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ND contributes to development off campus

Three projects at University's 'front door' aim to create community, 'college-town' feel in surrounding neighborhoods

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the first installment of a three-part series examining the development projects occurring near Notre Dame's campus.

Notre Dame's "front door" into South Bend has long been dismissed as a deteriorating neighborhood with the absence of a college-town feel, but the University has collaborated with the city on several projects they hope will bring about change,

according to Greg Hakanen, director of asset management and real estate development.

The University is currently investing significant funds in three specific projects to develop the neighborhood directly south of campus: The Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Project, the Eddy Street Commons and Innovation Park.

Hakanen said the University has several motivations for developing the neighborhoods surrounding campus.

"In part, it affects the perception of the University and in part, it's a safety issue,"

he said. "At the neighborhood's low point, there were drugs and crime, but that's largely past."

These efforts will help create a vibrant community surrounding campus, which will benefit both students and faculty as well as community members, Hakanen said.

The three projects involve improving housing and commercial ventures in the neighborhood south of campus and expanding research opportunities for students and faculty.

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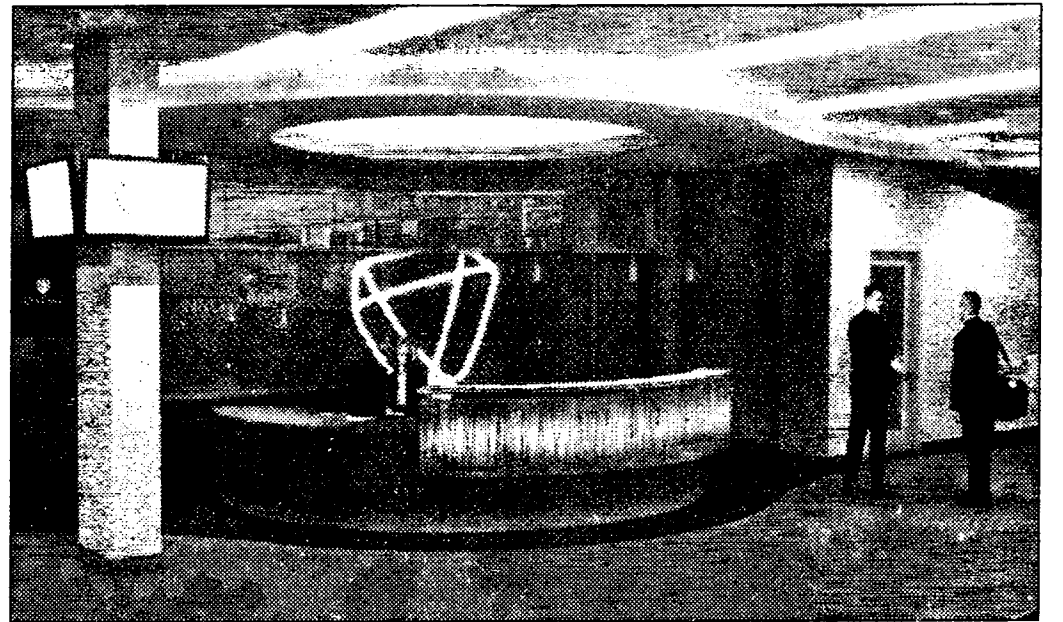


Photo courtesy of Innovation Park
This digitalized image shows what the interior of Innovation Park will look like upon the project's completion.

Demonstrators support labor unions



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Demonstrators gather outside the Main Building for a march in support of University employees' right to unionize.

By AARON STEINER
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Chanting "union welcome" and holding signs with messages saying, "the Pope loves unions, shouldn't you?" over 30 supporters gathered for a demonstration and march Tuesday in support of University employees' right to unionize.

The Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) organized the event, which began at the third floor of DeBartolo Hall, marched to the Mason Services Center, where Building Services employees check in and out daily.

CLAP member Denise

Pineda, a senior, said she hopes the event helped people become aware of workers' problems should they try to unionize and support their choice of unionization.

"Personally, I want the workers to know they're appreciated, and know they have support," she said.

"If a union is what they want, let them know it's their choice," she said.

Senior Michael Angulo, an event organizer and member of CLAP, said that the demonstration and march were a result of the group's continued discussions with employees and their fears of

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Hesburgh discusses role of laity with group

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Last night, a group of 20 students joined University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh in his office in the library named

after him to hear him talk about his life and to discuss his views about the laity's changing role in the Church.



Hesburgh

The talk was organized by the Orestes Brownson Council, a club that started as a reading group, but has emerged into a discussion society that focuses on discussing documents that deal with Catholicism and American Politics.

Hesburgh began his talk by telling the group about his time at Notre Dame as a seminarian in the 1930s.

"The Seminary was very different in those days," he said. "We were only allowed to talk for one hour after lunch and one hour after supper. For a guy who was used to talking all the time, that was rather tough."

Despite this, Hesburgh said that the lack of communication helped him spiritu-

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SMC elects Hoffman, Griffin

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's junior Jenny Hoffman and sophomore Meg Griffin were elected the College's next student body president and vice president Monday after running an unopposed campaign.

Hoffman is currently the Board of Governance (BOG) executive secretary and Griffin is the sophomore class president.

Juniors Mallory Price and Katie Lewis were also a part of the race, but dropped out due to personal reasons early Thursday

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New language center opens

Lounge offers place for conversation, study with group focus

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

Upon entering the new Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures (CSLC), it is common to hear students holding conversations in at least three different foreign languages.

The CSLC, located on the third floor of DeBartolo Hall, opened last month. The center promotes foreign language study though an emphasis on community and interaction, said Lance Askildson, the director of the CSLC.

"We're still in a stage of development," he said. "We're here to develop a community of foreign language learners."

The CSLC's opening marked



AARON PIERRE/The Observer
Junior Hannah Morh works in the study lounge in the Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures on the third floor of DeBartolo Hall.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Senior parents weekend?

So I'm a senior. That much I know for certain. I can see all of the typical signs: I'm writing a thesis, I'm hitting up all those little cafes I swore for three years that I'd visit, and I'm even starting to plan for — gasp! — the future.

Analise Lipari

Scene Editor

I'm also bringing my mom to Junior Parents Weekend. Yep, you read that correctly. By this time on Friday, my super awesome mom and I will be rocking JPW . . . one year late.

Why? Well, one year ago, I was 4000 miles from life under the Dome. I was spending my semester abroad in London, saying "pah-don" instead of "sorry" as I bumped into passers-by in Tube stations. Museums, theaters, pubs — I was so busy being a Londoner, I didn't really dwell on most events going on in South Bend.

I'll admit, though, that when I saw my friends' pictures from JPW last February, I had a funny mixture of feelings. On the one hand, I was happy for them and their parents; few things make me smile like seeing pictures of people trying to swing dance with their moms and dads.

But unlike the parents and kids in my friends' smiling pictures, my mom and dad were back in New Hampshire, and I was in my flat, subsisting on couscous and Jaffa Cakes.

Looking back, it was weird to not attend JPW. I was a junior; I'd helped set up past JPW luncheons hosted by my dorm; and — clutch criterion — I had parents. But it came and went with little fanfare last year, and I soon forgot about this parent-college kid fiesta.

Until last semester, when my mom and I decided she would come visit for JPW. I was and am psyched that she'll be coming to visit — like any kid who's moved 900 miles from home, I miss my mommy. Plus, one of my best senior friends will be attending, as will a slew of juniors that I know. I won't be alone, I'll be enjoying fancy food and spending some quality time with my madre.

But I can't help thinking of that line from the song "I Wish I Could Go Back to College" from the musical Avenue Q. In that song, Princeton, Kate Monster and Nicky are singing about going back to college, when "life was so simple." But in the end, Nicky reflects and says, "I'd sit on the quad/ And think, 'Oh, my God!' These kids are so much younger than me!"

Okay, they're not that much younger. Twelve months tops. It's only a year removed, right? I won't feel old? Or like I'm cheating the system, going back in time?

So I'm a senior, pretending to be a junior for three days. That much I know for certain.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING?



Kris Kast
sophomore
Carroll

"I would do the same as Gyges."



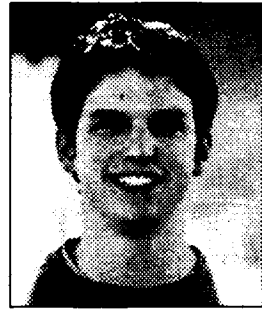
George Pinchock
sophomore
Keenan

"I talk to myself with an accent and sometimes jump up and down."



Teresa McGeeney
junior
Lyons

"I listen to Taylor Swift."



Dan Lewis
sophomore
Keenan

"I have full conversations with my alter ego, Sasha Fierce."



Monica Garcia-Blizzard
senior
McGlenn

"I eat obscene amounts of chocolate."



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Seniors John Siegel, Sam Banina, and Ryan McCune deejay their radio show, which airs on WVFI.

OFFBEAT

Woman charged selling pierced cats

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — A Pennsylvania dog groomer has been ordered to stand trial on animal cruelty charges for selling "gothic kittens" with ear, neck and tail piercings.

Holly Crawford's home outside Wilkes-Barre was raided Dec. 17 after the county Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals got a tip.

A prosecutor says Crawford inflicted pain on the cats, which were listed for sale for hundreds of dollars on the Internet. Crawford's attorney says

state law says nothing about piercing cats or docking their tails.

At a preliminary hearing Tuesday, Wilkes-Barre District Judge Paul Hadzick called it a gray area that needs to be decided by a trial judge or jury.

Man holds woman captive, reads her the Bible

TOLEDO, Ohio — A man held a woman captive in handcuffs and an adult diaper for three days while he read Bible passages to her, police said.

Troy Brisport, 34, was charged with kidnapping and felonious assault. Bail

was set Tuesday at \$400,000.

He picked up the woman Wednesday night in Detroit after she told him she had nowhere to stay, and brought her to his home in Toledo, about 55 miles away, police said.

The woman told police that after she fell asleep Brisport handcuffed her wrists and ankles, gagged her, undressed her and put her in an adult diaper, then read Bible passages, said police Capt. Ray Carroll.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"How the Health Are You?" a health fair open to students, will take place today from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. The event is free and attendees have the chance to win raffle prizes, including a free roundtrip ticket to anywhere in the United States.

The Saint Mary's senior class is hosting "Financial Tips for Recent College Graduates," a lecture by Professor Susan Vance tonight at 6:30 p.m. in 335 Spes Unica Hall.

Men Against Violence will present "That's What He Said?: Images of Modern Masculinity," a lecture relating the TV show "The Office" and the roles of men and women on tonight at 8 p.m. in Carey Auditorium in Hesburgh Library.

Panelists, including students, professors and members of the South Bend community, will debate President Obama's impact on diversity tonight at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge.

The Class of 2012 presents "Frosh Four Square" Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. in Stepan Center. The event is free to participate, and \$5 for a T-shirt.

David Walker, the president and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, will speak Friday from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The event is part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series. It is free and open to the public.

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

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members review finances for spring semester

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives (COR) reviewed the Financial Management Board's (FMB) spring reallocation at their meeting on Tuesday evening.

Student Union Treasurer Kadeja Gaines said that \$23,307.30 was reallocated in the process.

Before in the initial allocation process, each group is awarded a certain amount of money to use throughout the school year, she said.

Every spring, each campus group takes an estimate of the amount of money they will need to finish out their planned activities for the school year. If they are in need, then the various groups request money during the reallocation process.

Other groups, who may have requested more money in the initial allocation process than needed, will give their money back, Gaines said. This year, the Judicial Council gave back \$1,200 of their initial allocation.

About \$15,000 went to various clubs and organizations,

while the rest of the money went to other student groups who requested the additional funding.

"After reviewing each group's expenses, we approved the requests on the basis that all had spent their initial allocations wisely and effectively," Gaines said.

Council members also discussed the effectiveness and accessibility of the College Readership Program.

Student body president Bob Reish wanted feedback from the Council to see whether or not the College Readership distribution locations were in areas easily accessible to the undergraduate student population.

The College Readership Program has six distribution centers, which are located in the Mendoza College of Business, North Dining Hall, South Dining Hall, the Hesburgh Library, LaFortune Student Center, outside the Joyce Center.

COR members suggested looking into the possibility of adding a distribution center in DeBartolo Hall, since there is a large volume of students with class in the building on a daily

basis.

Sophomore class president Cynthia Weber asked if there is a way to see how many of the papers are being used on a daily basis in order to finance the program more efficiently.

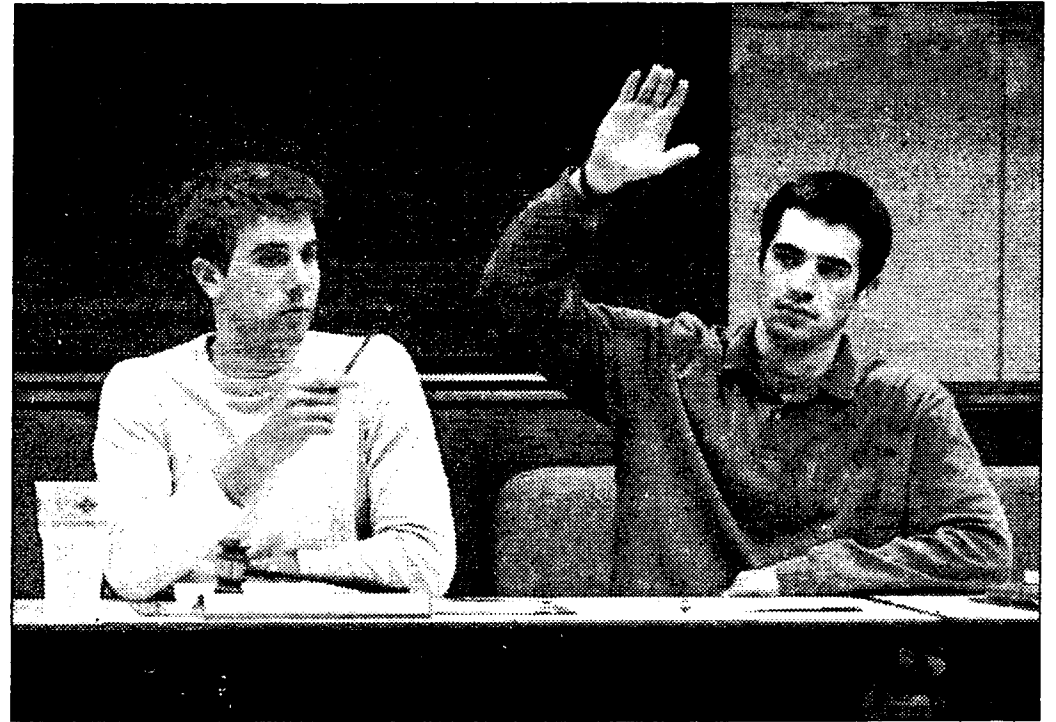
While most of the papers are being read, Reish said that those that have been left untouched are taken off the bill.

"Say for example we ordered 50 copies of the Chicago Tribune and only 40 of the papers were used, the extra 10 would be taken off the bill," said Reish.

While COR members discussed the idea of possibly having a place in the dining halls where used papers could be kept for others to read, the Council decided that some people would rather have their own newspaper than read one that had been previously used.

The three papers included in the College Readership Program are The New York Times, USA Today, and The Chicago Tribune.

"A survey was taken my freshman year to determine what papers would work best in the Program," Reish said. "These papers were the best to



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Student Body President Bob Reish and Vice President Grant Schmidt participate in the discussion at Tuesday's meeting.

fit both national and local news, as well as what students were most interested in."

In Other COR News:

Members voted to unanimously approve Nick Danna as the new Student Union Treasurer. Danna, a sophomore from Fisher Hall, will take office April 1.

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt brought up the issue of the poor internet connection in the Coleman-Morse Center. Members of the Council voiced their concern over this issue, as well as the lack of service in the dining halls.

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Peanut recall affects few foods on campus

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

In the past few months, a rash of product recalls, like that of peanut butter and other peanut products from the Peanut Corporation of America, has had Americans on edge.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Web site, the Georgia-based company went under investigation Dec. 3, 2008; the initial recall of its products began Jan. 10.

This has brought about many concerns for Notre Dame's Food Distribution Services, Senior Associate Director Jim Yarbrough said.

"We've had lots of concerned callers," he said.

Yarbrough said Notre Dame students shouldn't be concerned about contaminated peanut butter. The supplier of Notre Dame Food Service's peanut butter was not the Peanut Corporation of America.

The recall was ordered after the products were discovered to potentially be contaminated with Salmonella.

Several deaths, in many different states, have been linked to the outbreak, according to the FDA.

Notre Dame was notified of the recall, though, according to Yarbrough.

"Once recalls start, the company is obligated to tell its consumers," he said.

The state health department and the county health department also alert all school and college campuses, according to Yarbrough.

Yarbrough said the chopped peanuts used for toppings on the ice cream bars in the dining halls were on the recall

list.

Notre Dame's supplier, who received the peanuts from Peanut Corporation of America, notified Notre Dame after they heard of the recall, said Yarbrough. The peanuts were pulled right away, and sent back. No incidents were reported on campus involving contaminated peanuts.

Other items recalled all over campus at many of the cafés and convenience areas were snack bars, like granola bars, which contained peanuts from the contaminated plant, according to Yarbrough.

These were pulled promptly after recall orders were issued.

One other recall the dining halls have been dealing with lately is recalled apple slices, according to Yarbrough. One of the most popular foods in the dining halls, these slices came from a particular company, and were recalled twice due to contamination. Notre Dame has decided to switch suppliers because of this, according to Yarbrough.

"We've gone to a new company," said Yarbrough.

Keeping up with all of the recalls that come out nearly every day is quite a task, according to Yarbrough. They've dedicated a Web site to posting all of the recalls so they are easily accessible, according to Yarbrough.

"We hit it first thing in the morning, to take care of things like this," he said.

The FDA has also set up a Web site listing all of the affected products. The list can be found at www.fda.gov, under the link "Search Recalled Peanut Products."

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Fair promotes student health

New program combines relaxation, physical exercise and fun

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News Writer

Students interested in testing their skills at Dance Dance Revolution, enjoying a free chair massage, or learning more about techniques to improve their health and wellness can find opportunities to do all three — and more — at Notre Dame's first Health and Wellness Fair taking place today.

Josephine Dickinson, staff psychologist at the University Counseling Center and member of the Fair's planning committee, brought the idea for a collaborative Health and Wellness Fair to Notre Dame from Ohio State, where she formerly worked in the counseling center.

The purpose of the Fair is "to create a campus-wide event that all students would be invited to participate in," Dickinson said, "and one that would involve many different departments on campus to incorporate all aspects of wellness."

The conference, taking place today from 4 to 7 p.m. at Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center, will consist of a variety of tables and booths that represent different areas of health and wellness, and will include interactive games and assessments.

The purpose of the activities, Dickinson said, is to raise awareness about health and wellness, as well as the

resources available on campus to help students maintain or improve their health.

University Health Services, the University Counseling Center, RecSports, Food Services and the Notre Dame Security Police are among the groups on campus that will be participating in the Fair to ensure that all aspects of student health are covered, Dickinson said.

Students who participate will be able to enjoy a free chair massage from one of the two massage therapists from Preventive Medicine, a company based in South Bend attending.

In addition to relaxation, there will also be opportunities for students to test their dancing skills.

Physical Education and Wellness is bringing Dance Dance Revolution to promote physical activity," Dickinson said.

"We wanted to provide a mix of fun activities and relaxation, as well as assessments and serious information."

The University Counseling Center will have a booth set up where students can complete assessments for problems like depression, anxiety and eating disorders. A second table will give students a chance to try some of the happiness and

relaxation activities, some of which can be found in the Inner Resources Room at the University Counseling Center.

As incentive to participate in all of the activities the Health Fair offers, raffle tickets will be distributed at each booth for completing an activity or assessment.

"The more activities and assessments you do, the more raffle tickets you'll get, and the more chances you'll have to win the prizes," Dickinson said. "We aimed for prizes that would be pertinent to students, and because this is right around the time of Spring Break, our big ticket item is one airline ticket to anywhere in the U.S."

Dickinson named the other items that students can win in the raffle, including gift baskets, gift cards to Starbucks and iTunes, and prizes intended to promote wellness, such as a free personal training package.

Ultimately, however, Dickinson emphasized that the Health and Wellness Fair is about more than winning prizes.

"We want students to take away from it an awareness

that they need to focus on all aspects of their health and safety," she said. "And we want them to have fun learning more about the different services on campus and what they can offer them."

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SMC named to service honor roll

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) at Saint Mary's College was placed on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the third year in a row by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Carrie Call, director of OCSE, is proud of the College's accomplishments.

"I consider it a great honor that SMC made the roll and I think it speaks to the 'heart of service' among our students," Call said.

The schools who receive the honor are chosen based on series of factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses according to a press release from earlier this month.

"We salute Saint Mary's College for making community service a campus priority, and thank the millions of college students who are helping to renew America through service to others," Stephen Goldsmith,

vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, said in the same press release.

OCSE began as the Spes Unica Volunteer Resource Office (SURV) until 2004 when the name was changed, Call said. A group of students originally started SURV in 1990 to have a place for students to find service opportunities on campus. Along with the new name, OCSE also expanded the programs and staff allotted to the previous office, Call said.

The programs OCSE provides focus on education and health care in order to reflect the mission of the College.

"Our service opportunities are varied and extensive. We try to mirror the commitments of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, so our primary positions are with education and health care and we try to serve those on the margins of society," Call said.

The College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) and Rebuilding Together are only two of the service opportunities available, and both have high rates of student volunteers.

"In our College Academy of Tutoring for example, it's not unusual to reach a 10 percent participation rate within a year

— this is about 150-plus students," Call said.

Currently, OCSE is working on starting a Habitat for Humanity club on campus, Call said. Also, they recently began a walk to raise awareness of and money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society called "Light the Night."

Students who want to join in any of these activities, or one of the many others offered by OCSE can go to the office located in room 220 of the Student Center.

Call is pleased with the recognition the College has already received, and wants to continue improving the programs and services provided.

"This recognition affirms the spirit of service that is prevalent throughout the College. In the past four years, community service opportunities have flourished here with the advent of additional and enhanced programming," Call said. "Receiving the news about the award always thrills me because it reminds me of how far we've come. Yet, I am also reminded of how much more needs to be done to help a hurting world."

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Hesburgh

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ally.

"It was actually a good experience; you really got to think about the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life," he said.

Hesburgh remained at the Seminary at Notre Dame until the late 1930s when he received instruction to continue his studies at the Gregorian University in Rome. Hesburgh remained in Rome until May of 1940.

"World War II was really heating up," he recalled of his time there. "I was supposed to be in Rome completing my schooling for eight years. But in 1940, right before the Nazis took Paris, a man from the American Consulate showed up in my lecture hall, right in the middle of class."

Hesburgh said he remembers the official telling all the Americans in the class that the Nazis would have control of France soon, and that all the American seminarians would have to leave Rome in a week.

"They told us that the last boat would be leaving that coming Saturday," Hesburgh said. "It put a lot of pressure on us academically, because we had to finish our studies quickly, but it was also exciting."

After returning to the United States, Hesburgh resumed his studies at the Catholic University in Washington D.C. In 1944, when it was time for him to write his thesis for his doctorate, Hesburgh presented a

topic that his professors found incredibly unusual.

"I wanted to do my thesis on the theology of the laity in the Church," Hesburgh said. "But the three professors that I presented my topic to said that the laity was not a serious subject."

"I told them that if they thought that 99 percent of the Church in the world was not 'serious' then they needed to take another look," Hesburgh said.

Hesburgh's thesis was one of the first documents ever written on the laity's role in the Church.

"At that time, there was very little theologi-

cal background on the laity, so I was really breaking new ground," he said.

Hesburgh said that until his thesis, the only thing that had really been written on the laity was about Catholic Action, which the Vatican had defined as "the participation of laity in the hierarchy apostolate."

"I thought this was a rather poor definition," Hesburgh said. "I believed that the laity had their own apostolate because they participate in Baptism and Confirmation, two of the three sacraments that leave an indelible mark on our souls."

"The point I was trying to make was that because of

the laity's participation in these two sacraments, this gives them a special place in the Church."

When Hesburgh finished the writing of his thesis, he published it as a book under the title of "Theology of Catholic Action."

Hesburgh said although there was a limited printing of the book, all the books were sold within a matter of weeks.

"A few weeks after I published the book, I got a call from the Pope's delegate," Hesburgh said. "He asked me about the book and said that a friend in Rome wanted a few copies."

Hesburgh said he sent over two copies, and never heard about the book again, or even who received the copies.

"Thirty-five years later, Vatican II puts out their statement on the laity," Hesburgh said. "When I received the official docu-

ment from Rome, a lot of it was right out of my thesis."

Hesburgh emphasized how the role of the laity has changed dramatically since Vatican II.

"Today, the laity is much more significant in the Church," he said. "It is terribly

important that the laity know they have a special place as they emerge more and more."

Hesburgh finished with an instruction to all the lay people of the Church.

"If you're laity, be good laity," he said. "You're 99 percent of the Church so don't just sit there."

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CLAP

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potential firings or other actions if they chose to pursue unionization.

"Every year we've gone to workers and see what their concerns are," he said. Consistently, they are "feeling like no one is listening to them."

In the months leading up to the demonstration Tuesday, CLAP members gathered around 500 signatures on union support cards. The signers "recognize and support the right of all employees of the University of Notre Dame to be represented by a union," according to the cards.

During the demonstration, the cards were attached to a string that was held during the gathering on the steps of Main Building and during the march to the Mason Services Center.

The union support cards were delivered to the building manager at the Mason Services Center, who said he would hang them up in the building, according to Angulo.

In speeches on the steps of Main Building before the march, CLAP members and labor activists spoke about the necessity of unions on campus.

Senior Mary DeAgostino, a CLAP member, addressed the "increasing concern that their voices are not being heard."

She also said that there is "a real fear of talking about unions" among employees.

DeAgostino said that the demonstration "shows workers ... we will be there to support them."

Paul Mishler, assistant professor of Labor Studies at Indiana University-South Bend, also spoke to the crowd.

Mishler suggested that if the University encountered financial problems related to the recession, Notre Dame employees could be the next to lose their jobs.

"Every institution is busy cutting wages, and cutting employees," he said. "There is no guarantee that if there are cuts, it's going to be done fairly."

Caroline Domingo, communications director at the Institute for Latino Studies, also spoke.

In her 25 years at Notre Dame, she said she has seen many changes, but unionization is not one of them.

After recounting the stories of colleagues in Building Services who have suffered in the recent economic crisis, she shared an anecdote about the Tax Assistance Program offered each year by Accountancy students. The program helps low-income workers file taxes. Currently, those making less than \$38,000 qualify as low

income, according to Domingo.

She called the program "one of the best things about Notre Dame."

"Except, a large number of Notre Dame employees qualify for that program," she said. "A bit of a contradiction there."

Domingo, who has been active in CLAP since its formation, later said that she has seen attempts at unionization stamped out before, including incidents in the 1970s.

Domingo said she would ask administrators to publicly acknowledge they stop unions from forming.

"What I'd like them to do is to tell workers, go ahead, [unionize], this is up to you; this is a workers' decision," she said.

The University has long held the same position on unionization, which was reiterated in a statement by Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves in April 2006.

"Notre Dame has long recognized the right of our employees to unionize if they wish, and has stated that if they do vote to have a union the University will bargain with it 'in good faith,'" Affleck-Graves wrote.

Still, Domingo said she would like administration to more "benevolently" state that it is open to unionization.

One community member at the event said, however, that some workers on campus are already unionized. Troy Warner, a leader with the Electrical Workers Local Union No. 153, explained that approxi-

mately 150 electrical workers in his union are regularly contracted by Notre Dame.

He said that many people aren't aware that some workers on campus are union members, and that the University does have a relationship with existing trade unions.

"Notre Dame has a great relationship with building trade unions, and they can continue that relationship with their own workers," Warner said.

Warner said he wanted to "let the workers know that they are already unions on campus."

Currently, an increasing number of University-employed workers have begun signing union cards, which signifies a desire to unionize, according to Angulo.

Angulo said that events like the one held Tuesday are a sign of solidarity and support for employees who might be considering signing a union card.

"We're supporting the workers. If they want union cards, we support them," Angulo said.

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"What I'd like them to do is tell workers, go ahead, [unionize], this is up to you; this is a worker's decision."

Caroline Domingo
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Guadeloupe on verge of rebellion

BASSE-TERRE, Guadeloupe — The French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe was on the verge of rebellion, a political leader said Tuesday after stone-throwing protesters set cars and buildings ablaze, forced the international airport to close and clashed with police.

Nearly four weeks of work stoppages and demonstrations for lower prices and higher pay have caused thousands of tourists to flee or cancel holidays on the normally tranquil island, prompting many hotels to close and cruise ships to head elsewhere.

"It is a political crisis, an institutional crisis and we are on the brink of sedition," Guadeloupe's Regional Council President Victorin Lurel told France-Info radio.

From Paris, France's Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said the protests had caused "degradation, devastation and confrontations" on Guadeloupe and its sister island, Martinique, where most shops and offices have been closed by the protests.

Afghan civilian death rate increases

KABUL — The number of civilians killed in Afghanistan's worsening conflict jumped 40 percent to a new high last year, and more than half of the deaths were inflicted by Taliban insurgents and other militants, the United Nations said Tuesday.

The report said insurgents increasingly use roadside bombs, car bombs and suicide bombers in attacks that are "undertaken regardless of the impact on civilians." In the latest such attack, the U.S. military reported a roadside bomb killed five civilians Monday in Kandahar province.

NATIONAL NEWS

Jury finds rancher liable for assault

TUCSON, Ariz. — A federal jury on Tuesday rejected several claims by a group of illegal immigrants who claimed a southern Arizona rancher detained them at gunpoint, but found the rancher liable for assault and infliction of emotional distress.

The eight-member civil jury found that Roger Barnett didn't violate the immigrants' civil rights in 2004, and it rejected claims of battery and false imprisonment. For the remaining claims Barnett was ordered to pay \$77,804 in damages — \$60,000 of which were punitive.

Plane crash into home investigated

CLARENCE, N.Y. — The man at the controls of a turboprop plane that pitched like a kite before crashing into a house last week had spent only 110 hours flying that model, and investigators said Tuesday they would look into the quality and quantity of his training.

The pilot of Continental Connection Flight 3407 apparently ignored federal recommendations not to fly on autopilot as ice was building on his plane, though investigators so far say he violated no rules.

Whether Capt. Marvin Renslow did all he could to prevent potentially disastrous ice buildup or shake it from his plane remains to be seen. But experts pointed out Tuesday that he had flown thousands of hours in a similar plane, which would have prepared him for icing on his aircraft.

LOCAL NEWS

Cameras to be installed at red lights

INDIANAPOLIS — Drivers may want to think twice about blowing through red lights.

The Republican-controlled Indiana Senate passed a bill 28-22 Tuesday to allow cities and towns to install cameras at intersections to catch drivers running red lights. The fine would be no more than \$100.

Supporters of red-light cameras, which would photograph rear license plates, say the devices can help save lives while allowing police officers to focus on more serious criminal behavior.

Burris tried to help ousted Ill. Gov.

Senator admits to an unsuccessful attempt to raise money for Blagojevich

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — U.S. Sen. Roland Burris now acknowledges attempting to raise money for ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich — an explosive twist in his evolving story on how he landed a coveted Senate appointment from the man accused of trying to sell the seat.

Burris made the admission to reporters late Monday, after releasing an affidavit over the weekend saying he had more contact with Blagojevich advisers about the Senate seat than he had described under oath to the state House panel that recommended Blagojevich's impeachment. The Democrat also said in the affidavit, but not before the panel, that the governor's brother asked him for fundraising help.

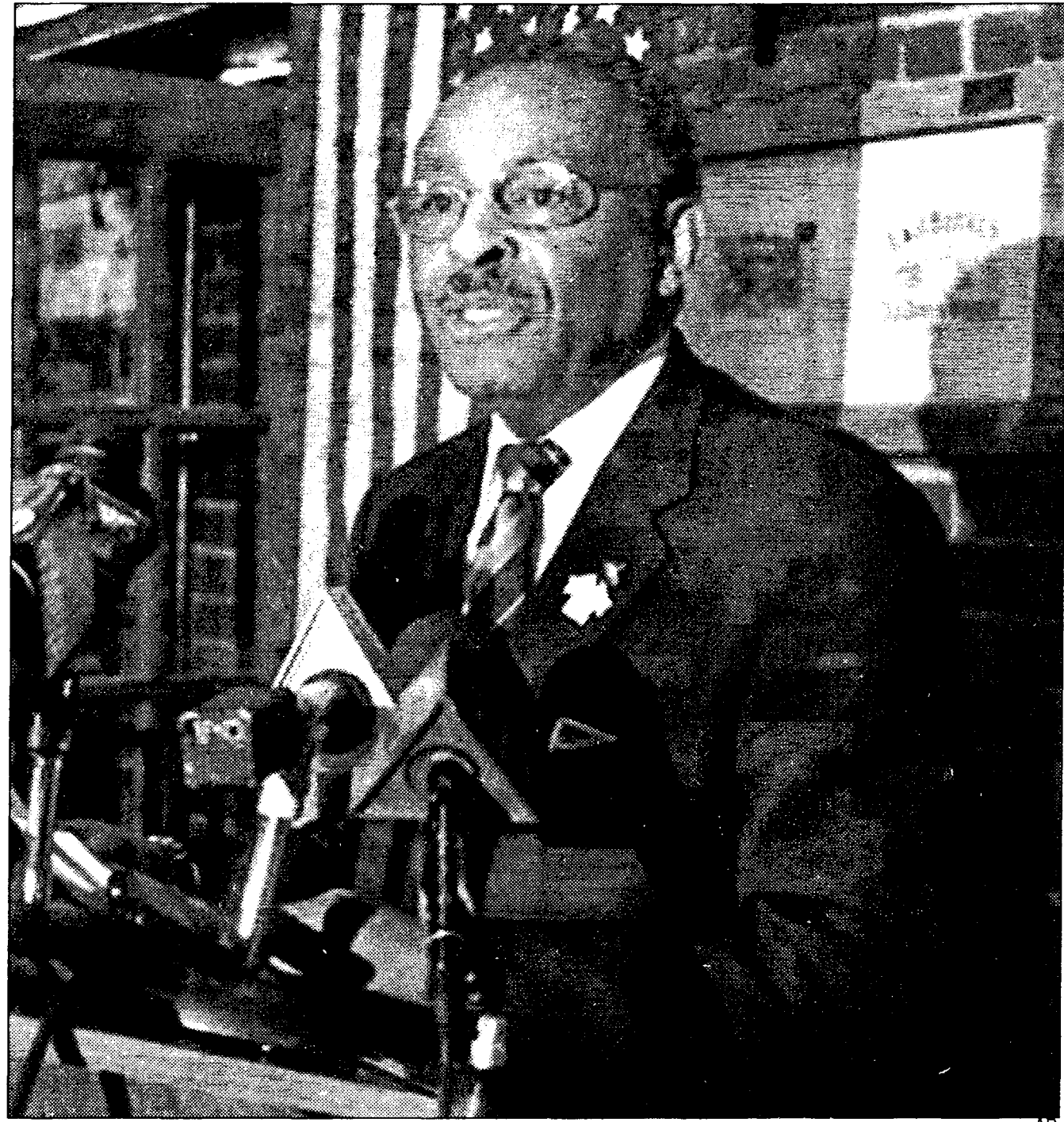
Though Burris insists he never raised money for Blagojevich while the governor was considering whom to appoint to the seat President Barack Obama vacated, the revelation that he had attempted to do so is likely to increase calls for Burris' resignation and an investigation into whether he committed perjury before the panel.

Illinois Democrats have sent documents related to Burris' testimony to a county prosecutor for review. In Washington, a good-government group recommended Burris' expulsion from the Senate if an ethics committee investigation shows he lied to Senate leaders.

Burris, in the middle of a previously scheduled tour of northern and central Illinois cities, would not discuss his attempts to raise funds for Blagojevich, but said he didn't do anything wrong and encouraged officials to look into the matter.

"I welcome the opportunity to go before any and all investigative bodies ... to answer any questions they have," he told reporters in Peoria, before declining to answer questions.

Burris, who declined to address reporters again during a later stop in



Sen. Roland Burris reads a prepared statement at Kelleher's Irish Pub and Eatery in Peoria, Ill., Tuesday.

Bloomington, also said he planned to release later this week "a concise document" related to his testimony, but he would not elaborate.

After an event Monday night in Peoria, Burris told reporters that he had reached out to friends after Blagojevich's brother, Robert, called him before President Barack Obama's election asking him to raise \$10,000 or \$15,000 for the governor.

"So sometime shortly after Obama was elected, the brother called (again) and I had talked to some people about trying to see if we could put a fundraiser on," Burris said, according to an audio clip provided by the Peoria Journal-Star.

But Burris said his friends

weren't willing to contribute and suggested that Robert Blagojevich talk to Burris' partner about approaching other potential donors.

Burris reiterated that in the end, he raised no money and hosted no fundraiser. He told Robert Blagojevich in a later conversation that he couldn't raise money because he was interested in the Senate seat. Burris, however, already had indicated his interest in the Senate seat to gubernatorial aides, including Robert Blagojevich, before the November election.

Lawmakers of both parties have said Burris should resign after he admitted over the weekend that he had talked to several aides of the governor before getting the

Senate post. During his testimony before the panel, he said he remembered talking only to one aide about the seat and did not say he was hit up for campaign donations.

The new affidavit submitted to the impeachment panel indicated contact not only with Robert Blagojevich, but with Blagojevich's former chief of staff John Harris and two other close friends — all of whom Burris had been specifically asked about by the committee's top Republican.

"You would think those would be the kind of people you'd remember you had a conversation with," said Rep. Gary Hannig, a Litchfield Democrat and a member of the impeachment committee.

Court upholds calories-on-menu rule

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld the city's regulation requiring some chain restaurants to post calories on menus and menu boards, saying the rule is a reasonable effort to curb obesity.

A 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel rejected arguments by a state trade group that federal law preempted the rule and that the city had violated the First Amendment by forcing its view on restaurant patrons that calories are the most important consideration on a menu.

The three-judge panel ruled that the federal Nutrition Labeling and

Education Act was not intended to apply to restaurant food, writing that the city "merely stepped into a sphere that Congress intentionally left open to state and local governments."

The calorie rule, the court wrote, "mandates a simple factual disclosure of caloric information and is reasonably related to New York City's goals of combating obesity."

The court cited research showing consumers typically can't assess how many calories are in food, "a statement which we do not doubt upon being informed ... that a smoked turkey sandwich at Chili's contains 930 calories, more than a sirloin

steak, which contains 540, or that two jelly-filled doughnuts at Dunkin' Donuts have fewer calories than a sesame bagel with cream cheese."

New York City is believed to have been the first U.S. city to enact a regulation requiring calories on menus. Since then, California and Philadelphia have passed similar bills.

The city's rule applies to restaurants that are part of chains with at least 15 outlets across the country. Health Commissioner Thomas R. Frieden said Tuesday that most chain restaurants have been in compliance since the city began enforcing the rule in July.

Projects

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Revitalization Project, Hakanen said the University, guided by the city and a neighborhood group, buys housing lots on Notre Dame Ave., builds homes with a pre-approved aesthetic and rents them to University faculty.

Hakanen said the homes commissioned by the University are required to have a traditional look with a front porch, and the garage has to be behind the house.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said he estimates the University has been building houses in the northeast neighborhood, which is centered on Notre Dame Ave., south of campus, for about 10 years and accumulating property for about 18 years.

"We saw it as an opportunity," he said. "Housing had declined in that area, and we knew faculty and staff wanted to be close to campus, so we could play a role in buying up lots."

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About 15 faculty members currently live in the area, and many more are on a waiting list, Affleck-Graves said.

In addition to improving the housing in the neighborhood, the University also wanted to encourage a growth of business in the area, Affleck-Graves said.

The idea to create a "college town" in walking distance of campus was first broached by the previous executive vice president, Fr. Tim Scully, and it was this that led to the construction of the Eddy Street Commons, Affleck-Graves said.

Affleck-Graves said the University bought the land on Eddy Street to turn into a commercial district, but the administration did not want to be the developers of the project.

"It's a big project, and we didn't want to use University money," he said.

Notre Dame sold the ven-

ture to Kite Realty, a private real estate firm from Indianapolis, he said.

Affleck-Graves said the University invested an undisclosed amount into the project, but Kite Realty will pay the money back as the venture turns a profit.

"At the end of the day, we will not have any investment left in the project," he said.

The third construction project the University has a stake in is Innovation Park, which will be located at the corner of Twyckenham Drive and Edison Road.

Innovation Park is a research park that will focus on expanding the research of Notre Dame faculty and students by transforming basic, academic research into a viable marketplace venture, according to President and CEO David Brenner.

"Hopefully the park will bring new ideas to the forefront and create jobs and economic growth," Brenner said.

Brenner said most major research universities already

have a park of this sort, so Notre Dame is acting as the primary sponsor of the project. However, Innovation Park is an independent facility that is a collaborative effort between the University, the city of South Bend, the

state of Indiana and several private donors.

The University is donating the land and covering construction costs, Brenner said. He said the end figures will not be released, but

it will total in the millions.

"This is seen by the University as a major investment in faculty and students to research further than they can in the classroom," he said.

Along with transforming the research of students and faculty, Innovation Park will also offer companies the opportunity to use the Park's resources, Brenner said.

"We are in discussions with 20 or more companies in different stages of negotiations," he said. "These companies will come to Innovation Park because they

want to engage students and faculty in their research to help solve a problem or figure out how to do something."

Brenner said Innovation Park is a result of University President Fr. John Jenkins' vision to expand research at Notre Dame.

Despite the struggling economy, Affleck-Graves said each of these projects involve relatively low-risk investments.

He said even if Innovation Park does not stimulate the expected commercial ventures, it will still augment Notre Dame's research opportunities.

As far as building the Eddy Street Commons, Affleck-Graves said this is probably the worse time in the past 50 years to be in the business of commercial development, but since Kite Realty now privately owns the project, the University has little to lose from any business failure.

"We want the projects to be a success," he said. "But University money is not at risk."

The second part of this series will explore the impact of these projects on students and faculty.

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Hoffman

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morning.

Hoffman and Griffin received more than 50 percent of the vote, according to an e-mail the BOG sent to the student body Tuesday. The e-mail did not specify how many students voted, or what percentage of students voted to abstain.

"I'm very, very excited [that we won]," Hoffman said. "I wish there had been another opponent running, but Meg and I are so excited to start our term."

She said that they plan to work on putting some of their platform ideas into action in the next few weeks now that they have been elected.

"Besides assembling our cabinet, we will continue BOG's efforts to extend the Student

Center hours," she said, referring to an initiative by current student body president and vice president Mickey Gruscinski and Sarah Falvey to keep the Student Center open until midnight Sunday through Thursday and until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Currently, the building closes at 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Hoffman also said the duo will work to get printers installed in every dorm.

"These are student concerns that have already been voiced," she said. "If we address those now, then when we do take office in April, and next fall, we'll be able to address other student concerns."

BOG sent an e-mail reminding students to log onto the Saint Mary's PRISM Web site to vote yesterday and hung posters about voting in LeMans, but

Hoffman credits the fact that she and Meg campaigned in the Student Center to part of the voter turnout.

"When I was campaigning on Sunday in the Student Center I had a girl come up to me and say, 'I'm so glad you're doing this, it's nice to meet the only candidate running,'" she said. "If [students] don't know the candidate they feel an obligation to vote abstain."

The two welcome any students to come speak with them now that they are president and vice president-elect.

"Now that we're in place we're really eager to hear what students want done," Hoffman said. "Right now we have a blank slate and we want to get some issues on it so we can start addressing them."

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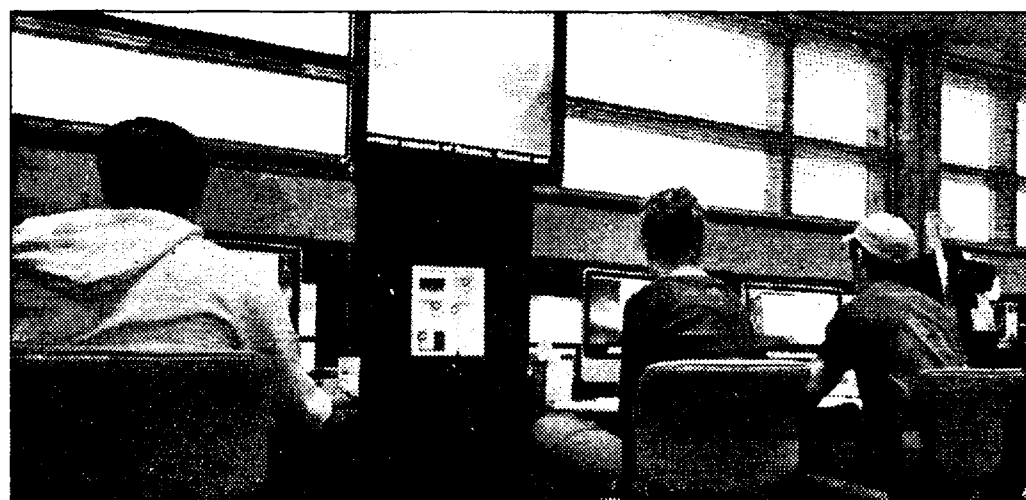
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the end of a three-year planning process. After the Language Resource Center (LRC) in O'Shaughnessy Hall closed with the unexpected death of its director, Ursula Williams, the University formed a committee to explore options for a new language center, Askildson said.

Current programming offered by the CSLC includes peer tutoring in the Romance Languages, languages tables and social events. Askildson plans to expand these programs to include more languages.

The CSLC's a main lounge features couches and open booths to promote interaction and foreign language discussion. Askildson said that the lounge area fills up during the day with students who come to study and converse in various languages.

The CSLC's multimedia room offers foreign language television and film viewing and serves as a conference room. Future plans for this room include HD streaming video communication with stu-



Students work at the computers in the Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures in DeBartolo Hall. AARON PIERCE/The Observer

dents in Notre Dame's foreign language study abroad programs, Askildson said.

A third room in the CSLC can be a classroom or club meeting space. Foreign language groups can reserve the space, Askildson said, such as the Japanese club, which hosted a karaoke night in the space on Friday.

While the CSLC is an inviting study space, it is only available for foreign language students.

"We are making a very conscious effort to reserve this space for foreign language study," Askildson said.

Askildson said the number of students who have made use of the CSLC in the past month is encouraging.

"We invite all foreign language students to come in and learn about our services," he said. "I think it's going extremely well."

Askildson said that while the center receives frequent input from foreign language faculty members, he hopes that students who use the CSLC will also begin to offer constructive criticism.

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NYSE 4,939.11 -267.65
S&P 500 789.17 -37.67
NIKKEI (Tokyo) 7,539.54 -105.97
FTSE 100 (London) 4,034.13 -100.62

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SPDR S&P 500 (SPY)	-4.28	-3.54	79.22
BK OF AMERICA (BAC)	-12.03	-0.67	4.90
FINANCIAL SEL SPDR (XLF)	-9.94	-0.88	7.97
CITIGROUP INC (C)	-12.32	-0.43	3.06

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-7.63	-0.220	2.662
13-WEEK BILL	-1.72	-0.005	0.285
30-YEAR BOND	-5.32	-0.196	3.486
5-YEAR NOTE	-10.19	-0.190	1.674

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-2.58	34.93
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+25.30	967.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.55	80.95

Exchange Rates

YEN	92.3100
EURO	1.2583
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.2642
BRITISH POUND	1.4239

IN BRIEF

Financier charged with 'massive fraud'

NEW YORK — The federal government says R. Allen Stanford's investment businesses were too good to be true, and shut his companies down on Tuesday.

Two months after Bernard Madoff was accused of running the largest investment fraud in history, Securities and Exchange Commission officials raided the offices of Stanford, a Texas billionaire, and froze the assets of three companies he controls, saying he perpetrated an \$8 billion investment fraud.

Stanford was accused in civil charges of lying about the safety of investments he sold as "certificates of deposit" and promised unrealistically high rates of return. Regulators also said he faked historical data about other investments which he then used to lure in more investors for the CD products.

Cigarette tax increases in Ark.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Cigarettes in Arkansas soon will cost an extra 56 cents a pack.

Gov. Mike Beebe signed an \$87.8 million tobacco tax hike into law Tuesday to fund a statewide trauma care system and expand existing health programs. The law takes effect March 1.

The state increase is on top of a 62-cent-a-pack federal excise tax signed into law this month. The legislation would also raise the tax on other tobacco products — such as cigars and pipe and chewing tobacco — from 32 percent of the wholesale price to 68 percent.

When the increase takes effect next month, the state's cigarette tax will rise to \$1.15 per pack, ranking it 25th in the nation, according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. State officials say the Arkansas tax increase, when combined with federal matching dollars, will pay for nearly \$180 million in expanded health programs.

Beebe has proposed using the new revenue to expand the ARKids First health insurance program for low-income children. The proposal would change the income eligibility provisions, a move that will open it up to about 8,000 more children. Other programs that Beebe has called for funding with the tobacco tax money is a northwest Arkansas campus for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the community health centers and a statewide flu shot campaign.

Obama signs \$787 billion stimulus

President also readies foreclosure rescue plan, hopes to revive economy

Associated Press

DENVER — Racing to reverse the country's economic spiral, President Barack Obama signed the mammoth stimulus package into law Tuesday and readied a new \$50 billion foreclosure rescue for legions of Americans who are in danger of losing their homes.

There was no recovery yet for beleaguered automakers, who were back in Washington for more bailout billions. General Motors Corp. said it was closing plants, Chrysler LLC said it was cutting vehicle models and both said they were getting rid of thousands more jobs as they made their restructuring cases for \$5 billion more for Chrysler and as much as \$16.6 billion more for GM. The United Auto Workers union said it had agreed to tentative concessions that could help Detroit's struggling Big Three.

Anything but reassured, Wall Street dove ever lower. The Dow Jones industrials fell 297.81 points, closing less than a point above their lowest level in five and a half years.

Obama focused on the \$787 billion stimulus plan, an ambitious package of federal spending and tax cuts designed to revive the economy and save millions of jobs. Most wage-earners will soon see the first paycheck evidence of tax breaks that will total \$400 for individuals and \$800 for couples.

The stimulus package was a huge victory for Obama less than one month into his presidency. But he struck a sober tone and lowered expectations for an immediate turnaround in the severe recession that is well into its second year.



President Barack Obama waves after he signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Tuesday at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in Denver.

"None of this will be easy," he said. "The road to recovery will not be straight. We will make progress, and there may be some slippage along the way."

Still, he declared, "We have begun the essential work of keeping the American dream alive in our time."

Underscoring energy-related investments in the new law, Obama and Vice President Joe Biden flew separately to Denver where the president signed it at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science before roughly 250 people including

alternative energy business leaders. Earlier, the pair examined solar panels on the museum's roof.

On Wednesday, Obama will outline another big piece of his recovery effort — a \$50 billion plan to help stem foreclosures — in Arizona, one of the states hardest hit by the mortgage defaults that are at the center of the nation's economic woes.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner mentioned the housing program last week as he rolled out a wide-ranging financial-sector rescue

plan that could send \$2 trillion coursing through the financial system. Obama is expected to detail how the administration plans to prod the mortgage industry to do more in modifying the terms of home loans so borrowers have lower monthly payments.

More than 2.3 million homeowners coast-to-coast faced foreclosure proceedings last year, an 81 percent increase from 2007. Analysts say that number could soar as high as 10 million in the coming years, depending on the severity of the recession.

GM, Chrysler seek more gov't aid

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors and Chrysler said Tuesday their request for federal aid ballooned to a staggering \$39 billion — only months after receiving billions in loans — in new plans that envision massive job losses and intense restructuring to survive a deepening recession.

General Motors Corp. presented a survival plan that calls for cutting a total of 47,000 jobs globally and closing five more U.S. factories, a move that represents the largest work force reduction announced by a U.S. company in the economic meltdown. Chrysler LLC said it will cut 3,000 more jobs and stop producing three vehicle models.

The grim reports came as the United Auto Workers union said it

had reached a tentative agreement with GM, Chrysler and Ford Motor Co. on contract changes. Concessions with the union and debt-holders were a condition of the government bailout.

GM said it could need up to \$30 billion from the Treasury Department, up from a previous estimate of \$18 billion. That includes \$13.4 billion the company has already received. The world's largest automaker said it could run out of money by March without new funds and needs \$2 billion next month and another \$2.6 billion in April.

"We have a lot of work to do," GM Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said. "We're still going at this with a great sense of urgency." GM's request includes a credit line of \$7.5 billion to be used if the down-

turn is more pronounced than expected. But the automaker claimed it could be profitable in two years and repay its loans by 2017.

The requests pale in comparison to what it might cost taxpayers if GM or Chrysler go bankrupt, said Aaron Bragman, auto industry analyst for the consulting firm IHS Global Insight in Troy, Mich.

"These are not small, insignificant organizations," he said. "These are the lifeblood of American manufacturing."

The company looked into three bankruptcy scenarios, all of which would cost the government more than \$30 billion, GM Chief Operating Officer Fritz Henderson said. The worst scenario would cost \$100 billion because G's revenue would severely drop, he said.

CAMBODIA

Former head of torture center charged in trial

Associated Press

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — The former head of the Khmer Rouge's most notorious torture center sat behind protective glass Wednesday as judges held a closed-door meeting on details including when to start testimony at Cambodia's long-delayed genocide tribunal.

Kaing Guek Eav — better known as Duch — is charged with crimes against humanity. He is the first of five defendants who belonged to a close-knit, ultra-communist regime that ruled Cambodia in the 1970s and turned it into a vast slave labor camp and charnel house in which 1.7 million or more people perished.

Duch oversaw the S-21 prison in the capital Phnom Penh — previously a school, now the Tuol Sleng genocide museum — where some 16,000 men, women and children were detained and tortured. Only a handful survived.

Duch's case before the U.N.-assisted tribunal opened Tuesday, but the hearing so far has been procedural, and he did not speak to the panel. The pretrial proceedings will lay the groundwork for the full trial expected to begin in March.

Wednesday's proceedings started in private, with judges holding a closed-door session to discuss the witness list, Mao Vuth, a tribunal coordinator said.

The prosecution said it will present 33 witnesses over 40 days, while the defense said it seeks to have 13 witnesses testify over 4 1/2 days. Once the number of witnesses is finalized, judges can set specific trial dates and put Duch on the stand.

Duch, his attorneys and the judges' bench were protected from the public gallery by a thick plexiglass-type barrier.

The 66-year-old Duch, is the only defendant to have expressed remorse for his actions. He is accused of committing or abetting a range of crimes including murder, torture and rape. He did not address the court Tuesday but through his lawyer he again voiced regret.

"Duch acknowledges the facts he's being charged with," his French lawyer Francois Roux said at a press briefing after Tuesday's court session. "Duch wishes to ask forgiveness from the victims but also from the Cambodian people. He will do so publicly. This is the very least he owes the victims."

The tribunal said in an indictment in March that, "Duch necessarily decided how long a prisoner would live, since he ordered their execution based on a personal determination of whether a prisoner had fully confessed" to being an enemy of the regime.

In one mass execution, he gave his men a "kill them all" order, the indictment said. In another incident involving 29 prisoners he told his hench-

men to "interrogate four persons, kill the rest," it said.

After the fall of the Khmer Rouge, Duch disappeared for two decades, living under two other names and converting to Christianity before he was located in northwestern Cambodia by a British journalist in 1999.

Kan Hann, 55, who lives in the same district of Kampong Thom province in central Cambodia where Duch grew up, said he came to the trial because his brother and sister died of starvation and overwork under the Khmer Rouge.

"My dream has come true now as I have been waiting for the trial for 30 years," he said.

Duch's trial began 13 years after the tribunal was first proposed and nearly three years after the court was inaugurated.

"This is a very significant day for Cambodia and the world," co-prosecutor Robert Petit told reporters. "Today's proceedings bode well for the commitment of all parties to seek justice for the Khmer Rouge."

The tribunal, which incorporates mixed teams of foreign and Cambodian judges, prosecutors and defenders, has drawn sharp criticism. Its snail-pace proceedings have been plagued by political interference from the Cambodian government, as well as allegations of bias and corruption.

The Cambodian side in the tribunal recently turned down recommendations from the international co-prosecutor to try other Khmer Rouge leaders, as many as six according to some reports.

Palin faces fiscal challenges

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's first two years in office have been called a time of milk and honey, when the resource-rich state was flush with wealth from record oil prices.

The second half of her term isn't looking so rosy as Palin faces her first major financial challenge as governor.

The rapid decline of oil prices has left the state in a looming budget crisis and a late-entrant in the national recession. And that could have political repercussions for the former Republican vice presidential hopeful, who has signaled an interest in a 2012 presidential run but must stay visible in the Lower 48 to be successful.

"Given these bad times, she's going to have a much more difficult time traveling outside Alaska," said Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "When times are good, people will let their governor roam. In bad times, citizens expect their governor to stay home and work on solving the problems."

Oil accounts for as much as 90 percent of state revenues. So the plunge of North Slope crude from an all-time high of \$144.59 per barrel last July threatens to give the state an estimated budget shortfall of up to \$1.5 billion in the fiscal year that ends June 30.

Palin bills herself as a fiscal conservative, and has called for reducing state spending by \$268 million in this budget year, but lawmakers and others say these aren't reductions at all and do nothing to curtail spending. For example, the bulk of that sum — \$200 million — is unspent tax credits for companies investing in oil and gas development that are being returned to the treasury.

Palin also is seeking approval from lawmakers to tap budget reserves to fill the deficit. She also has implemented a state hiring freeze that exempts public

safety employees, but other departments are lining up to ask for waivers.

It's a long way from Palin's early tenure — particularly last year when the state's treasury was bloated with surplus money from the skyrocketing oil prices.

From that bounty the hugely popular governor got the state to give \$1,200 to most Alaskans in a one-time fuel relief payout that totaled about \$740 million. That payout was on top of a record \$2,069 dividend from the state's oil royalty investment program, which distributes checks annually.

"The first two years of her term, upon reflection and looking over your shoulder, are going to be looked back at fondly," said Sen. Kim Elton, a Juneau Democrat who is rumored to be up for a post in President Barack Obama's Interior department.

"The coming two years for Sarah Palin I think will be difficult. You test the mettle of people in hard times. That applies to all elected officials," he added.

Palin, who has not said if she will run for re-election as governor in 2010, said that dealing with the oil wealth was actually her first significant challenge. It meant reining in government spending sprees and making "sure that we were living within our means and putting money aside for a rainier day."

The state has socked away \$1 billion in an education fund for the next school year and education officials say another \$1 bil-

lion is expected go into the fund this year for future use. More billions went into state savings as well, Palin said.

"We're more prepared than other states because of the prudence there," Palin said recently. "We crossed that first hurdle."

The state currently has \$6.6 billion in its constitutional budget reserve fund that it could tap into. A few billion dollars more also is available from other pockets, said Juneau economist Gregg Erickson, a longtime Alaska budget watcher.

Given Alaska's robust reserves, the state is well-prepared to weather the next two years, Erickson said. As to how long reserves will last after that, there are too many factors involved to say for sure.

"It depends on how much you draw from other places, how fast the budget increases and declines, the earnings rates on reserves that you have," Erickson said. "And of course, it depends on how high or low oil prices are."

Bear Ketzler, an Interior Alaska resident, has a hard time envisioning Palin running for a second term as governor.

"She's kind of been moved up a couple notches and I could see her leaving the state and getting her profile up even higher on the national political level," said Ketzler, city manager of the Yukon River village of Tanana. "But I think for her to be electable in four years, Obama would really have to screw up."

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TV stations switch from analog to digital

Associated Press

NEW YORK — About a quarter of the nation's TV stations cut off their analog signals Tuesday, causing sets to go dark in households that were not prepared for digital television despite two years of warnings about the transition.

Though most viewers were ready — and people with cable or satellite service were unaffected — some stations and call centers reported a steady stream of questions from frustrated callers. Many wondered how to get coupons for converter boxes that translate digital signals for older TVs — or how to get the devices working.

"It's kind of an irritation, but I understand that everyone will have a much better picture. As far as I was concerned, they could have left things the way they were," said Dorothy Deleard, 67, of Minneapolis, who bought a converter box because a friend gave her a coupon that expires Tuesday.

Phones were ringing off the hook at a walk-in information center set up by stations in Providence, R.I.

A volunteer at the center, Jeremy Taylor, said he tried to calm agitated callers and explain the reasons for the disappearance of analog signals, which have remained largely unchanged since the 1950s.

"I try to explain that the digital switch is not something we're doing to extort them of money," Taylor said.

The federal government mandated the end of analog broadcasts to make room on those frequencies for wireless Internet service, emergency digital traffic and other uses. Digital TV broadcasts, which began several years ago, take up much less of the wireless spectrum.

Originally, all U.S. stations were to cut their analog signals on Tuesday, but at the urging of the Obama administration, Congress voted this month to give broadcasters more time.

Most stations, particularly those in big cities, accepted the offer to wait until June 12. Others wanted to stick to Feb. 17, a date they had spent much airtime advertising. Many of them had also booked engineering work on their antennas for that day.

The Federal Communications Commission, which wanted to ensure that no one would be entirely deprived of analog signals, cleared 421 stations to go all-digital this week. Another 220 stations have already made the switch, including all stations in Hawaii.

The most populous places

where many or all major-network stations are cutting analog this week include San Diego and Santa Barbara, Calif.; La Crosse and Madison, Wis.; Rockford and Peoria, Ill.; Sioux City, Iowa; Waco, Texas; Macon, Ga.; Scranton, Pa.; Rhode Island and Vermont.

In most cases, one station in each of those markets will continue sending analog signals until June or will offer a so-called "analog nightlight" for a few months, with limited local news and emergency broadcasts, as well as information about the digital TV transition.

The back-and-forth over the cutoff date threw both TV stations and viewers for a loop.

Jeff Long, manager of WHKY-TV, an independent station in Hickory, N.C., said the company's analog shutdown went smoothly on Saturday, but some viewers complained that they thought it had been postponed until June 12.

RadioShack Corp. circulars in newspapers this weekend had the opposite message, saying Feb. 17 was still the date for the end of analog TV. Spokeswoman Mary Delagarza said the fliers had been prepared two months in advance and could not be pulled.

Congress delayed the cutoff in large part because the fund that pays for \$40 converter-box coupons had reached its spending limit. Coupons are now being issued only as fast as old ones expire unused.

The stimulus bill that President Barack Obama signed Tuesday contains \$650 million in additional funding. Once that money becomes available, it can clear the backlog of 4 million coupons in a few weeks. Without a coupon, a converter box costs \$45 to \$80.

Joe Glynn, vice president of engineering at PBS affiliate WVIA-TV near Scranton, Pa., said the station got a dozen calls in the past two days about its planned changeover at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday. The converter boxes have been a frequent subject.

"Unfortunately, some of them have asked how you get the coupons for the converter box. Some of them have called asking us if we sell converter boxes. Others are calling and saying 'I got the converter, but I'm not getting anything on it' — I'm assuming because they don't have it hooked up right," he said.

He said most callers acknowledge that they only have themselves to blame for procrastinating.

"Everybody admits it's their fault. They knew it was coming," he said. "Some people seemed to be mad at themselves for not doing something sooner."

IRAQ

Europe reaches out to Iraq

Nation welcomes Germany, France, who wish 'to support the peace'



German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, left, talks with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, right, on Tuesday in Baghdad.

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Old Europe is reaching out to the new Iraq.

Germany's foreign minister met Tuesday with Iraqi leaders in the latest high-level visit by a major Western nation that refused to take part in the 2003 U.S.-led invasion but is now looking for ties and lucrative contracts.

Frank-Walter Steinmeier, the first German foreign minister to come to Iraq in more than 20 years, arrived one week after Nicolas Sarkozy visited Baghdad, the French president calling on other European countries to follow his lead "to support the peace."

Iraqi leaders seem eager to cement their relations with Germany and France partly to avoid the appearance of being puppets of the United States — which at any rate is preparing to withdraw its troops, many of whom worked on infrastructure projects such as rebuilding bridges and roads.

Steinmeier, who met with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and other senior officials, told reporters that Germany wants to "extend a hand to the new Iraq."

"We have seen in the last months important successes in stabilizing the country," he said.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said the visit showed both countries were eager to resume their "historical relations."

"We believe that the situation in Iraq has reached a good phase, and thus there is international confidence in the stability of this country," Zebari

told reporters after his talks with Steinmeier.

Those upbeat comments were a far cry from the acrimony of six years ago, when France and Germany spearheaded opposition to the U.S.-led invasion, dividing Europe and damaging relations between Washington and some of its closest European allies.

At the time, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld scoffed at the European critics, branding them "Old Europe" in contrast to a vigorous "New Europe" — former Soviet bloc nations such as Poland, Romania and the Czech Republic which supported the invasion.

Over the years, the heated rhetoric has cooled. New governments have taken power in France and Germany. And Iraq's own leadership has gained new legitimacy with the decline in violence and recent provincial elections that took place without major attacks.

Last month, the German foreign minister wrote in an open letter to President Barack Obama, who also opposed the war, that Germany was ready to help "the people of Iraq" create "a stable and democratic state."

The United States has encouraged other countries to step up their efforts to help rebuild Iraq, as the U.S. military role in this country winds down. The U.S. must withdraw its troops by the end of 2011 according to a security agreement signed with Baghdad last year.

Obama's administration is considering plans to accelerate the withdrawal to shift military resources to Afghanistan, where al-Qaida and a resurgent

Taliban are challenging the U.S.-backed Afghan government.

For their part, the Germans are eager to cash in on millions of dollars in lucrative contracts in a country which has some of the world's largest petroleum reserves.

Steinmeier arrived with representatives of German companies and cultural institutions.

The Germans hope to establish an economic office in Baghdad, with a branch in the northern city of Irbil, the capital of Iraq's self-governing Kurdish region.

"The office will contribute to reviving the once-intensive economic relations between Germany and Iraq," German Economy Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg said in a statement. "The office also will serve to overcome the economic consequences of the war in Iraq and contribute to the country's economic rebuilding."

Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the two sides also signed agreements on scientific and cultural cooperation, technical and training assistance for the Iraqi Electricity Ministry and to build a German-Iraqi university in Iraq.

"The visit is a turning point in relations with Germany," said al-Dabbagh.

International support comes at a critical time for Iraq, which is only now emerging from nearly six years of vicious war.

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Bench in pond

I have become my own life's hero. I have accomplished a feat so great, so bold, so mighty I no longer consider myself merely mortal. I have transcended this world into the ethereal sphere and conquered the foe heretofore deemed indomitable.

I have removed the bench from the pond.

On Saturday night I went over to a friend's house to enjoy an evening of good old-fashioned fun. The get-together was proceeding along normally with a top-40 radio inspired playlist and multiple small circles being formed in various locations: the family room, the closed-in porch, the room next to the kitchen, the kitchen. It was while standing in the small circle in between the porch and the kitchen that my fellow columnist Brad Blomstrom and I had individual yet identical strokes of genius.

Our friend and host Christine earlier in the week had told us (and shown us evidence that) their outdoor bench had been thrown in their backyard pond and now the pond had frozen over. There stood the bench as majestic as an obelisk to which worship is owed. Christine and her roommates agreed that they no longer wanted their bench to be in their pond and proclaimed whosoever could remove the bench would be champions (of the get-together, of the night, of their hearts).

Brad and I were going to get that bench out of that pond come hell or high water. But we faced many obstacles. At first we started to chip away at the ice to see how deep into the pond this solid layer lay. The ice was thin, quite thin. And we had broken enough of it that from our first vantage point we would have fallen in instantaneously upon con-

tact with it. We moved to the opposite edge of the pond and thought to use plywood boards to diffuse our weight. Brad would have had to be the one to actually venture onto the boards, as I carry a larger load with me, but we both thought this could potentially work. Unfortunately, our early ventures into chipping away the ice had proven the futility of this method.

Finally, after several more minutes of analysis and further assessment of the situation, we employed the TV cable Brad had found, lassoed the bench, and pulled the bench out of the pond. With our friends all watching in eager anticipation that we would fall into the ice-cold water, Brad and I triumphantly heave-ho'd until our mission was complete.

Critics, cynics — all proven wrong.

That night that bench was removed from that pond.

Shouts of joy rang out from the huddled masses that watched us in our victory. "These men have done it! Clearly they are superior to us!" One of Christine's roommates thanked us profusely and everyone I knew at the get-together gave me a firm handshake and a knowing head-nod. Saturday night was my night. And Brad's.

So I reiterate: I have become my own life's hero. And I think I've proved it through this (slightly) exaggerated account of my Saturday evening. But what does this anecdote say about life (more specifically my life) that is of any interest to The Observer readership? Well, it's a complicated matter but I truly believe that the primary reason any of us does anything is ultimately due to some innate desire to prove our own worth.

The nature of self-glorification is sometimes overlooked as selfish or downright mean. People think those who are self-serving are detestable human beings. Overt ambition is derided by popular culture because of the tendency of it to engender excessive pride, particularly in the modern era as ambition has led to some of the greatest follies known to

man (from the invention of the Segway to George Lucas unleashing Jar Jar Binks on the world of cinema). Pride leads to a distorted view of reality in which only the individual in question matters. Such blatant disregard for the actual circumstances of the world, then, not only degrades people with whom this individual interacts but the individual himself.

But let's think about pride in a different way. Isn't being proud just a fancy way of saying, "I want something good to happen?" If George Washington had not been proud would he have crossed the Delaware? If Harriet Beecher Stowe had not been proud would she have written "Uncle Tom's Cabin"? If Seward had not been proud would we have Alaska as a state?

Pride, and more specifically being proud of one's actions, is the essence of the American ethos. Without acknowledgment of the greatness of one's own personality, the American Dream would fail: a man could not socially thrust himself upward without initially believing himself to be the greatest man of all time.

So I rescued that bench from that pond because I believe in the American Dream. I believe that all men act first out of self-interest and that such selfish behavior is in fact the most American of all behaviors. I had no choice but to get the bench out of the pond. Not doing so would have meant I had defected from the very ideals that were instilled in me at an early age. And I will only ever act in a way to promote my own conception of my greatness and my genius.

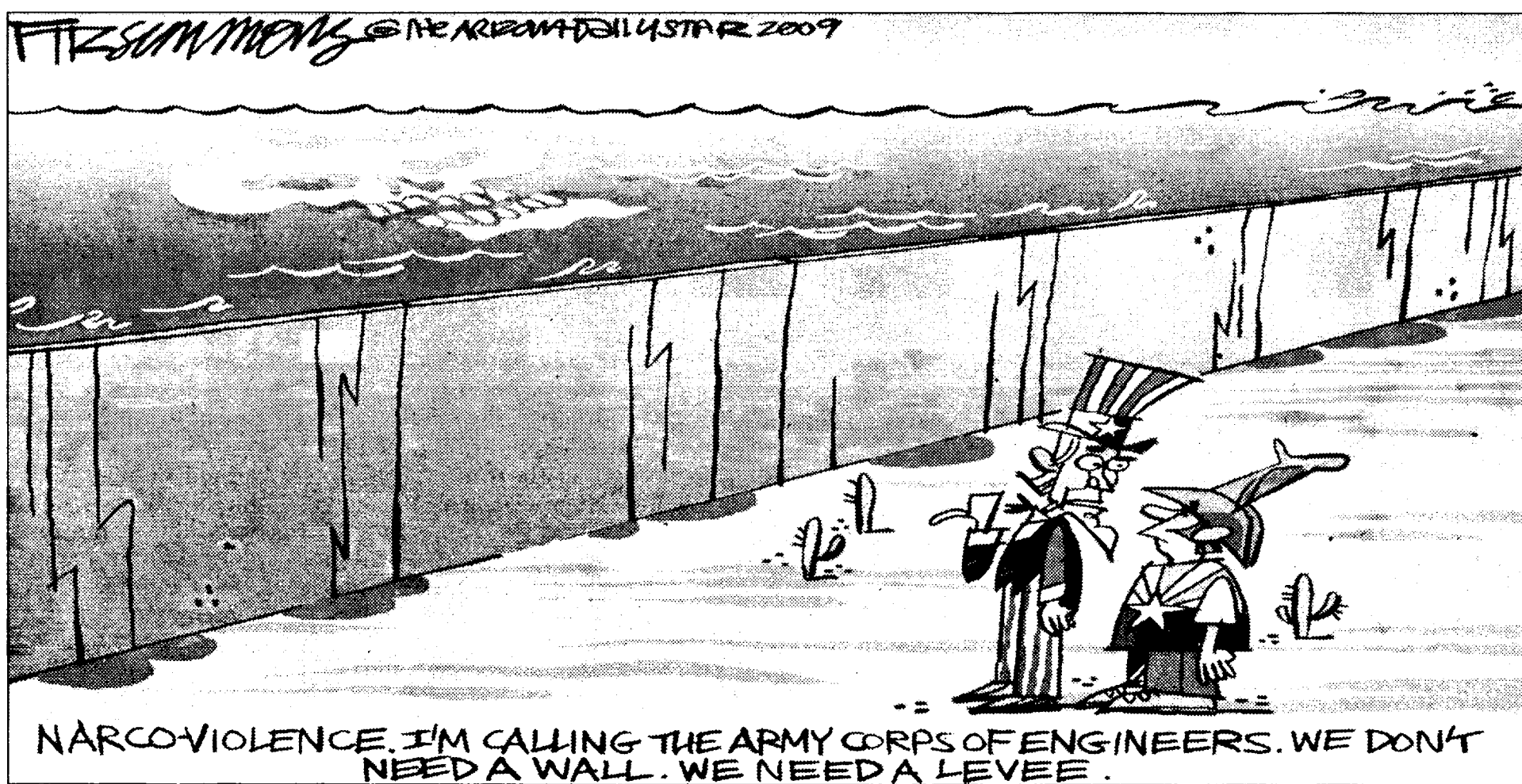
That's probably the main reason I applied for this columnist position.

With love, this column is dedicated to Christine, Morgan, Heidi, Becca, Emily, Kahki and, of course, Brad.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Christian acceptance

Brad Duffy in his Feb. 17 letter "A Catholic university" exactly performs the "gay-bashing" that Notre Dame and blind Catholic followers all over the world profess to abhor. His response is a clear gut reaction to the topic of the mere discussion homosexuality at Notre Dame. Perhaps he didn't read the first viewpoint closely enough, where the title "Queer Film Festival" is clearly displayed multiple times throughout the article, nevertheless he refers to the event as a "play" in the beginning of his second paragraph. No doubt this was a form letter response to attack the imminent Vagina Monologues Viewpoint debate that came a few weeks too early. Additionally, I'm sick of too many Catholics deferring to the "undeniable" teachings of the Catholic Church. This is a Catholic Church that initiated the

Crusades, murdered more than a thousand innocents in the Inquisition, elected Popes over hundreds of years that openly bore children, initiated an admitted and massive cover-up of the Priest abuse scandal. The list goes on and on. If everyone can pretty much agree those were bad things, why will no one recognize that perhaps their teachings today aren't necessarily infallible?

I consider myself Catholic, but moreso Christian, and let us look back to the head honcho of this Christian thing. Jesus Christ welcomed with open arms those outcasts of society that the Pharisees (read Catholic Church here) disdained and ostracized. If his loving acceptance of prostitutes — the Gentiles, Romans, etc. — isn't a model for accepting and at least discussing ostracized members of society (read Queer Film

Festival), then we truly aren't following Jesus' teachings. I have no strong feelings for or against homosexuality, so do not consider me defending their actions or lifestyle. I don't want to start the nature vs. nurture debate either. But my main point is this, shall we believe "sacred Scripture," which in Deuteronomy 25:11-12 commands "If two men are fighting and the wife of one of them comes to rescue her husband from his assailant, and she reaches out and seizes him by his private parts, you shall cut off her hand. Show her no pity?" Does that sound remotely Christian, even Catholic to you?

Christ dawned a new Kingdom of God on earth with his arrival and death. And the condemnations in the New Testament (none of which were in the Gospels) must be taken in context,

where pedastery, for example, was a rampant evil. Also, the main point is those condemnations, if taken literally, are condemnations of acts, and not the mere discussion of them, which is the point of the Queer Film Festival. Also, the term Catholic university implies one must balance the Catholic nature of this institution with the latter part of the title, university, which demands academic discussions relevant to knowledge of the world.

Therefore, I implore Notre Dame as a Catholic and most especially Christian university to allow these discussion of these alternative lifestyles.

Steven DeLaurentis
junior
off-campus
Feb. 17

Festival is dearly missed

In his Feb. 17 letter "A Catholic University," Brad Duffy made the claim that the Queer Film Festival was killed off without causing any ripples in the pond, and that it "is not missed." I'd like to beg to differ; the Queer Film Festival was one of the tipping points in my decision to attend this school in the first place. As a touring high school senior, I remember passing posters advertising the upcoming festival and feeling less uneasy about the idea of choosing a Catholic school. As a gay Catholic, I was definitely still struggling with reconciling these two identities. Having visual proof that Notre Dame was open-minded enough to encourage an open discussion of homosexuality made me feel that I could live at Notre Dame without feeling like a walking contradiction. And really, Brad Duffy is right — Notre Dame isn't anti-gay. Or — let me specify — its student body isn't, at least in my experience. Even among my more conservative friends, I've experienced nothing but open-mindedness and support. I've been lucky enough to never experience rejection because of my sexuality. But the university itself has a long way to go in terms of accommodating its gay

students.

When will Notre Dame approve an official club for gay students? When will the Non-Discrimination Clause extend protection to homosexuals? And — as Tom O'Neil pointed out — what the expletive happened to the Queer Film Festival? I respected Brad Duffy's right to hold his own views of the rights or wrongs of homosexuality. What I don't respect is a policy of ignoring issues that make you uncomfortable, or completely closing off the possibility of a fair, well-balanced discussion.

I know the issue of 'the responsibilities of a Catholic university' is a horse that's already been thoroughly beaten in the Viewpoint, but I honestly think any religious person must reflect on and examine — not mindlessly swallow — their religion's teachings. The Queer Film Festival, as a vehicle for discussion and debate, provided an alternative view of what it means to be gay. It deserved a chance to live longer than it did.

Teresa Nesbitt
senior
Cavanaugh Hall
Feb. 17

University not in the wrong

Tom O'Neil's column featured on Feb. 16 titled "How Notre Dame sneakily killed off the Queer Film Festival" not only contains a poorly formed argument but also unfairly besmirches our university. Referring to Notre Dame as "a most unchristian institution that officially practices prejudice" is absolutely ridiculous and unjustifiable.

Mr. O'Neil's futile attempts to justify his conclusion include a single quotation from our school's president which in no way directly refers to homosexuality or promoting prejudice. Additionally the remaining premises for his argument, which pertain to the name changing of the film event, are completely reasonable objections that the University had and do not, in any shape or form, show that Notre Dame promotes prejudice. Perhaps Mr. O'Neil needs a lesson in political correctness. The term "queer" is down right offensive. I was also taught that the words "gay" and "lesbian" can also be offensive. In the 21st century, a long time since Mr. O'Neil worked for The Observer, the politically correct

term for the gender would be homosexual.

The University has absolutely nothing to apologize for. On the contrary to Mr. O'Neil's unsound argument, Notre Dame actually seems to be a very welcoming place to all different walks of life. Just this year I, along with every other freshmen, was required to attend a forum on accepting people of varying sexual orientations. Not only was the event very informative but it also offered the opportunity for us to discuss our own experiences and feelings concerning the topic. From speaking to my friends, who go to other colleges and universities, this seems to be a program unique to Notre Dame. Notre Dame clearly does not promote nor practice prejudice but instead creates informed students in a politically correct atmosphere as Fr. Hesburgh and Fr. Jenkins strive for.

Tom Carnevale
freshman
Dillon Hall
Feb. 16

Accepting, not neglecting

Brad Duffy's letter Feb. 17 "A Catholic University" showed Mr. Duffy's knowledge that the Catholic Church "is clear, however, in Her position on homosexual activity: 'Basing itself on sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered. They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved' (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2357)." Certainly this explains the use of the word "Catholic" in the title of his column. What he clearly neglects is the word "university."

Relatively few in the world are privileged enough to attend institutions of higher learning, let alone one as fine as Notre Dame. It is the obligation of these crucial social institutions in part to offer students new perspectives and ideas. Certainly

there is nothing un-Catholic about showing people things that they might not be familiar with, and in the case of a majority Catholic student body, something they might not necessarily agree with. What would a world-class education be worth if someone spent four years only experiencing the familiar? Furthermore, while Catholics might not condone homosexual behavior, this is no reason to shun and look down upon our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. Society as a whole does not do enough to embrace, understand, and accept the LGBT community as equal. It should be the role of Catholics, if anyone, to extend offers of love and acceptance to all people. The acceptance and celebration of the Queer Film Festival at our University is just one small sign of that peace.

Grant Wycliff
junior
Zahn Hall
Feb. 17

Why don't we date?

Sometimes after a long night of sharing pitchers of cheap beer with friends and dancing to a predictable mixture of current pop and 80s songs; I have the strange desire to Google search whatever is on my mind. I have found various results displayed on my computer to everything from "I hate my phone" to "why does my arm hurt?" The reason I decide to Google these things at 3:30 a.m. is beyond my comprehension, but it is always interesting to soberly explore the results the next day.

Saturday morning I woke up to a Google search for Valentine's Day. Along with the expected description of its Roman/Christian/Hallmark origin, I found an interesting New York Times essay competition from last year for submissions from college students on the topic of modern love. After reading the winning essays, I started to contemplate my past Valentine's Days (frosting dining hall cookies with friends, late night confusing IMs, and losing my purse at Fever) and realized that my experiences were not that different from those of most other college students.

I previously thought that attending a conservative Catholic school, with notoriously bad gender relations and a fear of anything overtly sexual, would somehow cloud my ideas of modern romance, but I was most definitely wrong. It turns out that while

everyone is searching for love and companionship, everyone also views relationships and dating as a much too serious form of romantic expression. I always thought that people at Notre Dame didn't date for fear that they would end up married, but maybe it's just a nod at our generation. It's much easier to hook up and hang out, than actually put in the time and effort to date and fall in love; just as it is much easier to search on the internet than actually read a book from the library. This is not to say, however, that the college generation doesn't date, but it does generally seem that our interpretation of "the relationship" is much different from those of the past. I have often heard people saying "she was cool until she got a boyfriend" or "he never goes out now because of his girlfriend." Since when did the idea of wanting to share love and closeness with a person become a bad thing? I'm not advocating for a change, I actually think it's quite liberating to not have to worry about finding a guy to date. I am only commenting on the evolution of our society and what, if anything, it could possibly mean for the future.

Erika Tomei
senior
off-campus
Feb. 15

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JPW 101: How to host Mom and Dad under the Dome

Mom and Dad coming to town for Junior Parents Weekend? While the University provides some solid attractions for your weekend, there's more to the story of your college ed. brunches and the like. Let the writers of Scene give you these entertainment and dining options, you can't go wrong.

By DECLAN SULLIVAN
Scene Writer

If you think Mom and Dad are ready for a night of gut-busting laughter, Washington Hall will be bursting at the seams with top-notch comedy when the Student Union Board hosts The Second City this Friday night.

The Second City comedy troupe is a legendary ensemble based primarily in the Windy City. The group began in the 1950s in Chicago, when several University of Chicago students interested in comedy and theater first created their own brand of improvisational comedy. Throughout the group's more than five decades of history, it has released multiple comedic recordings, produced films, traveled on national tours and performed for sold-out audiences. The troupe has expanded to several cities since its inception, including Los Angeles. However, its primary and best-known groups remain in Chicago and Toronto.

The format of a typical Second City show has remained constant since the 1950s. The first half of the program consists of scripted and half-improvised scenes, while the second showcases fully improvised scenes based on audience suggestions — think “Whose Line is it Anyway?” Another staple of the Second City formula is live, improvised music that accompanies the sketches.

The Toronto-based group has its own distinguished history. It eventually expanded to a sketch-comedy show called “SCTV” (“Second City Television”) that was broadcast in Canada from 1976-1984. The program went on to win several awards for broadcasting, while also launching the careers of such actors as Harold Ramis, Gilda Radner and

John Candy.

Second City gained national renown as a kind of training ground for many of the initial and subsequent cast members of “Saturday Night Live.” Among the slew of high-profile alumni of Second City, including both the Toronto and Chicago ensembles, to reach the stage of “SNL” are the Belushi brothers, Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Mike Myers, Tina Fey and Chris Farley.

The Second City's strengths lie in more than simply its actors and writers, however. The group also has inspired much of the writing and directorial talent that has produced some of Hollywood's great comedies of the past forty years. Examples include “Animal House,”

“Caddyshack,” “Ghostbusters,” “Groundhog Day” and “Anchorman.” Toss in the voice of Homer Simpson (Dan Castellaneta), a few Academy Award and Emmy-winning actors, and the stars of two of the most highly rated shows on television today — Steve Carrell, from “The Office,” and Stephen Colbert, from “The Colbert Report” — and the reputation is definitively well earned.

The Second City Touring Company will be performing two shows in Washington Hall on Friday, at 6:30 and 9:30. The show is a special engagement for students and their parents visiting during Junior Parents Weekend. Tickets cost \$7 dollars for students and \$10 dollars for the general public, and are available at the LaFortune Box office. With the pedigree behind the Second City, tickets are sure to sell quickly.

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By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

To all you juniors whose parents will be visiting campus this weekend, take heart: There are dining options for you and your guests beyond solely North and South. While football weekend brunches are frenzied and fun, it's worthwhile to show Mom and Dad more of South Bend than Angela and Edison, especially when you're looking for places to eat.

The range of restaurants in the South Bend — Mishawaka area is impressive, and different dining establishments will vary in terms of price. Some are definitely student wallet-friendly, such as Fiddler's Hearth on North Main Street. Others, like Tippecanoe on West Washington Street, are more likely to necessitate Mom or Dad's wallet instead. If you find yourselves hunting for other dining options, let Scene be your guide to a few local restaurants that you and your parents can enjoy.

Fiddler's Hearth (127 N. Main, South Bend)

Fiddler's is, first and foremost, one of the best Irish pubs in town. The décor of the place alone lends it a homey, old country-feel, with Guinness advertisements and images of hometown people and places on the walls. On the subject of Guinness and all its friends, the bar and drink menu include an impressive number of Irish, English and Scottish ales and brews. The pub also offers a full soft drink menu for patrons who aren't quite of legal age.

While dining may not seem like your first priority when heading out to a pub, rest assured that the menu at Fiddler's does not disappoint. Options run from standard American pub fare like hamburgers, to more traditional Irish dishes, including the Molly Malone stew and the menu's various types of boxty, a.k.a. Ireland's pseudo-equivalent to savory crepes that deserve praise in their own right. If you're in the mood to be adventurous, get Mom or Dad to order a plate of curry fries or a Ploughman's Lunch — the smell of the cheeses alone is worth its low price.

One tip: Arrive earlier in the day when possible, as live music on most weekends will often invite a larger crowd on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Emporium (121 S. Niles Avenue, South Bend)

While arguably the best time to check out the Emporium, situated along the St. Joe River, is during warmer weather, when al fresco dining won't give you and your parents frostbite, the restaurant is still a viable option for you to check out this weekend. The Emporium's historic setting was actually a tavern more than a century ago, and the building itself was eventually restored and refinished to its current condition.

Much of the dinner menu at the Emporium is divided between seafood options and grilled steak entrees. Seafood choices include shrimp tempura, sautéed walleye and tilapia Oscar, served with the traditional preparation of Alaskan king crab, asparagus and a béarnaise sauce. Prices generally range from \$10 to \$20 for the menu's main entrees. Other options include pasta dishes, combination plates and a lower-priced “Casual Side” menu with such items as salads, pitas and kabobs.

A note to students: watch Scene for an upcoming review of the Emporium.

Tippecanoe Place Restaurant (620 E. Washington Street, South Bend)

If you land a reservation at Tippecanoe, you and your parents will really be in for a treat. The building itself is a beautiful old mansion built by none other than Clem Studebaker himself in 1889, and the menu is equally high-end and traditional.

The dining options at Tippecanoe range in price from \$18 to \$24 per entrée, with the Lobster tail depending on market prices. Highlights on the menu include charbroiled lamb chops, served with curried bell peppers and onions; their “House Specialty,” the prime rib of beef, with the Classic, Traditional and Studebaker cuts made available; roasted Indiana duckling, served with a sauce of raspberries and dried cherries; and charbroiled Ahi tuna, topped with a basil pesto.

Some other highlights include:

Trio's Restaurant and Jazz Club (129 N. Michigan St., South Bend)

Open for both lunch and dinner, Trio's offers a sophisticated atmosphere for those looking to experience a different kind of night out. Highlights from the dinner menu include chicken Saltimbocca, blackened beef tenderloin medallions, and St. Louis-style barbecue pork ribs.

Also, this weekend's scheduled jazz performances at Trio's include the Billy Nicks Quartet, a traditional jazz organ combo scheduled for Friday, and the Chris Greene Quartet, a jazz combo headlining on Saturday.

Note: the Trio's Web site can take reservations for dinner.

Macri's Italian Bakery & Restaurant and Carmela's Restaurant (214 N. Niles Ave., South Bend)

Recently reviewed in The Observer, Macri's offers its customers a fun, casual dining experience. Options include traditional savory Italian items, deli sandwiches, salads, and a variety of baked goods and Italian pastries. First time and returning visitors should try the Italian Grinder and Sicilian Turkey sandwiches, two of the menu's most popular items.

Carmela's is a somewhat more upscale bistro attached to Macri's, featuring its own menu of traditional and new Italian classics.

Note: Making a reservation at Carmela's is recommended, but there's no need to call ahead to Macri's itself.

Lula's Café (1631 Edison Rd., South Bend)

Also recently reviewed in The Observer, Lula's is a fun, funky coffeehouse-style dining experience. Students looking to grab a quick, casual bite to eat with Mom and Dad would do well to bring the folks to Lula's, which is within easy walking distance of the Notre Dame campus. Highlights from the menu include their hummus, served with warm pita and blue corn chips; the menu's varied soups and sandwiches; and the new Lagniappe menu, with several wrap and salad options.

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WASHINGTON HALL

Weekend? What's a student to do?
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Concert Bands set to perform in Leighton Concert Hall

By EMILY LeSTRANGE

Scene Writer

This Saturday, parents of the Class of 2010 can treat their ears to the exciting sounds of the Notre Dame Concert and Jazz Bands at the groups' annual performance during Junior Parents Weekend (JPW).

Several accomplished conductors helped prepare over two hundred musicians for the upcoming performance, including Alison Thigpen, one of the Assistant Band Directors and a Co-Conductor of the Symphonic Band. Composed of the collective efforts of the New Orleans Jazz band, the Symphonic Band and the Symphonic Winds, the program promises to be an excellent way for both students and parents to experience the exceptional musical talent Notre Dame has to offer.

"[JPW] is a great opportunity for the parents of juniors to see their son or daughter perform in the band," Thigpen said.

This year's show, "Around the World with the Notre Dame Band," includes musical pieces hailing from various foreign countries. The night's musical numbers will include works from "Italy, Spain, Ireland and America, with of course some Notre Dame favorites," Thigpen said. Specific pieces include Rossini's "William Tell Overture" and jazz tunes by Duke Ellington and Herbie Hancock.

Thigpen promised that the Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band will combine to perform "several pieces together," including a number with the Notre Dame Trombone Choir. The performance concludes with combined musical chorus of the Notre Dame Victory March, bound to be a pleaser for students and alumni.

Thigpen encouraged audience members to look out for junior trumpet soloist Andrew Thomas as he takes the lead in "La Virgen de la Macarena." Other notable soloists to watch for will include trumpet players Dave Condon and Tony Pawlicki, trombonist Anthony Parrish and bass trombonist Noah Franske.

In addition to the concert this Saturday evening, the Symphonic

Band and Symphonic Winds will be performing in their annual spring concert on April 19. On Thursday, Feb. 26, the New Orleans Jazz Band will perform at the 51st annual Collegiate Jazz Festival.

Undoubtedly, the performance of the Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band and Jazz Band is certainly a show bound to impress and entertain audience members this Junior Parents Weekend.

The annual Junior Parents Weekend concert is but one example of the impressive history of concert performance at the University.

"In addition to having one of the finest collegiate marching bands ... Notre Dame has a long and rich tradition of concert performance," Thigpen said.

Over 200 students participate in the three fall and three spring performances each year. Although the bands have traditionally been showcased in Washington Hall, they have found a new home in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) since it first opened in 2004.

In addition to on-campus performances, the Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band tours various parts of the country in the springtime, including Chicago, Detroit and Pittsburgh. This year, the musicians will be making a trip to Canada. In the past, Notre Dame musicians have been fortunate enough to visit various countries overseas, including Ireland, Sweden, Austria and England.

One of the ensemble's most high-profile tours in recent years was their trip to China and Japan in the summer of 2008. The Concert Bands performed several pieces, including original compositions written by Dr. Kenneth Dye in honor of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics.

This year's Notre Dame Concert and Jazz Bands Junior Parents Weekend Concert will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Leighton Hall of DPAC. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and faculty and \$3 for students. Visit performingarts.nd.edu for more information.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Dear defeats Cure in three round split decision upset

Lorenz advances to semifinals with technical knockout over Hockett in first round as he tries to defend his 2008 title

By MOLLY SAMMON,
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Sports Writers

170 Pounds

Matt "The Abominable Snowman" Paletta def. Joe Langenfeld

Paletta started the first round early with a combo to the head of Langenfeld. While Langenfeld tried to counter, Paletta continued to pummel him with an effective left hook.

Early in the second round, Langenfeld landed a combo that knocked Paletta off his feet. Paletta responded by landing a combo, followed by a powerful right hook.

Paletta capped off his performance in the third round with a big combo that put Langenfeld on the defensive for the rest of the fight. Paletta won in a unanimous decision.

Bernardo Garcia def. Vincent Keneally

Keneally started the first round by landing three right jabs to Garcia's head. Garcia matched Keneally's jabs with a few of his own before landing a combo to Keneally's head and body.

Garcia capped off the first round with a right hook just before the round ended. Garcia took complete control of the bout with several combos in the second round and sealed it with an uppercut to Keneally's jaw at the end of the round.

Trying to be offensive at the start of the third round, Keneally left himself open to Garcia's blows after a failed combo attempt. Garcia won in a unanimous decision.

Andres Villalba def. Michael Urciuoli

Urciuoli chased the senior captain against the ropes in the opening seconds, but Villalba's quickness helped get him out of trouble.

The fight continued to be one of aggression, as Villalba connected on several powerful combos in the second.

The referees called for a quick break due to an apparent eye injury to Villalba, who came back a different boxer after a few moments in his corner. Villalba's relentless attacks on Urciuoli's stomach

prevented the sophomore from maintaining any stability.

Urciuoli almost got Villalba against the ropes late but was fatigued and couldn't do much damage before the judges awarded Villalba the unanimous victory.

Alex Kissinger def. Scott Jarvie

Kissinger's powerful right hook sent his opponent to the floor midway through the first round. Jarvie got back up and went on the offensive, but Kissinger was able to dodge several combos near the ropes.

In the second, Kissinger again used his quickness to avoid the few attacks Jarvie was able to mount, and after a few more right combos, Kissinger sent Jarvie to the mat again.

Kissinger dominated the third round en route to a unanimous victory.

175 Pounds

Jim Hasson def. Joe Hagmann

Hagmann began the match with a quick left jab to Hasson, but Hasson responded with a right hand of his own.

Late in the second round, Hasson took control of the match by landing a series of combos to Hagmann's head, causing his headgear to malfunction. The headgear plagued Hagmann for much of the third round, and it caused the officials to momentarily stop the match.

Hasson landed combos against Hagmann with little resistance in the end to win by a unanimous decision.

Mike Doran def. Joseph "Money" Meares

From the start of this bout, Doran's advantage in reach made itself evident, as he used it to exploit Meares' attacks throughout the round. Yet neither fighter fazed the other in the opening round.

Meares came out aggressive in the second round, blowing past Doran's long arms with multiple attacks. Doran was taken aback from three strong right hooks from Meares.

As the fight neared its conclusion, the effort to get past Doran's reach wore Meares out. Before long, Doran had bloodied Meares' nose with repeated jabs. When the final bell sounded, Doran received a unanimous decision.

Bill Straccia def. Pat "Stonewall" Jackson

Straccia was patient in the opening rounds before making his move, but sealed his unanimous victory with a strong third round.

Both fighters waited for their opportunity in the first round, searching for an opening to make a connection. Neither fighter took an early lead, but Straccia's hard right hook won him some points in round one.

In the first two rounds, Straccia was trying to land combinations, as Jackson settled for scoring points with his jab. Jackson connected on more punches in the second round.

Straccia came out hard in the third round, connecting on his devastating combinations and forcing Jackson to slow the pace of the fight. Straccia was constantly on the offensive, moving Jackson against the ropes, which boosted him to the victory.

Mike Lee def. Dominic Golab

The first round was evenly-matched, with each boxer able to land a few combos while avoiding any major damaging blows.

In the second, Lee used his patented double-jab combo to wear down Golab while scoring valuable points. Golab landed a few powerful combos, but Lee finished the round with a massive right uppercut and an effective left hook.

Lee's combinations proved effective again in the third round of his unanimous victory.

185 Pounds

Rafael Diaz def. Brian O'Connor

In a close match, Diaz used his aggressiveness and quickness to defeat O'Connor.

Diaz started out on the offensive early in the first round, initiating each set of blows. Neither fighter dominated the round, but Diaz connected on many solid combinations with his powerful right hand.

Diaz took a different approach in the second round. His reflexes allowed him to wait for O'Connor to make the move before delivering quick counters. O'Connor sealed his victory in the third round, using jabs to defeat the fatigued O'Connor.

Chris Hapak def. Dan "The Irishman" Murphy

From the opening bell, the

two fighters displayed contrasting styles. While Murphy would attack relentlessly, Hapak held back and let Murphy come to him. Murphy would work Hapak's body, while Hapak attacked Murphy's head.

In the second round, Hapak moved Murphy into the ropes, where he landed a number of body shots before Murphy could tie him up. Seconds before the bell, Hapak landed a strong left to Murphy's chin.

Both fighters entered the third round throwing many punches, with little thought for defending themselves. As they tired, the two became tangled up and both fell to the canvas. In a close bout, Hapak took the split decision.

John "The Boogie-Woogie Monster" Tchoula def. Jordan Smith

In the opening exchange, Tchoula landed a right hook to Smith's head, and Tchoula never looked back. By the end of the round, Tchoula used a series of left jabs to set up his right hook.

Tchoula's right hook dropped Smith into the ropes early and left him with a bloody nose early in the second round. The fight was paused once more after a vicious right uppercut left Smith dazed.

Smith charged out of his corner in the third round, but Tchoula evaded the comeback attempt, and by the end of the round Smith was staggering backwards from Tchoula jabs. Tchoula earned a unanimous victory.

Leo Rubinkowski def. Ted Grossetreuer in a walkover.

200 Pounds

Andrew Lorenz def. Kiel "The Big Kielbasa" Hockett

In a match that did not make it past the first round, Lorenz, a defending champion, came out victorious after a dominating performance that resulted in a win by technical knockout.

Lorenz used his stature to his advantage by pounding the body of Hockett, forcing the under-matched fighter to leave his face open to more devastating blows. The referee stopped the match with 25 seconds left in the first round, as it was clear that Hockett could do nothing to defend himself against the powerful combinations thrown by Lorenz, who looks ready to

claim his second consecutive title.

Bart Dear def. Dex Cure

In one of the closest matches of the night, Dear used technique and quickness to pull the upset against the favored Cure. Dear danced around the ring, waiting for Cure to make his move, before countering with consistent jabs and more substantial blows. Constantly on the defensive until he saw an opportunity to attack, Dear connected on more punches than Cure.

Cure continued to attack, but could do nothing about the technical precision employed by Dear. Using a string of body shots which evolved into more forceful blows the face, Cure's aggressiveness paid off in the third round and he seemed to control the round. His third round performance was not enough, however, and the judges ruled Dear victorious by split decision.

Benford Begay def. Matt "There Will Be Blood" Bono

Frequent Begay combinations stopped Bono from finding his rhythm in this fight. Before the end of the first round, the combos had forced the referee to check on Bono before allowing the fight to continue.

The second round opened as the first concluded, with Begay's mixture of jabs, hooks, and upper cuts leaving Bono lead-footed. Forty seconds into the round, the referee stopped the bout and awarded Begay the victory.

Patrick "Third-Degree" Burns def. Matt Gray

The fighters spent the majority of the first round feeling each other out, only occasionally throwing jabs. Towards the end of the round, Burns landed two right hooks to Gray's head.

Gray began the second round aggressively, but Burns continued to land more punches. After Burns placed two three-punch combinations against the side of Gray's head, Gray staggered to the end of the round.

The referee stopped the fight after the second round, and awarded Burns the victory.

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Fruitcakes in the kitchen
Fruitcakes on the street

Struttin' naked through the cross walk
In the middle of the week

Half baked cookies in the oven

Half baked people on the bus

There's a little bit of fruitcake left in everyone of us

AROUND THE NATION

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NCAA Women's Basketball AP Rankings

	team	record	points
1	Connecticut (45)	25-0	1125
2	Oklahoma	22-2	1080
3	Auburn	25-1	999
4	Stanford	20-4	979
5	Baylor	21-3	942
6	California	20-3	865
7	Duke	20-3	800
8	Louisville	23-3	794
9	Maryland	21-4	787
10	North Carolina	22-4	785
11	Florida St.	21-5	665
12	Texas	19-5	652
13	Tennessee	18-6	538
14	Texas A&M	19-5	505
15	Florida	22-4	497
16	Kansas St.	20-3	408
17	Xavier	22-4	345
18	Vanderbilt	20-6	293
19	Pittsburgh	18-5	281
20	Ohio St.	20-5	276
21	Iowa St.	18-6	263
22	South Dakota St.	24-2	200
23	Virginia	19-7	169
24	NOTRE DAME	17-6	130
25	Arizona St.	19-6	76

Men's Indoor Track and Field Preseason Rankings

	team	points
1	Arkansas	171
2	Arizona St.	130
3	Oregon	127
4	Texas A&M	118
5	Florida St.	99
6	Florida	92
7	Texas	75
8	Texas Tech	74
9	LSU	74
10	Louisville	63
11	Georgia	61
12	BYU	58
13	Stanford	55
14	South Carolina	55
15	UNI	55
16	Michigan	55
17	Kansas St.	53
18	Kentucky	52
19	Oklahoma	50
20	Nebraska	49
21	Baylor	47
22	Arizona	46
23	UCLA	46
24	Tennessee	42
25	Missouri	41

MIAA Women's Basketball Standings

	team	record
1	Hope	13-1
2	SAINT MARY'S	12-3
3	Trine	9-6
4	Calvin	8-6
5	Albion	7-7
6	Adrian	6-8
7	Alma	6-8
8	Olivet	3-11
9	Kalamazoo	0-14

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NCAA Men's Basketball

Providence at No. 7 Louisville
7:30 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

Lakers at Warriors
10:30 p.m., ESPN

MLB



Alex Rodriguez made his second attempt to explain the use of steroids at the Yankees spring training camp on Tuesday. Rodriguez is the third Yankees player in five years to hold a press conference regarding the use of steroids. AP

A-Rod says cousin injected him

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez read from several sheets of crumpled paper, trying again to explain where he went wrong. "Amateur hour," he called it.

The slugger who might someday become baseball's all-time home run king remembered more details about performance-enhancing drugs Tuesday, saying his cousin repeatedly injected him from 2001-03 with a mysterious substance from the Dominican Republic.

"I didn't think they were steroids," the New York Yankees star said. Later, he

admitted, "I knew we weren't taking Tic Tacs."

Making his second public attempt to explain a 2003 positive drug test while with Texas, baseball's highest-paid player described a clumsy scheme in which a cousin persuaded him to use "boli" — a substance he said the cousin obtained without a prescription and without consulting doctors or trainers. Rodriguez said the cousin, whom he wouldn't identify, told him it would cause a "dramatic energy boost."

"It was really amateur hour. I mean, it was two guys," Rodriguez said. "We couldn't ask anyone. We didn't want to ask anyone."

Yet, when asked to explain why the secrecy if he didn't think it was an illegal substance, Rodriguez revealed he had a pretty good idea he was doing wrong.

"Look, for a week here I've been looking at people to blame," he said, "and I keep looking at myself at the end of the day."

His assembled teammates gave him the eye, especially when he turned to them to apologize and offer thanks for their support.

Rodriguez paused for 37 seconds, searching for the right words. He looked side to side, blinked several times, bit his lip and took a

sip of water. Only then did he finally look up to face captain Derek Jeter & Co.

"Thank you."

Jeter sat with his arms crossed, joined in the front row by Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera and Jorge Posada. More than 20 players in all were there, along with manager Joe Girardi, general manager Brian Cashman and co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner.

Posada left during the question-and-answer session as Rodriguez went into new details. Other players filed out when the news conference ended and quickly went to their cars without speaking with reporters.

IN BRIEF

Federer to miss Davis Cup, Dubai tournament

Roger Federer pulled out of Switzerland's Davis Cup series against the United States next month and a tournament in Dubai next week because of a back problem that has bothered him since last year.

The 13-time Grand Slam singles champion had announced in October he would play for his country against the U.S. team led by Andy Roddick in Birmingham, Ala., on March 6-8. It would have been the first time since 2004 that Federer played in first-round Davis Cup matches.

"As a precautionary measure, I will use the next few weeks to make sure the back injury is fully rehabilitated and I am ready for the rest of the 2009 season," Federer said in a statement posted on his Web site Tuesday.

He has not played a competitive match since Feb. 1, when he lost to top-ranked Rafael Nadal in five sets in the Australian Open final.

Trade sends Hornets' Chandler to Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY — All-Star point guard Chris Paul could knife his way into the lane, lob the ball up in the air and, almost without fail, Tyson Chandler would be there to slam it down with two hands.

It was the signature move of New Orleans' thrilling young inside-outside tandem, with the two teaming up for more than 100 alley-oops last season during the Hornets' surprising run to the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference and a spot in the conference semifinals.

Now, the Hornets will have to find a new crowd-pleasing calling card.

Chandler was dealt to the Oklahoma City Thunder on Tuesday in a trade that brings veterans Joe Smith and Chris Wilcox to the Hornets and could give New Orleans some cap room next season heading into the first year of Paul's new four-year, \$68 million contract. Chandler is due to make about \$12 million next season.

Jerry Jones says he has not decided TO's future

ARLINGTON, Texas — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones went on and on Tuesday emphasizing he hasn't decided whether to keep or cut Terrell Owens.

Then, long after the subject was seemingly put to rest, Jones brought it up again — with a pretty obvious hint that T.O. is staying.

"You and I both know that the one that you're asking about all the time, if I gave you the answer that you want to hear, then you would've already had it. So the fact you don't have it ought to tell you something. It really should," Jones said.

The response came in the final minute of a roughly 45-minute news conference called to announce that George Strait will headline the first-ever event at the team's new \$1.1 billion stadium. But since this was the first time Jones addressed a large group of reporters since the Cowboys' season-ending loss at Philadelphia back in late December, far more topics came up.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Boilermakers embarrass No. 6 Spartans in Lafayette

Booker leads Tigers as No. 13 Clemson outscores Maryland by 23 in the second half on the way to a 93-74 rout

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — JaJuan Johnson scored 17 points to lead No. 19 Purdue over No. 6 Michigan State 72-54 on Tuesday night and move the Boilermakers within one game of the Spartans in the Big Ten standings.

E'Twaun Moore scored 13 points and Robbie Hummel added 11 for Purdue in his first start since missing three games with a hairline fracture in his lower back. The Boilermakers (20-6, 9-4), who have five games left, won their third straight.

Kalin Lucas scored 14 points and Durrell Summers added 11 for Michigan State (20-5, 10-3), which had won three in a row. The Spartans tied a season low for points.

Michigan State had held its previous three opponents under 50 points, but the Boilermakers shot 48 percent and scored their 50th point with nearly 11 minutes remaining.

The Boilermakers, who entered the game ranked second nationally in field goal percentage defense, limited the Spartans to 33 percent shooting.

The rematch will be at Michigan State on March 8, the season finale for both teams.

Purdue opened the second half on a 7-0 run. A steal and layup by Chris Kramer, a foul line jumper by Lewis Jackson and a 3-pointer by Moore bumped Purdue's lead to 33-

23 and caused Michigan State to call a timeout less than 2 minutes into the second half.

A steal by Jackson led to a dunk by Marcus Green that made it 45-30 and caused Michigan State to call another timeout, this time with 13:42 to play.

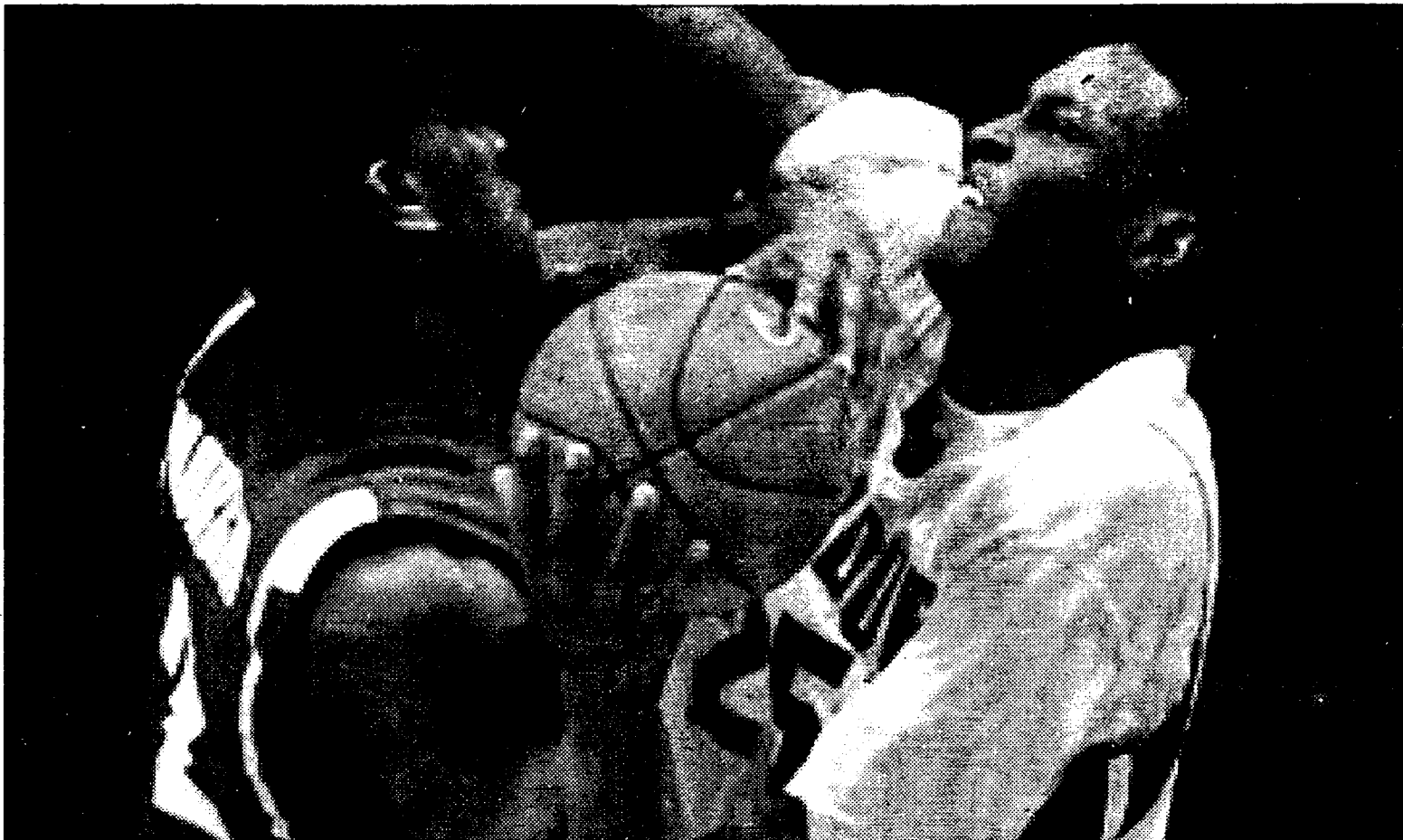
The Spartans went on a 7-0 run, highlighted by a three-point play by Draymond Green, to trim the lead to 48-39. Purdue responded with a 7-2 run, and Keaton Grant's 3-pointer put the Boilermakers up 55-41 with just under 10 minutes left. The Boilermakers led by double digits the rest of the way.

Hummel hit two 3-pointers, then got an assist as Purdue took a 15-7 lead 7 minutes into the game and the Boilermakers led 26-23 at halftime. Michigan State shot 27 percent in the first half, but forced 10 turnovers and grabbed nine offensive rebounds.

Clemson 93, Maryland 74

Trevor Booker had 11 points and 14 rebounds to lead No. 13 Clemson to a victory over Maryland on Tuesday night.

The Tigers (21-4, 7-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) bounced back from a puzzling loss to Virginia two days earlier with their second conference win of 27 points or more this season. In their previous 55 ACC seasons, the Tigers have beaten a league team by that many points just eight times.



Purdue forward JaJuan Johnson, right, fouls Michigan State forward Raymar Morgan as Morgan tries to shoot in the first half of the Boilermakers' 73-54 win over the Spartans Tuesday.

Terrence Oglesby led Clemson with 16 points and Demontez Stitt added 15. Six Tigers scored in double figures.

Landon Milbourne scored 13 points and Greivis Vasquez added 12 for the Terrapins (16-9, 5-6), who could be on their way to missing the NCAA tournament for the fourth time in five years.

Clemson never trailed after the first 6 minutes of the game, and went on a 43-17 run that started from the last minute of the first half. With the Tigers up two, Oglesby

made two free throws and K.C. Rivers had a steal and a dunk with 2 seconds left to put them ahead 34-28 at halftime.

The run continued into the second half with Clemson hitting five 3s, Booker and Jeral Grant trading thunderous dunks and the Tigers scoring on 11 of 12 possessions at one point. Oglesby's layup with 9:30 to go ended a run of Clemson scoring on six straight possessions and the Tigers took a 73-45 lead.

Eight Tigers scored during the run, but the team seemed

to feed off Booker, whose one-handed slam putback on a missed 3 by Oglesby early in the second half set the tone.

Then Booker began doing things big men aren't expected to do. The junior stepped out to bury a 3-pointer that put Clemson ahead by 10 points about 4 minutes into the half, stole the ball from behind to stop a Maryland fast break less than a minute later and threw a no-look hook pass over his head to Rivers for a layup that put the Tigers up 24 with just over 10 minutes to go.

NBA

Chandler dealt to Thunder

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — All-Star point guard Chris Paul could knife his way into the lane, lob the ball up in the air and, almost without fail, Tyson Chandler would be there to slam it down with two hands.

It was the signature move of New Orleans' thrilling young inside-outside tandem, with the two teaming up for more than 100 alley-oops last season during the Hornets' surprising run to the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference and a spot in the conference semifinals.

Now, the Hornets will have to find a new crowd-pleasing calling card.

Chandler was dealt to the Oklahoma City Thunder on Tuesday in a trade that brings veterans Joe Smith and Chris Wilcox to the Hornets and could give New Orleans some cap room next season heading into the first year of Paul's new four-year, \$68 million contract.

New Orleans also got the rights to De'Von Hardin, a second-round pick out of California in last year's draft who never signed with Oklahoma City.

"We were able to get great

depth, leadership and experience by making this trade," Hornets general manager Jeff Bower said in a statement. "We felt we needed to increase our overall play of the front line and Chris Wilcox is a young, athletic player that can score and fit well in our system. We will be able to take advantage of his athleticism and style of play."

"Joe provides us with much needed depth and someone who can be an integral part of our rotation."

Chandler's numbers had dropped off even before he missed the Hornets' last 12 games with a sprained left ankle. He's averaging 8.8 points and 8.3 rebounds this season, after going for 11.8 points and 11.8 rebounds per game last season.

Wilcox's averages of 8.4 points and 5.3 rebounds fell off, along with his playing time, since the Thunder signed restricted free agent Nenad Krstic on Dec. 30. He had a season-high 23 points on New Year's Eve, before Krstic got into the rotation, but saw his time on the court fall off to practically nothing within a week. He played in only one of Oklahoma City's last five games.

Smith, the No. 1 pick in the

1995 draft, has been fighting through injury issues of his own. A balky left knee kept him out of the Thunder's lineup for nearly a month before he returned to play in four of the last five games before the All-Star break. He has averaged 6.6 points and 4.5 rebounds in 36 games.

The Hornets and Thunder were to play Tuesday night in Oklahoma City.

Chandler, who played one season in Oklahoma City during the Hornets' temporary relocation after Hurricane Katrina, brings the franchise a proven talent inside after it tried for years to draft and develop a front-line center. The former Seattle SuperSonics used first-round picks on Robert Swift, Mouhamed Sene and Johan Petro in recent years and have another 7-footer developing overseas in last year's 20th overall pick, Serge Ibaka.

"We are excited to add a young, defensive-minded big man that we feel can help us now and in the future," Thunder general manager Sam Presti said in a statement. "Tyson has ties to the Oklahoma City community and we are excited to have him with us as we continue to build our organization."

NFL

Vick's Atlanta home to be auctioned in March

Associated Press

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Imprisoned NFL star Michael Vick's suburban Atlanta home will be offered for sale to the highest bidder on March 10.

The judge presiding over Vick's Chapter 11 bankruptcy case issued an order scheduling the auction Tuesday. The order sets an opening bid of \$3.2 million for the eight-bedroom home in a gated community in Duluth, Ga.

The auction will be held in either Atlanta or Gwinnett County, upon agreement by Vick and the committee representing his creditors.

Vick is serving a 23-month prison sentence at the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., for his role in a dogfighting conspiracy. His lawyers have said he could be transferred soon to a halfway house in Newport News, his hometown. Vick is scheduled to be released from federal custody July 20.

The suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback has said in court papers that he expects to resume his NFL career after his release. However, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has not said whether he will lift

Vick's suspension, and the Falcons said last week that they will try to trade their contractual rights to Vick to another team.

Vick once was the league's highest-paid player before his indictment and guilty plea left both his finances and his reputation in tatters. He filed for bankruptcy protection in July, claiming assets of \$16 million and liabilities of \$20.4 million.

Vick previously listed the Duluth home for \$4.5 million, and the price later was reduced to \$4.1 million. Michael Blumenthal, one of Vick's attorneys, told U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Frank Santoro last month that the property had been shown to about 30 potential buyers and that a deal to sell the home for \$3.15 million collapsed at the last minute.

Funari Realty, the company marketing the property, described it in an Internet listing as a "stunning custom home with priceless lake views." It features a majestic, two-story foyer with a double curved staircase. Other amenities include an in-home theater, a workout room with sauna, an elevator, a full bar, two outdoor fireplaces and a four-car garage.

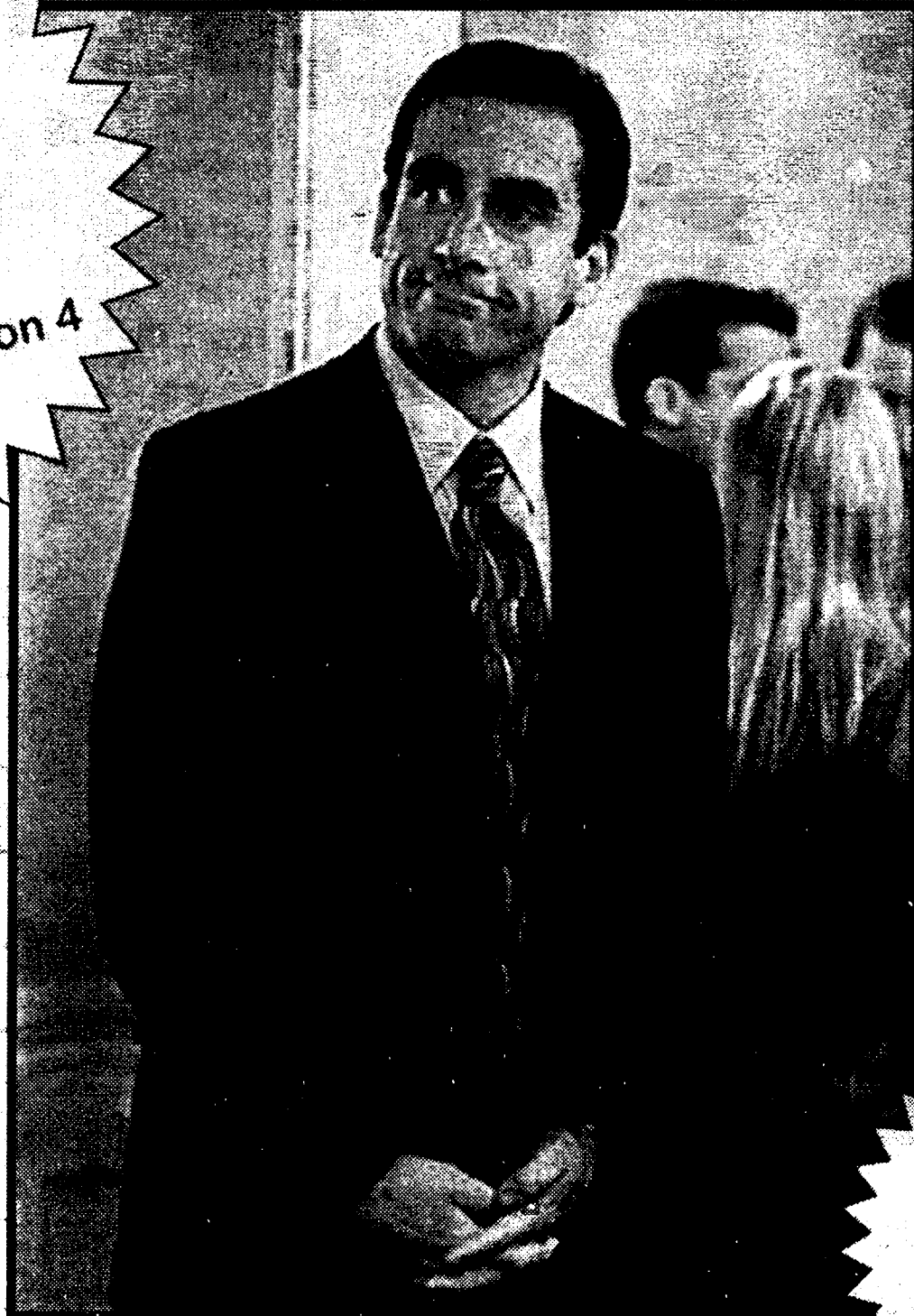
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MLB

Aching Braves close to deal with Griffey

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — The Atlanta Braves tried to close a deal with Ken Griffey Jr. on Tuesday, hoping the aging slugger who ranks fifth on baseball's career homer list can bolster an outfield that produced the fewest long balls in the majors last season.

The 39-year-old Griffey is clearly past his prime, but his 2008 numbers — a .249 average, 18 homers and 71 RBIs — were more productive than any of Atlanta's outfielders.

With right fielder Jeff Francoeur having a miserable season and no one able to win full-time jobs in center and left, the Braves got only 27 homers from those three spots.

Griffey had narrowed his search for a new home to Seattle, where he starred from 1989-99, and the Braves, a team his father played for in the 1980s and long on Junior's wish list.

Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones said he's talked with Griffey by phone, hoping to persuade him to sign with the Braves.

"Certainly all signs point to this being a good fit for him," Jones said after a spring training workout. "He's wanted to play here for a long time. Now he gets his opportunity. We'll see if he follows through."

There were conflicting media reports on Griffey's status, with one saying he had already chosen to play for the Braves and was merely trying to hammer out the details on a contract that would guarantee him about \$2 million, with a chance to earn more through incentives.

But his agent, Brian Goldberg, told The Associated Press in a text message Thursday afternoon that no decision had been made, and Griffey himself told mlb.com that he was going back and forth on what to do.

"We are still kicking things around with my family, and have not made a decision," he said. "This is the first time in my career that I have been a free agent, and it's nerve-racking."

He added that he hoped to decide by Wednesday morning, perhaps in time to report to the Braves for their first full-squad workout. Griffey lives in nearby Orlando and signaled that Atlanta had the upper hand in the negotiations because he could be closer to his family, both in spring training and during the season.

"You know how close I am to my wife and kids," he told mlb.com.

Braves manager Bobby Cox said he would be thrilled to have Griffey on a team that's trying to bounce back from its worst season since 1990. Atlanta went 72-90 and finished fourth in the NL East, 20 games behind the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies.

"Two years ago, he hit 30 homers," Cox pointed out.

The Mariners have declined to discuss their efforts to bring Griffey back to his original team. He split last season between the Cincinnati Reds and Chicago White Sox before becoming a free agent.

When Seattle manager Don Wakamatsu was asked about Griffey on Tuesday at the team's spring training complex in Peoria, Ariz., he cupped his ear and jokingly pretended he couldn't hear.

"What? What was that?" Wakamatsu said.

The rookie manager stuck with his plan to block out any talk about Griffey, saying he'll work with whatever players management provides.

"I just spent the last 2, 2 1/2 hours dealing with what I'm dealing with here," Wakamatsu said after a workout for pitchers and catchers. "And I'm happy with that."

The Braves were more open about their desire to sign Griffey. Jones said he would love to have a guy with 611 career homers hitting behind him.

"If he wants to come here and be part of this, hit in the middle of the lineup and play a lot, it's a good spot for him," Jones said. "I would welcome him with open arms. I know that he's still Ken Griffey Jr. He's got some good baseball left in him."

NFL

Jaguars release RB Taylor

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Running back Fred Taylor wanted to end his career in Jacksonville, hoping to join the small list of standout players who spent an entire career with the same team.

He won't get the chance. The Jaguars released Taylor on Monday, parting ways with their all-time leading rusher after 11 seasons and continuing the team's offseason makeover.

Coach Jack Del Rio flew to Fort Lauderdale earlier Monday to meet with Taylor and deliver the news. Del Rio made it clear the team has no plans to re-sign Taylor, who turned 33 last month and was scheduled to make \$6 million next season.

"We felt like the best thing for this football team is what it has to be about," Del Rio said. "We feel good about the talented group of backs that we have ... and as you work through it, it's difficult to come up with a role that's going to be acceptable for everybody."

"It makes it awkward. It makes it difficult. We came to an agreement on what the best course of action was as a football team."

And that was to move on without Taylor, who ranks 16th on the NFL's career rushing list with 11,271 yards, 81 behind John Riggins.

Taylor has said he would like to retire after passing Jim Brown (12,312) on the

career list. Brown, Chicago's Walter Payton (16,726), Detroit's Barry Sanders (15,269) and San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson (11,760) are the only running backs ahead of Taylor who spent their entire careers with the same team.

Taylor was not available for comment Monday.

Releasing Taylor was no surprise since he had clearly become the second option behind Maurice Jones-Drew. But deciding to not even try to bring back the longtime team captain was somewhat shocking, especially since the Jaguars endured chemistry issues last season after letting go of some veterans and bringing in high-priced free agents Jerry Porter and Drayton Florence.

The Jaguars released Porter and Florence last week. They also parted ways with longtime personnel chief James "Shack" Harris, defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, defensive backs coach Donnie Henderson and a few other assistants.

Taylor was next in line.

Del Rio said it was time to turn the offense over to Jones-Drew, a 5-foot-7 dynamo who has scored 40 touchdowns in three years. Former second-round pick Greg Jones also is expected to see more touches.

"This was a difficult decision to come to, but a decision that had to be made despite how we all feel about Fred," general man-

ager Gene Smith said. "We all respect and appreciate what Fred has done, and we feel that he can still play in the NFL, but in our current situation we believe this is the right move at this time."

Taylor, the ninth overall pick in 1998 from Florida, made his first Pro Bowl in 2007 after rushing for 1,202 yards and a career-best 5.4 yards a carry.

The Jaguars had hoped to see the same production last season. But Taylor finished with 556 yards on the ground and averaged a career-low 3.9 yards a carry behind an injury-riddled offensive line. It became obvious — even to Taylor — that the team needed to get Jones-Drew involved more.

Taylor spent the final three games of the season on injured reserve after tearing ligaments in his left thumb.

Although Jacksonville never gauged trade interest in Taylor, Del Rio said he believes he will get a shot with another club.

"He's got some talent," Del Rio said. "I'm sure there is going to be some interest in him. I can't speak for other teams. I know Fred's done a great job taking care of his body and has been a complete stud in the time we've been here. I've said that several times. He's been a good teammate, he's been a guy that's all about winning and I've been impressed with the way that he's conducted himself since I've been here."

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

No. 25 Irish head to Big East meet

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Going for their 13th consecutive conference title, the No. 25 Irish are taking a long weekend trip to the Indianapolis Natatorium for the Big East conference championship meet, a crucial event for many of the competitors.

The Irish have won 12 straight conference championships. The first change for the girls in preparation for this meet, as opposed to the regular seasonal meets, was implementing a different practice strategy.

"Practices have been much more focused on the details," sophomore Kellyn Kuhlke said. "Everyone did things specifically for what they need to do to get ready for this week. We finally got some rest."

As every team from the Big East will be represented in Indianapolis this weekend, this is the event the girls have been preparing for since the season's start. Some of the most difficult competition for this weekend will be seen from other Big East powerhouses such as Louisville. The Cardinals, ranked No. 23 in the NCAA, are the only team in the

conference ranked higher the Irish and could elicit some of the toughest competition of the weekend.

"The relays will be the most competitive events this week. Relays are a true test of depth and teamwork," Kuhlke said. "They are always the most exciting events because they make a statement, especially on the first night of the meet when we compete in the 800 freestyle relay and 200 medley relay."

Irish standout athletes to watch this weekend are sophomores Katie Casey (200 fly) and Samantha Maxwell (200 breaststroke). Both are No. 1 seeds heading into the meet.

In the 2008 conference meet, the team broke eight school records. With the exception of one graduated teammate, Caroline Johnson, last year's team has not changed, which gives much promise towards their goal of a 13th consecutive conference win, a flawless record since 1997.

"I think all of our hard work will pay off and we will come out of the meet with our 13th straight Big East Conference championship," Kuhlke said.

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NFL

Strait to play at Dallas opening

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Since Elvis Presley and The Beatles aren't available, Jerry Jones had to settle for the guy who's sold the third-most albums to headline the opening of the Dallas Cowboys' new \$1.1 billion stadium.

Country music star George Strait will have the honors on June 6, topping a bill that also will include Reba McEntire, Blake Shelton and Julianne Hough from "Dancing With the Stars."

"I have a lot of great memories from playing the many shows we did at the old Cowboys stadium, as well as watching 'America's Team' win their share of Super Bowls. I'm very excited about having the opportunity to be the first concert ever in the magnificent new Cowboys stadium," Strait said in a record-

ed message played Tuesday at the news conference announcing the show.

Strait added that he's excited to be performing with McEntire.

"Our paths have passed many times at many different places, but the opportunity to do a show together like this has never presented itself," he said. "It's something I've looked forward to for a long, long time."

The opening of this stadium would be a huge deal regardless of the entertainment.

Jones' palace, funded mostly with his own money, features a sleek retractable roof, seating capacity of 100,000 for football, 300 luxury suites, and the largest HD video board ever built—two of them, actually.

The stadium already has secured the 2010 NBA All-Star game, the 2011 Super Bowl and the 2014 NCAA men's

Final Four. It also will be home to college football's Cotton Bowl.

How many seats will be available for the Strait concert? That's still being determined based on how the stage is configured. But Jones said the floor alone might hold as many as 20,000.

"We'll have all the capacity we need," he said, laughing.

The first football game at the new stadium will be a Cowboys preseason game. Jones said Dallas will play both its home preseason games at the new place, although the league hasn't set the date or opponent yet. The first game that counts will be a college game, between Oklahoma and Brigham Young on Labor Day.

Jones said there also might be a futbol game played in the stadium this summer — an international soccer game likely to pit high-profile teams.

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Devereaux got Juarez into the corner for some points near the end. He won a split decision.

Mark Witte def. Adam Steinbach

Witte took the offensive in the opening round, forcing Steinbach to retreat. Steinbach began to aim for Witte's body, but Witte still did the most damage with mainly right-handed punches.

Witte opened the second round with a combination. Steinbach kept his right hand back, hoping to find an opening to unleash it — but that chance never came. Witte's quick combos allowed him to take control and earn the unanimous decision.

165 pounds

Jack Peterson def. Brian "The Best Looking" Salvi

In a fierce fight, Salvi took the early advantage by landing a big right hook on Peterson. When Peterson tried to counter, Salvi was able to land a few more solid combo shots.

Peterson began to take back momentum, landing several jabs to Salvi's head in the second round. With the outcome still in doubt in the third round, Peterson started quick with a big right hand.

Late in the third, Salvi landed a combo, but he left himself open and allowed Peterson to counter with his own combo, leading to a split decision victory for Peterson.

Alex "Check Out These Chicken Legs" Duffy def. Paul Amiri

Duffy made quick work of Amiri in just two rounds. Duffy began the match with a series of combinations that caught Amiri off guard.

Late in the first, Duffy landed a powerful combo to Amiri's head. It was more of the same in the second round as Duffy took control. Seconds into the round, Duffy landed another combo that eventually

led to a victory.

Daniel Brennan def. Andrew Massari

Locked in a stalemate of even punches for the majority of the first round, Brennan broke up the monotony with a right hook that threw Massari against the ropes as the round ended.

In the second round, Massari came into the ring a bit more offensive, but Brennan threw a few intense combos that tipped the match in his favor.

In the third round, both boxers showed signs of dizzying, but Brennan took charge of the ring with a solid right hook that sent Massari to the corner.

Though Massari came back in the ring refreshed, Brennan finished the match with a series of solid power combo throws, including a tough blow to Massari's chin to end the round and the match. Brennan won in a split decision.

Matt Hopke def. J. Barrick Bollman

Just a few seconds in, Hopke nearly knocked over his freshman opponent by using his reach advantage. A few combos later, Bollman fell to the ground for just a moment, but bounced back up.

In the second round, Hopke almost cornered Bollman, but Bollman repeatedly dodged him. As Bollman adopted the strategy of going for Hopke's stomach, Hopke responded with a combo before the end of the round. Early in the third round, Hopke caught Bollman by surprise with a right hook and a left jab.

Hopke's left hook with a few seconds remaining sealed the unanimous victory.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

ND's title defense begins

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On Wednesday, Notre Dame will try to begin its title defense at the Big East championships at the Indiana University Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI in Indianapolis.

The Irish seek their fourth Big East title overall since joining the conference before the 1995-96 season and fourth in the past five seasons. In addition, Notre Dame has posted 11 consecutive top four finishes at the meet.

The Irish finished the dual meet season with a 7-6 record, but they enter the championships riding a four-meet winning streak. The streak couldn't come at a better time for Irish, who are red-hot heading into one of their biggest meets of the year.

"This is a championship meet for which we've been preparing since August," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "This is the show. Everybody is focused on it. We've had some very exciting practices heading into the meet, and we're leaving

campus full of excitement for what might happen."

Although the Irish are hitting their stride as they travel to Indianapolis, they still have quite a bit of work to do to earn another Big East title.

"The field is fast," coach Welsh said. "We know that there is a lot of work for us, hopefully in the preliminaries and in the finals, but we're certainly excited about our chances."

Over the past month, Notre Dame's divers have made significant contributions for the team, and their performance may be crucial to Notre Dame's success this weekend. Furthermore, the Irish swimmers must continue to post season-best and personal-best times.

"Diving will be very important to final team standings," Welsh said. "And I think if you are going to watch us over the weekend, you should take note of two things: Our qualifying positions in the preliminary heats in the morning and then the comparison between the entry time and the actual time. It's all about going fast for us. We know that if we go fast

enough, we'll be in the right place and the scoreboard will count it right."

Although the Irish don't have a top seed in any of the meet's events, they experience and have many competitors who are capable of challenging for top honors in any given event. Notre Dame returns a number of athletes who have previously won titles at the event, as junior MacKenzie LeBlanc has two Big East titles to his name while junior Andrew Hoffman and sophomore Joshua Nosal each have one on their resumes.

Furthermore, eight members of the current Notre Dame squad have garnered All-Big East honors at the meet during their careers, led by junior John Lytle, who ranks second in Notre Dame history with 11 all-conference honors.

The Big East conference championships begin on Wednesday, and the four-day event will run until the Big East conference champion is crowned on Saturday in Indianapolis.

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NBA

Knicks down Spurs in overtime

Associated Press

NEW YORK — If Nate Robinson keeps this up, he won't need the slam dunk contest to earn a place at All-Star

weekend.

Robinson continued the best stretch of his career with 32 points and 10 rebounds Tuesday night to lead the New York Knicks to a 112-107 overtime victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

"Krypto-Nate" won his second slam dunk title Saturday night in Phoenix, but sounded lukewarm about the idea of defending his title next year. The way he's playing now, he could end up playing in the game in Dallas.

"That's what I'm trying to get to, but for the most part we're just focused on the playoffs now," Robinson said. "Next year will come."

Robinson made the go-ahead basket in his career-best third straight 30-point game. In the final game before heading to Phoenix to knock off Dwight Howard and win the slam dunk contest, he had 33 points, a career-high 15 assists, nine rebounds and five steals in an overtime loss to the Los Angeles Clippers — the first NBA player with 30 points plus those numbers since Magic Johnson in 1981.

Chris Duhon and Wilson Chandler each scored 17 points for the Knicks, who snapped a six-game losing streak. They finally broke through against an NBA power, having dropped all three on a homestand against the Lakers, Cavaliers and Celtics in the first week of February.

"The past four teams we played at home have been the best of the best, and to get this victory, start off the second half of the season is big for us and

hopefully can help us gain some momentum," Knicks forward David Lee said.

Lee had 13 points and 12 rebounds in his 17th consecutive double-double, tying Patrick Ewing for second-longest streak by a Knicks player since 1970. Jerry Lucas had 21 straight in 1972.

Tim Duncan had 26 points and 15 rebounds for the Spurs, but fellow All-Star Tony Parker shot just 5-for-20 and finished with 14 for the Spurs. Roger Mason scored 20.

"I was missing layups. I was missing everything tonight," said Parker, whose wife, Eva Longoria, was in the crowd to watch his miserable night. "(Nate) was making shots. He was the opposite of me."

The Spurs were without Manu Ginobili, who was back in San Antonio getting further tests on his sore right ankle. It's not the same one the star reserve had surgery on last summer, forcing him to miss the first 12 games of the season, but coach Gregg Popovich

acknowledged being concerned the pain didn't go away during the All-Star break.

They fell to 3-3 on their eight-game rodeo road trip, with two stops remaining. They've never finished with a losing record on it since moving to the AT&T Center in 2002.

In a game that was close throughout, neither team led by more than three in the fourth quarter. Duncan had 13 points and made his first six shots in the period, but missed a potential winning bank shot just before time expired.

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Bouts

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nose to bleed. Bock was unable to regain his form in the third round.

Michael "The Silver City Slugger" Sayles def. Kyle "Hops, Pops, Jones, Big Cheese" Blanco

The match opened up slowly as both fighters tried to get a feel for each other. But as the first round closed, Sayles moved on the offensive, landing a set of powerful jabs and hooks.

Blanco adjusted, blocking some of Sayles quick punches with his long arms and quick reflexes. He began to show signs of fatigue in the second round and Sayles took advantage with his powerful left jab, forcing a bloody nose.

The third round was much like the second, as Sayles continued to dominate Blanco by pinning him on the ropes. Sayles' superior form and quickness were awarded with a unanimous victory.

Joe "David Hassel" Hof def. Christopher Bennett

Hof came into the fight with a reach advantage, and he utilized it early. Hof took the first round in which neither fighter seemed too eager to engage.

Bennett came out firing early, trapping Hof against the ropes and unleashing a flurry before the senior could get away. Hof responded with combinations of his own at the end, but it wasn't enough to take the round.

Bennett started the final round with a good series of combos, but Hof wouldn't be denied. Hof used consistent striking through the later half of the round to earn the round and split decision victory.

Sean McNichols def. Brian "Ghostlands" Robillard

McNichols utilized effective counter-punching throughout the fight. The first round saw McNichols counter while moving away Robillard.

Robillard came out aggressive in the second round, initiating most of the exchanges but landing only a few big shots as the senior continued to avoid most of Robillard's punches. McNichols' counters were more accurate, as he landed a few big headshots of his own.

McNichols continued the counter-game, but Robillard seemed to know he was behind. The freshman came out aggressive and landed some big shots to take the round, but it was not enough, as McNichols took the split decision victory.

140 pounds

Kris "El Azteca" Perez def. Daniel "The Pandemic" Panzl

Perez, a three-time champion, outpunched and outmaneuvered Panzl from bell to bell to earn the unanimous victory. Despite Panzl's bigger size, the agility and quick feet of Perez proved to be too much for the young fighter.

A combination of powerful hooks and violent uppercuts kept Panzl from establishing any sort of rhythm en route to a unanimous victory for Perez.

Michael Johnston def. Scott "Crowbar" Lahr

Johnston's use of a left, right, left, right jab combo gave Lahr problems all night as he cruised to a unanimous victory.

Despite Lahr's lanky frame and long arms, Johnston's persistent approach and aggressive use of hooks and jabs allowed him to control the tempo from the start. Lahr was unable to adapt as the match progressed, leaving him open to Johnston's attacks.

Kieran "The Bulge" Bulger def. Andrew "The King of Sting" Dupont

Bulger was in good form as he defeated the Knott freshman in a unanimous decision to advance to a semifinal meeting with favorite Kris Perez. Bulger dominated the first round, scoring an early knockdown and kept up the pressure throughout the round.

Dupont showed improved defense in the second round, but the fight had to be stopped in order to stop his bleeding. He showed renewed aggression after the stoppage, but Bulger continued to win their exchanges.

Knowing he was down, Dupont came out swinging in the final round, finally causing some damage. The effort wore him down, however, and was not enough to earn the win.

Eric Feduska def. Nick "Bronco" Bortolotti

In a fight that saw plenty of action, Bortolotti, a freshman from Sorin, came out aggressive and scored a knockdown in the first round that drew heavy support from the crowd. Not even the bell was enough to stop "Bronco" or his senior opponent from Fisher, as they continued fighting against the ropes for a few seconds after the round ended.

Feduska, who had a first-round bye, came out aggressively in the second round, initiating and winning nearly every exchange of the round. After starting strong, Bortolotti appeared content to defend in the second.

Bortolotti went back on the offensive early in the third, but he was quickly forced to back down. The senior had him on the run throughout the end of the round, doing serious damage en-route to a unanimous victory.

145 pounds

Bobby Powers def. Matthew "Lunchbox" Elster

Powers showed why he reached the finals as a freshman last year.

In the first round, Powers pinned Elster against the ropes twice with his hammer-like jabs and ferocious hooks.

Elster managed to maneuver himself out of harm's way momentarily, but Powers chased him down for the first knockdown of the night.

After Elster was knocked down again, the referee stopped the contest with 45 seconds left in the second round, giving Powers the victory.

James "Francis" Woods def. Stephen "The Editor" Mattingly

Mattingly established himself early in the match as the two fighters got a feel for each other in the opening round, but Woods quickly fought back.

Through brute force, Woods was able to pin Mattingly early in the match with a series of powerful jabs and wide hooks. Mattingly began to expose Woods' sometimes-wild attacks, connecting with some key jabs and cuts.

In one of the best fights of the night, the fatigued Mattingly was unable to throw Woods out of his rhythm as he held on for the unanimous victory.

Albert "Hispanic causing Panic" Toscano def. Mike Magill

In a battle between two freshmen, Magill was unable to use his reach advantage. Toscano got Magill into the corner early and dealt some serious punishment throughout the first round.

The second round started slowly but was otherwise much the same. Magill was still unable to use his reach, and Toscano trapped him against the ropes late to take a two-round lead.

The third round was relatively even, despite Magill using his reach advantage, with both fighters scoring at times. Toscano won by unanimous decision.

Mark Weber def. Ryan "Will Power" Slaney

Slaney gave it his all in an effort to end the Boxing Club President's run in his first fight after a bye, but came up short. Slaney countered Weber's early aggression with flurries, but most were simply deflected, with Weber winning on the strength of his exchanges against the ropes in the first round.

Weber scored throughout the second round as Slaney spent most of the round dodging, and sometimes running, from Weber's attacks.

Slaney came out strong and aggressive in the final round, tiring Weber early. Slaney gassed himself before the round finished and could have won it, but it wasn't enough, as Weber took a unanimous decision.

147 pounds

Joey "Thor's Hammer" Leary def. Ted Heilbron

Leary came out of the gates like a madman, landing a flurry of jabs and hooks on the unsuspecting face and body of his opponent. Leary exhibited quick feet and good instincts as he cornered Heilbron, who was unable to establish a rhythm early.

As the match progressed, however, Heilbron found some success with the left jab against the smaller frame of Leary. Leary began showing signs of fatigue in the second round, and Heilbron quickly took advantage.

But Leary quickly regained control in the third round, showing more aggression and rediscovering his jab and hook combo. Leary emerged as the unanimous victor in an evenly-fought match.

Patrick "The South Bend Sniper" Kibbe def. Michael "Blitzkrieg" Burns

The match appeared to be one-sided in the first round, as Burns came out strong with a series of powerful jabs and ferocious hooks. Burns managed to corner Kibbe for a flurry of punches to the face and body.

But the tide began to turn in the second round, as Kibbe began to take advantage of his long arms and quick feet to land some uppercuts and jab combos. Burns also landed some punches to Kibbe's face.

As the third round began, the match was up for grabs. Kibbe began an onslaught of quick jabs and plenty of hooks, and Burns retaliated by knocking Kibbe to the ground. But Kibbe recovered to win a remarkable match by split-decision.

Brian "BK Special" Koepsel def. Andrew "AK-47" Kristiansen

In what was a slugfest from the start, Koepsel took advantage during the exchanges in the first, but neither fighter was willing to back down.

The second round started out slower, but that didn't last long, as the fighters began trading flurries in the middle of the round. Koepsel again came out slightly ahead, but Kristiansen did a fair amount of damage as well.

Kristiansen came out aggressive in the third round, which was as much of a brawl as the rest of the fight. Although both fighters tired before the round ended, Kristiansen's performance was not quite enough as Koepsel took a unanimous decision.

Brian Desplinter def. Kevin Ortenzio

Desplinter showed why he is a former Bouts champ, dictating the pace for much of the fight. The first round featured few exchanges, with the Alumni senior using his reach to keep Ortenzio at bay.

Desplinter continued using his reach advantage throughout the second round, keeping Ortenzio

from getting inside. When the freshman was able to get inside Desplinter's guard, he landed some good body punches, but not enough to win the round.

In the final round, Ortenzio overcame Desplinter's reach advantage, but Desplinter's ability to dictate the pace helped him cruise to a unanimous decision victory.

150 pounds

Timothy "Slayer" Thayer def. Inoh "Lights Out" Choe

The match started off slowly as both fighters tried to get a feel for each other early. Thayer managed to pin Choe against the ropes and didn't look back from there.

Choe was in a defensive mode for most of the match as he tried to block Thayer's left jab, right hook combo. Choe was pinned against the ropes, but recovered with a couple of dukes and jabs.

Thayer took care of business in the third round to earn the unanimous victory against a visibly fatigued Choe.

Matt "Poz" Posluszny vs. Connor Keenan

Posluszny seized control of the match's tempo from the opening bell, getting the unanimous victory against his young opponent.

Posluszny came out with strong left jabs and consistently landed a left, left, right jab combo to neutralize Keenan for three rounds. Keenan still managed to land punches against the longer-armed Posluszny.

In the final round, Keenan showed signs of fatigue as Posluszny finished the job with a couple of hard right jabs and wide hooks.

Jamie "Sweet Rays of Sunshine" Koepsel def. Tomas "The Boss" Castillo

Neither fighter appeared scared of the other from the beginning, as the two were happy to stand and swing throughout much of the fight. Koepsel appeared to get the advantage and won the round late after Castillo started out strong in the first.

The second round featured more exchanges, with an early stoppage to clean up Castillo's blood. Castillo again started out strong, but the blood stoppage left the round a toss-up.

In the final round, the two again settled for accepting punishment as a price for dealing their own. Koepsel appeared to take the round with his performance late and was rewarded with a split decision victory to advance to the semifinals.

Mark Bennett def. Adam Cowden

Bennett started out the first round with a fury of combos and uppercuts, pounding Cowden in the face. In the second round, Bennett fought back by landing several right hooks to Cowden's head.

In the third round, both fighters showed fatigue as they started out the round tentatively trying to land jabs. Bennett prevailed in a split decision.

155 pounds

Nathan "I am Legend" Rothenberger def. Joey Brown

Rothenberger started quickly in the first round with jabs to Brown. Brown landed several right-handed punches of his own before landing a powerful combo at the end.

Rothenberger began taking control late in the second round after he landed several combos to Brown's head. In the third round, Rothenberger pushed Brown up against the ropes while landing a series of successful combos.

Rothenberger finished strong to win a split decision.

Alex "Speedy" Gonzalez def. Kevin Goodwin

Gonzalez began the match with several quick shots before retreating into defense. He repeated this strategy to gain an advantage against Goodwin, who was never able to answer the flurries from Gonzalez.

In the second round, Gonzalez brought his intensity higher, landing several big combos to Goodwin's head. Gonzalez finished his domination by continuing on the offensive in the third round.

Gonzalez won in a unanimous decision.

Dan Rodgers def. D.J. McGill

In the first round, Rodgers did the majority of the chasing of his opponent, but McGill threw the more accurate punches. Later in round, Rodgers threw right hook shots, cutting McGill's chin.

In the second round, Rodgers brought better blocking abilities to the ring, but McGill showed tenacity. In the third and most decisive round, McGill seemed to be coming back, especially as Rodgers tired, but a series of combo throws from Rodgers supplied the most damage. Rodgers was awarded a unanimous victory.

John Maier def. Steve Simeonidis

Simeonidis' strong left uppercut pinned his opponent in the corner early in the first round, but Maier was able to take himself off the ropes early.

In the second round, both boxers came back into the ring with better blocking strategies. The tables turned, as Maier showed Simeonidis the ropes.

In the third round, Simeonidis got Maier backed into the corner and started aiming for Maier's stomach, but Maier was able to recapture domination of the ring.

Maier showed some excellent combo throws in the remaining few seconds, and a strong right-handed blow affected Simeonidis' ability to continue competing. The referee stopped the contest with 30 seconds left in the third round in Maier's favor.

160 pounds

Caleb "The Shark Attack" Laux def. Patrick Martin

Early in the first round, Martin tried to use his long reach to his advantage, landing several jabs on Laux. Laux was able to land a series of hooks and combos at the end of the first round to gain momentum.

In the second round, both fighters cast defense aside, landing a furious barrage of combos to each other. Laux took complete control in the third round after he countered several of Martin's errant jabs late in the match.

Laux won in a unanimous decision.

Jordan Bucci def. David "That's what she said" Costanzo

In a display of speed, both Bucci and Costanzo exchanged quick combos early in the first round. Neither fighter could take control of the match, with both fighters exchanging jabs and combos.

Late in the third round, Bucci was able to land a big shot and then retreat, protecting himself from being scored upon and giving himself the advantage down the stretch. Bucci won in a split decision.

Jim Devereaux def. Nate Juarez

In the first round, both boxers stayed relatively cautious, displaying excellent blocking abilities. Combo throws from Juarez started the hitting, and Devereaux followed suit.

In the second round, Juarez did the majority of the chasing, but Devereaux threw hard punches. In

Comeback

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point range in the second half.

"We just talked about pride in our defense," McGraw said. "We had to get out and guard the 3-point line, they were really on fire from 3-point range. We were a little bit embarrassed about how they were playing."

Junior guard Janae Stokes was 4-of-8 from 3-point range in the first half and senior guard Jazmine Sepulveda was 3-of-6. In the second half, however, the Bulls hit only one 3-pointer.

The win moves Notre Dame (18-6, 7-5 Big East) into a tie for fifth place in the conference with DePaul. Because the Irish swept the season series against the Blue Demons, they hold the tiebreaker.

Senior guard Lindsay Schrader went nuts Tuesday — she had 26 points and 11 rebounds.

"She had a mismatch quite frequently at the [small forward] spot," McGraw said. "They had a guard on her. She got comfortable down there, and they put a bigger kid on her and she scored on her."

Sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski scored 20 points, a career high, and made all eight of her free throws. Junior guard Ashley Barlow had 16 points and eight rebounds and junior guard Melissa Lechlitner added eight points and five assists.

"Barlow carried us in the

first half," McGraw said. "She was doing everything she could."

McGraw said the older players were the ones energizing the team during halftime.

"I definitely heard Schrader's voice, Lech I'm sure," she said.

Notre Dame's free throw shooting helped it secure the game. Nobody missed a foul shot in the first half, and the team was 19-of-24 in the second half. Lechlitner only had one field goal but made all six of her foul shots.

"We just did the job we had to do at the line," McGraw

said. "We made the easy ones, we didn't feel any pressure."

Notre Dame took the lead for good with 2:25 remaining when a technical foul gave the Irish four free throw attempts — they made

them all. A Lechlitner jumper and foul shots down the stretch held the lead.

Notre Dame trailed 52-44 at the half, but a 3-pointer from Bruszewski and a layup from Schrader pulled the Irish within two. Freshman forward Erica Solomon's layup tied the score at 57 with 13:35 remaining. The teams traded points until the technical foul allowed Notre Dame to tie it up.

The Bulls led 23-11 with 13:00 left in the first half after a 12-2 run that included three 3-pointers. Two free throws from Schrader helped Notre Dame pull to within 10 with 1:33 remaining at the half.

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"We were a little embarrassed about how they were playing."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

Boilers

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Freshman Shannon Mathews has been one of the pleasant surprises this season for the Irish. She has yet to lose a singles match thus far boasting a 6-0 record in the No. 6 singles spot.

"Shannon has really come through for us this season, especially with her big win against Arkansas after being

down to match point," Louderback said. "She has managed to build on that as the season has progressed."

Mathews has also been a force at the No. 3 doubles spot notching a 5-2 record alongside partner junior Colleen Rielley.

Overall, Louderback is impressed by his team's performance so far.

"I feel really good about where we are at this time," he said. "We still have some things that we have to improve on to do well at the end of the

year."

Louderback is still looking for plenty of improvement from his team over the next few weeks.

"We played very well at the National Indoor Championships last weekend, especially in singles," he said. "But our doubles play needs to get better, particularly at the end of sets."

Today's match starts at 4 p.m. with the doubles competition.

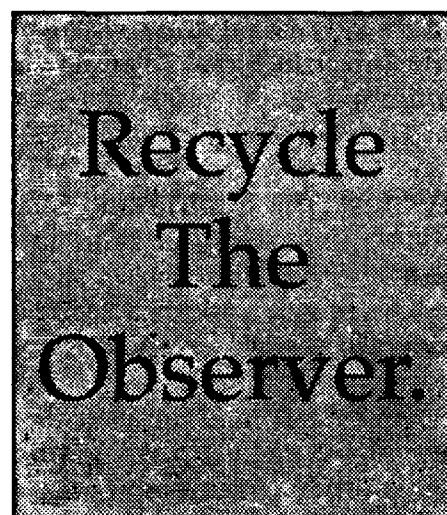
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HEAD CASE



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Senior Eric Feduska adjusts his headgear between rounds of his quarterfinal fight against Nick Bortolotti. Feduska won a unanimous decision.



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Do-or-die

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do it for 40 minutes on the road against a good team."

The Irish are 2-6 on the road this season and head into Morgantown to face a Mountaineers team that is coming off a 93-72 home win over then-No. 13 Villanova last Friday. In that game, West Virginia forward Da'Sean Butler poured in 43 points on 12-of-23 shooting.

Despite the prospect of facing the hot-shooting Mountaineers, the Irish said they may now be tougher than they were before their current two-game win streak. In the victories, sophomore Tyrone Nash emerged as a force down low to complement the rest of the Irish frontcourt. Nash scored eight points in just 10 minutes against South Florida and pulled down an average of 4.5 rebounds in the two games.

"Ty Nash has helped a lot. It's given our back guys, especially Luke Harangody, a little help down there," McAlarney said. "He bangs, he hits people. We don't mind him getting a few fouls early. He knows his role, he knows what he can and cannot do."

The Irish may need Nash's inside presence against West Virginia and Mountaineers coach Bob Huggins, who typically

instills toughness in all of his teams.

"Him rebounding really helped us out, getting an extra body in there for the bigs and knock some people on their butt a little bit," Irish point guard Tory Jackson said of Nash.

After the contest against West Virginia, the Irish will head to Providence, which has lived up to Brey's pre-season prediction that the Friars would be the surprise team of the Big East. Providence sits in sixth place in the conference at 16-9 overall and 8-5 in Big East play.

Brey and several of his players said the next two games are not necessarily do-or-die showdowns for Notre Dame. Still, with a road game at Connecticut and a home tilt against Villanova still looming on the schedule, the

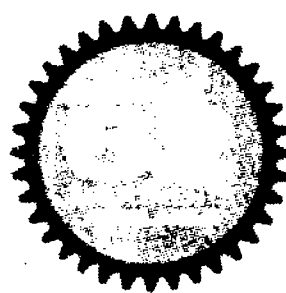
Irish know the results of the next two games will go a long way toward deciding the outcome of their season.

"It's a week where you can make a move. That's how we talked about it," Brey said. "There's still a lot of basketball to play after that as well, especially winning these two here at home, getting some momentum and re-establishing some identity. You certainly have a chance this week to make a move in the standings."

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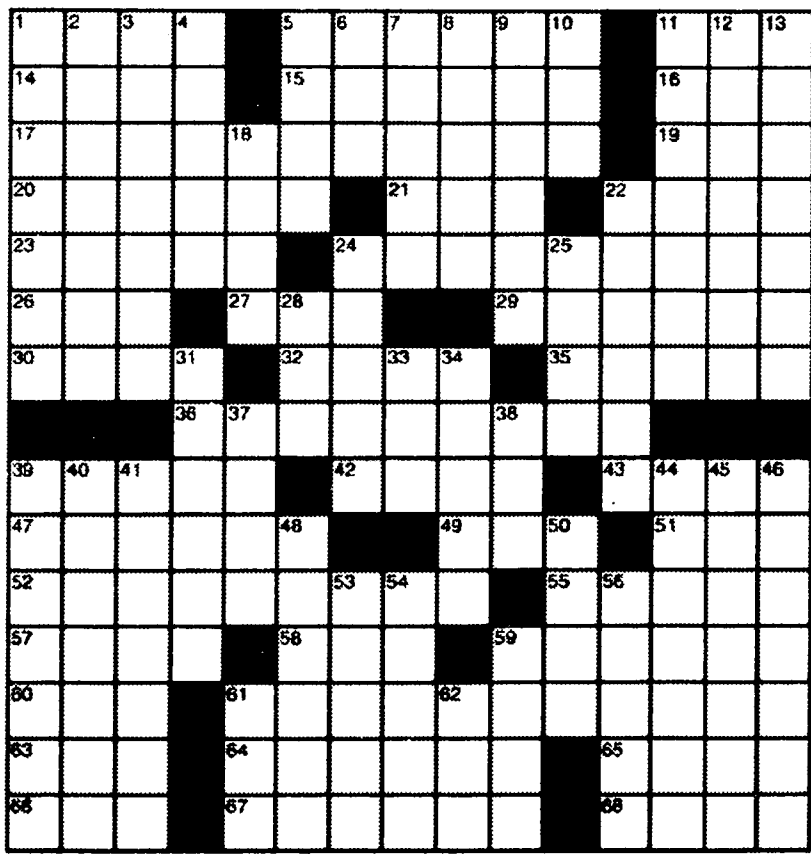
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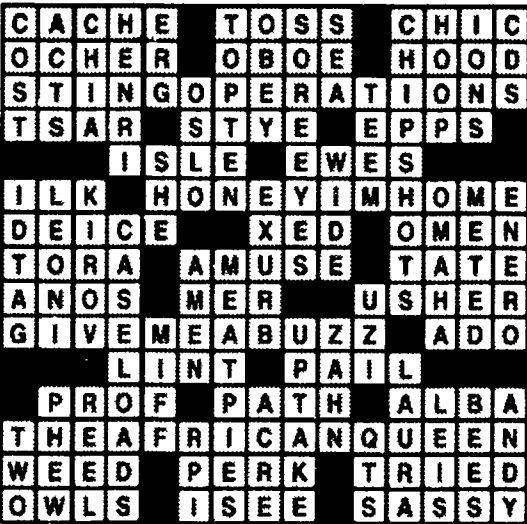
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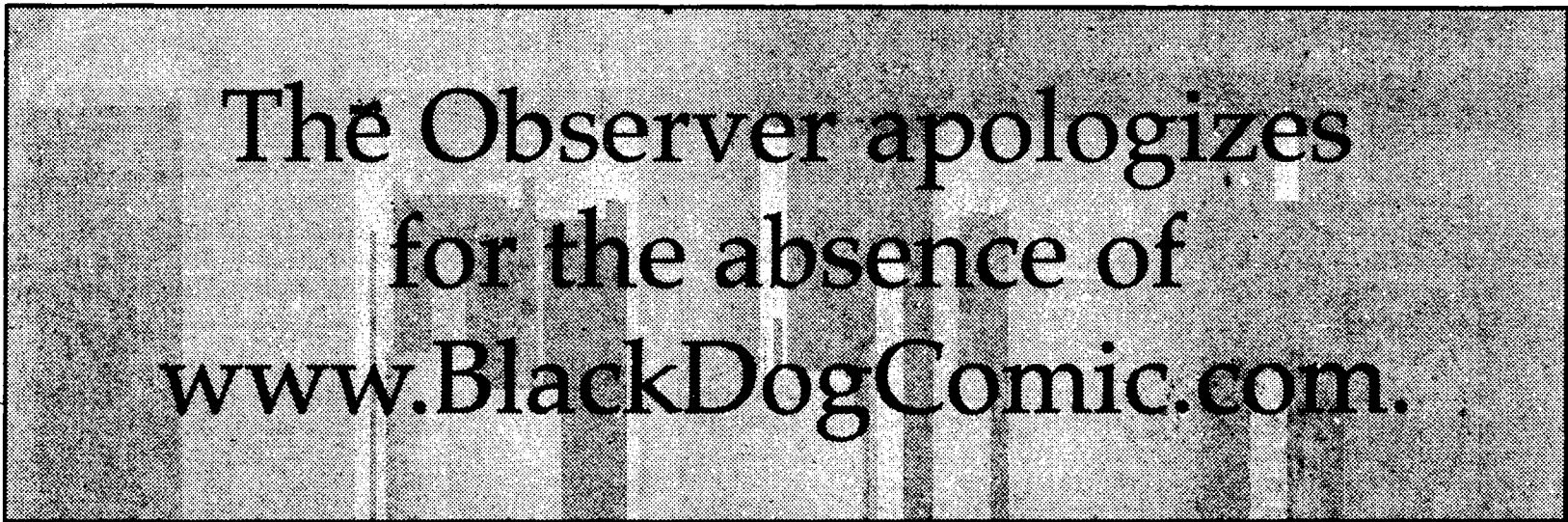
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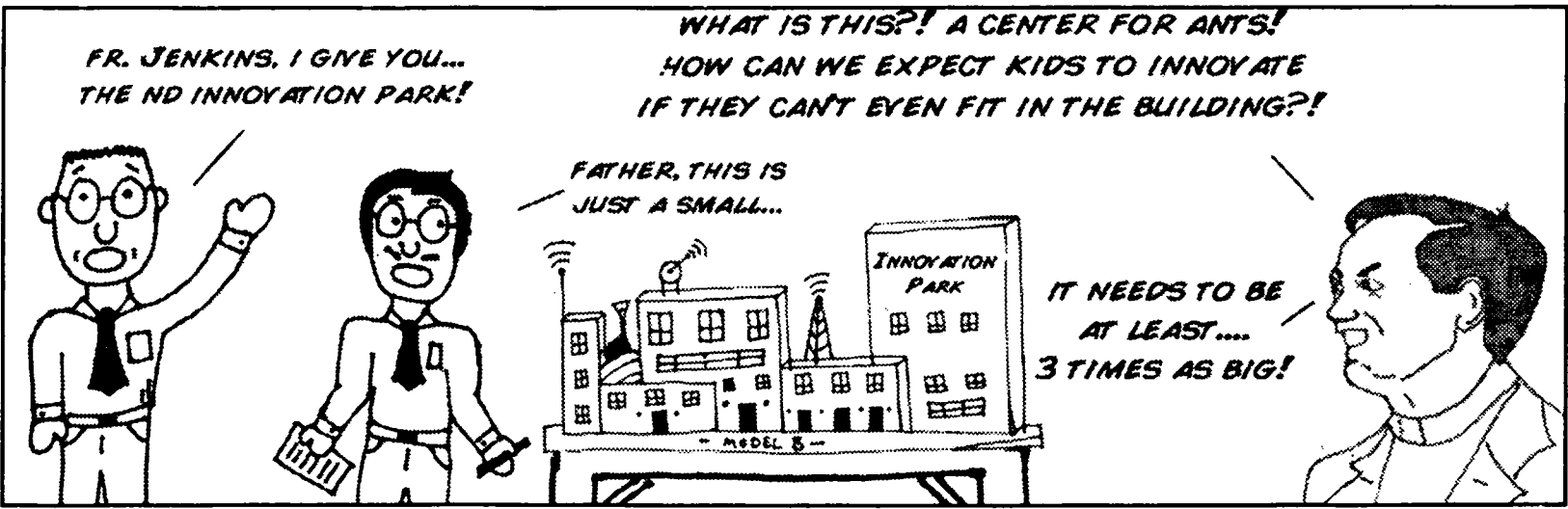
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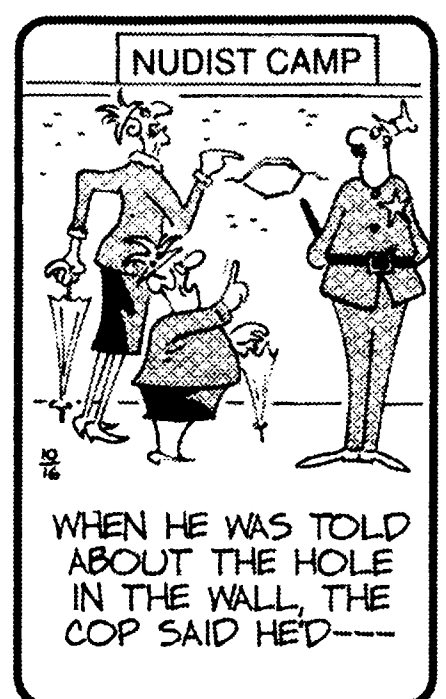
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BENGAL BOUTS

Sweet science for some, sour for others

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Sports Writers

The fighters in Notre Dame's Bengal Bouts took to the ring again Tuesday in quarterfinal action.

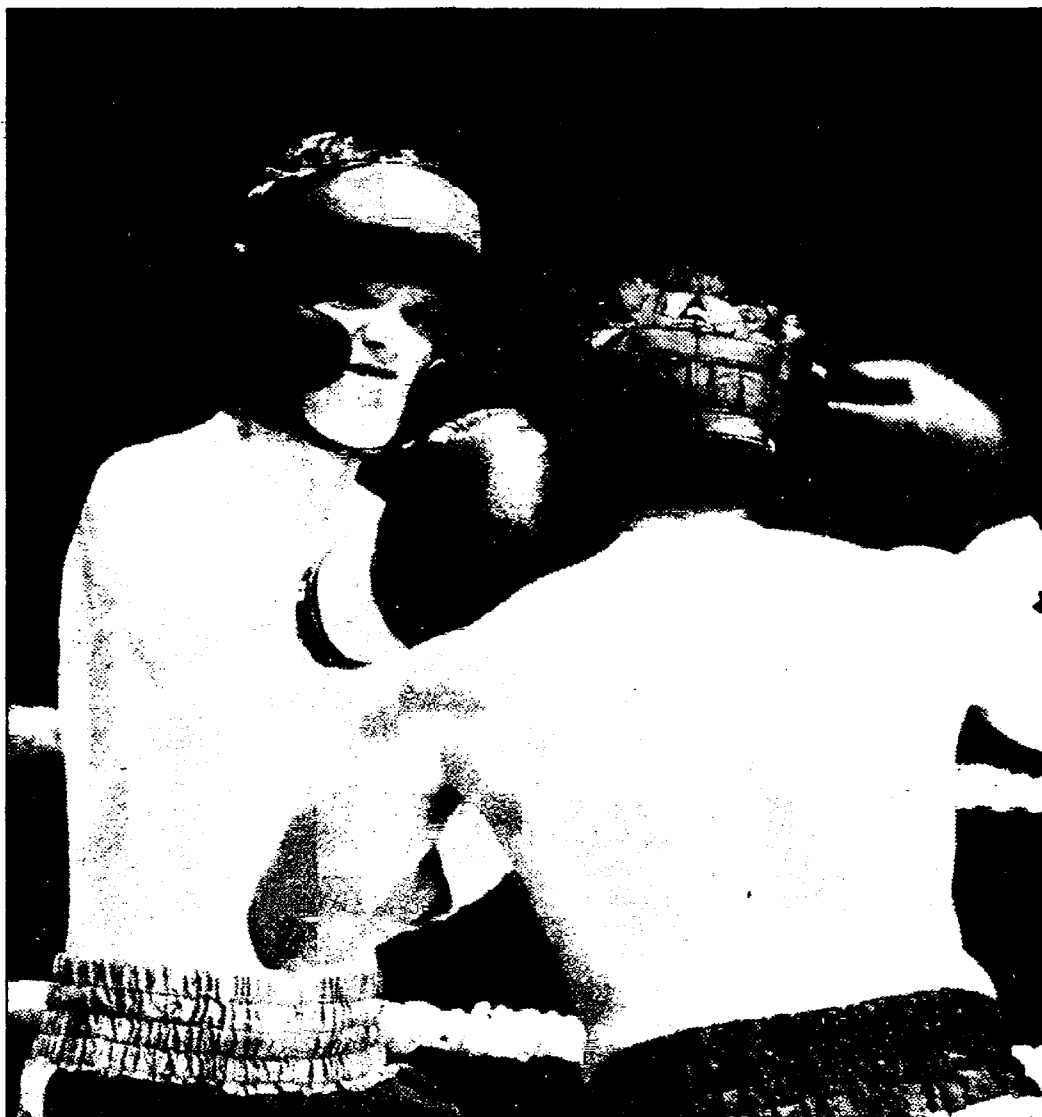
130 pounds

Chris "Cougar" Cugliari def. Nicholas Bock

Cugliari set the tone for the night with a commanding unanimous victory, keeping Bock on his toes from the opening bell. He pinned Bock on the ropes and unleashed a series of blows in the first round.

Although quick on his feet, Bock wasn't able to establish a rhythm for himself, as he was forced to play defense for most of the match.

Cugliari used an effective combo of alternating jabs followed by a vicious uppercut to cause Bock's



At left, Mike Magill throws a right hook against Albert Toscano in the Bengal Bouts quarterfinals. Toscano won a unanimous decision. At right, Ted Heilbron, left, throws a jab against Joey Leary. Leary won a unanimous decision.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Must-win games sneaking up as end of the season nears

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

The term "must-win" is thrown around frequently in sports but Notre Dame knows that it must approach its two-game road trip — which starts tonight at West Virginia — almost as if the Irish season depended on it.

"At this point, every game is a hinge game," Irish senior co-cap-

tain Zach Hillesland said. "There's not any game left that we can write off."

The Irish (14-10, 5-7 Big East) sit just one game behind West Virginia in the conference standings and trail Providence, who they will face Saturday, by two-and-a-half games.

"It's a chance to get back to 7-7 in the league and put us in great position for the stretch run," Hillesland said. "Two very good

teams ahead of us in the standings, and any time you have teams ahead of you, you want to knock them off."

Wins over West Virginia and Providence would give the Irish an edge in a tie-breaker if they were tied with either at the end of the season. Such an advantage could be crucial, because Notre Dame sits in 10th place in the competitive Big East and would secure a first-round bye in the

conference tournament by improving to eighth place or better.

"It's huge for us. Two great opportunities to kind of pick people off that are in front of us and get back what we've lost," Irish senior co-captain Kyle McAlarney said.

The Irish, who have given up 71.8 points per game, held each of their last two opponents — Louisville and South Florida — to

57 points. But against West Virginia tonight, the Notre Dame defense may have more difficulty than it did in home wins over the Cardinals and Bulls.

"I wish [our defense] could be a little more consistent, quite frankly, especially on the road," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We've done it [at home] ... but I don't know if we've been able to

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish get comeback victory

By BILL BRINK
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In spite Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw's emphasis on perimeter defense this season, Notre Dame allowed seven 3-pointers in the first half against South Florida.

McGraw called it inexcusable. The team listened.

"They were jumping up and down, getting on each other, they really bought into it," she said.

No. 24 Notre Dame battled back from 14 points down in the first half to out-score South Florida 42-27 the second and win, 86-79, in Tampa, Fla. on Tuesday. The Irish held the Bulls to 1-of-11 from 3-



Senior guard Lindsay Schrader drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 78-72 win over Michigan State.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

High-flying team hosts tough Purdue squad

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

With two victories over top-five teams in the Indoor National Championships, the No. 14 Irish are riding a heap of momentum as they head into today's matchup with a feisty Purdue squad at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

In last weekend's tournament, Notre Dame pulled two upsets over No. 5 Stanford and No. 4 Baylor before falling in the semifinals to No. 1 Northwestern.

"I believe we can compete with any team in the country," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "We have plenty of tough matches over the next few weeks and winning some close ones against top-five teams has

really helped our confidence."

The early success, however, isn't all fun and games. The Irish still cannot afford to let their guard down against weaker opponents.

"Doing well last weekend puts a bigger target on your back," Louderback said. "So we have to be ready for every team we play."

The Irish are 6-1 this season, with each match having come against ranked opponents. The Boilermakers are just 3-3 this season, but Louderback isn't allowing his team to take them lightly.

"[Purdue] isn't ranked, but they beat a very good Wichita State team last week," he said. "They have played much better as the season has progressed."

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