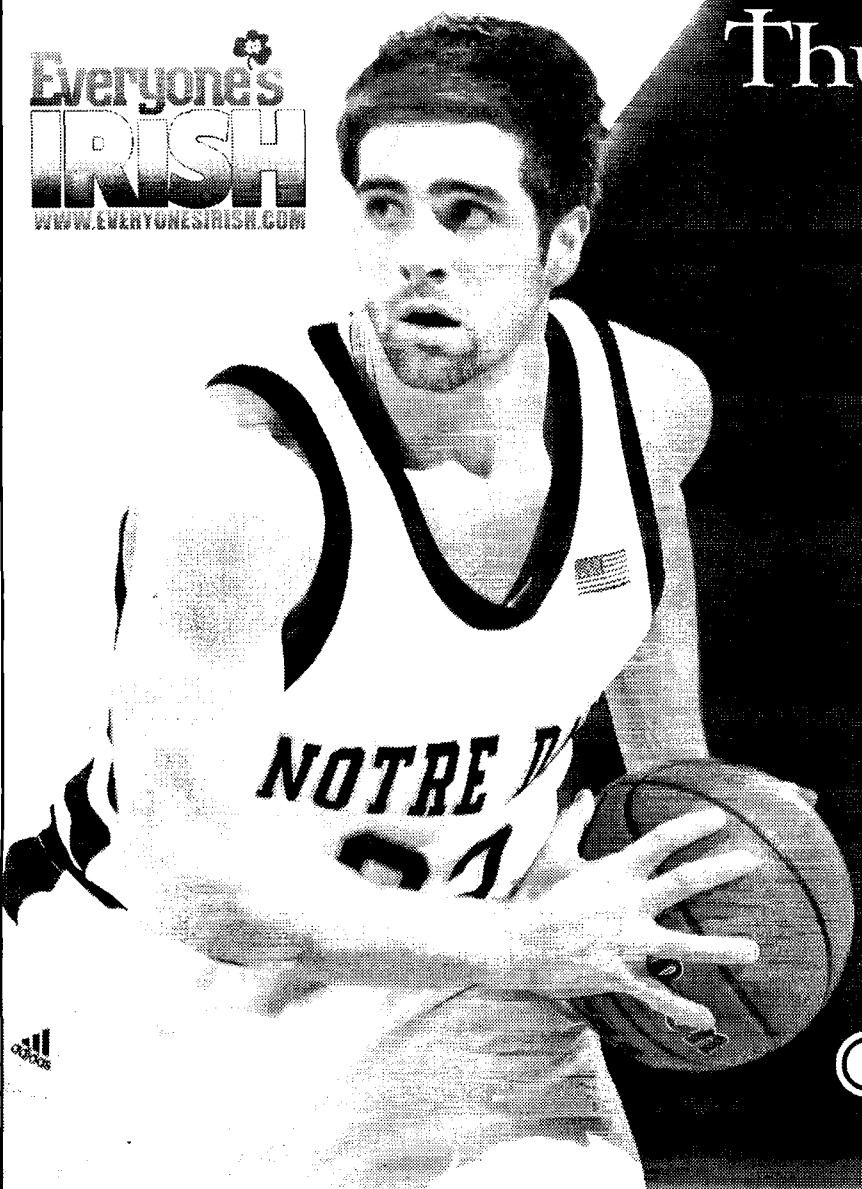
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shut them down on defense, especially in the full-court press.

"Their zone and man-to-man was pretty spread out, so they gave you a little more open in the middle," Lechlitner said. "And then in transition is when I just kind of try to do a little more for myself, either finding other people or finding my pull up jumper."

Although it managed 85 points, Notre Dame shot only 43 percent from the field — and only 36 percent in the first half. The Irish forgot where they were at the start of the game; they looked inept and sluggish and threw passes away. But Gaines grabbed two quick steals, Lechlitner hit a three in the corner and Peters stole the inbounds pass and made the easy layup to give Notre Dame an 11-10 lead with 11:48 left in the half.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said there was a distinct increase in team energy when Peters came off the bench.

"She brings instant energy. She comes in games and there is a huge difference in how we're playing," McGraw said.

Gaines' steals also helped to bring the team out of its funk.

"[Gaines] really was a spark defensively, especially early on," McGraw said. "I think she

just got that emotion going, which maybe motivated everybody else."

The Irish went on an 11-2 run to make the score 25-13 with 6:48 remaining.

Notre Dame led 36-19 at half-time, holding the Friars to the lowest first-half total for an opponent since Michigan scored 18 on Dec. 2. Peters spearheaded the potent Irish full-court press, which thwarted the Friars' offensive opportunities.

"Once they started pressing, it changed the game," Friars coach Phil Seymore said. "It changed our approach as to

how we attacked offensively."

In the second half, however, the defense disintegrated. Notre Dame gave up 35 points in the final 20 minutes and allowed Providence to shoot 12-of-26 from the field.

"The defense in the second half was as bad as we've played all year," McGraw said. "When they weren't turning the ball over, they were scoring."

Although the Irish widened their lead in the second half, their defense lacked intensity and lost focus near the end of the game.

"Our post defense was particularly bad," McGraw said. "And we just quit playing at the end. They were just trying to get the ball back to try to score."

Providence (11-9, 1-6 Big East) has 14 players on its roster, but only eight traveled to the game. Because Friars freshman guard Trinity Hull, who

had eight points on 2-for-5 shooting, has a stress fracture, Seymore had to practice with his team so there would be enough players.

"You should have seen me, I was sweating, man, it was pretty bad," he said, laughing.

While McGraw had her gripes about the game, she was happy with the conference win.

"Every win is really critical for us right now," she said. "We're thinking, 'This is the game we have to win to get a bye in the first round of the big east tournament.' We've got a brutal schedule, and we've got to be ready for it. And tonight we weren't ready."

Notes:

♦ Notre Dame will participate in the inaugural Women's Basketball Coaches' Association's "Think Pink" initiative during their Feb. 10 game against No. 14 Pittsburgh in the Joyce Center. The players will wear pink warm-up shirts and shoelaces for the game, which will be broadcast on ESPN2 at 2 p.m. The first 750 fans will receive a "Think Pink" T-shirt.

In addition, McGraw has pledged to donate \$10 for each rebound her team grabs to the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation.

♦ Allen was named a mid-season candidate for the John R. Wooden Award, given annually to the national player of the year. The Big East led all conferences with six players on the 20-player list.

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Defense

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Irish coach Muffet McGraw admitted in her post-game news conference that she thought the team "quit playing" at the defensive end of the court during the second half.

Providence also was able to pound the ball inside against the Irish, taking advantage of its height. The Friars played Wednesday night with only eight players, but three of them were 6-foot-4 or taller — giving them a significant edge during times when the Irish had 6-foot-1 forward Becca Bruszewski in the post with four guards around her.

McGraw also said that the team seemed to be complacent with letting Providence get easy shots if it was unable to force a turnover in the press.

"We did a nice job in the first half of getting them to turn the ball over. But if they weren't turning it over, they were scoring," McGraw said.

And even the turnovers weren't that special. Forcing turnovers in large numbers has almost become standard operating procedure for the Irish this season. Not many teams could force 29 takeaways and still boast that it wasn't a season-high. (It was 33 against Boston College on Nov. 24.)

In fact, the press wasn't even effective until freshman Devereaux Peters entered the game after the first four minutes. The Irish were down 5-2 at that point and would fall as far back as 9-3 before turning the game around. A few Irish steals and bad Friar shots later, the Irish were back on top.

But the Irish haven't had trouble scoring against inferior teams all season, with a dozen 80-point scoring nights and three wins by 30

points or more. But what they haven't done (and what they showed they might not do if they play like they did in the first five minutes Wednesday night against a more talented team) is prove their consistency.

Notre Dame has struggled against every ranked team it has played this season — and even a few unranked ones like Bowling Green. A slow start against a team like Rutgers or Pittsburgh — both of whom the Irish play in the next few weeks — would spell disaster.

Connecticut showed the Irish on Sunday that a small funk, like the one to start the Providence game, could turn ugly fast with its 22-6 run in the first half of a lopsided Husky victory.

So what's next?

Most importantly, the Irish have to get better defensively or they might not survive February.

Well, they will still make the Big East and NCAA tournaments. Their record and strength of schedule until now will get them that.

But seeding counts. Last year's team fell victim to this beast, entering the Big East tourney as the seven-seed and March Madness as an eight. Notre Dame lost in the conference tournament to an evenly-matched DePaul squad for a one-and-done. And in the NCAA's they beat California only to face No. 1 North Carolina for a relatively early exit from the big dance.

If Notre Dame can't pick up its defensive output for what McGraw called a "brutal schedule" in February, it could be in for another world of hurt come March.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Print answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CHAOS SLANT
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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EUGENIA LAST

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Happy Birthday: Don't take anything for granted this year. You have the drive, stamina and work ethic to pull off whatever you want to pursue. Your desire and energy to complete what you start will take you the distance. Be proud and fear nothing and you will win the respect and admiration of others. Your numbers are 7, 13, 23, 27, 33, 36

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are probably overreacting to something someone said or did. Put yourself in another environment that will take you out of your current situation and give you time to think. Helping others will stabilize you. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sitting idle, waiting on someone who won't budge is a waste of time. Go it alone and you will accomplish more in the end. Don't let personal issues stand in the way of your pursuits. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put everything you've got into a plan you've wanted to develop. You will have what it takes to make things happen and the imagination to help you deliver your idea with great enthusiasm and confidence. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look at the existing possibilities and you will see that a few minor changes can be to your advantage. Take note of what close friends, children and family tell you. Sometimes it's the encouragement you receive that makes the difference. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Calm down and keep your thoughts to yourself. Observe rather than letting your emotions or jealousy cause you to make a costly mistake. Don't let someone you love get away with something you don't agree with — talk matters through rationally. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will make headway today. You can make personal plans, spice up your look or change your lifestyle or your job with success today. Don't hold back or wait for another time to make your move. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talk is cheap and not always beneficial and today that is exactly how you should regard what's being said to you. Put your time into developing something that interests you. Children, travel and learning will all play a role in your life today. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep things low key or you may find yourself in a predicament that will slow you down or leave you vulnerable. Stand up for your rights but don't waste your time arguing. Do what's best for you, not someone else. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Not too much will go unnoticed, so be careful what you say and do, especially around friends, neighbors and relatives. You will be limited if you exaggerate. Backtracking may be required but it isn't likely to help you smooth things over entirely. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Give and take will work out splendidly for you today. You will have the mastermind of a genius when it comes to finance, legal matters or settlements. You've got what it takes to make subtle changes that will enhance your position and make you a star. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Choose your words wisely. Talk may be cheap but it will backfire if you address emotional situations negatively. Listen to opposing information. Your willingness to compromise will make your life easier. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You know what you want, so don't waste time pussyfooting around the issues that concern you. Money is in the picture but will come to you through a most unusual source. Be grateful for what you receive and sorrowful for what you deny yourself. 5 stars

Birthday Baby: You are giving and adaptable. You are emotional, thirsty for knowledge and dedicated to making the world a better place. You are a doer, a Good Samaritan and a lover.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Unsatisfied

Irish struggle early, relax late in 31-point blowout over Friars

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

It wasn't pretty, and it came against a team with only three bench players, but it was a win nonetheless.

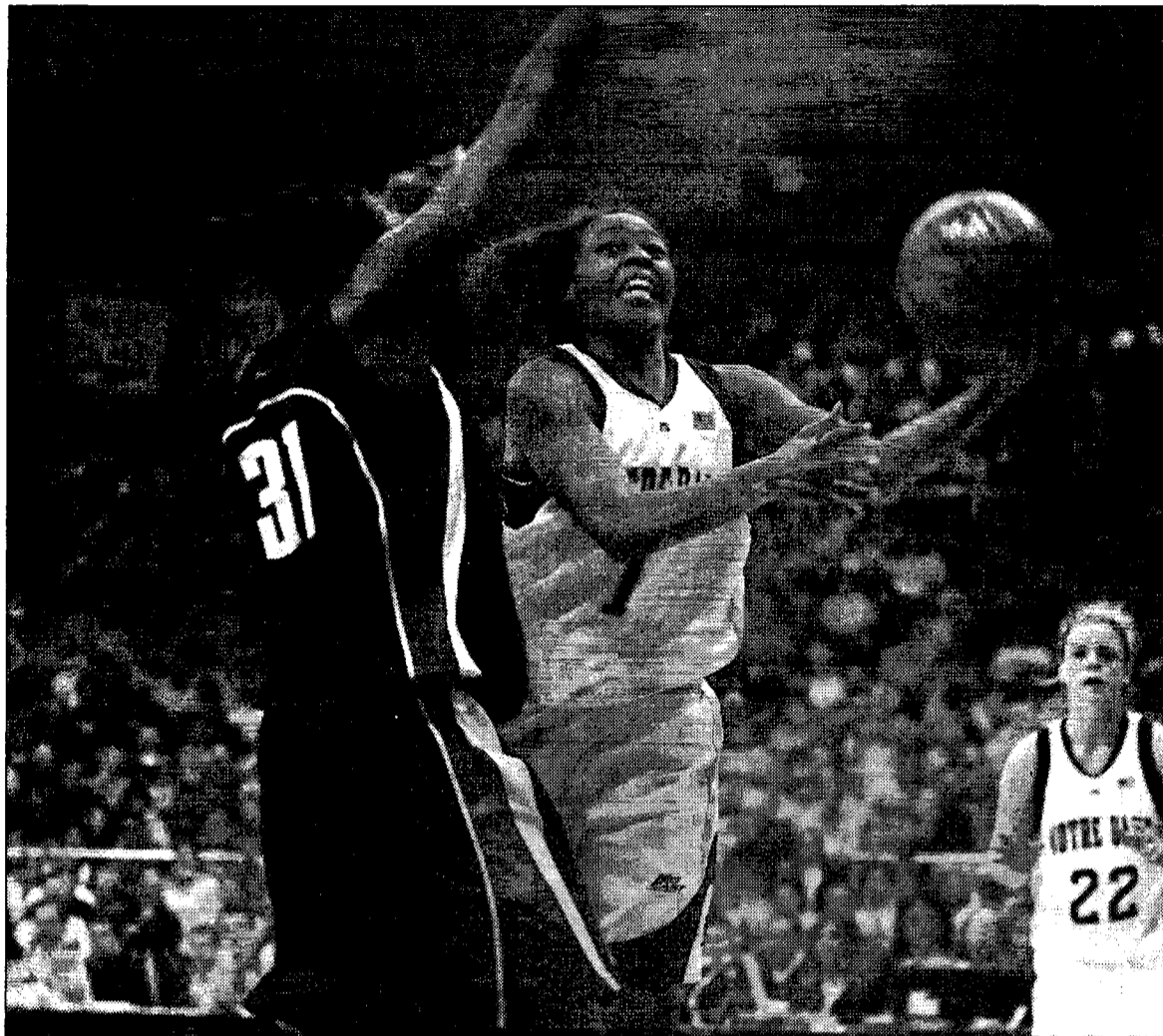
Junior guard Lindsay Schrader had 15 points and nine rebounds, and No. 20 Notre Dame overcame a stagnant first eight minutes to beat Providence 85-54 Wednesday. The Irish forced 29 turnovers in the win.

Despite a sluggish start, five Irish players scored in double figures, the sixth time the team has reached that milestone this season.

Senior guard Charel Allen had 12 points, six rebounds and six steals, and backcourt classmate Tulyah Gaines added 10 points and four takeaways. Freshman forward Devereaux Peters and sophomore guard Melissa Lechlitner added 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Lechlitner dominated Providence's injury-depleted guards. She ran around and shot over them on offense and

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Irish guard Tulyah Gaines drives to the basket in Notre Dame's 81-64 loss to Connecticut Sunday. The Irish defeated Providence 85-54 Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

ND needs to play full 40 minutes to compete nationally

On paper, Notre Dame played a great defensive game in its 85-54 win against Providence Wednesday.

The Irish forced 29 turnovers, including 23 on steals, held Providence to one 3-point attempt and dominated the defensive glass.

But stats like that don't matter.

Notre Dame played a lax, almost sloppy second half on the defensive end of the court.

It surrendered nearly twice as many points in the second half (35) as it did in the first (19).

When Friars guard Trinity Hull nailed a 3-pointer with 4:49 remaining — Providence's only triple of the night — it was in part because the Irish defense wasn't guarding the perimeter as tenaciously as it had done earlier in the game.



Jay Fitzpatrick

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coming back to the JACC

ND seeks 32nd straight home win tonight against Providence

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

It seems like Notre Dame's home winning streak has been stuck on 31 games for a long time.

The Irish (14-4, 4-2 Big East) haven't played a home game since their 91-74 win over Cincinnati Jan. 15, but they have a chance to win their 32nd straight at the Joyce Center tonight against Providence at 7.

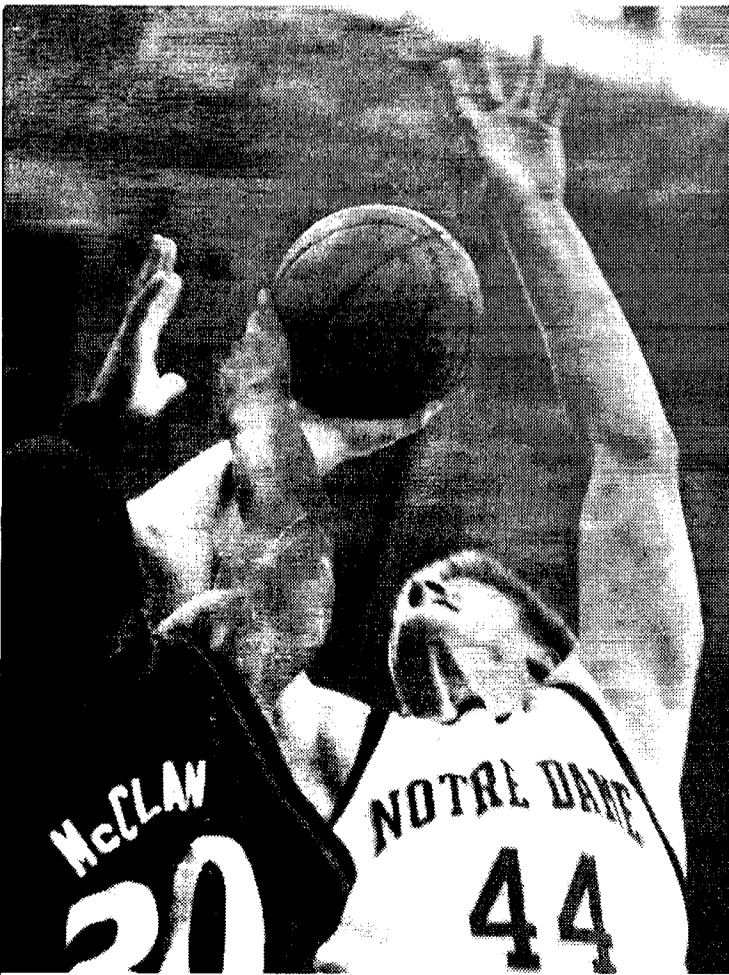
"It feels like we haven't been home in a while," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I think that will energize us."

Notre Dame, currently in second place in the Big East, is 1 1/2 games behind conference leader Georgetown. The team is coming off a 90-80 win at then-No. 18 Villanova last Saturday.

The victory, which was the first conference road win for the Irish, featured a lineup shift. Brey inserted junior forward Zach Hillesland into the starting lineup in place of junior Ryan Ayers.

The switch paid off.

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Irish forward Luke Harangody shoots in Notre Dame's 91-74 win over Cincinnati on Jan. 15. The Irish host Providence tonight.

MEN'S TENNIS

Team rebounds from first defeat of season

After losing to No. 1 Virginia, Irish take down Michigan State

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After suffering its first loss of the season to No. 1 Virginia Sunday, No. 11 Notre Dame defeated Michigan State 4-3 Wednesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Irish won despite dropping the doubles point; Michigan State won two of the three doubles matches.

Spartan seniors Nick Rink and Adam Monich defeated senior Sheeva Parbhu and junior Brett Helgeson 8-4 in the first doubles match.

"Michigan State is very good at one and two doubles," Bayliss said. "We usually rely on our one and two singles players and had to today as well."

Spartan junior Alex Forger teamed with freshman Billy Gardner to defeat senior Andrew Roth and freshman Stephen Havens 8-5 at No. 2 doubles.

"Havens is a great ball striker," Bayliss said. "He still

has a few things to learn strategically, but he is making significant strides overall."

The Irish doubles teams salvaged one match with freshman Tyler Davis and junior Santiago Montoya defeating junior John Allare and freshman John Stratton 8-6.

In singles action, the Irish took charge and clinched the match.

Parbhu lost a tough match to Rinks 6-4, 0-6, 6-2, while Helgeson easily defeated Forger 6-1, 6-4.

Roth pulled out another tight match over Allare, winning in three sets, 0-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Stephen Havens fell in tough match to Monich 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. Fellow freshman David Anderson defeated junior Scott Rasmussen 6-3, 6-2 in the second match finished, and Davis also pulled out his singles match 6-1, 7-5.

Bayliss said Michigan State's serving put the Irish on their heels.

"They were able to get a lot more first serves in," Bayliss said of the recent doubles struggles. "We didn't get

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