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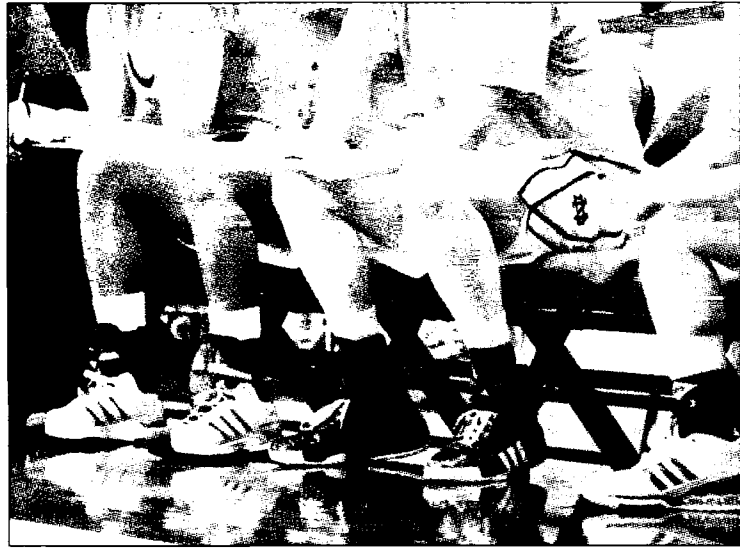
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## Team raises money for cancer research

*Women's basketball 'Pink Zone' game garners \$38,000 to support fight against breast cancer*



Members of the women's basketball team wore pink gear Sunday as part of the Pink Zone project.

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Writer

The Notre Dame Women's basketball team abandoned its normal uniforms in favor of pink jerseys during Sunday's game against DePaul University, helping to raise about \$38,000 for breast cancer research, according to sophomore Brittany Mallory, a sophomore guard on the team.

The money was raised as part of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's Pink Zone project, which enlists women's basketball teams around the country to designate one game to be the Pink Zone game in order to raise money and awareness.

About 1,200 other schools are involved in the project, Mallory said. These schools each hold their Pink Zone game on a different day to benefit the cause.

"We want to raise money for breast cancer research and make people more aware," she said. "We basically want to get the message across."

Mallory said a silent auction took place before the game to raise funds, and doctors and members of breast cancer support organizations spoke during timeouts and handed out pamphlets before the game to raise awareness.

Breast cancer survivors spoke during halftime, Mallory said.

Along with the basketball

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## Discount booklets up for sale

By AARON STEINER  
Assistant News Editor

Students now have access to over \$1,000 in savings at over 100 local businesses, including popular eateries like Taco Bell and Buffalo Wild Wings as well as lesser-known businesses like Tom's Restaurant and Macri's Bakery.

Student government organized the booklet of coupons that were first put on sale last week. The books are now available for \$10 at the

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## Professor 'seriously injured' in roof fall

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame management professor Robert P. Vecchio was "seriously injured" after a fall from the roof of his Granger, Ind. home Saturday morning, according to a report by the South Bend Tribune.

Vecchio fell from a height of at least 10 feet, Mike Gerndt, Clay fire battalion chief, told the Tribune.

Emergency medical personnel arrived at Vecchio's home at about 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning, the Tribune said, and brought him to Memorial Hospital for treatment.

A hospital nursing supervisor told the Tribune he remained in critical condition late Sunday.

The Tribune said the circumstances of the accident remained unclear, and did not report the extent of Vecchio's injuries.

Vecchio, the Franklin D. Schurz chaired professor of management, joined the faculty of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business in 1976.

According to a biography on a Mendoza Web site, Vecchio has taught and conducted research on issues related to organizational behavior and human resources management since arriving at Notre Dame.

His work focuses on leadership, motivation, workplace emotion and employee envy.



Vecchio

## Warm temps surprise students

By ROBERT SINGER  
News Writer

Weather, like the success of the football team, has become relative at Notre Dame: a victory in the Hawaii Bowl is reason for optimism and 40-degree temperatures call for shorts.

For the first time in weeks, temperatures averaged in the high 30s over the weekend, with the thermometer even hitting 54 on Sunday. Combined with the unseasonable warmth, the sun has melted away feet of snow.

"I haven't worn shorts or

gone without a jacket, but I have worn my jacket open," sophomore Mistee Colbert said.

Shorts, T-shirts, and fewer people wearing Ugg boots with sweat pants were spotted around campus. Students commented that the warm weather has also affected the general mood.

"You have everyone smiling, the bright blue skies, and snow on the ground. It looks like it could be March or April instead of February," Colbert said.

"It looks like people are standing up straighter,"

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Students enjoyed the warm weather in shorts Sunday.

## ND sends care packages to troops

*Senior's 'Sweets for Soldiers' project supported by ND initiative*

By LIZ O'DONNELL  
News Writer

Members of the 2009, 2010 and 2011 class councils — with help from students from each class — gathered in South Dining Hall Sunday afternoon to build care packages for soldiers who are fighting overseas.

The care packages are comprised of an assortment of goods ranging from candy and chips to basic necessities like deodorant and toothpaste.

Also included in the care packages is a thank you note to the soldier and valentines. A table was set up in the LaFortune this

past week where students could sign valentines that would be placed in the packages.

Notre Dame senior Christine Cartwright and her brother Kevin created the project Sweets for Soldiers in her hometown.

"My brother and I started this project because we wanted to find a way to support our troops," Cartwright said. "We have a lot of family in the Air Force, so we feel very connected to the war."

Notre Dame was first involved in the project last year when Cartwright was a junior in Lyons Hall. She and then-junior Alyssa Corcoran held the project primarily as a dorm event.

"When we initiated the project in Lyons it ran very smoothly," Corcoran said. "The large turnout gave us confidence to move it to a larger scale operation."

Cartwright and Corcoran brought the idea to the senior class council during the first semester in order to open the project up to the rest of the school.

The project's first campus wide event took place in December when Sweets for Soldiers made care packages for the holiday season. A variety of holiday-themed goodies, including Santa hats and reindeer hats, were included in that batch of packages.

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## Observer elects next top Editor

Observer Staff Report

The Observer General Board elected News Editor Jenn Metz as the 2009-2010 Editor-in-Chief Sunday.

Metz, a junior English and Romance Languages major with a minor in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy, is a native of Westfield, N.J. who joined The Observer in her freshman year.

Metz, who lives in Cavanaugh Hall, covered a variety of stories for three semesters before studying abroad in Rome during the spring of 2008.

"I'm honored at the opportunity to take over as Editor-in-Chief and to follow in the footsteps of the others who've held the position during my time at the University," Metz said.

Metz became News Editor in the fall of 2008 and led The Observer's coverage of the presidential race and Notre Dame's role in it. She also wrote about and directed coverage of student relations with the University and the South Bend community, among many other issues, and recruited new writers to work at The Observer.

"Jenn has done a fantastic job this past semester as News Editor," outgoing Editor-in-Chief Chris Hine said. "She has a great relationship with everybody in the office and I have full confidence that she'll do a great job over the next year."

During her tenure, Metz said she hopes to "uphold the reputation of The Observer as a reliable source for news on campus and to keep students talking about what matters at Notre Dame."

Metz will take over as Editor-in-Chief on March 1.

INSIDE COLUMN

F My Life

Have you ever passed a building, saw someone inside and laughed because the person is fat and ugly before realizing you are looking at your reflection? I haven't. But anyone who is a frequent visitor to the Web site 'F my life' would know that someone has had that unfortunate experience.

**Madeline Buckley**  
News Production Editor

There are only so many ways to procrastinate doing homework. Facebook and Perez Hilton run out of new stories and photos after awhile and Postsecret is only updated once a week. As a result, F my life is my newly discovered procrastination tool.

On the site, anyone can post sad truths about their own lives, always signing off with FML. Feeling sad, stressed or over-worked? F my life is the perfect solution to feeling better because most people can read the numerous posts and think 'at least my life doesn't suck that much' over and over again.

I was referred to this site by a couple of my friends, and we get a (somewhat misplaced) sense of satisfaction from laughing at the sad problems of these people.

The doomed feeling that is a result of an unfinished paper due in 12 hours can be counteracted completely by reading about the woman who received a text from her boyfriend of two years that stated, "Don't worry I'm gonna break up with her soon. Love you."

The disappointment that follows not getting that perfect summer internship also can be solved this way:

"Today, my girlfriend dumped me proclaiming she wanted someone more like her 'Edward.' I asked her who Edward was. She held up a copy of her 'Twilight' book. She was talking about a fictional vampire. FML."

It works for pretty much any minor problem or stressor in life. Some may criticize this form of de-stressing. It can be misconstrued as slightly obnoxious to laugh at other people's crappy lives in order to feel better about your own life. It does not really solve the problem of the unfinished paper or unemployment for the summer. This begs the question, can that sort of thing actually make you feel better?

The answer is a resounding yes. It really does work. Although there are a few posts that are truly pathetic, most are posted in good humor, and they allow you to enjoy a good self-satisfied laugh before moving on with the day.

So, take my advice, and visit [www.fmylife.com](http://www.fmylife.com). Most likely, whatever chemistry test is looming won't look so bad after you have compared your own life to the lives of the people that post on this site.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: How did you enjoy the warm weather over the weekend?



**Meg Otten**  
sophomore  
Regina

*"I went running outside around the lakes. It was very exciting."*



**Maggie Fechtel**  
freshman  
Holy Cross Hall

*"I went shopping."*



**Jeff Tarullo**  
sophomore  
Morrisey

*"I came out of hibernation."*



**Britt Mawby**  
sophomore  
Walsh

*"I broke out the shades."*



**Kathleen Hession**  
senior  
off-campus

*"I took the cast of the play I'm directing to the playground — the brilliant Dr. Lagan."*



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

**Carolyn Christian, student technical assistant at DPAC, works lights and sound for the Sunday performance of "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial."**

OFFBEAT

Escaped prisoner turns up in judge's trunk

**MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich.**— A Michigan judge says he's learned a lesson about locking his car after a 16-year-old prisoner who escaped from a courthouse cell was found hiding in the vehicle's trunk.

The Macomb Daily reports the teen had vanished Friday after appearing in juvenile court in Mount Clemens on a probation violation.

Sheriff's deputies searched for about an hour until a security officer became suspicious when he saw a picture that had

fallen to the ground outside judge's car.

A deputy checked the car and found the boy in the trunk.

Macomb County Circuit Judge Peter Maceroni says the teen likely used a button inside the unlocked car to open the trunk.

The judge says that from now on he will lock the car when he's at the courthouse.

Sri Lankan watches TV 72 hours to set world record

**STOCKHOLM** — Suresh Joachim has broken his own Guinness world record for nonstop broadcast-television

watching, clocking 72 hours in the Swedish capital.

"I feel fine, I drank between 25 and 30 cups of coffee," Joachim said Sunday.

His previous record was 69 hours, 48 minutes, set in 2005.

Joachim, a Sri Lanka native who lives in Toronto, watched three seasons of the drama series "24" featuring Kiefer Sutherland, said Swedish TV4 spokeswoman Janina Witkowski, no continuing effects from the incident.

*Information compiled from the Associated Press.*

IN BRIEF

The Women Writers' Festival will take place today from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. This interdisciplinary festival features Kim Hyesoon and Laura Solórzano. Translators Don Mee Choi and poet Jen Hofer, a poet will also attend. The festival will take place in the Hesburgh Center.

A lecture entitled "The Role of Trans-Atlantic Relations in World Governance" will take place today at 4:30 p.m. in 138 DeBartolo Hall. It will feature Guido Lenzi, Ambassador for the Italian Foreign Ministry.

A lecture entitled "Bad-Time Commerce and Entrepreneurs: Purchasing Normalcy" will take place today at 5 p.m. in 119 DeBartolo Hall. It will feature Rahul Oka from the University of Illinois at Chicago and the Field Museum of Natural History.

The Glass Club is having a sale of some of their products — etched glassware, jewelry, stained glass, and fused glass, in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. It will take place Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Brazilian Carnival will take place Friday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in South Dining Hall. The event will include music and dance by Chicago Samba, costume contest, samba lessons and door prizes.

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

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## SMC sees increase in e-mail scams

By BECKY HOGAN  
News Writer

Phishing scams have compromised Saint Mary's e-mail accounts this year more than ever before, according to Coordinator of Student Computing Kathy Hausman.

"This year we've had a larger number reply to phishing scams and that's why we've tried to make more of an issue of it," Hausman said. "We've tried to send e-mail messages to say that Saint Mary's will never ask for passwords over e-mail. Unfortunately, we've had more people respond this year than ever before."

According to Hausman, phishing scams are an attempt to get near money.

"A phishing scam is somebody pretending to be someone they are not, and they want your personal information — passwords, date of birth, your mother's maiden name to get into your credit info," Hausman said.

She also said that phishing scams have also affected local banks.

"Notre Dame Federal Credit Union and First Bank have both had phishing scams ... where e-mails have been sent giving a link to a Web site asking to provide account info," she said.

But Hausman also said that phishers are expanding the ways they acquire personal information by using e-mail account info to send further phishing messages.

"[Phishing scams] are also being used to log into e-mail accounts to send spam and additional phishing messages," Hausman said.

Hausman also said that people with '.edu' accounts

are particularly vulnerable to these scams.

"I think [the increase in scams] is because the phishers themselves are getting smarter. They know that they can say that your account can be deleted because they are associating '.edu' accounts to faculty and students," she said. "They are also specifically mentioning your web-mail account. They are trying to use key words that students hear all the time, so it's more difficult to determine whether it's real or not."

According to Hausman, no legitimate institution, including colleges and banks, will ask for personal information over e-mail.

"If you receive an e-mail directing you to a phone number or Web site to provide this information, do not use the contact information or links provided in the message. Instead, contact the institution using their officially published phone number or Web site and ask for instructions," she said.

Phishing scams can even affect students who have not had their accounts compromised by phishers because e-mail providers can block users on an entire network.

Hausman explained that Hotmail, MSN, AOL, AT&T and SBCGlobal have repeatedly blocked saintmarys.edu accounts after one address has been compromised, preventing any messages with saintmarys.edu addresses from being delivered to intended recipients.

Hausman said that the best way to identify a phishing scam is to see if an e-mail message asks for passwords, account numbers, social security numbers, or addresses.

"Never give out that information over e-mail," she said.

Examples of recent phishing scams subject lines at Saint Mary's include "final verification of e-mail account," "e-mail account maintenance," and "alert: mail quota and confirm email account."

Hausman said a recent phishing scam reported by msnbc.com exposed an incident in which a man's Facebook account had been hacked into, telling his friends that he had been robbed at gunpoint and needed money. Many of his friends responded, with some even sending money to an account without realizing that it was a scam.

Hausman said that Saint Mary's Department of Information Technology has been working to educate students about phishing scams.

"Not only are they seeing all e-mail messages that say this is a phishing scam, we've also got a number of different advertising campaigns," she said.

The Department of Information Technology will hold a "Computer Security Awareness" event in Vander Vennet Theatre on March 2. Topics will include protecting your computer from viruses and trojans, a review of phishing scams, password security, and online identity theft.

Hausman also recommended the SonicWALL Phishing and Spam IQ Quiz tests how well one can identify a legitimate e-mail from a phishing scam. The quiz can be found at [www.sonicwall.com/phishing/](http://www.sonicwall.com/phishing/).

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## Sliced apples to return to both dining halls

Previous apple supplier recalled product, 'similar' product to debut this Wednesday

By EMMA DRISCOLL  
News Writer

Students missing the sliced apples in the South Dining Hall can rest assured because sliced apples will be available again on Wednesday.

"Originally, it was a Richland Hills Product. They've recalled them. That's why you haven't seen them since break," Marc Poklinkowski, general manager of South Dining Hall, said.

Due to the recall, the sliced apples have not been offered in the dining hall since before winter break, Poklinkowski said.

The apples were recalled due to a fear of listeria, Poklinkowski said. He added that the recall was based on Richland Hills' own in-house testing and that no illnesses have been reported due to the apples.

Peterson Farms, one of the largest privately owned fruit processors in Michigan, will be the new supplier for sliced apples in the dining hall, Poklinkowski said.

The new apples will be "very similar" to the ones that the dining hall offered in the past.

Since sliced apples are in high demand in the dining hall, finding replacement apples was necessary.

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manager  
South Dining Hall

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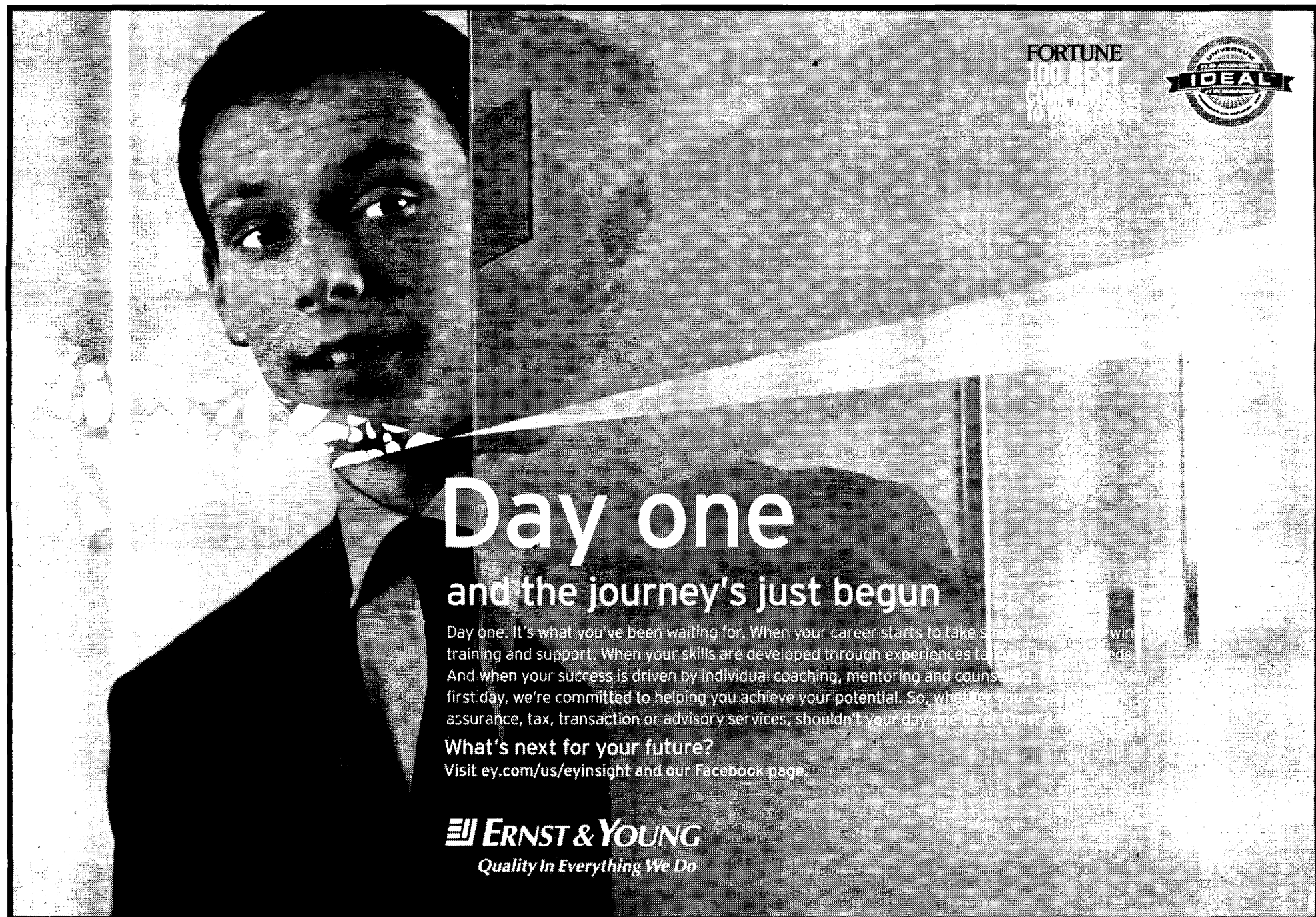
With the absence of the sliced apples, students have been eating more of the other available fruits in the dining hall.

"We've seen a lot more of the other fruits going," Poklinkowski said.

To substitute the sliced apples, some students slice their own apples, but Poklinkowski recognized that the sliced apples are still unique.

"Some cut up their own apples, of course, it's not quite the same," Poklinkowski said. "It's nice that [the sliced apples] stay so nice and white and don't turn brown like the other ones," Poklinkowski said.

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# Plant, Krauss take home 4 Grammys

Brown now under investigation for assault

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Robert Plant and Alison Krauss' unorthodox musical partnership yielded rich rewards on Grammy night, as the pair won a leading four Grammys, including record of the year for the haunting "Please Read The Letter."

At the same moment that the show was going on, teen heart-throb and double Grammy nominee Chris Brown was talking with detectives about an alleged felony assault on an unidentified woman the night before. Police records showed he was being held on \$50,000 bail.

Brown and longtime girlfriend Rihanna, also nominated, were both slated to perform in different slots of the show, but separately dropped out at the last minute. The victim of Brown's alleged assault wasn't identified, and it wasn't immediately clear whether Rihanna's absence was related to Brown's.

Jennifer Hudson was there, however, and provided the night's most emotional moments onstage. The Oscar winner took her first Grammy award — for best R&B album — for her self-titled debut.

Hudson, 27, made no direct reference to the October killings of her mother, brother and nephew that kept her in seclusion until just this month. But while fighting back tears, she made it clear that her family was foremost on her mind.

"I first would like to thank God who has brought me through. I would like to thank my family in heaven and those who are with me today.

Hudson later performed "You Pulled Me Through," a dramatic song about overcoming deep despair, with the lyrics: "When I was drowning, when I was so confused, you, you pulled me through." As she sang the last note, she looked directly into the camera and dissolved into tears once again.

There were no tears as Krauss and Plant accepted their awards for their emotion-rich CD, "Raising Sand." The pairing of the former Led

Zeppelin rocker and Krauss, a bluegrass queen, may have seemed downright weird on paper, but the T Bone Burnett-produced album was universally acclaimed.

Plant said "Please Read The Letter" was "an old song that me and Jimmy Page wrote together post Led Zeppelin, and it's been given that Nashville touch, and it feels pretty good."

The Grammy telecast was filled with eye-popping and eyebrow-raising performances, from Radiohead's collaboration with a college marching band to a televised black-and-white throwback performance from Jay-Z, T.I., Lil Wayne, Kanye West and a very pregnant M.I.A.

But the absences of Brown and Rihanna put a huge hole in the Grammy telecast. Rihanna was supposed to sing "Live Your Life/Disturbia" as the second performance of the night. Brown was later to sing "Forever." Each was nominated in the pop collaboration with vocals category, Brown for "No Air" with "American Idol" champion Jordin Sparks; and Rihanna for "If I Never See Your Face Again" with Maroon 5.

Brown was also nominated for male R&B vocal performance for "Take You Down."

Neither won a Grammy on Sunday, and the Recording Academy found able replacements for their performance slots in Justin Timberlake, Al Green, Boyz II Men and Keith Urban as they all sang Green's classic hit, "Let's Stay Together." No mention was made on the broadcast about the switch.

According to the police report, released 90 minutes before the show began Sunday, Brown and a woman were in a vehicle in the ritzy neighborhood of Hancock Park when they began to argue around 12:30 a.m. Sunday. Brown stopped the car and both got out, whereupon the argument escalated, the report said.

The woman, who had visible injuries when police arrived, identified Brown as her attacker, but he had left the scene, the report said.

## Weather

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senior Greer Hannan added.

Friday, when the cold forced many to bundle up, Hanna walked to Sacred Heart Parish Center for a weekend retreat. On Sunday's return journey, she noticed a change had overcome the campus — much of the snow had melted and people were out jogging.

"A retreat makes it feel like you're coming alive, and seeing the snow melt reinforces that," Hannan said.

A group of students gathered on Mod Quad Sunday to play Frisbee. They remarked that the disc was much easier to throw and catch without gloves.

"The weather is so nice and warm and this is the first time I've seen green grass in a while," sophomore Kim

Schlesinger said.

"I'm just afraid that it's going to snow 12 inches tomorrow," sophomore Eddie McDonough added.

Others were pessimistic that the change was only a temporary reprieve, and not a sign of spring.

"I definitely plan on enjoying this weather while it lasts, because it will probably be snowing tomorrow," said Colbert.

According to The Weather Channel Web site, the temperature should remain in the 30s for the rest of the week, even reaching the 50s the next two days.

Sophomore Cait Listro said that the warm weather has made her feel better about being at Notre Dame.

"It makes me feel a lot better about being in South Bend for the winter," she said.

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## Packages

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"We receive letters from the soldiers giving us feedback about what they want us to ship to them," Cartwright said. "Typically they ask for junk food because the army does not give them any."

Among other popular items, Cartwright said that men often request deodorant and women ask for feminine hygiene products. These necessities are often hard to come by while serving in the war.

The soldiers that are selected to receive the pack-

ages are found through a public listing of soldiers, anysoldier.com, which provides names and addresses of soldiers who typically do not receive packages. Cartwright estimated that there will be more than one hundred packages included in this shipment.

*"Typically they ask for junk food because the army does not give them any."*

Christine Cartwright senior

Sweets for Soldiers shipped out around 150 packages during Christmas, and they are hoping their numbers will continue to grow.

Cartwright said the packages made today will be shipped out at the end of the week. They are destined

*"My brother and I started this project because we wanted to find a way to support our troops."*

Christine Cartwright senior

for Iraq and throughout the Middle East. She said that they will arrive within the next few weeks.

The program is funded primarily through donations given by family and friends. Notre Dame

has also donated to the packages that were created on campus. Cartwright said that donations are key to keeping the program going.

"I would like to see this program to continue," said Corcoran said, encouraging interested people to visit their Web site, www.sweetsforsoldiers.com.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Gaza military rocket hits south

JERUSALEM — Israel's military says a rocket fired from Gaza in violation of an informal truce has struck an Israeli communal farm.

The military says one car was set ablaze and several others were damaged by shrapnel. No injuries were reported.

Israel unilaterally halted a blistering, three-week Gaza operation on Jan. 18. Hamas announced later that day that it would hold its fire.

But the two sides have not agreed on a formal cease-fire. Egypt is trying to mediate such an agreement.

Militants have sporadically fired rockets into Israel since declaring their cease-fire. They also killed one soldier in a border bombing attack.

### 24 dead in Brazil plane crash

SAO PAULO — Four people at the rear of a plane that crashed in a muddy Amazon river managed to open an emergency door and swim to safety as the aircraft sank, dragging 24 others to their death, officials said Sunday.

Most victims were members of a single family that had chartered the plane to travel to a birthday party. Seven children died.

"It was all very fast. The plane sank very fast," 21-year-old survivor Brenda Moraes told Brazil's GloboNews TV. "We only had a chance because we were sitting in the last rows and could open the emergency door."

Divers on Sunday recovered two dozen bodies from the twin turboprop plane that plunged into the Manacapuru river in a heavy rainstorm the day before, ending rescue operations after all passengers and crew were accounted for, said firefighter Maj. Jair Ruas Braga.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Hudson River pilot describes crash

NEW YORK — The pilot who ditched his jetliner in the Hudson River and saved the lives of everyone on board said he had a "sickening" feeling when a flock of birds disabled both engines with violent thuds, crippling the plane at 3,000 feet over the nation's most populous city.

Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger said in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" that the sound of the geese hitting the plane and the smell of burning poultry entering the cabin was "shocking."

"Oh, you could hear them," he said. "Loud thumps. It felt like the airplane being pelted by heavy rain or hail. It sounded like the worst thunderstorm I'd ever heard growing up in Texas."

The interview with Sullenberger and the other four crew members was broadcast Sunday, their first since US Airways Flight 1549 landed in the frigid water Jan. 15.

### Governor to testify in senator's trial

PHILADELPHIA — The defense in the federal corruption trial of a former state senator is aiming to roll out its big guns Monday with the testimony of Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell.

Rendell is expected to provide brief testimony that acknowledges the long hours Vincent Fumo worked on behalf of the state when he was in the Senate.

"They worked their hearts out here. They work a minimum of 10-hour days and at budget time 20-hour days," Rendell said last week at the Capitol.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Judge approves pay raises

SOUTH BEND — A judge has ordered the St. Joseph County Council to approve \$79,000 in pay raises for his eight employees despite a projected \$4.3 million county government deficit.

Probate Judge Peter Nemeth had warned at a council meeting last month that he would order the raises through a judicial mandate after the council cut them from his court's 2009 budget.

Indiana Supreme Court trial rules allow judges to override county council spending decisions if judges deem spending essential to administer justice the rest of the way.

# Tough week ahead for Obama

President struggles to convince divided Congress to approve economic stimulus package

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Barack Obama plunges into a difficult test of his leadership this week, struggling to get a divided Congress to agree on his economic recovery package while pitching a new plan to ease loans to consumers and businesses.

The Senate's \$827 billion stimulus legislation seems assured narrow passage by Tuesday. Harder work for Obama and the Democrats comes in the days ahead, when the House and Senate attempt to reconcile differences in their two versions.

Obama and Democratic Party leaders had hoped to have a bill ready for the president's signature by Feb. 16 — a deadline that grows more challenging by the day.

At the Treasury Department, Secretary Timothy Geithner delayed the unveiling of a new bailout framework for financial institutions from Monday to Tuesday to let the administration focus on the Senate legislation.

Geithner is considering steps to broaden the use of a new lending facility at the Federal Reserve, provide government guarantees to help banks deal with their troubled assets, and continue direct infusion of capital into banks in exchange for securities and tougher accountability rules.

For Obama, the economy has become a two-front engagement, with one effort aimed at creating or saving jobs and the other at unfreezing the credit markets. Amid the urgency created by nearly 600,000 new unemployed workers last month and new bank failures, Obama's economic prescriptions are coming under critical scrutiny by both Congress and the American public.

The House and Senate bills are about \$7 billion apart in cost and overlap in numerous ways. But the



President Barack Obama meets with members of his economic team on Jan. 5 at his transition office in Washington, D.C. Obama will present his stimulus package this week.

Senate bill has a greater emphasis on tax cuts, while the House bill devotes more money to states, local governments and schools.

Lawrence Summers, Obama's top economic adviser, signaled the struggle ahead as he made the rounds of Sunday morning talk shows. "There are crucial areas, support for higher education, that are things that are in the House bill that are very, very important to the president," he said on ABC.

Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, the Democratic chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, warned that reductions in state spending in the Senate bill would hurt local

communities.

"To get any Republicans at all, you had to adopt a cut that's going to mean policemen and firemen are going to be laid off," he said.

Sen. John Ensign of Nevada, a member of the Senate Republican leadership, dismissed Frank's complaint as "fear-mongering."

The Senate bill is finely tuned. With only two or three Republicans on board, it is guaranteed, at most, 61 votes; the bill needs 60 votes to advance and avoid procedural hurdles. Any change in the balance struck by the Senate bill could doom it.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a vocal critic of the stimulus bill, complained

that Republicans won't be involved in the final negotiations. "That's the way the Bush administration, when we Republicans were in charge — that's the way we did business," he said. "But I thought we were going to have change."

Obama will take his case to the American people at 8 p.m. EST Monday with his first prime-time news conference. He'll also participate in town hall-style meetings in cities suffering particularly hard times — Elkhart, Ind., on Monday and Fort Myers, Fla., on Tuesday.

The House and Senate are scheduled to go on recess next week, but congressional leaders have said they will not leave until the bill is completed.

## IRAQ

# Women's minister resigns in protest

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's state minister for women's affairs has quit to protest a lack of resources for a daunting task — improving the lives of "a full army of widows" and other women left poor or abandoned by war.

In an interview Sunday with The Associated Press, Nawal al-Samarraie described how her office's budget was so tight that she often found herself dipping into her own pockets for the women who came begging for help.

She said she finally submitted her resignation last week in part because her budget was slashed from \$7,500 to

\$1,500 per month — part of overall government spending cuts forced by plunging oil prices. The figure didn't include staff salaries.

"I reached to the point that I will never be able to help the women," said al-Samarraie, whose job lasted just six months. "The budget is very limited ... so what can I do?"

Al-Samarraie's resignation has cast a spotlight on the overwhelming problems facing Iraqi women, tens of thousands of them left poor or widowed by war.

An untold number have lost their husbands or other male relatives to violence or detention since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, often leaving them alone with

children and virtually no safety net or job opportunities.

Al-Samarraie claimed Iraq has 3 million widows, calling it "a full army of widows, most of them not educated." The figure, which she said came from a government survey, includes those who lost their husbands under Saddam Hussein's regime and was impossible to verify.

All Iraqis have undergone difficulties, but women face the additional danger of being sidelined in a male-dominated society. Widows in Iraq, for example, traditionally move in with their extended families, but many families find it increasingly difficult to care for them.

## Pink

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players, many fans also donned pink outfits, and the first 2,000 fans to arrive at the game received pink T-shirts, she said. "We had a lot of pink going on," Mallory said. "We had pink jerseys, pink shoelaces and a pink hair extension in our hair."

Mallory said 25 percent of the money raised during Sunday's game will go to the Kay Yow cancer fund, which honors the North Carolina State women's basketball coach who died of breast cancer in January.

The remaining funds raised will go to the local women's health organization, Women's Task Force, she said.

If the Pink Zone game had sold out, the team was going to donate an extra \$10,000 to the cause, Mallory said. The game did not sell out, but the project

mustered a large crowd, she said.

"There was a good amount of people at the game, so we gave an extra \$5,000 to the fund," Mallory said.

Mallory said she was also part of a management class last semester that had the students publicize the Pink Zone game as a part of a class project.

"[The class] designed the T-shirt we gave out today," she said. "We also called doctors and St. Joseph hospital to come and give out pamphlets for breast cancer."

Mallory said she believes the Pink Zone game achieved its purpose.

"I think it was very successful, and I think a lot of people got the message. We raised a lot of money which was our main goal," she said. "We were happy about that."

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## Coupons

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LaFortune Box Office.

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt said the booklets were part of his and student body president Bob Reish's campaign platform.

Value Checks, a South Bend company, produced the booklets, he said.

"We worked with them to basically figure out what restaurants and businesses would be the best," he said, specifically looking for places "students would find most appealing."

Schmidt said student government offers the booklets as a service to students. At the same time, they are a part of efforts to improve relations with the South Bend community, senior Ashlee Wright, chair of the Senate University Affairs committee, said.

"We need [to improve] the relationship between Notre Dame and the South Bend community and anything that gets students in the community, especially off the Grape Road venues" is helpful, she said.

They want students to "try things they might not have already tried," she said.

Schmidt said the booklet covers the entire Michiana area, and discounts range from free appetizers to a free sandwich with the purchase of another, among other offers.

"A lot of what we're doing is promoting places that are

smaller," Schmidt said, focusing on businesses "you've never heard of."

Typically these types of coupon booklets are sold as fundraisers, Schmidt said, but "this is not a fundraiser by any means."

"It's definitely a bang for the buck. It's not a scam," Schmidt said, noting that students are free to look through the booklet before they purchase one.

Wright said that student government contacted Value Checks at the end of the fall semester to pursue the project.

"We went over and looked through the venues," Schmidt said, and selected more than 100 businesses.

Wright and Schmidt noted that a wide variety of businesses have coupons in the book.

"It's not just food in there," Wright said. "There's Tiki Tan, Meijer, others."

Schmidt pointed out discounts for a South Bend Silver Hawks game and the South Bend Symphony, among others.

The book was personalized for Notre Dame, and will be sold throughout the semester, Wright said.

The coupons are valid through the end of 2009, she said.

Schmidt said in the future student government would like to develop a discount card that allows students to get a set percentage discount at participating venues.

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## IN BRIEF

### Republicans wary of stimulus bill

WASHINGTON — Republican congressional leaders and a key House Democrat are voicing misgivings — but for different reasons — over the Senate version of an economic recovery plan costing more than \$800 billion.

Sen. John Ensign of Nevada and Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana, both members of Republican leadership teams, complain that the legislation has too much spending and not enough in tax cuts.

A top House Democrat, Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, says the Senate bill cuts spending necessary to protect the jobs of policemen and firefighters.

The Senate cut \$40 billion in aid to state governments contained in a House version of the legislation.

The Senate is expected to pass its bill on Tuesday. It then has to be reconciled with the House version.

### Drugmakers' push boots murky illness

WASHINGTON — Two drugmakers spent hundreds of millions of dollars last year to raise awareness of a murky illness, helping boost sales of pills recently approved as treatments and drowning out unresolved questions — including whether it's a real disease at all.

Key components of the industry-funded buzz over the pain-and-fatigue ailment fibromyalgia are drugs — more than \$6 million donated by drugmakers Eli Lilly and Pfizer in the first three quarters of 2008 — to nonprofit groups for medical conferences and educational campaigns, an Associated Press analysis found.

That's more than they gave for more accepted ailments such as diabetes and Alzheimer's. Among grants tied to specific diseases, fibromyalgia ranked third for each company, behind only cancer and AIDS for Pfizer and cancer and depression for Lilly.

Fibromyalgia draws skepticism for several reasons. The cause is unknown. There are no tests to confirm a diagnosis. Many patients also fit the criteria for chronic fatigue syndrome and other pain ailments.

Experts don't doubt the patients are in pain. They differ on what to call it and how to treat it.

# Plan supports higher education

Stimulus package could offer boost for student financial aid, campus construction projects

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — The stimulus plan emerging in Washington could offer an unprecedented, multibillion-dollar boost in financial help for college students trying to pursue a degree while they ride out the recession.

It could also hand out billions to the states to kick-start idled campus construction projects and help prevent tuition increases at a time when families can least afford them.

But cuts of \$40 billion for state and local governments in the Senate version were a big disappointment for college leaders. House-Senate negotiations will determine whether education aid to the states is relatively modest or massive — and how much gets directed to high-need institutions for building projects, versus elite universities that would benefit if the final package spends more of the money on scientific research.

Students are big winners. Both the House and Senate bills call for the largest-ever funding increase for Pell Grants, the government's chief college aid program for low-income students.

It will take much of the proposed \$15.6 billion increase in the House version (slightly less in the Senate) just to erase the existing funding shortfall and meet the surging demand as the economy sours and more students enroll.

But the package would also increase next year's maximum award by up to \$500, to \$5,350, starting July 1. That's the biggest increase in history and would cover three-quarters of the cost of the average public four-year college.

Most Pell recipients come from families earning less than \$40,000. And supporters note the new Pell dollars would be spent almost immediately — students can't save them — while also paying off down the road.



Sen. Dick Durbin returns to the Senate floor during deliberations on the economic stimulus bill Friday. Obama's plan could boost financial aid for college students.

"Long-term, if we want a better economy, we need more people going to college," Education Arne Duncan told The Associated Press last week.

College leaders meeting in Washington this week for the American Council on Education's annual meeting will be grateful for the student aid boost. But they'll be closely watching how Congress bridges the huge gaps between how much the House and Senate versions propose spending to bail out state budgets and prevent drastic education cuts.

The House bills calls for \$79 billion to prevent cuts to local school districts and public higher education. But it's not yet clear how the

money might be divided between K-12 and higher education, and a portion could go to things besides education. The Senate version calls for \$39 billion.

Meanwhile, colleges are hoping Congress will agree restarting idled building projects is an efficient short- and long-term investment. As they lose revenues from state support, endowments and tuition, hundreds of projects are on hold nationwide, from a library extension at Fresno State to new dorms at Washington University in St. Louis and a biology lab at Yale.

The California State University system alone has halted 130 projects, which it values at \$850 million and says account for 13,000

jobs. Meanwhile, the system may have to cut 10,000 enrollment slots.

The House bill has \$6 billion for such projects, while the Senate has none.

"We're ready to go, there's great jobs involved, and we're educating kids who wouldn't have other opportunities if we weren't there," Chuck Middleton, president of Roosevelt University in downtown Chicago, said Sunday. His university has a \$135 million new building with classrooms, labs, dorms and offices on hold after financing dried up. Construction could be under way in six months, he says, providing 600 jobs for two years while helping Roosevelt's diverse student body.

# More students seek community colleges

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — College freshman Elizabeth Hebert's choice of a four-year school suddenly got too expensive. George Haseltine already has a business degree, but he concluded after several layoffs that he needed more training to get work.

So, in the middle of this school year, both landed at New Hampshire Technical Institute, which like other community colleges across the country has suddenly grown a lot more crowded.

The two-year schools are reporting unprecedented enrollment increases this semester, driven by students from traditional colleges seeking more bang for their buck and by laid-off older

workers.

But community colleges aren't exactly cheering in this down economy: Tuition doesn't come close to covering costs, and the state funds used to make up the difference are drying up.

Final figures aren't in for this semester, but a national group representing community colleges says the average increase from spring-to-spring is dramatic, and similar to what New Hampshire is reporting at its seven schools — a range of 4 percent to 19 percent.

The figure is 20 percent in Maine and South Carolina. One school in Idaho has more than twice the number of students this spring over last.

Last fall, Hebert, of Antrim, began

her first semester at Eastern Nazarene College in Massachusetts. But as the economy fell, she began rethinking the thousands of dollars in loans she was carrying — at age 18.

"It was the realization of paying \$30,000 a year for four years, and then to take that in loans, it was just way too much," said Hebert, who is now paying \$3,000 a semester at NHTI.

Haseltine, 25, of Rochester, said he was tired of being laid off from various jobs, so he drives almost an hour for his two-year criminal justice program. He hopes to become a police officer.

"The economy being in shambles pretty much; being constantly laid off; and not having lucrative job offers," he said. "They are three reasons why."



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# Unemployed use time for health, family

Associated Press

FOND DU LAC, Wis. — Jay Capelle would give anything to get back his factory job of 32 years. At the same time, he's grateful to have extra time on his hands these days to care for his ailing wife, stay in shape and work on a long-planned baseball documentary.

The unemployed are stressed out about unpaid bills, dashed retirement plans and the loss of workplace camaraderie. But many say life minus work also has its bittersweet upsides, including more time with family and friends, learning new skills, focusing on their health and pursuing hobbies.

There is a wide range of opinions, of course, about just how sweet, or bitter, the experience has been.

An idled auto worker in Wisconsin cherishes extra time with his kids, and his guitar. A former communications worker in Virginia finds time for hiking as a distraction from the job search. But two jobless friends in North Carolina who've played plenty of golf together say enough is enough: they're ready again for the joy of earning a paycheck.

All of these people said they would give up their newfound free time in a heartbeat if they could land jobs. And most spend hours each day trying. But as unemployment spells drag on longer than anticipated,

they have allowed themselves to enjoy activities not directly related to the job hunt without feeling guilty.

Alex Swain, 36, of Leesburg, Va., said his fruitless search for work has been discouraging. Since losing his job last April at a wireless communications company, Swain has applied for more than 200 jobs, gone on 10 interviews and has not had a single offer.

But rather than sulking in front of the television when he's not searching online job postings, Swain forces himself to keep up with hobbies like playing music, painting and hiking.

"You can't stay in the house all day or you'll lose your mind," he said.

Others are spending time in the classroom.

Andre Lovato, 55, of Waukesha, Wis., who was laid off from his job at a signmaking company in 2006, earned a degree in printing and publishing from a technical college in December. Lovato, who has applied for 35 jobs since then without any luck, devotes his free time to woodcarving, sketching and computer illustrations.

But as his unemployment drags on, he longs for interaction with colleagues and getting praise for a job well-done.

"I miss showing my work and having people say, 'Hey man, you did pretty good stuff,'" he said.

# States disregard juvenile justice law

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — When Erica Olivares ran away from home at age 16, the penalty was not a stern lecture — it was a month in Laramie County jail. Soon, under the tutelage of adult criminals, she was addicted to drugs.

"Methamphetamine, I'd never even heard about that. And I heard about that in there," said Olivares, now 26.

Legally, she should never have been in position to learn such harsh lessons. Runaways are not supposed to be put in jail, let alone meet adult lawbreakers on the inside, under a 34-year-old federal law called the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

Yet year after year, some states disregard key parts of the law with little consequence, an Associated Press examination has found. Those states included Wyoming, Mississippi, South Carolina and Washington in 2006, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act.

The federal law provides funds for compliance, money that can be withheld for failure to comply, just as millions in federal highway funds can be lost by states not setting a drinking age of 21. But the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act provides far less grant money — from \$600,000 to about \$7.5 million annually per state. This is less than the cost of building juvenile lockups and hiring guards trained to work

with juveniles. States feel less public pressure to comply, juvenile advocates say.

The U.S. Department of Justice, which administers the act, has a policy of not naming publicly the noncompliant states and not disclosing how those states have run afoul of the law. As a result, many kids become victims, advocates say.

"Kids' lives are literally at stake," said Liz Ryan, executive director of the Campaign for Youth Justice, a Washington, D.C.-based group that lobbies to keep youths out of jail. "They can be harmed in adult jail, they can be harmed in juvenile correctional facilities."

The Senate Judiciary Committee began debating renewal of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act in 2008. The process bogged down but is expected to resume in the new Congress. Ryan said she's hopeful that the Obama administration will be on board to improve the law significantly and release to the public more information gathered under the act.

Advocates say the law's renewal is a good time to open up procedures, require every state to have a full-time compliance monitor and reverse steep cuts in federal funding for juvenile justice programs.

The law contains four core areas:

◆ First, juveniles generally should not be held in adult jail.

◆ Second, if they are put in an adult jail — for an adult felony or if space isn't immedi-

ately available at a juvenile facility — they must be separated from adult inmates.

◆ Third, juveniles should not be locked up for age-specific crimes, such as running away or possessing alcohol.

◆ Finally, states should not lock up minority youth at a higher rate than other kids.

The states in violation have remained largely unknown over the years — to advocates and even elected officials. U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., a member of the Judiciary Committee, has said he's had trouble obtaining information.

"Congress does not receive reports on whether a state has met the standards in the act, and states are not required to publish their state plans. The result has been a serious lack of transparency and accountability in compliance," Kennedy said in a statement to the AP.

It was only after a six-month, back-and-forth process under FOIA that the AP obtained records of states' compliance from the Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The office said it doesn't routinely name noncompliant states because it doesn't want to embarrass them.

"I don't think it's ever a good customer-friendly service to embarrass somebody, do you?" said Greg Thompson, an office administrator who works with states to comply with the law. "I think we achieve more by working collegially with the states rather than trying to work adversarially with them."

# Organ recipients meet victim's family

Five people receive organs from man killed in tragic church shooting

Associated Press

CLIFTON, N.J. — James O'Hea was told privately his failing heart gave him little more than a month to live. Terence Begley's diabetes meant more years of dialysis and deteriorating kidneys.

That was before a tragic event — the shooting of three people in a church last November — turned life-affirming through the quick response of one victim's family.

O'Hea, Begley and three other people received organs from 25-year-old Dennis John Malloosseril (mahl-LOO'-sir-ihl). He was shot and killed Nov. 23 as he tried to break up an argument between a fellow church member and her estranged husband, according to police and witnesses.

O'Hea, Begley and the other recipients — Malta Hameed, 40, of Clifton; Migdalia Torres, 52, of Cleveland, Ohio, and John Muscarella, 22, of East Newark — attended a memorial service for Malloosseril on Sunday at the St. Thomas Syrian Orthodox Knanaya (kah-nahn-NIGH'-ya) Church, where the shooting happened.

Before the service, the recipients had an emotional meeting with Malloosseril's parents.

"They bent down and listened to my heart," O'Hea said. "I had tears rolling down my cheeks."

Torres, who has suffered for 25 years from lupus that has affected her kidneys, recalled jumping out of bed at 6 a.m. on the morning after the shooting when she received a call that an organ match had been found. Like the others, she admitted having mixed feelings about the events that led to her transplant.

"I knew someone would have to die for me to get a kidney, but I didn't expect it to be the way he died," she said Sunday.

For the 57-year-old O'Hea, who was suffering congestive heart failure, the donation and transplant literally meant a new lease on life.

"I was weak and basically bedridden," O'Hea said last week. "My cardiologist agreed that if I hadn't gotten a heart, I would not have made it through December."

Begley, 39, who no longer requires the thrice-weekly dialysis treatments he has endured for the last four years, received Malloosseril's kidney and pancreas. Hameed received a liver and Torres received a kidney.

Muscarella suffers from cystic fibrosis and had been given a less than 50 percent chance of surviving more than two years had he not received both of Malloosseril's lungs.

Malloosseril died of his wounds on the night of the shooting, two days before he would have turned 26. His

family decided to donate his organs.

"It's so totally altruistic," said William Reitsma, director of clinical services for NJ Sharing Network, the non-profit organization that coordinated the recovery of Malloosseril's organs. "It's not like this family knew these people, these are people they've never met. It's not like you're doing this for a friend or a cousin, it's something totally altruistic, and our community isn't too given to doing this anymore."

According to Donate Life New Jersey, more than 100,000 people nationwide are waiting for transplants, and an average of 18 people each day die waiting.

"We are so happy we did it," Malloosseril's mother, Alely John Malloosseril, said Sunday. "We saw how we could help other people to live, and there is no way to describe how happy we are to see them all, their spirit. I want people to learn something from this; Dennis' life was lost but I want some good to come of it."

The woman Malloosseril tried to help also was killed, and her cousin was seriously wounded. Joseph Pallipurath has pleaded not guilty to murder and other charges and remains in jail.

Chief Assistant Passaic County Prosecutor John Latoracca said the case will be presented to a grand jury in the next few months.

# Mustang sculpture draws wild reaction

Associated Press

DENVER — Rearing 32 feet high, the metallic blue mustang sculpture demands the attention of every traveler through Denver International Airport.

But that wild look of "Mustang" is prompting some to wonder if the sculpture installed just a year ago should be moved somewhere less prominent. Alternate monikers suggested for the horse with the glowering eyes include "Bluecifer," "Satan's Steed" and "Blue Devil Horse."

"What exactly was the deal with that horse?" said Rachel Hultin, a Denver real estate agent who's behind a Facebook site that derides the sculpture.

About 28 million travelers last year passed by the rearing blue horse, located south of the main terminal.

"It's not the image you want in your head as you're about to board a plane," said Christie Carlson of the Denver suburb of Thornton. "My daughter asked me 'Is that the devil's horse?'"

Stan Ryland, a business development manager from Huntington Beach, Calif., isn't bothered by the horse's look.

"That's what horses in the wild look like," he said as he waited to board a plane Saturday. "They survived the wilderness and the mean ones led the pack."

The city of Denver commis-

sioned the fiberglass sculpture from New Mexico artist Luis Jimenez in 1993, two years before the airport opened. His 1969 sculpture "Man on Fire" and 1990's "Vaquero" have been displayed at the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

In 2006, Jimenez was killed when a section of the unfinished horse fell from a hoist at his Hondo, N.M., studio. Jimenez's sons, Adan and Orion, completed the sculpture, which was installed Feb. 11, 2008.

"We worked very closely with the artist's family," said Erin Trapp, director of the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs. "I don't think that anybody ever considered not finishing."

Jimenez's widow, Susan Jimenez, said the original proposal was for a sculpture of a buffalo stampede. That was rejected because buffalo were hunted to near extinction in the West.

Jimenez then proposed the mustang — wild horses that symbolize the West and provided long distance travel, like airplanes today.

Trapp said any petition to move the sculpture wouldn't be considered until 2013, a city policy designed to give people a chance to get used to new public art. "People's relationships with art change over time. It's something you have to live with before you really appreciate it," Trapp said.

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Emergencies abound at our fair university, and if a plummeting endowment, rising tuition costs, squirrel attacks, the erosion of intellectual life and the occasional sports embarrassment (to say nothing about the perennial furor over the Vagina Monologues) were not enough, you can add the disappearance of Notre Dame's "Catholic identity" to the list. Apparently, the Bernard Madoffs of the educational community have swindled us into an intellectual Ponzi scheme founded on faculty research, higher tuition costs and building booms. Now, we face a severe crisis of reputation — an academic liquidity crisis, if you will — as indicated by the huge drop in the proportion of faculty members who call themselves Catholic, less than two-thirds of what it was in the 1970s. As the reasoning goes, a Catholic professoriate is one that cleaves appropriately to Catholic tradition and the guiding principles of Notre Dame, and because we have let go of the former, we are losing the latter.

But have you noticed that the loudest voices calling (at least, in this paper) for Notre Dame to reassert its Catholic identity in the undergraduate classroom tend to belong to people who spend the least amount of time in



Darryl  
Campbell

Speak Up,  
Please

it? I am not sure how teachers promote or stifle Catholic identity in the classroom, unless they roundly abuse their position. I doubt that it would matter much whether you have a Catholic as opposed to a Hindu teaching organic chemistry, a Catholic as opposed to an atheist close-reading the Iliad or a Catholic as opposed to a Protestant solving a differential equation.

The job of a professional academic (yes, graduate students count, too) is to impart knowledge, promote analytical skills, all those other nice-sounding educational catchphrases — and nothing else. Students should be able to figure out their professor's or TA's intellectual interests, areas of expertise and maybe a favorite extracurricular activity or two based on their time together in the classroom. They should not, however, be able to figure out whether their teacher is or isn't Catholic. So unless faculty members go beyond the considerable boundaries of academic freedom and begin promoting religious or ideological viewpoints instead of free inquiry, the classroom will never be a place where the university's Catholic identity is fashioned. It should not matter whether the faculty is 1 or 100 or some in-between percentage Catholic. Saying otherwise is simply untrue, and arguing that the University should promote it is absurd. If Catholicism were a prerequisite for a job hire, it might not affect how classes are taught all that much, but it would send a clear message that in the eyes of Notre Dame, research and teaching skills are less important than

one's religious orthodoxy. I probably don't have to spell out what that would do to the University's academic reputation.

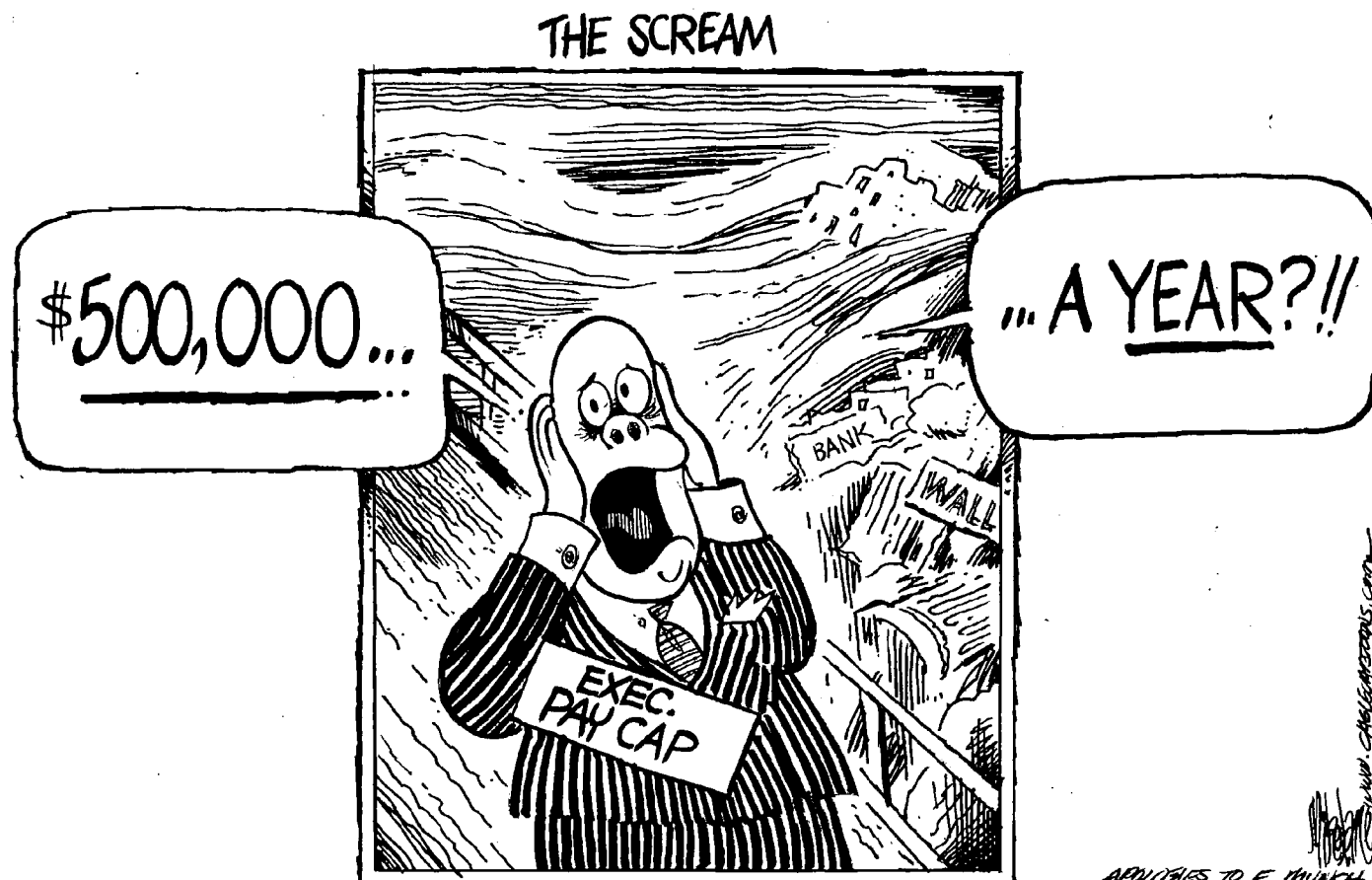
But campus culture is not made in the classroom. However much the quality of instruction, of students and of curricular range differs between universities, an English course at Notre Dame will still be recognizable to a student from Harvard or a student from Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. Extracurricular activities, clubs, athletic competitions, administrative and marketing decisions and even the public debate that goes on in the pages of campus newspapers shape a campus' identity far more than what happens in discussion sections and lectures. And by that standard, Notre Dame's Catholic identity is doing fine: Just take a look at the event flyers in O'Shag, the activities sponsored by the University's various institutes, centers and offices and even the Faithpoint column that runs in this paper every other week.

If that's not enough, I suppose those worried about Catholic identity might demand that one of the two TVs in the LaFortune main lounge be permanently set to the Sat 2000, the 24-hour Vatican TV network. But then the lack of ESPN might cause the sports fans to wonder if the University is losing its athletic identity ...

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The way you see people is the way  
you treat them, and the way you  
treat them is what they become."

Johann von Goethe  
writer



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Ordain females

To preface this letter, I'm going to say that I have never done this before and therefore am a Viewpoint virgin. However, I cannot hold my thoughts in any longer for fear of unleashing them upon random passersby. I can't have that on my conscience.

In his Feb. 6 Letter to the Editor "Pope deserves a break," Kyle Tennant spewed enough incendiary comments for me to write a kitschy tell-all memoir a la Mommie Dearest. Although I could write about the fact that the Church, as a community of believers, needs to be in touch with the needs of said community (i.e. third-world poverty, among a laundry list of other concerns), I'm going to instead focus solely on Mr. Tennant's observation about the dwindling number of priests. This is a concern, but it has an obvious solution: Allow the ordination of women priests. Shocker! I'm sure this concept just opened a can of worms on the Notre Dame community, but it seems fairly simple. By allowing the ordination of women priests, the populace that has the potential to be priests doubles. That's math. Also, the ordination of women priests allows for women to enter the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, thereby having an ability to offer their insight onto matters of faith.

I have never once heard a valid reason why women cannot be priests. Ever. I sincerely doubt that having a penis allows men to perform baptisms, and having a uterus prevents the ability to perform the last rites. The argument against the ordination of women priests generally devolves into an argument about tradition. Tradition is important; however, I feel that blanketing an entire issue under this word is just an excuse to exclude a group of individuals from having authority. Lots of traditions prevalent in the past are no longer in practice, such as saying the mass in Latin. However, blatant discrimination upon the grounds of sex (which tends to be frowned upon in most circles) is still a practice of the Church. I may not be the most religious person on the planet, but I will concede that I would be more willing to be an active Church-goer if the church became truly Catholic by including all the people in its community.

Patrick Bears

junior

off campus

Feb. 6

### A defense of the Pope

To those students who have spent the last week criticizing the Holy Father: Stop it. You all should be ashamed of yourselves. Here you are, attending the premier Catholic university in the nation and you attack the head of the Catholic Church. Seriously? What makes you think that you, someone barely out of high school, has more knowledge and insight than the Pope does in matters of spirituality and the shepherding of the Church? For you to assume that your judgment surpasses that of the Holy Father's on these issues is incredibly, ridiculously and offensively arrogant. If you haughty ones are unwilling to accept the leadership of Pope Benedict XVI, perhaps this isn't the university for you.

But you're probably wondering, what authority does this guy have to say these things? Isn't he, after all, "barely out of high school" as well? Certainly. But I am a Knight of Columbus. The Knights are ever-committed to defending our priests, our bishops, and yes — you guessed it — our Pope. Any attack on the Holy See will always be met with a passionate, rigorous and emphatic defense of the Holy Father. So I'm not just speaking for myself — I am speaking for the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1477. There's a reason that our organization has been dubbed "the strong right arm of the Church" — when the battle rages, we're always there, unified, defending our Church and her leaders.

If you are interested in joining our Catholic brotherhood, e-mail Jim Redden at jredden@nd.edu. Our only requirements are that you must be over 18, Catholic and male. We are always looking for new brother Knights to join us in the good fight. God bless you all; God bless Pope Benedict XVI.

Lee Metzger

grad student

off campus

Feb. 8

### Beyond poor sportsmanship

Having just returned from the women's basketball game, I am so excited about the victory over DePaul. It was also great to join in the efforts of the Pink Zone by supporting many organizations fighting against Breast Cancer. However, I was extremely annoyed and angered by the students in the front row of the student section — including our "beloved" Leprechaun — as well as members of the male cheerleading squad. While I must admit that I was grateful that they shared their pizza with me, I was not impressed by their overall sportsmanship and representation of Our Lady's University.

Upon arriving to the game, they sat in the front row, which was clearly already reserved — one would be able to notice this by the shirts and jackets covering the seats. These people appeared to think that the seats had been reserved for them. These seats were actually reserved for some students in the Science department who were recognized early in the game for all of the cancer research the department here at Notre Dame has done and continues to do. When these students returned, they shyly asked for their shirts and jackets, but they did not get to enjoy the rest of the game from the seats which they came early to reserve. As the game continued, the boys in the front row and certain male cheerleaders exchanged reactions (not all related to the game) and used language such as "f\*ck," "what the f\*ck" and "motherf\*cker." Now I know they were placed in front of the student section, but we were on the isle and there were families with children who could not have been older than eight years old. On the other side of the student section sat more families, including cancer survivors. Perhaps these students could restrain themselves from using profanity for the two and a half hours that they are "cheering" on our girls.

The most disrespect came during halftime. Since this was the special Pink Zone game, there was a memorial ceremony honoring survivors and those who have lost their battle with cancer. WNDU's Tricia Sloma introduced a clip from the Secret Sisters Society which featured people who have since passed away after losing their battles with cancer. During this short film, the students in front of me started using their best movie announcer voice to say things like "In a world where ..." and "Coming this summer ..." These comments were being made during a slide show of mothers, sisters, daughters and friends who had lost their lives to cancer. How could they be more disrespectful? As a child of a cancer survivor, I found their comments particularly harsh. Impolite and disrespectful do not seem just words to describe this behavior. Some of these people represent our University on a regular basis at sporting events and at other events on campus, but they seem to have little regard for those around them. This goes beyond poor sportsmanship to being disrespectful to those students and community members who came to support the Fighting Irish. Today I was proud to support the Fighting Irish as well as the Pink Zone and its efforts, but I was ashamed to be associated with members of a student body who have no regard for the many lives lost to cancer.

Megan Trout

grad student

Fischer Graduate Residences

Feb. 8

### Omaha, music Mecca

In my excitement for the upcoming Tilly and the Wall concert, I eagerly turned to The Observer Scene section to see how the musical love of my life would be described. On Feb. 5, I opened to the Weekend Events Calendar to find that the person who compiled the best bets for the weekend mistakenly chose what I am sure is an extremely educational and interesting movie at Browning Cinema over Tilly and the Wall for the Saturday's best pick. For this transgression, I was willing to forgive the Scene staff of The Observer.

Until I read Patrick Griffin's Feb. 6 article about Tilly ("Tilly and the Wall, this week at Legends"). I actually had to read the phrase "the small-scale music scene of Omaha, Neb." twice — three times — before assuring myself that it was not a misprint. Saddle Creek. Cursive. Bright Eyes. The Faint. The Good Life. Son, Ambulance. Tilly. Omaha's music scene is anything but "small-scale." Rilo Kiley lyrics reference going to Omaha to "work and exploit the booming music scene" as early as 2002. Just two years ago, The L.A. Times published an article entitled "If It's Hip, It's Gotta Be Omaha." Rolling Stone magazine hailed Omaha's music scene as the biggest thing since Seattle's Grunge movement. Compared to the traditional music Meccas, full of transplants hoping to make it big, Omaha's music scene is organic, coming from the city itself. After I got past the misleading first sentence, Griffin did an adequate at describing the band's journey, despite focusing too much on tap dancing-as-percussion and not enough on the sense of wildness and freedom that inspires the band's music and lyrics and is the real key to their growing success.

Amanda Johnson

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Feb. 8

### It's not about the mom

First, I came across the AP article in front of The Observer, and then I read the Black Dog comic at the end about the crazy octuplets' mom. Yes, she is crazy if she wants to keep on having random sperm donor children. That isn't what I am contesting. Rather, people keep talking about the crazy mom and forget about the eight infants and six other children. Companies and corporations don't want to send the mom things she obviously needs because of her not-so-socially correct way of having children. To quote the AP article, "... people are ready to boycott any corporations that help the octuplets or their mother."

My question is this: Is it the octuplets' fault, or really any of her children's fault, that their crazy mom wants to keep having IVF sperm donated babies? I don't think it is. It infuriates me that corporations and really average people who would normally laud and donate to a set of multiples this large are letting their opinions about the mom get in the way. The reality is that any help you give is really helping the babies, not necessarily the mom. They still deserve anything and everything that any other baby born into this world deserves. They, unfortunately just have a crazy mom getting in the way. I myself have a brother who had not one, but two babies before he turned 21 with a crazy wack-job of a girl. It's not my nephews' fault that they have a crazy mom and I do my best to love them and give them everything I think they deserve. Do the clothes or toys or diapers or formula I buy inadvertently help her? Yes because then that's one less thing that she has to buy, but I don't do it to help her. I do it to help my amazingly beautiful little nephews. The same thing applies here.

Most people may not agree with this crazy mom's family planning strategy (I know I don't) but should that stop us from helping out the little octuplets? No, because in the end, it's not the crazy mom who is going to suffer (she'll likely just keep on having babies), but rather it's the children and they really don't deserve that.

Amanda Bell

senior

McGlinn Hall

Feb. 4

## Winslet Flexes Acting Muscles in “The Reader”

By MAIJA GUSTIN  
Scene Writer

“The Reader”, based on the novel of the same name by Bernhard Schlink, tells the story of a young boy in post-World War II Germany who embarks on a passionate affair with an older woman. “The Reader” is nominated for several Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Actress. Director Stephen Daldry had tremendous material to work with, both in the novel and in the screenplay by David Hare, and was successful in some areas while perhaps failing in others.

In the film, young Michael (David Kross) becomes sick on his way home from school and is helped home by an older woman, Hanna Schmitz (Kate Winslet). After a long recovery, Michael returns to the site of his illness to thank her with flowers.

She, both for her beauty and for her poise, entrances him, and a torrid affair begins.

She awakens Michael's awareness of his own body, and in return, he reads to her. She devours the great literature that he reads aloud, and it acts as a precondition to sex: he must read to her first. But one day, Hanna disappears without a word to Michael. It is not until many years later that Michael sees Hanna again.

This time, Michael is a law student sitting in on proceedings for a war crimes trial from World War II. Hanna is there, being tried as a concentration camp guard. But this history was not the only secret Hanna kept. During the course of the trial, Michael learns an even deeper secret of Hanna's, one that has dictated her entire life, and one that forced her into the harrowing situation of this trial.

“The Reader” is a beautiful film that is best when giving a glimpse into the intimate interactions between Hanna and Michael. Some have deemed it too overtly sexual, but that is precisely the point. This isn't a relationship about love, at least not at the beginning; it is only a fulfillment of the individual needs of the two characters. To shy away from the nudity and sexuality would also dishonor the source material.

But the sex is never gratuitous;

rather, it is the manner by which the audience comes to understand the characters.

Daldry also succeeds in his subtle hints at Hanna's secret. He wants the audience to be aware, but always left guessing. However, the next stage of Michael's life, the time of the trial, is perhaps where the film fails the most. The war crimes trial is admittedly exciting and intriguing, but the film itself seems too stable, relying only on the plot and the acting to drive it.

But as the trial comes to an end, and the film begins to center on the older Michael (Ralph Fiennes), Daldry's grace and beauty of storytelling return. The final half hour of the film is emotional and poignant. It brings Michael and Hanna together again, in perhaps an unexpected way, and provides a sort of closure for both.

Where “The Reader” succeeds the most is in the acting. Relative newcomer David Kross both revels in his own youth and exemplifies maturity far beyond his age in the film. His role is difficult, but he never shies away from it. Even though he was only 17 during filming, Kross also holds his own against the veteran Winslet and brings warmth to the film.

Ralph Fiennes is excellent as well. His screen time is less and mostly reserved for the end of the film, and his performance has been critically overlooked, but he serves as an anchor to an emotionally tumultuous story.

Kate Winslet, though, is the real backbone of the film. She received her sixth Academy Award nomination for “The Reader,” and is well deserving of it. Most critics anticipated that Winslet's Oscar nomination would come from “Revolutionary Road” this year. But where she displays traditional acting chops in “Revolutionary Road,” with emotionally charged arguments with her husband and a fight against normalcy in the suburbs, she is perfectly understated as Hanna Schmitz. She does not have long tirades and monologues to display her abilities. She is always strong and sure, never wavering in her character, and making no apologies for what she must do. She is deserving of the praise she has received, and truly carries the film on her shoulders.

“The Reader” is brutally honest. It does not glaze over the controversial themes of the original novel, and never tries to preach a message. It also never asks for pity for Hanna. It simply wants one to think — perhaps about understanding motives, or about secrecy, or even about one's own life. “The Reader” leaves that up to you.

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### The Reader

Directed by: Stephen Daldry  
Starring : Kate Winslet, David Kross  
and Ralph Fiennes



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## Don't Make Me Over

Judging Bad Movie Remakes



MARY CECILIA MITSCH | Observer Graphic

This upcoming weekend, Steve Martin's latest film, "The Pink Panther 2," will be out in theaters.

Yep, you read that correctly. "The Pink Panther 2." In the strange, alternative universe known as Hollywood, people actually make sequels of remakes of other films.

**Analise Lipari**

*Scene Editor*

If you don't remember the first "Pink Panther" remake, I wouldn't worry too much. As much as I love Steve Martin, I love the purity of the original "Panther" series just as much, if not more. Martin's 2006 remake of the classic Peter Sellers films just didn't work — Sellers' Clouseau was a case study in wry, bumbling, physical comedy, but Martin's faux Français accent never holds up. More than 40 years after the original film's cinematic release, the remake version eventually grossed around \$80 million.

And the remake machine lives on.

It's an impulse that filmmakers and studios seem to find inexhaustible: The move to redo old material again and again, often to the point where the remake's connection to the original is almost unrecognizable. "The Pink Panther 2" is only the most recent example of the remake machine giving audiences another retread. If viewers laughed at Martin's Clouseau, it's to his credit as a veteran comedian. But too many unfunny, un-dramatic and un-compelling remakes have graced our cinemas to let one semi-success make up for years of bad movie memories.

There have been some high-profile movie remakes in recent years, not all of which gained their reputations for good reasons.

Some remakes are, to be honest, just shockingly bad. Gus Van Sant's 1998 version of "Psycho" is but one painful example. A shot-by-shot repeat of a Hitchcockian classic, Van Sant's film swapped out Janet Leigh and Anthony Perkins for Anne Heche and Vince Vaughn, and left audiences wondering where all of the suspense went.

The 2007 Ben Stiller bomb "The Heartbreak Kid" was also a remake, taking a classic Charles Grodin/Cybill Shepherd black comedy and giving it the Farrelly brothers ("There's Something

About Mary") treatment.

Few may remember 2002's "Rollerball," but that film's violent take on its extreme subject matter lacked the subtlety of the 1975 original. If we can, let's not look back on Jude Law's 2004 remake of "Alfie." While I haven't seen the 1966 original starring Michael Caine, I'm almost certain it was more winning than Law's tiresome trek through the role.

And while the original "The Wicker Man" isn't exactly straightforward filmmaking, it's hard to watch the recent Nicholas Cage remake without cringing.

Then, there are those remakes of films you loved the first time around. Sometimes they're underwhelming, sometimes they're overwhelming, and sometimes you have to ask: Why was this made?

While "You've Got Mail" wins some points for its ability to make e-mail into somewhat compelling film fodder, the sweet, quirky source material, 1940's "The Shop Around the Corner," doesn't deserve to get lost in the remake shuffle. 1995's "Sabrina" is a similar example. While the new version starred Julia Ormond, Greg Kinnear and even Harrison Ford — whose film ventures I will always support — the Billy Wilder-directed original is a perfectly cast comedic confection.

Occasionally, the remake does its subject one better. It's a rare retread indeed that succeeds in eclipsing its source by raising the material to a whole new level. Brain DePalma's 1983 film "Scarface," for example, took a lesser-known Al Capone flick from 1932 and turned it into one of the most iconic drug warfare flicks ever produced.

And while its source material, "Internal Affairs," is seen as an achievement in its own right, it was Martin Scorsese's take on the story, "The Departed," that finally won this erstwhile directorial bridesmaid his due at the Oscars.

In the end, you never know how a remake will turn out. Good, bad, or ugly, only one thing is certain: no matter what audiences may do, the remake machine will keep on running.

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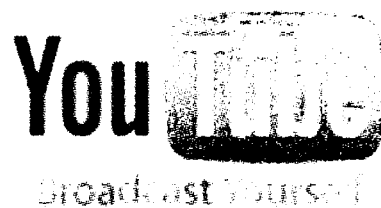
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Malin Ackerman, left, and Ben Stiller star in the 2007 film "The Heartbreak Kid." Viewers may not know that Stiller's film is actually a remake.

## SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS



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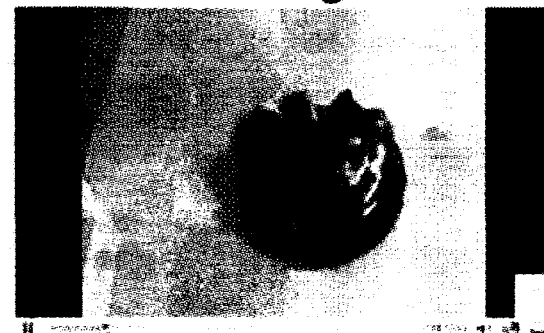
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# NBA

## Spurs defeat defending champion Celtics in final stretch

Lakers end Cavaliers home winning streak with 101-91 victory, Lakers' Odom scores season-high 28 points

Associated Press

BOSTON — The San Antonio Spurs rested up before playing the defending champions, and it paid off.

'It's hard for the oldest team in the NBA to feel fresh,' coach Gregg Popovich said Sunday after the Spurs scored 11 straight points in the final 45 seconds to turn a one-point deficit into a 105-99 victory over the Boston Celtics.

'It was a beautiful win for us, against the NBA champions and on the road makes it even sweeter.'

Roger Mason pulled up and leaned into a 3-pointer with 20.4 seconds left to give San Antonio the lead, then hit a pair of free throws after Manu Ginobili hit four as the Spurs pulled away from the Celtics. Tim Duncan scored 23 points with 13 rebounds and Matt Bonner had 23 points — the second-most in his career — including 3-of-6 from 3-point range.

The Spurs won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Ginobili scored 19 points off the bench, playing more than 31 minutes after sitting out Tuesday's game against Denver with a bruised hip. Duncan, who had not missed a game since 2007, also sat out the Nuggets game, as did Michael Finley and Tony Parker while the Spurs try to pace themselves over an eight-game, three-week road trip.

'If I would have played in Denver, I wouldn't have been this fresh for sure,' Ginobili said. 'It was very important for us to get rest a couple of days.'

Kevin Garnett scored 26 points with 12 rebounds, Paul Pierce had 19 and eight and Rajon Rondo had 16 assists for Boston. It was the second loss in three games for the Celtics, who lost to the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday in an NBA finals rematch to snap a 12-game win streak.

Boston embarks on a six-game road trip, interrupted by the All-Star break, before returning home at the end of the month.

'We've got a tough task in front of us, going on the road for the next couple of weeks, and we've got to make up some ground,' Pierce said. 'We have our work cut out

for us. This is a big road trip for us.'

Duncan converted a three-point play to give the Spurs a 90-87 lead before Ray Allen's basket cut it to one point and Garnett hit a pair of jumpers to give Boston a 93-90 lead with 1:36 to play. But Bonner hit a jumper from the foul line and Garnett missed, then Mason hit his 3 to make it 95-93.

The Celtics were inbounding the ball when Ginobili stole the pass and drew a clear-path foul, giving him two shots and the Spurs the ball. San Antonio extended its lead to 101-93 before Eddie House and Garnett hit 3-pointers to help cut the deficit to three points.

The Spurs scored the last five points of the first half to open a 60-52 lead, but the Celtics opened the second with 12 straight points to retake the lead.

### Lakers 101, Cavaliers 91

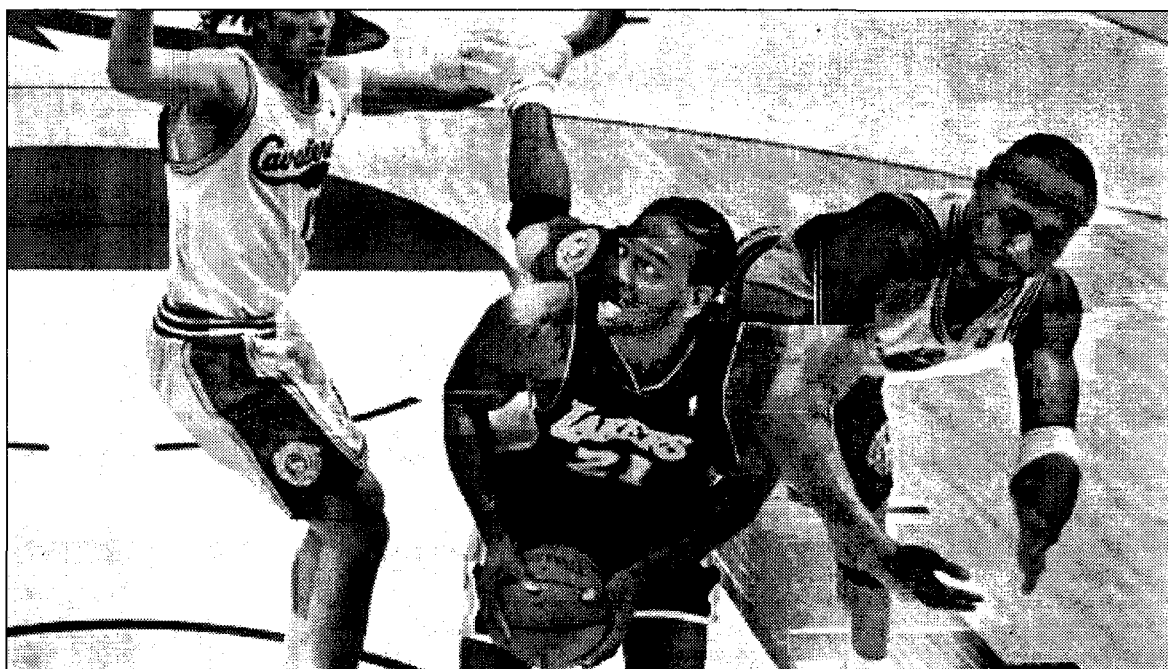
CLEVELAND — Kobe Bryant was sick. The Cleveland Cavaliers just looked it.

With Bryant suffering from the flu, Lamar Odom scored a season-high 28 points — 15 in the third quarter — and Paul Gasol scored 18 as the streak-busting Los Angeles Lakers dominated the second half and handed Cleveland its first home loss this season, on Sunday to complete a 6-0 road trip.

Bryant was not himself. The superstar vomited before the game, shivered with chills throughout and needed intravenous fluids at halftime. But Odom picked up the offensive slack, helped contain LeBron James on defense, and was the biggest factor in the Lakers outscoring the Cavaliers 50-30 after halftime.

'That was one of the best games he's played for us,' Lakers coach Phil Jackson said of the enigmatic Odom. 'He's had some spectacular games, but that was a terrific game. It was the total package of his game. He broke people down with his speed and quickness to the basket and got some easy shots.'

It's been a tough few days for Cleveland. First, guard Mo Williams was bypassed for the second time as an All-



Lakers' Josh Powell is fouled by Cavaliers' Mo Williams, right, as Anderson Varejao, left, moves in defensively during the fourth quarter of the game in Cleveland Sunday.

Star. Then, James had his apparent historic triple-double in a New York downgraded by an NBA review, and now, the Cavaliers have had their invincibility at home stripped by the road-weary Lakers.

'You have to give the Lakers credit,' said James, who scored 16 but missed 15 of his 20 field-goal tries. 'I missed a lot of easy looks that I usually make.'

The Cavaliers came in 23-0 at Quicken Loans Arena, but were stopped by the Lakers, who are gaining a reputation for stopping streaks.

They ended Boston's 19-game winning streak on Christmas Day and halted a 12-game run by the Celtics earlier this week. This was Cleveland's first loss at home since Game 5 against Washington in the first round of last season's playoffs.

'I didn't want it to happen,' James said. 'But I'm glad it's over.'

The Lakers weren't intimidated in one of the NBA's rowdiest arena and went undefeated on a road trip that also included stops in Minnesota, Memphis, New York, Toronto and Boston. Los Angeles' trip started rocky with center Andrew Bynum injuring his knee against the Grizzlies, but it couldn't have ended any better.

Beginning with Bryant's record-setting 61-point per-

formance against the Knicks, the Lakers have gone 4-0 without Bynum. They didn't commit a turnover in the final 19:28 against the Cavs.

'We're playing for perfection,' Odom said, 'and in order to do that, it takes a lot of energy, focus and commitment to winning and doing whatever it takes. We got production from everyone.'

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 22 to lead Cleveland, which shot just 28 percent (11-of-39) in the second half and didn't play its customary shutdown defense. Williams, whose All-Star snub had infuriated the Cavs, scored 19 and James finished with 12 assists and eight rebounds.

Odom, who added a season-best 17 rebounds, was unstoppable in the third, when the Lakers outscored the Cavaliers 31-16 and turned a 10-point deficit into a 82-77 lead entering the fourth.

'I never play the game for stats,' Odom said. 'It's all about winning.'

Guarded by Wally Szczerbiak and rookie J.J. Hickson, Odom scored 13 of Los Angeles' last 16 points to close the quarter, capping his one-man scorefest with a two-handed dunk off a miss in the final second as the Lakers became just the fourth team this season to

lead Cleveland at home after three.

But unlike the three other teams, the Lakers finished the job.

Los Angeles pushed its lead to 10 in the fourth before the Cavaliers closed to 93-89 on two free throws by Ilgauskas with 3:06 left. But Bryant hit a high-arching fadeaway, and Gasol dropped one of two free throws to make it 96-89 when the jumbo scoreboard above midcourt went dark, a symbolic moment for Cleveland's players and fans.

James was stripped on the Cavs' next possession, and Gasol made two more free throws and scored on a put-back as the Lakers put an exclamation point on one of their biggest wins this season.

Cleveland's crowd was at a playoff pitch from the outset for one of the most anticipated games of the season, a matchup of the league's top stars, both leading MVP candidates, and two of the NBA's best teams.

But the game never materialized into a Bryant vs. James affair as Odom stole the spotlight.

Bryant got more medical treatment after the game and was not available for interviews.

James was careful not to complain about losing his triple-double in New York, but he was clearly miffed by the league's decision.

'Um. Should I say something?' he wondered before opting to keep his opinion a secret. 'We won the basketball game and that's all that matters.'

*"I never play the game for stats. It's all about winning."*

Lamar Odom  
Los Angeles Lakers

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Good luck on your biology, Tara! Miley or Taylor?

Sam: Both, at the same time.

Meaghan: Taylor.

Katie: Miley



# AROUND THE NATION

## NCAA Men's Baseball USA Today Preseason Poll

team	points
1 LSU (14)	738
2 North Carolina (12)	737
3 Rice (1)	673
4 Georgia	600
5 Texas A&M (2)	590
6 Stanford (1)	576
7 Arizona State	533
8 CS Fullerton	507
9 Florida State	500
9 Texas	500
11 Ole Miss	431
12 Georgia Tech	327
13 Oklahoma State	321
14 Miami (FL)	320
15 San Diego	304
16 Louisville	292
17 Baylor	269
18 UC Irvine	262
19 Fresno State (1)	247
20 Missouri	224
21 Pepperdine	156
22 UCLA	140
23 Florida	112
24 Coastal Carolina	102
25 Clemson	80

## NCAA Women's Basketball AP Rankings

team	points	record
1 Connecticut	1125	21-0
2 Oklahoma	1079	18-2
3 California	979	18-2
4 Duke	917	17-2
5 Louisville	873	20-2
6 Auburn	872	21-1
7 Stanford	852	17-4
8 Baylor	792	17-3
9 North Carolina	792	19-3
10 Texas A&M	790	17-3
11 Florida	660	20-2
12 Tennessee	594	16-4
13 Maryland	584	16-4
14 Ohio St.	514	18-3
15 Florida St.	498	18-4
16 Texas	444	15-5
17 Virginia	435	18-4
18 Kansas St.	334	18-2
19 Vanderbilt	260	17-5
20 Iowa St.	247	16-4
21 NOTRE DAME	241	16-4
22 Pittsburgh	215	16-4
23 Xavier	135	19-4
24 DePaul	99	17-5
25 South Dakota St.	94	20-2

## MIAA Women's Basketball Rankings

team	record
1 Hope	18-1
2 Saint Mary's	13-8
3 Trine	11-10
4 Calvin	12-8
5 Adrian	13-7
6 Alma	7-13
7 Albion	10-10
8 Olivet	7-14
9 Kalamazoo	0-19

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### NCAA Men's Basketball

West Virginia at No. 6 Pittsburgh  
7 p.m., ESPN

### NCAA Women's Basketball

No. 4 Duke at No. 8 North Carolina  
7:30 p.m., ESPN2

## MLB



According to Sports Illustrated, Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez tested positive for two anabolic steroids during his 2003 MVP season with Texas. Rodriguez denied using banned substances in a 2007 interview with "60 Minutes."

# A-Rod tested positive for steroids

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As Barry Bonds prepares to defend his name, the slugger who may eventually surpass him as the all-time home run leader has become ensnared by the Steroids Era: Alex Rodriguez.

Rodriguez tested positive for two anabolic steroids during his MVP season with Texas in 2003, Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site Saturday.

The New York Yankees star has long denied using performance-enhancing drugs. He declined to discuss the tests when approached by SI on Thursday at a gym in Miami.

"You'll have to talk to the union," he said.

Major League Baseball and

the players' union issued statements Saturday, refusing to confirm or deny the report, citing player confidentiality.

An e-mail from The Associated Press to Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras, was not immediately returned. The Yankees and Rangers declined comment.

The SI revelations come at a time when baseball's focus on drugs has concerned Bonds and the legal maneuvering leading to the start of his trial March 2. The government is trying to prove Bonds lied when he told a grand jury he never knowingly took performance-enhancing drugs.

A three-time AL MVP, Rodriguez has hit 553 career homers. At age 33, the All-Star

third baseman is the highest-paid player in baseball and regarded by many as the most likely to break Bonds' record of 762.

With this latest report, Rodriguez joined a growing Who's Who lineup of drug-tainted stars that includes Bonds, Roger Clemens, Mark McGwire, Rafael Palmeiro and Jose Canseco.

In his 2008 book, "Vindicated: Big Names, Big Liars, and The Battle to Save Baseball," Canseco claimed he introduced Rodriguez to a steroids dealer. Canseco, who has admitted using steroids, subsequently said he had no knowledge of any drug use by Rodriguez.

The drug allegations follow

an already bumpy offseason for Rodriguez, marked by further talk of his dalliance with Madonna and clubhouse gossip stemming from Joe Torre's book in which some teammates referred to him as "A-Fraud."

But a week before the Yankees open spring training, Rodriguez — certain to be dubbed "A-Roid" in the New York tabloids — faced more serious allegations after four sources told SI about his drug tests.

Rodriguez's name appears on a list of 104 players who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs in a 2003 baseball survey, SI said. He reportedly tested positive for Primobolan and testosterone.

## IN BRIEF

### Watney rallies from 5 behind to win Buick

SAN DIEGO — Nick Watney appeared to be along for the ride Sunday until making two birdies over the final three holes to take advantage of a late collapse by John Rollins and win the Buick Invitational.

Watney knocked in a 40-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the par-3 16th, then completed his five-shot rally with a two-putt birdie on the 18th hole. He closed with a 4-under 68 for his second career victory.

"I knew it wasn't over," Watney said.

Rollins let this one get away.

He had a three-shot lead with five holes to play until making a bogey with a poor chip on the 14th, another bogey from a plugged lie in the bunker on the 16th, and failing to hit the green on the par-5 18th, leading to a par. He shot a 74.

### Truex, Martin take top two Daytona 500 spots

DAYTONA BEACH — Martin Truex Jr. suffered through an uncertain winter, unsure if his revamped race team could take him to the top.

Mark Martin also endured a long offseason, anxious to join NASCAR's premier program.

Their waits proved worth it Sunday when the former teammates took the top two starting spots for the season-opening Daytona 500.

Truex, now driving for the organization born from the merger between sponsor-strapped Dale Earnhardt Inc. and Chip Ganassi Racing, earned the pole for the Feb. 15 showcase event. With a lap of 188.001 mph in a Chevrolet, he showed Earnhardt Ganassi Racing will go on — perhaps stronger than the individual teams ever were.

"It was a tough winter for most of us in the community," said Ganassi, the front man for the new race team.

### Howard, Phillies agree on 3-year, \$54 million deal

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard just wanted to concentrate on baseball this spring. No squabbles over his contract. No daily questions about his future.

The big slugger got his wish — and a hefty raise, too.

Howard and the Philadelphia Phillies agreed to a \$54 million, three-year contract on Sunday, avoiding a potentially contentious arbitration hearing.

The 2006 NL MVP will earn \$15 million this season, \$19 million next year and \$20 million in 2011.

"The things that have happened prior with Ryan, it was really nothing adversarial, although I know with some people it was depicted that way," Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said. "We just agreed to disagree. It didn't make us love Ryan any less, and it didn't make Ryan love us any less."

## NCAA BASKETBALL

## Illinois beats Purdue 66-48, Washington over Stanford

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Bruce Weber thinks the Top 25 hasn't been kind to Illinois.

The Illini coach said that since the team edged into the rankings in mid-January, the first time in more than two seasons, it's forgotten to play the tough, smart defense that got it there.

'It was kind of human nature where we started thinking we were better than we are and we reinvented ourselves,' Weber said. 'We just had to get back to what we did and who we were by guarding and playing our butts off.'

The memory lapse ended Sunday when the 23rd-ranked Illini knocked off No. 12 Purdue, 66-48.

The Illini (19-5, 7-4 Big Ten) held the Boilermakers, who are playing without star forward Robbie Hummel, to season lows in scoring, shooting percentage (32.2 percent) and 3-point shooting (2-of-15).

'The key for us was our defense and our effort,' Weber said. 'We were able to get stops and get out in transition and get the crowd into it, and eventually broke their spirit.'

Sophomore forward Mike Davis, who had 14 points and a career-high 16 rebounds, did much of the damage to Purdue (17-6, 6-4).

Davis has been as inconsistent as the rest of the team the past few weeks. Weber said that Davis had been fighting tonsillitis, as well as a related case of Bell's palsy, a temporary facial paralysis.

While that illness didn't directly affect Davis' play, Weber said, 'Mentally it bugged him. I think it took a toll.'

Davis benefited Sunday from the absence of Hummel, who has been out with a hairline fracture in his back. Hummel was cleared to play in the Boilermakers' loss to the Buckeyes on Tuesday, but still hasn't made it off the bench.

Purdue coach Matt Painter said Hummel, who hasn't practiced in weeks, still isn't ready.

'It just doesn't make sense to me (to play him),' Painter said. 'His future's more important than the Illinois game.'

Painter said the Boilermakers had their chances, but found only two things that worked offensively — JaJuan Johnson's shooting and Lewis Jackson's drives through the paint.

Johnson scored 17 points to lead Purdue, while Jackson added 12.

'We were impatient,' Painter said. 'I liked our matchup with Johnson, but we have to do a better job of getting the ball inside to him.'

The Illini pulled away late with a 23-6 run, a stretch of just over 10 minutes in which Purdue hit just one field goal.

But the Boilermakers, in spite of their offensive struggles, were never more than a couple of baskets and a defensive stop away from the Illini most of the afternoon.

Every brief Purdue run, though, was followed by a cold

stretch and points from the Illini that revved their crowd up to earsplitting volumes.

Illinois opened the second half with a 9-4 run to go ahead 41-32, but Purdue rumbled right back with five straight points, including a crowd-calming dunk by Johnson, to pull to within 41-37.

Purdue went cold again midway through the second half, hitting just one field goal over a five-minute span. Illinois used that stretch to open a 12-point gap at 53-41 with just under eight minutes to play.

With their cold shooting, the Boilermakers were forced to look inside for openings that just weren't there. Beyond Johnson, Purdue's biggest inside threat, 6-foot-9 Namanja Calasan was just 1-of-7 on the afternoon.

Davis, on the other hand, thrived in the paint and outside.

The 6-9 Illinois sophomore had nine rebounds by halftime, and scored a half dozen of his points on soft jump shots.

'Mike Davis was the difference,' Painter said. 'He's got a good nose for the basketball. He's long and athletic.'

Davis acknowledged that he'd been slowed by his illness, but said he's feeling better now than he has in a couple of weeks.

'I'm getting my wind back,' he said. 'I'm getting better and been hitting the weight room a little more and getting stronger and healthier.'

Demetri McCamey added 13 points for Illinois, which never trailed.

Illinois' late run, the one that finished the Boilermakers, was keyed by six points from Davis and seven from Chester Frazier.

Frazier, an often-injured guard known for his defense and tough play, finished the game with 10 points.

Two of them, from under the basket and punctuated with a fist pump and a roar from the crowd, effectively finished the Boilermakers. The Illini went ahead 55-41 with 7:13 to play, and Purdue never again threatened.

Frazier's points were nice, but his defense mattered most. Weber credited him for holding E'Twaun Moore, who entered the game leading the Boilermakers with 14 points a game, to six.

'We just tried to make them make tough shots,' Frazier said. 'Stay in front of their players and keep them out of the paint.'

Washington 75, Stanford 68

Isaiah Thomas knew about "The Streak" only because he read newspaper reports. Washington coach Lorenzo Romar didn't bother bringing it up much.

In fact, Romar joked about it.

The No. 22 Huskies had lost 15 straight at Stanford before beating the Cardinal 75-68 on Sunday night, the streak com-

ing to a halt after Quincy Pondexter scored 20 points, including a pair of key free throws down the stretch. Thomas added 17 points.

'We weren't worried about it. Coach wasn't worried about it,' Thomas said. 'He said the streak was nothing. He made a little joke about it, and that was it. It's good that it came to an end and we got a win.'

Jon Brockman had 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Huskies (17-6, 8-3 Pac-10), who overcame a 10-point deficit to take a 35-34 halftime lead. Venoy Overton also had 11 points.

'I have to admit this one did look like some of the other games we've had here, but I thought our guards did a good job of controlling the game down the stretch,' Romar said. 'Venoy was the MVP. He brought us a lot of energy.'

Landry Fields scored a career-high 22 points and had 10 rebounds to lead the Cardinal (14-7, 4-7), who've lost four of their last five. Anthony Goods added 12 points and Jeremy Green had 11.

'It's frustrating,' Goods said. 'We were getting decent shots but we were just missing them. It's no fun losing.'

Stanford closed within 66-63 on Fields' jumper with 2:18 left. Thomas followed with a leaner and the Cardinal never got any closer.

'Isiah drove to the basket and made an incredible shot,' Romar said. 'That was a big, big shot because it kind of broke the drought a little bit. Our guys got energized by that one. It wasn't the most spectacular shot he's made, but at that point in the game, it was probably the biggest shot he's made.'

Thomas has reached double figures in 17 straight games.

Washington maintained its lead throughout the second half, though Stanford made a run to close within 64-60 on a breakaway dunk by Josh Owens with 4:01 left. Pondexter followed with a pair of free throws — he was nine of 10 from the foul line — to quiet the crowd.

'We had 11 turnovers in the first half and we average 11

turnovers a game,' Fields said. 'We have to be stronger. They will in and imposed their will on us.'

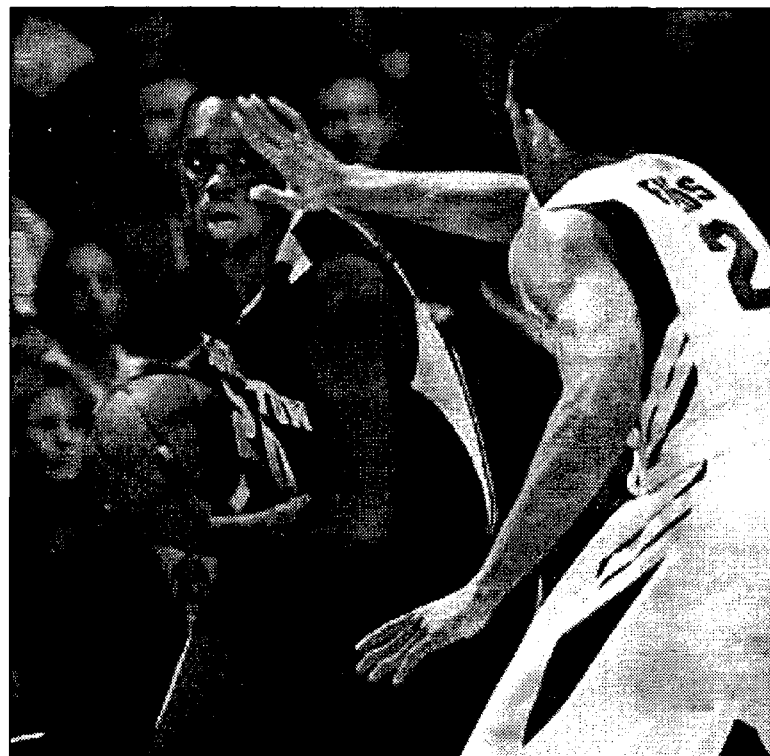
Fields was 10-of-15 from the field and recorded his third double-double. The junior also had two blocks.

Brockman recorded his 11th double-double and the 52nd of his career, the most among active players. His putback in the final five seconds of their last meeting gave the Huskies an 84-83 win, one of three one-point road losses the Cardinal have suffered in conference play.

The Huskies scored 11 unanswered points in a run that spanned both halves and gave them a 10-point lead five minutes into the second half.

A 12-0 run gave Stanford a 25-15 advantage with 8:48 remaining in the first half.

The Cardinal made two of their final nine shots and committed six turnovers the remainder of the half, allowing Washington to go into the locker room with a slight edge.



Stanford guard Landry Fields, left, defends Washington forward Quincy Pondexter, right, in the two teams' February 8, 2009 game.

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## NFL

# NFC takes down AFC 30-21 in 2009 Pro Bowl

Associated Press

HONOLULU — With a huge red lei around his neck and a wide grin that could have stretched across Oahu, Larry Fitzgerald held up the gleaming, silver MVP trophy. It sparkled in the sunshine as much as his game.

The only problem: It wasn't the Lombardi Trophy.

Fitzgerald caught five passes for 81 yards and two touchdowns, 44-year-old John Carney kicked two fourth-quarter field goals, and the NFC rallied to a 30-21 victory over the AFC. The Arizona Cardinals' All-Pro receiver, coming off a record-breaking postseason and a spectacular Super Bowl in a loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers, earned MVP honors.

But he said the victory over the AFC, which featured three members of the Steelers' defense, didn't ease the pain from the Super Bowl.

'No, not one bit,' he said.

Fitzgerald also took home keys to a new Cadillac.

'I'm just glad we won, that's the most important thing,' he said.

On a sweltering day, with 60 percent humidity, Kurt Warner started for the NFC and played just one series before making way for Brees. Warner was just 1-of-2 for 8 yards.

'I would've liked to have won last week and not this week, if I could switch them out,' he said.

Fitzgerald caught a 46-yard scoring pass from Drew Brees before the half and a 2-yard TD pass from Eli Manning for the go-ahead score with 4:07 to play.

The NFC defense took care of the rest.

Manning, making his Pro Bowl debut, was 8-of-14 for

111 yards. While big brother Peyton had better stats, 12-of-17 for 151 yards and a TD, Eli got the win.

'He didn't play the whole second half, so it's not about beating my brother, it's just about having fun,' Eli Manning said.

The Manning brothers were the first quarterback brothers in Pro Bowl history. And Carney, who was a perfect 3-for-3, became the oldest player in the game's history. He booted a 48-yarder with 2:06 remaining to make it 27-21 and sealed the win with a 26-yarder with 32 seconds to go.

Sunday's all-star game ended a successful 30-year run at Aloha Stadium, with a sellout every year. The Pro Bowl will be played in Miami next year, a week before the Super Bowl. The NFL, which has been looking to increase the profile of the game, hopes to bring the game back to Hawaii.

The players, who spent most of the week by the beach and sipping umbrella-adorned mai tais, were pretty unanimous in wanting the game to return.

For Warner, the question now is whether this was his final game in the NFL or, as a free agent, will he opt to continue playing at age 38?

'I don't know right now,' Warner said. 'Again, when I have a feeling one way or the other, I'll let everyone else know. I don't have a time frame. This is the first time right now that I am done having to think about football for a while, and I'm going to enjoy that part of it, enjoy my wife, enjoy my kids and then we'll make a decision as soon as we can.'

The AFC was looking to hula dance into halftime with a comfortable 14-3 cushion after



AFC's Wes Welker, left, of the Patriots, is tackled by NFC's Al Harris, of the Green Bay Packers in the fourth quarter of the Pro Bowl in Honolulu on Sunday.

Kerry Collins connected with Owen Daniels on a 9-yard scoring pass with 28 seconds left in

the half. However, that was more than enough the time for the NFC, with all its weapons.

The NFC took over at its 45 with 19 seconds left after a nice kickoff return by Clifton Smith. They ran two plays before Larry Fitzgerald hauled in Brees' 46-yard bomb with fellow All-Pro Cortland Finnegan on his back as time expired to pull the NFC to 14-10.

It made for two huge end-of-the-half plays in consecutive weeks for Fitzgerald. But this

time, rather than trying — and failing — to chase down James Harrison on his 100-yard interception returned for a TD, Fitzgerald was the one celebrating.

Fitzgerald also beat Finnegan on his second score.

'These guys are such elite players, it doesn't take much time to get in the groove with these players,' Fitzgerald said. 'These guys were great.'

The usual high-scoring affair surprisingly also featured plenty of defense. Despite rules such as no blitzing linebackers and safeties, the quarterbacks were feeling the heat, at times buried by the defen-

sive line. None of the passes had any room for error on throws against the speedy defensive backs.

The AFC had a chance to take the lead late, but Julius Peppers got in the way. Down by six, the AFC started its drive on its 20 with 4:03 remaining and got to midfield. Peppers then swatted a pass by Jay Cutler with his left hand and came up with the interception that led to Carney's 48-yard field goal.

There were three straight drives ending with a turnover in a span of about 2 minutes in the third quarter alone, including two by Collins.

## NHL

# Stars end Predators winning streak with a 4-1 win

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars and Nashville Predators were dragging, with both playing their fourth game in six nights. The Stars had a little more left.

Brian Sutherby scored a short-handed goal, Brad Richards had a power-play goal and an assist, and the Stars ended the Predators' four-game winning streak with a 4-1 victory Sunday night.

'They're not all masterpieces, but we'll take the win and the two points,' Stars coach Dave Tippett said. 'You're physically fatigued but you push through it.'

Marty Turco made 25 saves, and Mark Parrish added a goal for the Stars, 11-1-1 in their last 13 at home. Steve Ott's empty-netter with 1:34 left clinched the win for the Stars, coming off a 10-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Friday night.

The Stars are 9-2-2 in their last 13 games, all starts by Turco. Dallas' special teams also have come up big during the current streak, with the Stars going 7-for-21 on the power play in February.

'Marty was on tonight and that was huge,' Richards said.

'We weren't at our best but we found a way to get through it. It's nice to have the special teams going. It was a tough week. Tonight we battled through some sluggish play.'

Turco played in his 23rd consecutive game, tying Cesare Maniago's franchise record set in the 1968-69 season when the team was based in Minnesota. Turco is 8-2 in his last 10 with a 1.80 goals-against average.

Turco said fatigue hasn't been a problem, adding that his teammates are helping out by playing far better defense than they did in December when the Stars tumbled to 15th and last in the Western Conference.

'I feel energetic and sharp,' Turco said. 'I need to be playing with confidence and poise, getting the opportunity to make and make saves.'

Former Star Jason Arnott scored for Nashville. The Predators had won five of their previous seven games with Dallas.

Dallas' Mike Modano got a double-minor for high-sticking 2:19 after the opening faceoff when his stick caught the face of Nashville's Steve Sullivan, drawing blood.

But the Stars' penalty-killing

unit produced the game's first goal when Sutherby scored for the third time in his last five games, converting Richards' centering pass on a 2-on-1 break at 5:07.

Parrish made it 2-0 at 15:32 of the first period, sweeping a loose puck into an open net. Nashville goalie Dan Ellis appeared to have control after stopping a shot by James Neal, but the puck skittered through Ellis' pads and Parrish tapped it in.

'We know we have to get a better start than we did tonight,' Sullivan said.

Nashville held a 13-8 shots edge in the second period, and Arnott scored off a 2-on-1 with J.P. Dumont at 14:04.

But Turco stopped the rest, frustrating the Predators, who had outscored their opponents 14-4 during their four straight victories.

'We definitely had a bunch of chances in the second period, but it was a case of running into a hot goalie,' Predators defenseman Shea Weber said. 'We shot ourselves in the foot in the first period, and it's tough to play from behind, especially against a good team like this.'

Dallas skated 5-on-3 when

Richards blasted a 40-footer past a screened Ellis at 1:42 of the third period to make it 3-1.

## Wild 3, Oilers 2

ST. PAUL — With his best player about to take his turn in the shootout and the game on the line, Minnesota Wild coach Jacques Lemaire was asked how sure he was that Mikko Koivu would come through.

'I wasn't sure at all,' Lemaire said with a smile. 'I was looking for the next guy.'

At that point, Lemaire thought the game might go on forever. That's just the way it is in a game against two teams that are so evenly matched.

Koivu's shootout goal lifted the Wild to a testy victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Sunday. He skated in on Dwayne Roloson's right side and slipped the puck through the five-hole after teammates Antti Miettinen, Marek Zidlicky and Brent Burns all failed to score.

Niklas Backstrom made 28 saves in regulation and overtime and stopped all four shots he faced in the shootout to help the Wild to their ninth straight victory over the Oilers at Xcel Energy Center.

Miettinen and Eric Belanger scored in regulation for the Wild, who started the day tied with Edmonton for the last playoff spot in the West.

'The teams are so equal, especially in our conference,' Lemaire said. 'We're all there. So when we play each other, it's going to be intense, close games.'

Roloson made 37 saves in regulation for the Oilers, including one on a breakaway from Belanger with 51 seconds left in overtime, to rebound from a miserable performance against Detroit on Saturday.

But Sam Gagner, Robert Nilsson, Ales Hemsky and Tom Gilbert all were stuffed in the shootout before Koivu's game-winner.

Sheldon Souray and Gagner scored for the Oilers, who were blitzed 8-3 in Detroit. Roloson didn't make it to the second period, allowing five goals on 16 shots — three in the first 5:44 — to the high-flying Red Wings.

'We showed some good resolve,' Oilers left wing Ethan Moreau said. 'It comes down to a shootout. Pretty happy with the way we responded to a bad loss, and we competed.'



## WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Oudin and Huber rally to keep U.S. win in Fed Cup

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — A fiesty teenager and a transplanted South African led the way in a comeback victory for the United States over Argentina on Sunday in the first round of the Fed Cup.

Melanie Oudin, a 17-year-old from Marietta, Ga., kept the United States alive by rallying to beat Betina Jozami 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 and tie the best-of-five competition at 2-2.

Liesel Huber, born in South Africa but a U.S. citizen since July 2007, teamed with Julie Ditty to beat Jozami and Gisela Dulko 6-2, 6-3 to give the United States the victory 3-2.

'We wanted it to come down to the doubles,' U.S. team captain Mary Joe Fernandez said. 'When Liesel's on the court I feel really confident every single time.'

Huber and her usual partner — Cara Black of Zimbabwe — are the No. 1 ranked doubles team in the world. After the match, Huber took the American flag and paraded it around the court.

'Everybody got to play and everybody gave it their all,' Huber said. 'It's a proud day in my history book.'

Fernandez decided at the last minute to go with the left-handed Ditty rather than Oudin or Jill Craybas. Ditty joined the team only after Bethanie Mattek withdrew on Tuesday because of a nagging hip injury.

'I just did what Liesel told me to do,' Ditty said with a

laugh.

The triumph at the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex in chilly suburban Phoenix sends the United States into a semifinal matchup against the Czech Republic. Defending champion Russia will face Italy in the other semifinal.

Argentina had taken a 2-1 lead in Sunday's first match when Dulko defeated Craybas 6-1, 6-3 in a meeting of the top two players in the competition.

That helped on the shoulders of Oudin, who turned pro only last year and is ranked 151st in the world.

'She really dug deep,' Fernandez said. 'For someone so young playing in their first Fed Cup when it's all on the line there — she had to win to stay in it — she really came through.'

Oudin acknowledged that she felt the pressure of having the team's fate left up to her.

'I think that going into the match I was thinking about it a little bit too much and that's why I don't think I started off too well,' she said. 'But after the first set, I mean I knew I could beat her and I knew I could play better than that.'

Oudin's victory was interrupted by a 30-minute rain delay. She was up 4-0 in the second set when the delay came.

When play resumed, the second set ended with a double-fault by the 20-year-old Jozami.

Oudin lost the first two games of the last set, then



Teammates Julie Ditty, right, and Liesel Huber, left, hug as coach Mary Joe Fernandez applauds after Ditty scored in a winner in their 6-3, 6-2 victory over Argentina.

dominated the next six. Through it all, she kept her and the bundled-up pro-USA crowd's attention by yelling to herself after virtually every shot.

'One of my huge things is my mentality on the court,' Oudin said. 'I never think that any point is different, even if I'm down like 5-0. I'm going to be running down every single ball and fighting as hard as I can.'

Two of the games ended when Jozami, ranked 134th in the world, couldn't finish

off with her trademark drop shots at the net.

'She was obviously better than me,' Jozami said before quickly returning to the court for the deciding doubles match. 'I don't know how to explain it. I couldn't come back like happened in the first set.'

The United States has won 17 Fed Cup titles but none since 2000. Argentina has never won a Fed Cup but has been to the semifinals twice.

Fernandez invited Serena

and Venus Williams to participate but the sisters declined, citing scheduling difficulties. The semifinals will be played, probably on clay, April 25-26 in the Czech Republic.

'I'm hoping Venus and Serena will be available and they can play,' Fernandez said. 'You always want the very, very best and Serena and Venus are the very, very best. But you go with who can play and who's ready to go, and my team was ready to go.'

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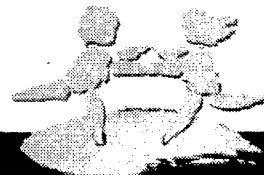
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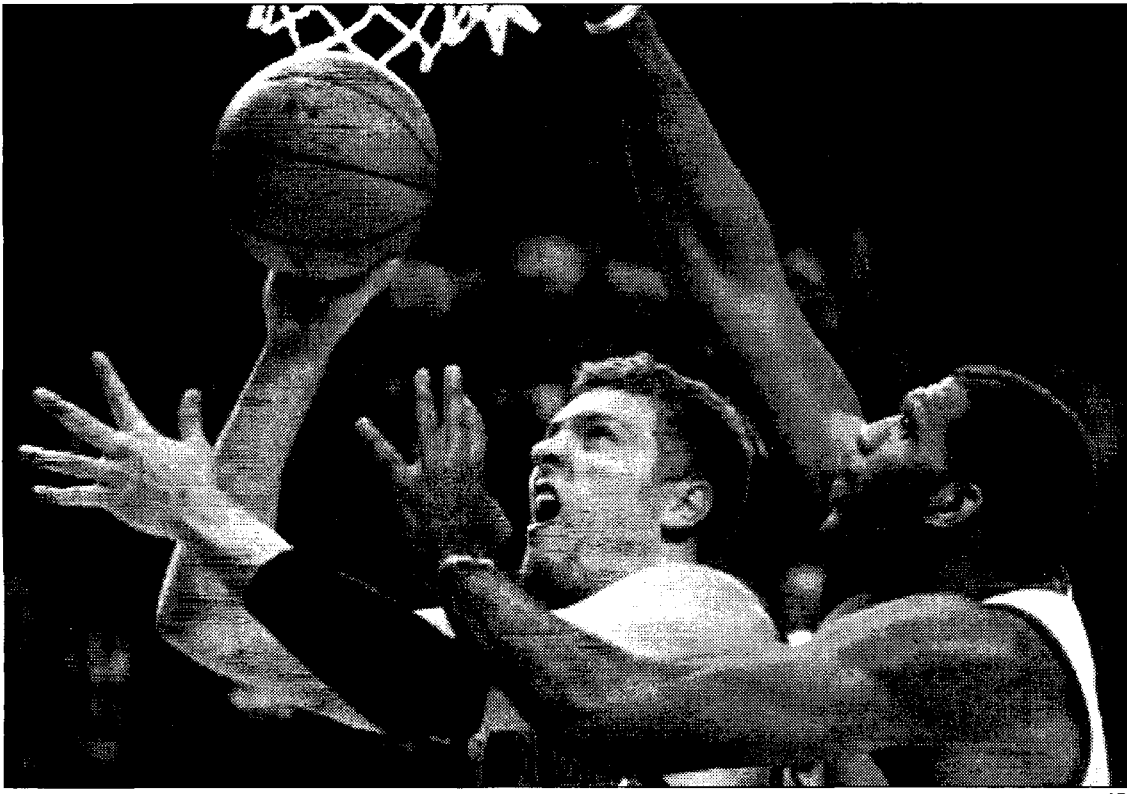
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## NBA

## Buzzer-beater gives Blazers win



Knicks forward David Lee, left, goes up for a layup against Portland's Greg Oden during the first half of the Trail Blazers' 109-108 win.

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — New York's Nate Robinson couldn't watch his former teammate at Washington, Brandon Roy, in the final seconds against the Trail Blazers.

Robinson pretty much knew what was coming. Roy's finger-roll layup at the buzzer gave Portland a 109-108 victory over the Knicks on Sunday.

"At that point there is nothing you can do, just put the best defense you have on him," Robinson said. "Unfortunately, he made it."

Travis Outlaw made a jumper with 31.9 seconds left to pull Portland within one at 108-107, and Al Harrington missed a layup at the other end for New York. The Trail Blazers called a timeout with 4.3 seconds left before Roy took an inbound pass from Rudy Fernandez and drove for the winning layup.

"I got a little nervous when it started to roll to the left, because I've missed a lot of those this season," Roy said.

Robinson, on New York's bench for the final play, turned his back to the basket for Roy's shot. The two were teammates with the Huskies from 2002-05.

Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni saw it coming, too.

"He's going to get it," D'Antoni said. "You play as hard as you can on him and he's going to do that."

Roy, who was selected to the All-Star team as a reserve, finished with 19 points and eight assists, while Outlaw led the Blazers with 23 points. Greg Oden had 17 points and 12 rebounds for his 15th double-double of the season, and added a career-high six blocked shots.

David Lee led the Knicks with 29 points and 11 rebounds. After trailing by 13 points in the first half, the Knicks built a 17-point lead in the second.

New York was helped by its 14 3-pointers, including five straight in the third quarter. Tim Thomas made five of seven 3-point attempts and finished with 17 points. Robinson had 19 points along with Harrington.

The Trail Blazers, who had won five straight against the Knicks, were home after losing their last two on a three-game road trip. Their latest was a

102-93 loss at Oklahoma City on Friday.

The Knicks had lost three straight at Madison Square Garden going into Sunday's matinee game at the Rose Garden. But the losses came against the Lakers, the Cavaliers and the Celtics and going into the slump, and had won five of their last six.

The Trail Blazers let a 17-point, third-quarter lead dwindle away, and the Knicks went up 97-84 early in the fourth quarter after Robinson's 3-pointer.

The Blazers climbed back to 105-101 on Roy's layup with 2:15 left. After Harrington hit a

3-pointer for the Knicks, Oden and Outlaw each scored to narrow it to 108-105 with 1:10 left — setting up the winning sequence for Portland.

Oden was confident the Blazers would come away with the win.

"I didn't have any doubts. I was just trying to stay with my guy and give him a clear path," Oden said.

The Blazers remain without starting point guard Steve Blake, who's still nursing a shoulder injury. Coach Nate McMillan said he would be evaluated for Wednesday's game against the Thunder.

## ND TRACK AND FIELD

## Saxer sets record at Meyo Invitational

By CHRIS MICHALSKI  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team competed against a number of different schools this past weekend in the Meyo Invitational, and five Irish athletes set NCAA provisional marks at the meet.

Matt Shipper was the only one on Friday, with a personal best 5.22 meter pole vault. Junior Joanna Shultz, with a second place in the 400-meters, along with Kelly Langhans in the 800-meters, Lindsey Ferguson in the 3000-meters, and Jack Howard in the 800-meters also set the mark. They join teammates Anna Weber and Mary Saxer as the NCAA provisional qualifiers for the Irish.

Saxer also had a very successful weekend, winning the women's pole vault and breaking her own Loftus Sports Center record with a vault of 4.15 meters.

In the Meyo Mile, five runners ran sub-four-minute miles. Paul Springer, with a 21st place finish, was the highest Irish finisher in the Ryan Shay 3000-meter run.

Friday's meet featured a number of unseeded races and events, some of which the Irish won. In the

men's 500 meters, Billy Buzaid continued his successful senior season with a first-place time of 1:02.82. Fellow senior Anna Weber also performed well, being the top collegiate finisher in the women's weight throw. Patrick Smyth finished off his day with a win in the 5000-meters, followed by Dan Jackson and Ryan Jacobs in ninth and 10th, respectively.

On Saturday, when the more competitive seeded races were ran, a number of Irish athletes put forth strong efforts. Notre Dame won the women's 4X400-meter relay with a time of 3:40.53. Sophomore Denes Veres placed second in the men's shot put, followed by sophomore John Belcher in seventh and freshman Andrew Hills in 10th.

Finally, the Notre Dame men's 4X400-meter relay team brought the Invitational to a close with a time of 3:11.64, good enough for a fifth place finish.

The Irish will head to Windsor, Ontario for the Windsor Team Challenge next weekend before traveling to New York City for the Big East Championships.

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## MEN'S SWIMMING

# Notre Dame rolls to win over Olivet

By MIKE GOTIMER  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team wrapped up its dual meet season on Saturday with a 16-event sweep of Olivet in the team's 173-102 win over the Comets. The Irish completed the regular season with four consecutive dual meet wins, three of which came during the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 24.

Irish coach Tim Welsh was pleased with his squad's performance in the meet and thinks Notre Dame is in a good position to succeed at the Big East Championships.

"We appear to be on schedule at this point to achieve our best times at the conference championship meet, and that's our goal," he said. "The things we saw today encouraged us to believe that we're on the right track. We leave today's meet more excited about our conference championship potential than we were coming into it."

Facing a Division III opponent, the Irish saw the meet as an opportunity to experiment with lineup alternatives heading into their championship season.

"We learned a great deal," Welsh said. "We set up our entries so that we'd be able to see some alternatives and lineups we hadn't seen

before. It was a very helpful meet for us."

The meet provided an opportunity for Notre Dame's freshmen to stand out. Rookie Jonathan Whitcomb took top honors in the 1000-meter freestyle, while classmates Marshall Sherman and Conor Evans finished first in the 100 backstroke and 200 butterfly, respectively.

Fellow freshman B.J. Roth helped ensure a sweep in the distance freestyle events with a win in the 500 freestyle. Brian Maloy also contributed to the strong freshman showing with a first place finish in the 100 breaststroke.

The meet also allowed many of Notre Dame's seniors to finish on top in their final meet at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Senior Danny Lutkus won the 50 free while fellow seniors Jeff Wood and Bill Bauman took top honors in the 100 free and 200 backstroke, respectively. Senior Mitchell Sherman finished in second place in the 100 butterfly behind Irish junior Andrew Hoffman.

The Irish return to action at the Big East Conference Championships in Indianapolis from Feb. 18-21. The Irish hope to earn their second straight conference title and fourth in five years.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Irish earn sweep of Duke, Toledo

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

The No. 25 Irish put on a dominating performance over the weekend, defeating No. 36 Duke and Toledo by scores of 5-2 and 7-0, respectively.

Notre Dame's No. 37 doubles team of senior Brett Helgeson, and sophomore Tyler Davis were able to defeat the No. 38 team of Kiril Dimitrov and Alain Michel of Duke by a score of 8-4.

Sophomore Stephen Havens and freshman Casey Watt teamed up at No. 2 doubles to defeat Dylan Arnould and Reid Carleton by a score of 8-2.

Irish Freshman Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Matt Johnson were not able to pull out their No. 3 doubles match losing by a final score of 8-5 to David Holland and Torsten Wietoska.

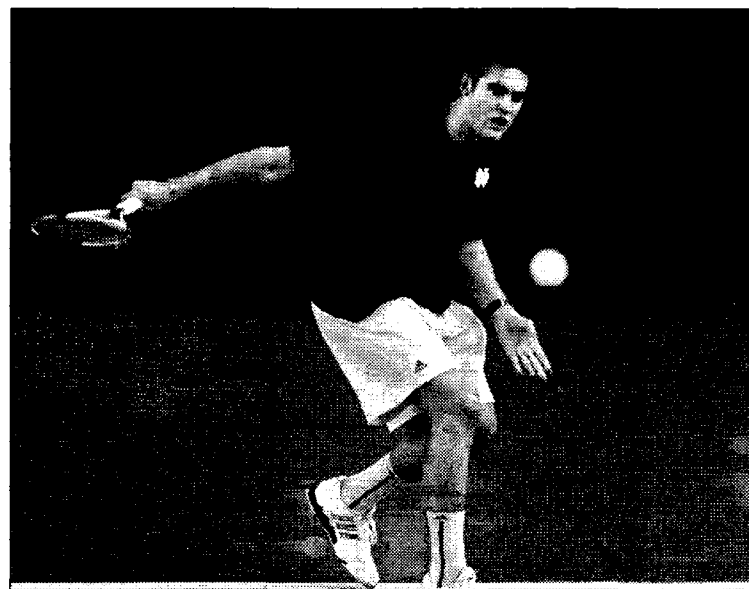
"Our freshmen are very talented," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Casey Watt and Niall Fitzgerald are tremendous shot makers. Each has the skills that rank up there with some of the best players to play here."

No. 20 Helgeson was able to knock off No. 25 Carleton, in three sets by a score of 4-6, 7-6, 1-0 (10-6).

Havens played a close match with No. 45 Dimitrov at No. 2 singles falling in three sets by the score of 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.

No. 112 sophomore Dan Stahl was able to pull out a win for the Irish at three singles over Arnould, in straight sets.

Watt was able to earn another victory over Jared Pinsky only dropping eight games. Fitzgerald did not fair as well in singles falling to Wietoska by a score of 6-1, 6-2, while Sam Keeton maintained his perfect singles record this season defeating



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish senior Brett Helgeson returns a shot during Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to Pepperdine on Jan. 16.

Holland 6-3, 6-2.

"Sam has been great so far, but this is not unexpected," Bayliss said. "He has the ability to take the ball early and take away his opponent's time, so that has made him difficult for teams to prepare for."

After a little bit of rest the Irish turned around and faced Toledo in the nightcap.

Again the Irish were led by their top doubles duo of Helgeson and Davis, who defeated Jared Miller and Nulth Likikumchorn by a score of 8-0.

Notre Dame sophomores David Anderson and Sean Tan competed at No. 3 doubles against the Rockets, losing 8-6 to Aleksander Elezovic and Levi Bent-Lee by a score of 8-6.

At No. 2 doubles, Havens and Watt again teamed up to defeat their opponents by a score of 8-5.

Havens came away easily with a win at No. 2 singles over Sven Burus

by a score of 6-2, 6-0.

Davis was able to also earn a victory over Bent-Lee by a final score of 6-3, 6-4, while Anderson won 6-1, 6-2 over Jayson Miller.

Helgeson was the next singles match to finish, as he defeated Jared Miller 6-4, 6-2 at one singles. Casey Watt continued his good day earning a win at No. 3 singles over Likikumchorn 7-6, 6-2.

"Toledo has done well in the MAC the last few years," Bayliss said. "One thing we can count on is that we have great depth."

Fitzgerald was able to pull out a three set win by a score of 6-3, 6-7, 1-0 over Elezovic to clinch the sweep.

The Irish will next travel to Michigan State on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. First serve is set for 12 p.m.

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## ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

# Women's squad can't overcome Wolverines

By NATHANIEL LEE  
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Despite taking first in six events, the No. 25 Notre Dame Women's swimming and diving teams were unable to down the Michigan Wolverines, falling 141-102 Saturday in Ann Arbor. The loss in the final meet of the regular season puts the Irish at 6-3 heading into the Big East Championships next weekend.

The day started off for the Irish with a second place finish in the 200 Medley Relay. The squad of freshman Colleen Fotsch and sophomores Samantha Maxwell, Kellyn Kuhlke and Amywren Miller clocked in at 1:43.51.

The Irish got their first win of the meet at the hands of senior distance swimmer Casey Wagner in the 1000-meter free with an impressive 10:08.67. The All-Big East swimmer would also snag third in the 500 free with a time of 5:00.57.

Miller built on her part in the 200 Medley with a handful of outstanding individual performances. A speedy 23.06 would earn her a big win in the 50 Free, while a time of 50.55 would be enough for second in the 100 free field.

Other Irish wins in came from Maxwell and junior Megan Farrell. Farrell's 2:04.32 would earn the gold in the 200 individual medley, while fellow junior Ashlee Edgell's touch in 2:06.65 would be good enough to hold off the Wolverines for second place. Maxwell, in dominating fashion, blew the field away in the 100 Breast, taking first three seconds ahead of the next finisher with a blazing time of 1:02.69.

In the dives, junior Natalie Stitt shined, racking up two wins for the Irish. Her first win came from a score of 298.27 in the 1-meter, and her second at the hands of an impressive 302.77 in the 3-meter springboard.

Senior Christina Riggins, freshman Amy Prestinario, sophomore Delia Cronin, and junior Maggie Behrens finished out the meet with third place in the 400 Free Relay at 3:30.50.

Prepping for the postseason, which will start with the Big East Championships in Indianapolis, the Irish are looking for a 13th consecutive league title. A win this weekend would extend the longest winning streak in the Big East for any sport.

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## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

# Park leads ND into spring

By ERIC PRISTER  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame Women's golf team will end its three and a half month hiatus Monday when it travels to Palos Verdes, Calif. for the Northrop Grumman Regional Championship. In the three-day tournament, which will begin the spring portion of their season, the No. 25 Irish will take on a field of 15 other universities, including No. 1 UCLA, No. 2 USC and No. 3 Arizona St.

The Irish are coming off of a somewhat successful fall season with one tournament title and two other top 5 finishes. In their victory in the Heather Farr Memorial last September, Notre Dame shot a 281, a record-low for the University.

The Irish will be led by sophomore So-Illyun Park. An All-American, Park leads the team with a 74.87 scoring average, including a 66 in the record-setting Heather Farr Memorial, which is also a University record. Joining Park for the

Irish will be freshman Becca Huffer, who has the second-best scoring average on the season. Huffer was recently named Colorado female high school athlete of the year for 2008, and has had an excellent first year for the Irish, having 13 out of her 15 scores counted.

Junior Annie Brophy leads the team with 14 out of 15 scores counted, and has played consistently for the Irish, averaging a 75.40 through 15 rounds. Brophy, Park and senior Lisa Maunu have each finished fourth individually in a tournament this season, the highest on the team. Park and Maunu finished tied for fourth at the Heather Farr, and Brophy finished fourth in the Lady

Northern Tournament last October

The Irish lineup is rounded out by sophomore Katie Conway, who has averaged a 76.92 so far this season. She missed the first tournament for the Irish, but has competed in each of the others. Her 75 in the second round of the Heather Farr Memorial helped the Irish secure their record-setting performance.

The five Irish starters will play a total of 54 holes over a three day span, playing 18 holes Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with the top four scores each day counted towards their final total.

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Notre Dame ekes out win over UM

By ALEX BARKER  
Sports Writer

The No. 14 Irish held serve at home and remained perfect on the season by fending off No. 18 Michigan 4-3 Friday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Notre Dame opened the match with a pair of convincing wins to clinch the doubles point as they have done in every match so far this season. The top-ranked doubles squad of senior Kelcy Tefft and reigning Big East player of the week freshman Kristy Frilling coasted to an 8-1 victory in the No. 1 doubles match. Shortly after, the team of freshman Shannon Matthews and junior Colleen Rielly claimed an 8-2 victory in the No. 3 doubles match to clinch the point for the Irish. Juniors Cosmina Ciobanu and Kali Krisik fought back from a 0-4 deficit to tie it up in their No. 2 doubles match before falling 8-5.

In singles play, Matthews got the Irish started off on the right foot with a 6-0, 6-1 victory in the No. 6 singles match to extend the overall lead to 2-0.

Tefft followed suit downing her opponent in the No. 1 singles match 6-1, 6-2 to give Notre Dame a comfortable 3-0 lead.

After Frilling dropped a tough contest 4-6, 4-6, sophomore Kristen Rafael claimed the coveted fourth point for Irish when she defeated her opponent 6-7, 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 4 singles match. Krisik and Ciobanu each dropped their singles matches in three-set thrillers.

This victory gives the Irish a perfect 4-0 record so far this season and includes two victories over top-twenty competition.

The Irish will travel to Madison, Wisc. to compete in the 16-team ITA National Indoor championship tournament on Feb. 13. Notre Dame defeated Pepperdine and No. 17 Arkansas to advance to the national championships next weekend.

Last year, the Irish fell to No. 6 Georgia in the opening round of the tournament before splitting their two games in the consolation bracket.

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## SMC BASKETBALL

# SMC uses defense to take down Alma

By ALEX WEST  
Sports Writer

Playing its best defensive game of the year, Saint Mary's dominated Alma 66-39 on Saturday afternoon from start to finish.

"I think Alma missed some shots early on," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "We built some momentum from that."

The Belles (13-8) started out strong, building an early 15-8 lead. The Scots (7-13) were able to cut it to a 15-12 game before the Belles pulled away to a 30-20 half-time lead.

In the second half, the Belles started on a 26-1 run that ultimately sealed the deal. Saint Mary's finished the game shooting better than 40 percent from the field. The Belles also forced the Scots into 25 turnovers and held them to 25 percent shooting.

"We continue to stress the importance of team defense and defending the paint," Henley said.

The Belles received their normal 10 points and 8 rebounds from senior for-

ward Erin Newsom and 12 points and 9 rebounds from Anna Kammrath, but they also received quality play off the bench. Kelley Murphy added 7 points and 8 rebounds and Jessica Centa added 10 points coming off the bench for the Belles.

"Our bench is continuing to improve," Henley said. "With the loss of Nicole Beier due to a foot injury, these two players have really stepped up for us."

The Belles are now 11-2 in conference play and hold second place in the MIAA with just four regular season games to go. Their next contest will be at home against Adrian. Saint Mary's defeated the Bulldogs 74-69 at Adrian

the last time the two teams faced off.

"We did not play particularly well down the stretch at their place," Henley said. "They are a very good team who will be ready for us."

Tip-off is slated for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Angela Athletic Facility.

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field."

Not to be outdone by the men's team, the Irish women also went undefeated at the Duals with a weekend record of 12-0. The women's squad improves to 32-2 on the season, tying the program-best mark in win totals originally set in 1995.

The women's outstanding performance was highlighted by wins over Michigan State (21-6), Air Force (23-4), UC San Diego (21-6), Detroit (25-2), Cleveland State (26-1), Florida (24-3), Cal Tech (24-3), and Stanford (21-6).

Experience led the way for the women's squad, as senior sabreist Ashley Serrette earned her program-best 234th win, 43 more wins than the second-best total for sabre. Senior foilist Adrienne

Nott tallied 24 wins at the event, moving into fourth place for all-time career foil wins.

Although the Irish eagerly await the beginning of the postseason in two weeks, several of the talented underclassmen will head to New Mexico to compete in the Junior Olympics, which begin on February 13th.

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## NCAA BASKETBALL

# Louisville comes back to beat SJU

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Louisville had a tough day at Madison Square Garden on Sunday. The fifth-ranked Cardinals still managed a 60-47 victory over St. John's because of their defense.

Their leading scorer for the season finished with three points. Their freshman center, who was half the offense in the first half, had two teeth knocked out and went to a hospital instead of returning to the game. Their shots weren't falling. It all pointed to a second straight loss.

"Everything that could go wrong for us from a physical standpoint did," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said, then started his list with his leading scorer. "Terrence Williams, I admire him so much as a basketball player. He shouldn't have played today. His right wrist was taped up. It's a terrible, terrible bruise, but nothing keeps him out. He couldn't shoot but he had seven rebounds and seven assists."

"(Samardo) Samuels was playing terrific and was off to a

big game but had his teeth knocked out. Our guys found a way to win against a team that played very hard. I am very pleased we overcame a lot of adversity."

Jerry Smith, who didn't start for the second time this season, was a big part of that.

The junior guard had a season-high 21 points, 19 in the second half when he matched the team's entire total for the first half, its lowest mark of the season.

"It was our defensive intensity that turned things around," Smith said. "I wasn't looking for shots but when the opportunity came I took it."

The Cardinals (18-4, 9-1 Big East), who were coming off their first conference loss of the season to No. 1 Connecticut, shot 38.5 percent from the field (20-for-52), including 3-for-17 from 3-point range.

The numbers are a lot better when you consider what they did in the first half.

The Cardinals were 8-for-23 at the break (34.8 percent) and missed all eight of their 3-point attempts. They were outre-

bounded 28-20 and Samuels was heading for a dentist appointment, while Louisville trailed 22-19.

"We were a little flat and we did have those things going against us," Pitino said. "I was concerned because we weren't making shots and sometimes when you don't make shots you lose your confidence. But we went backdoor. That's what's we kept preaching, there's easy baskets to be had."

Smith had three baskets on backdoor cuts, including a backdoor dunk on a pass from Earl Clark that made it 47-38 with 2:58 to go.

Clark had 10 of his 12 points in the second half.

Sean Evans had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Red Storm (12-11, 3-8), who have lost three of four. St. John's shot 31.1 percent for the game (19-for-61), including 2-for-12 on 3s.

"They've got a very good team and they made some big plays in the second half," St. John's coach Norm Robert said. "We missed some shots but I thought we played extremely hard. We really competed hard."



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## Bruins

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Saturday.

And all the words Notre Dame has thrown around for the past month to explain how it'll emerge from its tailspin — talk of soul searching and refocusing — never seemed as empty as they did Saturday.

"UCLA's a good team and we knew that," Irish forward Luke Harangody said. "We didn't fight today at all and it showed."

The 26-point loss was the largest margin of defeat for a Brey-coached team at Notre Dame. Harangody had his worst game of the season and for the first time in 53 games, scored less than 10 points. Harangody grabbed one rebound and finished with just five points on 2-for-12 shooting, a product of UCLA's double teams that frustrated him the entire game.

"Time for us to go back to step one," Harangody said. "There's not much you could say. This was embarrassing today, definitely a low point in my career at Notre Dame."

It didn't take long for Notre Dame's disastrous day to start.

Less than four minutes ticked off the clock before the Bruins opened up an 11-2 lead.

Nine points is hardly a large deficit, but Notre Dame couldn't have been farther behind.

Bruins forward Nikola Dragovic had firmly planted Luke Harangody on his behind, the end result of a stiff rejection near the rim, and guard Josh Shipp had thrown down an ESPN-worthy one-handed alley-oop from guard Darren Collison.

"Our transition 'D' tonight was terrible," Harangody said. "It was like a layup drill for them. That can't happen. It's embarrassing."

The run was indicative of how UCLA carried itself in warm-ups, jumping up and down and chest bumping all around, showing no signs of sleepiness because of a 10 a.m. start time.

Then there was Notre Dame, who sat quietly during introductions — and played even quieter. The Irish committed turnovers, had lapses on defense and created little offensively. Notre Dame looked like a team that didn't learn much from its six previous defeats.

Those opening minutes carried over the rest of the half. Following a Notre Dame timeout, Collison buried a three and center Alfred Aboya sent in another monster jam. Notre Dame was down 20-13 and fading fast. The rest of the first half, there were more turnovers by Notre Dame, more defensive lapses, and more easy baskets for UCLA. The Irish were down 46-30 at intermission.

"They got off to such a great start shooting the basketball and scoring it," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We had some great looks early, which has been a little bit of our history this year and you've got to knock down a few more of those. Transition 'D' hurt us at key times."

The Irish were down 16. Again, not an insurmountable deficit. But UCLA came out of the locker room with the same intensity it had in the first half — and so did the Irish. Another Collison 3-pointer made the score 65-40 with 12:21 left to play. Notre Dame failed to score over the next four minutes and found itself down 73-40 with 8:13 remaining. Brey took over Harangody with just over 10 minutes left and kept him on the bench the rest of the game.

"My feeling was, you weren't jump-starting it today," Brey said. "No use forcing that."

Harangody, meanwhile, wasn't too thrilled.

"I don't know what he was trying to say to me, but I was ready to go in there the whole time," Harangody said. "I'm kind of upset he didn't go back to me. I didn't think I had to go back in the game because he always knows I'm ready to fight for him."

Aboya led all scorers with 19 points. Collison added 17. Junior guard Tory Jackson, who began the game on the bench, an attempt by Brey to get results by shaking up his rotation, led the Irish with 17 points. Guard Kyle McAlarney added 16.

"We're obviously struggling right now. We're not going to deny that," McAlarney said. "We're trying to find our way back from where we were in the beginning of the season. It's a process, but hopefully with a win, one win, just look for one win right now."

One win never seemed so hard to get.

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## Losses

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Notre Dame has maintained that it is capable of going on an extended winning streak and get itself back in NCAA Tournament contention. So what has to change for that to happen?

"That's hard for me to say right now," Brey said. "I don't know if I have an answer to that right now."

Irish forward Luke Harangody had a similar thought.

"I don't know right now. I'm kind of at a loss for words," said Harangody, who finished with a season-low five points. "We're not fighting at all, we're not the team we were last year."

Brey would elaborate on his answer.

"Somehow you've got to come into the locker room and win a game and feel good about yourself," Brey said. "But there's a lot of things, things you've got to do better before that, transition 'D,' battling in the paint more

consistently. And we have done that, didn't do it as much in the second half.

"Staying in character offensively, and screening consistently. I don't know if we've done that against this level of team for 40 minutes where we've really helped each other consistently on offense. We do it for maybe three possessions, and then maybe two we don't work as hard. Work on offense is something that against really good teams we haven't done consistently."

Or, as guard Kyle McAlarney said, the Irish need to work on "everything."

The Irish are desperate for a win right now. To try and save the season, Brey is re-opening every position in practice this week. No one is guaranteed a starting spot, he said.

"I said, 'I'll see you in practice tomorrow, we'll compete for playing time, starting jobs and if that rotates the rest of the year, that's the way it rotates,'" Brey said.

Notre Dame's next game will be Thursday, one month to the

day that its losing streak began and against the team that started it, Louisville. The Cardinals downed the Irish 89-73 in overtime at Freedom Hall on Jan. 12.

That gives the Irish a few days to lick their wounds, regroup and to work on Brey's laundry list of improvements. But one thing the Irish won't be doing before Thursday is feeling sorry for themselves.

Harangody added: "We're 21, 22-year-old men, we're not going to feel sorry for ourselves."

"We've been on a heck of a stretch with who we've played, that's not lost on me, but you don't have time to feel sorry for yourself because here comes another one on Thursday ..." Brey said. "It's going to be hard. Hardest thing we've ever been in, in our program's history, biggest challenge in the history of our program."

It's a challenge that won't get any easier.

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## DePaul

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The game stayed close for the entire second half, with neither team getting ahead by more than four points. With 3:33 left in the game, junior guard Melissa Lechlitner stole the ball, ran the length of the floor and made a pull-up jump shot to give Notre Dame a 54-53. Another Lechlitner jumper two minutes later tied the score at 56.

Bruszewski hit a baseline jumper with 50 seconds left and Lechlitner made the front end of a one-and-one to give Notre Dame a three-point lead.

McGraw called Lechlitner's pull-up jump shot and Bruszewski's baseline jumper the plays of the game. Lechlitner said McGraw told the team to look for good shots.

"During a timeout, coach

said don't settle for the jumpers, keep attacking, going towards the basket," said Lechlitner, who finished with 13 points, three assists and three steals.

Threatt ran the length of the floor almost uncontested and made a layup to bring DePaul within two with three seconds left.

A f t e r Bruszewski made one free throw, Threatt had a good look at a 3-pointer to tie as time expired, and the shot came dangerously close to going in.

"I was holding my breath," McGraw said.

"That was a

pretty open shot from quite a ways out. She'd hit a few earlier. I was saying some prayers there."

Barlow played the majority of the game on a sore ankle that she rolled in the first half. She left the game for a while but returned, limping at times.

"It was really painful right when it happened, but once I got back into the flow of the

game it was okay," Barlow said.

### Notes:

♦ The Pink Zone fundraiser raised more than \$38,000 for breast cancer research.

"It seemed like a special day when we went out," said McGraw, whose mother, Anne O'Brien, is a breast cancer survivor. "When I saw that pink in the arena, I took a deep breath and it really made me appreciate what those women had gone through. We're worried about making a shot or turning the ball over and they're surviving cancer."

The referees used pink whistles, fans had pink shirts and the players had pink shoelaces and uniforms. The Irish players even had streaks of pink in their hair; Bruszewski's was more blatant than the rest.

"It was the hair. Got a new attitude going," Bruszewski said of her performance. "I'm a little different, a little more punk, so I just wanted to add it in."

♦ Notre Dame is now 5-1 against ranked opponents this season.

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## OSU

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cles, the rebound bounced towards Irish captain Erik Condra and with just over a second remaining the senior buried a game-tying goal.

Less than a minute later, sophomore Calle Ridderwall buried another Irish powerplay goal giving Notre Dame a 4-3 overtime win.

Colle started things off early for Notre Dame with a blast from the point only five minutes into the game. The Buckeyes fought back over the next two periods, taking the lead twice before the Irish

finally pulled away in dramatic fashion.

Ohio State got goals from Corey Elkins and Sergio Somma to take the lead in the second period. Midway through the third, Condra started the comeback with his first of two powerplay goals.

After falling behind once again with three minutes remaining the Irish got the break they needed.

Buckeye freshman Ian Boots got tagged with a five-minute major for spearing. The penalty gave Notre Dame a man advantage for the rest of the game. Condra and Ridderwall were both able to advantage and stretch Notre Dame's road win streak to 12 games.

The win did not come without a hefty price for the Irish though.

Junior right wing Ryan Thang left the game in the third period with what appeared to be a serious lower leg injury. Thang's left leg got caught when chasing down a puck along the boards and buckled awkwardly underneath him. The junior, who has nine goals so far this season, had to be helped off the ice and did not dress for Sunday afternoon's game.

No members of the team were available to comment on the extent of the injury due to travel.

Without Thang on the ice, Notre Dame fell to the

Buckeyes in the Sunday matinee 4-1.

Junior Christiaan Minella started things off with his sixth goal of the season midway through the second period.

The goal, Notre Dame's fourth powerplay score on the weekend, came off of a rebound from a Kevin Deeth shot. The Irish converted only one of their six man advantages after going 3-for-5 Friday night.

The Buckeyes answered with a flurry of goals late in the second stanza. Less than a minute after Minella's goal senior John Albert tied the game up with his tenth tally of the season. Albert also picked up assists on goals from Shane Sims and Taylor Stefisen later in the

period.

The pace settled down in the third as Ohio State goalie Dustin Carlson held off all of Notre Dame's chances before the Buckeyes added an empty netter at the end. Carlson finished with 32 saves.

The loss was the first for Notre Dame on the road since opening the season with a 5-2 defeat at the hands of Denver. However, due to Friday night's win and other games in the conference this weekend, the Irish did lock up a first round bye and home ice in the second round of the CCHA tournament this weekend.

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6 Eyeliner boo-boo

11 "Don't tase me, \_\_\_!"

14 Make amends (for)

15 Bizarre

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21 "The Andy Griffith Show" boy

22 Cowboy's greeting

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28 Place to play twenty-one

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37 "Long ago and \_\_\_ away ..."

38 Furnace output

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40 Car with a logo of four rings

41 Lubricate

42 Put-upon

46 Out, as a library book

48 Smooth and lustrous

49 At an angle

52 Galas

53 Norwegian coastal feature

55 Car that comes with a driver

57 Opera set along the Nile

61 \_\_\_ Vegas

62 Like players in pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey

65 Likely

66 Helpers

67 Rationed (out)

68 Crosses out

69 Silly birds

70 Escalator parts
- Down
- 1 Comic Kaplan

2 Gillette razor

3 Go out of sight, as gas prices

4 Criticizes, perhaps unfairly

5 Craving

6 Ivory or Coast

7 "If \_\_\_ be the food of love, play on": Shak.

8 Onetime dental anesthetic

9 "\_\_\_ you sleeping?"

10 Fiery-tempered sort, they say

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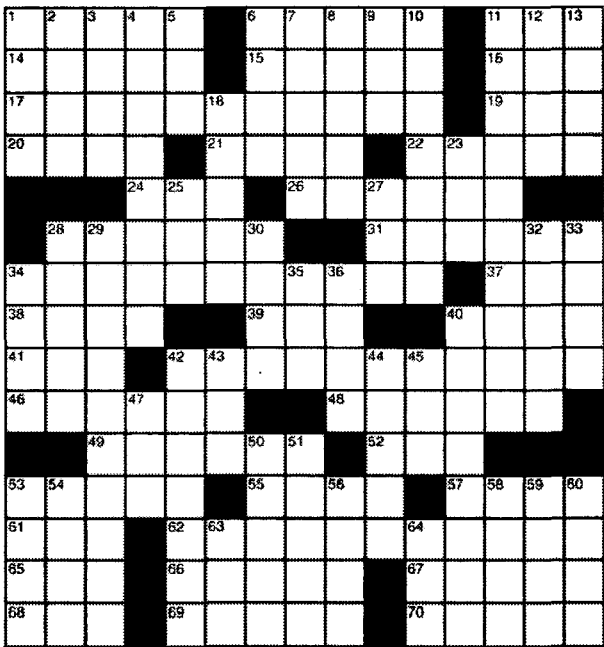
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34 When repeated, a toy train



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36 AOL and others, in brief

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42 Pocketbook

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47 Rower's need

50 Omit in pronunciation

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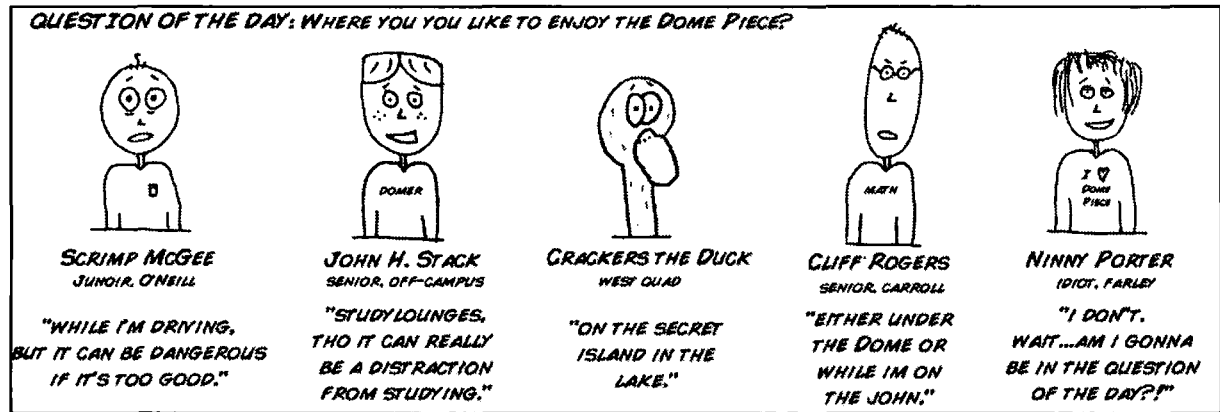
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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You can expect to have a fight on your hands if you try to force your will and your way on the ones you love. Let everyone do his or her own thing. Avoid mishaps, arguments, risks, accidents or potentially dangerous situations by taking pre cautions. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Take control - make the decisions and plans and everyone will think you are fabulous. You should be traveling, visiting old friends and organizing events. Your ability to take on a task of magnitude will impress someone with whom you've wanted to connect. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your mind should be on making your future better. Job changes are apparent and can lead to a better position. Now is not the time to worry but it is the time to be proactive and protect your position. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Your entertaining charm will win hearts and friendships. The more outgoing you are, the more romantic things will develop. Enjoy the moment and make every move count and you will reap the rewards. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You may need to make some adjustments to your plans in order to fulfill your dreams, hopes and wishes. A plan to partner with someone should be brought out into the open. Once you know where you stand, you can move forward. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can get things done at home that will help make your life easier and please the people you care about most. Aim for greater comfort, less stress and a day filled with friends, fun and a chance to increase your popularity. Your generosity will bring great returns. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't put too much emphasis on what others say. You don't need negativity and you have too much at stake to let others meddle in your affairs. Be cautious while traveling and avoid arguments with people who can influence your future. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You can make things happen just by wheeling and dealing your way into other people's pocketbooks. You will be the one everyone looks to for ideas. Progress is ahead of you, so get ready for a great ride. ★★★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't partner if you don't have to. You can do just as well on your own. Someone you care about could cost you financially if you aren't careful. Offer suggestions, not cash. ★★

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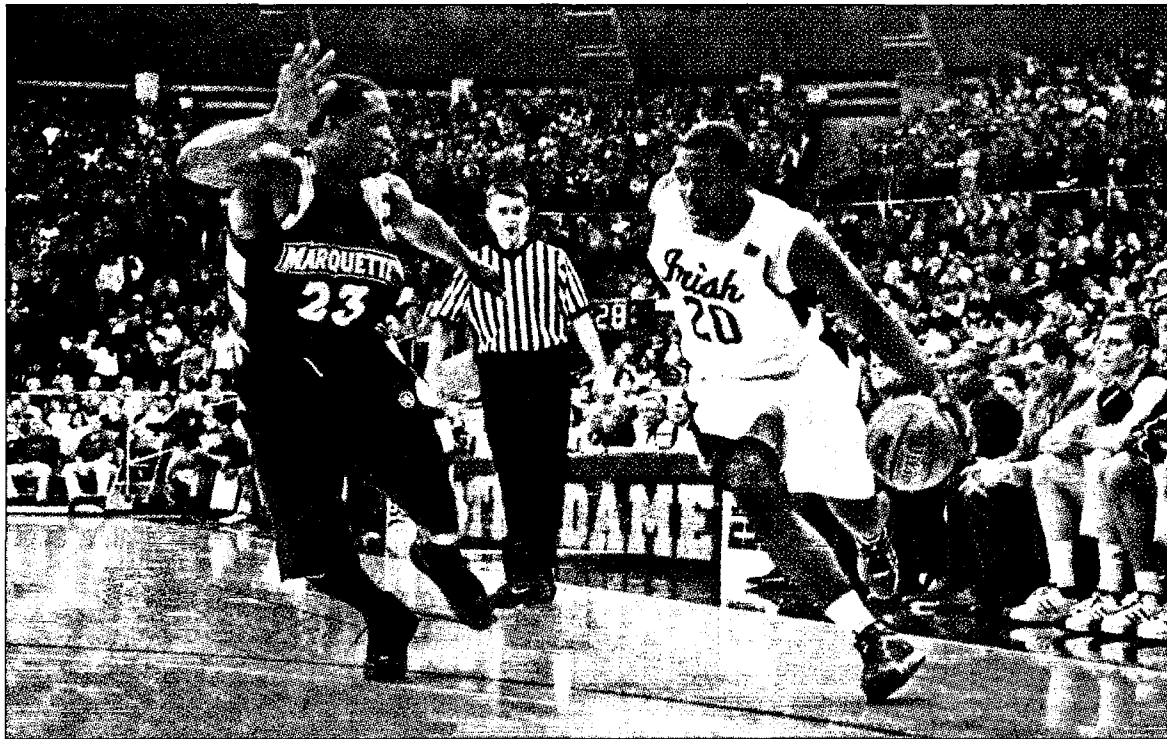
By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Over the span of Notre Dame's seven-game losing streak, Irish coach Mike Brey has dubbed himself "Mr. Positive," a man always in search of something good to build upon for the next game.

But the only positive the Irish (12-10) can take away from Saturday's 89-63 loss to UCLA (19-4) is that they can't possibly play any worse.

The freefalling Irish hit rock bottom at Pauley Pavilion, as the Bruins ran circles around an Irish team that, for all their struggles the past month, never looked as complacent, as sloppy or as helpless all season as it did

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JESS LEE/The Observer

Irish junior guard Jonathan Peoples drives against Marquette's Wesley Matthews during Notre Dame's 71-64 loss to the Golden Eagles on Jan. 24.

*Team left searching for remedy to losses*

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — For as slow as the unmerciful clock seemed to tick away for Notre Dame during its 89-63 loss to UCLA Saturday, the opposite is true when applied to Notre Dame's season.

The loss to the Bruins was Notre Dame's seventh in a row and with it came another missed opportunity for a quality win. The Irish are 12-10, 3-7 in the Big East, and the wins they thought they could hang their hat on, over Georgetown and over Texas, look worse by the day, as the Hoyas and Longhorns are going through rough periods of their own.

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**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Last-second shot doesn't fall and Irish hold on vs. DePaul

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Editor

On a day when survival reigned supreme, Notre Dame survived a tough challenge from DePaul.

A last-minute 3-point attempt clanged off the rim, and No. 19 Notre Dame held on to beat No. 25 DePaul 62-59 Sunday in the Joyce

Center. The game was a "Pink Zone," a fundraiser for breast cancer research, and many survivors were in attendance and were honored at halftime.

Sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski had 14 points and 12 rebounds, her first career double-double. Junior guard Ashley Barlow had 19 points, tying her season high.

"I was just attacking,"

Barlow said. "In the last couple games I feel like I was just standing there not helping out in the offensive end."

DePaul senior forward Natasha Williams had 20 points and 10 rebounds and junior guard China Threatt added 11 points.

The win moves Notre Dame to 17-5 and 6-4 in conference play. DePaul drops to 18-6 and 6-4 in the Big East. The

last time Notre Dame faced DePaul, on Jan. 6 in Chicago, the Irish dismantled the Blue Demons 86-62.

"We knew coming into this game that Notre Dame was going to see a different team than they saw at our gym," DePaul coach Doug Bruno said. "My message to the team after the game was that I think this team has a chance to be very special this

year."

The Irish had lost four of their last six games before Sunday's contest. McGraw said the team's practices during that stretch, however, were some of the best of the season.

"I've seen resilience," she said. "I've seen an amazing perseverance."

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**HOCKEY**

# Squad splits series vs. OSU

*Last-second goal ties Friday's game, Irish win in extra session*

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Editor

With the final seconds ticking away Friday night, No. 15 Ohio State looked poised to skate away with a much-needed win over No. 2 Notre Dame. The Buckeyes led 3-2 after looking to be in control throughout most of the game.

All of that changed in the blink of an eye.

Sophomore defenseman Ian Cole, operating with a 6-on-4 advantage, patiently handled the puck at the blue line as the clock crept below ten. He avoided a Buckeye defender and slipped a pass to freshman Billy Maday. Maday ripped a shot from the tops of the cir-

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Irish senior left wing Garrett Regan, left, pursues the puck during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Michigan on Jan. 31.

**FENCING**

# Men's team completes perfect season in Duals

By CHRIS MASOUD  
Sports Writer

Perfection in the sports world is hardly commonplace, but for the Irish fencing program perfection is just second nature. The top-ranked Notre Dame men's fencing team put together a 14-0 record at the Notre Dame Duals this weekend to finish the regular season at a perfect 34-0.

The undefeated 2009 season is the 20th in program history and the first since 2003. The men's win total of 34 is the highest in Notre Dame history.

The men's squad earned victories over Lawrence (25-2), Cal Tech (22-5), UC San Diego (18-9), Wayne State (19-8) and Oberlin (25-2). Facing seventh-ranked Stanford in a highly-anticipated matchup, the Irish emerged victorious with a 15-

12 win over the Cardinal to protect their undefeated record.

Once again the underclassmen led the way for the Irish, as freshmen Reggie Bentley and Gerek Meinhardt, and sophomore Avery Zuck each contributed two wins. Although relatively inexperienced, Irish coach Janusz Bednarski believes his youngsters are adapting rapidly to collegiate fencing.

"They are adjusting very quickly to the different type of competition, the different type of bouts because definitely it's a different system," Bednarski said. "Sometimes there are surprises from the intensity of the bouts, intensity between schools, and intensity of engagement. But I believe we will also be successful on this

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