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Deans discuss seniors' progress towards graduation

Most of Class of 2009 seems on track to graduate in May, some may have to repeat a course to receive degree

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

The Deans' offices at the University leave nothing to chance when ensuring that the seniors' fulfill all of their graduation requirements when they register for their last semester of classes.

Class registration for seniors began Monday, marking their last chance to take all the classes needed to graduate.

Samuel Gaglio, an assistant dean in the College of Business, said the Dean's office does everything it can to make sure all students are on track for graduation. The deans require students to fill out a plan of study when they start the business major and they have to continue to update their plans

periodically, he said.

"In January, we will check every senior's schedule to see if their plan indicates they will graduate on time," Gaglio said. "If by the off chance

that a student has not completed a course, we send an e-mail to every student who is short."

Then, prior to the 10th day of class in the spring semester, the office checks every senior's schedule again to make sure they have not dropped a course needed for graduation, he said. If everything is in order, the students receive an e-mail

confirming that they are eligible for graduation.

"A student should be responsible, but we don't expect you to know everything we know, which is why we take all these extra steps," Gaglio said. "We don't leave it to chance."

Gaglio said the office also does projections to figure out exactly how many students need certain classes at certain times to avoid timing conflicts or a lack of spots.

"We try to take care of you guys," he said. "That's what we are being paid for. That's why we are here."

Gaglio said he estimates that of the estimated 550 seniors in the College of Business each year, about 510 or 520 graduate.

Most students that don't graduate do so because they chose to take more time, he said. About 10 to 15 students have to complete their degree in summer school after senior year, but Gaglio said this rarely happens.

Gaglio said if students are having doubts about meeting requirements, they should come in as early as possible. "I just wish students would come in sooner to ask questions so I don't have such a

long line at registration. I don't like to make students wait," he said.

"Then I can give you more time."

Jennifer Nemecek, an assistant dean in the College of Arts and

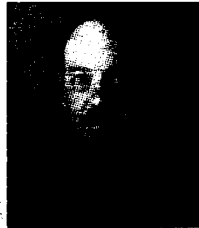
Letters, said the College encourages students to come in once every semester to make sure they are completing all their requirements and taking classes that will benefit their academic experience.

"If you get into the habit of seeing us every semester, as a senior, you shouldn't have

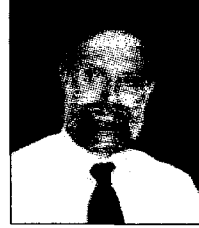
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Gaglio



Greene



Buechler



Piernek

O'Neill speaks on pianos and passions at entrepreneur lecture

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Notre Dame alum and member of The O'Neill Brothers piano duo, Tim O'Neill did not start his career by visiting the Career Center. Instead, O'Neill found what he loved to do and opened his own business, he said as he spoke to an audience at the Mendoza College of Business Tuesday evening about "Turning Your Passion into Profit."

"You're up against a lot to start your own business," he said. "But you can do it."

O'Neill shared his own story as a self-employed musician,

while giving advice on how others can succeed as entrepreneurs.

He invited the audience to think about three questions: What do you love to do? Who else would love that? And, are you willing to take that risk and put that passion into action?

"Your mom and your brother don't have the answer," he said on finding your passion. "Someone else might tell you what your passions are, but only you can answer it."

O'Neill said he made a mix tape of his piano music for his mother to listen to when he studied abroad in Austria during his sophomore year at Notre Dame. When he

returned, he learned that she had made fifty copies and passed them out to friends. He had found other people who loved his passion, a consumer base of people in their forties, fifties and sixties.

O'Neill said he decided to make a thousand tapes and distribute them to all the local gift stores he could find.

One of his tips on making sales was that it was "no risk" for the stores.

When starting a business, he said you should frame your proposals to buyers in terms that will benefit them with little risk.

"Sit in their shoes and ask

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Timothy O'Neill plays the piano as part of his "Passion for Profits" lecture Tuesday night.

Program helps high schoolers

Upward Bound focuses on aiding students in recognizing their potential

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

For Alyssia Coates, director of Upward Bound, the organization is like a hidden treasure among Notre Dame's many service organizations.

"Although it's been here for so long, it seems like no one knows it's here," said Upward Bound director Alyssia Coates.

But the program is hardly rare; Notre Dame's branch is

one of 750 across the country. At Notre Dame, the program's main focus is to help low-income and first generation students from the South Bend area graduate high school and move on to college, according to the program's Web site.

"We help students understand what their potential is, and draw out their strengths," Coates said.

The Notre Dame branch is one of the oldest and has been in operation since 1966,

Coates said.

"Father Hesburgh was a strong advocate for the Upward Bound program," Coates said.

The Upward Bound program is one of seven programs in the TRIO program, and one of two at Notre Dame.

TRIO programs are government-funded programs that help students overcome class, social and cultural

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College offers students summer abroad in China

By SARAH GUNN
News Writer

For the second year in a row, Saint Mary's is offering a summer study abroad program in China from May 17 to June 7.

Five or six students from the College will accompany 10 students from Creighton University in Nebraska on the trip facilitated by Alice Sinquin Yang, the assistant director of Global Education

in the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership at the College, and two professors at Creighton.

Yang said the program focuses mainly on Chinese culture rather than the language because learning the language is secondary to learning the culture.

The culture is multifaceted with various areas of appeal, Yang said. China's large population and its role

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INSIDE COLUMN

Yes, I am a band groupie

On Saturday, I'll be attending my last home game at Notre Dame stadium as an undergraduate.

On Wednesday of next week, I'll embark on my last Thanksgiving Break as an undergraduate.

During the two weeks after that, I'll be attending the last classes of my second to last semester as an undergraduate. And then I'll be taking my second to last set of final exams as an undergraduate.

Liz Harter

Saint Mary's
Editor

Needless to say, I'm starting to freak out. The thought of being a second semester senior scares me. It brings about thoughts of graduation, finding a job and becoming an adult. Scary.

To pacify these fears, though, I have been telling myself that I still have second semester. I still have one more chance to add to the outrageous and amazing memories I've already made in the past three and a half years.

Second semester, however, will let me down in one way — there's no marching band.

For the past two and a half years, The Observer and the Band of the Fighting Irish. While I can't claim to be a member of the marching band, they have been a large part of my life since my best friend joined the saxophone section in our sophomore year.

Without the band Katie and I would probably still be spending our Friday nights watching movies in the lobby of McCandless Hall and making fun of the girls running down the steps in their too high heels and too short skirts to catch the Trolley.

Without the band, I wouldn't have been able to ask Matt of the Saxophones to accompany me to the Junior Formal in an Inside Column last year. For all those still wondering, he said yes (Thanks again for being a good sport about it Matt!).

Without the band, I wouldn't have realized my obsession with Chicago (the band, not the city), nor would I have been able to see them in concert four times and meet them.

Without the band, I wouldn't have met half of the amazing people that I have come to call my friends.

All in all, the band is pretty much salacious.

Even with all the good things that have come out of my acquaintance with the band, I have a love/hate relationship with it. For example, I love watching the band perform their halftime shows on game days, but I hate it because they leave me alone on campus every Monday through Thursday throughout first semester. The only reason they aren't taken away from me on Friday's for practice is because I go to them. I've only missed two Friday marchouts and practices in the past two years. I even hobbled out to marchout when I was on crutches the Friday before the Pitt game.

I also don't get to sit with most of my friends at football games as they are on the field. However, I have adjusted my game day schedule to fit in time with them. No tailgating for me. Instead, I drive Saint Mary's band girls to Notre Dame freakishly early in the morning and make my way to each and every Concert on the Steps.

Still, I can deal with eating dinner with my few friends not in band or accompanied with my trusty copy of The Observer if only because it means the senior show, our senior show, at this week's game will be amazing.

I have faith that it will be.

And to all my senior friends in band, as per my stalker tendencies at every other marchout and game during the last three years, you can rest assured that your last weekend performing at home will be well documented.

Thanks for a great two and a half years, guys.

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: WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION TO BRADY QUINN ON MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL?



Steve Simeonidis

senior
off-campus

"David Cavadini's comic, Domepiece pretty much sums it up."



Jane Lee

senior
PE

"It was 10 times better than I imagined it would be."



Joey Leary

senior
Dillon

"I realized I needed to go to the gym to up my Adonis status."



Brian DeSplinter

senior
Alumni

"It's inappropriate for publication."



Aidan Fitzgerald

junior
Knott

"In the words of Billy Madison, 'so hot — want to touch the hiney.'"



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

As many students bundled up in the snowy winter weather, at least one person decided to get creative and hang a bike from a tree Monday night.

OFFBEAT

Austrian city imposes tracksuit ban for cabbies

VIENNA, Austria — Cabs in the Austrian city of Salzburg just got classier: Drivers can no longer wear tracksuits. The new regulation took effect earlier this month in an attempt to improve the image of cabbies in a place known for its upmarket clientele.

Also new is a smoking restriction — for both cabbies and customers.

Peter Tutschku, a local taxi functionary, said Tuesday passengers have told drivers that cabs have to smell good.

Offenders could face fines.

Inmate who escaped returns to jail on own

PADUCAH, Ky. — Chad Toy's escape from jail wasn't what shocked his jailers; it was his plea to be let back in. "When I rang the bell at the jail and told them who I was, they were surprised," Toy told The Paducah (Ky.) Sun newspaper. "I guess they haven't seen that before."

Toy, 21, was in the McCracken County Regional Jail in western Kentucky awaiting trial on charges stemming from a

July home invasion. He's also serving a four-year sentence for theft.

Officials said he escaped early Monday while on a cleanup detail in the lobby. He bolted after a guard unlocked the front doors to clean trash from a breezeway.

But Toy returned that afternoon, wet and covered with grime. He told authorities his sister had persuaded him to surrender because his family feared for his safety.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Estampas Portenas, a tango group from Argentina, will dance at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center today at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for students and can be purchased online or at the Ticket Office.

This month's Evenings of Prayer from Around the World will feature Muslim prayer. The service will be held at 7 p.m. today in 330 Coleman-Morse. Students of all faith traditions are welcome to the Campus Ministry-sponsored event.

The College of Science is hosting a Planetarium Show Featuring Exoplanets in the Digital Visualization Theater in the Jordan Hall of Science at 8 and 9 p.m. Thursday. The event is free and will be followed by a question and answer session.

The Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show the film "Boy A" at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday. In the film, a man who committed a terrible crime as a child is released from jail as an adult into a world he has never been part of.

There will be a groundbreaking ceremony for Harper Hall, the new home of expanded medical and cancer research initiatives at the Indiana University School of Medicine - South Bend and Notre Dame, Friday at 10 a.m. adjacent to Raclin-Carmichael Hall on the corner of Angela Boulevard and Notre Dame Avenue.

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

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ND faculty member wins Emmy

Director of foundation relations is co-creator of animated television series

Special to The Observer

George Keegan, the University of Notre Dame's director of foundation relations, has an interesting connection to the famous inventor and businessman Thomas Edison, and that connection, as well as a similar entrepreneurial spirit, recently earned Keegan, of all things, an Emmy Award, the highest honor of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Keegan is co-creator of the animated television series "The Adventures of the Young Thomas Edison," which won the 2008 Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for Children/Youth/Teen Program or Special after airing on New Jersey Network Public Television. The show teaches creativity and innovation through the scientific method.

"I kept hearing about how science and math standards had been dropping," Keegan said. "And then I read a report that said if you don't capture students' interest in math and science by fifth grade, you've lost them for life. I wanted to make an impact by inspiring kids to ask questions and think differently. The series is something that parents have been looking for because it's completely different."

Keegan, accepted his "dream job" at Notre Dame in February, leaving behind a career that many people might consider the same thing. He served as the executive director of the Edison Innovation Foundation in Newark, N.J., which is committed to educating the next generation of great innovators through Edison and his Invention Factory. Keegan worked alongside his father John, chairman and president of the Charles Edison Fund, from which the foundation was created, and remains a

trustee of both the foundation and the fund.

The connection to the Edisons began with Keegan's father. A 1961 Notre Dame graduate, John Keegan was one of the attorneys who oversaw the estate of Edison's son Charles, who assisted his father in running the business, as well as serving as secretary of the Navy and governor of New Jersey. He didn't have any children, so he left all of his money to his estate for historical preservation, medical research and higher education. Currently valued at around \$200 million, the fund, incidentally, has a long history of support for science and engineering at Notre Dame.

A 1995 Notre Dame graduate, Keegan earned a master's degree through the University's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program, as well as an MBA from the University of Florida. After serving as the assistant fiscal manager for the Diocese of St. Augustine in Jacksonville, Fla., Keegan joined the Edison Innovation Foundation.

"Back in 1998, the board of the Charles Edison Fund felt Thomas Edison's legacy was not being preserved the way it should be," Keegan explained. "So, they set up the foundation to concentrate directly on his life and legacy and began a marketing campaign that would license Edison's name around the world."

Keegan's idea for the children's series and, consequently, its Emmy, has given the marketing campaign a huge boost, and he says the concept took root years before.

"When I was in business school I had a concentration in entrepreneurship and innovation, and that's when I really started talking to my father about

Edison and what he did," Keegan said. "Besides wanting to combine my two master's degrees in education and business, that's when the light bulb really went on for me." (No pun intended)

Keegan partnered with Randall Rossilli Jr., producer and founder of Nightstand Creations, and in 2006 his idea blossomed into a pilot. The pilot was produced in only nine months, which is unheard of in children's animation, and, as Keegan admits, "especially for two guys who have never had any producing experience."

Now, eight months after a "great opportunity presented itself" at Notre Dame, Keegan remains protective of "Young Thomas Edison." He still reviews all creative content for the show, which is committed to air next fall on participating PBS stations. The pilots already have airing commitments in New York, Mississippi and Florida, as well as New Jersey, and there are DVDs of each show, story books and animated music videos.

"It's surreal," Keegan said. "Everyone is kind of shocked that a pipe dream of one of their employees could be Emmy-worthy. It's a nice recognition, but, to me, what really needs to be done is to reintroduce Edison to the next generation of kids to allow them to think the way he thought."

Although he has "discussed the series with a lot of folks in Hollywood," Keegan doesn't want to sell out to someone who won't look after the initial purpose of the show, and he intends to stay at Notre Dame.

"The Emmy is simply a validation of a concept that I thought would work," he said. "I'm not planning to be the next Walt Disney. My skill set is more conducive to helping raise monies for Notre Dame."

Passion

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what's the risk for them," he said. "If there's no risk, they'll probably try it."

Although he had both a talent and passion for piano music, O'Neill said he declared a marketing major his junior year because he was still unsure about a career. However, he said a marketing degree is not essential to starting a business.

"I want to create an idea in your minds that you can do this to," he said. "It wasn't a degree that made this happen. It was hard work that made it happen."

He said the only interview

he had senior year was with Hallmark. During the interview, O'Neill said he was mainly thinking about how many of his CDs he could supply to Hallmark.

"I realized I didn't want to work at Hallmark," he said. "I wanted to do my own thing."

O'Neill's advice of "don't set goals" may seem counterintuitive. But he explained, "The reason why I say that is that I think when people set goals they get locked in on it."

A narrow focus on a particular set of goals can close you off to other opportunities, he said.

After graduating, O'Neill found himself mowing lawns for seven dollars an hour. He said although his dad

thought he was "crazy," he had long-term plans in mind.

Attending a craft show with his mother, O'Neill said he noticed a lack of music. He saw an opportunity and began playing music at craft shows while peddling his CDs, he said. On one weekend he sold eleven thousand dollars of music.

One of O'Neill's other tips was to "bring it to them." He said anyone with a product should not expect buyers to come to them. Instead, as he pointed out in the case of the craft shows, the person with the product should be persistent and assertive when marketing it.

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China

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in the world economy make it a very interesting and unique program to experience.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about the culture with course options such as Chinese Women and Society, Introduction to Buddhism and Chinese Art.

Along with taking classes, students on the trip will be immersed in the culture by way of a service learning project at an orphanage, she said.

The trip includes stops in the North and Eastern areas of China including Beijing, Xi'an, Datong, Nanjing, Pingyao and Shanghai.

Last year students visited the Yellow Mountain, but this upcoming program could feature a visit to the Silk Road, Yang said.

Other features of the program are the trips to the Soong Ching Ling Foundation, a children's

foundation, and meeting with Chinese college students.

Yang said she believes the requirement for the program is an interest in the Chinese culture because a specific GPA or language proficiency is not required for acceptance into the program.

Yang said the China program is unlike any other program a student could choose for their study abroad options.

"[It provides] an eye-opening experience for students who are curious about China and Asian countries," she said.

If you are interested in the China Summer Study Abroad program, you can visit the Web site <http://centerforwomeninleadership.org/global-education-/study-abroad/places-go/china-summer-program>.

There is also an informational session today in Conference rooms A and B in the Student Center.

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Upward

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barriers to higher education, according to the TRIO Web site.

According to the program's most recent newsletter, students learn through the four principles of dreams, decency, dignity and diligence.

The program is geared towards high school students, Coates said.

"We look for students who have the potential for college," she said.

Several University students, like junior Mike Padberg, went through the Upward Bound program during their high school career.

"The program was great for me," Padberg said. "It helped me stay on top of and complete my college and financial aid applications."

Padberg also said that the program allowed him to see the world beyond South Bend when he went on a Spring Break trip to Boston in his senior year of high school. Trips like that are one of the things Coates enjoys most about working with the program.

"My favorite part of the pro-

gram is exposing students to new and exciting things," Coates said. "Providing those opportunities is the best."

Two Notre Dame Upward Bound program graduates, seniors Thy Nguyen and Briana Miller, are graduating from Notre Dame this spring,

according to the newsletter.

"Briana and Thy are testaments to the success of Notre Dame Upward Bound," said the newsletter.

While Upward Bound receives federal funding, Coates said they have

fundraisers throughout the year to earn money. A portion of proceeds raised at these events goes to high school seniors in the program.

One of these fundraisers, the first annual Father Ted Fun Run held last Spring Fun Run raised \$5,000, enough to give 10 graduating high school seniors \$500 towards college, she said. The second Fun Run will be on April 26. Coates said she

hopes to raise at least \$10,000 again this year.

Upward Bound is also hosting a fundraiser at Strikes and Spares in Mishawaka on Nov. 29, Coates said.

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Seniors

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any problems," she said. "For the most part, students are pretty resourceful."

So far this year, the office has not encountered problems with seniors registering for the classes they need, Nemecek said.

Stuart Greene, Associate Dean for undergraduates in the College said only three students in the past two years have had to take summer school after senior year to receive their degree.

"Ideally we would have had zero, especially from the perspective of the one student who has to come back," he said. "We are being

"A student should be responsible, but we don't expect you to know everything we know, which is why we take all these extra steps."

Samuel Gaglio
Assistant dean
College of Business

proactive this year in making lists of students who have to still take requirements and contacting them."

Greene said there are several reasons why students would have remaining requirements to fulfill senior year.

"Half a dozen students get to be seniors and didn't take their college seminar or thought a course counted for their literature requirement, but it didn't," he said. "But we try every possible way to resolve it so the students can graduate."

Steven Buechler, an associate dean in the College of Science said graduation progress is watched very carefully for the science majors.

"We know for instance how many biology majors haven't

completed an ecology requirement," Buechler said. "Because we know the list of majors, the advisors keep track of what requirements haven't been satisfied."

Buechler said only about three or four students don't complete the required classes before graduation and have to then take summer school or an extra semester.

"Of the students that I can think of who had a requirement remaining, it wasn't because they couldn't get into classes, it was because they failed a class and had to drop one and just couldn't make it up in time," he said.

The occasional problems that do come up concern students who have an additional major in another College, Buechler said. However, these students are usually accommodated without problems by the deans in the other Colleges.

"We offer a Science Business major where they have to take business classes, and Business is very good about accommodating our students, but we have to

send them a list of students who need these classes to make sure they get in there," he said.

Buechler said his advice to students is to check regularly with their advisors to make sure they are completing all the necessary requirements.

"If students take responsibility for their degrees and layout their plans with their advisor, there won't be any trouble," he said.

Cathy Pieronek, a dean in the College of Engineering, said there have been no problems registering seniors for required classes. The College tracks students' progress before graduation in order to let students know which classes they still need to take, she said.

"We send [the students] an audit that we do manually

every summer before their graduation, so the seniors got the audits in the summer," Pieronek said.

"Beyond that, the departments are responsible for working with seniors to make sure they complete their requirements."

In the rare event that a student has to take summer school after senior year to receive their degree,

Pieronek said it is usually because the student failed a class in the spring semester.

"If a class is full and we need to make room so a student can finish, we will do that," she said. "But we do a really good job here of scheduling our classes in the first place so conflicts can't occur."

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Lawyers review Clinton for position

Attorneys hired by the Senator work with Obama transition team

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has engaged a team of prominent lawyers to help President-elect Barack Obama vet her candidacy for secretary of state even as some insiders criticized the pick and advisers to the former first lady said she was weighing whether to take the job if Obama offered it.

Attorneys Cheryl Mills, David Kendall and Robert Barnett are working with the Obama transition team to review information about the Clintons' background and finances, including Bill Clinton's post-presidential business deals and relationships with foreign governments. Bruce Lindsey, a longtime Clinton adviser who now heads the former president's charitable foundation, has taken a leadership role in the process, aides said.

All represented the Clintons on legal matters in the White House, including President Clinton's dalliance with intern Monica Lewinsky that led to his impeachment in 1998.

Officials knowledgeable about the vetting said it has gone smoothly and that both Clintons were cooperating fully.

Bill Clinton already has appeared to take an important step toward smoothing his wife's path to the job.

Democrats familiar with the negotiations said the former president has suggested he would step away from day-to-day responsibility for his foundation while his wife served and would alert the State Department to his speaking schedule and any new sources of income.

A top aide involved in the vetting said there was nothing obvious in the former president's dealings that would torpedo his wife's prospects for the job. The aide was not authorized to discuss the matter, and would speak only on background.

The aide pointed out that former President George H.W.

Bush has given paid speeches and participated in international business ventures since his son, George W. Bush, has been president without stirring public complaints about a conflict of interest.

But another Democrat who advised Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign warned that Bill Clinton's business arrangements were more complicated than many people realized. During the campaign, few of her senior strategists knew anything about the former president's business deals and whether they would hold up under scrutiny if she won the nomination, this person said. The adviser spoke on background, not authorized to speak publicly for Hillary Clinton's political operation.

It was unclear whether Bill Clinton has agreed to submit financial information to the transition team that has not been made public through recently filed tax forms for his foundation, Hillary Clinton's Senate disclosure requirements or during her campaign, when the couple released several years of joint tax returns.

For example, still unknown are the names of donors to Bill Clinton's foundation and presidential library or what he earns as a partner with Yucaipa Global Opportunities Fund, a private investment venture run by billionaire Ron Burkle, a close friend.

During his primary campaign against Hillary Clinton, Obama pressed the former president to name the donors to his library. Bill Clinton refused, saying many had given money on the condition that their names not be revealed. He promised to make the donors' names public going forward if his wife won the Democratic nomination.

The former president has engaged in other deals that could complicate his wife's work with foreign governments as secretary of state. Records show he raised

money for his foundation from the Saudi royal family, Kuwait, Brunei and the Embassy of Qatar, and from a Chinese Internet company seeking information on Tibetan human rights activists.

While many people familiar with the New York senator's thinking say she is inclined to take the secretary of state's job if it is offered, others say she is also considering the consequences of leaving the Senate, where she had hoped to take a leading role on health care reform and other issues.

"Would she be willing to give up her independent stature in the U.S. Senate, Robert F. Kennedy's seat, to be in the Cabinet? It will be a considerable decision for her," said Lanny Davis, a former Clinton adviser not involved in the vetting. "It's a completely different life than you lead in the Senate, where you are your own spokesperson, your own advocate. When you join the Cabinet of the president of the United States, that is no longer the case."

Clinton declined to discuss any part of the selection process Tuesday. "I've said everything I have to say on Friday," she said.

At the State Department, the prospect of Clinton as secretary is creating some anxiety among career foreign service officers worried that she would install her own loyalists and exclude them from policy making. Some at the State Department see her as a foreign policy lightweight, although there is grudging acknowledgment of her star power.

Others closer to the Obama camp have criticized Clinton's credentials for the job.

Greg Craig, a law school classmate of both Clintons who led President Clinton's defense team during his impeachment, wrote a blistering memo during the primary campaign attacking Hillary Clinton's claim to have brokered foreign policy deals during her husband's presidency.

SUDAN

Government seeks cease-fire agreement

Associated Press

EL FASHER — A senior commander of international peacekeepers in Darfur said Tuesday the mission is encouraging rebel groups to accept a government cease-fire offer — a task made difficult by recent violence.

Maj. Gen. Emmanuelle Karenzi, deputy commander of the joint U.N.-African Union peacekeeping mission, said an investigation is under way into conflicting claims by the government and rebels over who is to blame for recent violence in northern Darfur, but he said the violence should not derail a cease-fire.

"It is unfortunate," Karenzi said in his office at UNAMID headquarters in El Fasher. "But ... if the people have been fighting and one of the parties just declares a cease-fire, it is not like you are switching on and off your lights in the house. You will have incidents like this."

Rebels took up arms in Sudan's western Darfur region in 2003, citing neglect and marginalization by the central government. So far 300,000 people have died and 2.7 million have been displaced.

Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir announced last week that his government is seeking a cease-fire as part of a peace initiative. But new accusations of violence highlighted the volatility of the situation in Darfur where many cease-fires have come and gone.

Over the weekend, rebel groups said government planes bombed an area along a major northern road and a base along the border with Chad. Government officials said they were responding to a rebel attack on a relief convoy. It was not possible to independently verify the disparate claims.

Karenzi said his mission is keeping an eye on the situation on the ground and doesn't believe the fighting means a cease-fire is now out of the question.

Meanwhile, both the Sudanese government and rebel groups in Darfur came under criticism in a report Tuesday by a panel of four independent experts tasked by a U.N. committee monitoring sanctions to assess the situation. The committee said it will study the 93-page report and deliver its review to the Security Council.

The report painted a grim picture of combatants stepping up the violence in Darfur while expanding their attacks elsewhere in Sudan and across the border into Chad.

Offensive military overflights, which are supposed to be banned, are also continuing with impunity, it said. The panel said both sides have also flagrantly violated a U.N. arms embargo.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Stem cells used in new procedure

LONDON — Doctors have given a woman a new windpipe with tissue grown from her own stem cells, eliminating the need for anti-rejection drugs.

"This technique has great promise," said Dr. Eric Genden, who did a similar transplant in 2005 at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. That operation used both donor and recipient tissue. Only a handful of windpipe, or trachea, transplants have ever been done.

If successful, the procedure could become a new standard of treatment, said Genden, who was not involved in the research.

The results were published online Wednesday in the medical journal, *The Lancet*.

The transplant was given to Claudia Castillo, a 30-year-old Colombian mother of two living in Barcelona, suffered from tuberculosis for years. After a severe collapse of her left lung in March, Castillo needed regular hospital visits to clear her airways and was unable to take care of her children.

Israeli tanks raze Gaza farmlands

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli tanks pushed into the southern Gaza Strip on Tuesday, drawing mortar fire from Palestinian militants and intensifying violence that has chipped away at a tenuous cease-fire.

Israel and Gaza's ruling Islamic militant Hamas movement have been trading fire for two weeks after nearly five months of relative quiet. The violence comes as the Egyptian-negotiated truce that began June 19 is due to expire next month, and both sides might be trying to dictate more favorable terms in anticipation of the agreement's renewal.

NATIONAL NEWS

Nebraska alters safe haven law

LINCOLN — Nebraska lawmakers gave preliminary approval Tuesday to a new 30-day age limit for children who can be legally abandoned under the state's safe-haven law.

The restriction is designed to stop parents and guardians from using the law to drop off older children at Nebraska hospitals.

The state's safe-haven law is the only one in the country without an age limit and has led to the drop-off of 34 children — none of them infants — since July.

Supporters say the age limit would reflect the original intent of the law — to prevent newborns from being abandoned in trash bins or worse.

Man charged for friend's murder

INGRAM, Texas — A wealthy retiree opened his three-story lake home to an out-of-work mechanic he had befriended, then was murdered and his possessions plundered, according to indictments against the mechanic and 15 other people.

The mechanic, Charles Lee Tidwell, 46, and another man were indicted on murder charges Monday in the death of retired investment banker 52-year-old Allan Kowalski. Fourteen people, mostly friends and family of Tidwell, were indicted on theft charges and related crimes.

LOCAL NEWS

Woman sues BMV over license plate

INDIANAPOLIS — A woman is suing the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles for refusing to issue a personalized license plate with the words "BE GODS."

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court on Monday, the same day the Indiana Court of Appeals upheld the constitutionality of the state's "In God We Trust" license plate. However, the BMV prohibits vanity plates referring to race, religion, deity, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or political party.

Obama enthusiastic about Holder

Transition team begins testing waters for in Senate confirmation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama's top choice for attorney general is Eric Holder, a former No. 2 Justice Department official in the Clinton administration and Obama campaign aide who would become the first African American to serve as the nation's chief lawyer.

The Obama transition team has gone so far as to ask senators whether they would confirm Holder, who reviewed Clinton's controversial pardon of fugitive Marc Rich just leaving office, an Obama official and people close to the matter said Tuesday.

But the Obama official said the decision has not been finalized, and transition spokesmen said no decision has been made.

Holder did not return messages seeking comment Tuesday. Asked Monday by The Associated Press whether he expected to be nominated, he responded in an e-mail: "Who knows?"

In the past week, Obama aides have asked Senate Republicans whether they would support Holder. In particular, the aides questioned whether Holder's confirmation would be delayed because of his involvement in the 2001 pardon of Rich.

One person involved in the talks said the Obama team has received some assurances that, while the pardon would certainly come up during hearings, the nomination likely wouldn't be held up.

All spoke on condition of anonymity to describe private conversations.

Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the pardon "would be a factor to consider."

"I wouldn't want to articulate it among the top items but it's worthwhile to look at," he told reporters.



On June 25, 2008 Eric Holder walked with Caroline Kennedy on Capitol Hill in Washington. Holder is Obama's top choice to be the next attorney general.

Asked if Holder would be a good choice for attorney general, Specter said it was too soon to say.

"I know something of Holder's work in the Clinton administration and that's about it," he said. "I'd have to take a much closer look at his record and talk to him and think about it."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., had not been informed about Holder, his spokeswoman said.

On the last day of Clinton's term, Holder, then the deputy attorney general, was asked whether Clinton should pardon Rich, a wealthy commodities dealer who had spent years running from tax charges. Holder said he was "neutral, leaning toward favorable" on the pardon. Clinton later cited that as among the fac-

tors that persuaded him to issue the pardon.

Holder has publicly apologized for what he said was a snap decision that he should have paid more attention to. Had he taken more time to review the case, he would have advised against a pardon, he said.

Holder, 57, also a former judge and U.S. attorney in Washington, is widely respected in legal circles and among Justice Department career lawyers. He has been on Obama's short list to be attorney general since before the election, and already has had private conversations about how he would run the department.

One of his top priorities, according to a person familiar with his thinking, is to rebuild the department's reputation after its fiercely independent image was tar-

nished by charges of political meddling by the White House during the Bush administration.

For that reason, Holder has been reluctant to lobby for the attorney general's post for fear the Rich pardon would invite a bloody nomination process and further strain the department's credibility, this person said.

Holder has been one of Obama's most trusted advisers. He was a member of the team that helped select Sen. Joe Biden as Obama's running mate. The two have known each other only briefly, however, after meeting at a dinner party four years ago.

Holder has other deep ties to Obama's team. Holder's wife, an obstetrician, delivered incoming White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel's daughter.

PUERTO RICO

Evidence found in Holloway case

Associated Press

SAN JUAN — A new witness has come forward in the 2005 disappearance of American teenager Natalee Holloway in Aruba, and prosecutors said Tuesday they are seeking more evidence against the only remaining suspect.

A woman told Dutch police this month that Joran van der Sloot confessed to her years ago that he was involved in Holloway's disappearance, according to Ann Angela, a spokeswoman for the Aruba Prosecutors' Office.

But the Dutch Caribbean island's chief prosecutor said authorities still

lack proof they need to convict Van der Sloot, who has been arrested twice and released for lack of evidence.

"After three years of investigating, it is very, very difficult to find that evidence," prosecutor Hans Mos told The Associated Press. "We have to be realistic."

Holloway, an 18-year-old from Mountain Brook, Alabama, was last seen in May 2005 leaving a bar in the Aruban capital Oranjestad with Van der Sloot on the final night of a high school graduation trip to the island. Extensive searches have found no trace of her.

Investigators reopened the case

earlier this year based on hidden-camera recordings made by a Dutch TV crime show. On the video, Van der Sloot says Holloway collapsed on the beach after they left the bar and that he called a friend to dump her body at sea.

The new witness, once a friend of Van der Sloot, confirmed that he gave her roughly the same account shortly after Holloway's disappearance. But Mos said her statement does not bring authorities any closer to resolving the case.

He also said the witness would lack credibility in court unless she explains why she waited so long to come forward.

ENGLAND

Officials consider prostitution ban

Associated Press

LONDON — The British government wants to make it illegal to pay for sex and is considering a plan to "name and shame" men who visit prostitutes — a move critics say would turn back the clock to Victorian times.

The sex trade is already heavily restricted in Britain, unlike in many of its European neighbors where prostitution and solicitation are tolerated in some form. Denmark has even decriminalized the business.

But Britain wants to go its own way, marking yet another foray into human foibles by a government many people call overly moralistic.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown, the son of a Presbyterian minister, has already backed a series of sin taxes on alcohol and cigarettes, called for tougher drug laws and scrapped plans for Britain's first Las Vegas-style casino.

Officials say there is also a need for a crackdown on prostitution.

"Basically, if it means fewer people are able to go out and pay for sex I think that would be a good thing," Home Secretary Jacqui Smith told The Guardian newspaper over the weekend, ahead of the government's announcement of the plan's details Wednesday.

Any changes will have to be approved by Parliament, where Brown's Labour Party has a 63-seat majority. Debate is expected next month.

The proposal would make paying for sex illegal and carry additional penalties for men who have sex with women forced into prostitution, the Home Office said. But it declined to give details on fines and other penalties before the formal announcement.

Men who frequent prostitutes could also be identified publicly, as they are in the London borough of Lambeth, where police send warning letters to the homes of drivers whose license plate numbers are caught on closed-circuit television picking up street walkers.

In addition, the plan would make it a criminal offense to pay for sex with a prostitute "controlled for another person's gain" and could bring rape charges against men who knowingly paid for sex with a woman forced to work as a prostitute.

Under current laws in England and Wales, it is illegal to loiter and sell sex on the streets or elsewhere in public. Keeping a brothel is unlawful, but a lone woman selling sex inside is not. Similarly, paying for sex is legal. But solicitation in public — commonly known as "curb crawling" — is not.

Some 80,000 prostitutes are

estimated to be working in Britain, the same as during the Victorian Age — an era when a raft of laws were enacted in a vain effort to curb the flourishing sex trade. These days, cards advertising purports escort services and erotic sites on the Web are plastered inside the country's iconic red telephone booths.

Sex workers criticized the government's proposal. They said they might be put at greater risk if they had to ply their trade in remote neighborhoods or to work alone.

"The plan is puritanical," said Cari Mitchell, spokeswoman for the English Collective of Prostitutes.

"If they make solicitation illegal and start outing clients, men are going to be more nervous and women will be forced to make hasty decisions to survive economically. As Britain and the rest of the world face dire economic circumstances, the government should try to help women rather than make things harder."

Britain made global headlines in 2006 when a man murdered five prostitutes in Ipswich, about 70 miles northeast of London. Recent headlines, however, have focused on police raids on brothels where women from eastern Europe, Asia and Africa have been forced into the sex trade.

There is growing debate on whether a crackdown would lessen violence or cut down on human trafficking.

Scottish cities such as Edinburgh used to have "tolerance zones" where prostitutes were allowed to work freely.

But when the zones were scrapped in several cities years ago and curb crawling was made illegal, reported attacks on sex workers increased because prostitutes were forced to work in more isolated areas, according to the Scottish Prostitutes Education Project, which represents workers in the sex industry.

In the Pacific nation of New Zealand, where prostitution was decriminalized in 2003, sex workers said the change has given women greater legal protection.

"I do think it's extraordinary that the U.K. is considering such a dreadful turn," Catherine Healy, national coordinator for New Zealand's Prostitutes Collective, told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "We know from a lot of research ... that sex workers in this country are feeling much safer, better protected."

The Home Office said the government's plan was put together after top officials visited Sweden, where selling sex is legal but paying for it is not. Norway plans to introduce similar legislation.

Governor holds climate summit

Schwarzenegger opens conference with taped message from Obama

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger opened his international climate change summit on Tuesday by upstaging himself with an even bigger political star — President-elect Barack Obama.

Schwarzenegger, a Republican whose efforts to combat global warming in California have generated worldwide acclaim, wants to show that governments can balance environmental protection and economic growth. He hopes his summit will influence negotiations over a new climate treaty during a U.N. gathering in Poland next month.

In a taped message to attendees, Obama said his administration is committed to a cause that has all but languished at the federal level during the term of President George W. Bush.

"Once I take office, you can be sure that the United States will once again engage vigorously in these negotiations and help lead the world toward a new era of global cooperation on climate change," Obama said.

U.N. negotiators have a December 2009 deadline to complete the next global warming treaty, which would succeed the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. That treaty, which expires in 2012, does not include the U.S. or China — the world's largest emitters.

Negotiators want to cut in half the amount of carbon dioxide discharged into the atmosphere from transportation, industry and power gen-

eration by mid-century.

In his roughly four-minute address to Schwarzenegger's conference, Obama said the U.S. economy would continue to weaken if climate change and dependence on foreign oil are left unaddressed.

He reiterated his support for cutting greenhouse gas emissions using a cap-and-trade system, an approach also favored by Schwarzenegger. Obama said he would establish annual targets to reduce emissions to their 1990 levels by 2020 and reduce them another 80 percent by 2050.

Obama also promoted anew his proposal to invest \$15 billion each year to support private-sector efforts toward clean energy. He said tackling climate change can create millions of new jobs as the U.S. invests in technologies to promote solar and wind power, biofuels and cleaner coal-fired plants.

"I promise you this: When I am president, any governor who's willing to promote clean energy will have a partner in the White House," Obama told the participants. "Any company that's willing to invest in clean energy will have an ally in Washington. And any nation that's willing to join the cause of combating climate change will have an ally in the United States of America."

Scientists say the kind of ambitious goals set by Schwarzenegger and Obama must be reached to minimize the consequences of rising global temperatures.

The U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has said temperatures worldwide could increase between 4

degrees and 11 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100 unless nations reduce their emissions.

Just how countries will cut emissions remains a topic of intense debate, especially as the world grapples with the worsening financial crisis. U.S. and foreign businesses, as well as some European countries, have questioned whether cutting emissions will be too costly.

Schwarzenegger said states, provinces and countries can cut emissions by forming partnerships, as he has done as governor.

"I still have friends in the business world that come to me and say that this is going to hurt the economy," Schwarzenegger said in his opening remarks. "But of course, we believe very strongly it is going to help the economy."

Schwarzenegger has signed partnerships with governors of seven Western states and four Canadian provinces to develop regional cap-and-trade systems. He also has an agreement with the state of New York to explore linking California's future carbon market with a trading system in the Northeast.

The governor also has signed agreements with the United Kingdom and Australia's premier in Victoria to combat climate change.

Schwarzenegger addressed attendees from 19 other countries and 17 states. He announced the conference in September and sent out some 1,400 invitations to regional government representatives, scientists, policy experts and industry representatives.

21 minors in protective custody

Founder of evangelical group faces federal child sex charges

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK — State officials on Tuesday took into protective custody 21 children associated with an evangelical group whose founder faces federal child sex charges.

The children, all younger than 18 and part of the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries, were taken while custody hearings were being held for six girls seized during a September raid of Alamo's compound in Fouke, in southwest Arkansas. The court must decide whether the girls should be returned to their parents or remain in state care.

Authorities took three children into custody Tuesday at the courthouse in Texarkana, 130 miles southwest of Little Rock. Police seized the other 18 children from two vans during a traffic stop, said Julie Munsell, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Human Services. She said she didn't know why the children were in the vans or where they were headed, and she declined to elaborate on the court order, which cites allegations of neglect and physical abuse as the reason for the seizures.

On Monday, a 14-year-old girl taken by the state during the September raid testified that Alamo molested her, counted a number of young girls as his

wives, and coached her and others to say they weren't touched improperly or beaten.

She said Alamo crept up behind her while she was showering, held his hand over her mouth and sexually molested her. She said Alamo warned her to keep quiet, saying if she didn't, she'd be beaten by a man who witnesses have described as Alamo's enforcer.

Alamo, 74, is charged with two counts of transporting a juvenile across state lines for sex, once in 2004 and again the following year. The preacher, listed in court documents by his real name, Bernie Lazar Hoffman, has pleaded not guilty to the federal charges, each of which carries a sentence of 10 years to life in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. He is in jail in Texarkana awaiting trial, which is set to begin in February.

Alamo has preached that the Bible allows young girls to marry once they reach puberty but has said he didn't adopt the practice.

His attorney, John Wesley Hall Jr., said Tuesday he doubts Alamo can get a fair trial in Texarkana because of the media scrutiny surrounding the case. He said Alamo is an easy target in the child welfare hearings because Alamo is in jail and can't attend the hearings.

"Tony Alamo is not able to be

there to defend himself, not able to cross-examine these people, which is a fundamental right," Hall said.

The 14-year-old girl, who spent much of her time in Alamo's organization in Fort Smith, testified that Alamo coached her and others to say they weren't sexually molested or beaten, and said Alamo recorded interviews with the girls to document the statements.

"Tony told us what he was going to ask us and what we were supposed to say," the girl testified.

The girl reiterated claims by witnesses at a bond hearing last month, including that Alamo had taken several young girls as wives.

She listed eight names, including Alamo's legal wife, Sharon Alamo, as being the "sisters in the house" at Alamo's residence in Fouke, where she said she lived for a time.

"They all wear wedding rings. They go into his room at night and close the door. They're the only ones that do that," said the girl, who said she lived for a time at Alamo's Fouke residence.

An 18-year-old man testified about being beaten several times by Alamo's alleged enforcer, and said he'd also watched his sister get beaten.

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NASDAQ	1,483.27	+1.22	
NYSE	5,365.66	+42.30	
S&P 500	859.12	+8.37	
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	8,328.41	0.00	
FTSE 100 (London)	4,208.55	+76.39	

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	+1.88	+1.61	87.08
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-0.11	-0.03	28.34
FINANCIAL SEL (XLF)	-1.43	-0.17	11.75
CITIGROUP INC (C)	-5.96	-0.53	8.36

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-4.04	-0.15	3.53
13-WEEK BILL	+22.22	+0.02	0.11
30-YEAR BOND	-1.47	-0.06	4.14
5-YEAR NOTE	-4.77	-0.11	2.19

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CANADIAN DOLLAR		1.2320	
BRITISH POUND		0.6686	

IN BRIEF

Bush to open holiday air travel space

WASHINGTON — The government is opening some military airspace to ease airline congestion over Thanksgiving and Christmas, though the effort is likely to have only limited results. And if the weather's bad, all bets are off.

President George W. Bush announced Tuesday that he's expanding the Thanksgiving express lanes this year to include military air corridors in the Midwest, the Southwest and the West Coast. That's in addition to the East Coast corridors, which were also freed up for holiday traffic last year.

The military uses the space for exercises, but often makes some available to commercial planes on an ad hoc basis.

Dems won't revisit oil and gas ban

WASHINGTON — House Democrats have no interest in restoring the broad ban on oil and gas development off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts but will seek to "delineate areas available for drilling" when Congress returns next year, the second-ranking Democrat in the House said Tuesday.

Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland made clear in remarks at the National Press Club that some limits on offshore drilling will be pursued.

Congress in October ended a quarter-century ban on drilling in 85 percent of the nation's offshore federal waters from New England to the Pacific Northwest.

"Nobody is suggesting that we return to the same position (of an across-the-board ban)," said Hoyer, saying that no proposals are being made to reinstate the 26-year-old ban on drilling in Atlantic and Pacific federal waters.

But Hoyer said that "there will be real discussion on the parameters on which drilling will be pursued."

President-elect Barack Obama has said he would support some limited expansion of offshore oil and natural gas development if states adjacent to that offshore drilling approve and if it is part of a broader energy plan aimed at moving the country toward greater use of alternative, nonfossil energy sources and greater efficiency.

Big 3 carmakers want \$25 billion

Automakers seek large bailout from reluctant Congress to stem economic problems

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Detroit's Big Three automakers pleaded with a reluctant Congress Tuesday for a \$25 billion lifeline to save the once-proud titans of U.S. industry, pointedly warning of a national economic catastrophe should they collapse.

Millions of layoffs would follow their demise, they said, as damaging effects rippled across an already-faltering economy.

But the new rescue plan appeared stalled on Capitol Hill, opposed by the Bush administration and Republicans in Congress who don't want to dip into the Treasury Department's \$700 billion financial bailout program to come up with the \$25 billion in loans.

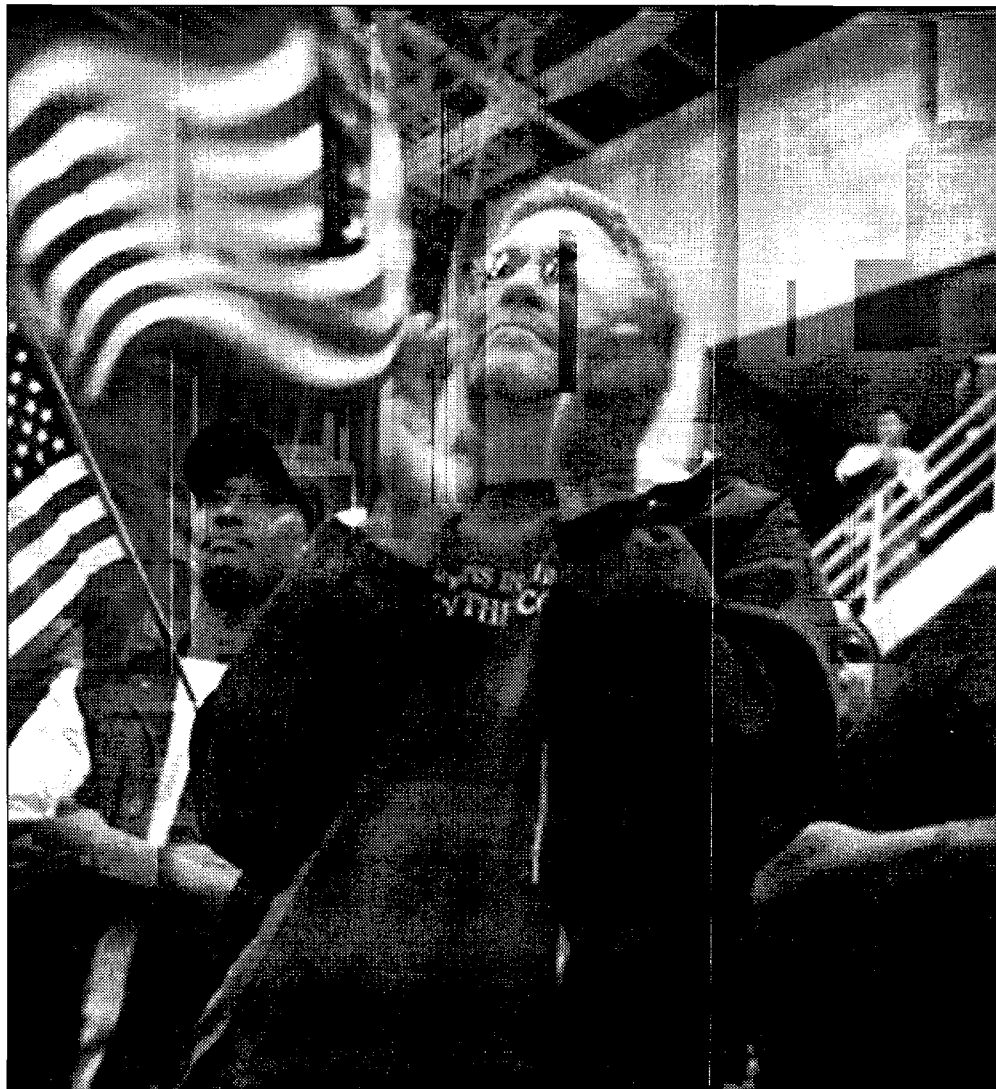
Rank and file Republicans and Democrats from states heavily impacted by the auto industry worked behind the scenes trying to hammer out a compromise that could speed some aid to the automakers before year's end. But it was an uphill fight.

"Our industry ... needs a bridge to span the financial chasm that has opened up before us," General Motors Corp. CEO Rick Wagoner told the Senate Banking Committee. He blamed the industry's predicament not on management failures but on the deepening global financial crisis.

And Robert Nardelli, CEO of Chrysler LLC, told the panel the bailout would be "the least costly alternative" when compared with damage from bankruptcy.

Under questioning from skeptical senators, both said they'd be willing to consider slashing their salaries to \$1 to show a willingness to sacrifice for federal help.

Sympathy for the industry was sparse, however, with bailout fatigue dominating Capitol Hill. Lawmakers bristled with pent-up criticism of the auto industry, and questioned whether a stopgap loan would really



GM employees listen during a "Support The U.S. Auto Industry Rally" at the General Motors Assembly Plant in Arlington, Texas, on Tuesday.

cure what ails the companies.

At the start of a more than four hour grilling before his committee, Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., told the leaders of GM, Chrysler and Ford Motor Co. that the industry was "seeking treatments for wounds that I believe to a large extent were self-inflicted."

"You're asking an awful lot," Dodd, the panel chairman, said at the close of the session. "I'd like to tell that you in the next couple of days this is going to happen. I don't think it is."

Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., complained that the larger financial crisis "is not the only reason why the domestic auto industry is in trou-

ble."

He cited "inefficient production" and "costly labor agreements" that put the U.S. automakers at a disadvantage to foreign companies.

Ford CEO Alan Mulally told senators the auto industry was "a pillar of our economy."

GM's Wagoner refuted criticism that his company was not keeping pace with the times, saying it had been on the brink of a turnaround before the financial meltdown hit, reducing sales to the lowest per-capita level since World War II.

Failure of the auto industry "would be catastrophic," he said, resulting in three million jobs lost within the

first year and "economic devastation (that) would far exceed the government support that our industry needs to weather the current crisis."

Chrysler's Nardelli sought to respond to those who suggest the automakers seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, as have some airlines that later emerged restructured and leaner.

"We just cannot be confident that we will be able to successfully emerge from bankruptcy," Nardelli said.

Chrysler was bailed out by the federal government once before, in 1979, with \$1.2 billion in loan guarantees. The company repaid the loan, plus interest, ahead of schedule.

Market rebounds in turbulent session

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street rebounded Tuesday in another turbulent session, as investors rushed back into the market after the Standard & Poor's 500 index tested a 2003 low.

The market, which had been down four of the past five sessions, has been volatile amid worries about how long a recession might be. That's driven many retail investors to the sidelines, while big institutional traders like hedge funds keep major stock indexes vacillating.

That was the case on Tuesday as stocks rallied in the final hour of trading. At least some of the buying

was because fund managers whose portfolios are tied to the S&P 500 had to find a replacement for Anheuser-Busch Cos. The brewer was officially removed from trading at the market's close after its takeover by Belgium's InBev SA was completed.

Investors also used the market's big drop earlier in the session as chance to scoop up undervalued stocks. There was some encouragement about corporate earnings after Hewlett-Packard Co. said fourth quarter and 2009 results will sail past Wall Street expectations.

But still underpinning the market were concerns that the economy has fallen into a recession that could be

the worst downturn in more than two decades. A disappointing reading on wholesale prices and the housing market only confirmed this.

The Labor Department reported that wholesale prices plunged a record amount in October, a drop that could indicate a rising threat of deflation. Meanwhile, homebuilders' confidence in a near-term housing recovery sank to a new all-time low this month, according to the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo housing market index. NAHB Chairman Sandy Dunn said the report "shows that we are in a crisis situation."

Analysts said the market continues to search for a much-elusive bottom.

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The scribbling of the damned

When I pulled out a notebook in Russian class the other day, I happened to open it, accidentally, from the back. As I flipped through it backwards to get out of the random notes and reach the pages most relevant to Russian, an Irish classmate, Faith, happened to glance over.

"Okay," She said. "I just saw the word hell there, in really big letters, right next to a black scribble."

"Oh..." My cheeks went hot. I'd taken the notes in question at the International Students' You'd-Better-Turn-In-Your-Final-Essays-On-Time-Or-Else Meeting. "Um, I'm a compulsive doodler."

"Me, too," Faith said. "Only I draw girls. I like drawing them with really big skirts."

Actually, I do as well. I just tend to scribble over them afterward. But right I needed to clarify a more pressing matter with Faith.

"And that was a note telling myself to get the hell on with my papers."

Of course by then all ten members of the class were listening, so everyone laughed. One person said, "Wow, what a nice thing to write to yourself."

And yes, I suppose, in the great crunch of finals season, we can probably find less abrasive means of self-motivation.

But be honest. There's no way I'm the only student in the world of university culture who's beginning to feel, as the last of the fall semester slips by, that they're heading straight to hell, in really big letters, next to a black scribble.

You may have read, in previous Observers, about the slightly misnamed National Novel Writing Month. If not, then the basic premise is that a bunch of us wannabe fiction writers from

around the world get together on a relevant message board and spend several weeks commiserating about subplots that grow out of nowhere and characters who hook up with each other without our permission. In the midst of all this, each of us are striving, or at least attempting to strive, to finish a 50,000 word novel within the month of November.

I am only an attempter. My "novel" is very far behind, in terms of both length and plot, though I've written a significant amount (14,000 words, and the focal character has still not put in her appearance). The project is, at the moment, my most time consuming extracurricular, and I can't even make it consume time productively.

Meanwhile the end of the term creeps up. The remaining weeks on the syllabi are few. Starbucks is playing Christmas music (though, here in Dublin, not advertising peppermint mochas). And yet the "NaNoWriMo" crunch, and the paper and final crunch, remains.

You feel it, too. You have your winter weight training, your thrice a week 7 a.m. shifts at North Dining Hall, and your constant rehearsals that leave strains of "Hallelujah" circling around in your head all through Microbiology. And, too, you have your three papers due the Monday after Thanksgiving, the first of five sections of your Arcane Economics in Japanese final scheduled for the first week of December, and half a textbook's worth of B/C Calc to catch up on before zero hour. Oh, and yeah. There's that thesis outline to start thinking about, too.

Each day of this may be a struggle: there may be constant pressure from all sides, and a distinct feeling that you may never escape it all, never leave your desk or the dish line, never step off the bus on a snowy evening, see the family car idling at the curb, and

scratch your dog's ears as you are welcomed back into a house scented with pine and hot chocolate. You may feel as though that unwritten 20-page Philosophy of Lost Civilizations research paper may be forever hanging over your head like a black scribble, just as I feel that I'll never manage a scholarly essay on The Exorcist in time to flee to England, gather with my family, and enjoy unwisely large quantities of the Christmas Cake my aunt and I baked last week.

Hell, in really big letters? Almost.

The funny thing is, though, the capacity we all have to survive. Of course, unless you're very creative, a Works Cited page can't kill you, and neither can the paper attached to it. Everything on earth is finite, including our own stress.

We are, and always have been, stronger than the things that pressure us now. We will remember that, and remain active and productive. We will study, write, sing, lift our way through these next few weeks. We will do what we can for stress relief, make the best of every difficulty, and enjoy what happiness comes our way in the meantime. We will not be burnt out, so to speak, nor scribbled over, by "Hell."

We will remember exactly what "hell" is, and find a Faith to keep it in perspective for us.

Mine makes second-year Russian a lot more fun.

Katherine Khorey is an English major and Russian minor spending her junior year abroad at Trinity College, Dublin. Had she been at Notre Dame this year, however, she would have totally gone to Andrew Miller's showing of My Fair Lady, and is now singing show tunes from across the ocean.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Always remember others may hate you but those who hate you don't win unless you hate them. And then you destroy yourself."

Richard M. Nixon
former U.S. president

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Tropic Thunder' OK

I have been blessed with having known my mentally disabled Aunt Susan for my entire life, as well as having my life enriched by working with disabled children in the past, so I agree with Lindsey McMahon that the r-word can be a hurtful word. However, I find that her ensuing indignation of "Tropic Thunder" is more than a little unfair, since she has never seen the film.

Rather than priding herself with having been offended by a movie she has never seen, McMahon could have saved herself the effort of expressing her outrage by actually doing some research on the subject of her Viewpoint letter. Had she actually seen "Tropic Thunder" she might have discovered that the film does not insult the mentally disabled.

The purpose of the film is to lampoon Hollywood. In it, Ben Stiller depicts a bad actor starring as a mentally disabled character in an equally bad film. This is not meant as a slight at the mentally disabled. Far from it. It is more meant as a parody of dramatic movies, whose depictions of the mentally disabled are well-meaning, but poorly executed, with the end result of reinforcing negative stereotypes of these people.

McMahon would do well to understand the difference in fiction between the voice of an author and the voice of a character. It appears that she has legitimate disagreements with particular characters in the film, but since the film sets out to ridicule these same characters, I would suggest that McMahon and the creators of "Tropic Thunder" are on the same page. Using her logic, the "Dark Knight" should never have been played at St. Mary's, since the character of Joker involves himself in numerous activities that would not be condoned by the Catholic Church.

In short, in the future, don't be so hard on movies you haven't even seen, because you may be depriving yourself of a valuable experience.

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Nov. 17

Union needed and welcome

Does America need unions? Yes. Despite the nasty stories many people will tell about unions, the truth is that unions are necessary to America's well-being. Unions understand the dignity of human labor, and furthermore, they actually respect it. Union workers, according to the Bureau of Labor

Statistics, consistently make 30 percent higher wages than non-union workers. From a theological perspective, "Workers not only want fair pay, they also want to share in the responsibility and creativity of the very work process. The want to feel that they are working for themselves — an awareness that is smothered in a bureaucratic system where they only feel themselves to be 'cogs' in a huge machine moved from above." (John Paul II, *Laborem Exercens*)

Please understand this is not an attack on capitalism, on neither JPII's part nor mine. Of course I would agree that an employer has the right to run his or her business the way they see fit. I have a problem when the employer takes too many shortcuts to save a penny, and stops treating the person who cleans the floors as a fellow human being. We can call it "corporate greed," when CEO's are making 262 times what their lowest-paid employee makes (in 2005). This is not "sharing in the responsibility and creativity of the work process," this is not solidarity; it is creating a culture of fear and resentment.

Unfortunately, Notre Dame is no exception. It is supposedly the best place to work in the region, but stories from the workers here are enough to convince anyone otherwise. There are people on this campus that weren't paid for those extra hours, people who have been working here 10 years or more and still treated like temporary workers without extra benefits. One of the greatest advantages to working at Notre Dame is that one's child can go to school for free; however, Executive Vice President John Affleck Graves cites that Notre Dame doesn't need to pay a living wage because many employees are single (2006). Where is the benefit?

Sixty-million nonunion workers would form a union, if they could, according to a recent poll by the AFL-CIO. Again, Notre Dame workers are no exception. What's stopping them? The administration of our Catholic university should be first to welcome a union on campus, but this will not happen until the support of students, professors, and alumni are behind the idea, which will enable workers to speak up without fear of being fired. I urge everyone to find a CLAP member and sign a yellow "union welcome" card. It's time we recognize the dignity of work, not just in CST or Theo classes but in action. It's time we let our workers share in the responsibility, creativity, and success of our great university.

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Nov. 12

You talkin' bout Christmas?

Can you feel it? The collective kinetic pulse, the palpable hue of anticipation for a certain such holiday? No, I am not talking about the feast day of Saint Andre Dung Lac on Nov. 25 or even Thanksgiving. That's right, it's Christmas season.

As I am lambasted by the oncoming horde of Christmas 2008 (and probably a little from 2009 already), I lament this premature onslaught. What is the limit as "X-mas" approaches "infinity" on a scale of anticipation and preemption?

Any uttering of Christmas before Turkey Day used to be considered anathema, but now even the revered Holy Day of Halloween has been diluted by talk of the faraway Season of Cheer.

Look, I enjoy Mariah Carey's gusto-filled rendition of the "All I Want for Christmas Is You" as much as the next guy, but I feel like I've been hit in the upper cranium by a sock (most likely a gift from Aunt Tabitha) filled with newly-minted state quarters. It's too much too soon. Next thing you know, Ebenezer Scrooge will be sporting swim trunks or finding a Christmas tree will be a

Fourth of July festivities.

Radical measures need to be taken. Much as like Gandalf was the last hope for stopping the Balrog from crossing the Bridge of Khazad Dum, we faithful Catholics must stop this temporal encroachment now! Seeing as how overcommercialization has pushed "90 percent Off All Scented Yankee Candles" back into the Stone Age, I propose a return to the barter system or possibly experimenting with communism (Obama's not enough).

Something needs to be done, because there is no way Christmas Cheer can stretch this long. It's like trying to spread a slab of butter on a piece of toast the size of Adrien Brody's schnoz. So, I beg thy, do not festoon your rooms yet, but wait until ... December 24? ... Please

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Nov. 13

The hook-up culture

Dear six guys I've hooked-up with this semester, Thank you for the hook-up. It was ... decent. From my experience, it was a typical freshman year hook-up.

Some of you shamelessly lead me on, while with others it just sort of happened. Obviously, I wanted it too because I definitely didn't stop you. In fact I love to kiss boys, my roommates and I refer to it as "my hobby."

Yes, the hook-up itself was fine, but afterwards we've run into a problem. The problem is the dining hall, at parties, the quad, and in class. It's the way that you look at me, with that awkward stare that makes me want to scream "Yes we did hookup once and no we haven't talked since then!" Other times we see each other and you quickly dart your eyes to avoid eye contact or suddenly become enthralled in conversation with the nearest object. To be fair, I think I may have gotten a "hey" from one or two of you before (it's been a while though, so forgive me if my memory isn't perfect).

What about my number, did you ask for it just as a matter of course? Is it your way of saying, "Thanks for the hook-up, can I have your number so that I can delay your realization that we are never going to speak again?" Well it worked, I gave every one of you my number and haven't heard from most of you since. How many of you would actually call me if you needed someone to go grab lunch with? Or if you needed help studying for a class that we both have? How many of you haven't deleted it, or are just now realizing that I must be that mysterious "Melissa" entry in your contact list?

Don't blame me for not calling you, a broken phone can attest to the fact that I've lost most of your numbers. I doubt you would answer even if I could call you.

I'm a good person and an even better friend. But obviously, since we hooked-up, it would be too much to ask that we ever consider friendship as an option. Ignoring each other, apparently, is the only choice that we have.

Of course, I don't render myself blameless. Our hook-up was the most convenient form of instant gratification that we could find. I realize that and I admit to being just as guilty as you are. But next time I smile at you on the quad, or say hi to you in class, can you pretend that you haven't gone both deaf and blind since that night that we met at that party?

Although I doubt that you are willing to do that, I am sure of one thing: You six guys are where I draw the line. This weekend, and all weekends until I graduate, I refuse to add to this list. I won't hook-up with any more random boys. Not because the act itself wasn't enjoyable, but because this campus isn't that big and I can't afford to have any more boys refusing to look me in the eye when I walk down South Quad. At Notre Dame, I am looking to make friends (not boyfriends, fiancées, or husbands) and hook-ups obviously lead to anything but friendship. I can find a new hobby, hopefully something that really does make me happy, but I will not hook-up. I'll see you at the dining hall.

Sincerely, Melissa.

P.S. — Don't worry about our kiss under the arch — unless we move to Utah, it's unlikely that all six of you will find yourselves married to me.

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Student critics held accountable

On Nov. 18, ND students wrote a letter holding "Weis Accountable." I am writing to hold these students accountable. Too many times people make uninformed criticisms. Now I'm not going to write and say that Weis has always made the best decisions, but some of the examples given in the students' letter are simply wrong.

First, the Navy game was no debacle. Notre Dame won. The QB-read sneak on 3rd and 4 is not something that is on Weis. Jimmy Clausen made that call. Yes, it's an option in an offense that puts a lot of decision-making on the QB's head, but if Jimmy makes the wrong decision, you can't blame Weis. That was on Jimmy.

The criticism put on Weis on using the Wildcat formation was that Tate isn't a passer. The Wildcat isn't designed to have a passing threat. Pitt ran it flawlessly against ND with a great runner that has no ability to throw. The point is to get the ball quickly into the hands of a running playmaker.

A second criticism that lacks substance. The students criticize our HC trying to get some second-string guys experience. I bet they're the same people that said Weis was 'classless' two years ago when he kept the starters in to close out Navy. And probably the same people that last year said the reason we were struggling was because Weis never played the backups during the prior year. Folks, you can't have it both ways. This was the right call — it's up to the players to play. I

will agree with the fourth and third call. The players have to go get those onside kicks. The team has practiced those plays, the players just didn't execute and attack. The Letter was supposed to be about decision-making by Weis, and this point comes out of left field and is pretty much irrelevant. Players need to make plays. In general, Weis hasn't been perfect. I agree that there have been decisions that made me scratch my head and wonder where the heck the guy is coming from (your Navy field-goal example in '07 is one). But he's a first-time HC, and he's bound to make some mistakes. He's shown that he's willing to learn from those mistakes, and try to get better. Folks love to play arm-chair QB/critic, and it's really easy to do so. Weis isn't perfect, but he's getting this team back on track, and it's about time that the fans show a little patience. Year four in the Weis Era isn't a typical Year four when you deal with something like we had in Year three. Plus, results are there. They may not be the prettiest results, but the Irish are a likely 7-5 and bowl-bound after a 3-9 year, with all five losses coming to Top 25 team. Really though, my point is this: if you're going to criticize, let's at least do so accurately.

John Tabis
alumn
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Nov. 13

'Quantum of Solace' fails to meet expectations

By SZYMON RYZNER
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Though a promising opening car chase created a strong start for the "Quantum of Solace," the film soon deteriorated into reused character archetypes and a general lack of creativity.

To be fair, the beginning was brilliant — grand choreography on the roads, an interrogation followed by a betrayal, and a Parkour-esque romp through an Italian city. Yet while the 22nd Bond film seemed early on to be a grand return to

glory, the film limited itself to mediocrity.

The action sequences began to drag soon after the first sequence and shaky camera work created endless confusion regarding what was actually going on. There was a fight on foot, in a car, in the air, and on the water. Perhaps the next movie will take the jump to the final frontier? Sure, Bond has done it before, but why not again in the next film? That's what "Quantum of Solace" has devolved to — a Bond film just like any other. Catered to today's cinemagoers tastes and with a dash of current politics, "Quantum of Solace" is just the next Bond film, nothing more.

The many locales that Bond traveled to were exotic and provided for great visuals. The entirety of the travels really gave a sense for the lifestyle that Bond leads, creating an enticing product for the viewer. Still, the large floating text bubbles above every location Bond visited, describing exactly

where he was, were distracting and a bit over the top.

The villain was rather lame and uninteresting — a short, mean, environmentalist wasn't as scary or innovative as prior villains. Generally ruthless capitalists/environmentalists with bulging creepy eyes do not make for great villains. Neither do evil sexist generals. The final showdown between the two main characters in "Casino Royale" came down to a poker game, which was subtle yet effective, but the conclusion was filled with explosions, screaming, and other disappointing affects standard to the action genre. The film was supposed to develop Bond as a character, instead it typecast him into a very physical action oriented role.

An interesting facet of this film's development centered around the evil organization Quantum that has people everywhere and has a hand in everything. Though the only real show of Quantum's power is within the first portion of the movie, the storyline is left for future films to pick up. Many members of Quantum are introduced and as an extremely powerful and evil organization it is bound to inspire many missions for Bond, hopefully with more interest-

ing villains and secret bases.

Bond's supporting cast was a mix bag. The Bond girl, Camille Montes (Olga Kurylenko), was made entertaining by the fact that she was a Bolivian played by a Ukrainian, but otherwise her character was boring. The revenge element is not new, and it was not well-executed. Still, the lack of sexual involvement between Bond and Kurylenko's character Camille Montes was a nice touch as her self-contained action sequences were refreshing. Agent Fields, played by Gemma Arterton, was standard Bond foolish female fodder. M was, as always, strongly played by Judi Dench.

The film was entertaining, but considering the jump "Casino Royale" made, this is a step backwards. "Quantum of Solace" was filled with irrelevant villains, a lack of compelling support characters, and action sequences that would have worked better if the film was called "The Bond Supremacy." It's not a bad film by any means, it is just an overhyped disappointment that continues the Bond action tradition, but reverts on promises made by "Casino Royale."

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Quantum of Solace

Directed by: Marc Forster

Starring: Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko, Mathieu Amalric, Judi Dench, Gemma Arterton



Bond by Bond: A history of 007

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He's a government agent, a member of Her Majesty's Secret Service, and one of Britain's finest. He's been Scottish, English and Irish. His women have ranged from Pussy Galore to Vesper Lynd, and he's been a womanizer long before Britney Spears ever brandished the epithet. His weapons have run the technological gamut, as have his many gadgets. His classic ride? An Aston-Martin, darling.

Who is he? Bond. James Bond.

Through the years, the movies have seen Ian Fleming's literary hero jump from page to screen in multiple incarnations and over 20 films. In honor of the latest Bond flick, "Quantum of Solace," Scene takes a closer look at each portrayal of Bond in his over 40-year long film legacy: Bond by Bond.

Sean Connery (1962-1971)

For many, the definitive Bond, Connery and his Scottish accent delivered Bond's quips and quibbles with ease. Connery's smoking, smoldering Bond was featured in seven films, ranging from the first Bond adaptation, 1962's "Dr. No," to his appearance in 1971's "Diamonds Are Forever." His arguably quintessential performance as 007 was 1964's "Goldfinger," a hallmark of the franchise for its wit, style and intrigue.

Author Fleming's original preference for the role was British actor David Niven, but particularly in "Goldfinger" Connery makes the character his own. According to the Web site 007.info, Connery's Bond was nicknamed Mr. Kiss Kiss Bang Bang by Italian moviegoers, a nickname that undoubtedly fits his smart, sexy portrayal of this cinematic icon.

George Lazenby (1969)

Australian actor George Lazenby's turn as James Bond was a brief one, but his film was often cited as a success among Bond experts and die-hards for its close resemblance to its source material. "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" is based on Fleming's 1963 novel, and features, among other elements, Bond's marriage to Contessa Teresa "Tracy" di Vicenzo (Diana Rigg of "The Avengers"). Lazenby's approach to the role was less than popular at the time, and critic Leonard Maltin has remarked that, were Connery to have played the role in "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," it might have been the greatest of the films.

Roger Moore (1973-1985)

After Connery's brief return in 1971, Roger Moore took the reins as Britain's favorite MI6 agent. Moore's Bond has a more light-hearted humor than Connery's, often calling a self-conscious attention to

the borderline cheese factor that his one-liners might betray. In "Live and Let Die," Moore romances Jane Seymour in her pre-Dr. Quinn days through Jamaica, all the while imitating the conventions of popular blaxploitation films. "Moonraker" saw 007 in the midst of intrigue on the final frontier — the untapped landscape of outer space. Moore's Bond expanded the boundaries of the genre while indulging in tongue-in-cheek humor and some good, old-fashioned womanizing. The Bond of the 70s and 80s vacillates between playboy and detective in a way that endeared Moore to fans of the series and new viewers alike.

Timothy Dalton (1987-1994)

While Dalton's two Bond films were released in 1987 and 1989, he was officially considered as Bond until Pierce Brosnan assumed the role in 1995. While Dalton's run was also short, the choice to cast him reflected a desire to move Bond back towards a more Connery-like portrayal; less cheese, more muscle. Dalton's grittier, more vengeful Bond ultimately, however, didn't last very long.

Pierce Brosnan (1995-2002)

Brosnan's Bond has an Irish lilt to manage the suave smoothness he brought to the role. Beginning with 1995's smash hit "GoldenEye" and continuing through "Die Another Day," Brosnan took the role and ran with it into the 21st century. His Bond

was immediately popular; "GoldenEye" grossed over \$350 million worldwide, later spawning an extremely popular game title of the same name. His character are well-known to today's entertainment scene, from Denise Richards to Halle Berry. Brosnan's Bond was also moving beyond the Cold War conflicts of his earlier years and into the modern context of an increasingly globalized world. In "Tomorrow Never Dies," Bond teams up with a Chinese agent to take down his baddie; in "GoldenEye" 007 is working to prevent a global financial crisis; and in "Die Another Day," Bond is on a mission to North Korea. Admittedly, a portion of Brits felt their hero had been altered by his Irish portrayal, with some reportedly calling him "James O'Bond."

Daniel Craig (2005-present)

While still a fledgling Bond, the first actor to inhabit the role is definitely his own. Craig's Bond shot new life into the series in 2006's "Casino Royale," portraying 007 as a "blunt instrument" that needs training and experience to hone his skills on an MI6. "Casino Royale" was Fleming's Bond novel, and the film works successfully to rejuvenate the series by starting its series all over again. Who knows how successful or how long Craig's run will be, but there is no doubt that Bond will live on.

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The most infamous Bond villains



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Auric Goldfinger

Played by Gert Frobe, Auric Goldfinger was a gold-crazed business man who tried to break into Fort Knox before getting thwarted by 007 (Sean Connery) in "Goldfinger." To his credit, Goldfinger orchestrated some of the most needlessly complicated deaths in the series, including encasing his assistant Jill Masterson completely in gold and trying to slice Bond in half with a giant laser. Besides his elaborate schemes, Goldfinger is probably best remembered for his henchmen, including the giant Korean assassin Oddjob and the temptress Pussy Galore (which has to be one of the best Bond girl names ever).

Ernst Stavro Blofeld

No, that sinister bald man stroking the big white cat is not Dr. Evil. It's Blofeld, the dastardly head of SPECTRE (Special Executive for Counter-Intelligence, Treason, Revenge, and Extortion) whose hobbies include hijacking spacecrafts and poisoning the world's food supply in hopes of world domination. Blofeld is a hard man to track down; we see little more than the back of his head in his first few Bond appearances. Though voiced and played by several actors, Blofeld was probably best embodied by Donald Pleasance in "You Only Live Twice" and Telly Savalas in "On Her Majesty's Secret Service."

Max Zorin

Played with slick creepiness by Christopher Walken, Max Zorin was a world-famous industrialist and a pain in James Bond's side in "A View to a Kill." Even if the 80's Bond movies were nothing to write home about, Zorin was one of the standout villains in Bond history. Although he was the man with the plan (he wanted to cause an earthquake in Silicon Valley to take over the microchip market), he was also a stone-cold killer along with his wiry henchwoman MayDay (model Grace Jones). He gets his comeuppance in rather cool fashion, though, by falling from the top of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Xenia Onatopp

Bond girls aren't always sugar and spice and world-class experts in whatever science 007 needs at the time. Xenia Onatopp (Famke Janssen) stole the show as Alec Trevelyan's lusty henchwoman in "GoldenEye." A noted sadist and masochist, Xenia took a little too much pleasure in killing people in her boss's grand scheme to steal and fire the GoldenEye laser in an attempt to destroy the world's financial markets. When her trusty AK-47 wasn't available, Xenia was happy to use her very strong thighs to take out anyone who was in her way, including 007 (Pierce Brosnan in his first turn as the special agent).

Jaws

It might be a funny name but don't laugh because he just might take a bite out of you. Jaws (Richard Kiel), an angry giant with stainless steel teeth, definitely gave Bond a hard time in "The Spy Who Loved Me" and "Moonraker." Though at first he is a cold-hearted killing machine, he did do some pretty cool stuff like bite through metal chains and stop an entire cable car system with his bare hands. Jaws does eventually see the light and manages to help James Bond and Holly Goodhead prevent the evil Hugo Drax from destroying the human race.

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Bond - James Bond - is back



JAMES BOND 007

NBA

Without Garnett, Celtics take down Knicks

Indicted Cuban watches on as Mavericks defeat Bobcats; LeBron's 31 leads the way for Cavaliers over Nets

Associated Press

BOSTON — It was quiet — too quiet — in the Boston locker room before the game. On the floor, the Celtics managed to replace Kevin Garnett's intensity just fine.

"Not having a great player out there, you definitely miss him," point guard Rajon Rondo said after Boston beat the New York Knicks 110-101 on Tuesday night while Garnett served a one-game suspension. "But we tried to go out tonight and get the ball moving and that's what we did. ... A lot of guys got shots."

Starting in place of Garnett, Brian Scalabrine hit a 3-pointer with 1:14 left to help Boston recover after its 15-point, fourth-quarter lead was trimmed to four. Paul Pierce scored 22 with eight rebounds, Kendrick Perkins had 16 points and eight rebounds and Rondo had 15 points, eight boards and seven assists.

"It was kind of a different atmosphere in the locker room, a little bit quieter than usual," Pierce said. "Thank goodness we were able to take up the slack for one game and get the win."

Wilson Chandler scored 23, and Zach Randolph had 18 points and eight rebounds for New York. The Knicks tried to muscle their way closer in the Atlantic Division — they were called for three technicals — but instead lost to Boston for the seventh consecutive time.

"I'm just real curious to see what those guys will be saying if we weren't in a basketball league and didn't have referees," Knicks forward Quentin Richardson said. "I mean, it wouldn't be the same story. I

mean, they are the world champions and rah, rah, rah, but the tough part I don't factor.

"I come from a neighborhood where you can say what you want to say, but until you do something, it don't mean nothing."

Garnett did not miss a game last season until Jan. 27, when he began a nine-game stint in street clothes because of an abdominal strain; the Celtics were 9-2 in all without him during their NBA championship run. But he was suspended for throwing a punch at Milwaukee's Andrew Bogut on Saturday and forced to sit out one game.

Celtics coach Doc Rivers decided to start Scalabrine, the little-used big man, rather than pull Leon Powe off the second unit and upset his rotation. Powe scored 14 with seven rebounds off the bench and played most of the fourth quarter, but Scalabrine came back in with 1:50 left after the Knicks used runs of 11-2 and 5-0 to get to 103-99.

Pierce hit one of two free throws to make it a five-point game, then Scalabrine hit a 3-pointer from the left corner. Scalabrine also hit back-to-back long jumpers in the third, one of them a 3-pointer, for his only other baskets of the night.

"He played good defense and hit two big 3s and I just feel good for him," Celtics guard Eddie House said. "He got his number called and he was ready. He was a true professional."

Mavericks 100, Bobcats 83

Mark Cuban yelled and cheered from his court-side seat during the game, then high-fived

his players after it was over.

The boisterous Dallas Mavericks owner didn't act any differently a day after being charged with insider trading. His team, meanwhile, stopped looking like the dysfunctional unit that started the season.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 32 points, outscoring Charlotte's entire starting five, and the Mavericks never trailed in a rout on Tuesday night for their second straight win, overcoming any distractions their owner might have presented by toying with the lifeless, undermanned Bobcats.

"It was a big win for us for sure," Nowitzki said.

A career-high 21 points from rookie D.J. Augustin was nowhere near enough for Charlotte, which fell behind 15-0 while playing again without top scorer Jason Richardson (knee). The Bobcats didn't score until nearly 7 minutes had elapsed in a woeful performance that kept them winless all-time against Dallas.

"It looked basically like the varsity scripting plays against a rec team out there," said Bobcats forward Gerald Wallace, held to eight points on 3 of 13 shooting. "They did whatever they wanted to do."

With Nowitzki adding nine rebounds and Josh Howard scoring 21 points, the Mavericks led by as many as 23 in a rare blowout after a horrible start to the season, made worse when their famous owner suddenly faced legal trouble.

The billionaire Cuban was charged by federal regulators Monday of using confidential information on a stock sale to avoid more than \$750,000 in losses. Cuban has disputed the Security and Exchange Commission's allegations and said he will fight the charges.

Cavaliers 106, Nets 82

With free agency awaiting him in 2010, LeBron James put on a show for the New York metropolitan area and its deep-pocket teams highlighted by length-of-the-court sprint to block a dunk by Devin Harris.

James had 31 points, eight rebounds and four assists in another dominating performance and the Cleveland Cavaliers rolled to their eighth straight win with a decision over the New Jersey Nets on Tuesday night.

The play that everyone will remember is the block. The 23-year-old James came from 20 feet behind the track down the Nets point guard, forcing him to rush a dunk that the high-flying



Celtics forward Brian Scalabrine pumps his fist after scoring a three-pointer in the fourth quarter of Boston's 110-101 win.

James touched.

"I just never gave up on the play," James said. "That's how we all are. You never give up on plays no matter if a guy is in front of you or what."

Harris laughed when asked if he saw James coming at full throttle.

"He's 6-9 and 260," Harris said. "You try to quick dunk him if you can. If not, hey, he got a piece of it. He came back and he played it. If I had a good ankle, now that would be something to think about. You got to go for it. I had my shot at it and I missed it, you move on."

The question of moving on is a big part of James' life. The 23-year-old is scheduled to become a free agent in 2010, and there already has been speculation that the Nets and the New York Knicks are already clearing salary cap room to make a run at the superstar who on Tuesday became the youngest NBA player to reach the 11,000-point plateau.

Before the game, James said he would not hesitate to leave Cleveland if another franchise offers him a better chance to win multiple NBA titles.

"I think you do what is best for you and you do what is best for your career," James said when asked about his sense of loyalty to the Cavaliers before they played the Nets in New Jersey.

After the game, he focused on his team, which is off to a 9-2 start.

"A-plus," he said of the second-half effort. "The thing we did was we stopped turning the ball over. We had only one turnover in the second half."

They also got big efforts from Mo Williams and Delonte West.

Williams had 8 of 16 points and five of his six assists in the final 24 minutes, while West scored 14 of his 16 points, hitting all four of his 3-pointers in the decisive third quarter when Cleveland broke the game open.

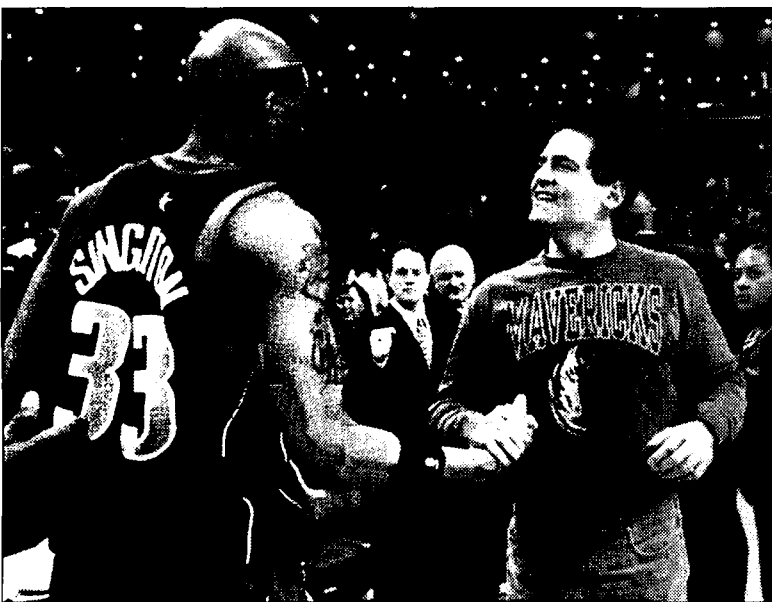
"Mo and Delonte did a great job coming into the third quarter and shooting lights out," said James, who was 9 of 20 from the field in posting his fourth 30-plus point game in five contests. "We took that momentum and just ran."

Harris, who was looking for his fourth straight 30-point game, had 23 points to lead New Jersey. Vince Carter added 12, shooting 3-of-12 from the field as the Nets' two-game winning streak was snapped.

"It was a rough night and I wasn't hitting my shots," Carter said.

James put on a show for the less than capacity crowd at the Izod Center against a team partially owned by his friend, rapper Jay-Z. He dunked, hit layups and faked Jarvis Hayes out of his socks on a great cross-over dribble move that got him his 11,000th point, and finally entertained the crowd with a late tap-in on an alley-oop from Zydrunas Ilgauskas in the closing minutes.

"His strength and his quickness, at his size, is pretty unheard of," said Nets rookie forward Ryan Anderson, who got a chance to face James. "The things he can do is pretty amazing. He is so athletic, and he's 6-9. He is an incredibly talented guy."



Mavericks owner Mark Cuban congratulates James Singleton after Dallas' 100-83 win over Charlotte.

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NCAA Women's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	points	previous
1	UConn (45)	1125	1
2	Oklahoma	1018	4
3	Rutgers	1010	5
4	North Carolina	963	6
5	Tennessee	931	7
6	Duke	900	8
7	Cal	788	9
8	Stanford	764	2
9	Louisville	724	10
10	Baylor	698	19
11	Maryland	680	3
12	Texas A&M	658	11
13	Vanderbilt	603	12
14	Texas	519	13
15	NOTRE DAME	456	16
16	Virginia	440	15
17	Ohio State	361	18
18	Arizona State	345	17
19	Oklahoma State	291	14
20	Auburn	258	20
21	Purdue	178	23
22	Florida State	173	22
23	Xavier	152	22
24	TCU	148	NR
25	Old Dominion	106	25

AVAC Women's Volleyball Top 25 Coaches Poll

	team	points	previous
1	Penn State (60)	1500	1
2	Stanford	1425	2
3	Nebraska	1376	3
4	Texas	1308	4
5	Washington	1277	5
6	Hawai'i	1170	6
7	Cal	1137	7
8	Oregon	1073	8
9	UCLA	971	9
10	USC	936	10
11	Wichita State	911	11
12	Minnesota	773	15
13	Kansas State	742	14
14	Florida	724	12
15	Colorado State	643	16
16	Illinois	592	17
17	San Diego	576	13
18	Purdue	441	18
19	Kentucky	403	22
20	Michigan	360	19
21	Saint Louis	295	20
22	Utah	228	23
23	Long Beach State	172	25
24	Pepperdine	134	24
25	San Francisco	108	NR

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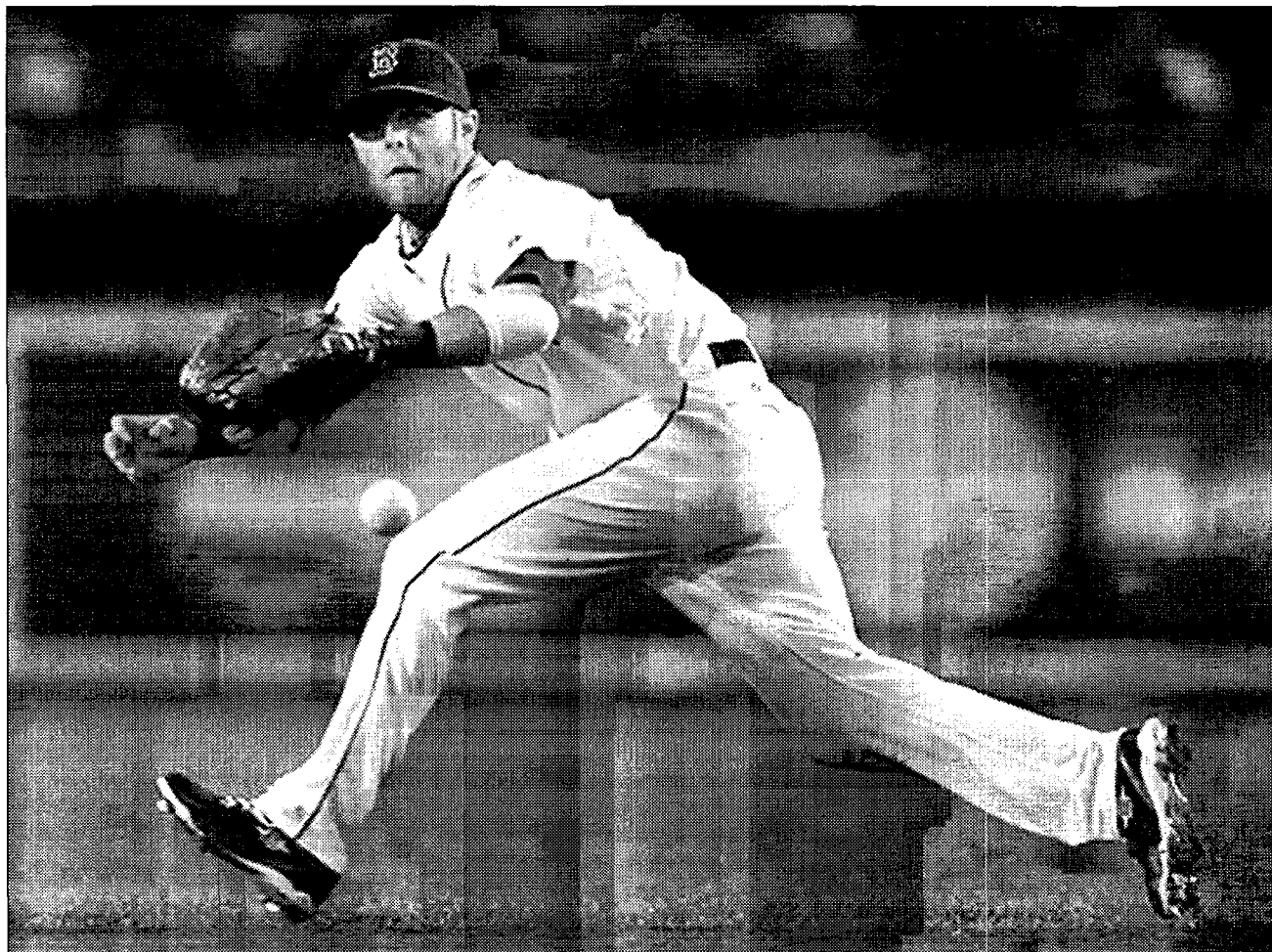
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MLB



Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia fields a ground ball on Oct. 5 during Game 3 of the ALDC against the Angels. Pedroia becomes the first second baseman to win the AL MVP in nearly fifty years.

Pedroia wins AL MVP award

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dustin Pedroia could easily be mistaken for a mechanic, carpenter or plumber, most anything except a major leaguer.

"I'm not the biggest guy in the world. I don't have that many tools," he said. "If you saw me walking down the street, you wouldn't think I'm a baseball player."

Well, not unless he was carrying his AL MVP award.

Pedroia added to his ever-expanding trophy case Tuesday, becoming the first second baseman to earn the honor in nearly a half-

century.

The Boston little man with the meaty swing easily beat out Minnesota slugger Justin Morneau, Red Sox teammate Kevin Youkilis and record-setting closer Francisco Rodriguez in a scattered ballot that saw five different players draw first place-votes.

Generously listed at 5-foot-9, Pedroia has quickly piled up a huge stack of hardware. Earlier this month, he won the Gold Glove. He was the 2007 AL Rookie of the Year and capped off that season with a World Series ring.

"I had to overcome a lot of things to prove people wrong, and so far I've done

that," he said on a conference call from his home in Arizona. "I have to find a way to have that edge."

Pedroia drew 16 of the 28 first-place votes cast by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America and finished with 317 points. He was even left off one ballot, while Morneau and Youkilis were listed on every one.

"You look around the league, there are a ton of great players," Pedroia said.

Pedroia led the AL in hits, runs and doubles in helping the Red Sox win the wildcard berth. He batted .326 with 17 home runs and 83 RBIs and also stole 20

bases.

Pedroia became a fan favorite at Fenway Park with his scrappy approach. In a lineup depleted by injuries to David Ortiz, Mike Lowell and J.D. Drew and the midseason trade of Manny Ramirez, Pedroia took his hearty hacks wherever needed - while he usually batted second, he also hit leadoff and cleanup.

Nellie Fox was the previous second baseman to become AL MVP, in 1959 with the White Sox. No position has produced fewer MVPs overall - just 10 overall since the AL and NL awards were first presented in 1931.

IN BRIEF

Muschamp to replace Brown at Texas after retirement

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas defensive coordinator Will Muschamp has been designated as the head-coach-in-waiting by the university, expected to take over the Longhorns when Mack Brown retires.

Muschamp is in his first year with Texas, but athletic director DeLoss Dodds said Tuesday he and Brown know they want to keep him at Texas. To do that, they will more than double his salary from \$425,000 to \$900,000 in January. He will remain defensive coordinator.

Dodds said he wants the 57-year-old Brown to coach for a long time but said he wanted to line up Muschamp now to avoid the "trauma" of a coaching search when the day comes that Brown steps down.

The No. 4 Longhorns (10-1) are preparing for their Thanksgiving night game against rival Texas A&M.

Cubs resign pitcher Dempster to four-year deal

CHICAGO — Pitcher Ryan Dempster and the Chicago Cubs agreed Tuesday on a \$52 million, four-year contract that includes a player option for 2012.

He gets a \$4 million signing bonus, \$8 million next year, \$12.5 million in 2010 and \$13.5 million in 2011. Dempster has a 2012 option for \$14 million.

Dempster was 17-6 with a 2.96 ERA for the Cubs last season, then became a free agent after making the switch from the closer to starter.

"It was imperative that we kept him in house," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry. "No doubt in our minds that Ryan would have exceeded this deal on the streets in three or four weeks from now, the way the market is for starting pitching. Ryan was committed. From Day One he told us he wanted to stay. And it was a priority for us to try and get it done before we got too far down the road in the winter."

Battier, McGrady practice for Rockets Tuesday

HOUSTON — Houston Rockets forward Shane Battier practiced with the team for the first time on Tuesday, but Ron Artest and Yao Ming skipped the workout after leaving Monday's win over Oklahoma City with sprained ankles.

Tracy McGrady also practiced Tuesday after re-aggravating his sore left knee in Monday's game. McGrady was going to have an MRI on the knee, but decided with team officials that the test was unnecessary and practiced instead.

The Rockets play Dallas on Wednesday and Artest and Yao said they would be ready by game time.

Battier has been bothered with inflammation in his left foot for months after offseason surgery. He said Tuesday that he needs a few more full practices before he's ready to play in a game.

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Armstrong would fear for safety in Tour return

Associated Press

LONDON — Lance Armstrong fears he could be attacked by spectators if he returns to the Tour de France next year.

The seven-time Tour champion, who is making a comeback after three years in retirement, said in an interview in The Guardian on Tuesday that he is concerned about his safety.

"I don't want to enter an unsafe situation but you see this stuff coming out of France," said the American rider, who has many critics in France. "There're some aggressive, angry emotions. If you believe what you read, my personal safety could be in jeopardy."

"Cycling is a sport of the open road and spectators are lining the road. I try to believe that people, even if they don't like me, will let the race unfold."

Armstrong was asked if he specifically fears a physical attack.

"Yeah. There're directors of French teams that have encouraged people to take to the streets ... elbow to elbow. It's very emotional and tense," he said.

It's unclear why Armstrong is worried about his safety now, given that attacks on riders are extremely rare. Organizers have in recent years taken additional steps to protect riders from spectators, including increased use of crowd barriers.

The Tour has its own police force to guard the route and ensure safety, and French police paid particular attention to Armstrong's safety when he was riding.

Armstrong announced his comeback in September and joined the Astana team. He is reunited with Astana team leader Johanna Bruyneel, who teamed with Armstrong for all seven Tour de France wins from 1999-2005.

Armstrong plans to meet with Tour officials before deciding whether to compete in the 2009 Tour.

Previously, he had expressed doubts over trying for win another Tour title because of the problems he might encounter with French organizers, journalists and fans.

Armstrong is scheduled to race the Giro d'Italia for the first time. The 100th anniversary edition of the Giro is scheduled for May 9-31. The Tour de France starts July 4.

The 37-year-old Armstrong said in the Guardian interview that he is in better shape at this stage of the season than in past years.

"I'm much better physically now," he said at his home in Austin, Texas. "And mentally there is no comparison. I'm far stronger and more motivated. The motivation of 2008 feels like the motivation of 1999. I was back from cancer then. I had the motivation of vengeance because nobody wanted me or believed in me."

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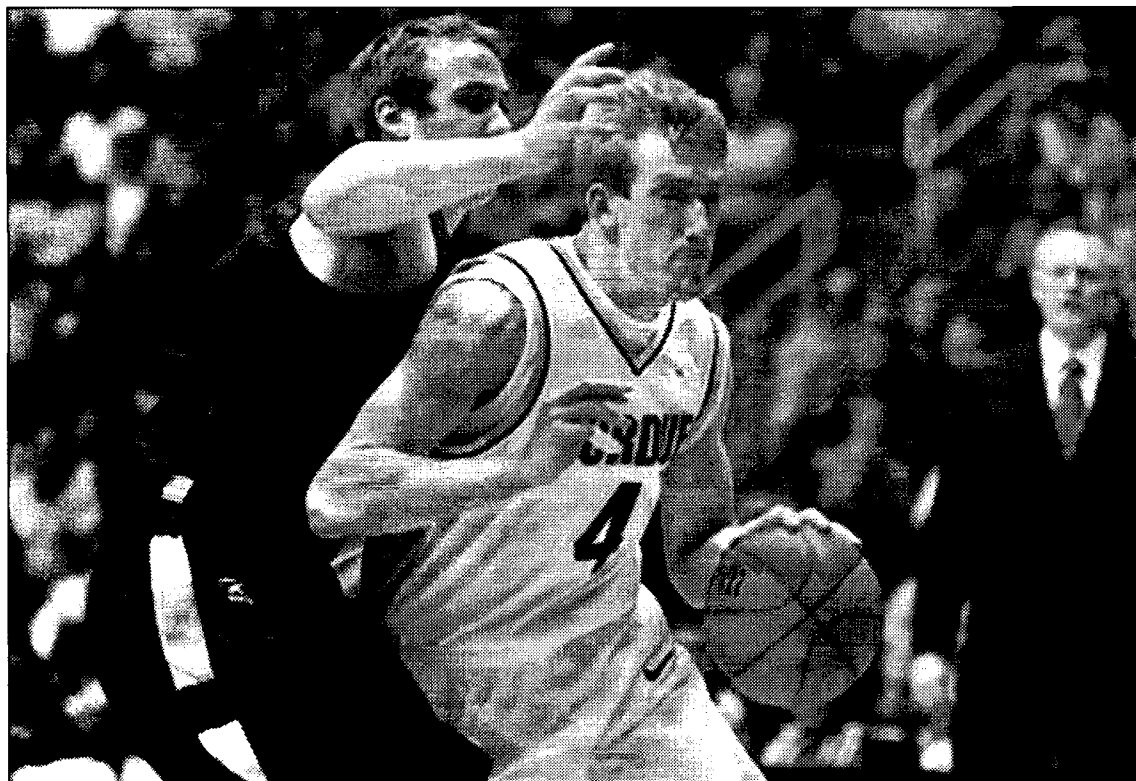
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Purdue downs Loyola-Chicago

Indiana squeaks by IUPUI; Texas cruises easily past Tulane



Purdue's Robbie Hummel drives past Loyola of Chicago's Walt Gibler during the first half of the Boilermakers' 78-46 NIT Season Tip-Off semifinal win.

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — E'Twaun Moore scored 14 points, and No. 11 Purdue defeated Loyola of Chicago 78-46 on Tuesday night to advance to the NIT Season Tip-Off semifinals.

Robbie Hummel scored 13 points and Marcus Green had 12 points and matched his career-high with 10 rebounds for the Boilermakers (3-0).

Purdue had only been to New York's Madison Square Garden for the semifinals once in three previous tries. The Boilermakers lost to North Carolina in the semifinals in 1998.

Justin Cerasoli had 14 points for the Ramblers (1-2), who were coming off a 74-53 win over Georgia on Monday and shot just 30 percent against the Boilermakers.

Purdue missed 10 of its first 15 shots, but controlled the first half with its defense until the offense got going. Keaton Grant made consecutive 3-pointers to give the Boilermakers a 25-9 lead.

Moore scored on a putback at the buzzer to give the Boilermakers a 40-14 halftime lead. Purdue nearly surrendered its lowest point total in a half in school history, but Cerasoli made a 3-pointer late in the half to help Loyola avoid the record low of 12 points. Loyola went nearly eight minutes without a field goal over one stretch.

Purdue shot 50 percent in the first half and held Loyola to 20 percent shooting. The Boilermakers forced 15 turnovers and committed just four in the first 20 minutes.

The Boilermakers doubled the score, 56-28, midway through the second half on a basket by Nemanja Calasan. Purdue's largest lead was 35 points.

Grant had 11 points, five assists and five rebounds, and Calasan scored 11 points.

Indiana 60, IUPUI 57

Tom Pritchard played an almost perfect game Tuesday night.

He held his ground, stood strong, dominated the middle and swatted away IUPUI's desperation shot for overtime Tuesday night — even if wasn't

drawn up that way.

Indiana needed every one of Pritchard's contributions.

The freshman forward scored 19 points, making 7-of-8 field goals and 5-of-7 free throws, and preserved a victory by blocking Leroy Nobles' last-second 3-point attempt to force overtime.

"The good thing was that his facial expression never changed," coach Tom Crean said. "He just has a great temperament, and we've got to do a better job getting him opportunities because we've got to play through him in the post."

The Hoosiers (2-0) executed Crean's strategy precisely, and Pritchard made sure it worked.

He single-handedly kept Indiana close in the first half when his teammates were struggling and again came up big in the second half when the Hoosiers were fighting to hang on.

Virtually every time, Pritchard produced a big play, including that block Crean second-guessed.

"Probably not," Crean said when asked if that's what he wanted Pritchard to do. "But we're so far behind in teaching those situations."

It didn't seem to bother the young, short-handed Hoosiers.

Matt Roth scored 12 points while Nick Williams and Devan Dumes each scored 10 for Indiana (2-0). Williams also had nine rebounds.

Texas 76, Tulane 51

Damion James scored 16 points and No. 7 Texas cruised to a victory over Tulane on Tuesday night.

Dexter Pittman, a 6-foot-10, 300-pound junior forward, muscled over the Green Wave for 10 points and six rebounds in his second career start for the Longhorns (2-0), who had five players score in double figures. A.J. Abrams, who had 21 points in the season-opener, had 15 against Tulane, hitting three 3-pointers.

Texas used a stellar defensive effort to turn the game into a rout by halftime. The Longhorns had 16 steals and forced 25 turnovers, while holding Tulane to 31 percent shooting.

Kevin Sims scored 11 points to

lead Tulane (1-1).

Texas coach Rick Barnes promised he would use a big lineup this season and Pittman had promised he could be a much more effective player than his first two years with the Longhorns when he struggled with his weight and conditioning.

Pittman had started to come on strong for Texas in the NCAA tournament last season and attended the late Hall of Fame coach Pete Newell's camp for big men in Las Vegas last summer. He clearly picked up better footwork and passing techniques, showing off quicker and stronger moves to the basket.

The Longhorns also saw the debut of sophomore guard Dogus Balbay, who will be counted on this season to fill the void at the point left by D.J. Augustin, who is in the NBA.

Balbay sat out last season after a knee injury and while serving an NCAA suspension for playing for a professional club as a youth in his native Turkey. The suspension forced him to miss Texas' season-opening win over Stetson.

Balbay entered the game against Tulane with about 13 minutes left in the first half and quickly contributed a layup and had one of Texas' eight steals in the first half.

Abrams had 10 points with two 3-pointers as Texas built a 42-25 halftime lead. Texas led 15-10 before Balbay's layup started a 16-4 run that opened up a double-digit lead.

Wisconsin 88, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 58

Reserve Jon Leuer scored 19 points to lead No. 25 Wisconsin to a victory over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Tuesday night.

Marcus Landry added 15 points for the Badgers (2-0), while Jason Bohannon had 14 and Trevon Hughes 11, even though the starters spent most of the second half on the bench.

Barry Wellington led Edwardsville (1-3) with 15 points.

Wisconsin opened a double-digit lead less than eight minutes into the game, pushed it to 40-21 at halftime and had it to 30 points six minutes into the second half.

BCS

ESPN to broadcast BCS games in 2011

Nat'l Championship game moves to cable

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bowl Championship Series games are moving to ESPN, the latest high-profile sporting event to migrate from over-the-air television to cable.

BCS coordinator John Swofford is confident that fewer and fewer viewers make a distinction between the traditional broadcast networks such as Fox, the current home of the BCS, and cable channels such as ESPN, which will start airing the games in January 2011.

Playoff games in the NBA, NHL and Major League Baseball are already broadcast on cable, as is Monday Night Football. ESPN announced last week that the British Open will be televised live exclusively on cable beginning in 2010.

This marks the first time, though, that the decisive game in a major U.S. pro sports league or NCAA college football or men's basketball will air on cable.

"You're talking about a situation where we're seeing more and more sporting events go to cable," Swofford, the ACC commissioner, said on a conference call Tuesday. "And certainly I think that the college football community, people who truly follow college football, are extremely well tuned into ESPN and see ESPN as in essence for television the home of college football."

The BCS and ESPN announced a new four-year contract Tuesday. ESPN outbid Fox, which is paying \$80 million annually to broadcast the games from 2007-10.

ESPN's offer was for \$125 million a year, according to a person with knowledge of the negotiations. The person requested anonymity because the networks are not releasing financial details.

Fox would not offer much more than \$100 million annually, the person said.

Bowl payouts will increase because of the new deal, Swofford said.

ESPN runs ABC Sports, but chose to slate the games for the cable channel, not the over-the-air network.

Owning a valuable property like the BCS could help ESPN when it negotiates future subscription fees.

The agreement covers the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar bowls each year and the BCS title game from 2011-13. The Rose Bowl will continue to be televised on ABC through at least 2010 under a separate, previous contract, said ESPN president George Bodenheimer.

ESPN is available in just over 98 million U.S. homes, which is 86 percent of all households with televisions, according to Nielsen. Swofford expects that number to grow by 2011, and ESPN notes that 95 percent of people who watched the BCS title game on Fox last season had cable or satellite.

Measuring the difference in viewership between sports on over-the-air and cable networks is difficult because ratings often fluctuate wildly depending on matchups.

The seven-game American League championship series between the Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians averaged 11.6 million viewers on Fox in 2007. A seven-game series between the Red Sox and Tampa Bay Rays on TBS this year averaged 7.4 million.

But when TBS boasted appealing matchups for the 2007 division series, it actually drew 26 percent more viewers than the previous year, when the broadcasts were split between Fox and ESPN and therefore available to more people.

BCS officials decided in April to keep the current format — and not switch to a playoff system — until at least 2014, and the TV contract reflects that. Numerous ESPN commentators have disparaged the BCS structure over the years, which could make for some awkward pairings if previously critical analysts now wind up calling the games.

Bodenheimer said those opinions will continue to be voiced.

"We have a church and state operation here between editorial and on-air talent and the business side," he said.

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NHL

Oilers snap losing streak against Blue Jackets

Wild ride hot goaltending to shootout win over Pens; 'Canes record season-high 48 shots to beat Canadiens

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Edmonton Oilers got high marks for shooting efficiency in their highest-scoring game of the season.

Shawn Horcoff had a goal and two assists to lead seven multiple-point scorers, and the Oilers snapped a three-game losing streak with a 7-2 rout of the Columbus Blue Jackets on Tuesday night despite being out-shot 39-19.

"I don't really think the score was indicative of how close the game was," Horcoff said. "I thought we showed a lot of good character to get that fifth goal. We kind of gave ourselves some breathing room."

Sheldon Souray, Andrew Cogliano, Tom Gilbert and Lubomir Visnovsky had a goal and an assist, and Marc Pouliot and Dustin Penner scored for the Oilers, who went a stretch of nearly 20 minutes without putting a puck on net. They stayed in it behind superb goaltending by Dwayne Roloson, and pulled away late in the third period with three goals in a span of 3:03.

"They like to drive the net hard and just throw things from bad angles and go for rebounds," Roloson said. "You've got to give our forwards and 'D' a lot of credit. I was able

to make the first save, and anything that was around there they were able to get something on it to clear out the rebound."

Sam Gagner had two assists, and Ales Hemsky finished with three.

Kristian Huselius and Rick Nash had a goal and assist for Columbus, which was 5-1-3 in its previous nine. The Blue Jackets fell apart behind their NHL-worst power play and its 1-for-7 effort against Edmonton.

"We lost the special teams game," Columbus coach Ken Hitchcock said. "You can't live on the negative play of our special teams and win."

Columbus failed to gain momentum at key points early in the second and third periods with the Blue Jackets on the man-advantage and trailing by two goals. When they did create chances, Roloson was there to stop Jason Chimera, Fredrick Modin and R.J. Umberger on prime opportunities.

"He was really on top of his game," Oilers coach Craig MacTavish said of Roloson. "When your goalie outplays the other guy, it's normally a good indication of the result."

Wild 2, Penguins 1 (SO)

Not many teams can beat the Pittsburgh Penguins by putting the puck into the net only once. The Minnesota Wild accom-

plished it the timeworn way, with an excellent defense and a goaltender who is allowing fewer goals than his low-scoring team is getting.

Marek Zidlicky scored the only goal in the shootout and the Minnesota Wild benefited from a gift goal that Pittsburgh put into its net for a victory Tuesday night that ended the Penguins' six-game winning streak.

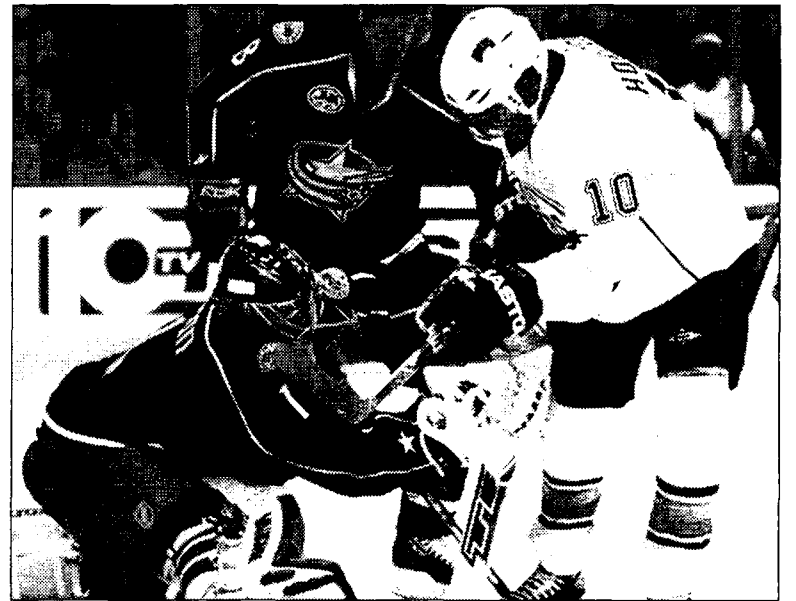
Niklas Backstrom, 3-0 in shootouts this season, stopped 24 of 25 shots before turning aside Petr Sykora, Alex Goligoski and Sidney Crosby in the tiebreaker. Crosby, 9-of-32 in career attempts, needed to score to keep the shootout going but couldn't beat the Wild goalie with a wrist shot.

"You look at their lineup and look at their players. To keep them to one goal, that's a big effort," said Backstrom, who has allowed six goals while winning four of five. "You always want to compare yourself against the best teams out there, and you try to get up there. Your team gets confidence when you beat them."

Hurricanes 2, Canadiens 1

The punchless Carolina Hurricanes kept peppering Carey Price, and got a couple of pucks past the Montreal goalie just in time.

Sergei Samsonov and Ray



Columbus' Steve Mason makes a save against Edmonton's Shawn Horcoff in the third period of the Blue Jackets' 5-4 win.

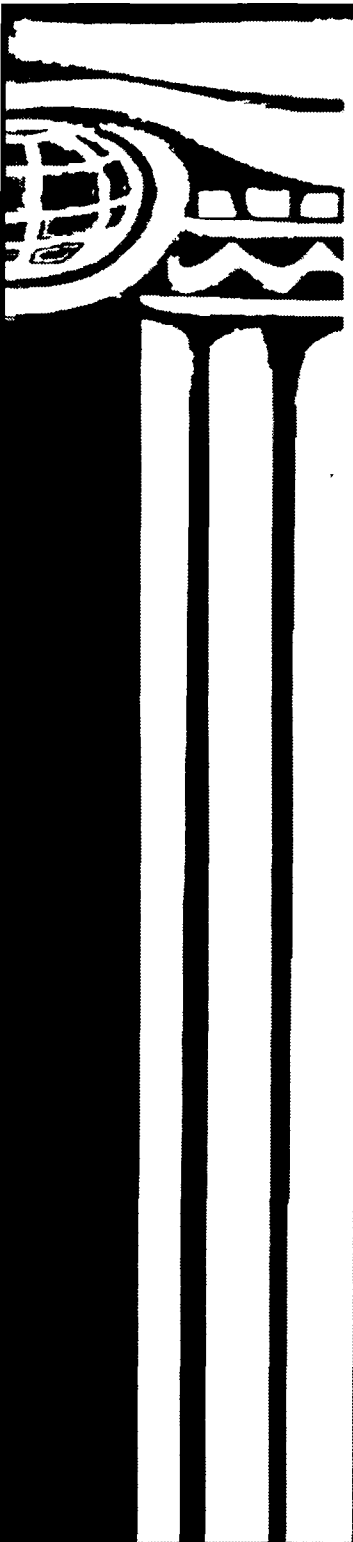
Whitney scored 3 minutes apart in the third period, and Carolina put a season-high 48 shots on net in its come-from-behind victory over the Canadiens on Tuesday night.

"We came out with the attitude that we were going to shoot some pucks and crash the net a little bit more," Samsonov said. "We really made an effort to try to put the puck on net from any position, and I think that kind of created the forecheck."

Whitney followed Samsonov's first goal of the season with the go-ahead score with 13:27 remaining to jump-start a Carolina offense that averaged fewer than two goals in its previous six games.

"We're doing what we're doing now with not a lot of goal-scoring," Whitney said.

Robert Lang scored for the Canadiens, who snapped a lengthy power-play drought yet lost for the third time in four games.



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"I think the last home game could hardly ever be put in that category," Weis said. "It wouldn't make a difference who you were playing. I think there's still going to be a ton of reason to play well, a ton of reasons. But most importantly, because it's the last one for those seniors."

Weis did say, however, that he wanted to get past Syracuse because the team faces a short week with the players entering Thanksgiving break before they play USC on Nov. 29.

The knees of receiver Michael Floyd and linebacker Brian Smith, Weis said, are "too loose" to practice on. The two will have magnetic resonance imaging scans to determine the extent of the damage. In Floyd's absence, Weis said, Duval Kamara, Robby Parris and David Grimes, who is now healthy, will have to step up.

"So if you look at that combination of guys, I think that with those four front line guys playing, I think that, hey, we'll miss Michael," Weis said. "Just like we'll miss Brian. We'll miss those guys, but I think I feel pretty confident that the players we're putting in there will play well."

Note:

♦ In Brian Smith's absence, linebacker Toryan Smith will continue to play. Steve Quinn and Scott Smith will also see playing time.

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NBA

Magic win despite Bosh scoring 40

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Stan Van Gundy predicted at the morning shootaround that Toronto forward Chris Bosh would score 40 points against his Orlando Magic.

The Magic coach turned out to be right — and he still got to smile about it.

Jameer Nelson, Hedo Turkoglu and Rashard Lewis had 22 points apiece as the Magic overcame Bosh's 40-point, 18-rebound night in a 103-90 win in a rematch of first-round NBA playoff foes.

Bosh, matching up at times with Lewis and All-Star center Dwight Howard, made 14 of 19 field goals and 12 of 16 free throws.

"It's not they came in and Bosh couldn't make a shot," Van Gundy said. "As a matter of fact, he couldn't miss one. We had to play really well."

Toronto, playing without injured point guard Jose Calderon, was done in by 24 turnovers and by a strong Orlando second quarter, in which the Magic turned a 10-point deficit into a 45-45 half-time tie.

"That was our best stretch of the year," Van Gundy said.

Orlando built a 13-point third-quarter lead before hanging on for the victory. It was the Magic's eighth win in the past nine games.

Bosh and Howard, who had 18 points and nine rebounds, work out together during the offseason. They have long talked trash to each other, and Bosh said that gives him a psychological lift when they meet.

"I guess they just catch me at the wrong time," Bosh said. "I

always say against my friends I want to play my hardest basketball."

"The way he's playing words can't describe, and it's not just scoring and rebounding," Toronto coach Sam Mitchell said. "He's doing all the little things."

The Magic used a team effort to subdue the Raptors, who they beat 4-1 in their Eastern Conference playoff series last season.

Nelson, who'd averaged 18.3 points over his past three games after struggling early in the season, asserted himself early and made 10 of 15 shots for a season-high in points.

Jermaine O'Neal had the better of the battle of big men early, hitting his first four field goals and scoring 10 points in the first quarter as the Raptors built a 26-21 lead. Howard didn't hit a shot from the floor in his first 13 minutes, finally making a basket to end a streak of 39 minutes of playing time in his past two games without a field goal.

The All-Star center played 25 minutes against Charlotte on Sunday, missing all three of his field-goal attempts and scoring his only four points from the free-throw line.

O'Neal finished with 16 points.

The Raptors, who were shooting 59 percent midway through the second half, began missing shots and turning the ball over early in the third quarter, as the Magic went up 67-54 and cruised the rest of the way.

Magic guard J.J. Redick made the first start of his three-year career and scored 10 points. Redick played in

only six of Orlando's first 10 games.

"Whenever I get a chance, I've got to do what I can to get back in the rotation," Redick said.

Said Van Gundy: "I thought J.J. was the best choice for us tonight. Nobody's down for the count."

Redick played in place of Mickeal Pietrus, who bruised his ribs in Sunday's win over Charlotte.

Van Gundy started Redick instead of Keith Bogans, who normally comes in for Pietrus, because the coach said he didn't want to disturb his rotation. Bogans had three points in 20 minutes.

Orlando finally got a respite from its 3-point shooting woes. The Magic, who made 801 3s last season, second-best in NBA history, had been shooting only 31.3 percent this season, 24th in the league.

They made 11 of 23 on Tuesday night.

Will Solomon got his second straight start in place of Calderon, and had seven turnovers.

"It's tough right now," Mitchell said. "It's tough when you have to learn out there on the court in front of 18,000 people."

"You've just got to take care of the ball," Bosh said. "That's what we've thrived on in the past couple of years. That's what keeps us in games."

Heat 94, Wizards 87

Before the game, coach Eddie Jordan said of his Washington Wizards: "We don't have rhythm, we don't have harmony, we're trying to incorporate chemistry."

The Miami Heat seem to have the makings of all three, even though they're starting two rookies on a team that last year went 15-67.

The Heat beat the Wizards on Tuesday night for the second time in five days. Dwyane Wade scored 19 points, leading six players in double figures in the victory.

"We would love to have a game like this where everybody is in double figures all across the board," said Wade, who also had 10 assists, six rebounds and five turnovers despite rolling his ankle Sunday against Toronto. "That means a great team. That's kind of how the Lakers are, they're a great team and all the guys are solid across the board so Kobe (Bryant) doesn't have to do that much this year. That's what we want to do."

OK, it might be a bit precocious to mention the Heat next to the Lakers — Miami is only a game above .500 — but it might soon be time to start comparing this year's Wizards to last year's Heat. Washington is 1-7, its worst start since 1999, and Jordan essentially said afterward that only so

much could be expected from a team relying heavily on youth because of long-term injuries to Gilbert Arenas and Brendan Haywood and a sore knee that has Arenas' backup, Antonio Daniels, on the bench.

"This team is built a certain way, fellows," Jordan said. "This team is built for Gilbert Arenas to lead us. This team is built for our All-Star forwards to carry the wings for us, and for Brendan Haywood to have a career year manning the middle for us. We don't have those things."

"And this team, you're asking people to do things that they're not capable of doing. They're not capable of carrying the load for us like a Dwyane Wade, like a Gilbert Arenas. You've got young guys who aren't going to make veteran plays night-in and night-out. You put all those things together, and to be in the game is a credit to everybody in this organization right now. You've got to stay positive, but you've got to be realistic about things."

Antawn Jamison (25) and Caron Butler (21) had 46 of the 59 points scored by the Wizards starters. Nick Young added 12 points off the bench, but his four turnovers included a bad pass in the final minute that ended Washington's attempt to comeback from a 13-point, fourth-quarter deficit.

"I think guys are not playing smart in certain situations of the game," Jamison said. "We got the playing-hard part down. We played hard tonight, but we just didn't get the job done."

The Heat shot only 6-for-16 in the final period, but they held the Wizards to 7-for-20 shooting to finish off a rare away win. Miami entered the game 4-1 at home and 1-4 on the road.

"What I liked the most was we went six straight minutes in the fourth quarter without a field goal," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We went through a drought, and that's happened to us on the road, but somehow we were able to find a way to dig out some possessions defensively to be able to secure the win."

The Heat routed the Wizards 97-77 in Miami on Friday by pulling away in the third quarter. They threaten to do the same on Tuesday, opening the second half with a 12-0 spurt.

But Washington chiseled away at the lead and cut the deficit to three on Jamison's putback with 2:04 left in the game and would have cut the lead to one had Jamison hit a jumper on the next possession. Instead, the Heat rebounded and got lucky at the other end when Wade's pass, broken up by Butler, ended up in the hands of Shawn Marion, who put in the garbage basket to restore the five-point lead.

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have to get a little bit more going in transition," she said. "We didn't get any easy baskets, we had to work for every basket we got."

Devereaux Peters' offensive production didn't suffer. She went 6-of-7 from field goal range and had six rebounds to go with her three blocks and three steals. Peters suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in February, and McGraw said she is probably about 90 percent healthy.

"At six months you're supposed to be at 85 percent."

Shootouts

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Ridderwall said.

Ridderwall scored the game-winner against the Lakers, as the fourth shooter to go. After taking the puck the puck at center ice, Ridderwall deked Laker goalie Brian Mahoney-Wilson and lifted the puck into the net.

"I used a little move I did back in Juniors, where we had a lot of shootouts," Ridderwall said. "I knew it had worked before, but I just hoped it did this time, and fortunately it did."

Notre Dame senior goalie Jordan Pearce was also in favor of the rule change.

"I like shootouts," he said. "I think they're really fun and they're a great way to get crowds into the game. Friday night, the students were into it, they were making a bunch of noise."

Pearce said that he and Irish captain Erik Condra played together on the Lincoln Stars U.S. Hockey League Junior team, and went 7-1 in shootouts during their time with the Stars.

"Erik and I were both in the locker room at the beginning of the season and [coach Jeff Jackson] asked us our opinion, and thinking back to Lincoln being 7-1, we said 'Sure,'" Pearce said.

Pearce said that his goal in shootouts is to put as much pressure on the shooter as possible.

"My mindset is to be really extra focused on the puck and to try to make them make the first move," he said. "If you can be patient and stay up as long as you can, it forces them to make a move and beat you. You don't really want to beat yourself."

The Irish players are well-prepared for the new shootouts, as they have had shootout competitions after practice for several years. Up until now, however, those contests had just been for bragging rights.

"Every Thursday before game weekends we'd do a little shootout competition after practice," Ridderwall said. "It allows guys to work on their moves a little bit, and it's just good times. That's helped us a lot, I think."

Jackson said he's started

We're at seven months," McGraw said.

Peters struggled last season to stay out of foul trouble, but only had two fouls in 28 minutes of play against LSU. Peters has said she wants to limit her frivolous fouls; McGraw said the game was very well-officiated and Peters was allowed to block shots.

"She stepped in and tried to get a couple charges — at least one — and it was a no-call," McGraw said. "But she didn't have any really bad fouls. Maybe just a little more experience, she just wants to stay in the game longer."

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tracking the competition to determine his order for shootouts during games. He said he divides the team into two groups and allows the players to vote on the order of shooters during practice.

"They probably know best who's going to give their team the best chance to win," Jackson said. "And we've been tracking who's scoring and who's not."

Despite the players' enthusiasm for the shootouts, Jackson said he dislikes the system. The CCHA coaches voted against the rule change 7-5 in the off-season, but the measure was passed by the athletic directors.

"I'm not a fan of it," Jackson said. "It's fun to watch, but for a 28-game schedule, to me, it's too risky in how much it can affect our standings."

Jackson said the possibility of a team with more regulation wins losing out on a conference championship or a high conference tournament seed because of shootout wins is too much of a drawback.

"My biggest concern is that we'd be determining who our league champion is," Jackson said. "Or determining who finishes in fourth place, for home ice in the second round [of the CCHA tournament], by a shootout."

Currently, if the game ends in overtime, the winning team receives two points while the losing team receives none. If the game advances to a shootout, the winning team receives two, but the losing team receives one. Jackson said he favors the NHL style, where each team earns one point for advancing to overtime. In addition, the NHL plays four-on-four in overtime, which Jackson also likes.

"If at the end of regulation, we made it one point for each team, in my opinion, there'd be more wide-open overtime hockey," he said. "And if we made it four-on-four, it'd make even more sense. You're trying to exhaust every opportunity to end the game by playing the game. We don't get a point at the end of regulation, and I think that stymies overtime."

Jackson said the CCHA coaches are likely to revisit the system after the season, but for now at least, the shootouts are here to stay.

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deserved the national exposure.

"I feel kind of guilty being in that [cover] shoot with all he's done and accomplished. I feel like people will look at it and say, 'Why is he on it, this little Irish ... jerk,'" McAlarney laughed.

But the Sports Illustrated higher-ups are not the only ones that envision McAlarney as one of the faces — if not the face — of Irish basketball.

"He has been our best voice," Brey said of his senior guard. "Just hearing Kyle talk this year it's been his team, a lot of responsibility."

McAlarney said the Sports Illustrated cover — which depicts him dribbling and grinning as a smiling Barlow guards him — took some time

to shoot. Still, before the issue hit newsstands, he said he could not wait to see it.

"It was a little awkward, a little weird. But thinking about it, it's pretty surreal, pretty cool," he said. "I'm probably going to blow it up and save it because it's something I may never get to experience again. I'm pretty excited about it."

This season, McAlarney has attracted extra attention not only from the media but also from his teammates. As the team's most serious and vocal captain, he said he knows the other Irish players look to him for leadership.

He has tried, then, to lead by example. The workaholic McAlarney even said he has tried to spend more time in the gym.

"I've gotta really be locked in, getting in the gym, working out more. [I've] gotta set an example for these guys here," he

said. "... Just consistently coming in, doing my work, showing these guys what it takes. Hopefully, if I show these guys that I want it, that flows down to the rest of the team."

Note:

◆ Barring an injury to one of Notre Dame's top eight players, Irish sophomore forward Tim Abromaitis will sit out this season, preserving a year of eligibility, the South Bend Tribune reported Tuesday.

Irish coach Mike Brey said there would not be enough minutes to go around if Abromaitis, the youngest player on the team, were to play this year.

Last season, current sophomore Carleton Scott did not play and could apply for a fifth-year when the time comes.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

UNC blows out Kentucky 77-58

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Deon Thompson scored a career-high 20 points to help top-ranked North Carolina beat Kentucky 77-58 on Tuesday night despite playing yet again without national player of the year Tyler Hansbrough.

Wayne Ellington had 16 points for the Tar Heels (2-0), who led by double figures barely 4 minutes into the game and never looked back in a matchup of the winningest programs in men's college basketball.

Patrick Patterson had 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Wildcats (0-2), who finished with 28 turnovers in their second straight mistake-prone performance.

North Carolina didn't really need Hansbrough, who has missed almost three weeks of practice with a shin injury. Hansbrough sat out Saturday's opening win against Pennsylvania. It was the first game the senior had missed in his career.

And just as against the Quakers, Thompson provided the frontline scoring punch that's missing with Hansbrough's absence.

After matching his previous high with 17 points in the opener, Thompson was 10-of-16 from the field and had nine rebounds. He left the game to a standing ovation with 2:45 left and fans chanting his name.

The Tar Heels got a scare late in the game when freshman 7-footer Tyler Zeller took a hard foul by Ramon Harris on a dunk attempt in transition after yet another Kentucky turnover. Zeller fell to the ground under the basket and got up holding his left wrist before heading to the locker room with 1:26 left.

Coach Roy Williams said Zeller was taken to a hospital for X-rays. Zeller has started for Hansbrough in the first two games.

Kentucky was coming off a 111-103 loss to VMI, the Wildcats' second stunning early season home loss in as many seasons. And considering how the Keydets' run-and-gun style frustrated the Wildcats, it was understandable why coach Billy Gillispie was so concerned about the Tar Heels' fast-paced offense

— with or without Hansbrough.

North Carolina got off to exactly the kind of start Gillispie had worried about.

Its trapping defense caused all kinds of problems for Kentucky early, speeding up the Wildcats and keeping them from getting the ball inside to Patterson — the matchup that most concerned Williams with Hansbrough sidelined. Instead, the Wildcats committed six turnovers in the first 5? minutes to help the Tar Heels run out in transition to a 15-2 lead.

The Tar Heels quickly increased the margin, converting a backcourt turnover into

a 3-pointer from Ellington then forced another one that led to an alley-oop pass from Ty Lawson to Ellington for a dunk and a 25-6 lead midway through the half.

Kentucky never had an answer. The Wildcats got no closer than 11 points, fell behind by 16 at halftime and trailed by as many as 21, at 52-31 on Thompson's jumper with 13:34 to play.

The game drew actress and noted Kentucky fan Ashley Judd, who made good on a pledge to attend the game during a campaign stop in Chapel Hill last month to support President-elect Barack Obama.

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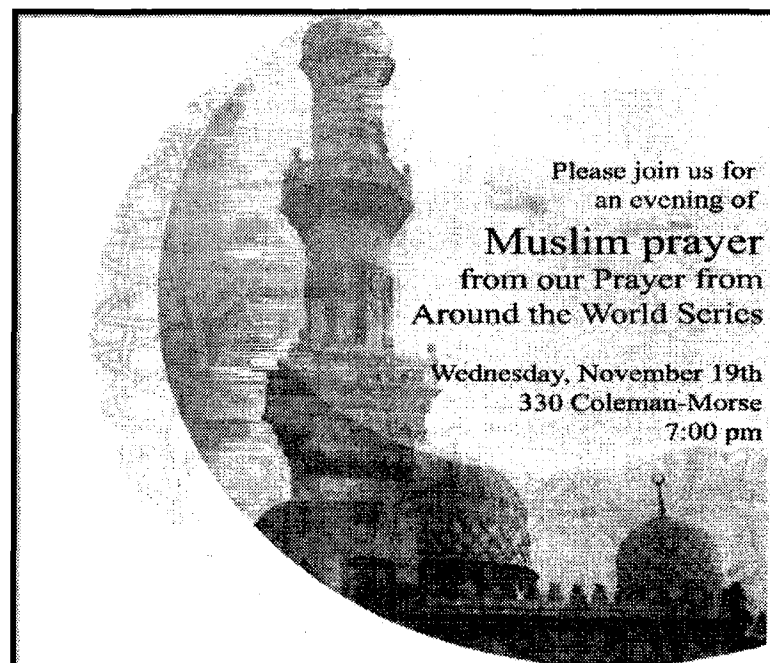
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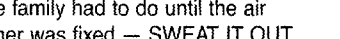
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Evansville and Natalie Novosel's sister come to town

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Evansville brings a sibling rivalry to the Joyce Center tonight when the Purple Aces face the Irish — Evansville center Shannon Novosel and Irish guard Natalie Novosel will play each other for the first time.

Shannon, a senior, and Natalie, a freshman, won a state championship together at Lexington Catholic High School in Lexington, Ky., but have never played on opposite sides in a formal game. As of yet, Irish coach Muffet McGraw

said, Natalie hasn't said much about it.

Both teams enter tonight's game 1-0. The No. 14 Irish defeated No. 24 LSU 62-53 Sunday, and Evansville beat East Tennessee State 83-73 Saturday in head coach Misty Murphy's debut.

The Irish defended the 3-point line well against LSU — the Tigers missed all four 3-point attempts — but face a tougher challenge in the Aces, who shot 8-of-17 from 3-point range.

"This is going to be our [perimeter defense's] first test," McGraw said. "LSU didn't really look to shoot too many but now

you've got a team coming in that took 17 in a game. We really are going to be tested defensively to know where the shooters are and do a better job of guarding them."

Forward Robyn Jennings and guard Ashley Austin each scored 20 points for the Aces against East Tennessee State. Austin also had 10 rebounds in the game, and Jennings scored 18 of her 20 points in the second half. McGraw said, however, that her team takes more pride in its defense this year and has focused on it in practice.

"I feel like there's a different

attitude about the defense," she said. "They're really focused and playing with a little more intensity."

Since guard Tulyah Gaines — a defensive stopper — graduated in May, McGraw said more people on defense have done their jobs and improved the unit.

"Last year we relied on Tulyah a lot to guard the best player and we didn't play a lot of man-to-man, and now they're trying to prove they can guard people," McGraw said. "We're not relying on one or two people to play defense for everybody."

The offense started slowly

against LSU, scoring only 24 points in the first half, but McGraw said the performance is consistent with where the team is offensively. "I was really pretty happy with the way we executed, we just didn't shoot the ball well in the first half," she said. "I'm not too worried about, I think we'll shoot the ball better as the season goes on."

The Tigers defense kept Notre Dame from finding any quick buckets, McGraw said.

"I'd obviously like to score more than 62 points, but we

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FOOTBALL

Charlie in charge

Weis to retain play-calling duties for remainder of regular season; team prepares for life without Floyd

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

One more week of the head honcho calling the plays. Irish coach Charlie Weis said in his Tuesday press conference he would hold onto the call sheet for the Syracuse game.

Weis said offensive coordinator Mike Haywood will miss practice for personal reasons, so Weis will retain play-calling duties.

"And with that being said, followed up by a short week next week, for the rest of the regular season I will be handling the play calling on offense," Weis said.

Calling plays against Navy, Weis said, was comfortable for him. He felt he could tinker with the game plan at halftime and adjust any necessary problems.

"I think that probably the thing that was easiest thing for me to do is to come in at halftime and be able to whit-

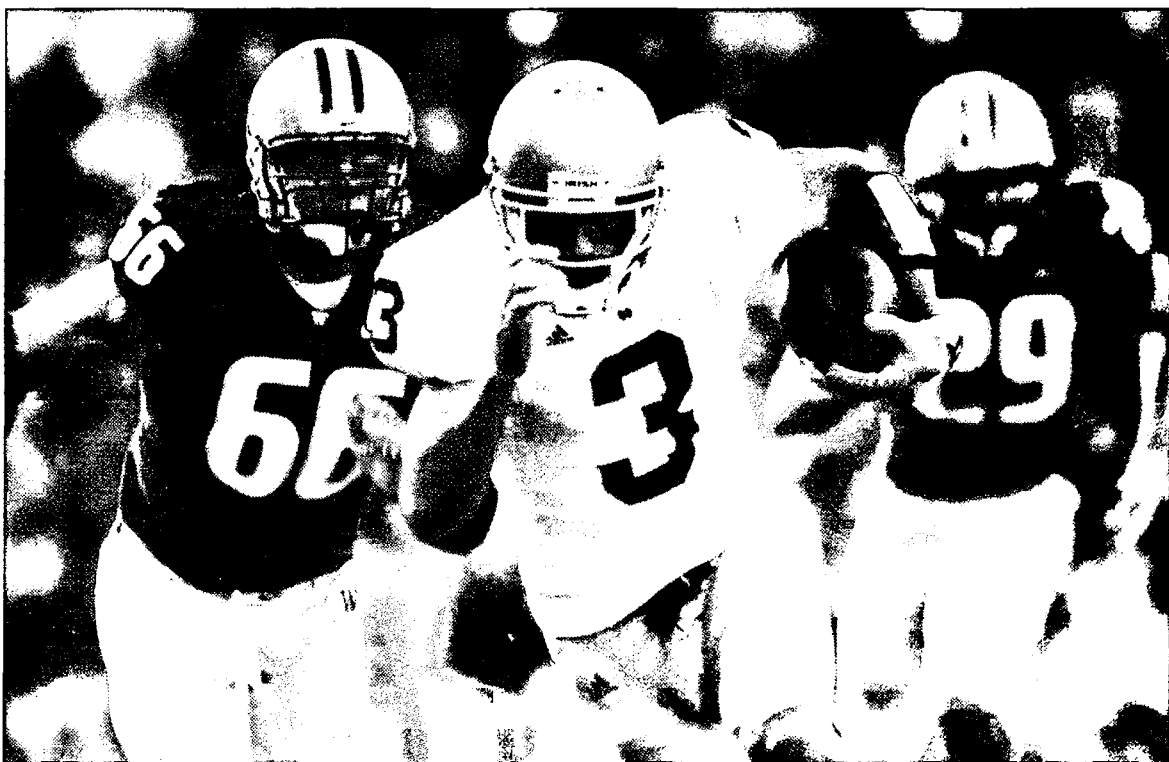
tle through the game plan and get back to what we needed to do to win the game," Weis said. "And I think when you're not involved in that whole process and all the play-calling, that's a much more difficult test to do than when you're actually involved in the play-calling."

He said the offensive staff assisted him, but being involved with the game plan was the key for Weis' half-time adjustments.

"I think that more than anything else the biggest comfort zone was being able to, because we were involved with the whole process, be able to tweak some things at halftime to kind of get it right," Weis said.

Weis dismissed the notion that Syracuse could be a trap game — it is the last game for the seniors, and there are other reasons to play well.

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JESS LEE/The Observer

Irish receiver Michael Floyd sprints downfield during Notre Dame's 33-7 win over Washington on Oct. 25. Floyd will not play Saturday against Syracuse, when Charlie Weis will retain play-calling duties.

HOCKEY

Team gives opinions about shootout rule

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Last year, Notre Dame's Friday night game against Lake Superior State would have ended in a 3-3 tie. This year, though, the players stayed on the ice and took part in the first shootout of the Irish season.

Over the summer, the CCHA athletic directors voted to adopt shootouts as a means of resolving ties during the regular season. If the game

remains tied after a five-minute sudden death overtime period, each team selects three players to participate in the shootout. If the shootout is tied after three shooters for each team, it becomes sudden death, with the teams alternating shots until one makes and one misses. The new format has received positive reviews from Irish players.

"I love it," Notre Dame sophomore forward Calle

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

McAlarney graces SI cover

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

Irish co-captain Kyle McAlarney said junior forward Luke Harangody is the face of Notre Dame's basketball program.

But last week, Sports Illustrated printed a series of regional issues for its college basketball preview and McAlarney, along with women's player Ashley Barlow, graced one of the six covers.

A self-effacing McAlarney said Harangody is the one who

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish shooting guard Kyle McAlarney drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 68-55 win over St. John's on March 5.