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## ND looks to boost financial aid

*Long-term goal is to fund all undergraduate scholarships with endowment income*

By KATE McCLELLAND  
News Writer

With a price tag of more than \$44,000 each year, a Notre Dame education is not cheap. But the University, like many top-tier private colleges around the country, is working to ease the financial burden for tuition-paying families.

Over the past 18 years, spending on financial aid at Notre Dame has risen from \$55 million to \$72 million, a 13 percent increase. Meanwhile, tuition over the same period has only increased about five to six percent, said Joe Russo, director of student financial strate-

gies. "Our goal is to continue to reduce the need to borrow by providing more scholarship money," Russo said. The University's current fundraising campaign aims to collect \$1.5 billion in donations by 2011. The campaign's largest component will be used to provide undergraduate scholarships, Russo said.

Russo said his office does not publicly express the details of its financial aid policies.

"We haven't communicated information about our financial aid program publicly but to those who ask — students, parents, alumni — we can reassure them that we are

making things happen," Russo said. "We have a lot to be proud of, and I think it's reflected in the growing number of students every year who want to attend this University."

The University has three "premier policies" that make its financial aid program unique, Russo said. The first is need-blind admissions. When deciding whether or not to accept a student, the University does not consider one's ability to pay tuition. The second policy is Notre Dame's commitment to meet the full demonstrated financial need of accepted students. Third, the University allows outside scholarships to reduce the stu-

dent's need to take out loans for his or her education.

Notre Dame is not alone in its work to ease financial burdens.

Last year, Harvard University announced it would significantly change its financial aid policies in order to make college more affordable for the middle class.

Harvard's decision has sparked a recent trend, with many other elite universities across the country, including Yale, Duke and the University of Pennsylvania, making similar changes to their financial aid programs.

Specifically, Harvard fami-

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## Brazilian Carnival celebrated

*Kellogg Institute sponsors SDH event*

By LINDSAY SENA  
News Writer

South Bend will be getting a little taste of Brazil tonight as the Kellogg Institute for International Studies hosts its 10th annual celebration of Brazilian Carnival in South Dining Hall.

A celebration similar to Mardi Gras, Carnival takes place each year at the beginning of Lent and is celebrated in many European and Latin American countries.

Brazilian Club officer Valerie Kornfield explained the tradition behind Brazil's Carnival.

"It is a unique opportunity for people from every social class to party and celebrate together on the streets," Kornfield said. "There are huge, elaborate parades and presentations in Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, as well as some in Sao Paulo. Thousands of tourists flock to Rio de Janeiro and Salvador to participate in the festivities."

Events Coordinator for the Kellogg Institute Dina Dinovo said Notre Dame's Carnival celebrations have "grown exponentially each year." The event has been held at a variety of locations — first at Reckers, then Legends, LaFortune Ballroom and the Palais Royale in downtown

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## University hosts Winter Career Fair

*Annual event focuses on job and internship options for Arts and Letters majors*



Notre Dame students gather in the JACC fieldhouse for the 2008 Winter Career and Internship fair Wednesday.

By BRIAN McKENZIE  
News Writer

Approximately 1,800 students hoping to secure a job or internship attended the Winter Career and Internship Fair Wednesday night at the Joyce Center.

Unlike its fall counterpart, which was geared toward pre-professional students, the Winter Career Fair largely focused on companies that would be attractive to Arts and Letters majors. "Arts and Letters is what this fair was about," said Anita Rees, the Career

Center's Associate Director. Many Arts and Letters students were pleased by the wide array of job options available at the fair, which was attended by 165 different employers.

"I think there are enough offerings for Arts and Letters. If you're confident, you can sell yourself for any job," said senior Corey Mehlos, who is currently enrolled in the program of liberal studies.

"Although he would have liked to see a few more law firms, Mehlos said he was

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## SMC administrators concentrate on diversity

*College sponsors third-annual Students' Leadership Conference*

By EMMA DRISCOLL  
News Writer

Saint Mary's College will bring experts, college students and high-schoolers together Feb. 13-15 for the third-annual Diverse Students' Leadership Conference (DSLCL).

"The mission and intention is to educate and foster intercultural interaction among participants," said Larisa Olin Ortiz, director of multicultural affairs. "What the students wanted is to challenge participants and to reconsider how diversity plays such an important role in our world today."

Organized by the Diversity Board, the DSLCL was first held at Saint Mary's in 2006. It was the first conference organized by students for the College's campus.

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Saint Mary's students listen to a speaker during the College's annual Diverse Students' Leadership Conference last year.

*CWIL to become part of Academic Affairs as Lilly funding runs out*

By MANDI STIRONE  
News Writer

Saint Mary's administrators have decided to make the Center for InterCultural Leadership (CWIL), which is responsible for some of the College's multicultural programs, a part of the College's Academic Affairs Division.

CWIL was originally funded by grant money from the Lilly Endowment Inc., a private foundation which "affords special emphasis to projects that benefit young people and promote leadership education and financial self-sufficiency in the nonprofit, charitable sector," according to the Endowment's Web site.

"The Lilly Endowment awarded Saint

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Worldwide loser in sports

Where have you gone, ESPN? Sure, the self-proclaimed "Worldwide Leader in Sports" is thriving, but it's not the same channel it was even a few years ago. I can remember a kinder, gentler era of sports programming when the big forum for open debates was the "Sports Reporters" — a calm Sunday morning show with some of the best sports journalists in the country. People like Bob Ryan, Mike Lupica and the venerable Dick Schaap would discuss the week's issues calmly and rationally. They respected each other's opinions and worked to find some kind of answer to major issues in the sports world.

**Jay Fitzpatrick**  
Associate Sports Editor

And then "Around the Horn" happened. ESPN decided to repackage the "Sports Reporters" every day at 5:30 p.m. So they replaced the best journalists who were intelligent and respectful for, quite simply, stupid ones. Woody Paige and Jay Mariotti — two common guests on the show — say and do silly things to garner arbitrarily given points from host Tony Reali for more face time. The more you say things that Reali likes, the more chances you get to say things he might like later in the show.

Nowadays ESPN has found a way to bring this sensationalized style of news to the masses with the morning show ESPN "First Take."

As the show has evolved over the years, it has two basic parts. The bulk of the show is interviews with journalists and athletes from around the country. The rest?

Skip Bayless vs. black people. It's not always an African-American, but since Bayless is a 57-year old white man, ESPN figured it would be best to pair him with some of its younger, black analysts often like Shaun King, Jalen Rose and Jemele Hill and wait for the controversy (and ratings) to start.

In the segment "1st and 10," Bayless answers questions with absurd, superlative-laced statements that make him sound like a fool. This is until the person on the other end of the table contradicts whatever Bayless says with his or her own ridiculous, off-the-wall statement. And then the yelling starts. The two "analysts" yell rebuttals at each other without regard to any sense of order until host Jay Crawford makes a snide remark about one of the two views and moves on.

I do not understand why ESPN feels the need to show this on the air. It has had a history of such great coverage and journalism, but now they have devolved into this. Its sources are not always real interviews or newspapers. Instead it thrives on rumors and the bastion of journalism — TMZ.com.

I do not know where the ESPN of old has gone. I just want it to come back.

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

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: How would you capture Bigfoot if you knew he existed?



**Erika Shults**  
freshman  
PW

"I would dress up like Mrs. Bigfoot, and seduce him."



**Steve Atkinson**  
freshman  
Stanford

"Well, we'd need a lot of quarter dogs..."



**Michael Parme**  
grad student  
off campus

"With a Nature Valley granola bar."



**Dani Leary**  
junior  
Pangborn

"I'd tackle him to the ground."



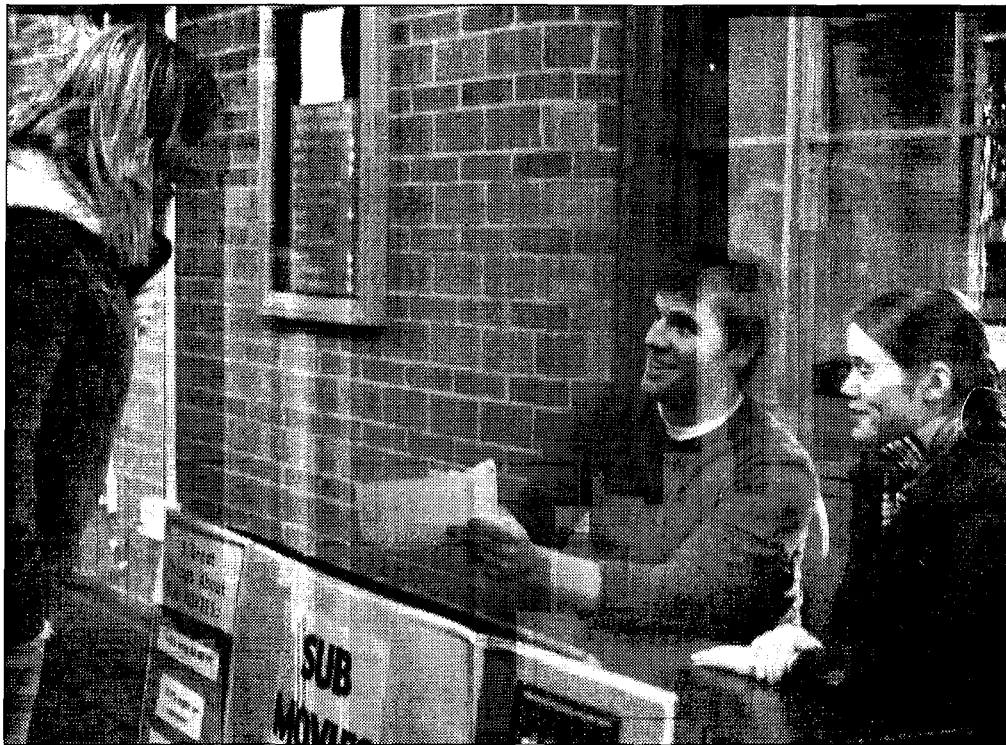
**Sunny Chung**  
sophomore  
PE

"I'll just ignore it."



**Natalie Valent**  
freshman  
McCandless

"Tranquilize him then call the zoo."



Katy McCullough, left, talks to Joe Schonoff and Katie Moran about the Student Union Board's movies in the entrance foyer of South Dining Hall. This weekend SUB will show "Gone Baby Gone."

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

## IN BRIEF

The mini-conference "Pornography: Fantasy, Reality and Industry" will take place today from 12:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. today at the Center for Continuing Education in McKenna Hall.

The film "Jimmy Carter: Man from Plains" will be shown at 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are free.

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.

The film "Enemies of Happiness" will be shown at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are free.

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.

The Student Activities Office will sponsor a Super Bowl XLII party Sunday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Main Lounge of LaFortune.

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

## OFFBEAT

### Man sneaks into church to view pornography

HAMILTON, N.J. — A civilian State Police employee was accused of sneaking into a church to look at pornography on a nun's computer. Police arrested Thomas G. Findler Wednesday and charged him with burglary and theft.

Authorities said Findler had been sneaking into Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church in the night over the last three weeks to look at pornography.

Wednesday morning, a church custodian found Findler, who worships at the church, on a nun's computer.

The custodian chased him out, right into a police officer who happened to be nearby.

Findler works in a local office for the state police.

### Time Warner Cable forces tornado victims to pay

WHEATLAND, Wis. — Having a tornado demolish her home was bad enough. But when Ann Beam received a \$2,000 cable bill a few weeks later, she was floored. "I just couldn't believe it," Beam said. "I was like, 'What are they thinking?'" Time Warner Cable billed a number of Wheatland residents for equipment destroyed in the Jan. 7 twister that struck

the southeast corner of the state. Beam's bill covered five cable boxes and five remote controls.

She immediately called the cable company, but a man who identified himself as a manager said there was nothing the company could do.

"They said I would have to take the bill and turn it in to my insurance company," Beam said.

But her cable equipment was nine years old, and the insurance company would pay only a depreciated value that wouldn't cover her bill, she said.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

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## Wash U. professor lectures on Islam

By SARAH MAYER  
News Writer

Dr. Fatemeh Keshavarz, director of Eastern Religious Studies at Washington University in St. Louis, presented a lecture entitled "The Role of Women in the Muslim World" Thursday in the Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary's College.

"Knowledge about Muslim women is more than just facts, it's about their culture, their history, and their talent," Keshavarz said. Originally from Iran, Keshavarz said women are often alienated in the Islamic world, despite the fact that they are an integral part of it.

"Women are culturally distant yet so close at the same time," she said.

Muslim women still face great obstacles, especially since they are considered the property of their husbands, Keshavarz said. However, they are beginning to overcome these obstacles and receive education. In Iranian universities, 70 percent of the students are women. But the government is considering establishing a quota system because women are doing such better than men.

"[The quota system] would just be holding women back and is a ridiculous idea," Keshavarz said.

The majority of her lecture

focused on the fact that many American students know very little about Iran and Muslim culture. Although Keshavarz says even the most intelligent students do not know 60 to 70 percent of the facts or real story behind the history of Iran.

According to Keshavarz, only 300 Americans a year travel to Iraq, and when applying for a visa, "the United Nations gives you a million reasons not to go." Keshavarz said she was happy to speak at Saint Mary's and "bridge the gap between the Muslim world, especially Iran, and the United States."

According to Keshavarz, who received all of her facts from the United Nations, every Iranian woman needs her husband's consent to travel abroad.

"If the husband does not approve—than she cannot go, it is absurd and the law needs to change," Keshavarz said.

Keshavarz is involved in the 1,000,000 Signatures Campaign with many other Muslim women between the ages of 17 and 25. The all-female organization send members from village to village in Iraq asking for signatures to support gender equality issues.

The talk was sponsored by the Justice department, CWIL, and the Political Science and English departments.

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## Military not ready for attack

Reports say American combat forces lack sufficient equipment, training

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military isn't ready for a catastrophic attack on the country, and National Guard forces don't have the equipment or training they need for the job, according to a report.

Even fewer Army National Guard units are combat-ready today than were nearly a year ago when the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves determined that 88 percent of the units were not prepared for the fight, the panel says in a new report released Thursday.

The independent commission is charged by Congress to recommend changes in law and policy concerning the Guard and Reserves.

The commission's 400-page report concludes that the nation "does not have sufficient trained, ready forces available" to respond to a chemical, biological or nuclear weapons incident, "an appalling gap that places the nation and its citizens at greater risk."

"Right now we don't have the forces we need, we don't have them trained, we don't have the equipment," commission

Chairman Arnold Punaro said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Even though there is a lot going on in this area, we need to do a lot more."

... There's a lot of things in the pipeline, but in the world we live in — you're either ready or you're not."

In response, Air Force Gen. Gene Renuart, chief of U.S. Northern Command, said the Pentagon is putting together a specialized military team that would be designed to respond to such catastrophic events.

"The capability for the Defense Department to respond to a chemical, biological event exists now," Renuart

told the AP. "It, today, is not as robust as we would like because of the demand on the forces that we've placed across the country. ... I can do it today. It would be harder on the (military) services, but I could respond."

Over the next year, Renuart said, specific active duty, Guard and Reserve units will be trained, equipped and assigned

to a three-tiered response force totaling about 4,000 troops. There would be a few hundred first responders, who would be followed by a second wave of about 1,200 troops that would include medical and logistics forces.

The third wave, with the remainder of that initial 4,000 troops, would include aircraft units, engineers, and other support forces, depending on the type of incident.

Punaro, a retired Marine Corps major general, had sharp criticism for Northern Command, saying that commanders there have made little progress developing detailed response plans for attacks against the homeland.

"NorthCom has got to get religion in this area," said Punaro. He said the military needs to

avoid "pickup game" type responses, such as the much-criticized federal reaction to Hurricane Katrina, and put in place the kind of detailed plans that exist for virtually any international crisis.

He also underscored the commission's main finding: the Pentagon must move toward making the National Guard and Reserves an integral part of the U.S. military.

*"Even though there is a lot going on in this area, we need to do a lot more..."*

Arnold Punaro  
commission chairman

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Applications for Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor should be 12 pages long and should explain the applicant's qualifications and goals.

Applications for other editorial positions should be at least five pages.

All applications should be submitted this week to Chris Hine in The Observer office, located in the South Dining Hall basement.

Please direct questions about these positions to Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu or Maddie Hanna at mhanna1@nd.edu



## Carnaval

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South Bend.

Carnival returned to campus in 2005, Dinovo said, and has been held in South Dining Hall ever since.

The family-friendly event brings together a variety of people: students, faculty and staff from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, as well as from other colleges, Dinovo said.

"We have members of the community that return each year dressed in the colors of Brazil," Dinovo said. "It is really a pleasure to have all of these people come together and enjoy dancing, singing and having fun."

As in previous years, Notre Dame's Carnaval will feature Chicago Samba. The Chicago-based Brazilian musicians have been together for over eighteen years and play "a variety of styles of the most popular artistic expression in Brazil," according to the group's Web site.

Kornfield describes Brazilian music as "full of spirit and fun and movement, beautifully woven together. The lyrics of traditional sambas often speak about central elements of Brazilian history or culture."

In addition to music, complimentary snacks will be served and professional Brazilian dancers in costumes will be performing and teaching dance steps to a variety of traditional and popular Brazilian rhythms.

Dinovo estimates at least 400 people will attend the celebration, which begins at 8 p.m. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

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## CWIL

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Mary's one of the large grants they have given to select Indiana colleges and universities to build on their strengths through transformative centers of distinction that bring national recognition to the institution," Meyer-Lee said.

But that grant money will be exhausted by this summer, Meyer-Lee said, which will force CWIL to operate on a slimmer budget and narrow its objectives.

CWIL will be added to the Academic Affairs budget, in line with Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney's New Strategic Plan, Meyer-Lee said.

The Strategic Plan, which was presented to the Board of Trustees last October, reads, "The College's goal is to more fully integrate CWIL into the Academic Affairs Division and that division's budget so that we may continue to reap the benefits of its presence on our campus. In the future, the Center's reduced budget will necessitate a narrowing of its activities and a clearer focus for its work."

Therefore, programs like the Encuentro summer program and the Intercultural Living

Community Program will be taken over by other divisions of the College. Despite these cutbacks, Saint Mary's officials are still fully invested in the CWIL and hope to see it grow in the future.

"The good news is that we will be able to continue the vast majority of our opportunities for students within our reduced budget, albeit on a somewhat smaller scale," Meyer-Lee said. "The details of the transition are still in a draft proposal form that is being vetted across the campus and will be finalized within the next few weeks."

CWIL will continue to advise international students, develop programs like the Catalyst Trip and the Certificate in Intercultural Leadership, distribute mini-grants, and bring intercultural events to campus. It will also hire interns each summer and sponsor Fellows and staff who teach at the College, said the program's director, Elaine Meyer-Lee.

"CWIL advances the College's mission of 'preparing students to make a difference in the world' by empowering women to realize their call to leadership and to develop the intercultural knowledge and competence critical in today's increasingly interdependent world," Meyer-Lee said.

"The good news is that we will be able to continue the vast opportunities for students within our reduced budget."

Elaine Meyer-Lee  
CWIL program director

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## DSLC

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The DSLC will address issues including immigration and race issues, social and economic injustice, sexual orientation, disability awareness, women in the business world, cultural diversity and body issues through a variety of presentations, according to Erin McGuire, Student Diversity Board public relations chair.

Some presentations will be in the form of a workshop, while others may be lectures or interactive seminars.

Educator and humanitarian Dr. Johnetta B. Cole will deliver the closing keynote address entitled "Are Diversity and Inclusion on Your Agenda?" McGuire said. Cole served as president of Bennett College for Women from 2002 to 2007 and as president of Spelman College from 1987 to 1997. Both are historically black colleges.

"She represents what the conference is all about," Ortiz said. "It's about leadership, it's about women making a difference in the world. We're thrilled to have her as our keynote speaker."

Dr. Gwendolyn Dungy, executive director of NASPA: Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, will deliver the opening keynote address.

The DSLC also offers a Diversity Showcase, which will include poetry readings and performances by the Notre Dame First Class Steppers and G-Mime, McGuire said.

DSLC will also offer a career fair with companies such as

Walgreen's and First Source Bank. "There's a lot of stuff going on besides panels and workshops," McGuire said.

Conferences organizers have extended the invitation beyond Saint Mary's. "We have students coming from IUSB, some students coming from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, University of St. Francis, Goshen College and Manchester College," Ortiz said. "We're focusing on reaching out to different institutions of higher education so that they will come and not only learn, but also share with us some other experience."

Local and prospective high school students are invited to the conference.

"[They will learn about] the same issues, but more geared toward a high school audience."

Student body president Kimberly Hodges said the DSLC not only attracts prospective culturally diverse students to the campus, which is important for recruitment and retention, but the conference also helps build Saint Mary's relationship with the community.

"[The DSLC] puts Saint Mary's back to where it needs to be in the community of South Bend," Hodges said. "Instead of just being in South Bend, we are part of the community of South Bend because, speaking from my experiences, this conference continues to connect us to underrepresented individuals of the community," Hodges said.

Ortiz hopes that attendance is even higher than last year, when 300 people came to the conference.

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*"The good news is that we will be able to continue the vast opportunities for students within our reduced budget."*

*"[The conference] is about women making a difference in the world."*

Dr. Johnetta B. Cole  
educator and humanitarian

## Aid

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lies with an annual income of \$120,000 to \$180,000 will now only have to pay 10 percent, or up to \$18,000 a year, for tuition according to the New York Times.

Moreover, financial aid officers at Harvard will no longer consider the value of the family home when calculating financial need.

Some schools, Harvard included, are eliminating parental contributions to tuition when the family makes less than \$60,000 a year.

Notre Dame does not have this policy.

"There are too many factors that go into a financial aid decision to make a blind commitment based simply on income, but on average lower income families don't pay very much," Russo said.

And, while Notre Dame does collect information about a family's home through the CSS PROFILE application, Russo said home values are not a major factor in the financial aid package that a student is offered.

On Jan. 24, the Senate Finance Committee sent out a request for information to the 136 wealthiest schools in the nation, including Notre Dame. According to the New York Times, the committee is gathering information on how universities spend their endowments. The committee is looking into the possibility of passing legislation that requires universities to spend a certain percentage of their endowment every year on financial aid.

Notre Dame's endowment is currently worth more than \$6 billion, of which \$1 to \$1.5 billion is used for scholarships. The rest is invested in making improvements to the University to keep tuition costs down, Russo said.

"Ideally, all undergraduate scholarships would be paid with endowment income some day — that is our goal," Russo said.

The key to doing that, Russo said, is fundraising.

"The current fundraising campaign is a big part of that," Russo said. "Ultimately, we want to keep Notre Dame affordable and help young people make their dreams come true."

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Snow paralyzes Chinese rail services

GUANGZHOU, China — Hundreds of thousands of desperate travelers, some hoisting terrified children or baggage over their heads, pushed their way onto trains Thursday as service resumed after the worst winter storms in decades paralyzed China.

Piles of suitcases, dirty blankets, duffel bags, clothing and shoes, abandoned in the chaotic stampede, littered the rain-soaked train station in Guangzhou, the starting point for the busy rail line north to Beijing.

Railway officials said the restored service could carry 400,000 passengers a day, but hundreds of thousands of stranded people, most of them migrant workers, were still waiting to leave the city.

### Australia to apologize to Aborigines

CANBERRA, Australia — Aborigines have long lived on the fringe of Australian society, but they will take center stage when Parliament holds a historic ceremony to acknowledge the nation's capital is built on their land.

On Thursday, Aboriginal leaders welcomed the latest step in a new era of indigenous relations in Australia.

The first act of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's new government will be to ask Parliament on Feb. 13 to pass a motion apologizing for past policies of taking mostly mixed-race children from Aboriginal mothers to try to make them grow up like white Australians.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### FBI clears Egyptian college students

TAMPA, Fla. — Two Egyptian college students arrested near a South Carolina Navy weapons station last year were carrying low-grade fireworks, as they claimed, not the dangerous explosives as charged by federal prosecutors, the FBI has determined.

Ahmed Abdellatif Sherif Mohamed, 26, and Youssef Samir Megahed, 21, have been in jail since sheriff's deputies found what they called bomb-making materials in the trunk of their car during a traffic stop near Charleston, S.C.

The FBI report was submitted to the court Wednesday by Megahed's public defender as part of a motion seeking bail. U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Steve Cole declined comment on the filing Thursday.

The two men, both engineering students at the University of South Florida, were indicted on federal charges of transporting explosives illegally.

### Colleges stand against climate change

PORTLAND, Ore. — Global warming issues took over lecture halls in colleges across the country Thursday, with more than 1,500 universities participating in what was billed as the nation's largest-ever "teach-in."

Organizers said the goal of the event, dubbed "Focus the Nation," was to move past preaching to the green choir, to reach a captive audience of students in many fields who might not otherwise tune in to climate change issues.

Faculty members from a wide spectrum of disciplines — from chemistry to costume design — agreed to incorporate climate change issues into their lectures on Thursday. Community colleges and some high schools also took part.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Property tax leads legislative agenda

INDIANAPOLIS — Property tax relief and reform remains the dominant issue as lawmakers head into the second half of this year's legislative session, with compromises on some key sticking points needed if a final package for major change is to pass.

There are plenty of other bills still alive after passing either the Democrat-controlled House or Republican-ruled Senate, including ones dealing with illegal immigration, abortion and legalizing some low-stakes gambling in bars and taverns.

The primary focus is still on property taxes, however, and Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels and legislative leaders say they are still optimistic that a plan providing immediate, significant and lasting relief can be enacted.

## AFGHANISTAN

# Explosion kills deputy governor

*Suicide bomber kills five others and wounds 18 in mosque, Taliban claims responsibility*

Associated Press

KANDAHAR — A suicide bomber blew himself up Thursday in a mosque in southern Afghanistan, killing a deputy provincial governor and five other people in another blow to President Hamid Karzai's U.S.-backed government.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, which came as U.S. officials were warning that the six-year mission to stabilize Afghanistan faces a crisis due to Taliban resilience and weakening international resolve.

Pir Mohammad, deputy governor of Helmand province, was attending noon prayers at the mosque in the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah when the bomber struck, according to police chief Mohammad Hussein Andial.

At least 18 people, including two children, were wounded by the blast, Andial said.

Haji Ikramullah, who was walking to the mosque when the explosion occurred, said he saw bodies inside and wounded people shrieking in pain.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid, claimed responsibility for the attack, which he said was carried out by an Afghan named Qudratullah from the eastern province of Paktia, one of the centers of Taliban resistance.

Helmand province is the center of the world's opium and heroin production and the scene of intense fighting between militants and U.S., British and Afghan forces, which claim to have killed thousands of Taliban fighters.

Also Thursday, a suicide bomber attacked an Afghan army bus in Kabul, the capital, killing one civilian and wounding a soldier and three other people.

Karzai condemned the attacks as "brutal and terrorist acts" carried out by



Pakistani police officers load a suicide bomber's body into an ambulance after an attack Wednesday. Officials estimate at least 18 people were wounded, including two children.

the "enemies of Afghanistan" against "innocent civilians and Muslim people."

The assaults raise fears that a resurgent Taliban will step up their suicide attacks, which have raised alarm in Washington and other Western capitals over the future of the six-year mission to stabilize Afghanistan.

The Taliban launched more than 140 suicide missions last year — the most since they were ousted from power in late 2001 by the U.S.-led invasion that followed the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

This week, an independent study co-chaired by retired Marine Corps Gen.

James Jones and former U.N. Ambassador Thomas Pickering warned that Afghanistan risks becoming a failed state because of deteriorating international support and the growing Taliban insurgency.

The study concluded the United States risks losing the "forgotten war" in Afghanistan unless it reenergize anti-terrorism efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan, where al-Qaida is regrouping.

But the United States remains heavily committed in Iraq with about 160,000 troops. Plans call for reducing that figure to about 130,000 by July, although U.S. officials have signaled they may suspend

the drawdown by midyear to determine whether they can hold on to security gains with fewer American troops.

At the same time, NATO's European members are refusing to send soldiers to Afghanistan's dangerous south, opening a rift between the U.S., Britain, Canada, the Netherlands and others which have borne the brunt of fighting.

The U.S. contributes one-third of NATO's 42,000-member International Security Assistance Force mission, making it the largest participant. That does not include the 12,000 to 13,000 American troops operating independently.

# Border guards require proof of citizenship

Associated Press

DETROIT — Tougher identification rules went into effect Thursday along the nation's borders, but there appeared to be little added delay as travelers unprepared for the change were in many cases allowed to cross with a warning.

Rather than seeing a bottleneck over the Ambassador Bridge into Detroit, truck driver Paul Kraus said, "It's actually slow today." The 42-year-old regularly crosses the bridge from Windsor, Ontario, and said he always carries required documents.

U.S. and Canadian citizens entering the country are no longer

allowed to simply declare to immigration officers at border crossings that they are citizens. Instead, those 19 and older must show proof of citizenship, such as a passport or a "trusted traveler" card issued to frequent border crossers. Driver's licenses must be accompanied by proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate.

Orville McFarlane of San Diego had just his driver's license as he returned from a sports betting parlor in Tijuana, Mexico, but was still allowed past San Diego's main border crossing.

"I was taken aback a little bit" about being asked for a birth certificate, the 36-year-old pharmacy tech-

nician said. "I said I didn't have it. He gave me a reminder slip."

Customs officials said that delays were minimal across the country and that most motorists had the documentation they needed.

"It's been a very smooth transition," said Thomas Winkowski, assistant commissioner of the Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection. "There have been no issues with wait times."

Officers at the ports had latitude to admit people who are unaware of the changes once their identities were confirmed, and many points were offering a grace period and handing out fliers explaining the changes.

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very excited to see U.S. Department of Justice booth. "That would be a wonderful opportunity to serve," he said.

Several company representatives said they appreciated the variety of skills Arts and Letter majors have. Ernest Adams, a senior recruiter for Abercrombie and Fitch, said the company considers all majors for entry-level positions.

"We're looking for applicants with sharp, strong communications skills," he said. "We want passion."

Command Production Manager for the Office of Naval Intelligence Joe Thompson said the federal government will make 194,000 hires in a wide range of positions over the next two years, offering opportunities for every major.

"It's a very strong market," he said. Thompson emphasized that making a positive impression with a striking application can really distinguish a candidate.

"The more you can illuminate who you are, through your cover letter and

resume and interview, the better," he said.

Thompson said the applicant's degree was only "the tip of the iceberg. What you're trying to hire for is the whole person."

But some students were still dissatisfied. English major Andrea D'Souza, who is originally from India, said she was concerned the Career Center did not provide enough job opportunities for international students in Arts and Letters.

*"The more you can illuminate who you are, through your cover letter and resume and interview, the better."*

**Joe Thompson**  
command production  
manager for the office of  
Naval Intelligence

year left on my visa and most companies in Arts and Letters won't sponsor you. I'm really stressing now," she said.

D'Souza said the Career Center is "very friendly," but offered a few suggestions for improvement.

"Holding a workshop for international students that aren't business or engineers would help," she said. "I'd hate to think that the only other option is graduate school."

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## Drifter sentenced to life in prison

Hilton pleads guilty to killing of 24-year-old hiker in botched robbery

Associated Press

DAWSONVILLE, Ga. — The wiry, graying drifter sought for several days in the New Year's Day disappearance of a 24-year-old hiker pleaded guilty Thursday to murdering her in what authorities called a frustrated robbery attempt.

In a startlingly swift resolution to the case, Gary Michael Hilton was immediately sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole after 30 years. The judge said she signed off on the deal because the 61-year-old likely would have died in prison anyway before the state had a chance to execute him.

Hilton was indicted Thursday morning by a specially called Dawson County grand jury that accused him of bludgeoning Meredith Emerson on Jan. 4, three days after he was seen with her on a trail in the mountains of northern Georgia.

Hilton told investigators he abducted the physically fit woman in a plan to steal cash from her bank accounts, Dawson County District Attorney Lee Darragh said.

"The sole purpose was to acquire (bank) cards and PIN

numbers," Darragh said. "He mentioned at one point that he knew eventually he would take her life."

But Emerson gave him false PINs, and Hilton finally took a tire iron to her head, the prosecutor said. Hilton decapitated her to make it harder for authorities to identify the body, said John Cagle, a special agent in charge with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Authorities have said they are looking at whether Hilton had a hand in the October disappearance of an 80-year-old hiker and his 84-year-old wife in western North Carolina, and in two other killings in Florida.

Cagle and Darragh declined to say what effect, if any, Hilton's plea deal might have on those investigations.

Sheriff David Mahoney in Transylvania County, N.C., told the Asheville Citizen-Times

that investigators began questioning Hilton on Thursday about the killing of Irene Bryant and the disappearance of her husband, John.

Hilton's lawyer, Brad Morris, did not comment after the hearing and did not immediately return a message later Thursday.

The grizzled Hilton was well

known in the area where Emerson was hiking with her dog, a black Lab named Ella, investigators have said. He was often seen with his own dog, Dandy, and a police-style baton.

Authorities fielded numerous calls after releasing a description of him, and caught him Jan. 4 after he tried to use Emerson's credit card, according to an arrest warrant.

Hilton led investigators to her body after prosecutors agreed not to seek the death penalty, Darragh said. Her death was found in a grocery store parking lot in Cumming, a suburb north of Atlanta, 50 miles from where Emerson was last seen.

On Thursday, Hilton appeared in Dawson County Superior Court before Judge Bonnie Oliver with an orange jumpsuit and a bulletproof vest draping his lanky frame. He said little beyond answering, "Guilty," when asked for his plea.

Emerson's father, David Emerson, told the judge no punishment was too great for Hilton.

"Our days are filled with tears and blank stares," he told Oliver.

The judge made it clear she was not issuing the life sentence out of pity.

"Justice, in your case, Mr. Hilton, would be an immediate execution," she said. "The court is not taking mercy on you because of your age."

*"The sole purpose was to acquire (bank) cards and PIN numbers."*

**Lee Darragh**  
Dawson County  
district attorney



### "SALESIAN LIFE IS VERY APPEALING TO YOUNG MEN WHO SEEK TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD."

Sean Hogan, Notre Dame, '04

I write this to encourage those young men who much like me during my time at Notre Dame yearned for something more than just a job, who yearned for a calling to serve, to give all they had for others. Most especially for those who hope to serve young people and bring them closer to Jesus.

Hi, I'm Sean Hogan class of '04 and still a Keough Roo at heart. After graduating from Notre Dame, I found myself in a small town in China working as a lay missionary with the Salesians of St. John Bosco. When I applied for a year of service and even before I left for China, I knew very little about the Salesians, but being around them for a short time it was easy to see what their life was all about.

I soon realized why this group of men, these Salesian priests and brothers, were the second largest religious order in the Church.

Salesian life is very appealing to young men who seek to make a difference in this world. Salesians, whether the men I worked with in China, Korea, or the ones I work with now in the states, live for young people. Salesians meet the youth where they are at, in schools, youth centers, parishes and everywhere else in between. Salesians live a life that allows them to offer a great presence to young people, leading and preparing them to be good Christians and honest citizens.

St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesians, was declared the patron of the young because of his work for poor and homeless youngsters. He founded the Salesians to continue God's work for the young, a work that now reaches 134 countries. John Allen, Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, writes of them, "The Salesians are seen as robustly reliable — not theological innovators, but down-to-earth pastors and educators, and generally with a good sense of humor ... the Salesian pastoral model is: solid, orthodox Catholic piety; an 'in the trenches' commitment to the young, the poor, and to education; and a smiling closeness to the people."

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## MARKET RECAP

### Stocks

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| NYSE              | 9,126.16  | +131.71 |
| S&P 500           | 1,378.55  | +22.74  |
| NIKKEI (Tokyo)    | 13,581.57 | -10.96  |
| FTSE 100 (London) | 5,879.80  | +42.50  |

| COMPANY                  | %CHANGE | \$GAIN | PRICE  |
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| POWERSHARES (QQQQ)       | +1.71   | +0.76  | 45.13  |
| FINANCIAL SEL SPDR (XLF) | +4.07   | +1.14  | 29.14  |
| CITIGROUP INC (C)        | +2.21   | +0.61  | 28.17  |

### Treasuries

|              |        |        |       |
|--------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 10-YEAR NOTE | -2.52  | -0.094 | 3.639 |
| 13-WEEK BILL | -12.62 | -0.270 | 1.870 |
| 30-YEAR BOND | -1.78  | -0.079 | 4.354 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE  | -3.81  | -0.112 | 2.826 |

### Commodities

|                          |       |        |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|
| LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)    | -0.58 | 91.75  |
| GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)       | +1.70 | 928.00 |
| PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.) | +0.85 | 94.55  |

### Exchange Rates

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| YEN             | 106.4850 |
| EURO            | 0.6729   |
| CANADIAN DOLLAR | 1.0021   |
| BRITISH POUND   | 0.5032   |

## IN BRIEF

### Economic woes hurt Google profits

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Google Inc.'s fourth-quarter profit fell below analyst expectations, signaling the crumbling U.S. economy has dented the Internet search leader's money-making machine.

The Mountain View-based company said Thursday that it earned \$1.21 billion, or \$3.79 per share, during the final three months of 2007.

That's up 17 percent from net income of \$1.03 billion, or \$3.29 per share, in the same period a year earlier.

If not for stock awards given to its employees, Google said it would have made \$4.43 per share — a penny below the average estimate among analysts polled by Thomson Financial.

Revenue totaled \$4.83 billion, a 51 percent improvement over \$3.21 billion in the previous year.

In a more important measure to investors, Google retained \$3.39 billion in revenue after paying commissions to its thousands of advertising partners across the Web.

The net revenue missed analyst estimates by about \$60 million, or just under 2 percent.

### Fuel prices and credit hurt spending

WASHINGTON — Buffeted by soaring fuel prices and tighter credit, consumers increased their spending at the weakest pace in six months. In other signs of trouble, applications for unemployment benefits last week soared by the largest number since Hurricane Katrina.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that consumer spending edged up just 0.2 percent in December — the year's peak shopping season. That was down sharply from a 1 percent gain in November. It was the weakest performance in this area since a similar 0.2 percent rise in June of last year.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department reported that the number of laid-off workers filing applications for unemployment benefits increased by 69,000 to 375,000 last week. That was the highest level for jobless claims since the week of Oct. 8, 2005, when the economy was dealing with the disruptions caused by Hurricane Katrina and other Gulf Coast hurricanes.

# Bush budget may exceed \$3 trillion

President expected to propose \$200 billion in federal health care savings on Monday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's 2009 budget will virtually freeze most domestic programs and seek nearly \$200 billion in savings from federal health care programs, a senior administration official said Thursday.

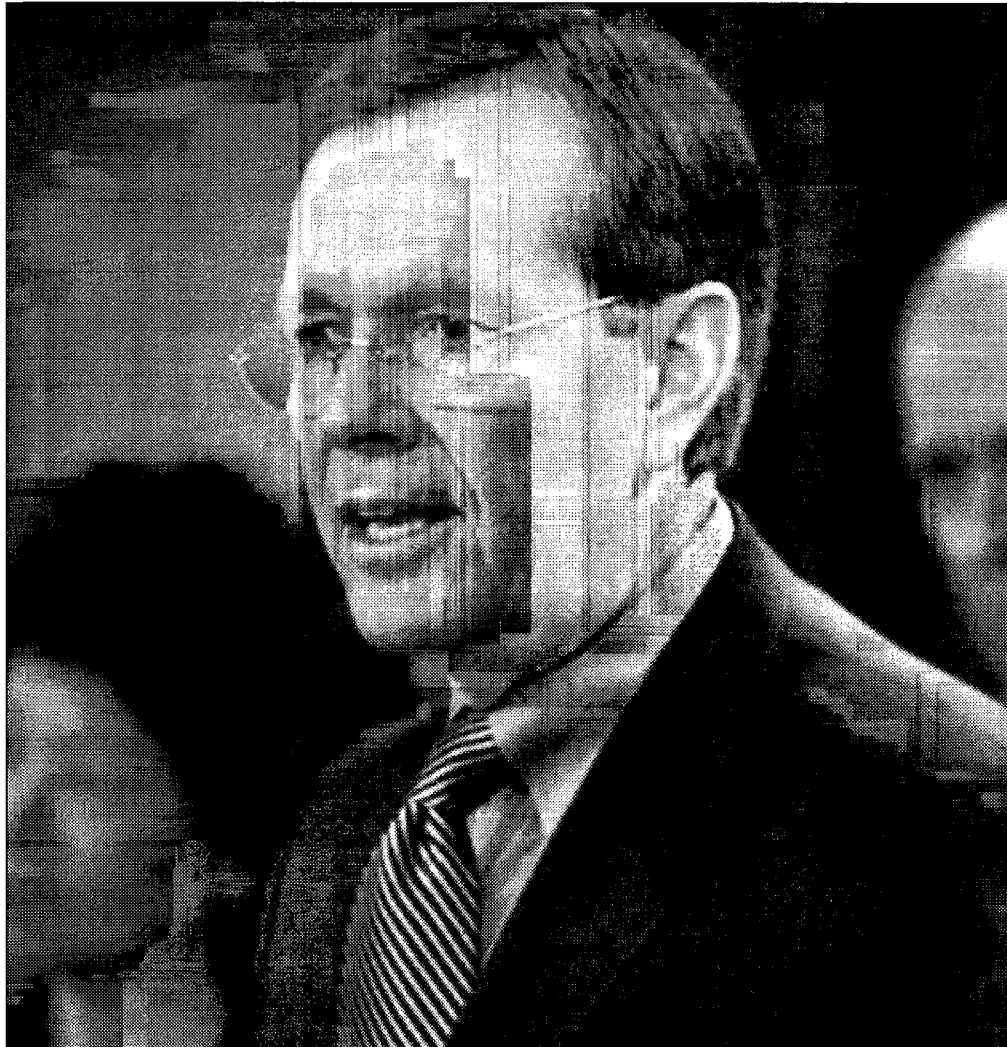
Overall, the Bush budget will exceed \$3 trillion, this official said. The deficit is expected to reach about \$400 billion for this year and next.

Bush on Monday will present his proposed budget for the new fiscal year to Congress, where it's unlikely to gain much traction in the midst of a presidential campaign. The president has promised a plan that would erase the budget deficit by 2012 if his policies are followed.

To that end, Bush will propose nearly \$178 billion in savings from Medicare over five years—nearly triple what he proposed last year. Much of the savings would come from freezing reimbursement rates for most health care providers for three years. An additional \$17 billion would come from the Medicaid program, the state-federal partnership that provides health coverage to the poor.

The budget for most domestic programs funded by Congress will look similar to last year's, according to the official, from the Office of Management and Budget. "It's a very small increase," he said. "Very small."

A second administration official said domestic discretionary spending would increase by less than 1 percent under



Secretary of Health and Human Services Mike Leavitt announces President Bush's plans to slow the growth of federal health care programs on April 23, 2007.

Bush's proposal.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the budget has not yet been released.

In his State of the Union address Monday, Bush said his budget envisioned a surplus in 2012. "American families have to balance their budgets, and so should their government," he said.

The federal government is expected to spend about \$650 billion on Medicare and Medicaid in 2008. It represents more than \$1 out of every \$5 spent by the federal government.

The OMB official said the president views the budget as a final opportunity to slow the growth of entitlement programs but recognizes that Congress probably won't go along.

He said spending on Medicare would increase under Bush's new budget, but not as quickly as had been expected. "Medicare will grow at 5 percent. It just won't grow over 7 percent," he said.

Savings also would come by charging wealthier people higher monthly premiums for Medicare's drug program.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said the Bush budget would project the 10-year cost of the program, from 2008 to 2017, at \$915 billion. That's \$117 billion less than what had been forecast last summer. The agency attributed the lower estimate to smaller increases in the cost of medicines, and better deals negotiated between insurers and drug manufacturers.

The agency said 25.4 million people were now enrolled in a Medicare drug plan.

# Investors optimistic as market rises

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street ended its worst January since 1990 with a huge advance Thursday after investors set aside worries about bond insurers and grew more optimistic that the Federal Reserve's interest rate cuts will indeed help lift the economy.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index, the market measure most closely followed by professional traders, lost 6.1 percent for the month, its biggest January drop since 1990, when it fell 6.88 percent. Meanwhile the Dow Jones industrials rose more than 200 points Thursday but still suffered their worst January in eight years.

The day's trading emerged as a microcosm of the entire month, with the Dow first falling more than 190 points, and then by late afternoon, soaring more than 250. It capped a January that saw frequent triple-digit moves in the blue chips as investors alternately anguished about the fall-

out from the housing and mortgage crisis and celebrated any news that indicated the damage might be limited.

Still, the market ended the month with heavy losses, evidence of how dejected investors have become. The Fed's 1.25 percentage points in interest rate cuts, designed to stave off a recession, ultimately gave Wall Street some reassurance that the economy might soon show signs of recovery — although the market still gyrated after the latest 0.50 percentage point cut on Wednesday.

Bond insurer MBIA Inc. also mollified Wall Street Thursday when its chief executive, Gary Dunton, told investors he is confident the company can retain its crucial AAA credit rating and that MBIA will still be able to raise fresh capital.

The notion that bond insurers could perhaps avoid being felled by a rush of claims over swaths of bad debt offered solace for investors who have for months worried about the fallout from a sharp pullback in the housing

market and the resulting souring mortgage debt.

"Today is really more of a relief rally because the Fed did what the Street wanted. They did what was expected of them and the MBIA news relieved the fears of some investors," said Ryan Detrick, strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati. "For once there's actually maybe some calm coming into Wall Street."

The Dow rose 207.53, or 1.67 percent, to 12,650.36.

For the month, the Dow lost 4.63 percent — its worst January since losing 4.84 percent at the start of 2000.

Broader stock indicators also jumped Thursday. The S&P 500 index rose 22.74, or 1.68 percent, to 1,378.55, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 40.86, or 1.74 percent, to 2,389.86.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 17.81, or 2.56 percent, to 713.30.

## KENYA

# Officer shoots opposition leader

*Authorities say killing was a crime of passion over a woman*

Associated Press

ELDORET — A policeman shot and killed an opposition lawmaker Thursday in what authorities say was a crime of passion over a woman. But machete-wielding protesters convinced it was an assassination clashed with police, leaving at least three dead.

The fighting interrupted talks aimed at calming a nation gripped by violence since a disputed election a month ago.

At least one person died and 21 people were injured in this western city after the lawmaker's death. In Eldoret's main hospital, bloody trails led to overcrowded wards where bandaged victims shared dirty mattresses on the floor because there weren't enough beds.

Police said David Too was shot by a police officer who discovered the lawmaker was having an affair with his girlfriend. The woman

whom Too family members deny was linked to the politician — was shot in the same attack also died, a hospital official said.

Too was the second anti-government legislator killed in a week; opposition politicians said both were victims of assassination plots. A Too family spokesman accused the police of a cover-up, saying the lawmaker was not involved with the woman and had feared for his safety.

"Too had expressed fears that his life was in danger, especially during the campaign period as he crisscrossed the constituency to seek votes," said spokesman Julius Langat.

Kenya has been embroiled in ethnic violence since President Mwai Kibaki was declared the winner of the Dec. 27 election and opposition candidate Raila Odinga, head of Too's party, rejected the result, saying the vote had been rigged.

Much of the bloodshed has pitted other tribes, including Odinga's Luo, against Kibaki's Kikuyu people. Kikuyus, Kenya's largest ethnic group, have long been resented for their dominance of the economy and politics. Western Kenya's Rift Valley has seen some of the worst violence.

Odinga has said he wants a new election, while Kibaki has made clear he will not negotiate his position as president. In Nairobi, negotiators from the two camps began the first day of talks mediated by former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. But the talks were delayed after a morning session, with Annan saying leaders needed to calm their followers following Too's death.

"We will postpone our session this afternoon and work all day tomorrow so they can attend to urgent matters, call constituencies and talk to other people," Annan said.

At a summit in Ethiopia, the head of the African Union warned leaders of the continent they could not stand by while

Kenya descended into ethnic cleansing and possibly genocide.

In Paris, French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner called on the U.N. Security Council to act, saying France feared Kenya would "sink into a murderous conflict of an ethnic character."

Too's death came two days after another opposition lawmaker, Mugabe Were, was fatally shot as he drove to his house in suburban Nairobi, setting off more violence in the capital's slums and in western regions.

Opposition party secretary-general Anyang Nyong'o said there was "an evil scheme" to kill legislators and rob the opposition of its majority in parliament.

*"Too had expressed fears that his life was in danger, especially during the campaign period as he crisscrossed the constituency to seek votes."*

**Julius Langat**  
spokesman

Legislative elections held the same day as the presidential vote gave the opposition 99 parliament seats to 43 for Kibaki's party.

Were and Too would have been freshmen lawmakers. While neither was seen as particu-

larly influential, they had local followings that defeated incumbents in hard-fought races.

Police said Too's death was not linked to the political turmoil. Eldoret Deputy Police Chief Gabriel Kuya said the traffic officer had discovered that his girlfriend was having an affair with Too, and chased the pair on his motorcycle when he saw them together in a car.

"He drove toward the side of the woman and shot her in the stomach twice. Her partner (legislator Too) pleaded with the officer not to kill her but he turned his pistol on him instead, hitting him four times in the head," Kuya told the AP.

Langat, the Too family spokesman, said the woman was a police officer and that Too had gone to her to seek protec-

tion for his family.

"I know the woman who was with Too very well," Langat said, speaking from Too's home village of Chepkoiyo. "In fact she is my relative and there was no way that she was involved with the legislator in a love triangle."

In Eldoret, protesters used large rocks to block the road outside the hospital and torched a lumber yard belonging to a Kikuyu businessman.

The violence also spread to areas near Too's home village and the western city of Kisumu, an opposition stronghold, where the sky turned black with smoke from burning tires. A truck was set on fire outside the police station, and a mob lobbed stones at the station.

"Kibaki must go! They are finishing off our leaders!" the protesters yelled.

Police and protesters lobbing stones at them engaged in running battles, then police fired into the crowd as a reporter watched. He saw a middle-aged man, shot in the stomach, lying in the street.

A protester, Jane Akelo, said she saw an officer shoot a teenager in the head and the youth died on the spot. She said she saw another body lying on the road.

Outside the main police station in Eldoret, about 40 people lay in the gravel trying to sleep after they fled the violence in the nearby town of Nakuru.

Helen Kidogo cuddled her 11-month-old son as her 6-year-old daughter sat in the shadow of the police station. The family had fled their home without anything.

"I'm scared for my children," Kidogo said. "People are burning houses, killing people and burning them."

Orwe Collins, a 23-year-old mechanic, looked over the smoldering ruins of the lumber yard. "Life is not back to normal. We are ready to die for change," Collins said. "The situation can go from calm to bad in a minute, like when this MP was shot today. It was peaceful this morning."

## ND professor examines regulatory agencies

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

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."

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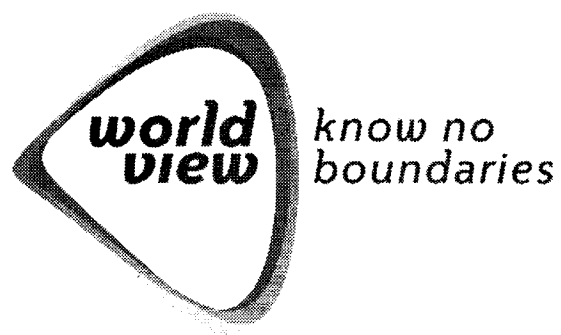
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## IRAQ

# Civilians killed as Iraq violence continues

*Britain's airport base pummeled with 20 rockets as officials realize fragility of recent security improvements*

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Violence returned Thursday to the southern city of Basra, where militants pummeled Britain's airport base with 20 rockets and British gunners answered with volleys of artillery. Civilians were killed and wounded in the crossfire.

In Baghdad, a bomb-rigged car blew apart at a bus stop, killing at least five people in a Shiite enclave that had not seen major violence in months.

The two attacks — in areas considered relatively stable — were troubling reminders that recent improvements in Iraqi security were fragile and far from deeply rooted.

The Basra battle also exposed potential security gaps around Iraq's second-largest city less than two months after a scaled-down British force handed over control to Iraqi police and military. Rival Shiite factions are locked in fierce struggles for dominance in Basra and the rest of the oil-rich south.

U.S. forces, meanwhile, have expanded offensives in central and northern Iraq, seeking to build on gains against al-Qaida in Iraq in the past year. But the latest campaigns also have driven up the military's death toll after months of decline.

A U.S. soldier was killed Thursday by a roadside bomb in Baghdad, the military reported, but gave no other immediate details. The victim's name was not given because family had not been notified.

At least 38 U.S. soldiers have been killed in January — well above the 23 in December but still sharply lower than a year ago. In January last year, 83 soldiers were killed in Iraq.

Since the beginning of the war in 2003, at least 3,942 members of the U.S. military have died. The total for January could rise; occasionally the military reports new casualties a few days after they occur.

Casualty figures were uncertain in Basra, where militants launched a 45-minute barrage at dawn with 20 Katyusha rockets hitting Britain's base at the airport. The unguided Katyusha, which can be fired from mobile launchers, is a common part of militant arsenals in Iraq and used elsewhere by militias, including Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Three British soldiers were reported wounded, but there was little damage to the base.

The British military said it responded with six high-explosive artillery shells — killing at least one person and wounding five.

An Iraqi military intelligence officer at the British base said about 10 Iraqi civilians were either killed or wounded, although he could not provide a breakdown. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

"We regret all deaths and injuries in Basra, from whatever cause," said Capt. Finn Aldrich, a British military spokesman in Basra.

"The only people that are suffering because of these attacks are the people of Iraq. These attacks are delaying the development of Basra and the pros-

perity of the people of Basra. Without security and stability, there will be limited foreign investment — investment that will speed up the development of Basra," the spokesman said.

Although Iraqi forces have command of security in Basra, about 340 miles southeast of Baghdad, Britain currently maintains about 4,500 troops at the airport outside the city and can provide assistance if called. British forces have come under sporadic attacks at the base, but the numbers have fallen dramatically since the hand-over Dec. 16.

The number of British troops could be further cut to 2,000 by spring. In the months soon after Saddam Hussein was toppled, there were about 40,000 British troops in Iraq.

In Baghdad, the car bomb was parked near a bus stop used by workers in factories

scattered throughout that part of the Kazimiyah district, which is home to one of the Iraq's holiest Shiite shrines.

The area, like many Shiite-dominated neighborhoods in the capital, had returned to

near normal in recent months with the overall improvement of security and expansion of checkpoints and barriers. The workers were heading home under scudding clouds and traces of light snow mixed with rain — in what has been an unusually cold Baghdad winter.

The number of Iraqi civilians and security forces killed so far in January fell to at least 599, an Associated Press tally

showed, the lowest monthly death toll since December 2005, and continuing a downward trend since the fall. The figure as tabulated by Iraqi officials in the ministries of Defense, Interior and Health was slightly lower, at 543.

In another part of the capital, Adnan al-Dulaimi, one of Iraq's most influential Sunni politicians, had planned to meet with Iran's ambassador to discuss the security situation and other issues. But

Iraqi soldiers prevented the Shiite diplomat from reaching the talks, officials said.

Ambassador Hassan Kazemi Qomi was turned back at an Iraqi army checkpoint near al-

Dulaimi's compound, according to officials from both sides.

Security has been stepped up in the volatile Adil district after car bombs and other explosives were found there in late November — prompting the arrest of al-Dulaimi's son, Maki, along with a temporary parliamentary walkout by Sunni lawmakers.

Thursday's incident, however, appeared to be a communications mix up. Al-Dulaimi's office had not given the Iraqi army proper notice about the visit, a director in the Iranian ambassador's office said, speaking on condition of anonymity in exchange for discussing diplomatic discussions.

But it was the latest point of friction between the Sunnis and the Shiite-led establishment that is tempering optimism about a broader decline in violence.

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**Capt. Finn Aldrich**  
British military  
spokesman

## PORNOGRAPHY:

**Fantasy, Reality and Industry**

### SCHEDULE OF THE MINI CONFERENCE

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*



4:15 pm Notre Dame Panel

Sister Susan Bruno, OSF - Rector, Pasquerilla West Hall  
Reverend Peter Jarret, CSC - Religious Superior, Corby Hall  
Stephanie Brauer - French major & Anthropology minor  
Patrick Tighe - Philosophy major & PPE minor

5:15 pm Closing Remarks

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# Cellmate claims woman confessed

*Arnold microwaved baby, Williams says*

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — A former cellmate of a woman accused of killing her month-old baby by burning the girl in a microwave testified Thursday that the woman confessed to the crime, saying the baby "fit right in" the oven.

Linda Williams testified that she developed a sexual relationship with defendant China Arnold when the two were cellmates in the Montgomery County jail in March and that Arnold confided in her about what happened to her baby.

She said Arnold feared that her boyfriend believed he wasn't the child's father and that he was going to leave her.

"She said she put the baby into the microwave and started it and left the house," Williams said.

Williams said she asked Arnold how she got the child into the oven.

"She said she fit right in," Williams said.

Sitting at the defense table,

the 27-year-old Arnold showed little emotion as her trial got under way in the August 2005 death of Paris Talley at their Dayton home.

Under cross-examination by defense attorney Jon Paul Rion, Williams acknowledged that she met with detectives after the alleged conversation and told them Arnold had said she didn't know how the baby died.

Williams, who has since been released from jail, said she lied to detectives in that initial interview because she had feelings for Arnold.

In his opening statement, Rion said: "The evidence is going to show that she did not purposely

take the life of her own baby."

Rion said that other people had access to the baby, that Arnold was intoxicated to the point of blacking out when the child died and that people questioned about the case changed their stories. Rion also raised questions about the reliability of the science when it comes to determining the effect of microwaves on humans.

Coroner's officials have said the baby suffered high-heat internal injuries and had no external burns. They have ruled out scalding water, open flame or other possible causes of death that could have damaged the skin.

During the opening statement by Assistant Montgomery County Prosecutor Daniel Brandt, a photo of the burned baby was flashed on a screen for the 12-member jury to see. Arnold sat quietly, occasionally jotting notes on a yellow legal pad.

Brandt said Arnold killed the child after arguing with her boyfriend over whether they had been faithful to each other.

When the couple took the baby to the hospital, Brandt said, Arnold

exclaimed: "I killed my baby. I killed my baby."

Brandt said Arnold later told police it never would have happened had she not gotten so drunk. He said Arnold, who has been in jail since she was charged in November 2006, told Williams she had killed the baby in the microwave and other inmates that she hadn't meant to do it.

Rion said Arnold, who has three sons, loved having a daughter and quit college and her job so she could stay home and take care of her. Rion said that Arnold's boyfriend was the father of the child, and that it couldn't have been anyone else.

*"She said she put the baby into the microwave and started it and left the house."*

**Linda Williams**  
inmate

# Suicide numbers trouble Army

*Attempts to curb problem largely unsuccessful as rate continues to climb*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Multiple new efforts aimed at stemming suicides in the Army are falling short of their goal: The service anticipates another jump in the annual number of soldiers who killed themselves or tried to, including in the Iraq and Afghanistan war zones.

As many as 121 soldiers committed suicide in 2007, an increase of some 20 percent over 2006, according to preliminary figures released Thursday.

The number who tried to commit suicide or injured themselves for some

other reason jumped six-fold in the last several years — from 350 in 2002 to about 2,100 incidents last year. Officials said an unknown portion of that increase was likely due to use of a new electronic tracking system that is more thorough in capturing health data than the previous system.

The increases come despite a host of efforts to improve the mental health of a force that has been stressed by lengthy and repeated deployments to the longer-than-expected war in Iraq, and the most deadly year yet in the now six-year-old conflict in Afghanistan.

"We have been perturbed by the rise despite all of our efforts," said Col. Elspeth Ritchie, psychiatry consultant to the Army surgeon general.

Those efforts include more training and education programs, the hiring of more mental health professionals and the addition of screening programs launched after a succession of studies found the military's peacetime health care system overwhelmed by troops coming home from the two foreign wars.

"We know we've been doing a

lot of training and education," Ritchie told a Pentagon press conference. "Clearly we need to be doing more."

The preliminary figures on 2007 show that among active duty soldiers and National Guard and Reserve troops that have been activated there were 89 confirmed suicides and 32 deaths that are suspected suicides but still under investigation.

Less than a third of those who committed suicide — about 34 — happened during deployments in Iraq. That compared with 27 in Iraq the previous year. Four were confirmed in Afghanistan compared with three there in

2006.

The total of 121, if all are confirmed, would be more than double the 52 reported in 2001, before the Sept. 11 attacks prompted the Bush administration to launch its counter-terror war. The toll was 87 by 2005 and 102 in 2006.

Officials said the rate of suicides per 100,000 active duty soldiers has not yet been calculated for 2007. The 2006 toll of 102 translated to a rate of 17.5 per 100,000, the highest since the Army started counting in 1980, officials said. The rate has fluctuated over those years, with the low being 9.1 per 100,000 in 2001.

That toll and rate for 2006 is a revision from figures released in August. Officials earlier had reported that 99 soldiers had killed themselves in 2006 and two cases were pending — as opposed to the 102 now all con-

firmed. It's common for investigations to take time and for officials to study results at length before releasing them publicly.

Ritchie said Thursday, as she did last year, that officials are finding that failed personal relationships are the main motive for the suicides, followed by legal and financial problems as well as job-related difficulties.

Long and repeated tours of duty away from home contribute significantly in that they weigh heavily on family relations and compound the other problems, officials said.

"People don't tend to suicide as a direct result of combat," Ritchie said. "But the frequent deployments strain relationships. And strained relations and divorce are definitely related to increased suicide."

With the Army stretched thin by years of fighting the two wars, the Pentagon last year extended normal tours of duty from 12 months to 15 months and has sent some troops back to the wars several times. The Army has been hoping to reduce tour lengths this summer. But the prospect could depend heavily on what Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, recommends when he gives his assessment of security in Iraq and troop needs to Congress in April.

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., a leading critic of the treatment given returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, called the new figures "heart-wrenching."

"Until they come to grips with how long and frequent deployments are straining soldiers and shattering lives we will continue to see this frightening trend," she said.

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**Patty Murray**  
U.S. senator

# Inmate granted reprieve minutes before execution

Associated Press

ATMORE, Ala. — A murderer who would have become the nation's first executed inmate in months won a reprieve Thursday from the U.S. Supreme Court a little more than an hour before he was scheduled to die by lethal injection.

James Harvey Callahan, set to die at 6 p.m. CST, was granted a stay, Holman prison warden Grantt Culliver told officers on death row. The Supreme Court's brief order did not detail why it granted the stay.

It would have been the nation's first execution since September, when the high court agreed to consider whether lethal injection is cruel and unusual punishment. The inmate's attorney had asked the high court to halt the execution after a federal appeals court lifted a stay granted by a Montgomery judge.

Callahan was sentenced to death for the 1982 murder of Jacksonville State University student Rebecca Suzanne Howell, who was abducted from a coin laundry and raped before being strangled and dumped in a creek.

His mother, Verne Coheley, and sister, Karen Greer, had arrived to witness the execution. A corrections officer quoted them as saying it was "cruel and unusual" for them to get there only to learn of the stay, said prison system spokesman Brian Corbett.

The Supreme Court on Sept. 25 agreed to hear a challenge filed by two Kentucky death row inmates over that state's lethal injection method. No

U.S. executions have taken place since then, except for one that occurred in Texas just hours after the decision was made.

Courts have put off several executions pending the Kentucky case, including that of Alabama death row inmate Tommy Arthur. He was to have been put to death at Holman prison near Atmore on Dec. 6, but the Supreme Court stopped the execution a day earlier.

Callahan challenged Alabama's method of lethal injection, which like most capital-punishment states is similar to Kentucky's. The Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday, however, that he waited too long to do so.

In its 2-1 ruling lifting a lower-court judge's Dec. 14 stay, the appeals court said it did not make any finding on "the relative merits of Callahan's constitutional claim because we conclude

the claim is barred by the statute of limitations."

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the Kentucky case Jan. 7; a ruling is unlikely before spring.

Kentucky death row inmates Ralph Baze and Thomas Clyde Bowling Jr. claim that lethal injection as practiced by the state amounts to cruel and unusual punishment, in violation of the Eighth Amendment.

Lethal injections, devised as a humane alternative to electrocution and the gas chamber, have come under attack in recent years amid reports that the three-drug cocktail doesn't always work as quickly as intended and that inmates are subjected to excruciating pain before they die.

Callahan, who has been on death row for more than a quarter-century, met with a half-dozen relatives, including two sisters and his son, as the hour of the execution

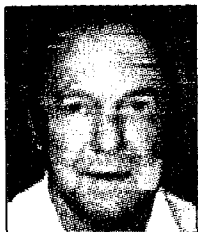
approached. He had only a cheeseburger and a Coke for what could have been his last meal.

Corbett, the Department of Corrections spokesman, said Callahan appeared confident he would get a stay but was "anxious" at times.

The warden said family members were "overjoyed and applauded when told of the stay."

Separately Thursday, a young man who says he fatally shot a retired police officer in 2003 because he thought the "A" on the victim's cap meant he was the Antichrist had his death sentence reduced by the Florida Supreme Court.

The justices unanimously ordered that Ryan Green, 24, be sentenced to life in prison without parole based on evidence of schizophrenia. A Pensacola jury had rejected his insanity plea in convicting Green of first-degree murder, but he appealed only his sentence.



Callahan



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## Acknowledging, not promoting, racism

It would be easy to pretend that the racist letters sent last week to hundreds of Notre Dame students were meaningless garbage. It would be easy to quickly toss them in the trash without a second glance — although their message would certainly continue to trouble many recipients.

It would be easy to do, but it wouldn't solve anything.

Some people have questioned our decision to publish a prominent story about hateful, horribly misguided letters. And they have a point: The man who wrote them doesn't deserve the stir he's caused. At Ohio State, where students received similar hate mail last year — based on the name found in the letters, presumably from the same man — the school newspaper chose not to print a story, "for fear of perpetuating such racism," according to a staff editorial.

Writing about — and thus acknowledging the existence of — racism doesn't mean promoting it. It doesn't mean presenting it as credible, and it also doesn't mean perpetuating it. It means informing people that, sadly, hate speech

does still exist. There are many injustices in this world that should make people uncomfortable. The reader has a right to know.

In writing about the letters, we chose to focus on the fact that they had been sent, and then the University's response to them. We questioned how much — if anything — from the letter we should print, since we didn't want to give the man a platform to spout hate speech. At the same time, we needed to give readers enough information to understand the story. We quoted minimally and paraphrased certain portions of the letter.

We also decided not to print the man's name, since we had been unable to contact him and confirm that he was, in fact, the writer. His name was not in online phone directories. We weren't sure if the name is real. We didn't want to print what we couldn't confirm.

It's hard to cover a story started by a man who doesn't deserve coverage. The alternative, however, is worse: to act like nothing happened. That's not a solution. It's ignorance.

### THE OBSERVER Editorial

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### Observer Poll

Are you more excited about the Notre Dame men's basketball camouflage night or blackout night?

|  | Votes | Percentage |
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| Blackout<br>(Feb. 2 vs. DePaul, 6 p.m.)        | 80    | 62%        |
| Camouflage<br>(Jan. 31 vs. Providence, 7 p.m.) | 48    | 38%        |



### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All right, brain, you don't like me, and I don't like you, but let's just get me through this, and I can get back to killing you with beer."

Matt Groening  
U.S. cartoonist

## The Wall came tumbling down

On Jan. 23, Hamas militants destroyed several large stretches of a seven-mile barricade between Egypt and Gaza, erected by Israel before Hamas came into power last year. Many journalists have referred to the barricade as "Gaza's Berlin Wall," a parallel they continued to draw last week.

**Andrea Laidman**

*High Sounding Words*

However, the differences — not vague similarities — between the collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the "fall" of the Gaza border fence are the most important part of the story unfolding in the Middle East.

The Berlin Wall fell as a step toward consensus in Germany and as a sign of public desire for unity. The fence intended to keep Palestinians in Gaza and most everything else out was brought down, with the help of blow-torches and explosives, out of desperation from within.

Reporters on the ground in Gaza and Egypt last Wednesday described the movement of tens of thousands of Palestinians in and out of the border city of Rafah as a major shopping spree for food and medicine (any movement in or out of Gaza had been prohibited by Israel for more than a week, punishment for rocket attacks on southern Israel). Rather than stop the flow of people or even attempt to direct the crowds, Egyptian soldiers stood aside, reportedly smiling, letting the Palestinians pass. Necessities like sugar for baking and cement for building homes, which are scarce in Gaza and absurdly expensive

when and where available, were being lugged back across the border openings in huge quantities.

Some officials in Hamas called the events last Wednesday the beginning of the end of Gaza's isolation. A senior Hamas political advisor in Gaza said, "Actually it's more than just looking for medical or food supplies, it's something like a sense of relief, a sense of freedom."

These Hamas officials predict a new dynamic in political policies surrounding Gaza, a moral victory for Palestinians and Hamas, and a blow to U.S.-Israeli policy. Hamas also hopes the breakdown at the border will spur a new dialogue with Egypt that will create an arrangement other than re-sealing the Gaza strip.

These sentiments serve to align the events of last week with the effects of the fall of the Berlin Wall, but the reality is that neither Israeli nor Egyptian officials are viewing the breach of the border in this light.

The contrast with Berlin comes to a head in this point: the fall of the wall in Gaza does not indicate decades of conflict coming to an end, but, it seems, decades of conflict escalating further still.

The reaction from Israeli government officials was not the desire to work with Palestinians, but either to seal off Gaza and wave off any responsibility for its residents, or to invade and renew their authority over the territory.

The Israeli deputy defense minister, Matan Vilnai, called the rush of Palestinians across the border an opportunity for Israel to "disconnect" from Gaza.

"We need to understand that when Gaza is open to the other side we lose responsibility for it. So we want to disconnect from it. We want to stop supplying electricity to them, stop supplying them with water and medicine, so that it would come from another place," Vilnai said.

That place would likely be Egypt, where Israel (and indeed, the U.S.) was throwing responsibility for restoring security and closing the border, and where officials like Vilnai would like to see the burden of Gaza re-positioned.

But while Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hassam Zaki said that the border would be open "as long as this is a humanitarian crisis," Egyptian officials have been clear about their intention to re-seal the border and not to develop any new or cooperative relationships with Hamas.

Meanwhile, the Israeli defense minister, Ehud Barak, spoke of considering a major invasion of Gaza.

"Probably we will find ourselves there," Barak told the Associated Press. "We are not rushing to reconquer Gaza, but we will not remove any option from the table when it comes to the security of our citizens."

In Washington, White House spokeswoman Dana Perino characterized the blockade as a means of self-defense for Israel, who she said was also committed to preventing a humanitarian crisis. She called Hamas the "genesis of the problem."

"The blame for this problem can be laid squarely at the feet of Hamas," Perino

said, stating last Wednesday that the political group sends "upward of 150 rockets a day into Israel."

The perception of Hamas on the ground at the border openings was quite the opposite. "This is the best thing Hamas has ever done" was the resounding anthem of the day, repeated by Palestinian citizens.

One woman told a New York Times reporter, "We thank Hamas for this. I'm a Palestinian, not Fatah or Hamas. But I thank Hamas. This is the best thing they have done."

This range of reactions and conflicting intentions demonstrate that the day "Gaza's Berlin Wall fell" was not like its supposed historical precedent. That does not mean, however, that 1989 Berlin has no lessons to offer the U.S., Egypt, Israel and Palestine in dealing with the question of what to do next in Gaza. Rather than attempt to parallel what has happened, all players must turn to what is needed today. The answer is not dissimilar from what the world needed a dose of in 1989: multi-lateral cooperation, international unity, and practical hope for the future.

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## Workers and the Catholic university

I am a Catholic novelist, which makes me a member of a distinct minority in the world of letters. When I arrived at Notre Dame in 1993, I looked forward to teaching at a university where my work would not be regarded as exotic. A veteran of Catholic undergraduate education, I thought I knew what to expect from a Catholic university.

**Valerie Sayers**

*Guest Columnist*

I was wrong. Notre Dame, because it is our country's preeminent Catholic university, debates, trumpets and worries about our Catholic identity more than any other institution I know. One of the administration's biggest current worries is how to attract and retain gifted, productive Catholic faculty and those drawn to our Catholic mission. The Provost's Committee on Recruiting Outstanding Catholic Faculty recently issued a report filled with sensible recommendations about how we might achieve that goal.

As a fairly-paid, well-treated faculty member, I'd like to add one more suggestion to the list: let's make Notre Dame the Catholic university known for the fairest labor practices in the country. What's the connection, you ask, between attracting a first-rate faculty to a Catholic university and treating the other workers on campus fairly?

The way we treat our extensive staff and our part-time faculty says everything about the ethos and morals of this University. Paying our workers fairly and listening to their concerns will demonstrate that Notre Dame's Catholicism is more than a pious group identity. Fair labor practices embody the Gospel values at the heart of Notre Dame's mission.

We should all be encouraged that Notre Dame staff members receive many of the same benefits as faculty. We should be proud that the University has chosen to retain many food service jobs that other colleges have outsourced. But when Notre Dame says that its wages are locally competitive, we should examine the claim carefully. We don't have to drive very far from Notre Dame's campus to see the visible signs of how very troubled the local economy is, or how many South Bend workers struggle. We are competing with wages that sentence many local workers to constant anxiety and, often, to two jobs just to pay the bills. That kind of "competition" is hardly Catholic.

I teach a course called "Class, Labor, Narrative" whose reading list includes Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum* and the Catholic Worker Dorothy Day's memoir *The Long Loneliness*. Like so many of my students, I am

troubled by the gap between the struggle for fair labor practices I teach about and this Catholic University's institutional reality. When the University outsourced bookstore jobs to a private corporation, many University employees lost their Notre Dame affiliation and benefits. I know office workers who put in a long week at Notre Dame, then moonlight to provide for their families. And recently, I met a custodial worker at Notre Dame, a single mother of four, who admitted embarrassment that she must supplement her full-time Notre Dame wages with food stamps. Now, there's a challenge to our Catholic identity.

Last summer Father Wilson Miscamble, professor of history here, published a compelling article, "The Corporate University," in the magazine *America*. Miscamble argued that "Catholic schools, especially those with significant financial resources, should undertake to provide a 'living wage' for their lowest paid employees." Of course paying our workers better without outsourcing any more jobs will require either a different allocation of resources or more resources, and of course there is already fierce competition for those resources. But committed faculty, administrators, staff and alumni might undertake the joint task of fully supporting our workers with a renewed sense of common purpose.

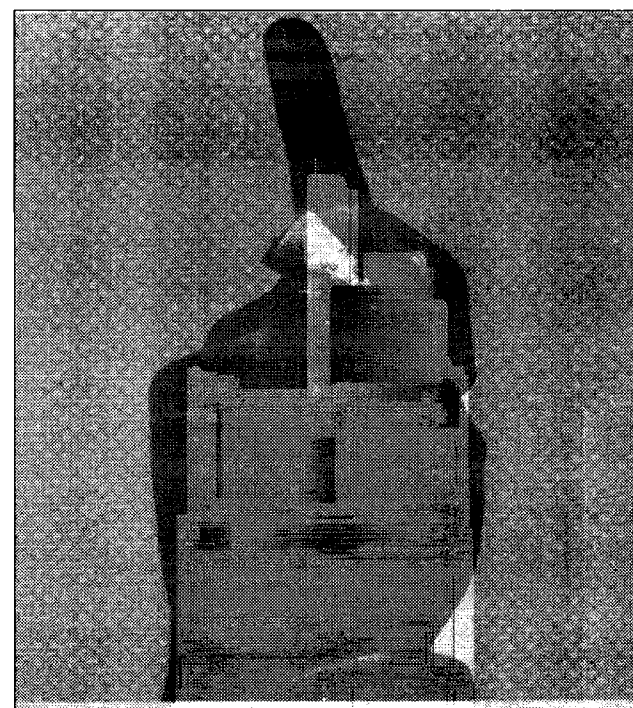
Our first step should be to listen to workers themselves. Dorothy Day, in the midst of a strike by cemetery workers employed by the Diocese of New York, reminded Cardinal Spellman of the workers' "right to talk over their grievances .... They have indeed labored with the sweat of their brows, not lived off the sweat of anyone else." Notre Dame workers should know that they are surrounded by faculty who recognize their hard work and support their desire to be treated with dignity and to discuss their visions of a just working environment.

They should know that they are surrounded by faculty who believe that fair labor practices will attract precisely the kind of students, teachers, staff, and administrators who belong at a Catholic university. Fair labor practices will help us match our stated beliefs to our practices. Fair labor practices will affirm our University's identity and our own commitment to each other, members of a truly Catholic community.

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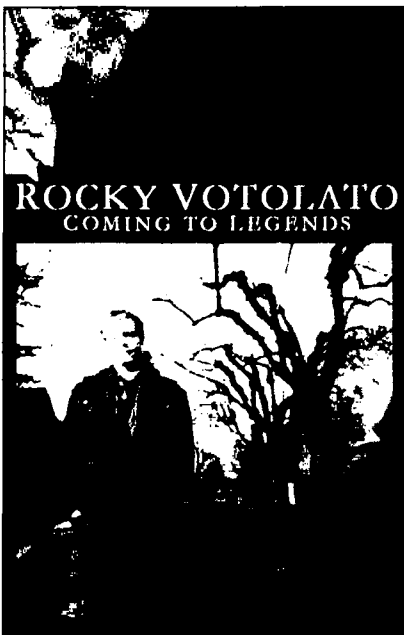
#### Beer number one!

*Even Moses celebrates when Notre Dame wins. "Number One Moses," a statue next to the library, holds up a beer can in his clenched fist.*

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MARY JESSE | Observer Graphic

By TAE ANDREWS  
Scene Editor

Rocky Votolato slows things down on the Legends concert slate this weekend with his unique combination of folk and country. Votolato takes the stage at 10 p.m. Saturday as the first half of a twin bill with piano band "Jukebox the Ghost" set to follow him.

With song titles like "Postcard from Kentucky,"

"Tennessee Train Tracks," and "White Daisy Passing" and lyrics like "Please slow it down / There's a secret magic past world / That you only notice when you're looking back at it / And I wanna do is turn around," Votolato's soulful voice conjures images of open roads and American countryside and brings to mind John Denver.

Based on his earlier work, Votolato hasn't always been so mellow. According to his website, rockyvotolato.com, he grew up in the town of Frost, Texas (pop. 647) before moving to Seattle, Wash. Despite listing Willie Nelson, Steve Earle, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Johnny Cash as his musical inspirations, Votolato went on to form a punk band named Waxwing with his brother Cody. With albums like 2003's "Suicide Medicine," Waxwing presented a more volatile Votolato.

Since taking a departure from his roots, Votolato's more recent work better represents his music as a product of his environment. After striking out on his own as an artist, it may have been a rocky road for Rocky, but his more recent offerings, 2006's "Makers" and his latest album, "The Brag and Cuss," represent a calm and maturation that comes with age. Now 29, Votolato wrote much of "The Brag and Cuss" while on the road touring to promote "Makers," away from his two children.

Rocky Votolato's Legends concert looks to be one of his last performances in the country for a while. His Myspace page lists a slew of concerts scattered throughout Germany and other parts of Europe. His concert at Legends will likely be the last chance to take in an earful of his distinct brand of Americana before he takes his act abroad.

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By MARK WITTE  
Assistant Scene Editor

On Sunday, Notre Dame kicked off a competition that it hopes will renew recycling efforts around campus. RecycleMania is a 10-week, nationwide competition in which more than 400 schools will compete to reduce waste and increase recycling. In order to motivate students to recycle, Notre Dame has decided to make the intercollegiate competition interhall as well.

The Energy and Environmental Issues Committee and student government are sponsoring the event and the competition between dorms is being monitored and tallied by the Students For Environmental Action. There aren't many rules to this competition, just recycle. Oh, and steal.

In addition to encouraging each dorm to increase its own recycling, the competition allows students to lift recycling from other dorms, but warns that getting caught in the act will likely incur retaliation. Students are permitted to take recyclables from other buildings on campus, but under one stipulation: The recyclables must be dug out of trash bins.

Sifting recyclables from garbage may sound like a dirty job, but it's something that some students on campus already do. Junior Ann Kelley, a member of Notre Dame's Students for Environmental Action (NDSEA), says

that she and many fellow students often root out recyclables they find improperly placed in trash bins. "We're used to digging through the trash," she said.

In addition to the recycling competition, other recycling-oriented events will be taking place in the upcoming weeks. In the fourth week of RecycleMania, a Mass will be held at DeBartolo, and Notre Dame's waste will be put on display. Also, about seven weeks in, there will be an art competition that will encourage students to create artwork out of recycled products, including crafting a

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Plastics, aluminum cans and newspaper are among the many things that can be recycled.

trophy, which will be given to the dorm that wins the competition.

NDSEA is hoping RecycleMania will be remind students how easy it is to recycle on campus.

This school year, Notre Dame began a new single-stream recycling system. Similar in design to Game-Day Recycling, an all-in-one recycling plan implemented last year largely thanks to NDSEA Core members Lourdes Long and Colleen Kelly, single-stream recycling allows students to put all their recyclables in one place. Unlike the recycling infrastructure from previous years, which confused students with different bins for different recyclables, single-stream simplifies the system down to one bin where students can recycle everything from newspaper to empty cans and bottles.

However, single-stream recycling didn't produce the immediate results it should have. "We feel it wasn't very well publicized," Kelley said. But it might be more than just a communication problem.

Fellow NDSEA member Jackie Mirandola-Mullen, a sophomore in

Howard Hall, put things plainly. "We're just lazy," she said. Mirandola-Mullen pointed out that a student will often toss a bottle in a trash can, rather than depositing it in the recycling bin right next to it.

Kelley and Mirandola-Mullen also believe that the labels on recycling bins are insufficient. They stressed that students often don't realize all the things that they can recycle. "There's a very minimal amount that should actually be thrown away," Kelley said.

NDSEA wants students to know they can recycle cardboard, newspaper, aluminum cans, bottles of every kind and many types of plastic. The Styrofoam cups from the dining hall can even be recycled. However, Kelley said the cups used at Starbucks are not recyclable, and NDSEA encourages students to bring their own mugs to the coffee shop.

With recycling now conveniently located around dorms, stealing it from your cross-campus rival should be relatively easy. But while RecycleMania is about fun and mischief, it's also about being aware. Kelley said she once made a sign that read "Every time you don't recycle, a kitten dies." While throwing a bottle in the garbage instead of the recycling bin may not kill a cat, hopefully the thought will help you rethink a careless decision.

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Photo courtesy of Ann Kelley

From left: Alexa Wagner, Sarah Cline, Jessica Mahon, Ann Kelley and John McNeill prepare to raid DeBartolo's trash.



Photo courtesy of Ann Kelley

Recyclables pulled from DeBartolo's trash bins during the raid. All of these items could have originally been recycled.





MARY JESSE | Observer Graphic

By TAE ANDREWS  
Scene Editor

There are three notes in a musical triad and three members of Jukebox the Ghost. Coincidence? In the case of Jukebox, probably not. With its mix of eccentric lyrics, piano proficiency and upbeat tempos, the upstart band from Washington, D.C. has struck a chord with casual listeners and seasoned fans alike, inspiring rave reviews and building a growing underground following.

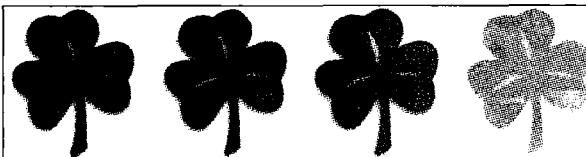
Legends keys up its calendar this weekend with a performance from the indie pop-rocking trio, set to storm the stage

## Let Live And Let Ghosts

Jukebox the Ghost

**Label:** This Side Up Sounds

**Recommended Tracks:** "Good Day," "Hold It In," "Under My Skin," "Lighting Myself on Fire"



after Rocky Volatalo performs at 10 p.m.

In devising band names, Jukebox the Ghost came up with the perfect stage name for itself, as the group's music calls to ear bygone bands and shades of songs past while infusing its tunes with an up-tempo and youthful flair.

The genius of Jukebox starts with the talented fingers and vocal chords of pianist and singer Ben Thomewill. The man tickling the ivories has also tickled the fancy of listeners and reviewers, who have compared him to both Ben Folds and Queen, high praise for any piano man. And as far as his voice goes, Thomewill tends to maintain a fairly temperate pitch while occasionally breaking into falsetto forays.

Don't let the cascading ripples of piano notes and shrill trilling fool you, however — Jukebox can jam with the best of them. Guitarist Tommy Siegel enters this department as Jukebox's resident rocker. Drummer Jesse Kristin keeps the band on beat by alternately pounding out the percussion backbones to the band's frenetic songs and slowing things down for its

low-key tunes.

Part of that diversity of sound comes from the band's musical inspiration. "All of the members have incredibly different influences," manager Seth Kallen said. "Ben (piano) is classically trained, and takes a lot from classical composers. Tommy (guitar) is a big Frank Zappa fan and Jesse (drums) played in a bunch of punk bands throughout high school."

Thomewill and company met during their years at George Washington University and decided to form the band from there. Thomewill said he originally planned on a career in politics, but then changed tracks, becoming a music major. It seems safe to say he made a wise career decision. Although Jukebox has graduated from college, its manager says that the band's origins make for great university concerts.

"The band has never been to South Bend, but are really looking forward to playing at ND," Kallen said. "Their early shows were at a ton of college parties at GWU, their alma mater, so it's great doing stuff like this on the road."

The band has come a long way and continues to travel wide and far since arriving on the scene in our nation's capital. Jukebox is currently in the midst of a tour spanning the Midwest to the East Coast and then down south.



Photo courtesy of thissideupsounds.com

**Jukebox the Ghost is bringing its hip, piano-driven sound to Legends.**

With its hip combination of quirks, craftsmanship and cool factor, Jukebox the Ghost figures to bring panache to the stage for its Saturday night show. Even better, since all Legends concerts have free admission for students, you won't even have to part with a quarter to hear this Jukebox play.

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By CAITLIN FERRARO  
Scene Writer

"One Tree Hill" creator and writer Mark Schwahn decided to do something different with the typical teen soap formula this year, skyrocketing his characters four years into the future. Rather than create a fake university for all his characters to magically attend after high school (like "Beverly Hills 90210"), he had them go their separate ways after last season's high school graduation. Now that season five has started up again, viewers are witnessing their favorite Tree Hill-ers leading post-college graduation lives. This new angle offers a boost of realism, as well as the capability to give viewers more life-altering twists — like engagements, weddings and career drama — to propel the plot forward.

Schwahn's decision to skip ahead four years presents several advantages. The actors and actresses are playing characters much closer to their actual age, a

refreshing change for an aging fan base. Unfortunately, the adult roles of Coach Whitey, Karen Roe and Deb Scott have passed to possible guest stars. As well, the opening credits no longer feature Gavin DeGraw's "I Don't Wanna Be." The changes are a risky leap for the show, but ones that will hopefully pay off.

The show's storyline has been infused with even more drama. Lucas (Chad Michael Murray) is struggling to write his second book, Peyton (Hilarie Burton) is faltering in the music business, Brooke (Sophia Bush) is a famous, but lonely fashion designer and Nathan (James Lafferty) and Haley (Bethany Joy Galeotti) are struggling with the premature end to Nathan's basketball career. However, instead of wallowing for half of the season, the

characters have decided to get their lives back on track. Peyton quit her thankless job and headed back to Tree Hill, but too late, finding her ex, Lucas, dating his editor, Lindsey (Michaela McManus). As well, Brooke has returned home to be by Peyton's side and Nathan has realized

*The jump into the future will bring more adult storylines — previous seasons have tackled controversial issues like teen pregnancy, breast cancer, and death and school shootings.*



Photo courtesy of channel4.com

**"One Tree Hill" has fast-forwarded its storyline four years. For some of the characters, like Peyton (Hilarie Burton), the times have not been so kind.**

he's an alcoholic.

New actors have also joined the cast. Last season's villain, Dan Scott, the father of Lucas and Nathan, is in jail for murdering his brother, so soap veteran Daphne Zuniga is the new baddie in town. She plays Veronica, the domineering executive of Brooke's company as well as Brooke's hellish mother. Torey DeVitto plays Nanny Carrie who is filling Haley's role of wife and mother. The best addition to the cast has been Jackson Brundage as Nathan and Haley's son, James Lucas Scott. Brundage is an adorable boy with serious acting chops.

The jump into the future will bring more adult storylines — previous seasons have tackled controversial issues like teen pregnancy, breast cancer, and death and school shootings. Luckily it appears that the love triangle of Peyton, Lucas and Brooke will be avoided this time around.

Due to the writers strike, "One Tree Hill" is scheduled to end after only seven new episodes. The last will be the show's 100th episode.

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## NHL

# Ovechkin nets four goals despite broken nose

Dumont and Predators continue hot streak in win over Blue Jackets; 'Canes Brind' Amour scores game-winner in OT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Capitals' Alex Ovechkin broke his nose, needed stitches in his lip after getting hit with a puck and then showed the Montreal Canadiens the true meaning of the word tough.

The battered Ovechkin, who also sported a cut below his eye from a high stick on Tuesday night, scored his fourth goal of the night with 1:26 left in overtime to give the Washington Capitals a 5-4 Canadiens on Thursday night.

Ovechkin tied career highs with four goals and five points, but the last one was the biggest. He took a crossing pass from Jeff Schultz and beat Montreal goalie Cristobal Huet from in front for the overtime goal.

"Today was a special day," Ovechkin said with a smile. "I broke my nose, have stitches (and) score four goals. Everything (went) to my face."

He broke his nose when he was sent hard into the boards by Montreal defenseman Francis Bouillon.

Ovechkin's fourth career hat trick was his first ever at home. It was Ovechkin's second career four-goal and five-point game —

he also did it on Dec. 29, at Ottawa. Ovechkin leads the NHL with 43 goals and took over the points lead with 70. It's the first time he's been the league leader in scoring.

"We scored five, and he was in on all five," Washington coach Bruce Boudreau said. "So, how can you say enough about him? He's an amazing person."

Ovechkin was one of several Capitals who were very aggressive on the ice from start to finish as Washington was apparently angered by how the Canadiens tried to score in the final minute of Tuesday's game in Montreal despite having a four-goal lead.

Washington took the game's first seven shots, and the Caps were all over the ice and created a number of scoring chances, finishing with a 38-21 edge in shots.

But even though Viktor Kozlov had one goal and two assists, and Mike Green added two assists, the Washington offense revolved around Ovechkin.

"The way Ovie scored the goals today, he's pretty amazing," linemate Kozlov said. "Alex's game is excellent, excellent. Hitting people, passing, scoring. I don't know what else forwards could do."

Montreal had 40 shots in Tuesday's 4-0 victory, but Washington's defense slowed down the free-skating Canadiens and limited their scoring chances.

The All-Star scored Washington's first, third, fourth and fifth goals. He also assisted on Kozlov's goal.

The Capitals couldn't hold a 3-0 second-period lead and a 4-2 edge in the third.

Sergei Kastitsyn scored for Montreal less than a minute after Washington's third goal, and Andrei Kastitsyn cut the lead to 3-2 with a power-play goal with less than one second remaining in the second period.

## Predators 4, Blue Jackets 2

The Nashville Predators don't have the big guns they had last season, but they do have one of the hottest lines in the NHL.

J.P. Dumont extended the longest current points streak in the NHL to 16 games with two assists and the Nashville Predators beat the Columbus Blue Jackets on Thursday night.

His linemates Alexander Radulov and Jason Arnott were the recipients of those assists, each scoring a goal. Radulov has at least one goal in each of his last five games. Arnott has points in his last eight games.

"We know that is our role," Dumont said. "It is good pressure. That is the pressure that you want as a hockey player. You want to be the go-to guy."

"You want to be on the ice when we need a goal. That's what we are doing now. It is something that comes with experience. We are the guys that have to do it."

Also scoring for Nashville were Vernon Fiddler and Scott Nichol.

Dumont finished the month of January with 20 points. Only Washington superstar Alex Ovechkin had a better month, with 23 points.

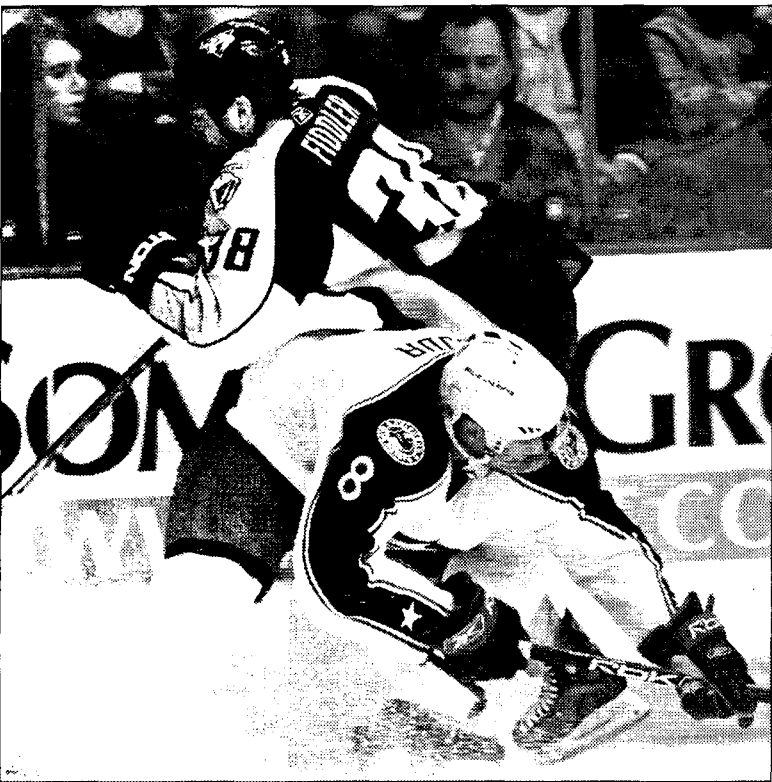
"When I signed here two years ago I knew I was going to have an offensive role," Dumont said. "Every line is scoring some big goals. But the prime lines are going to be the first two lines. They have to score goals."

Nikolai Zherdev and Dan Fritsche scored for Columbus.

Radulov wasted little time putting the Predators on the board. Moving forward midway through



Capitals forward Alex Ovechkin scores on Canadiens goalie Cristobal Huet in Washington's 5-4 win on Thursday.



Blue Jackets defenseman Jan Hejda checks Predators wing Vernon Fiddler Thursday in Nashville's 4-2 win.

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### Happy 21st Hannah!!!!!!

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Armadillos, opossums, and sloth's spend about 80% of their lives sleeping.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver and purple.

It is estimated that at any one time, 0.7% of the world's population are drunk.

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.



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## NCAA Women's Basketball

### AP Top 25 Poll

| rank | team              | record | previous |
|------|-------------------|--------|----------|
| 1    | Connecticut       | 19-0   | 1        |
| 2    | Tennessee         | 17-1   | 2        |
| 3    | North Carolina    | 18-2   | 3        |
| 4    | Rutgers           | 17-2   | 5        |
| 5    | Maryland          | 22-2   | 4        |
| 6    | Baylor            | 18-1   | 6        |
| 7    | Stanford          | 17-3   | 7        |
| 8    | LSU               | 16-3   | 9        |
| 9    | Duke              | 15-4   | 10       |
| 10   | California        | 17-3   | 8        |
| 11   | Oklahoma          | 13-4   | 11       |
| 12   | West Virginia     | 16-3   | 12       |
| 13   | Old Dominion      | 16-3   | 13       |
| 14   | Pittsburgh        | 16-3   | 19       |
| 15   | Wyoming           | 18-1   | 18       |
| 16   | George Washington | 16-4   | 20       |
| 17   | Georgia           | 16-4   | 17       |
| 18   | Kansas State      | 14-5   | 22       |
| 19   | Ohio State        | 15-4   | 15       |
| 20   | NOTRE DAME        | 15-5   | 16       |
| 21   | Oklahoma State    | 16-3   | 14       |
| 22   | Syracuse          | 16-3   | 24       |
| 23   | DePaul            | 15-4   | NR       |
| 24   | Illinois State    | 17-1   | NR       |
| 25   | Texas             | 15-5   | NR       |

## NCAA Women's Basketball

### ESPN/USA Today Poll

| rank | team           | record | previous |
|------|----------------|--------|----------|
| 1    | Connecticut    | 19-0   | 1        |
| 2    | Tennessee      | 18-1   | 2        |
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| 10   | Oklahoma       | 13-4   | 11       |

## USCHO.com/CSTV Division I

### Men's Hockey Poll

| rank | team             | record  | previous |
|------|------------------|---------|----------|
| 1    | Miami (OH)       | 25-3-0  | 2        |
| 2    | Michigan         | 22-3-1  | 1        |
| 3    | North Dakota     | 16-8-1  | 4        |
| 4    | Denver           | 18-6-0  | 5        |
| 5    | Michigan State   | 17-5-5  | 6        |
| 6    | Colorado College | 18-7-1  | 3        |
| 7    | New Hampshire    | 15-7-1  | 7        |
| 8    | NOTRE DAME       | 20-9-1  | 9        |
| 9    | Boston College   | 12-5-7  | 8        |
| 10   | Clarkson         | 15-7-2  | 10       |
| 11   | Wisconsin        | 11-10-5 | 16       |
| 12   | Minnesota-Duluth | 10-8-6  | 19       |
| 13   | Northeastern     | 11-8-3  | 11       |
| 14   | Providence       | 11-9-2  | NR       |
| 15   | Massachusetts    | 9-8-6   | 14       |
| 16   | UMass-Lowell     | 11-8-4  | 15       |
| 17   | Quinnipiac       | 14-7-3  | 12       |
| 18   | Minnesota        | 12-11-5 | 17       |
| 19   | Princeton        | 10-8-0  | 18       |
| 20   | St. Cloud State  | 11-12-3 |          |

## MIAA Women's Basketball

### Conference Standings

| rank | team         | conference | overall |
|------|--------------|------------|---------|
| 1    | Hope         | 9-0        | 17-0    |
| 2    | Albion       | 8-3        | 15-4    |
| 3    | Olivet       | 6-3        | 8-9     |
| 4    | Calvin       | 7-4        | 11-7    |
| 5    | Adrian       | 4-5        | 6-11    |
| 6    | SAINT MARY'S | 4-6        | 8-10    |
| 7    | Alma         | 3-6        | 6-10    |
| 8    | Tri-State    | 2-8        | 5-13    |
| 9    | Kalamazoo    | 1-9        | 4-14    |

## NFL



Tennessee Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, left, listens Thursday in a courtroom in Murfreesboro, Tenn., as District Attorney William Whitesell recommends that charges against Jones be dismissed. One criminal charge is still pending.

## Judge drops 2 charges against Pacman

Associated Press

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Adam "Pacman" Jones is busy clearing away the legal problems that led to his suspension from the NFL.

His biggest challenge may be proving he can control himself.

Suspended for the 2007 season, the NFL will review Jones' status after the Pro Bowl. But commissioner Roger Goodell has said actions, not words, speak loudest.

A Tennessee judge dismissed two misdemeanor charges Thursday from an incident Aug. 25, 2006, leaving only one criminal charge still pending against

him in Georgia. But Jones didn't help himself by being in an Atlanta strip club Jan. 3 while the Titans were prepping for a playoff game.

An attorney who asked that Jones be arrested for allegedly punching her withdrew her request Jan. 16. Atlanta police said Thursday they will not investigate Jones without the victim's help.

Worrick Robinson, one of Jones' attorneys, said the issue of the cornerback being in a club remained and that there's no excuse for that.

"He's a grown man. ... But he's got to take responsibility for his actions. When he's asked, he's

going to have to step up and say he was there, that there is no excuse," Robinson said.

Goodell's strict standards are well documented.

Bengals linebacker Odell Thurman is hoping for full reinstatement by April after sitting out the last two seasons.

Originally suspended the first four games of the 2006 season for skipping a drug test, the punishment was extended to a full season after a drunk driving arrest. Two Georgia men accused Thurman of kicking and hitting them at a party last June. No charges were filed, but Goodell turned down Thurman's request to reinstate him for

last season.

The Titans might not want Jones back.

They went from giving up the most yards defensively in the NFL with Jones in 2006 to fifth best and a 10-6 record with a playoff berth without him. A video popped up recently on the Internet showing Jones saying he saw himself in Dallas with a couple Pro Bowls in two or three years.

Jones did not comment Thursday when asked if he had done enough to be reinstated. Robinson said the video was shot last summer when Jones was upset at not being allowed to take part in training camp.

## IN BRIEF

### Forsberg spurns Modo, wants to return to NHL

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Peter Forsberg has decided not to play for his hometown team Modo this season, instead setting his sights on a return to the NHL.

Forsberg made the announcement to Modo hours before the deadline for transfers in the Swedish hockey league. "My goal is to go back to the NHL," Forsberg told Swedish tabloid Aftonbladet.

The 34-year-old Forsberg has been sidelined with a foot and ankle injury since finishing last season with the Nashville Predators, but has recently indicated he wants to return to the NHL if he is healthy.

He has practiced with Modo in his hometown of Ornskoldsvik, raising hopes there that he would play for the team in the Swedish league. Modo sports director Erik Holmberg said that Forsberg informed the club Thursday he would not be available this season.

### Upshaw, union threaten strike if owners opt out

PHOENIX — A defiant Gene Upshaw said that if the NFL's owners opt out of the current labor agreement later this year, the players' union is ready for a strike or the decertification tactics it used to get free agency after the 1987 walk-out.

"If they want to get out of the deal, there's nothing we can do about it," the executive director of the NFL Players Association said Thursday before the union's annual Super Bowl news conference. "But we'll be prepared."

The labor agreement reached after tough bargaining in March of 2006 gave both sides the right to opt out in November. That would lead to 2010 being an uncapped year before the contract expires in 2011.

Several owners, including Denver's Pat Bowlen, have suggested that the current agreement is leaving some teams cash-strapped and making it likely that the owners will opt out next year.

### Jackson protests umpire investigations

NEW YORK — Jesse Jackson criticized Major League Baseball on Thursday for sending investigators to the hometowns of umpires to ask neighbors questions that include whether the umpire belongs to the Ku Klux Klan.

"Major League Baseball has done a disservice to its progressive social history by equating southern whites with white supremacists," Jackson said in a statement. "I am surprised the professional league which helped change social attitudes in all sports leagues about segregation, by championing Jackie Robinson, would make such a destructive move."

World Umpires Association president John Hirschbeck and union spokesman Lamell McMorris said Wednesday that Tom Christopher, the Milwaukee-based supervisor of security and investigations in the commissioner's office, had asked questions about Klan membership to neighbors of umpires Greg Gibson and Sam Holbrook, who reside in Kentucky.

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## NBA

## Nash, Paul among All-Star reserves

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chris Paul and David West were picked for their first All-Star game Thursday night, giving the hometown Hornets a pair of players for the event New Orleans will host next month.

Detroit, Phoenix and Washington also had multiple players chosen as reserves for the Feb. 17 game. Boston will only send two of its Big Three to the Big Easy. Paul Pierce was voted in by Eastern Conference head coaches to join starter Kevin Garnett, but Ray Allen fell short.

"No Ray? That's crazy," Pierce said. "I think Ray should have been on there based on our record and what we're doing team-wise."

The Pistons' Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton are headed back for the third straight year, while the Suns will be represented by Steve Nash and Amare Stoudemire. Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison also were recognized for their strong play, which has kept the Wizards in the middle of the playoff race despite the absence of injured guard Gilbert Arenas.

"To find a way to turn things around and play at a very high level and be very competitive in our conference," Jamison said, "it speaks volumes for the type of year Caron and myself are

having."

Toronto's Chris Bosh and Atlanta guard Joe Johnson were the other players picked for the East, which will be coached by Boston's Doc Rivers. Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki, the reigning NBA MVP, Utah's Carlos Boozer and Portland guard Brandon Roy were selected from the West.

Paul, Nash and Roy emerged from a crowded group of West guards to beat out the likes of Golden State's Baron Davis, Utah point guard Deron Williams, and Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili from the defending champion San Antonio Spurs.

Also missing out during the worst season of his career was Shaquille O'Neal, ending his streak of 14 consecutive All-Star selections. That tied the record held by Jerry West and Karl Malone.

Paul, the 2006 Rookie of the Year, and West have helped the Hornets to a 32-13 record, which led the Southwest Division entering the night. New Orleans could still get another representative, as Byron Scott will coach the West if the Hornets win their next game, or Dallas loses either of its next two.

Paul is averaging 20.8 points, 10.7 assists and a league-leading 2.6 steals. He has just one fewer steal (110) than turnover for the season.

David West averages 19.6 points and 9.4 rebounds.

Garnett, LeBron James, Orlando's Dwight Howard, New Jersey's Jason Kidd and Miami's Dwyane Wade were voted by fans to start for the East. The West starters are Denver's Carmelo Anthony and Allen Iverson, the Lakers' Kobe Bryant, San Antonio forward Tim Duncan and Houston center Yao Ming.

Coaches were then required to vote for two guards, two forwards, a center and two players regardless of position. East coaches bypassed a natural center, picking Bosh, a power forward, at that spot.

Allen, averaging 18 points for a Boston team that began the night with an NBA-best 35-8 record, was perhaps the most noticeable omission in the East. Orlando was hoping for a spot for Hedo Turkoglu, averaging a career-best 19.4 points.

"Obviously, I think Ray should have made it," Rivers said. "The fact that he had to sacrifice the most of the three. It's unfortunate that the other coaches didn't see it that way."

Allen was beat out by Billups and Hamilton, who were selected for the first time together in 2006, when the Pistons were en route to a franchise-best 64 wins.

"I am excited. I'm geeked," Hamilton said.

## NFL

## Spagnuolo turns Giants 'D' around

Associated Press

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Steve Spagnuolo didn't mind setting the record straight about his last name.

It's Italian and, as his father would say, the 'g' is silent.

"Spah-NYOO'-loh," said the New York Giants defensive coordinator and the man responsible for coming up with a Super Bowl game plan to stop Tom Brady and the New England Patriots' run to a perfect season.

The 48-year-old Spagnuolo has made a pronounced difference with the defense in his first year after making the trip up from Philadelphia, where he spent eight seasons learning the Eagles' attacking defense under veteran coordinator Jim Johnson.

In the eight months after his hiring, Spagnuolo taught that same aggressive system to a team that had given up 362 points in posting an 8-8 record the previous season. The hope was that the Giants would become the Eagles of northern New Jersey, one of the NFL's elite defenses.

The early result was utter failure. New York gave up 80 points in the opening two weeks of the season, losing 45-35 in Dallas and then dropping a 35-13 deci-

sion at home to the Green Bay Packers.

At a time when there were calls for Tom Coughlin's job, there were also questions about Spagnuolo and whether he had learned anything from Johnson.

The day after the loss to the Packers, the defense went over the videotape with "Spags," as they call him — the 'g, of course, pronounced.

"He came in and never wavered," defensive end Justin Tuck said. "He never cussed anyone out or downgraded guys. He just stayed the course and that meant a lot to me. He didn't know us and we didn't know him. For him to come in and continue to show faith in us and tell us that he believed in us and what we could do, that made a big impression."

Spagnuolo said the most important thing he learned from Johnson was patience.

"When we put in a blitz or something, if the first time it didn't work, it was OK with Jimmy," Spagnuolo said. "He stuck with it. He stuck with what he believed in. We won many games because of that."

With the Giants, Spagnuolo knew the system worked and he was certain he had the talent to make it work. The only question was how long would it take.



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## SMC BASKETBALL

## Belles drop third straight

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI  
Sports Writer

Ring in a victory hasn't been easy lately for the Belles. After losing to two of the strongest teams in the MIAA [Calvin and Hope] last week, the team was dealt a third loss by the Olivet Comets Wednesday.

Saint Mary's started off strong in Wednesday's game. Junior Megan Conanty quickly racked up nine points in the first four minutes of play. Olivet went on a scoring run with 8:27 in the first period, quickly closing the gap. Thanks to a 3-pointer by junior Erin Newsom with nine seconds left in the half, the Belles led 33-31.

But they weren't able to hold on. After increasing their lead to 38-31 less than

two minutes into the second period, Saint Mary's defense wasn't able to stop Olivet from getting the ball into the net. Olivet quickly rebounded with a 55-49 lead with ten minutes left in the game.

The Comet's continued to score, winning 80-70 over the Belles.

Saint Mary's manages to score and average 67.6 points per game, but somehow its opponents are finding ways to overrun the players. The team has lost the last three games by ten points or less, including a nine-point loss to first-ranked Hope last Saturday.

The Belles struggled on the boards Wednesday night as they were outrebounded 38-34. Rebounding hasn't been much of an issue lately for Saint Mary's. Coach Jenn Henley said she feels the team's rebounding has

"improved all season and we need to continue those efforts."

The Belles will head to Adrian College in Adrian, Mich. Saturday to take on the Bulldogs at 3 p.m. It will be Saint Mary's last away game this season before the MIAA Championship tournament starts Feb. 25.

Adrian (4-5 MIAA, 6-11 overall) is ranked one spot above Saint Mary's (4-6 MIAA, 8-10 overall) in the MIAA. But the Bulldogs haven't been a problem for the Belles recently. In the teams' two meetings last season, the Belles won both, 56-48 and 84-72, respectively. Saturday's meeting is the first of two for the season — the two face off again at Saint Mary's on Feb. 20.

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## SMC SWIMMING

## Belles look to rebound at home versus Hornets

By PETE REISENAUER  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will look to get back to winning tonight when it takes on Kalamazoo College in its only home meet of the year.

The Belles have dropped their previous three matches and hope their fortunes will shift in tonight's meet. Belles coach Ryan Dombkowski thinks his team has a chance to come away with a victory — though it won't be easy.

"I think we'll need to swim out of [our] minds to win, but that's what you're trying for every day. So, anything could happen," Dombkowski said.

The Belles have been posting solid times lately, but the swimmers will have to strive for faster races. Dombkowski said Kalamazoo is "probably a much deeper team, if you look at past results on paper" and

has a returning All-American in swimmer Katie Steff.

Still, he thinks his team will field some close matchups.

"We'll be competitive in most of the events," Dombkowski said. "So digging deep to find that little bit extra during the last few yards is going to mean a lot in a meet like this."

Dombkowski sees the race as a warm-up for the MIAA swimming and diving championships that will take place Feb. 13-16.

"We want to use this as an opportunity to work on our race strategies," Dombkowski said. "Improve some of the finer points of our technique — starts, turns, etc. — and really get prepared for our conference meet coming up in two weeks."

Tonight's meet against Kalamazoo begins at 7.

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## NFL

## Everett continues steps toward full recovery

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Kevin Everett slowly unbuttons his suit jacket and sits down.

It hardly seems like a big deal, those three little buttons. For Everett, though, it is nothing short of amazing. Less than five months after the catastrophic collision that doctors said might leave him paralyzed — or worse — he is walking and slowly regaining full use of his hands.

"I'm happy people can know me like this," Everett said Thursday in an interview with The Associated Press. "They can look at me and see what I've overcome and I'm still trying to overcome, and just see that life isn't that bad after all."

"It could be a whole lot worse."

The Buffalo Bills tight end was playing special teams when he tackled Domenik Hixon on the second-half kickoff Sept. 9. His helmet struck Hixon's helmet and shoulder pad, and he immediately fell face-down on the turf. He lay motionless for what seemed like hours as medical personnel worked on him and the crowd at Ralph Wilson Stadium watched in silent horror.

His spinal-cord injury was so severe, orthopedic surgeon Andrew Cappuccino said the next day that Everett's chances of a full neurologic recovery were "bleak, dismal." It was

unlikely he would ever walk again.

"He was just going off of past research on the injury. I couldn't expect him to say anything else but what he said because he didn't know the outcome. Nobody did," Everett said. "I was just hoping for the best. We were giving everybody the worst-case scenario."

Everett is telling the story of his accident and recovery, as well as its impact on everyone around him, in "Standing Tall: The Kevin Everett Story," which was written with Sam Carchidi and comes out Friday. Although his main goal in telling his story was to inspire others with spinal-cord injuries, he believes anyone can learn from it.

He and fiancée Wiande Moore are spending two days doing interviews before flying to the Super Bowl, courtesy of an invitation from NFL commissioner Roger Goodell. Moore said the couple will root for the New York Giants against the unbeaten New England Patriots because they're the underdogs.

As Everett has proven these last five months, never count out an underdog.

"I just saw it as a temporary little injury," he said. "It's not anything that's going to hold me back."

He is, though, trying to figure out where his life will take him next.

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## NCAA BASKETBALL

## Drew rebuilds Baylor after tragedy, scandal

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Scott Drew came to Baylor from Valparaiso in 2003 with a task no coach should have to face: rebuild a program ravaged by the murder of a player by a teammate and scandalized by a former coach who tried to cover up NCAA violations in the aftermath.

The roster was decimated after the top three scorers took advantage of relaxed transfer rules. School-imposed sanctions reduced scholarships and recruiting visits. The NCAA later stripped the team of playing a nonconference schedule.

The best advice Drew got was from his father — a basketball coach and his mentor — and had nothing to do with X's and O's. Instead, Homer Drew told his son to read Job, a Biblical chapter that discusses the suffering of the righteous and true faith.

Consider where Baylor stands today. The No. 25 Bears (16-3, 4-1 Big 12) are ranked for the first time in 39 years. They are near the top of the Big 12 and headed for their first NCAA tournament since 1988.

"I don't see how anybody outside could totally appreciate how devastated and how far down it was," former Baylor football coach Grant Teaff said. "This is good not only from the standpoint of restoring the program, but gives a chance for

Baylor to move away from that devastating time."

That was five summers ago, when Patrick Dennehy's body was discovered six weeks after he was reported missing. Carlton Dotson pleaded guilty to murder and is serving a 35-year prison term.

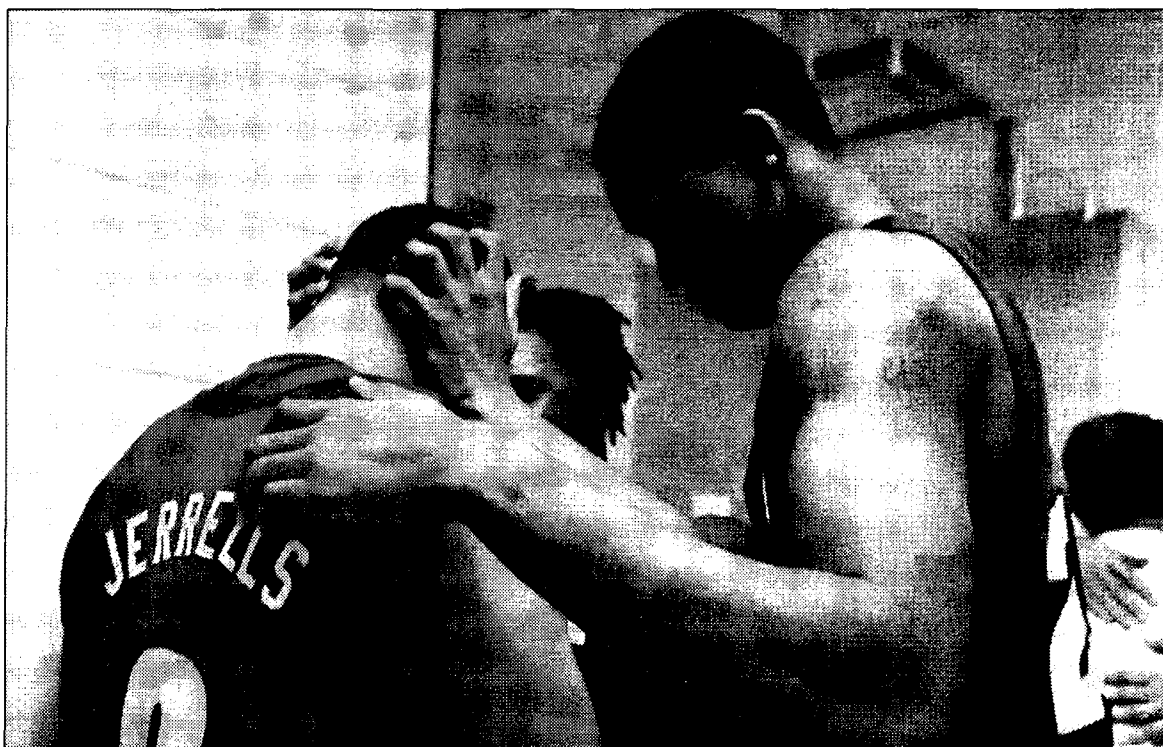
The death sparked a scandal that led to the resignation of coach Dave Bliss, who on tapes secretly recorded by an assistant coach tried to portray Dennehy as a drug dealer. School investigators already had determined Bliss paid up to \$40,000 in tuition for Dennehy and another player and improperly solicited \$87,000 from boosters.

Baylor, the world's largest Baptist university, offered the job to Scott Drew. He was 32 then and a head coach for only one season at Valparaiso, where he won 20 games after nine years there as his father's assistant.

"The greatest thing that Scott did was bring energy, enthusiasm and a positive attitude," said athletic director Ian McCaw, who was hired a couple of weeks after Drew. "That's what really paved the way for us to move the program forward and really mitigate some of the challenges."

Drew's infectious optimism and enthusiasm were exactly what Baylor needed.

"It was just a good fit," said Homer Drew, who then



Baylor players gather in the locker room after a Jan. 23 win over Texas A&M. Coach Scott Drew has rebuilt the Bears program after the death of a player and NCAA violations devastated the team in 2003. AP

returned to the Valparaiso bench.

"Each and every game, he has so much energy that he makes you just want to go out and play that much harder for him," said Curtis Jerrells, the leading scorer (14.4 points) on a team with five double-figure scorers.

With only five scholarship players available at times during Scott Drew's first season,

the overmatched Bears went 8-21 but managed to win three Big 12 games.

A year later, Baylor had the nation's most inexperienced team with only one returning scholarship player. Then came the 2005-06 season when the NCAA, after considering a full-season ban for the wrongdoing under Bliss, took away the non-conference schedule and the Bears went more than 300 days

between games before going 4-13.

"The toughest times were when we lost that season, then we started playing and things didn't go well," Drew said. "You see your players down, see them frustrated. Like a parent, you hate seeing that."

It wasn't until last season that the Bears finally got to play a full schedule with a full roster under Drew, and went 15-16.

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## NBA

## Prince's 3 lifts Pistons over Lakers

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Kobe Bryant was unstoppable at times, scoring 10 straight points in the third quarter and finishing with 39.

With the game on the line, though, the Detroit Pistons prevented him from attempting a game-winning shot.

Tayshaun Prince made a 3-pointer with 4.5 seconds left and Lamar Odom shot an airball, giving Detroit a 90-89 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday night.

Bryant was upset about not getting a chance to lift the Lakers to a rare win at The Palace, but talked calmly about it 30 minutes later.

"What are you going to do when guys are open? If I catch the ball, what am I going to do, go one on three?" he asked. "We made the right play, we just didn't complete it."

Bryant had an unusual triple-double, adding a career-high 11 turnovers and 10 rebounds to his scoring total.

"I have to make smarter decisions with the basketball," he said.

The Pistons have won nine straight at home over the Lakers, including three games to win the 2004 NBA finals, dating to Jan. 18, 2002.

Detroit led by as many as 17 in the first half, then fell behind when Bryant scored 10 straight to put the Lakers

ahead 62-58 with 4:18 left in the third.

The Lakers led 72-67 entering the fourth, and it was a seesaw game the rest of the way.

Prince led the Pistons with 22 points while All-Stars Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton scored 16 and 14, respectively. Rookie reserves Arron Afflalo and Rodney Stuckey added 10 apiece.

"Tay hit the shot, but the bench is what won it for us," Billups said.

Bryant didn't have much help.

Derek Fisher scored 15 and reserve Ronny Turiaf had 12 points, but lamented missing a free throw with 17 seconds remaining that proved to be costly.

"I feel terrible because I let the guys down," Turiaf said.

Detroit has won four straight, while Los Angeles has dropped four of its last five games.

The Lakers had a chance to end their skid at The Palace, but could not corral a key rebound before Prince made the game-winning shot.

With 16 seconds left, Prince passed to Billups, who dished to Rasheed Wallace, who missed a shot. The Pistons got to the offensive rebound and Prince was later open in the corner for a 3-pointer.

"When another team gets an offensive rebound, it always seems that's the easiest time

to hit a 3," Detroit coach Flip Saunders said.

It was a disheartening way for the Lakers to start a nine-game road trip, where they will be challenged by a grueling schedule and short-handed roster.

They dressed just 11 players, as Luke Walton (hip) was active but not in uniform with day-to-day status. Andrew Bynum (left knee), Chris Mihm (right ankle) and Trevor Ariza (right foot) were on the inactive list.

"It's a tough loss because I felt like we had the game, but we made mental errors down the stretch," Bryant said. "But I'm encouraged and if we keep playing hard like this on the trip, we'll be all right."

Detroit, which began a five-game homestand, had played 10 of the previous 14 games on the road.

Los Angeles got off to a rough start, matching a season high with nine turnovers in the first quarter — with Bryant contributing three of them — as it fell behind 29-22.

The Pistons built a huge lead in the second only to see it whittled to a seven-point advantage at halftime.

Los Angeles took advantage of a disparity at the line, making 16 of 22 free throws while Detroit connected on both attempts in the first half.

The Lakers finished with 35 free throws to Detroit's 16, leading to constant bickering from the Pistons' players and coaches that drew three technicals.

"We were able to kind of get back into the game because of that," coach Phil Jackson said.

## NBA

## Pierce, Allen lead Celtics past Mavs

Associated Press

BOSTON — Rajon Rondo knows he isn't going to outjump Dirk Nowitzki. So the 6-foot-1 Celtics point guard had to out-think him.

Rondo had a season-high 12 rebounds, swiping the ball from Nowitzki and putting in a reverse layup with 42 seconds left to give the Celtics the lead, and Boston held on to beat the Dallas Mavericks 96-90 on Thursday night.

"He didn't block me out, so I went up under and got the ball," Rondo said. "I just wanted to get it up quickly before the defense recognized that I had the ball."

Playing without Kevin Garnett for the third straight game, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen scored 26 points apiece to help the Celtics remain unbeaten against the Western Conference. And they did it against one of the West's best teams while overcoming 31 points and 11 rebounds from Nowitzki.

Nowitzki, who along with Pierce was picked as an All-Star reserve about an hour before the game, made a pair of free throws with 58 seconds left to tie it at 90. The Celtics got the ball to Pierce, but his shot went around the rim and out.

Along came Rondo to grab the ball away from Nowitzki and put in the game-winner.

"I had the rebound in my hand," Nowitzki said, "and then Rondo came out of nowhere and snuck it up to the basket before I could react."

A miss and an offensive

rebound gave the Mavericks the ball out of bounds with 17 seconds left, but Jason Terry's runner was altered to avoid a blocked shot and James Posey came down with the rebound. Posey hit two foul shots, then tipped the ball away from Terry at halfcourt in the closing seconds to ice it.

"Any game we win without Kevin is important for us, part of our growth process," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "Dallas is a team that we are still trying to catch, in our minds. They've been there. So when we play those types of teams, they're important."

The nationally televised game between two of the NBA's top teams drew the usual collection of celebrities at court-side, including Red Sox players Jonathan Papelbon and Coco Crisp. Celtics Hall of Famer Bill Russell got a big cheer when he took his seat near the Mavericks bench.

No players from the New England Patriots this time, though: They're down in Arizona preparing for Sunday's Super Bowl against the New York Giants.

The Celtics had lost two of their last four and five of their last 11 since opening the season 29-3 to earn Rivers the honor of coaching the Eastern Conference at the Feb. 17 All-Star game in New Orleans. Dallas' loss deprived Mavericks coach Avery Johnson of the chance to coach the West, which instead went to the Hornets' Byron Scott.

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## NCAA BASKETBALL

# Lopez's big game propels Stanford

Associated Press

SEATTLE — This week, Stanford coach Trent Johnson stated his workmanlike team lacked a look-at-me scorer who could put up 30 points per game.

Well, look at Brook Lopez.

The 7-footer scored a career-high 31 points and had 13 rebounds as the No. 14 Cardinal bullied Washington in a 65-51 victory, the Huskies' worst home loss in five years.

So was Lopez, a sophomore who was averaging 17.8 points, attempting to prove his coach wrong?

"No," Lopez said, smiling broadly and laughing. "I wasn't at all."

It only looked that way. He was 11-for-17 shooting en route to the biggest scoring night by a Cardinal since Dan Grunfeld scored 31 against Arizona State in 2006.

Johnson's response was a who-knew? shoulder shrug.

"There are so many part of his game where he needs to improve," the demanding Johnson said.

C'mon, coach. Aren't you happy with Brook's game?

"On one end of the floor, offensively, yes," Johnson said, staying in stoic character. "I'm never

happy with anybody defensively."

Stanford (17-3, 6-2 Pac-10) won for the first time in Seattle since 2001 and for the fourth consecutive time overall heading into Saturday's game at No. 9 Washington State. The Cardinal are currently alone in second place in the Pac-10, because Washington State lost Thursday night at home to California.

Stanford had lost five consecutive games to Washington in Seattle, plus a second-round upset loss in the 2004 NCAA tournament to Alabama in KeyArena across town, when Stanford was a top seed.

"Even when the team was undefeated we came in here and lost," Lopez said.

The Cardinal's last win in the Emerald City was Jan. 25, 2001, over Washington when Stanford was ranked No. 1.

Quincy Pondexter scored 15 points and Jon Brockman had 13 points and 13 rebounds for out-manned Washington (12-9, 3-5).

The Huskies had won three of last four games to climb out of the Pac-10 basement. But that was before Lopez and his 7-foot twin, Robin, arrived to send the Huskies to their worst home loss since Gonzaga thumped them by 24 points on Dec. 3, 2003.

## ND WOMEN'S TRACK &amp; FIELD

## Team faces challenge at IU Relays

By ALEX BARKER  
Sports Writer

One week after staging a comeback in the final two events of the Notre Dame Invitational to salvage a tie with Michigan State, the Irish will compete in the biggest meet so far this season, the Indiana Relays at Indiana University Bloomington.

"This weekend's competition will be a step up from previous meets," Irish coach Tim Connelly said.

The Irish will compete with 20 other teams including No. 22

Indiana and fellow Big East opponents Marquette and Cincinnati.

The Irish posted a solid performance in last week's meet. However, Connelly is not completely satisfied.

"We still have a very long way to go to be at full strength and be close to our full potential," Connelly said. "The big focus for us this weekend will be to continue to improve and compete well against tough competition."

Anna Weber had a career-high throw in the weight throw and a season best time for the

400-meter relay team. The Irish made great strides last week as Anna Weber threw a career-high 18.88 meters in the weight throw and the Irish 400-meter relay team finished with a season high time of 3:52.61. Notre Dame set several more Big East qualifying marks and Weber's throw was enough to qualify her for an NCAA bid.

The Irish will look to keep this momentum going as they head on the road for the first time this season.

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## MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

## Runners look to carry momentum

By EUGENIA ALFONZO  
Sports Writer

After an impressive first-place finish at the Notre Dame Invitational last Friday, the Irish will travel to Bloomington today for the Indiana Relays at Indiana University.

For the races, the Irish will depend on junior Billy Buzaid and senior Bob Kueny to continue their stellar performances from the Notre Dame Invitational in the 500-meter dash. Senior Kurt Benninger,

who obtained an NCAA provisional time of 4:02.9 in the mile, will lead the middle- and long-distance group.

Sophomore Blake Choplin and senior Jake Watson who both finished with season-best times in the 800-meter run of 1:51.1 and 1:51.38, respectively, will also aid the middle and long-distance teams.

Sophomore Eric Quick, freshman Greg Davis and sophomore Brandon Denon are also expected to turn in strong performances for the Irish.

The Indiana Relays is the largest meet yet and the Irish are likely to be challenged as they take on Cincinnati, Marquette, and DePaul.

Already qualified for the Big East, many of the Irish runners, throwers, and jumpers are looking to achieve the fastest possible seed times for the Big East Conference Championship on Feb. 23 and 24.

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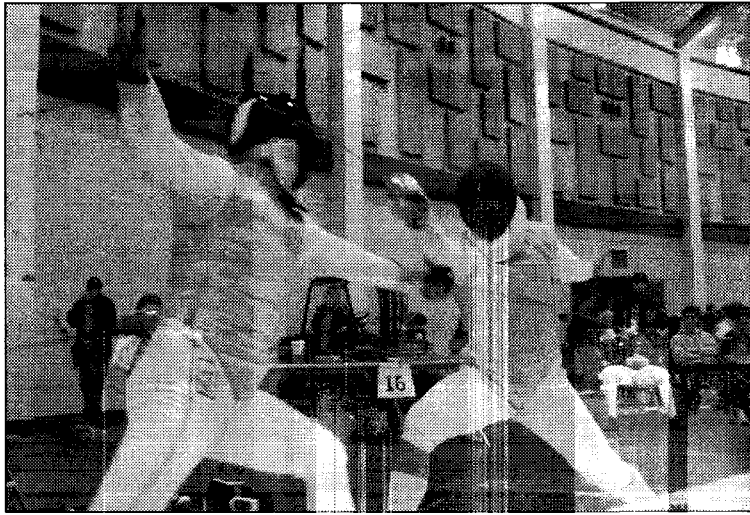
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# Irish face top competition

Top epeeist Hurley to make dual meet debut at Northwestern Duals

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer



Irish junior Mark Kubik faces off against MSU's Justin Johnson in the Midwest Conference Championships on March 3, 2007.

Two days in February. Two crucial days in February. Notre Dame travels to Evanston, Ill., this weekend to take on Penn State, Northwestern, Ohio State, Wayne State, Cal-State Fullerton and Stanford at the prestigious Northwestern Duals.

The event is a crucial part of the regular season for the Irish, who are looking to make a mark in their final team road event before the March 2 NCAA Midwest Regional competition.

The Irish are coming off a mixed performance at the NYU Duals. The men fared well, finishing 5-1 with their only loss by a single bout to second-ranked Ohio State. The Notre Dame women, who fenced without top sophomore epeeist Kelley Hurley, finished 4-2 with identical 15-12 losses to Ohio State and Columbia.

Still, Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said he thought Notre Dame could have beaten Ohio State if Hurley were in the lineup, but needed a better all-around performance against Columbia.

"The girls, they didn't have Kelley on the board,"

Bednarski said. "So there's a certain explanation, but of course it's not a full explanation."

This weekend, he will get to test that theory.

Hurley, who has been competing in Europe on her quest to secure a spot on the U.S. Olympic team for the Beijing Summer Games, will make her dual meet season debut at Northwestern.

Including Ohio State, the quality of opponents this weekend is high. Penn State, ranked No. 1 on the men's side and No.

4 among women's teams, did not compete in New York but will duel the Irish, Buckeyes and Wildcats.

Bednarski is eager to get a shot at the Nittany Lions, who he expects will be ready "to cross the blades with us, to check how strong we are."

With more than a dozen teams competing, the weekend will be physically draining for the fencers.

"It's twice more bouting than we had in New York," Bednarski said. "... In volume, it will be a bigger tournament."

After the Northwestern Duals, Notre Dame's only regular season team event remaining is the two-day Notre Dame Duals from Feb. 9-10.

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Irish coach

## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Exhibition with Bison to challenge No. 5 Irish

By MIKE BRYAN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will try to prove its No. 5 preseason ranking Sunday in an exhibition against No. 13 Bucknell.

After dominating its exhibition last week against Robert Morris, Notre Dame will face tougher competition against the Bison. Notre Dame, ranked fifth in Lacrosse Magazine's preseason poll, will hope to repeat its strong Sunday performance against the Colonials in their opening exhibition.

While score is not kept for the exhibitions, the Irish controlled play on both the offensive and defensive ends against Robert Morris. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan was encouraged by the team's play.

"We got up early, and played at a pretty good level pretty consistently," said Corrigan.

The Bison enter 2008 coming off their best season in program history. Bucknell returns nine of 10 starters from last year's 11-4 team, which finished third in the Patriot League.

Leading the returning Bison offense is sophomore attackman Austin Winter, who led the team last season with 20 goals and 29 assists. The Bucknell defense is headed up by junior Billy Haire, an all-around defender that can deliver big hits as well as apply tight coverage.

The Bison defense, which finished seventh in the NCAA in scoring defense last season, will face a huge challenge against the explosive Irish. Notre Dame returns virtually its entire offense from last year's NCAA Tournament team.

"We're very strong on the offensive end and in the offensive midfield," Corrigan said.

The Irish recently had four players honored in the Inside-Lacrosse top-50 players list for 2008. The highest ranked Notre Dame player was goalkeeper Joey Kemp, the 2007 Great Western

Lacrosse League player of the year. A four-year starter for Notre Dame, Kemp has a 26-11 record and 7.43 goals-against average for his career.

Two-sport athlete Will Yeatman, the 2007 LaxPower rookie of the year, was 15th on the list. Yeatman was the only underclassman in the top 20 on the list.

Senior Sean Dougherty, a preseason All-American selection, was tabbed No. 35 on the list. Dougherty anchors the Notre Dame defense that held opponents to a team-record 6.66 goals per game last season.

The last Irish teammate on the list was senior midfielder Michael Podgajny, who was ranked 37th. Podgajny was the only Notre Dame player to score a goal in every game last year.

Corrigan said while the team has high expectations, players are focused on meeting daily goals in practice.

"We want to take everything we're doing up a level, and do it on a daily basis," Corrigan said.

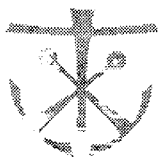
The exhibition with the Bison will conclude the Irish preseason. Notre Dame's first game will be Feb. 16 against Loyola.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

## Team beats Northwestern for second-straight win

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

The Irish won their second match in a row Thursday, defeating Northwestern 7-0. The win puts the Irish record at 3-1.

Notre Dame opened the match on a high note winning all three doubles matches easily. Freshman Steven Havens and Andrew Roth defeated graduate student Alexander Thams and Peter Raspoli 8-3, at No. 2 doubles.

"The No. 2 doubles played well," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We needed to win the doubles point, and we did [Thursday]."

Brett Helgeson and Sheeva Parbhu also won their match 8-5 over Mark Dwyer and Alex Sanborn.

"They return as well as anybody, but they break down at net," Bayliss said. "They have made great improvement."

Freshman Tyler Davis and junior Santiago Montoya defeated Juan Gomez and freshman David Seyferth 8-6 in a tight match at No. 3 doubles.

The Irish dominated singles action again.

Helgeson played No. 1 singles and beat junior Mark Dwyer 6-3, 6-2.

The Irish took a commanding 3-0 lead when freshman Daniel Stahl defeated Seyferth 6-4, 6-3 but his coach saw some things he needs to work on in practice.

"Stahl needs to try and stay out of the middle of the court during his matches," Bayliss said.

With a win at No. 5 singles, the Irish clinched the match.

Freshman David Anderson defeated senior Juan Gomez 7-5, 6-4.

Havens dropped the first set 6-2, to Raspoli, but rebounded in the second set to win 7-6 (2) in a tiebreak, and continued his dominance in the third set supertiebreak winning 10-2.

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

still has a few things to learn strategically, but he's making significant strides."

At No. 2 singles Parbhu took the first set from Thams 6-4, but Thams fought back to force a second-set tiebreak. Parbhu came out on top in the tiebreaker 10-8.

Roth had a tough battle on his hands at the No. 3 slot against Sanborn. He

took the first set 6-3, but dropped the second set 6-2. Roth took a 5-4 lead in the third set, but Sanborn battled back and made Roth serve for the third set. Roth pulled it out, winning the third set 6-4.

"Roth has a very determined work ethic, and that helped him a lot tonight," Bayliss said. "He has a big heart, and when he sinks his teeth into a match he doesn't let go. He makes the other guy battle through the entire match."

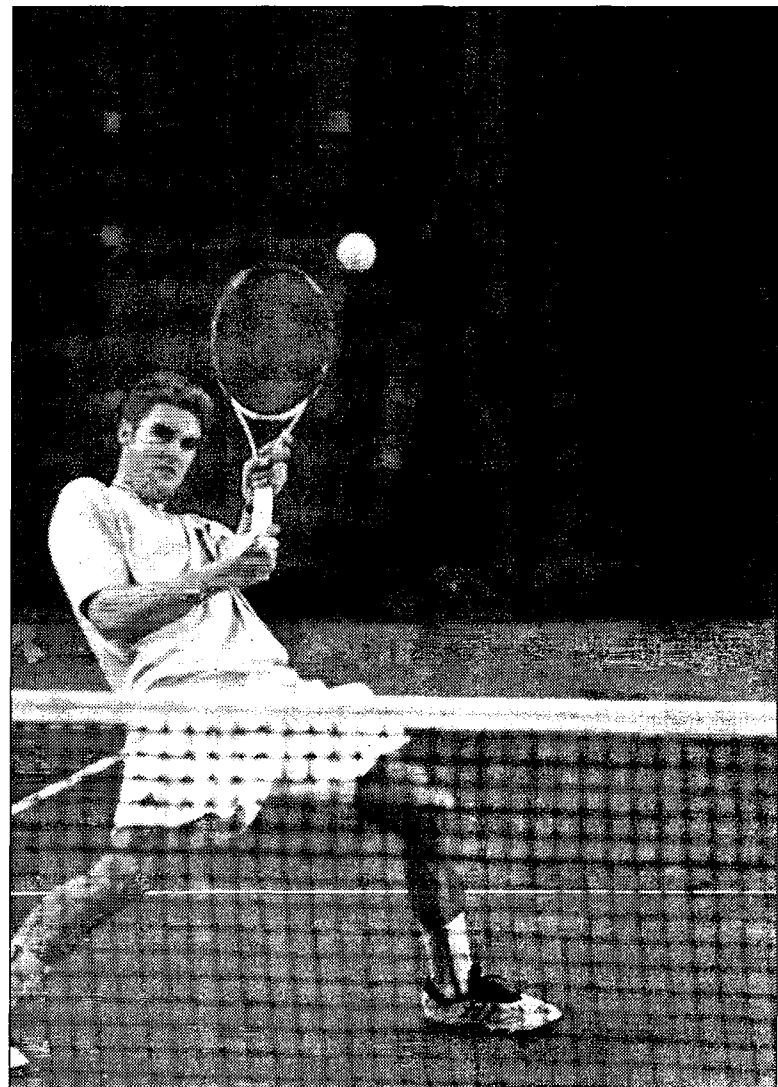
The Irish will travel to North Carolina to take on the Duke Blue Devils Sunday starting at 4 p.m.

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Irish coach

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Irish junior Brett Helgeson attempts a return during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over Penn State on Jan. 20.

## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Struggling Irish fall to Michigan

By LORENZO REYES  
Sports Writer

This was hardly the start No. 12 Notre Dame envisioned for the early weeks of the dual match season. After beating Louisville to open a three-game road trip, the Irish fell to Vanderbilt last weekend and to No. 23 Michigan Thursday.

The contest started off hopeful as the No. 3 ranked doubles team of senior Brook Buck and junior Keley Tefft took the first match of three 8-6.

The Wolverines quickly fought back and evened the score as the freshman duo of Whitney Taney and Rika Tatsuno defeated sophomore pair Cosmina Ciobanu and Kali Krisik 8-4.

With the doubles point still up for grabs, the Irish doubles team of freshman Kristen Rafael and

sophomore Colleen Rielley fell to junior Lindsey Howard and freshman Denise Muresan.

Now that Michigan had taken a 1-0 lead, it was time for Notre Dame to make up ground in singles play.

However, the Wolverines weren't backing down. Michigan junior Chisako Sugiyama beat No. 62 Ciobanu in straight sets 6-3, 6-1.

Brook Buck made sure the Irish would put some points up against their rivals and notched the first point with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over sophomore Tania Mahtani.

The Irish, now in striking distance at 2-1, entrusted No. 88 Rielley to come through over Taney. But the sophomore fell 6-4, 6-1 in straight sets.

Notre Dame realized that if it was going to win the match, it would have to aggressively gain some points. Tefft did just that —

not allowing her opponent to win a single game. The junior disposed of Tatsuno 6-0, 6-0 in straight sets.

No. 89 Krisk then faced off against Howard and effectively knotted the score at 3-3, but not before her first set went into a tiebreaker with her 7-6(4), 6-3 win.

The entire contest finally reached its culmination in the deciding match between No. 82 junior Katie Potts and Muresan. The match proved to be a tight meeting, going into three sets, but eventually going to the Wolverine freshman 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

After the rocky start of the dual match season, the Irish will return home as they take on the BYU Cougars Tuesday.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Loud crowd distracts Hall, moves Irish to victory

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

The Leprechaun Legion proved to be the Legion of Doom for Providence center Ray Hall and the rest of his Friars teammates Thursday night. After Hall failed to even hit the rim on a free throw in

the second half, the crowd taunted him with repeated chants of "Airball" on all of his subsequent trips to the line. Hall made just 2-of-10 free throws in the game and missed four straight in overtime to help seal his team's fate.

"He was just throwing up bricks," Irish forward Zach Hillesland said. "The fans were

great to keep calling out that 'Airball' chant during stoppages of play for minutes on end. That really helped us out."

Besides the student section, the fan turnout seemed sparse at the outset of the contest. But as the game continued, the entire crowd at the arena began to energize the home

squad. Most of the Notre Dame supporters stood for the duration of overtime.

"Our building, our fans really helped us tonight," Irish coach Mike Brey said.

"There's where your home-court advantage kinda gets you the win tonight."

Point guard Tory Jackson said the crowd was instrumen-

tal in helping the Irish win their 32nd straight game at the Joyce Center.

"I love our crowd even when they heckle some of our opponents," Jackson said.

"They kept me laughing; they kept me fresh."

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## Friars

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ing his say. With 18 seconds left, the Notre Dame sophomore stole a rebound from Providence forward Geoff McDermott and hit two free throws to send the game to overtime.

In the extra period, the Irish jumped out to an early lead and held off a furious Friars run to extend its home winning streak to 32 games, 81-74.

"We didn't want to lose, especially on our home court," Irish point guard Tory Jackson said. "If we could get it to overtime...we thought we would win."

Just seven minutes before Harangody's heroics, Notre Dame (15-4, 5-2 Big East) appeared to have the game in hand. They led 58-50 and junior guard Kyle McAlarney had just brought the home crowd to its feet with a slashing layup.

But that field goal was the last one the Irish would score in regulation. Providence went on an 11-1 run, capped by Xavier's shot with 1:08 remaining, to take the lead.

With 18 seconds left, Notre Dame found junior guard Ryan Ayers for an open three that would have given the Irish the lead and probably the win.

Ayers shot found nothing but iron, and McDermott grabbed the rebound. Harangody con-

tinued to harass him, however, and then somehow ended up with the ball.

"I was just standing right there, and I don't know if he lost it or what, but it ended up in my hands," Harangody said.

The Irish forward lent in for a layup and drew a foul, then nailed both free throws.

"It was a pressure situation," Harangody said. "I just had to have confidence."

The Friars (12-8, 3-5) had one last possession. With time running down, McDermott tried to hold for the winning shot, but Irish point guard Tory Jackson stole the ball.

With two seconds left, Jackson's desperation heave caught front iron and the game headed to overtime.

In the extra frame, Notre Dame jumped on top quickly, going on a 14-5 run capped by a runner in the lane from Jackson to take a 75-66 lead with just under two minutes remaining.

Once again the Friars wouldn't go away. Guard Brian McKenzie nailed back-to-back NBA-range 3-pointers to get his team within three — but that was as close as Providence would get.

Harangody led all scorers with 31 points for Notre Dame. He also pulled down 14 rebounds.

Jackson, Ayers, and senior forward Rob Kurz were also in double figures for the Irish, with 14, 10, and 11 points respectively.

Kurz played the last 12 minutes of regulation and all of

overtime with four fouls — but never fouled out.

"When you've played a lot of basketball, you know how to play without getting a stupid silly foul," he said.

Providence, who outrebounded the Irish 48-38, including grabbing 22 off the offensive glass, was led by guard Dwain Williams, who had twenty points. McDermott, Xavier, and McKenzie each chipped in 10.

Harangody scored the first eight points of the game for Notre Dame, who opened up a 18-6 lead with 13:46 left in the first half.

Providence stormed back, going on a 15-3 run and taking the lead 22-21 with 6:50 left in the half on a 3-pointer by Williams.

Irish forward Zach Hillesland put the Irish back up by one with a jumper, but the Friars regained the lead on another 3-pointer, this time by guard Jeff Xavier.

The Friars held the lead until the last possession of the first half, when McAlarney hit backcourt teammate Tory Jackson with a perfect pass for a layup to give Notre Dame a 32-31 lead going into the locker room.

### Notes:

♦ As part of the Joyce Center's "Camo Night," camouflage T-shirts were handed out to fans in the lower bowl. At halftime, sergeant first class John Adams was honored for his service in Iraq and a video was shown detailing Brey's trip to Kuwait over the summer for Operation Hardwood.

♦ Notre Dame freshman forward Carleton Scott was not in attendance at Thursday's game. Sports Information Director Bernie Cafarelli said Scott was at home recovering from the flu.

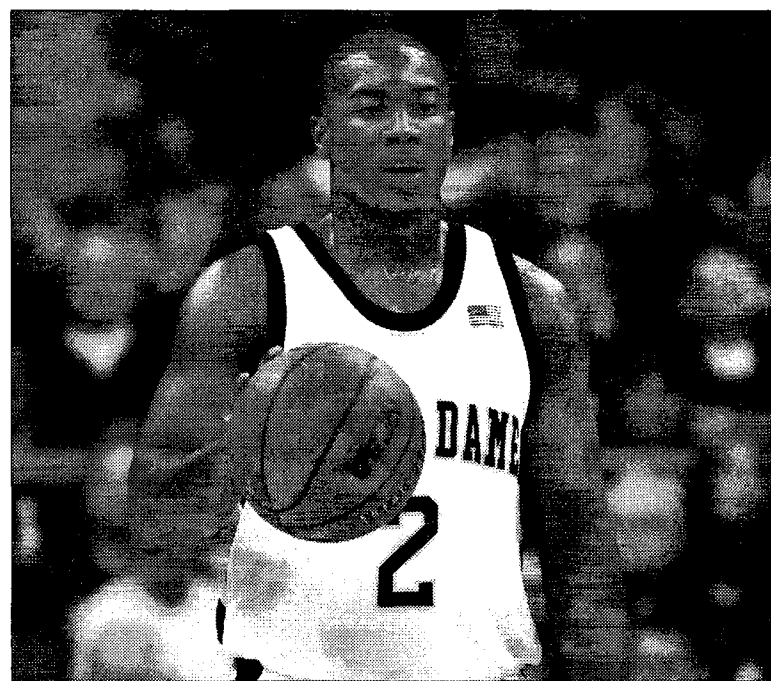
♦ Before Thursday's contest, Notre Dame had not gone into overtime since March 20, 2006, an 87-84 loss at Michigan in the NIT.

The game was the first overtime contest at the Joyce Center since an 85-82 Irish loss to Georgetown on Jan. 24, 2006.

♦ The win kept Notre Dame alone in second place in the Big East, 1 1/2 games behind conference leader Georgetown.

♦ Notre Dame will return to action Saturday night at 6 p.m. against DePaul at the Joyce Center. The Blue Demons are 9-11 on the year and 4-4 in the conference and are tied with West Virginia for 10th in the Big East.

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Irish guard Tory Jackson dribbles during Notre Dame's 81-74 win over Providence on Thursday. Jackson finished with 14 points.

## Jackson

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ball to his teammates when Notre Dame needed it most.

Forward Rob Kurz hit a three to begin overtime and Jackson made it possible with his dribble penetration and knockout. Later in overtime, with Notre Dame up two, Jackson stole the ball from Providence guard Dwain Williams, then found an open Ryan Ayers who drilled a 3-pointer. On Notre Dame's next two possessions, Jackson drove into the lane and found Harangody each time, allowing the Irish to take a seven-point lead.

"I didn't feel like I had to make something happen, I felt like I could make something happen," Jackson said. "Once I got in the lane, I felt like I could drive because the big men kept coming up to get charges, so I felt like I could drop it off to the side and [Harangody] was there three times in overtime."

And when Providence guard Brian McKenzie decided he was going to drain two ridiculously-long 3-pointers to keep the Friars alive, it was Jackson who hit three of four free throws down the stretch to make sure Providence wouldn't return from the dead.

And it was Jackson who sent the game into overtime by coming up with a key steal on Providence's last possession of regulation. The 5-foot-11 guard followed Providence forward Geoff McDermott around a screen, knocked the ball away and nearly made a 30-footer that would've ended the game.

"I was sneaky. I'm thankful for being short right now," Jackson said of the steal. "He wouldn't of seen me if I was a big guy."

Harangody's clutch free throws made Jackson's unsung heroics possible. The soft-spo-

ken Harangody, who is a candidate for the Naismith award, turned into a creature possessed out on the floor. For example, nine seconds into the second half, Harangody made a layup, was fouled, and subsequently began throwing a few chest bumps into the air before finally connecting with junior Zach Hillesland. But he would need to suppress that intensity at the free throw line, with the game hanging in the balance.

Harangody pulled a Dwight Schrute, the popular "Office" character who once claimed he could raise and lower his heart rate at will, and calmed himself enough to knock down the free throws.

"I just had to stay poised, stay confident and concentrate," Harangody said. "It was just one of those times when you can't be as intense."

For Irish coach Mike Brey, the play of Harangody and Jackson came as no surprise.

"I thought our two sophomores would not let us lose the game," Brey said. "They made big plays at big times."

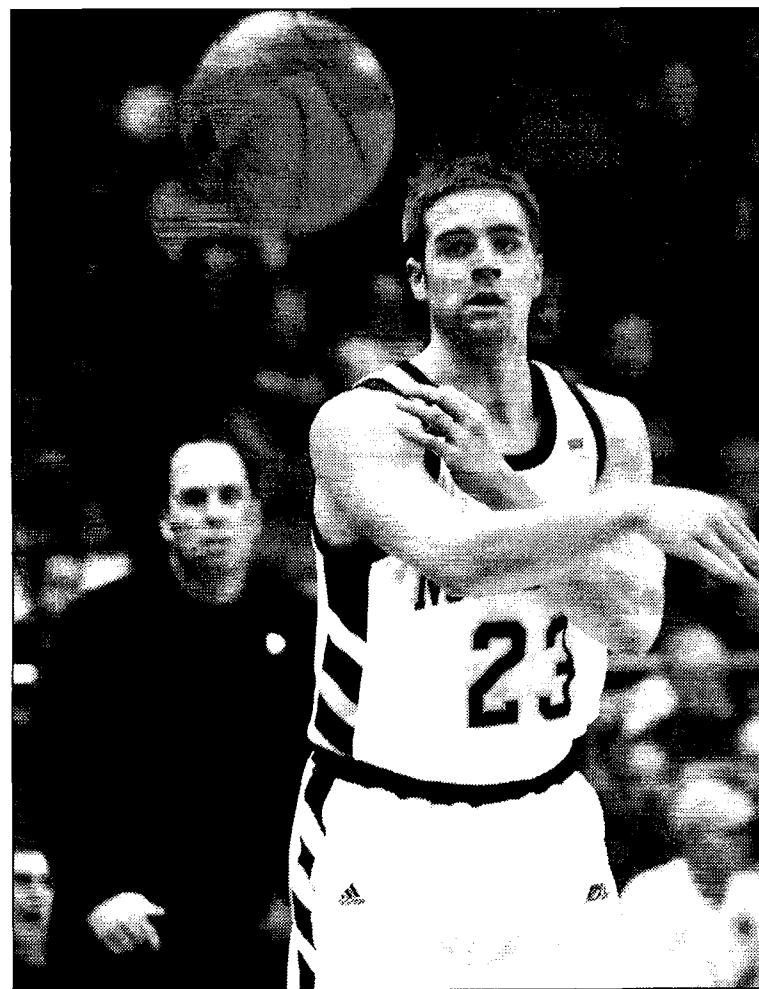
The Irish found a way to win when one of their main scorers, McAlarney, had an off night. It wasn't just Jackson hitting the big shots either. Hillesland knocked down a few jumpers, Ayers finished with 10, including the big 3-pointer in overtime, and Kurz had another steady 11-point performance.

But Jackson's outburst Thursday gave his team, and most importantly, Jackson himself, the confidence that he can score a few baskets when his teammates struggle.

That only means trouble for the rest of the Big East.

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Irish guard Kyle McAlarney passes while coach Mike Brey looks on during Notre Dame's 81-74 win over Providence on Thursday.

## Tenuta

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community relations representative.

"This job opportunity gives me a chance to stay very close to the football team, coaches, players and everyone else in this great place," Lewis said in the statement. "It also gives me a chance to stay involved with this wonderful university and great community."

Weis said he and Brown began discussing the possibility of hiring Tenuta after Lewis mentioned the possibility of stepping down but before the final decision was made.

"I spent time with Corwin Brown in

January discussing possible replacements for Bill in case this situation arose," Weis said in the statement. "Corwin and I talked to a few candidates and agreed that Jon was the best person for the job. Corwin and Jon had numerous conversations on how they would work together and they both agreed this would be a great fit."

IrishIllustrated.com, a member of the Rivals.com network of Web site, first reported the hiring. The Atlanta Journal Constitution and The Sporting News also reported the deal Thursday before Notre Dame sent out a news release confirming the deal.

In his statement, Weis said he had planned to announce the staff changes next week, presumably on Wednesday, when recruits can sign binding letters of intent.

Tenuta will begin his tenure at Notre Dame on Feb. 18, nearly two weeks after National Signing Day. Recruiting analysts expect Notre Dame's class to be one of the top in the nation — four top linebackers have orally committed to signing

with the Irish.

Dean Buchan, Georgia Tech's assistant athletic director for media relations and primary football spokesman, said he did not know if assistant coaches' deals there expire on or around National Signing Day.

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**Charlie Weis**  
Irish coach

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"We try to mix things up a little bit," she said. "One thing I've realized, finally, is that we can't play man to man for 40 minutes. We can't play any one thing for 40 minutes. We have to constantly mix up the defenses."

Against the Friars, Notre Dame used man-to-man defense along with different variations of zone. In combination with the blanketing full-court press the Irish employed to slow Providence's advance up the court, the Irish defense held the Friars to just 19 points in the first half.

"Eventually teams figure it out when you do the same thing over and over again, and I think teams have figured out our half-court press," McGraw said. "So we're throwing some man to man, we changed the look of the press."

The Bearcats present a new

challenge to the troubled Notre Dame perimeter defense.

"The biggest thing we're worried about is that they all shoot threes," McGraw said. "We gotta get out and guard the three-point line, as we talk about every game is something we need to work on. But now the post players are shooting threes."

"We've had a few games where we didn't have to worry about the post players stepping out to shoot it, but now we're back to back to back to having [sophomore center] Erica [Williamson] run around on the three-point line and that's always a prob-

lem."

The Bearcats are without junior guard/forward Shelley Bellman, who will miss the entire season because of a leg injury.

"You have to kind of rework your own game plan when you lose your best player," McGraw said. "Going right up into the first game, now you have to change your whole

plan of attack. And it's an opportunity for other people to step up."

Sophomore guard Kahla Roudebush leads the Bearcats in scoring, dropping 15.1 points per game. Junior forward Jill Stevens isn't far behind with 13.5 points and 9.5 boards per game. Stevens shoots 41.5 percent from three-point range. The Bearcats as a team rank second in the conference in free throw percentage, shooting 74.8 percent from the foul line.

Notre Dame ranks third the Big East in scoring offense with 79 points per game and second in field goal percentage at 46.2 percent. Freshman forward Devereaux Peters is second in the Big East in shots blocked, averaging 2.05 per game.

McGraw said she would like to use a smaller lineup against Cincinnati, but was afraid that the defense would give up points in the block because the Bearcats have two 6-foot-3 players (Natasha Graboski and Jill Stephens).

"[Peters] can handle one of them, but that's the question, will that give us a disadvantage at some point on the block," McGraw said.

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**Muffet McGraw**  
Irish coach

## Scrimmage

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squad.

"It's a huge day, especially when you're coming to a place like Notre Dame with all its tradition," he said. "It'll be a special night for them, especially for the recruits committed here. I remember coming in a couple years ago and it be such a big night — seeing future teammates, the place you're going to spend your next four years — and anytime you play a college team, especially a college team... it's what those guys play for."

A pair of future Irish ices — forward Patrick Gaudl (Pittsburgh, Pa.) and defenseman Sean Lorenz (Littleton, Colo.) — are both signees who will enroll next fall. They will also skate for the first time in the Joyce Center and should receive a warm welcome from their future teammates — kind of.

"Maybe in shaking their hands after the game, but it's all business out here on the ice," Lawson said with a laugh. "We won't be too friendly, but after the game, I'm sure we'll all share a couple words with them."

While the game won't count toward the CCHA or even the overall record, the Irish hope to repay Team USA for the 7-2 thrashing it handed Notre Dame in the last meeting on Nov. 19, 2004. Though current Irish coach Jeff Jackson wasn't around for that debacle, he and his team certainly want to avoid a similar fate tonight.

"When you're not playing conference opponents, a little

bit of the pressure's off and it's a bit more of a free-spirited state of mind [in practice]," said Jackson, who gave his team Tuesday off to avoid falling into the lull of "the dog days of February." "That certainly doesn't mean we can come in with that sort of an attitude, because

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**Jeff Jackson**  
Irish coach

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**Kyle Lawson**  
Irish defenseman

kids we're playing are good hockey players.

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The main concern of late has been the power play, and even last weekend's four-goal outburst with the man-advantage against Bowling Green hasn't solved the special teams issues completely. The Irish also hope to improve their transition play in preparation for the remainder of their CCHA slate, which resumes with next weekend's series against Ferris State.

"You take it as kind of an off-week, but it's not necessarily an off-week where we slack off," Pearce said. "We took a little bit of extra time to get some rest, but we also spent a lot of time on more specific areas of our game — shooting, scoring techniques — whereas when you're preparing for a league

game, we have to spend a little more time on preparing for that team. This week we were able to work more on individual skills."

Another benefit of tonight's exhibition skate, Jackson said, will be the opportunity to get certain players additional playing time. Phillips, for example, will "get back on the horse" by getting tonight's start in net, his first since allowing four goals against No. 1 Michigan two weeks ago.

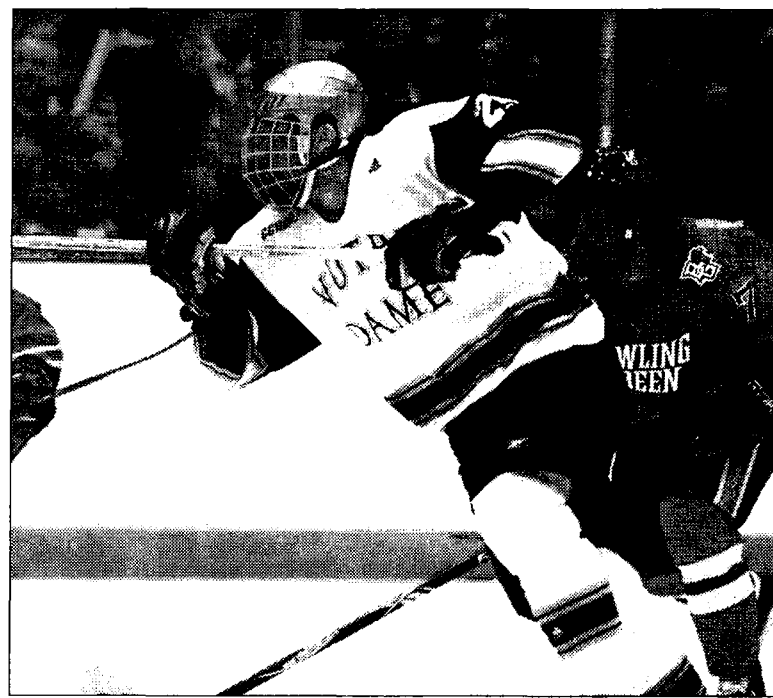
"It's meant to help [Team USA] get better as young players, and that program has been extremely good to Notre Dame," Jackson said. "On the other side of the coin, it gives us an opportunity to maybe play some guys that don't play as much, and it also gives us an opportunity to keep in game shape. We've got to turn around in a week and play Ferris State, and that'll be a very tough series — so there definitely are benefits for us."

So despite the somewhat laid-back approach that defined this week in practice, there's no confusion among the Irish players: tonight is still a game night.

"It's been our emphasis all week that we're trying not to take it as a night off," Lawson said. "It's a chance for us to get better,

and that's the way we're going to approach it. They have 20 of the best kids in the country, and they're going to challenge us."

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Irish center Christian Hanson skates down the ice in Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Bowling Green on Jan. 26.

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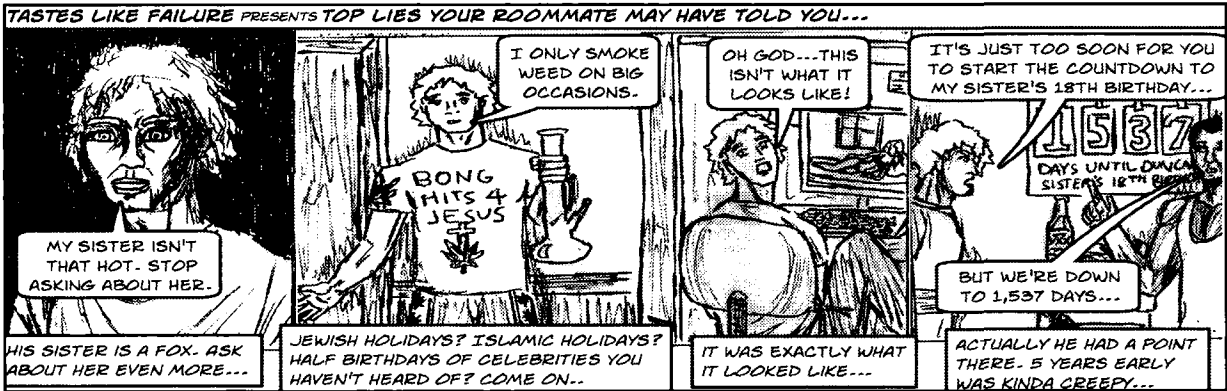
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Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLOOD LLAMA PAYOFF BEDBUG  
Answer: What it can take to rekindle a romance — AN OLD FLAME

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



FOR THE GEOMETRY CLASS, THE STUDY OF CIRCLES WAS—

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Justin Timberlake, 27; Portia DeRossi, 35; Minnie Driver, 38; Suzanne Pleshette, 71

Happy Birthday: Don't give in to pressure; take care of your own needs. You cannot do it all and, once you realize your limitations, you will be far better positioned to accomplish what's necessary. Your numbers are 8, 11, 24, 27, 36, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Taking action to resolve issues will be admired by some and not by others. Getting involved in something you believe in will bring you the information needed to pursue something important. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This is a perfect time to sign up for a course or surf the Internet for important information. Travel will enhance your views and help you realize your true potential. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's in the stars that, if you take action, good things will happen and you will excel in ways you never thought possible. Forget about past regrets. Changes made to your personal life, home and family will turn out well in the end. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lighten up and enjoy what life has to offer. A long-lasting relationship or partnership can be taken to the next level. Take action or you'll have regrets. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Money may be on your mind but the way you go about getting it must be on the level. You may be tempted to get involved in something that could lead to trouble. Instead, stick to the rules. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make those changes you've been contemplating. If you don't make your move, you will probably miss out on something that could lead to greater freedom. You can do no wrong when it comes to love. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Wait before you make a promise. There will be more involved than you first realized and little aggravations will crop up, holding you back and making your job more time-consuming than expected. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't be fooled by what others tell you. Do your own research and don't give in to emotional blackmail. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be a real go-getter today but watch out — someone is likely to pull a fast one or try to catch you off-guard. Use your imagination and you will find solutions that will be difficult for even your biggest competitor to get wind of. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An unusual way of doing something will catch the eye of someone who can help you out financially. An emotional mix-up may infringe on your time. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't pay too much attention to someone who is trying to talk you into doing something you don't feel right about. Focus on learning, travel or spending time with the one you love. Plan an activity that requires physical exertion. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A change of heart will lead you in a better direction with greater status. You can close a deal, form a partnership and take a stance where love and romance are concerned. Play by the rules and win. 5 stars

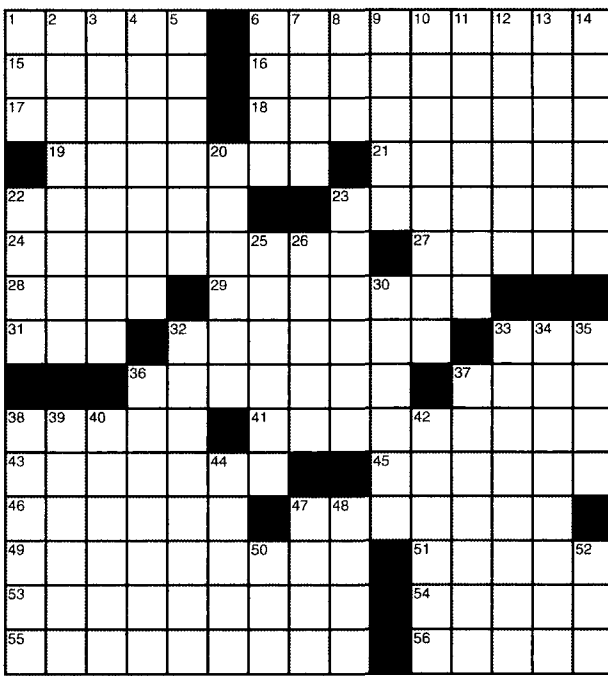
Birthday Baby: You question everything and everyone, never giving in. You are secretive, imaginative and emotional regarding personal issues, friends and family.

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CROSSWORD

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- Across
- 1 Musical genre that uses a flatted fifth
- 6 Violin attachments
- 15 It vibrates during snoring
- 16 Novel that nobody reads
- 17 Three-time U.S. presidential candidate
- 18 Net sales?
- 19 Multigallon container
- 21 Grave mound
- 22 Hostage holder
- 23 Endearing, as a smile
- 24 King's successor as S.C.L.C. president
- 27 Shrink
- 28 Member of the 500 Home Run Club
- 29 Cannibal of Anglo-Saxon legend
- 31 "Science made clear": Cocteau
- 32 Stole, slangily
- 33 Sweetums
- 36 Perseveres
- 37 You may need it going in
- 38 Union station?
- 41 Seven-foot star of 1960s TV
- 43 They may raise some people's spirits
- 45 Films that require a lot of shooting?
- 46 Sentence ender
- 47 Their work stinks
- 49 What a lack of evidence of forced entry might indicate
- 51 Send to the front?
- 53 Unchangeable situation
- 54 Van \_\_\_\_ ("Jump" band)
- 55 Orthodox Church council
- 56 Inception
- Down
- 1 Roll
- 2 Actress who was the voice of Duchess in "The Aristocats"
- 3 The Pearl of the Danube
- 4 Sucrose polyester, more familiarly
- 5 "Travelin' Thru" singer
- 6 City largely destroyed by the Normandy campaign
- 7 Literary pal of Tom
- 8 Witness statement
- 9 Rain clouds
- 10 Worked one's wiles on
- 11 Longtime NBC sports exec
- 12 "Man of Constant \_\_\_\_" (old folk standard)
- 13 On the way
- 14 Stick on the grill
- 20 One of Ferdinand II's kingdoms
- 22 House on a hacienda
- 23 One of the Marsalis brothers
- 25 "Wild Thing" band, with "the"



Puzzle by Patrick Berry

- 26 1946 Literature Nobel
- 30 University of North Texas home
- 32 Product lines?
- 33 Who's left?
- 34 Assessment paid only by those who benefit
- 35 Moving vehicles
- 36 Without apparent effort
- 37 Bonus Army member
- 38 Venomous
- 39 Cabin addition
- 40 Heel bone, e.g.
- 42 Bridge declaration
- 44 "Politics is the \_\_\_\_ of the imagination": Ian McEwan
- 47 Oz visitor
- 48 Supine, possibly
- 50 Dutch painter Steen
- 52 "We Know Drama" sloganeer

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## FOOTBALL

# Lewis retires, former G-Tech coordinator Tenuta joins staff

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has hired Georgia Tech's widely respected defensive coordinator, Jon Tenuta, as assistant head coach for defense.

"Jon's track record speaks for itself," Irish coach Charlie Weiss said in a statement Thursday. "He is a coach with an immense amount of defensive knowledge and will undoubtedly help our

program."

Tenuta, who will replace Bill Lewis, has been a hot free-agent commodity on the college coaching market since Georgia Tech replaced Chan Gailey with former Navy coach Paul Johnson.

"Two things attracted me to this job, Coach Weiss and Notre Dame," Tenuta said in the statement. "It's an opportunity to coach at one of the greatest traditional powerhouse programs in college football and to work with one of the brightest minds

in the game."

Tenuta said he is looking forward to working with Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown, who is entering his second year with the team. The pair of Tenuta and Brown gives Weiss flexibility with his defensive staff.

Prior to becoming Notre Dame's defensive coordinator a year ago, Brown was an NFL safety from 1993-2000 and coached defensive backs for the New York Jets for three years.

But he and Irish assistant Brian Polian were the position coaches for linebackers in 2007.

Tenuta, whose defenses were known for their aggressive zone blitzes that utilized linebackers' ability to get to the opposing quarterback, served as Ohio State's defensive backs coach from 1996-99.

Lewis, 66, is retiring from coaching because he needs to have both of his hips replaced. He coached the Irish secondary from 2005-07 and will now join

the University's athletics community relations staff.

Lewis told Irish coach Charlie Weiss in January that his impending surgeries might require him to leave the coaching staff. In the meantime, Lewis said in the statement, Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White asked him if he was interested in leaving the coaching staff and filling a new position in the department as a

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Fried Friars

ND downs Providence in overtime, improves to 5-2 in conference

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Sports Editor

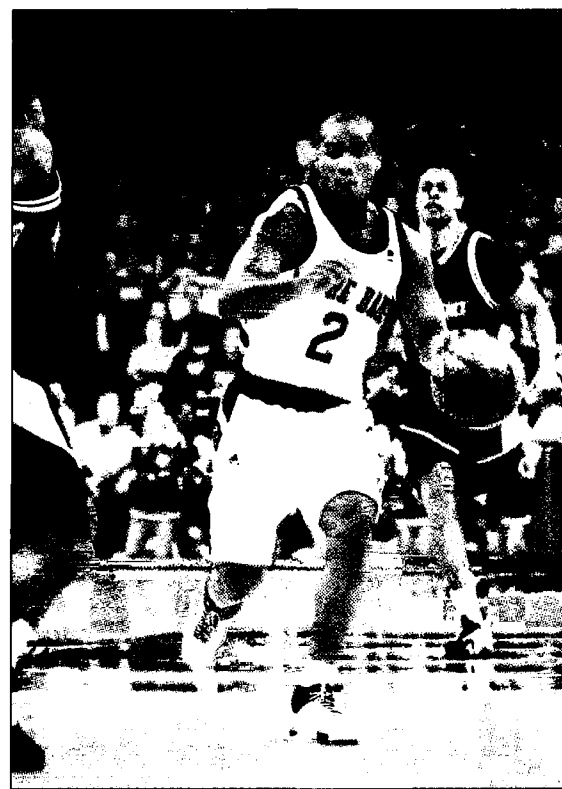
Notre Dame was falling apart Thursday night.

With just over a minute left in the game, a jumper by guard Jeff Xavier gave Providence a 61-59 lead. The Irish hadn't scored in over six minutes, and it looked like the Friars would snag the first victory over the Irish in the Joyce Center in 32 games.

But the game wouldn't end without Luke Harangody hav-

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"Loud crowd distracts Hall, moves Irish to victory."

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Irish forward Luke Harangody, left, dunks the ball, while Irish guard Tory Jackson dribbles up the court during Notre Dame's 81-74 overtime win over Providence Thursday in the Joyce Center.

Jackson's best game of the season propels Irish to key Big East victory

Yes, Luke Harangody finished with 31 points and 14 rebounds against Providence and nailed two huge free throws to tie the game with 18 seconds remaining, but

Notre Dame would have lost Thursday night without the play of Tory Jackson.

Jackson played his best game of the season against the Friars, picking up the slack for a struggling Kyle McAlarney by scoring 14 points. But most importantly, Jackson did what he does best, distributed the



Chris Hine  
Sports Editor

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Schedule lightens with 1-7 Bearcats

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

Since losing two straight and four of nine overall after Jan. 5, the Irish are finally getting a break.

They travel to Cincinnati to face the Bearcats Saturday at 3 p.m., three days after handily defeating Providence at home. The Bearcats are 10-10 overall, but have struggled with conference opponents — they are 1-7 in Big East play and, after beating Georgetown on Jan. 8, have lost six straight to conference teams.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said every road game would be a "great test" for Notre

Dame, which will play three consecutive road games later this month.

Regardless of the opponent, McGraw feels the team has work to do.

"We just have to get sharper," she said. "I feel like we've lost a little bit of our execution."

The Irish aren't too far from where they need to be. They are 16-5 (4-3 Big East) and recently beat Providence by 17 points. However, consecutive losses to DePaul and No. 1 Connecticut highlighted faults in the Irish defense. McGraw said improvements on defense come from varia-

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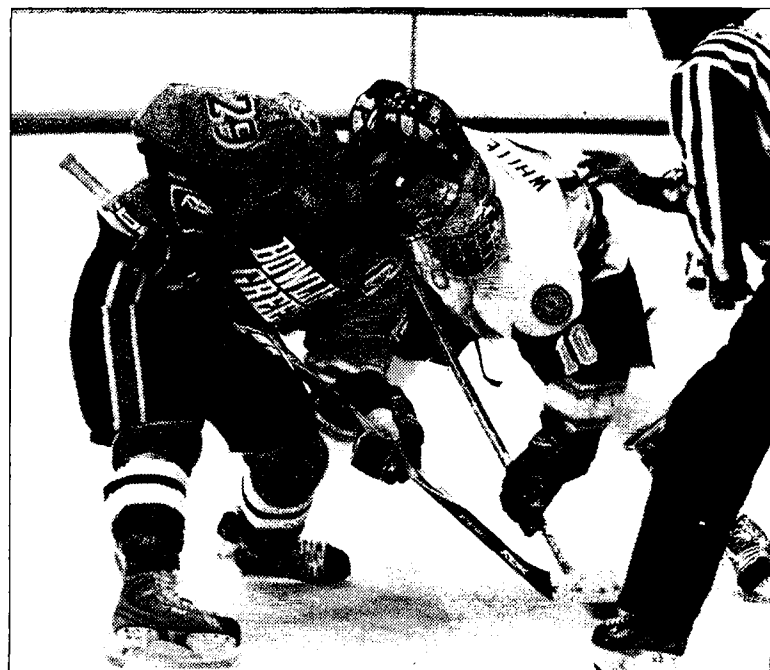
## HOCKEY

# Icers scrimmage Under-18 squad

By MATT GAMBER  
Sports Writer

After battling ranked conference opponents for three consecutive weekends, tonight's 7:35 exhibition matchup with the U.S. National Under-18 Team will allow the No. 8 Irish to recharge their batteries and rehash some old memories.

Five current Notre Dame (20-9-1, 13-6-1 CCHA) players — junior goaltender Jordan Pearce, sophomore defenseman Kyle Lawson, freshmen defensemen Ian Cole and Teddy Ruth, and freshman goalie Brad Phillips — are alumni of the National Team Development Program, and Lawson understands the draw of competing against top-notch NCAA competition even before suiting up for a college



Irish junior center Justin White, right battles for a faceoff in Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Bowling Green on Jan. 26.

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