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## Faculty, administrators discuss hiring

*Conversations center on ad hoc committee's report regarding recruitment of Catholic professors*

By MARCELA BERRIOS  
Assistant News Editor

A series of discussions between faculty members and administrators on the hiring of Catholic faculty will continue Wednesday when University Provost Thomas Burish attends this month's Faculty Senate meeting.

Burish will hear its recommendations on a recent report addressing the issue of the steadily decreasing percentage of Catholic professors at Notre Dame.

The private report — which the Office of the Provost sent to the entire faculty during the last week of October — specifically

addressed the administration's concerns that "without a critical mass of Catholic faculty, the distinctive identity of Notre Dame would waver, perhaps be lost," the report said.

Burish created an ad hoc committee of 13 professors and administrators, who met from January through June 2007, to produce the report.

"If Notre Dame is to be a truly Catholic university, the faculty must include — as [University President] Father [John] Jenkins has said — a critical number of devoted followers of the Catholic faith," Burish said in his charge to the committee. "Indeed, the University's mis-

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### SELECTED RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF CATHOLICS TEACHING AT NOTRE DAME

"Having departments keep records of all promising applicants... who expressed interest in Notre Dame because of our Catholic mission."

"Hosting invited seminars and conferences that regularly bring to the University potential Catholic faculty members..."

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"All schools and colleges now discuss the Catholic mission with prospective candidates, effectively asking them, 'How do you think you might contribute to the Catholic mission of the University?'"

Recommendations taken from a Sept. 18 report by the Ad Hoc Committee on Recruiting Outstanding Catholic Faculty.

Jared Water/Observer graphic

## Skate club performs at the JACC

*ND, SMC students showcase ice routines*

By KATIE STAAK  
News Writer

The 17 members of the Notre Dame Figure Skating Club took to the ice Sunday in their annual "JACC Frost" performance.

"It went really well overall and the team performed well together," said Tracy Mulherin, the club's head coach.

The performance consisted of 19 routines. The girls performed solos, duets, trios and ended with a "Haunted Medley" piece.

Mulherin said she was proud of the team's hard work and dedication with finals approaching.

"I hope to improve our score from last weekend's competition, hope for a personal best at Midwestern competition in February and qualify for Nationals," she said.

This is Mulherin's fifth year coaching the club and synchronized skating team.

The club is lead by the three senior captains, Annie Davis, Sara Medek and Amy Reinthaler.

Davis, a senior at Saint Mary's, echoed Reinthaler's sentiments.

"It went 10 times better than last year," she said. "Everyone had fun and that's what really matters."

The captains also have high

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## Students serve in volunteer programs

*Center for Social Concerns' winter break opportunities attract record numbers of student applicants*

By CLAIRE REISING  
News Writer

Several Notre Dame students will spend part of their winter breaks in impoverished urban areas or at the U.S.-Mexico border as part of the Center for Social Concerns' winter seminars.

The CSC is holding four Experiential Learning Seminars: The Church and Social Action (Urban Plunge), Border Issues, Organizing, Power and Hope and Holy Cross Mission in Education.

Bill Purcell, director of the Urban Plunge and Holy Cross Mission in Education programs, said all the programs had an increase in applicants this year. Five percent of undergraduates applied for Urban Plunge, with

over 400 people applying for 280 spots.

Senior Allyson Pishko, an Urban Plunge Task Force Leader, said she was pleased with the student interest in the program but had trouble choosing which applicants to accept.

"It was amazing we got so many people," she said. "It was hard rejecting people because you don't want to turn people away from the CSC."

Although Purcell said greater advertising might have attracted more applicants for Urban Plunge, she could not identify an exact reason. However, Jim Paladino, director of the Border Issues Seminar, attributes this seminar's increase in applicants to the immi-

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Photo courtesy of Ryan Oakley

Students participate in a service trip in Immokalee, Florida for the Migrant Experiences Seminar during Spring Break of last year.

## SMC Advent event unites community

By KATIE KOHLER  
Saint Mary's Editor

More than 135 singers spread Christmas spirit at the 25th annual "Lessons and Carols" in the Church of Loretto at Saint Mary's on Sunday night.

The Women's Choir, Collegiate Choir, Liturgical Choir, Hand Bell Choir and Liturgical Dancers, in coordination with campus ministry, the music department and the Sisters of the Holy Cross, performed seasonal choral selections, accompanied by Christmas-themed readings.

The event, which was widely attended by the College com-

munity, included members from the Michiana area, who comprise the Loretto Schola Choir, said campus minister Sister Betty Smoyer.

"About 300 people from the Michiana community also join the 100 students in the assembly and add great gusto to the communal singing of the carols," she said. "Because a student from SMC-TV runs the in-house TV cameras [in the church], the Sisters of the Holy Cross in the convent can watch and pray and sing with us."

"Lessons and Carols," which began in 1982, is the traditional Christmas Eve service before

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## Latina addresses philanthropy

*President of California organization speaks about social change*

B LIZ MILLER  
News Writer

Recalling her experiences as a minority who faced discrimination, Antonia Hernández spoke about the importance of generating social change in America in her lecture Friday titled, "Latinos, Philanthropy and Civic Engagement."

"If you're really a Catholic, you should be a revolutionary," Hernández said.

Hernández is currently the president and CEO of the California Community

Foundation, a \$670 million foundation that is one of the largest and most active philanthropic organizations in Southern California. In her lecture, Hernández shared her personal story and beliefs as a Latina woman.

Born in Mexico and raised in East Los Angeles, Hernández called herself a, "product of public education." Though neither of her parents spoke English, they pushed Hernández and her six younger siblings to earn college degrees.

While she initially hoped to continue her academic career and become a historian, an incident at Theodore Roosevelt High School in 1968, where she worked, changed her mind.

At that time, thousands of students walked out of schools and

marched for an improvement in Latino Civil Rights. Many of the students that she worked with were put in jail, Hernández said.

Hernández had found her calling.

"I went to law school for one purpose and one purpose only — to use the law as a tool to be an agent of change to improve the quality of life for my society," she said.

She ignored the criticism she received from her family members over her decision. Her uncle told her, "You're a girl, and you'll cry when you go to court."

"The only one who ever cried was my uncle when he needed my help," she said.

As a young lawyer, Hernández was invited by a friend to apply

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Hernández

INSIDE COLUMN

# No scripts? No problem

The writer's strike has been pulling the plug on all the popular network television shows since Nov. 5. False.

While "Grey's" and "Colbert" are showing re-runs, there is another brand of television thriving in their absence. You

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*Saint Mary's  
Editor*

guessed it: reality TV. No actors, no writers, no problem. The reality surge is heating up even more with season finales coming up this week. Who will New York choose: Buddha, Punk or Tailor Made? What's next for the loveable girl-next-door Lauren Conrad? Who really is America's Most Smartest Model? All of these questions will be answered during primetime this week; with no interruptions from those sitcoms and dramas.

While some viewers hate reality TV, it is the only option if you're too bored to watch re-runs. I, for one, love reality TV. I never miss a minute of "I Love New York" or "The Hills" and I am not ashamed of that.

Sure, I enjoy "Grey's" and "The Office" as much as the next person, but there's something about the rawness of reality in "The Real World" and "Tila Tequila." Unpredictable. Riveting. Awesome.

Reality TV is a guilty pleasure because although you know the shows are ridiculous, stupid, heart wrenching, it's so hard not to watch. Do you really want to be the only person who doesn't know who America's Next Top Model is? Probably not.

The other great thing about reality TV is that it's real — or as real as it can get with 15 bachelorettes fighting for the affection of one undeserving guy. No regular person can relate to a brain surgeon, but we can relate to someone who is just livin' the life and lookin' for love.

There's no telling how long the strike will go on, but even though reality TV has been compensating for its absence, all good things must come to an end.

In the coming weeks, there will be no more "Kid Nation." No more "Top Model"...and still no network TV.

Enter: "American Idol." Jan. 15.

Five sweet, sweet months of singing, neurotic and cruel judges and audience interaction. Some people watch "Idol" in the beginning to make fun of all the William Hung wannabes. But the select few (of us) stick it out to the end, thereby being able to fully appreciate the greatness that is Kelly Clarkson.

I like drama. I like comedy. I like the occasional TV break. Reality TV gives you a chance to satisfy all three of those needs.

Even though the writer's strike has been going on for far too long, it's nothing a bit of reality gold can't fix.

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

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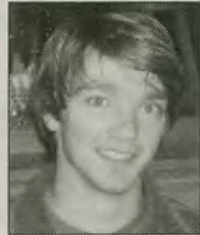
## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WERE YOUR GOALS FOR 2007 AND DID YOU MEET THEM?



**Adriana Gadaka-Maria**

*sophomore  
Cavanaugh*

*"Kiss a rector.  
Yes."*



**Brad Mattan**

*senior  
Keough*

*"Figure out a  
post-grad plan.  
Yes."*



**Danny Rosas**

*junior  
Alumni*

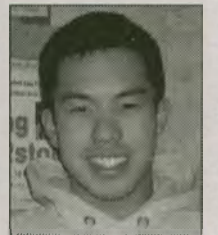
*"Take a break  
from dancing.  
No."*



**Kelly Poupore**

*junior  
Cavanaugh*

*"A goal? I don't  
play soccer."*



**Yang Chen**

*sophomore  
Keenan*

*"See Britney  
Spears come  
back. No, it  
didn't happen."*



CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

The experimental indie rock band Cloud Cult performed at Legends Saturday. Cloud Cult is an independent group that promotes environmentalism.

## IN BRIEF

The rosary will be said tonight at 6:45 at the Grotto. The rosary is said daily.

Student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun will speak at the fireside chat/luncheon, "Telling HERstory" today at noon in the Coleman-Morse Study Lounge. Drinks and cookies will be provided. This initiative is sponsored by First Year of Studies and takes place monthly.

The last day of classes at Notre Dame will be tomorrow.

There will be an Advent Penance Service tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The service will include prayer, music, reflection and Confession.

The ND Celebration Choir, Voices from Campus and Instrumentalists will perform at a benefit concert for Christmas at the first floor lounge, Coleman Morse Center, tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free with a donation. All proceeds benefit the Holy Cross Literacy School and Boys Home, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The last day of classes at Saint Mary's will be Wednesday.

A mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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

## OFFBEAT

### 81-year-old Scotch sells for \$54,000

NEW YORK — A bottle of 81-year-old Scotch sold for \$54,000 at this New York's first liquor auction since Prohibition.

An anonymous collector bought the pricey potable at Christie's sale of wines and spirits on Saturday.

The 100-lot auction sold a total of \$304,800 worth of rare wine and liquor. The top lot was a collection of 729 bottles of whisky, which went for \$102,000.

The \$54,000 bottle was distilled at Macallan in Scotland in 1926, bottled in 1986 and rebottled in 2002.

Prohibition lasted from 1920 to 1933, but New York State did not allow auctions of spirits until this year.

### Horse survives plunge into frozen pool

DORSET, Vt. — A horse was rescued after accidentally taking an icy plunge in a swimming pool. Jet, a 6-year-old quarterhorse, walked onto the frozen in-ground pool Thursday and broke through six inches of ice into about 3 1/2 feet of water, becoming trapped.

"It just looked like a meadow to him, and he stepped on the ice," said his owner, Janet Waite.

The animal shook uncontrollably and was losing strength as several rescue attempts failed, according to Vermont State Police Cpl. Gary Shuhart, who responded to the incident after being flagged down by a passerby.

Finally, rescuers broke the ice in a corner of the pool and got a rope around the horse's neck, pulling him to safety and wrapping him in a blanket. He was taken to a veterinarian and treated for a cut to his left hind leg.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 32 LOW 25	HIGH 22 LOW 15	HIGH 31 LOW 27	HIGH 34 LOW 25	HIGH 32 LOW 28	HIGH 31 LOW 24

# Belles ring for charity group

Saint Mary's students collect money for Salvation Army campaign

By MANDI STIRONE  
News Writer

Saint Mary's students got in the Christmas spirit by volunteering at the University Park Mall this weekend, ringing Salvation Army's famous little bell for the "Red Kettle Campaign."

The first "Bells for Belles" took place Dec. 1 and continued this past Saturday. Community members signed up with the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) and took hour-long shifts either alone or with a club or cause.

"This past Saturday we had about twenty people participate in the bell ringing at the UP Mall, in front of Macy's," OCSE director Carrie Call said. As of Wednesday, there were 12 people signed up with one spot still open, she said.

So far the success of "Bells for Belles" has looked promising, Call said. She hopes that with the support she has received from the student body, the program will be able to continue to become an annual event.

"The response was very positive, so I hope to do it every year," Call said.

"Bells for Belles" is run entirely through OCSE, with no student organization, Call said. It is unaffiliated with any club on campus, she added. They are working specifically through the Salvation Army.

"The Salvation Army, an evan-

gelical part of the universal Christian church, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination since 1865," according to ringbells.org, the official Web site of the "Red Kettle Campaign."

After discovering how easy it is to sign up for the campaign, Call decided to make it available to the Saint Mary's community, she said.

"I thought that it would be an easy, fun way for us to help make a difference. Our students consistently look for ways to give back to the community, and this was a particularly easy one," Call said.

The "Red Kettle Campaign," is an important fundraiser for the Saint Mary's community to support, Call said. The campaign, which has been in existence since 1891, is the Salvation Army's "most prominent fundraiser," according to ringbells.org.

"The Red Kettle Christmas Campaign enables the Army to provide food, toys and clothing to over six million people during the Christmas season and helps more than 34 million Americans recovering from all kinds of personal disasters nationwide," the Web site said. It brought in over \$100 million in 2004.

"The Salvation Army depends on the Red Kettle campaign for

the bulk of their money raised for the year. I think it's important for us to support this as they do wonderful work in the community," Call said.

Another reason for Saint Mary's participation this year is exposure.

"It gets the faces of students, faculty and staff out into the community so people can see that we care about service as a college," she said.

Students participate for a variety of reasons — from clubs to dorm section events, Call said. Even College staff get involved. Saint Mary's Director of Institutional Research Jessica Ickes took a shift along with her husband, Call said.

Resident Assistant Jackie Rothschild took part of her section in Regina Hall to work an hour shift.

"We wanted to do a service project with the section," she said. "We had five girls come."

For junior Emily Tarnacki, it was a rewarding experience.

"I did it to get into the holiday spirit, and I thought it was for a good cause," she said. "I really enjoyed myself and everyone was friendly and generous. I would definitely do it again next year."

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*"I thought it would be an easy, fun way to make a difference."*

**Carrie Call**  
OCSE Director

# Foundation awards \$500,000 science grant

Special to The Observer

The National Science Foundation has recently acknowledged Notre Dame's growing influence as a resource for high school science teacher enrichment with a \$500,000 grant for continuing support of the Research Experience for Teachers (RET) program.

The three-year grant was awarded to Wolfgang Porod, Frank M. Freimann Professor of Electrical Engineering, and Alexander Hahn, professor of mathematics and director of the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, to support RET@ND.

As RET educators bring their summer experiences back to the classroom, they inspire a new, younger generation of potential scientists. The program addresses "a shortage of teachers and a shortage of students going into science and engineering," Porod said.

"A parallel motivation," Hahn added, "is to enhance the success of faculty in science, engineering and mathematics who seek to respond to the 'broader impact' criteria that so many grant applications include."

Grants from the National Science Foundation, in particular, increasingly demand that projects demonstrate this broader impact. RET@ND

establishes a structure of community outreach to educators.

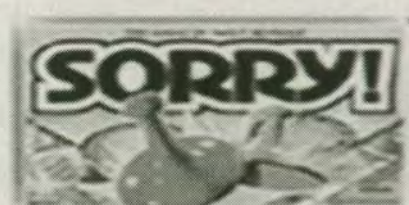
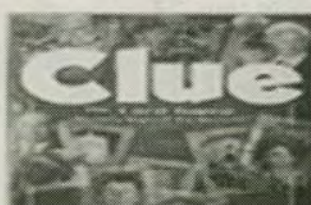
While on campus, RET teachers become both Notre Dame employees, who earn research stipends, and scholarship students, who earn tuition-free course credits.

Besides performing research side-by-side with some of Notre Dame's most accomplished scientists and engineers, RET teachers are asked to infuse their experience into their high school curricula. Nevin Longenecker, a celebrated Adams High School science teacher and noted supporter of high school-level laboratory research, is the liaison between RET@ND and the high school classroom experience.

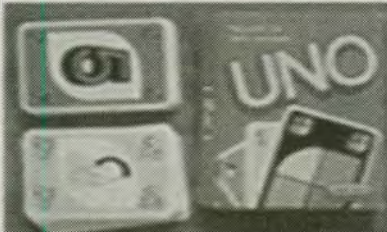
"Nevin knows how to transform discoveries made in the laboratory into classroom enriching elements," Hahn said.

The NSF grant specifically funds engineering RET activities. A parallel set of high school teachers receive stipends and credit for working in College of Science labs and mathematics workshops. Stipends for science and mathematics are supported by such sources as the College of Science, the Siemens Foundation, the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, and Teachers Credit Union.

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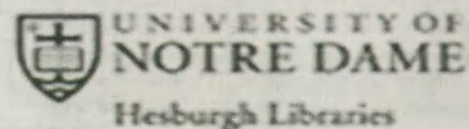
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## Faculty

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sion statement explains that "the Catholic identity of the University depends upon, and is nurtured by, the continuing presence of a predominant number of Catholic intellectuals."

The percentage of Notre Dame faculty who identify themselves as Catholics has dropped from approximately 64 percent in 1986 to approximately 53 percent in 2006, Burish told the committee.

Father Robert Sullivan, who chaired the committee, said the steady decrease in those numbers became the cause of widespread concern among the trustees, alumni and administrators charged with preserving the University's Catholic identity.

And if "persons of other faiths and none [within the faculty] contribute decisively to forging and advancing Notre Dame's identity," as the report said, then their concerns could be justified, said Sullivan, a history professor.

He said the 1968 book "The Academic Revolution," by sociologist David Riesman and Christopher Jencks, posed the theory that since universities compete for outstanding scholars and professors, the faculty that are in a strategic position to influence policies. In other words, the faculty really steer a university's course, the book says.

"If this book has any single message," Jencks and Riesman wrote, "it is that the academic profession increasingly determines the character of undergraduate education in America."

Sullivan said Riesman and Jencks visited Notre Dame while they were writing the book for their specific analysis of the faculty in Catholic schools.

"[Riesman and Jencks] determined that the only thing that could actually give a Catholic school a religious identity is having brothers, sisters and priests teaching and running the place."

But Notre Dame has changed a lot since Riesman and Jencks visited.

While the University's president is still a Holy Cross priest and many residence halls are run by priests and nuns, the percentage of Catholics in the faculty has eroded considerably.

"It was almost inevitable," Sullivan said. "As the University expanded, hiring could no longer be centralized in the Main Building, as it was during the [University President Emeritus Father Theodore] Hesburgh era."

He said each growing department and discipline began hiring professors as it deemed fit and some fields — like psychology and biology — slowly became secularized.

But the administration will put forth policies to fight that erosion of Catholic professors, including "indirect information gathering" techniques to identify Catholics in a pool of potential hires, the report said.

"Some committee members think it fair and helpful to use information available in the public domain... for evidence that an academic is or may be Catholic," the report said.

Some committee members, however, thought searching public sources for evidence of an academic's possible Catholicism

is "an improper intrusion on individual privacy."

So the report recommended all advertisements for faculty positions state that the University is especially interested in hiring "women, minorities and scholars interested in teaching at a Catholic university" as this kind of phrasing "invites individuals to self-identify as Catholics."

Moreover, the committee urged all schools and colleges at Notre Dame to ask potential hires during interviews, "How do you think you might contribute to the Catholics mission of the University?"

But before these recommendations become University policy, the Office of the Provost will continue to hear suggestions from the faculty on the report. Sullivan will accompany Burish when he

attends the Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday to hear its assessment of the faculty's reaction to the document.

During the Faculty Senate's meeting Nov. 7, Chair Colin Jessop, a physics professor, said he sensed disquiet among the faculty about the idea of hiring with religious affiliation in mind.

"The University is worried about the decline in the percentage of Catholic faculty members and the faculty members, in turn, are worried that in trying to rectify this situation, the University will move away from hiring solely on academic merit," Jessop said after the meeting.

He and the senators have spent the last month collecting feedback from the faculty on the report's recommendations to increase the number of Catholic professors, Jessop said Friday. But he couldn't comment on the content of the feedback because the Senate, the administration and the committee agreed to keep all discussions about the report confidential until January, when the Office of the Provost will be finished collecting suggestions from the faculty.

Sullivan and Executive Assistant to the Provost Brandon Roach also said they preferred not to comment on the report or the ongoing dialogue between the Office of the Provost and the faculty about the issue.

But Sullivan did say he expected many faculty members — especially those who are not Catholic — to be "scratching their heads, thinking, 'Is there a place for me here?'" after reading the report.

The document, however, through all of its recommendations, reiterated that "it is imperative that the University maintain an environment where faculty of other faiths and none are included as full members of the community."

But some of the report's recommendations might make achieving that goal complicated.

The report, for example, said the University "must of course" appoint leaders who believe in the necessity and value of Catholic hiring, both as deans

and chairpersons.

While Sullivan could not comment directly on that recommendation, he did say a person's religious affiliation "has no bearing in getting tenure or promoted to higher positions." But the people appointed to these positions, he said, should support the University's Catholic mission.

The report also suggests funding a program that would bring to campus more academics that combine their scholarly, scientific or artistic work with Catholicism as lecturers, short-term scholars-in-residence or as visiting professors.

"Departments that have identified multiple outstanding candidates might be permitted to make simultaneous offers for a given opening. This practice can

increase the probability of hiring Catholic faculty," the report said.

But the committee made it clear throughout the documents that any faculty recruited by these initiatives should not be perceived as academically inferior to other hires. Among qualified candidates and on a case-by-case basis, however, "mission fit may well be determinative" when hiring a new professor, the report said.

The report also expressed fears of misunderstandings and damaging rumors both within the University and outside about any distinctive policy of recruiting Catholics in all departments because of their Catholicism.

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# Notre Dame Football

## Annual Walk-On Tryouts

The Notre Dame Football Program will be holding walk-on tryouts at the beginning of the spring semester.

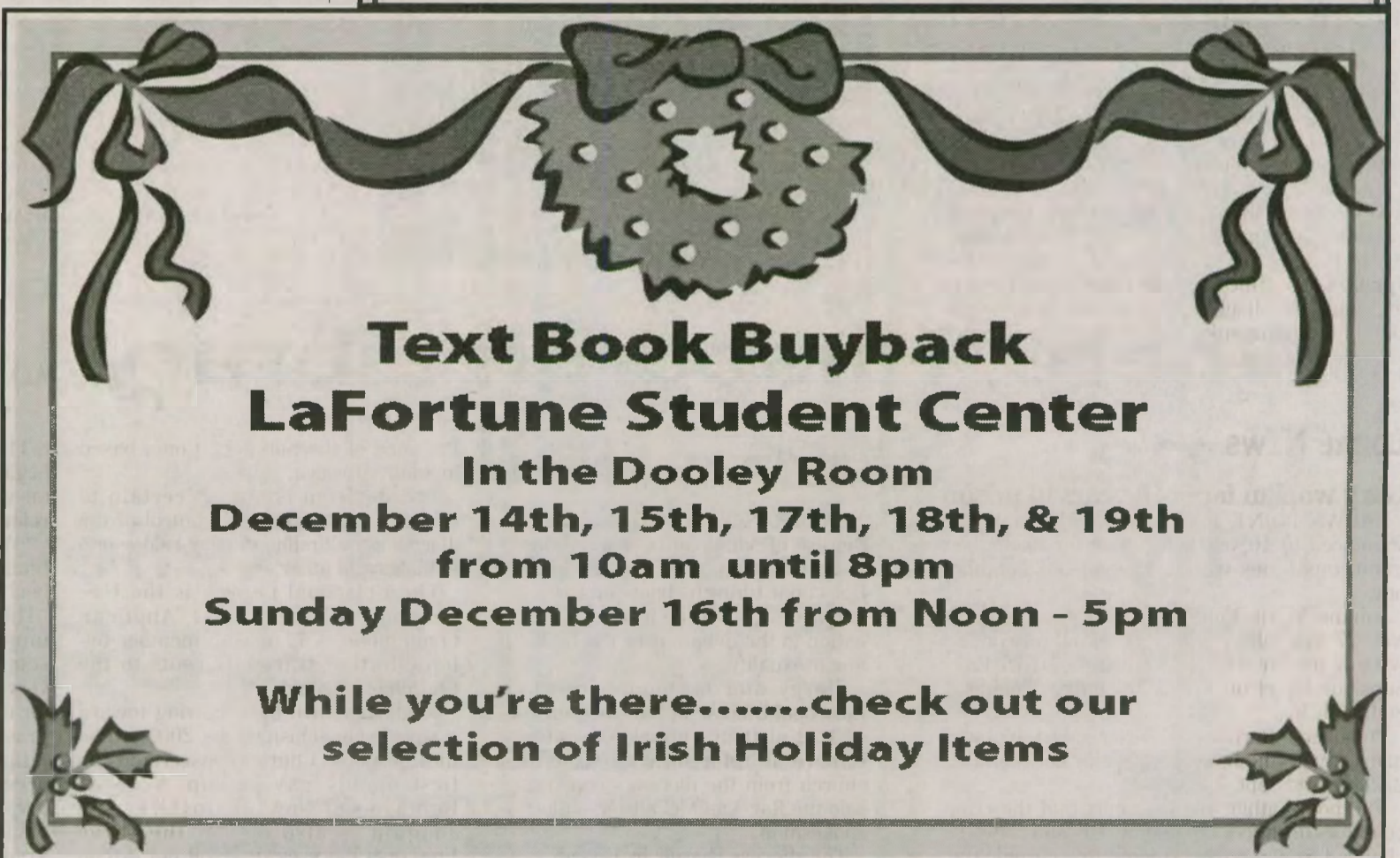
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Iraq prepares crackdown in province

BAGHDAD — Iraq's defense minister promised on Sunday to wage a new crackdown in a volatile province northeast of Baghdad where militants are trying to regroup after being routed from their urban stronghold there last summer.

Suicide attacks have killed more than 20 people in the last three days in Diyala province, a tribal patchwork of Sunni Arabs, Shiites and Kurds that stretches from Baghdad to the border with Iran.

Defense Minister Abdul-Qader al-Obeidi told The Associated Press that preparations had begun for a fresh military operation in the provincial capital, Baqouba, about 35 miles from Baghdad.

### Sharif party to participate in elections

ISLAMABAD — The party of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif announced Sunday that it would participate in Pakistan's parliamentary elections next month after failing to convince rival Benazir Bhutto to join a boycott.

Greater participation will make the balloting look more open, bolstering President Pervez Musharraf's democratic credentials, which took a hit over his Nov. 3 declaration of a state of emergency and his dismissal of independent-minded judges.

But having by the opposition in the field also will siphon votes and seats from Musharraf's party, weakening the U.S.-backed leader.

While some parties still say they won't participate in the Jan. 8 polls, the prospect of a general opposition boycott has now collapsed with decisions by the two largest opposition groups to field candidates.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### 6 killed in Colorado church shootings

ARVADA, Colo. — A gunman killed two staff members at a missionary training center early Sunday after being told he couldn't spend the night, and about 12 hours later four people were shot at a busy megachurch in Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs police Lt. Fletcher Howard said a suspect had been detained in the shootings at the New Life Church, but a source who was locked down at the church Sunday afternoon said a security guard had shot and killed the gunman. Authorities in Arvada, a Denver suburb about 65 miles north, said no one had been captured in the shootings there.

It was not immediately known whether the shootings were related, but Arvada authorities said they were sharing information with Colorado Springs investigators.

### Student arrested for threat of violence

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles police arrested a 21-year-old Loyola Marymount University student in connection with an online threat to shoot people on campus, officials said Saturday.

Police arrested Carlos Huerta, a senior at Loyola, for investigation of making criminal threats. Huerta was taken into custody on Saturday night near his apartment on campus.

Huerta is suspected of posting a message that he would shoot and kill as many people as possible on campus before being killed himself by police, authorities said. The threat appeared on Juicycampus.com, a chat board that describes itself as having the "simple mission of enabling online anonymous free speech on college campuses."

## LOCAL NEWS

### Gary woman faces 10 years in prison

CROWN POINT, Ind. — A Gary woman was sentenced to 10 years in prison for having sex numerous times with a 14-year-old neighbor boy.

Johana Marie Kalinowicz, 32, pleaded guilty Nov. 27 to a felony charge of sexual misconduct with a minor and was sentenced in Lake Superior Court on Friday by Judge Thomas P. Stefaniak Jr.

Prosecutor Bernard A. Carter said Kalinowicz had sex with the boy several times between Dec. 2, 2005, and Sept. 2, 2006.

The boy's father told the court that the crime continues to affect the family. His son, now 16, changed from a typical student to a chronic runaway who now is a ward of the state.

## SOUTH KOREA

# Thousands help clean up oil spill

Supertanker crash dumps 2.8 million gallons into sea off environmentally-rich beach

Associated Press

MALLIPO BEACH — Thousands of people mobilized by South Korea's Coast Guard used shovels and buckets Sunday to clean up a disastrous oil spill polluting a swathe of the country's scenic and environmentally rich western coast.

About 100 ships, including Coast Guard, navy and private fishing boats, were also to help contain and clean up South Korea's worst spill, said Coast Guard official Kim Young-hwan.

At total of 7,500 police, military, civil servants and volunteers struggled to remove the oil, some battling headaches, dizziness and nausea.

The oil started hitting beaches Saturday, a day after a Hong Kong-registered supertanker was slammed by a South Korean-owned barge that came unmoored from its tugboat in rough seas about seven miles off Mallipo, one of South Korea's best-known beaches. The area also includes a national maritime park.

On Saturday, tides of dark sea water crashed ashore at Mallipo beach, while the odor reached areas a half-mile away.

Kim Sun-seon, who works for an ocean clean-up business on South Korea's southeast coast, wore rubber gloves and a mask to cope with the strong smell.

"We don't know when we can finish this work," she said. "We have been shoveling oil since yesterday but the waves just keep bringing more oil. I feel dizzy."

Nearly 2.8 million gallons of crude gushed into the ocean, more than twice as much as in South Korea's worst previous spill in 1995.

Thick, smelly waves of crude washed ashore, turning seagulls black and threatening fish farms



The South Korean Coast Guard mobilizes a volunteer effort to clean up the country's worst oil spill in history. Nearly 2.8 million gallons of oil were dumped after a supertanker was hit Friday.

along an 11-mile stretch of coast, defying efforts to contain it by dropping oil fences into the ocean and using chemicals to break it up. Mats were placed on the beach to absorb the oil.

The Coast Guard said the last of three leaks in the tanker had been plugged Sunday morning.

Mallipo, an important stopover for migrating birds including snipe, mallards and great crested grebes, also has an abundant fishing industry.

Choi Kyung-hwan, a 58-year-old fisherman, came to the beach Sunday to help, but despaired for the area where he has lived for 30 years.

"Mallipo is finished," he said.

Choi, wearing a thick winter coat, said the strong odor of oil had sickened his wife.

"But I came here because I have to do something," he said. "I don't know when we can finish. But we have to continue."

Cho Yoo-soon, who runs a raw fish restaurant at Mallipo beach, 95 miles southwest of Seoul, said the situation was overwhelming. She said restaurants in the area were closing, and she could not pump fresh sea water into her tanks.

"Without fresh sea water, the fish will start going bad after a week," she said. "We can't even walk around here because the entire beach is covered with oil."

The affected areas include 181 maritime farms that produce abalone, brown seaweed, laver, littleneck clams and sea cucumbers, said Lee Seung-yop, an official with the Taean county government, which includes the beach. Aquatic farmers in the area number about 4,000, he said.

"A lot of damage is feared to these farms, although we don't have an estimate yet," Lee said Saturday.

Local raw fish restaurants such as Lee Ok-hwa's were suffering.

"I haven't had any customers since news of the oil spill Friday," said Lee, who had previously served 200 tourists and others a day.

# Diocese secedes from Episcopal Church

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The conservative Diocese of San Joaquin voted Saturday to split from the liberal-leaning Episcopal Church, becoming the first full diocese to secede from the denomination in the debate over the Bible and homosexuality.

Clergy and lay members of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin voted 173-22 at their annual convention to remove all references to the national church from the diocese's constitution, said the Rev. Van McCalister, a diocesan spokesman.

The diocese, based in Fresno, plans to align with the like-minded Anglican

Province of the Southern Cone, based in South America.

The decision is almost certain to spark a court fight over control of the diocese's multimillion-dollar real estate holdings and other assets.

The Episcopal Church is the U.S. member of the global Anglican Communion, a 77 million-member fellowship that traces its roots to the Church of England.

Anglicans have been moving toward a worldwide schism since 2003, when the Episcopal Church consecrated the first openly gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. San Joaquin is also one of the three Episcopal dioceses that will not ordain women.

The Episcopal rift over theology began decades ago and is now focused on whether the Bible condemns gay relationships.

"We have leadership in the Episcopal Church that has drastically and radically changed directions," McCalister said. "They have pulled the rug out from under us. They've started teaching something very different, something very new and novel, and it's impossible for us to follow a leadership that has so drastically reinvented itself."

Episcopal and Anglican advocates for accepting gay relationships say they are guided by biblical teachings on social justice and tolerance. Traditionalists believe that gay relationships violate Scripture.

# Service

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gration topic at the Notre Dame Forum Oct. 8.

"It was three students for every one we could accept," he said.

Despite the shortened winter break, Purcell said it will only affect the Holy Cross Mission in Education Seminar. One day was eliminated from the program so participants will not be able to spend as much time with Las Liagas, a tutoring program for public school children.

"Things are more condensed, so [students] will have less time with some of the non-profit, after-school programs with public school kids," he said.

In addition to tutoring, students on the Holy Cross Mission in Education Seminar will work with children at St. John Vianney Catholic School in Goodyear, Ariz., and will visit various outreach programs around Phoenix, such as a soup kitchen, a job-placement agency that serves the homeless and a program for pregnant women. Families of St. John Vianney Parish will host the students.

Students will also do outreach work in Urban Plunge, a 48-hour immersion program in various cities throughout the United States. Participants will learn about urban poverty by visiting service agencies, such as soup kitchens and halfway houses and by meeting with city residents.

Pishko said her Urban Plunge experience in Pittsburgh made her aware of all the help that is needed in U.S. cities. She was especially affected by Gwen's Girls, an agency that helps troubled girls in the area.

"It really was an eye-opener," she said. "I never really knew all of the service agencies that existed there."

While students in Urban Plunge engage in service outreach in the area, the 10 participants in Organizing, Power and Hope will meet with community leaders and learn how to organize resources to combat poverty and other social problems.

"We're learning from organi-

zations, pastors and leaders who do community organizing in Chicago," program director Jay Caponigro said.

Student Coordinator Stuart Mora emphasized that this program is not a service seminar, but an opportunity for students with service experience to learn how community leaders became involved with their line of work.

"The whole idea is broad-based community organization, which means drawing from all kinds of organizations and bringing them all together to work on common issues," Mora said.

The Border Issues Seminar also has a large educational component and its 10 participants will spend a week at Annunciation House, which is on the border of El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. According to Campus Ministry Intern Dan Allen, students will meet with "people who are thinking about making a new life in America or have tried or

failed," as well as with the U.S. Border Patrol. Allen hopes students will learn about both sides of the immigration debate. He also wants the experience to make immigration a personal issue for participants, instead of an abstract discussion topic.

"[Immigration] is an issue I think is very pressing in our country, and the human side of it doesn't get spoken about enough," he said.

To increase their understanding of the seminars, students will have readings and classroom sessions prior to their immersion experience and discuss social, political, economic and theological facets of the issues they will face.

"[Students will] get a face of what is poverty and be able to do an analysis around structural problems of poverty," he said.

Another goal of the seminars is for students to stay involved with service activities later in their lives. Pishko said she is considering the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) or Teach for America after graduation.

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# Lessons

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mass in the Anglican tradition, Smoyer said.

"In its original form, it consists of a series of seven Scripture readings, along with a variety of choral selections and carols for our assembly," she said. "At Saint Mary's, we have adapted that structure to meet our needs and created a candlelight service of prayer, readings, carols, choral selections and liturgical dance."

While deeply rooted in the Christmas tradition, "Lessons and Carols" also brings the College community together.

"It is an ecumenical celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons for Saint Mary's," Smoyer said. "We have the opportunity for sharing the mysteries of the seasons from a variety of readings both scriptural and other

sacred texts."

"Lessons and Carols" helps the community, by donating canned goods and money to the Sr. Maura Brannick Health Clinic on Chapin Street and Western Ave.

"We step back and celebrate together the closeness of our God to us in the midst of the busy end of the semester rush," Smoyer said.

The tradition of "Lessons and Carols" has remained unchanged for over 20 years, Smoyer said.

"Alumnae write back to [music director] Dr. Menk and I and describe how much they miss celebrating the season without Lessons and Carols and how treasured their memories are of that closing ritual," she said. "The singing of 'Silent Night,' the dancing and the candlelight seem to offer a healing energy that sustains well beyond the evening."

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# Latina

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for counsel to the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"I didn't know that this is one of the most coveted positions from the legal perspective in the U.S.," Hernández said.

She helped develop the 1980 Refugee Act, a law designed to admit refugees into the United States for humanitarian reasons that is still in effect today.

"Working in the public policy arena is a very important way to change the rules of the game," Hernández said.

While she loved her work in law, Hernández had a newfound desire to work at the grassroots

level and implement social change. After serving as president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), Hernández joined the California Community Foundation (CCF) as president and CEO in February 2004.

"Philanthropy is another tool to change the norms of society for the better," she said. "Last year, CCF gave \$245 million. Of that, we control \$25 million."

The foundation allocates funding to projects it believes will succeed, such as chartering new schools, funding emerging artists and helping new immigrants learn English.

"In this country, to be successful, you have to speak English. Period," Hernández said.

Beside raising funds, Hernández believes that identifying crucial community issues is an

essential part of the social change process.

Hernández expressed her hope to further engage the Church in her project for social change. She spoke warmly of the social activism of Cardinal Roger Mahoney, archbishop of Los Angeles, who has pressed for change on the immigration issue.

For Hernández, philanthropy is an essential part of Catholicism.

"It's about sharing, giving and taking care of your brother and sister. ... Philanthropy is about supporting human beings," she said. "My belief in social change is from the Ten Commandments. The basic tenets of Catholicism, the communal nature of our religion ... that's my life."

Hernández concluded by remarking on the process of social change.

"Win some, you lose some, remember: Social change is incremental and very slow," she said. "You have to be committed for the long run."

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*"Philanthropy is another tool to change the norms of society for the better."*

**Antonia Hernández**  
California Community Foundation  
President and CEO

# Skating

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hopes for the synchronized team this season.

"I hope we do well at Midwestern in Nashville in February and qualify to go to Nationals," Davis said. "We have to place in Midwestern for Nationals."

The synchronized skating team — one part of the club — is designed for skaters who have passed the juvenile moves in the field test, according to the stan-

dards of the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA). Some of these moves include the spoke pinwheel and backward line.

The synchronized team performs in competitions throughout the school year. It placed 11th in its first competition during the first weekend in December at the Dr. Porter competition.

The Dr. Porter competition allowed the synchronized skaters to have their performances judged. Also, they were given advice for their future competitions. The Nationals will take

place in Providence, R.I., later in the spring.

The three captains said that students interested in joining the club and possibly competing on the team don't need prior experience.

"You do not need previous skating ability, but it helps," Reinthaler said. "We have two girls this year who just started and they have really excelled. And if you want to be a part of the synchronized team you need to pass the juvenile moves in the field test."

While only composed of women, the team is always looking for male members to join, Davis said.

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*"Everyone had a lot of fun and that's what really matters."*

**Annie Davis**  
Saint Mary's senior



## STUDY TIME

### DeBartolo Hall

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Dec 13: 7am to 3:00am

Dec 16: 7am to 3:00am

Finals Week: Dec 14, 15, 17, 18, 19: Rooms available except when scheduled by the Registrar's office.

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Midnight Snacks available only during Study days.

See Building Support Personnel if you have specific needs: Room 103, 104.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Floor: 7:00am-12am

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Good Luck with Finals

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**MARKET RECAP**

**Stocks**

**Dow Jones** 13,625.58 +5.69

Up: 1,629 Same: 92 Down: 1,553 Composite Volume: 3,059,825,801

AMEX	2,402.01	-5.39
NASDAQ	2,706.16	-2.87
NYSE	10,023.58	-6.57
S&P 500	1,504.66	-2.68
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	15,884.29	-72.08
FTSE 100 (London)	6,554.90	+69.30

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECIEPTS (SPY)	-0.02	-0.03	150.91
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	+0.02	+0.01	52.33
COMCAST CP A (CMCSA)	-0.11	-0.02	18.28
FINANCIAL SEL SPDR (XLF)	-1.33	-0.42	31.20

**Treasuries**

10-YEAR NOTE	+3.05	+0.122	4.12
13-WEEK BILL	+2.03	-0.060	3.02
30-YEAR BOND	+2.37	+0.106	4.585
5-YEAR NOTE	+4.31	+0.145	3.508

**Commodities**

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-1.95	88.28
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-6.90	800.20
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.08	91.33

**Exchange Rates**

YEN	111.55
EURO	0.6828
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.0061
BRITISH POUND	0.4922

**IN BRIEF**

**Trade summit ends with no progress**

LISBON — The first summit between Europe and Africa in seven years came to an acrimonious end Sunday with leaders squabbling over human rights and no progress on a looming trade pact deadline.

Old divisions surfaced at the two-day summit as leaders swapped accusations over the crises in Zimbabwe and Darfur, and postcolonial tensions deepened over free trade deals.

The World Trade Organization has ruled that the EU's 30-year-old preferential trade agreement with Africa was unfair to other trading nations and violated international rules. New deals are meant to be finalized by Dec. 31.

Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade said most African leaders had rejected the European Union's free trade proposals, known as Economic Partnership Agreements, and wouldn't discuss them further.

The proposals "aren't in Africa's interest," Wade said in angry comments at a news conference.

**Increase in credit card debt reported**

WASHINGTON — Consumer borrowing rose in October at a slightly faster rate than the previous month as shoppers continued to depend on their credit cards to finance purchases.

The Federal Reserve reported Friday that consumer credit increased at an annual rate of 2.3 percent in October, faster than the 1.6 percent growth rate for September.

The gain reflected an acceleration in the growth of credit card debt which offset a second straight month of declines in the category of debt that includes auto loans.

Revolving credit, which includes credit card debt, increased at a rate of 8.3 percent in October following a gain of 6 percent in September and an even stronger pace of 10.6 percent in August.

Credit card debt has been surging in recent months as consumers have started borrowing more heavily on their credit cards now that home refinancings have slowed. That slowdown has reflected tighter bank lending conditions as a serious slump in housing has sent home prices falling and increased the level of mortgage defaults.

**VENEZUELA**

**Chavez launches regional bank**

Leaders view Bank of the South as a move toward financial independence

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES — Hugo Chavez and leaders of six other South American nations launched a regional development bank Sunday that the Venezuelan leader is touting as the continent's answer to U.S.-influenced international lenders.

With as much as \$7 billion in expected startup capital, backers say the Banco del Sur, or Bank of the South, will offer Latin American countries loans with fewer strings attached than those given by the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund or the Inter-American Development Bank.

The leaders signed the "founding act" at a ceremony at Argentina's presidential palace hosted by President Nestor Kirchner and his wife, president-elect Cristina Fernandez, who takes office Monday.

South American dignitaries and government officials cheered after the leaders signed the accord on a glass-topped table, backed by flags of their South American nations.

"This is the start of a historical moment," said Bolivian President Evo Morales, whose country is the continent's poorest.

He praised the bank as a new tool to fight poverty and ease inequalities and criticized what he characterized as heavy-handed lending practices of international lenders who demand austerity prescriptions as conditions for extending credit.

"Only strong and united can South America occupy its rightful place among nations," Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula



Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, left, talks with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, right, during a meeting Sunday to discuss the launching of a regional bank.

da Silva said. "This will be the first international bank truly controlled by the nations of our continent."

Earlier, Chavez said the bank is "aimed at freeing us from the chains of dependence and underdevelopment."

The institution is one of several far-reaching proposals under Chavez's ambitious call to unite Latin American countries in a "confederation of republics." His vision also includes a transcontin-

ental natural gas pipeline and trade alliances.

Critics note much remains to be determined about how the bank will operate and say it might turn out to be a largely symbolic project used by Chavez to spread his oil-financed influence.

But others call it a bold stroke for Latin America's financial independence.

"What you had in the past decade was the collapse of a very powerful creditors' cartel headed by the IMF," said Mark

Weisbrot of the Washington-based Center for Economic and Policy Research. "This is the first step in creating an alternative."

Finance ministers of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela will sit on the bank's board. Officials say it will dispense loans for projects from road-building to anti-poverty programs and regional integration plans such as cross-border rail lines.

**Fed considers another interest rate cut**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — What a difference in economic conditions since the Federal Reserve last met in October.

Credit has become harder to obtain, Wall Street has convulsed again and the housing slump has intensified. And policymakers at the central bank now appear to have changed their minds about the need to drop interest rates again.

Twice the Fed had cut rates this year and officials suggested in October that might be enough for the year to help the economy survive all that stress. Then the problems snowballed, leading Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke to sign that one more cut might be needed.

Analysts expect the Fed to trim its key rate, now at 4.5 percent, by one-quarter of a percentage point at the meeting Tuesday. Some even speculate about the possibility of a half-

point cut.

Banks, financial companies and other investors who made loans to people with spotty credit or put money into securities backed by those subprime mortgages have lost billions of dollars. Investors in the U.S. and abroad have grown more wary of buying new debt, thereby aggravating the credit crunch.

All this has added to the turmoil on Wall Street, and Bernanke and other Fed officials say they must take it into account when deciding their next move.

But does lowering rates mean the Fed essentially is bailing out investors or encouraging more sloppy decision-making? In other words, what exactly is the Fed's job?

Bernanke and other Fed officials say it is to make policy that keeps the economy growing and inflation low, a stable climate that benefits individuals, businesses and investors. The Fed also has a responsibility to

ensure the banking system is sound and financial markets run smoothly.

"There is a link between Wall Street and Main Street. The Fed is taking the right actions, but they should be careful," said Victor Li, an economics professor at the Villanova School of Business.

The fear among economists is that the negative forces rattling investors could spread, forcing consumers and businesses to restrain spending and investment. While the odds of a recession have grown, Fed officials, the Bush administration and most economists are hopeful the country can tackle the problems and avoid that fate.

"The Federal Reserve is following the evolution of financial conditions carefully, with particular attention to the question of how strains in financial markets might affect the broader economy," Bernanke said in a recent speech where he opened the door to a further rate cut.

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## U-WIRE

# Affordable and thoughtful gifts not mutually exclusive

Everybody wants something particular for Christmas. There's always that one gift that will make a person's holiday just perfect, no matter what happens.

If you're the sort of person who goes out of your way to find that gift, this article isn't for you.

Some of us, however, are just average college students. "It's the thought that counts" is more of a lifeline than a saying when it comes to buying your friends gifts. When you barely have money to get a sandwich, how are you supposed to make everybody on the Christmas list happy?

Fortunately, people have been dodging the expensive-gift bullet for years, and now their expertise can be passed to you.

The macaroni necklace: This one is highly useful because if you replace the word "macaroni" with "diamond," you realize the only difference between noodles and diamonds is tightly-bonded carbon.

And aren't we sick of carbon? Isn't it part of carbon dioxide? That means the same thing costing \$900 to put on a chain and wear on your neck is slowly boiling the Earth.

This is a perfect gift for your significant other because it costs about \$3 to make, but it shows you really care.

Granted, you only cared enough to put some noodles on a string, but if you give it in a really romantic way — or if your significant other is a 3-year-old — then you'll still get a good response.

If all else fails, you can take the noodles off the string and cook them.

Somebody else's clothes: Let's not mince words — clothes from Goodwill rule. Some of the coolest shirts I've ever owned were bought for two dollars in the T-shirt section of a Goodwill. You'll find a wonderful cross-section of retro T-shirts, creepy trench coats and extravagantly cheap dresses. And the best part is the most expensive thing in the store is a couch that costs \$75.

Just imagine what you could come up with if you look really hard. A DVD costs about \$20 anywhere else, but that could buy you 10 awesome T-shirts at Goodwill! And washing a DVD doesn't mean it's as good the second time.

Inside jokes: This one is incredibly easy, and you can even make it up completely off the top of your head. If you

already have a long-standing inside joke with somebody, the job is half done. If not, go to your friend's room/house/cave right now, make some obscure reference and hope like hell he or she finds it funny.

Once you have a suitable joke, find a cheap way to represent it. If it's about a person or place, find a picture and print it out.

After that, the choice is yours. You could put it on a T-shirt, but buying iron-ons is dangerously expensive behavior. Or you could simply wrap a \$10 gift card in paper made of the picture and call it a day.

If the joke is about an object, it's even easier. Either find the object in question and box it up or, if it's too big or expensive, make a scale model. This can be done hastily and poorly, and then you can later blame your lackluster art on fits of giggles because the joke is just so funny, and you knew they'd love it.

Gift cards: This one is fairly self-explanatory. Everyone knows there is maybe one thing in Best Buy that costs less than \$10, but everyone is still thrilled to have a \$10 gift card from there. Gift cards are great because they pack a lot of meaning into a little bit of effort.

You're basically giving them money, but because that would be tacky as a Christmas gift, you go further and deny them the option of going anywhere but a place of your choice. Be it a restaurant or store, you get to choose where they spend it, and that means that you cared enough to choose where they want to go.

If all else fails, there's one more.

Used DVD's: Used DVD's are cheap. This also applies to video games, CD's and books. If you can find the right store, you can get an incredible amount of stuff for a small amount of money.

I recommend Acme Comics. One year I went there for my brother's birthday and I got him a movie, a video game and a comic book for \$11. I watched the movie more times than he did, stole the comic book and sold the video game to buy an Xbox, but that's beside the point.

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# Victory for socialism

With the defeat of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's sweeping referendum, many are proclaiming a victory of democracy over socialism, freedom over totalitarianism and autocratic government.

I would like to defend the notion that Chavez's referendum defeat is actually a victory for socialism, rather than a defeat. This will provide us with several lessons about socialism.

Socialism is meant to introduce the apparatus for communism, which is the most difficult of any modern political task because communism is politics without a state. Chavez lost sight of this goal of holding socialism to be a medium for ridding politics of the intervention of bureaucracies and states.

Of course, thinking of politics without a state seems to be entirely counterintuitive. I would argue that this is actually the most important aspect of the challenge of socialism and communism: It will necessarily challenge our thinking about our own politics by conceiving of tactical measures to rid politics of the state.

This brings us to our second lesson. Socialism is not opposed to freedom. Socialism, as a conduit for communism, is meant to be one particular development or strand of freedom. Usually, in light of its developments in the 20th century,

socialism is equated with totalitarianism and a state economy, in contrast to the freedom of democracy and some sort of market economy. This line of thought is mistaken, however. Freedom is not limited to one type of regime and one type of economy.

Socialism is not limited to totalitarianism and state economies. To equate socialism with those functions is to simply equate socialism with one aspect of its political thrust, and forget that it serves a radical function of moving politics away from the state.

Chavez's defeat is a victory for socialism because it refrains him from developing economic reforms alongside increased bureaucratic developments, especially term limits.

Socialism should not be equated with totalitarianism, and opposed to freedom, because the tasks of socialism are ultimately oriented away from the state, and the totality of the state.

Our final lesson? As soon as we make the leap to equating one regime type with freedom and democracy, we will equally find ourselves en route to totalitarianism.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Preachers in pulpits talked about what a great message is in the book. No matter what you do, somebody always imputes meaning into your books."*

Theodor Seuss Geisel  
author

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"I wonder whether they have rum and Coke in Heaven? Maybe it's too mundane a pleasure, but I hope so — as a sundowner. Except, of course, the sun never goes down there. Oh, man, this heaven is going to take some getting used to."*

Desmond Tutu  
political activist



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Fight for underprivileged at Notre Dame

I was shocked to read Donna Bromeling's Letter to the Editor ("Custodial staff deserves fair treatment," Dec. 4) in which she detailed her plight as a custodial staff employee, who claimed that she has been unfairly compensated and experienced contempt from her supervisors. With her letter, she helped put a face on the working poor among us here at Notre Dame.

Last fall, I was excited to hear influential public officials tackle immigration issues at the annual forum, but now I worry that Americans, and indeed even our Notre Dame community, will ignore legal citizens who work hard and follow the rules. I believe that as Catholics, we have a moral obligation to advocate social justice and help those in need, just as Jesus taught us to "feed the hungry and clothe the

naked." Furthermore, Catholic social teachings have long upheld the value of human dignity, which demands a "fair day's wage for a fair day's labor." This in turn then, implies that we, as students, faculty, and staff, who fulfill our own job requirements should be paid a "fair day's wage." I would argue that a fair day's wage should at the very least be enough for a laborer to remain above the federal poverty level or at least enough to secure the basic necessities of life, including food, shelter, clothing, and health-care.

Our Notre Dame leaders challenge us with the question "What would you fight for?" After considering Bromeling's concerns, I urge university officials and students to fight for human dignity and fair wages.

Specifically, I urge the university, at large, to carefully examine the plight of our own working poor and then strive to be a model for the world in providing "fair wages" to each human being that allows them to flourish in the society with dignity and pride for the work that they perform. How can we as future leaders from Notre Dame expect to enact significant changes in the surrounding world unless we first address the needs of our own workers and poor here at Notre Dame?

Christopher Douville  
 freshman  
 Stanford Hall  
 Dec. 6

## Keep 'X' in X-mas

Spend tuition dollars on something else

Dear Bill Kirk,  
 Have a merry X-mas.  
 Sincerely, every Notre Dame student who is happy to see our tuition dollars spent to fund University employees and their frivolous pursuits.

Conor Bindner  
 sophomore  
 Sorin College  
 Dec. 8

### Ppl need abbrevs

Last Fri., most coeds opened The Observer thinking TGIF, but instead they read 'bout Bill Kirk's assault on abbrev's and acronyms. The VP of Res Life, whose first name, job title, and department are all abbrevs, thinks its no prob to keep saying full words and phrases. He claims to want to "keep Christ in Christmas," but if you ask us, that's just TMI.

W/out abbrevs, humans would spend an x-tra 200 mins speaking each day, fo' sho decreasing our productivity and lowering our GPAs. Our 'rents didn't send us all the way out to SB, Ind. to attend ND and not learn how to max our time. (FYI, we think this is a BFD and this is not a jk.) This unprovoked aggression on the part of Res Life is def not adding anything to the ND fam. Maybs u think its NBD and we should MOOB, but this is a slippery slope and we need to take a stand now, not L8r. What's next, the end of contractions as we know them? Summaries, synopses, movie previews, and Cliff-notes are all in danger.

IDK 'bout u, but we're not going to just sit back and say whatevs as all forms of literary and verbal efficiency are lost. Obvi, we can't fix this prob alone, and we need you ppl to help out. If you feel ur life would be worse w/out watching TRI, with your BFF while u both LMAO and LOL, then keep the X in X-mas this year. OK, G2G. Late. XO XO.

El Bradley, Chris "X-opher" Ragni  
 seniors  
 off campus  
 Dec. 7

### U-WIRE

## Facebook does not have your back

Facebook's alarming rise to prominence has already reached mythic proportions. In the world of technology, Facebook's story is told with a "Sword in the Stone" type of esteem, the same way one might embellish a story about the time they had sex with two roommates in one night.

Launched in early 2004 by Harvard sophomore Mark Zuckerberg and his three roommates, the site had 100,000 users by June of that year and, as of this November, claims to have over 50 million members. Its numbers catapulted when it altered the registration condition requiring users to have a school e-mail address to access the site. Beforehand, having a Facebook account meant having a bit of pride. Users had gotten into college and as a reward they had this online community where they could interact with other sophisticates devoid of the distraction of those undereducated brutes who plague the web. Facebook's opening to the public was a source of minor outrage, mostly directed at the fact that high school kids could now access the hallowed site.

The first change that threw the Facebook community into real turmoil was the introduction of the vaunted news feed. This feature compiled all moves made by its users and announced them for all to see on their friends' homepages. People reacted like Facebook had started typing up their diary and sending it to their friends. It felt like Facebook was trying to teach a course in Stalking 101. The problem was that Zuckerberg didn't phase in this new development by letting users choose what is displayed; he just threw up the new feature. This resulted in a backlash that was, presumably, unexpected. Or maybe it was expected. Maybe he was just taking the same approach that my landlords did when we moved into our apartment and found that our rug smelled like it had been used as a sewage transfer station. Sure, they knew about the smell — I think people three towns over knew about it — but they didn't replace it until we complained.

When Facebookers complained, Zuckerberg quickly made the needed changes, installing a privacy control and issuing a swift and genuine-sounding apology. He defended the news feed as a tool with endless beneficial possibilities, but said that users should have the ability to control what was displayed. Everyone accepted his apology and actually quickly accepted the news feed because, well, everyone kind of likes to stalk their friends.

Facebook apparently learned from its mistakes, and its next significant augmentation — applications — was a feature that users had to agree to use before installing. These independently-developed programs can be loaded onto a person's profile and range from various games to a declaration of fanhood for a team; there's even an application where users can anonymously disclose secrets. I'm sure the "Dirty Rumor" and "Embarrassing Childhood Story" applications are in the works. Or maybe there'll just be a feature where parents can upload pictures of their young kid naked in the bathtub.

Alex Schaefer

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Now it seems Facebook is back to its old tricks, although this time it was much more subtle. At the beginning of November, Facebook launched a new feature called Beacon. Many probably haven't heard of it because it was not an optional application, nor was it a visible one.

When a computer visits a webpage it downloads "cookies" from that particular site. Facebook's cookies are not warm and soft. Rather, they communicate with a third-party site that tracks all of the members' personal online movements (purchases, tastes, preferences) on about 40 other partner sites, and sends that information back to Facebook — which uses this data to tailor its advertisements to appeal to each particular user. Also, until recently, it put the users' online purchases into the news feed. A person could have bought something on eBay, in a completely separate transaction, and had it announced on the site.

The reason Facebook is such a progressive and influential site is not because of its advancements in social networking but because of its advancements in the field of marketing. One of marketing's main hurdles is reaching the target audience; it is a constant struggle and there is always collateral damage. Anti-marijuana ads aimed at dissuading current smokers inevitably cause some curious children to ask their parents what this weird, forbidden, Mexican-sounding substance is. With Facebook, a company can be absolutely sure about who is seeing their ad because of the individual nature of the site.

Most people didn't even know the Beacon controversy was occurring. Obviously, it caused a minor outrage among those in the know. A petition was started, letters were written and finally Zuckerberg issued an apology, making the necessary changes; he switched Beacon to an opt-in program rather than an opt-out service.

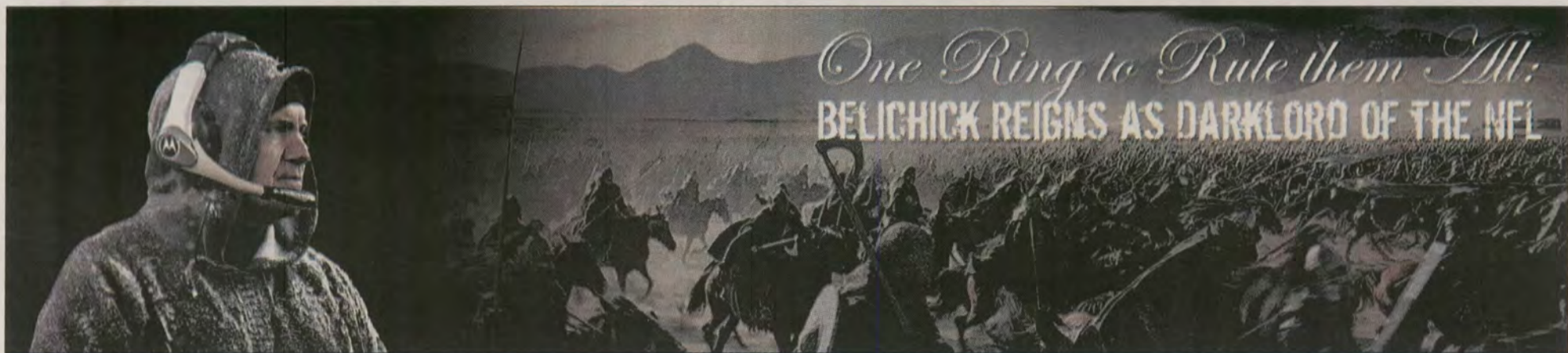
While the apology again quelled the mob, the bravado with which Zuckerberg has marched around Silicon Valley is remarkable. Facebook's strategy now appears to be one of arrogantly confident risk. The site has become such an addiction that people are primed to forgive it, no matter how far it pushes the limits — as long as Facebook rectifies the mistake.

Facebook, like most other websites, is designed so people will spend as much time as possible on the site. It really is an advertiser's dream. The concern with Facebook, and the thing to keep in mind, is that it does not have its user's interests at heart. It doesn't. It is truly and utterly motivated by the business of the Internet. It's the same reason that companies can pay a fee to look at prospective employees' profiles and check their Facebook history. If it was really a network devoted to college students then this would not occur. I'm not saying this is necessarily a bad thing. For lack of a better expression, this is just how the world works. Just remember, Facebook is not your friend.

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"In the land of Mordor, in the fires of Mount Doom, the Dark Lord Sauron forged in secret, a master ring, to control all others. And into this ring he poured all his cruelty, his malice and his will to dominate all life. One ring to rule them all. One by one, the free peoples of Middle Earth fell to the power of the Ring. But there were some who resisted."

**Tae Andrews**

*Scene Editor*

Watching this year's NFL season has been very much akin to watching the critically-acclaimed "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. The New England Patriots head coach, like the Dark Lord Sauron, has consumed himself with a burning need for a ring. Perhaps not the One Ring of Power, but some might argue, an even more important piece of hardware: the NFL Championship ring.

He's had it before. And now he wants it back.

Belichick's Gollum-like obsession for that most coveted of rings, yet another Super Bowl Championship, has spurred the Patriots to a perfect 13-0 record and restored their status as the bullies of the NFL. With each touchdown they score, the FOX NFL theme swells, and we see Tom Brady, Randy Moss and Co.

high-fiving, trash-talking and generally putting down the rest of the league.

It's not just that they've won; it's how they've won. The Patriots have destroyed nearly everyone on the slate, running up the score, going for it on fourth down with massive leads and generally disrespecting every hapless squad they've encountered, leaving a wake of battered and broken football teams. The Patriots have won with swagger and sneer. Their sheer hate factor is off the charts.

Unlike the true patriots from which New England derives its name, who spent much of the Revolutionary War using guerilla tactics to defeat the greater numbers of the imperial British, these modern-day Patriots are the decided favorites in every game they play. In the past offseason, they paired all-world quarterback Tom Brady with all-universe wide receiver Randy Moss, a combination that has led to an offensive juggernaut of epic proportions.

Having the Brady-to-Moss aerial bomb seems about as fair as having the dreaded Nine Riders — the Nazgul — hop aboard their dragon-like steeds and plunge down upon their hapless foes, leaving them only death and despair.

Then again, fair has nothing to do

with it. The outcome of next week's game against my beloved Jets already looks grim, due to the fact that the CameraGate scandal took place in week one during the New York-New England matchup. Can you say, "revenge game?"

League officials caught the Patriots using cameras to tape opposing teams' signals. The Patriots paid a heavy price for their indiscretion (to the tune of a half-million dollar fine for Belichick alone and another \$250,000 for the team, plus the loss of its first-round draft pick in this year's draft), but the rest of the NFL may have paid a price far greater. By imposing the penalties on the Pats, the league incurred the wrath of the Beasts of the Northeast.

The Patriots have three remaining games in their pursuit of season-long perfection against the New York Jets, Miami Dolphins and New York Giants, all decidedly Hobbit-sized underdogs. Of the three contests, two take place within the frigid (and therefore cozy) confines of Gillette Stadium, New England's home turf.

Unfortunately, no matter how hard it is to watch, it appears as though Bill Belichick and his many sweatshirts will strut their way to yet another NFL Championship and an undefeated sea-

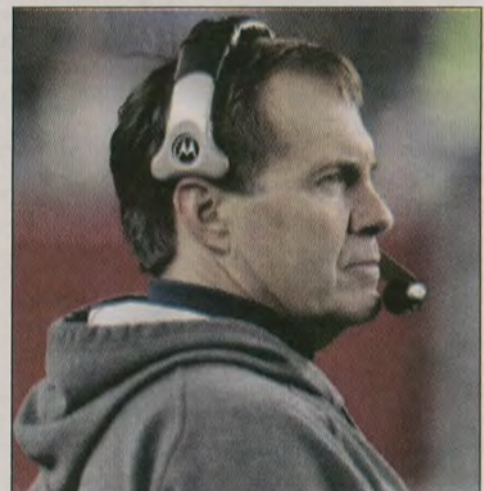


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**New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick has dominated this season.**

son with relatively few obstacles. Abandon hope, all ye who watch here: Unlike "Lord of the Rings," there will be no happy ending to this season. There is no hope for Mid-Earth.

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## BET BLACKBUSTER series draws new viewers



Imagine this: You're in a dorm room and you're flipping through the school's provided cable channels (sorry, no HBO here). In continuing the full sweep, you pass channel No. 75.

For most people that live on campus, which is also indicative of the student body here, channel number 75 is either skipped or stopped on as a source of amusement. The channel in question is none other than Black Entertainment Television, or BET.

BET is the destination for people looking to get their fix of misogynistic rap music, rehashed MTV reject shows with all-Black casts — "College Hill," I'm looking at you — and dating shows featuring midget devils. I'm convinced that Keenan Ivory Wayans owns stock in the channel, because it's one-stop shopping for both "In Living Color" and "The Wayans Bros."

Other staples of the channel include "106 & Park," "Rap City" and former UPN shows that have been canceled or are currently available in syndication. And yes, I'm crossing my fingers in hopes that "Malcolm & Eddie" is added to the rotation.

However, I haven't mentioned the true "diamond in the rough" of BET. That,

my friends, is the BET Blackbuster Movie of the Week. Yes, you read me right: "Black" buster.

Once a week, preferably late at night on the weekends, the program directors over at headquarters dig through a crate of bootleg VHS tapes and find a different movie to show.

These vary from cinematic classics like "Poetic Justice" and "Holiday Heart," to gangsta flicks like "Boyz n Da Hood" and "Menace to Society," to spoofs like "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka" and "Don't Be A Menace To South Central While Drinking Your Juice In The Hood" — yes, that's the full title — and even the "straight to barbershop" smashes like "3 Strikes" and "I Got The Hook Up."

My personal favorite is a tie between "Baller Blockin'" and "Hot Boyz," from the "Cash Money" and "No Limit" glory days. There's just something about New Orleans rappers trying to do serious films, with plots only using one camera, that I find amusing. I'm convinced that Silkk the Shocker should have won an award for his captivating performance in "Hot Boyz."

*For those of you who have never had the pleasure of watching one of the movies that I've listed, I strongly urge you to do yourself the favor.*

"Baller Blockin'," serious film that it is, is only 50 minutes long and ends with the classic "To Be Continued" motif. Needless to say, seven years later there still hasn't been a sequel, but I will be first in line to buy a ticket when there is.

The newest Blackbuster movie is "The American Dream," starring the one and only Mike Jones. The movie is about an aspiring Houston rapper and the trials and tribulations that occur during his quest for fame and stardom.

Sound familiar to anybody? During the movie, which was obviously filmed at the rapper's house or some other low-budget locale, the viewer is drawn in for the same reason most people watch trashy TV: because the girls look good.

But I have digressed. For those of you who have never had the pleasure of watching one of the movies that I've listed, I strongly urge you to do yourself the favor. Although not all will be "Ride or Die" starring Duane Martin and Jadakiss, occasionally you'll have an enjoyable, fulfilling film experience. And remember, all of these big name actors have to start some-



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**Silkk the Shocker stars in "Hot Boyz," a BET Blackbuster Movie of the Week.**

where. If Wanda from "In Living Color" can get an Oscar, you never know what's around the corner.

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In the new film "The Golden Compass," the power of the evil Magisterium is rising. Only the holder of the golden compass can save humanity from its crushing grasp.

Based on British author Philip Pullman's eponymous novel, the first in the "His Dark Materials" trilogy, "The Golden

**Analise Lipari**  
Assistant Scene Editor

Compass" is the No. 1 film at the box office. With the rise of fantasy filmmaking in recent years, it seems likely that that trend will continue with director Chris Weitz' new fantasy epic.

Lyra Belacqua (13-year old newcomer Dakota Blue Richards) is the young heroine at the center of Pullman's novel, a quiet girl who holds the mythic golden compass. Lyra uncovers the mystery of the Dust, the source of man's original sin, while encountering Mrs. Coulter (Nicole Kidman) and the underlings of the oppressive Magisterium.

In a world inhabited by shape-shifting soul creatures called daemons, armored beasts and even James Bond — both Daniel Craig and his leading lady, Eva Green, appear in the film — Lyra must resist the Magesterium and fight for the freedom of the world.

Written as something of a response to C.S. Lewis' Christian book series "The Chronicles of Narnia," Pullman's trilogy has garnered much praise from critics who cite the books' philosophical underpinnings as more sophisticated fare than the usual young adult novel. Secular groups and die-hard fans of the fantasy novels have criticized New Line Cinema and Weitz' decision to water down these themes in the movie for a more mainstream audience.

The strongest opposition to the film isn't coming from Comic-Con-goers, however, but from their parents.

Groups like the Catholic League (which is not officially tied to the Catholic Church) and others are speaking out against "The Golden Compass" for what they see as the film's assault on Christian beliefs. The original novel voices opposition to the type of power abuse that the Church has employed in its history, with an explicitly clear anti-establishment message in its epic final battle. It seems logical to think that similar ideas will surface in a film version whose advertising campaign is clearly targeted

at fans of the "Lord of the Rings" films and the "Harry Potter" series.

The question at the debate's center is whether or not the "kids are all right." "My parents read me the books when I was nine," Richards said in an interview with Entertainment Weekly, "and I fell in love with them. I really didn't notice the religious themes back then."

It was only during filming, Richards said later, that Pullman's anti-establishment themes made her think of organized religion at all.

If the books do aim to dismantle Christianity, the Church and the Almighty Himself, like Catholic League president Bill Donahue and others allege, then the kids will definitely not be all right. These groups target Weitz' film for glorifying what they see as Pullman's atheist agenda, as well as New Line for marketing the film as it would with "Harry Potter" or other children's fare.

The problem with this movement, though, isn't the film: It's the ignorance of the protest.

Yes, Pullman is an atheist. Yes, his books discuss complex philosophies, and yes, they also criticize organized religion and the historic abuses of the Church. But even the Catholic News Service, which gave the film a positive review, acknowledges that Christians don't need to fear the questions that Pullman's novels and Weitz' subsequent film have raised.

If anything, a film like "The Golden Compass" is something to embrace. It's a chance for constructive dialogue and debate about the beliefs we might take for granted. The world questions and challenges the beliefs we hold, whatever they are, every day. If history is any indication, backing away from those challenges is a misguided effort that can only keep your mind closed — an aim that, to Pullman, opposes the heart of "His Dark Materials."

"I don't think they promote anything," Pullman told Entertainment Weekly, "except the good qualities of kindness, courage, curiosity, open-mindedness."

In the end, "The Golden Compass" is really asking moviegoers to find the answers themselves.

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Lyra Belacqua (Dakota Blue Richards) examines the mysterious golden compass in New Line's new film. "The Golden Compass" has faced criticism for its content.

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NFL

# Patriots stay perfect at 13-0 with rout of Steelers

Romo's last-second touchdown to Witten thwarts Lions upset attempt; Giants edge Eagles as Akers misses late FG

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Patriots are dominant once more. And still unbeaten.

Tom Brady threw four touchdown passes, shattering Steelers safety Anthony Smith's guarantee of a victory. Randy Moss caught two of them and New England crushed Pittsburgh 34-13 on Sunday.

The lopsided victory against the NFL's stingiest defense followed a two-game struggle in which the Patriots (13-0) needed late comebacks to beat teams with losing records, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

They had a short week to prepare for the Steelers (9-4) after beating the Ravens on Monday night on a touchdown with 44 seconds left.

Still, the Patriots became the fifth team with a 13-0 record, joining the 1934 Chicago Bears, 1972 Miami Dolphins, 1998 Denver Broncos and 2005 Indianapolis Colts. They can become the first team since the 1972 Dolphins to finish a regular season undefeated; those Dolphins were 14-0, then won three postseason games for the NFL's only perfect season.

The victory clinched a first-round playoff bye, and the Patriots should be big favorites to take a 15-0 record into their season finale at the New York

Giants.

The Steelers would have clinched a playoff berth with a victory, but still lead the AFC North.

Brady is four scoring passes shy of Peyton Manning's record of 49 set in 2004 and moved ahead of Dan Marino's 44 in 1986 into third place. Marino holds the second spot with 48.

Moss caught touchdown passes of 4 and 63 yards in a span of 1:59 midway through the first half and has 19 to move into second place for a season. Jerry Rice's record of 22 is in sight.

Brady also threw scoring passes of 56 yards to Jabar Gaffney and 2 yards to Wes Welker.

It was a beating like so many of those the Patriots handed out in their first 10 games, when their average victory margin was 25.4 points.

There may have been extra satisfaction because Smith was burned on both long touchdown passes.

Just before the 2-minute warning at the end of the game, the fans began chanting "Guarantee!" to mock Smith, whose picture was shown on the scoreboard.

The Steelers were unlikely victims. They started the day allowing just 12.9 points per game with only one reception of more than 40 yards. The Patriots had two catches of over 50.

Both of them put Smith in the spotlight, as he had been on Wednesday when he guaranteed a Pittsburgh victory.

On the 63-yard touchdown to Moss, Smith took a few steps forward and Moss flew by him and had at least a 10-yard edge on Smith when he caught the ball. Then came a strange play in which Moss was the middleman.

### Cowboy 28, Lions 27

Tony Romo and Jason Witten put mistakes behind them well enough to connect on a game-winning touchdown that gave the Dallas Cowboys the NFC East title.

Romo threw a 16-yard pass to Witten with 18 seconds left, lifting Dallas to a win over deflated Detroit on Sunday.

The quarterback fumbled near midfield on the drive and the bouncing football was recovered by a teammate after going through a linebacker's hands. The tight end lost the football on the previous possession, less than 1 yard from a go-ahead score.

"I was excited to have the ball back after thinking I lost the game for us," said Witten, who set a franchise record with 15 receptions and a career-high with 138 yards receiving.

Dallas (12-1) clinched the NFC East for the first time since 1998 and moved a step closer to earning home-field advantage in the conference playoffs.

"It's important for us to win our division so that we can play at home," said coach Wade Phillips, sporting a white championship hat and T-shirt. "We're going to play at least one game at home. We're now going to try and get a bye and also get home field."

The Lions (6-7) are left wondering why their season fell apart after winning six of their first eight games, creating a positive buzz for the first time since Matt Millen took charge of the once-mediocre franchise in 2001.

After losing five straight, they officially can't live up to quarterback Jon Kitna's expectations of a 10-win season.

The latest loss delayed the inevitable, though. The Lions would've had trouble reaching the goal with a closing stretch that includes road games against San Diego and Green Bay, along with a home game versus Kansas City.

Detroit put up a fight as a double-digit underdog, but that wasn't enough to satisfy offensive



Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo celebrates Sunday after a late touchdown pass in Dallas' 28-27 win over the Lions.

tackle Damien Woody.

### Giants 16, Eagles 13

A dejected David Akers buried his head in his hands while the New York Giants celebrated all around him.

It was the other way around the last time these teams met here.

Eli Manning threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress, Lawrence Tynes made three short field goals and the Giants moved closer toward clinching a playoff spot with a 16-13 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

Akers hit the right upright on a 57-yard attempt with one second left after Donovan McNabb drove the Eagles 50 yards in the final minute.

Last January, Akers kicked a 38-yarder with no time remaining to give Philly a victory over New York in a wild-card playoff game. He was trying to tie his career-long kick.

Now the Giants (9-4) have all but eliminated the Eagles from playoff contention with their sixth consecutive win on the road. New York is almost locked into the No. 5 seed in the conference with three games left.

"We're playing pretty well on the road," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "We hang together. We battle. We believe in each other. We believe that we can find a way to win and we never stop playing. We have good heart. It's not always pretty, but

some how, some way we scratch and find a way."

The defending NFC East champion Eagles (5-8) can start looking ahead to next year following their third straight loss and fifth loss by four points or less.

McNabb hadn't played since spraining his right ankle in the second quarter against Miami on Nov. 18. A.J. Feeley led the Eagles to a win over the Dolphins, but threw costly interceptions in the final minutes of losses to New England and Seattle.

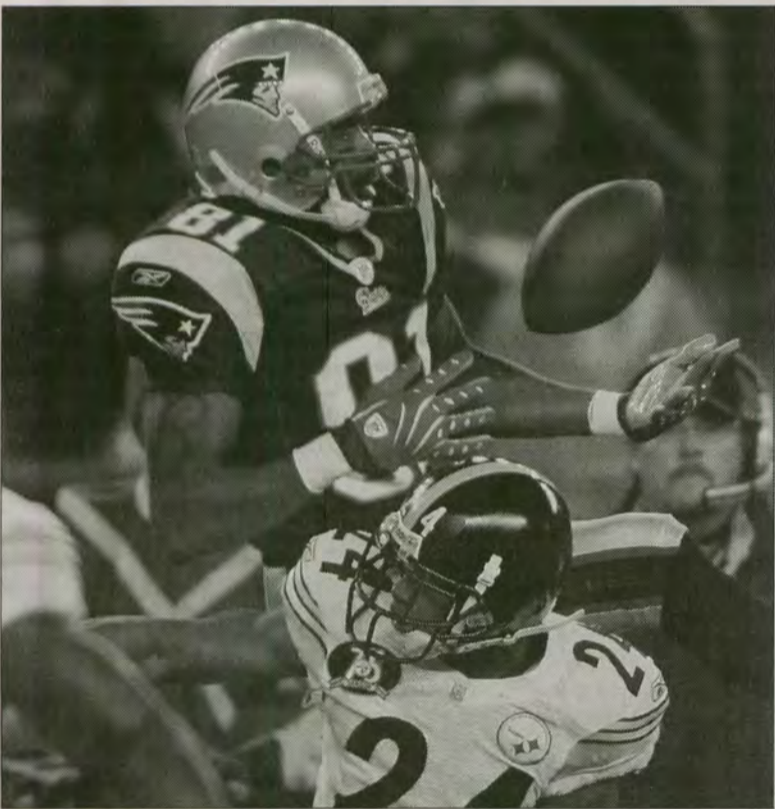
After McNabb led the he Eagles into the end zone on their first possession, they managed just a pair of field goals the rest of the game.

"It's really frustrating," McNabb said. "It's a collection of things at the wrong time that keeps leading to us getting field goals instead of touchdowns."

The Giants were driving to put the game away when defensive end Juqua Thomas came from behind and forced Brandon Jacobs to fumble following a 21-yard gain. Thomas recovered it at the Eagles 5 with 5:51 left.

Philly drove to New York's 44, but McNabb's pass to Jason Avant on fourth-and-6 was incomplete and the Eagles didn't get the ball again until the final minute. It appeared linebacker Antonio Pierce hit Avant early, but no flag was thrown.

"It was a call that was missed, but the refs are human, too," Avant said.



Patriots receiver Randy Moss leaps for a catch over Steelers comeback like Taylor on Sunday in New England's 34-13 victory over Pittsburgh.

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## NFL

### AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
New England	13-0	1.000	503	222
Buffalo	7-6	.538	222	291
N.Y. Jets	3-10	.231	239	315
Miami	0-13	.000	213	355

### AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9-4	.692	309	189
Cleveland	8-5	.615	360	356
Cincinnati	5-8	.385	310	326
Baltimore	4-8	.333	206	270

### AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	10-2	.833	337	197
Jacksonville	9-4	.692	305	229
Tennessee	7-6	.538	249	264
Houston	6-7	.462	291	305

### AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
San Diego	8-5	.615	308	250
Denver	6-7	.462	282	336
Oakland	4-9	.308	241	298
Kansas City	4-9	.308	179	271

### NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Dallas	12-1	.923	423	275
N.Y. Giants	9-4	.692	290	270
Washington	6-7	.462	253	273
Philadelphia	5-8	.385	271	262

### NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Green Bay	11-2	.846	361	229
Minnesota	7-6	.538	305	244
Detroit	6-7	.462	294	339
Chicago	5-8	.385	253	296

### NFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	8-5	.615	255	215
New Orleans	5-7	.417	266	279
Carolina	5-8	.385	210	294
Atlanta	3-9	.250	171	272

### NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Seattle	9-4	.692	315	228
Arizona	6-7	.462	302	322
San Francisco	3-10	.231	171	312
St. Louis	3-10	.231	206	316

## CCHA Hockey Standings

team	record	pts.	overall
Michigan	11-1-0	22	16-2-0
Miami (OH)	10-2-0	20	14-2-0
NOTRE DAME	10-2-0	20	16-4-0
Michigan State	8-2-0	16	12-3-2
Ferris State	6-6-0	12	7-8-1
Nebraska-Omaha	4-7-3	11	5-7-3
Bowling Green	5-5-0	10	8-6-0
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Alaska	2-7-1	5	2-9-1
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## around the dial

### NFL

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## NFL



Falcons quarterback Michael Vick and his attorney, Billy Martin, enter a federal courtroom in Richmond, Va. Vick faces sentencing Monday and could receive up to five years in prison for his involvement in a dogfighting ring.

## Vick faces sentencing in dogfighting case

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — How much, if any, will Michael Vick's role as financier of a brutal dogfighting ring hurt him? What about his use of drugs while awaiting sentencing?

Or will he benefit from his public apology? His cooperation? His voluntary early start on his prison term?

Answers to these questions, among others, will determine how much time the suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback will serve in prison for his role in a federal dogfighting conspiracy.

And the only man who knows the answers is U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson, who will sentence Vick in a packed court-

room Monday while the disgraced NFL star's supporters and animal-rights activists rally outside.

Vick faces a maximum of five years in prison. Hudson is not bound by sentencing guidelines that suggest a year to 18 months, or prosecutors' recommendation.

Hudson already has sentenced two of Vick's co-defendants to 18 months and 21 months — slightly more than prosecutors recommended, but still within the guidelines.

Legal experts said Hudson's willingness to stick to the guidelines in those cases is a positive sign for Vick, but by no means a guarantee he will get similar treatment because so many factors could work against him.

For example, Vick admitted he bankrolled the "Bad Newz Kennels" dogfighting enterprise on a 15-acre property he owned in rural southeastern Virginia. He also gave his associates money to bet on the fights but said he did not share in any winnings.

"The judge could say that but for the money, this might not have happened — or might not have happened on the scale that it did," said Linda Malone, a law professor at the College of William & Mary.

Richmond attorney Steve Benjamin, secretary of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, noted the plea agreement Vick negotiated with prosecutors did not include any sentencing enhancement

for a leadership role in the conspiracy. But that does not preclude Hudson from considering that role, Benjamin said.

Perhaps a bigger concern for Vick, according to Malone, is the extent of his involvement in executing dogs. Vick admitted helping kill six to eight pit bulls. Any details the judge learns about exactly what Vick did could weigh heavily in his decision, Malone said.

She said Hudson also likely will take a dim view of Vick's positive test for marijuana in September — a violation of the conditions set for Vick's release after he pleaded guilty. The infraction prompted Hudson to impose a curfew and electronic monitoring.

## IN BRIEF

### Pacers' Tinsley unhurt in shooting

INDIANAPOLIS — More late night trouble for Jamaal Tinsley could present more problems for the Indiana Pacers.

Tinsley and several companions were targeted in a shooting Sunday morning that wounded one person. Tinsley was not injured, but he did not practice on Sunday, the team said.

It was the third time since last October that Tinsley has been involved in a disturbance stemming from trips to bars or nightclubs.

"I really didn't know what to think about it," team president Larry Bird told Pacers.com. "I was just hoping everybody was all right. You feel bad any time your players are in some situations, you feel bad for everything that happened. I just feel bad for the organization. We'll get through this, but it's tough right now."

### Brewers sign Gagne to one-year, \$10 million contract

MADISON, Wis. — The Milwaukee Brewers reached a preliminary agreement on a \$10 million, one-year contract with free-agent reliever Eric Gagne, giving the team another option at closer after losing Francisco Cordero to free agency.

Gagne's deal, which is subject to him passing a physical, will allow him to earn an additional \$1 million in performance bonuses, a person familiar with the negotiations said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the contract has not been finalized.

Gagne's agreement was first reported by the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel on its Web site.

"We're not there yet," Brewers general manager Doug Mientkiewicz said Saturday night at the Marquette-Wisconsin basketball game.

Melvin said the Brewers' interest in Gagne didn't indicate a lack of confidence in reliever Derrick Turnbow.

### Division III player sets single-game record with 34 assists

DES MOINES, Iowa — The points kept coming, and so did the assists.

David N. Arseneault shattered the NCAA assists record when he had 34 in Grinnell College's 151-112 win over North Central University of Minnesota in a Division III game Saturday. He made a total of 86 passes.

The previous high of 26 was set in 1989 by Robert James of Division III Kean University. The Division I record of 22 was achieved by three players, including current Dallas Mavericks coach Avery Johnson at Southern in 1988 and Sherman Douglas of Syracuse in 1989.

Grinnell, in central Iowa, is known for a unique style of play that includes rotating five players in and out as often as possible, pressing the entire game and shooting more than 50 3-pointers.

## BOXING

# Mayweather stays unbeaten with KO

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Floyd Mayweather Jr. didn't need to dance to beat Ricky Hatton. His fists proved a lot more potent than his feet.

Mayweather remained unbeaten Saturday night and retained his claim to being the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world by stopping Hatton in the 10th round of a brawl that featured none of the fancy footwork the American has shown in the ring and on reality TV.

Hatton wouldn't let Mayweather move, but it didn't matter as Mayweather used precision punches to wear down the challenger for his 147-round crown. Hatton kept trying to get inside and score points, but Mayweather had an answer for everything he did.

The end came after Mayweather landed a crushing left hook that dropped Hatton on his back in Mayweather's corner. Hatton got up at the count of eight, but Mayweather almost immediately got him on the ropes and landed another flurry of punches to the head.

Hatton went down almost on a delayed reaction, while at the same time referee Joe Cortez moved in to stop the fight and Hatton's corner threw in the towel at 1:35 of the round.

It was the first loss for Hatton, a brawler from Manchester, England, who did his best to do what no other fighter had ever done and break down Mayweather's defenses. It was clear from the early rounds, though, that Hatton would have trouble doing that. Mayweather, fighting for the first time since beating Oscar De La Hoya in May, was able to pile up points and seemed to be cruising for

an easy decision win when he shot out the left hook that was the beginning of the end for Hatton.

"I knew it was going to be tough," Mayweather said. "That's why I didn't do anything halfway. He was definitely the toughest competitor I've ever faced."

Mayweather (39-0) was ahead 89-81 on two ringside scorecards and 88-82 when he scored the thundering punches that both stopped Hatton and answered critics who said he was a boring fighter who fought defensively and rarely took any chances when it counted.

It was Mayweather's hometown, but Hatton's crowd at the MGM Grand hotel arena. A brass band played in the upper deck, among thousands of British fans who packed the arena and needed little urging to stand up with beers in hand to sing "There's only one Ricky Hatton" to the tune of "Winter Wonderland."

David Beckham sat ringside in the arena just down the street from where his wife was performing at the Mandalay Bay on the Spice Girls reunion tour. Those unlucky enough to not get tickets going for thousands of dollars watched it on closed circuit at several Strip hotels, while back home some 350,000 British homes were expected to spend about \$30 for a pay-per-view broadcast that began about 5 a.m. in London.

Mayweather countered with a little star power himself. He was joined by fellow "Dancing With the Stars" competitors Mark Cuban, Wayne Newton and Helio Castroneves on his walk to the ring, an appearance that was roundly booed by most of the crowd.

## MLB

# Rangers agree to terms with Bradley for 1 year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Outfielder Milton Bradley and the Texas Rangers reached a preliminary agreement Sunday on a one-year contract worth just over \$5 million.

Bradley, who also had considered re-signing with the San Diego Padres, could play outfield or be a designated hitter with the Rangers. His deal also contains performance bonuses.

"I would be very comfortable with Milton Bradley," Rangers manager Ron Washington said last week at the winter meetings. "If Milton were to become available to the Texas Rangers, we would like to have him."

Washington was a coach with the Athletics when Bradley played for Oakland in 2006.

Bradley was the second-half offensive catalyst for the Padres, who fell one win short of going to their third straight trip to the playoffs. But he tore the anterior cruciate ligament and damaged cartilage in his

right knee when Padres manager Bud Black spun him to the ground while trying to keep him from going after umpire Mike Winters during a confrontation on Sept. 23.

San Diego and Bradley, who has a history of losing his temper, claimed Winters baited the player into the confrontation and directed a profanity at him. Winters was suspended for the final five days of the regular season and didn't work the postseason.

Bradley's injury was the climax of a bizarre sequence of events.

A few innings before he was injured, Bradley inadvertently stepped on Mike Cameron's right hand as the two chased Garrett Atkins' inside-the-park home run. Cameron injured his thumb and made just one appearance the rest of the season.

Bradley finished the year hitting .306 with 13 homers and 37 RBIs in 61 games with Oakland and San Diego.

## NBA

# Wade helps Riley reach 1,200 wins

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Pat Riley felt a whole lot better after his 1,200th regular-season victory as an NBA coach than he did Sunday morning when he brought the Miami Heat into Staples Center with a five-game losing streak.

Dwyane Wade helped improve his coach's disposition considerably, getting 35 points and 10 assists in a 100-94 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

"Two nights ago when I got here from Golden State," Riley said, "I was feeling a little bit low. OK? My wife's in town, and I went to the 19th floor of the Four Seasons Hotel at about 1:30 in the morning. I was out on the balcony looking down at Wilshire Boulevard, and she said: 'Honey, don't do it. It's not worth it.' ... The value of an NBA wife."

Riley is the third NBA coach to win 1,200 games, and he reached it in his 1,842nd game. That's 248 faster than Don Nelson, the next fastest. Riley, in his 24th season as a coach, guided the Lakers to four NBA titles before winning another with the Heat two seasons ago.

"It's those kind of moments that you'll always remember, good and bad," said Riley, coach of the years with three organizations. "The first 600 [533] were here in Los Angeles — a lot of great players, guys. You know all of them. Dwyane thinks I'm extinct, but that's OK. That's what he said to me in there."

Wade, who had 33 points in Friday's loss to the Warriors, has recorded consecutive games with 30 or more for the second time this season. Udonis Haslem



Heat guard Dwyane Wade attempts a shot over Clippers guard Cuttino Mobley in a 100-94 Miami victory Sunday.

and Ricky Davis each added 17 points.

Corey Maggette had 24 points and 12 rebounds for the Clippers, who have lost eight of their last nine games.

Fourteen-time All-Star Shaquille O'Neal got his first up-close look at the new-and-improved Chris Kaman, who is well on his way to a breakthrough season while Elton Brand recovers from offseason surgery to repair a ruptured left Achilles tendon.

"It's always a tough matchup with someone like that because you have to bring a double-team, and that leaves someone else open," Kaman said. "He's just so big. When you try to go into the middle and shoot a jumper, he doesn't have to move very far to catch up with you if you beat him on the first step."

Kaman, an early favorite for the league's most improved player, won the statistical matchup between the 7-foot centers with 14 points and 12 rebounds. It was his 15th double-double, one more than he had in 75 games last season. He is averaging 18.5 points and 13.6 boards.

"We came into the league in the same draft class. I knew he was good then, but he's even better now," Wade said. "Every year he's getting better and better, and this year he's having a career year. He's got a bright future."

O'Neal, who complained publicly during the week about not getting the ball enough from his teammates, was 4-for-8 from the field and finished with eight points and eight rebounds in 33 minutes.



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**ND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD**

# Runners post positive results in Blue and Gold Invitational

By ALEX BARKER AND ANDY ZICCARELLI  
Sports Writers

Notre Dame got off to a solid start on Friday when it hosted the annual Blue and Gold Invitational against DePaul, Marquette and Detroit Mercy. Sophomore Joanna Schultz captured the 200 and 400-meters and many of her team members posted Big East qualifying times at the meet. "Only a few years ago, we started inviting other teams to

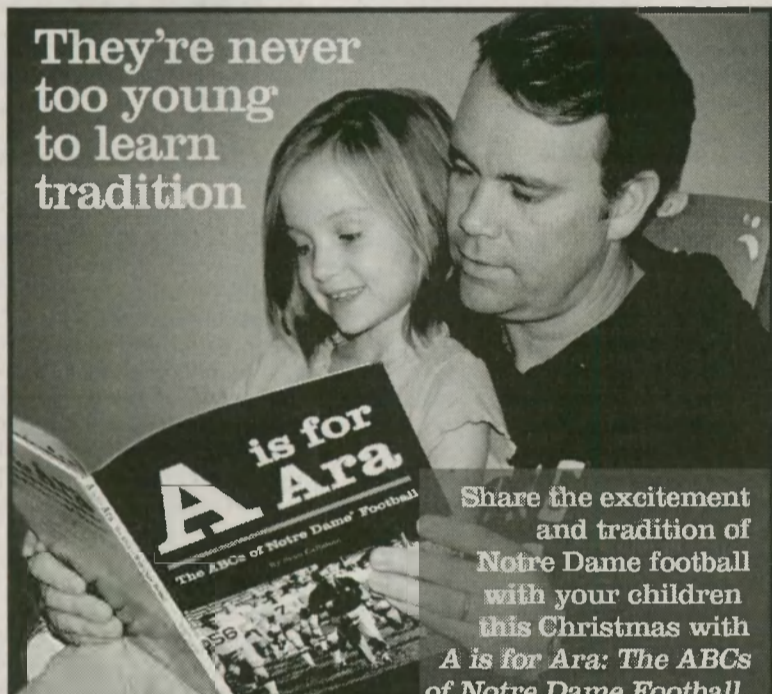
this meet because we discovered that these marks would qualify for the Big East meet," Irish coach Tim Connelly said. "These would not be wasted marks." The men's and women's teams combined to pick up 40 Big East qualifying marks on Friday. However, even for those that did not qualify for the championships, the meet was an opportunity to gain some meaningful experience before the end of the fall semester. "It gives our team an opportunity to compete before going home for Christmas break. They

have been training since September and this gives us a chance to evaluate our team," Connelly said. Connelly had plenty of good races to evaluate. The Irish swept the 500-meter dash. Out of the 14 competitors, the top seven finishers were all Irish runners. In addition, all seven qualified for the Big East championships with their times. The winner was freshman Cora Dayon, who ran a time of 1:14.37. In the distance races, the Irish were without their impact run-

ners, senior Sunni Olding and freshman Marissa Treece. Both have struggled through injuries and illness since training began in September. Connelly said they were not yet at full strength and probably would not be fit until February. The Irish throwers performed well under new coach Adam Beltran. Anna Weber qualified for the Big East meet in the weight throw with a toss of 17.54 meters. Weber and sophomore Jaclyn Espinoza finished first and second, respectively, in the shot put.

Irish junior Mary Saxer became a conference qualifier in the pole vault with a mark of 3.4 meters. Sophomore Jaime Minor finished in first place in the triple jump with a mark of 11.34 meters. The team will be off until returning from winter break. Their next meet will be the Notre Dame Indoor Opener on January 18.

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**ND MEN'S TRACK & FIELD**

# Irish take 24 of 31 events

By PAT STYNES  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame started its season strong with an impressive performance at the Blue and Gold Invitational at the Loftus center Friday, claiming first in 24 of 31 events against competition from DePaul, Marquette, and Detroit Mercy. Senior Kurt Benninger set a solid example for his team-

mates. Benninger's time of 8:05.22 in the 3,000-meter event was the highlight of the night and stands as the second-fastest time in the nation so far this season. Benninger finished 30 seconds before anyone else. Freshman Greg Davis showcased his rising talent on the team, placing first in the weight throw and nabbing a Big East qualification with a distance of 17.76 meters. "The freshmen are doing very well. We lost a lot of talented players but I am optimistic with what the young athletes are doing," Notre Dame head coach Joe Piane said. "It is good to see the underclassmen stepping up and helping us succeed."

Senior Adam Currie did not miss a step after earning Big East honors last year in the 1,000-meter race, as he streaked past all runners to first place, beating the second place runner by two seconds. Another Big East qualification was earned by senior Bob Kueny also earned a Big East qualification with his time of 49.56 in the 400 meter race. Taking after his teammate, freshman Miklos Szebeny took first in the 200-meter run with a time of 21.9 seconds, which also earned a spot in the Big East meet. "The team looks good," Piane said. "Our main goal is to get as many guys qualified for the Big East as we can. [Connecticut], Georgetown, Pittsburgh ... there are a lot of terrific teams in our division, so we really have to do well if we hope to achieve our goal of winning the Big East." This year's Blue and Gold Invitational proved to be even more lucrative for the team than last year's meet. The Irish took home more than 40 qualifications for the Big East championship meet, surpassing last year's total of an even 40. The team's next meet, the Notre Dame Indoor Opener, is scheduled for Jan. 18.

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Career game brings Irish win

Barlow nets 19 points in second half to halt Purdue in West Lafayette

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
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Ashley Barlow had the best game of her college career when Notre Dame needed it most.

The sophomore guard finished Saturday's 61-48 win over Purdue with a career-high 22 points — 19 of which came in the second half.

With the Irish (8-1) down 36-32 with 12:40 left in the game, Barlow nailed a 3-point jumpshot to bring the Irish within one. After a turnover from Boilermakers guard FahKara Malone, Irish guard Brittany Mallory found Barlow open for another 3-point basket 35 seconds later to give the Irish the two-point lead.

Barlow would add two steals and another jumper in the next minute to put even more distance between Notre Dame and Purdue.

"I thought that [Barlow] took over the game in the second half," McGraw said. "Back-to-back 3-pointers, her defense was exceptional, she got some steals. She really just made things happen in a stretch in the second half and really put the game firmly in control in the second half by us."

Barlow's performance was especially important because Notre Dame's leading scorer — guard Charel Allen — only shot 5-of-13 from the floor for 10 points. Barlow's second-half performance picked

up the slack and propelled the Irish to the win.

McGraw said Allen does not always have to be the team's top scorer, as was the case last season.

"I think that's the great thing about this team is our balance and our depth. And we have so many different weapons and everybody is out there every night trying to contribute in some way," McGraw said. "You know, when you have different players with that kind of talent and Ashley steps up, it takes the pressure off of everybody."

The coach added that she felt Allen's defensive performance and her eight rebounds and six assists were incredibly important to the Irish effort.

The Irish sank into Purdue's slower style of offense in the first half and were down 25-20 going into the intermission. Early in the second half, the Boilermakers stretched their lead to eight points — the largest Purdue lead of the game.

But the Irish offense came alive in the second half, outscoring Purdue 41-23. The 48 points allowed against the Boilermakers was the lowest score ever in the rivalry and was due to the teams play in its zone defense, McGraw said.

"To hold them under 50, I thought was a great thing to do. And our zone was really, really good. I was pleased

because we played about 39 minutes of zone," she said. "And we've worked on it quite a bit, and so I was happy to see it work really good."

One key part of the zone was to shut down Boilermakers forward Lakisha Freeman. Freeman entered Saturday's game scoring 14.1 points per game, but the Irish zone held her to 1-of-9 from the floor with her only basket coming from beyond the arc.

"I thought the zone was really where she was," McGraw said. "We kept her on the perimeter and didn't really give her the driving lanes, and I thought that worked well for us."

One player the Irish struggled against was Boilermakers center Danielle Campbell. Campbell finished with 13 points, seven rebounds and six blocks but failed to score in the paint because of the Irish zone.

The win was Notre Dame's sixth straight since falling to Maryland 75-59 on Nov. 16. In nine previous trips to Mackey Arena in West Lafayette, Notre Dame has failed to come out with a victory. But now McGraw knows what it feels like to get the win.

"It was great. It feels good to finally know that I can go there and win," she said.

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## SMC BASKETBALL

# Belles defeat Tri-State behind Kessler, Howe



Senior guard Alison Kessler puts up a shot over an Alma defender in a 66-54 Belles win last February.

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI  
Sports Writer

After winning the battles in the post and at the free throw line, Saint Mary's got its first conference win of the season, beating MIAA rival Tri-State 82-68 on Friday.

Senior guard Alison Kessler, who finished the game with 23 points, seven assists and five steals, continued to fill her role as the Belles' key performer. With the win, the team improved its overall record to 3-4 and its conference record to 1-1.

Looking at the box score, the game appeared relatively even. Saint Mary's was 28-for-64 on field goals (44 percent), while Tri-State shot 27-for-63 (43 percent). Each team made seven 3-point field goals. The difference, however, was at the charity stripe, where the Belles went

19-for-22 while the Thunder shot 7-for-10.

While many of Saint Mary's free throws came as a result of Tri-State trying to extend the game by fouling, it was apparent from early in the contest that the Belle's had the game well in hand. They led the game for all but 3:18 and never trailed after taking a 15-14 lead with 11:55 left in the first half.

To the Belles' credit, the dominance was a team effort. Three of Kessler's fellow starters scored in double digits. Junior guard Kelly Rashid finished with 17 points and juniors Erin Newsom and Meghan Conaty each netted 12 apiece. The Thunder had two scorers in double figures, led by sophomore guard Sarah Howe's 23 points.

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## NFL

# Packers down Raiders, clinch NFC North title

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers are going back to the playoffs.

And maybe they're bringing a running game with them.

Green Bay didn't need Brett Favre to throw the ball all over the field to clinch the NFC North on Sunday, relying on the rushing of Ryan Grant and a pair of special teams touchdowns from Will Blackmon in a 38-7 victory over the Oakland Raiders.

The Packers (11-2) assured an end to their two-year absence from the postseason with three games left.

"I don't know if too many people gave us a shot to be at this position," Favre said. "It says a lot about this team. I'm feeling good about my decision to come back, obviously."

Grant's hard running and sharp cutbacks came in handy on a day when Favre's aching right elbow and left shoulder hindered the Packers' passing game. Favre left last week's loss at Dallas because of the injuries and was limited in practice this week, but still made his 250th straight start.

Grant, who was acquired in a trade with the New York Giants

just before the season and took over as the starter last month, rushed for a career-high 156 yards and a touchdown. It was his fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season. Grant's presence has boosted what had been one of the league's worst rushing offenses.

"I can't say enough about Ryan Grant," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "I think he's really coming into his own."

Just at the right time — as the weather turns colder in Green Bay.

Raiders coach Lane Kiffin said the chilly 18-degree conditions didn't affect his team. The Raiders (4-9) trailed only 14-7 at halftime despite struggling on offense, only to unravel in the second half.

"I don't think the cold didn't tackle today," Kiffin said. "I don't think the cold threw incompletions today. I don't think the cold had nine penalties. We did."

Raiders quarterback Josh McCown, starting in place of the injured Daunte Culpepper, was 7-of-15 for 110 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions before he was replaced by Andrew Walter early in the fourth quarter.

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# Nine

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VeNard's first goal, the Irish struck again when senior Evan Rankin found his linemate Dan Kissel in the slot, who beat Princeton goalie Alan Reynolds for his first of two goals on the night.

Kissel also added two helpers for a career-high four points in the game.

Rankin and juniors Christian Hanson and Garrett Regan all scored, as Notre Dame tacked up four more in the second period to blow the game open.

Freshman Brad Phillips got the start in net and picked up his first career shutout with 24 saves, including 12 in the final period.

"[Phillips] came up big two or three times near the end of the game. I was really pleased with his performance," Jackson said. "I thought he was very focused and he looked in control. It only bodes well for the future."

Junior Jordan Pearce, who has started most of the season in net, was between the pipes for the Irish on Friday night and made 17 saves on 19 shots from

the Tigers.

Princeton got off to a quick start when right wing Eric Pridham beat Pearce on the power play for his first goal of the season.

Three minutes later, Regan tied the game on a rebound opportunity. Senior captain Mark Van Guilder took the original shot and had two assists in the game.

Notre Dame dominated the second period, outshooting the Tigers 14-3, but it took nearly 18 minutes for them to get one past Princeton netminder Zane Kalemba. Junior Justin White gave Notre Dame the lead for good and freshman Calle Ridderwall and sophomore Brett Blatchford picked up the assists.

Princeton scored once more in the third period, but a short-handed goal from junior Erik Condra — his third of the year on the penalty kill — and a late goal from Ben Ryan were enough to give Notre Dame the win.

The Irish will not play again until Dec. 29 at the Lightning College Hockey Classic.

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# Streak

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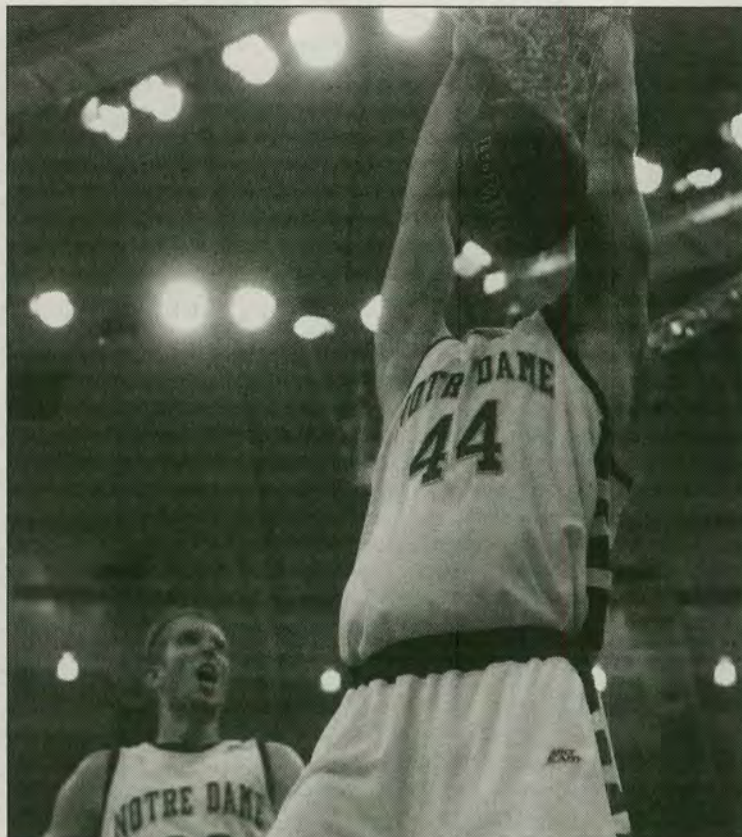
brought the score back to a manageable 24-18 with 12:18 remaining in the first half. Then, Notre Dame switched its defense from man-to-man to zone and shut down the Huskies. The rest of the half, the Irish outscored the Huskies 33-7 to take a 57-25 lead into the locker room thanks to a 72 percent shooting performance in the first half. Kurz had nine points during that stretch, and Harangody had one of three monster jams that sent the Joyce Center into a frenzy.

Brey said the Irish had trouble defending screens and the Huskies perimeter game when in the man-to-man, and that precipitated the switch to zone. But Brey also added that sometimes the best defense is a red-hot offense.

"A lot of times, offense like that is a great defense because it's demoralizing when shots are going in like that," Brey said. "This program has done that at times. Now we've gotten better at putting a body on people in the paint on the defensive end and that's where I think overall we've made a step over the last two years."

Notre Dame continued to pour it on in the second half, which allowed Brey to give extended minutes to his freshmen and walk-ons.

"The freshmen did great for us. They've been great



Sophomore forward Luke Harangody dunks during Notre Dame's 108-62 win over Northern Illinois on Friday at home.

players since June and to see them get in there, I was really proud to be their teammate," Ayers said. "They played really hard. They all know how to play and obviously it's just a highlight for the future and the next four years they're going to be here. There's good things to come for Notre Dame basketball."

Abromaitis finished with seven points. Forward Tyrone Nash finished with six points and guard Ty Proffitt

added three. Walk-ons Tom Kopko and Tim Andree each got in the mix, notching five and three points, respectively.

Sophomore guard Tory Jackson did not play in the second half because of an arm injury, but Brey said after the game Jackson should be fine and ready to play when Notre Dame resumes play on Dec. 22.

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# Overtime

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seem it was an imminent danger as the move started," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

No. 10 Notre Dame had built up momentum after halftime and looked to be on the attack going into the overtime period. The Irish outshot the No. 2 Demon Deacons 5-4 in the second half and also held a 3-2 advantage in corner kicks. However, the highly talented Wake Forest defense kept Notre Dame from creating any serious scoring chances throughout the game.

"They are a very good team; they pressure very hard. They do a lot of the same things we

do, there are a lot of similarities," Clark said. "I felt in the first half that hurt us a little bit. We couldn't get into our rhythm to play because their pressure was very good."

Wake Forest, who has yet to lose a game at home this year, outshot Notre Dame 9-1 in the first half and controlled the pace of the game. The home team fed off of the energy of the sold-out Spry Stadium on a warm, windless night and put relentless pressure on the

Irish for the first 45 minutes.

"It certainly may have been an advantage [for Wake Forest], the field was pretty much perfect, the stadium was crammed full; it was an absolute perfect environment for the players to play in," Clark said.

Notre Dame has played all of its postseason games under windy, and usually very cold, conditions. Clark said it may have helped Notre Dame if the game had been in South Bend.

This is the second-straight year Notre Dame has lost in the NCAA quarterfinals. In 2006, the Irish lost to Virginia 3-2 on the road.

Clark said this year's opponent was stronger and the team played better because they knew what to expect.

"The players all feel that they did well and that we really were very close to pulling it off," Clark said.

Saturday's loss was the final game for several key Irish players. The senior class was responsible for 20 of the 36 goals scored this year. The class brought Notre Dame to its first two quarterfinal appearances in school history.

"This has been a great group of seniors. They have been great players and leaders, I am very sad to see them go," Clark said. "But if we are doing our job right, there should be players waiting in the wings to fill their shoes."

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## Seminoles

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twice before DaCosta put Florida State ahead near the end of the second half.

Forward Sanna Talonen started the play on the right side of the field outside the box and passed through three Notre Dame defenders to DaCosta, who blew past Irish midfielder Amanda Clark and touched the ball under keeper Lauren Karas for the game-winner.

"I don't know how [Talonen] got through that," DaCosta said. "I just made a run, I guess it got through."

Seminoles coach Mark Krikorian said he felt his team could find openings in Notre Dame's defense.

"I think that's one of our strengths, the combination of play and finding seams," Krikorian said. "I think that each of our goals were somewhat similar, with the quick combination and the through-ball for the forward to run to."

Waldrum was surprised the Irish allowed the goal and that the limited time remaining, rather than his team's play, limited their chance to tie the game.

"I didn't think we'd give the third goal up," Waldrum said. "Now the clock's your enemy. I wouldn't say we fell apart. I would say we ran out of time."

Florida State forward Mimi Yamaguchi scored off the opening kick-off 15 seconds into the game. The Seminoles took the kick and made a quick pass to DaCosta, who found Yamaguchi with a through-ball behind the defense. Karas charged, but Yamaguchi slipped the ball into the right side of the goal.

"Yamaguchi, she's just so good with the ball," Waldrum said. "If you don't keep her closed down all the time, she can really make some things happen."

The Irish looked punch-drunk after the quick goal, but eventually found their form. Forward Kerri Hanks said the team could recover because the players knew their responsibilities.

"We're not a team that's going to huddle it up and talk about what we need to do and what we don't need to do," Hanks said. "As individual players, we already know what we need to do."

The Irish evened the score in the 15th minute when Hanks' corner kick from the right found defender Carrie Dew by the left post. Dew deflected the kick off a Seminole defender and into the near corner.

In the 33rd minute, Talonen came free and ran onto a pass from Yamaguchi in the box. She tipped the ball underneath Karas and just inside the right post to make the score 2-1.

"[Talonen] is very good with her runs off the ball," Waldrum said. "She's got good size, she knows how to time her runs."

Florida State kept up with Notre Dame in the first half, something few teams have done against the Irish this season. As a result of trying to slow Florida State, Notre Dame committed 12 fouls in the first half to Florida State's six.

Waldrum said the game had its ups and downs, but he felt his team handled itself well.

"There was some ebb and flow to it," he said. "Outside of the

goal 15 seconds in, once we got that past us, I thought we had a good 20 to 30 minutes, maybe, of us really controlling the game. I thought that the last 15 of the first half, we made a few changes and started to get in rhythm."

The Irish found their game early in the second half, when they applied pressure to the Seminoles with shots and set pieces, a flurry of which came in a five-minute period and culminated in Notre Dame's second goal.

A Florida State defender knocked midfielder Amanda Cinalli's centering pass out of bounds in the 51st minute, giving the Irish a corner kick. Hanks' corner kick fell short, but she was fouled while pursuing the rebound. Hanks appeared to be fouled in the 18-yard box, which would have given the Irish a penalty kick, but the officiating crew ruled that the foul occurred just outside the box.

"You watch it on the replay if you want," Hanks said when asked if the foul occurred in the box. "Says it right there."

Waldrum was displeased with the ruling as well but said he's not supposed to question the officiating. If he were to do so, he said with a wink, "Somebody get ready to pay the fine."

Hanks' free kick rebounded to Clark, whose shot deflected off a defender and out of bounds to give the Irish another corner kick. This one rebounded out and gave forward Michele Weissenhofer a chance to flip-throw the ball

into the box. The throw bounced to Hanks, whose shot was again deflected out. Her ensuing corner kick found Dew in the center, but Dew's header flew just above the crossbar.

One minute later, a Florida State foul gave Hanks a free kick from the right side. Her kick found Weissenhofer near the right side of the goal, but Weissenhofer's header went inches wide of the post.

Defender Elise Weber tied the game in the 56th minute. Weber controlled the ball on the left side and started to the outside before cutting back in. She found an opening and fired a strong shot that ricocheted in off the left post a few feet under the crossbar.

"We thought they would get that second goal for a while because they were pressing and pressing," Krikorian said. "Sooner or later they were going to capitalize, and they did."

Weber said the goal was helpful, but that the team failed to finish the job.

"I think it gave us a lot of momentum but we just couldn't put the third goal away," Weber said.

The Irish could not take the lead before DaCosta's goal and failed to convert opportunities before time expired.

"It kind of epitomizes how this team has been all year," Waldrum said. "I think this game just showed their resiliency again. A lot of teams would fall apart completely after giving up the first goal 15 seconds into the semifinal."

Hanks said despite the outcome, she felt proud of her teammates.

"We worked hard, we fought hard," she said. "Credit our teammates for coming back."

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## Loss

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"It's hard to say you're the better team when you don't win but I thought at times we were better," Waldrum said.

Unlike in Notre Dame's national championship game loss to North Carolina last season, the Irish employed their style of play for the entire 90 minutes against Florida State, controlling the tempo and winning the possession battle.

Notre Dame's will to win was most evident in the second half. The Irish came out of the gate aggressively, attempting to play a long ball off the kickoff for forward Michele Weissenhofer. While the play was unsuccessful, it set the tone for the rest of the contest. The Irish pressured Florida State until the final whistle, forcing the Seminoles to surrender numerous corner kicks and free kicks.

Notre Dame's sense of urgency was reflected in the number of fouls the squad committed. The Irish were whistled for 23 infractions to Florida State's 16.

Yes, some of those were fouls of frustration. Still, all displayed how much this team wanted to win.

As the Irish sensed the time running out on their season, they did everything they could to punch in another goal. Weissenhofer and forward Brittany Bock flew all over the field, repeatedly diving into passing lanes in attempts to gain possession. Defender Carrie Dew kept constant pressure on Florida State's back line, charging forward to win every 50-50 ball she could physically get to. In short, the Irish could not have exercised more effort.



Irish defender Carrie Dew, right, and forward Michele Weissenhofer celebrate a goal in Notre Dame's 3-2 loss on Friday.

But that's how the game of soccer goes. Sometimes all it takes to win is a few lucky bounces and an opportunistic mindset. Florida State got those bounces and had that mindset Friday.

Despite the loss, it's hard to imagine a more resilient team than Notre Dame.

The players could have easily gotten down on each other after surrendering a goal 15 seconds into the game. But instead they fought back.

After forward Kerri Hanks was tripped inside the box and the team was not awarded a penalty kick, the Irish could have resigned themselves to the fact that they weren't destined to win. They could have mailed it in after falling behind 2-1.

Or certainly after giving up Florida State's third goal. But they kept fighting despite those circumstances.

In fact, a team with less

character might even have fallen apart after starting the season 3-4-1 like the Irish did. But that early record simply provided an incentive for the team to beat the rest of its opponents. And the Irish nearly did just that.

Friday's game marked Notre Dame's first loss since they fell to Penn State on Sept. 23. After that setback, the Irish had more of a will to win than any of their opponents and that was often the factor that set them apart from other squads.

The team's intensity peaked against Florida State as the Irish did all they could to make it back to the national title game.

Notre Dame's NCAA Tournament run ended Friday. But it certainly wasn't due to lack of effort.

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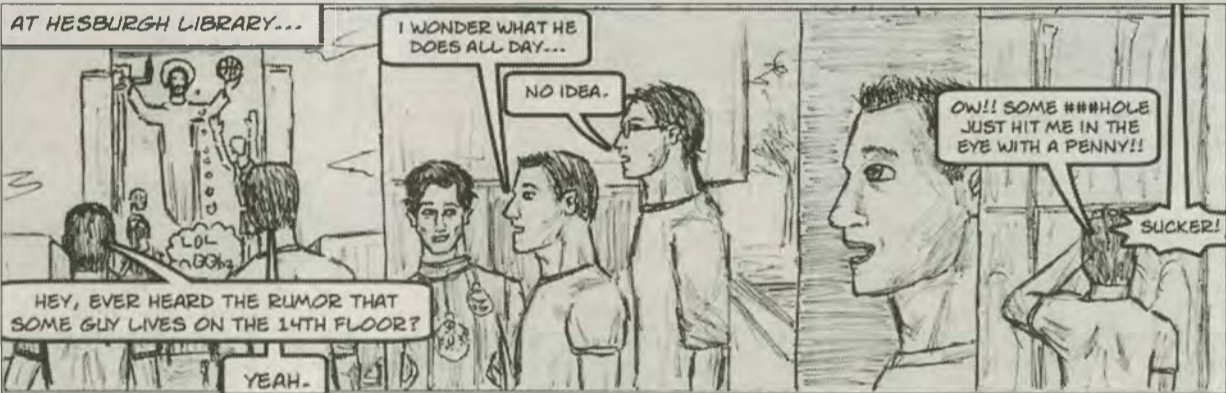
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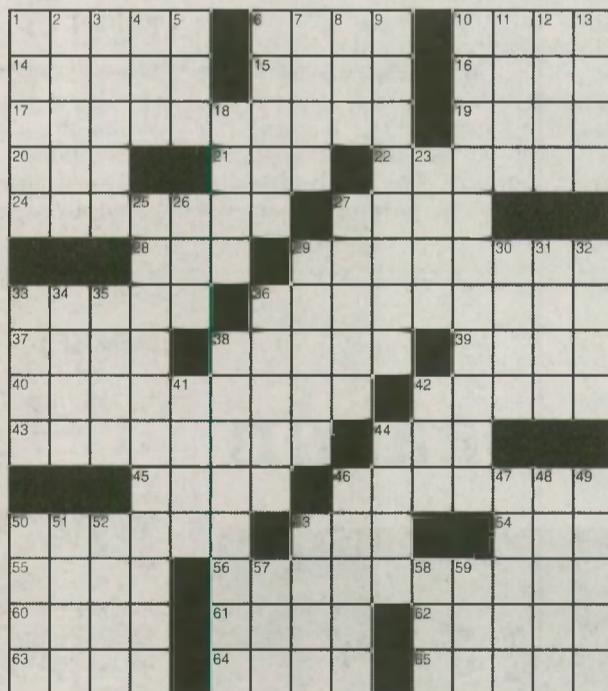
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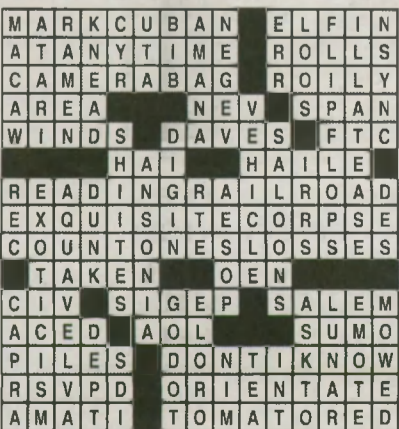


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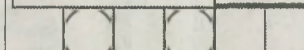
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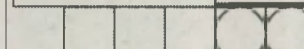
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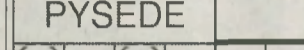


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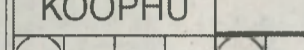


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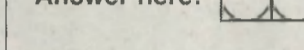
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# No easy way down

*Irish season ends with disappointment in semis*

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Notre Dame fought hard to reach the national championship game on Friday, but did not have quite enough to gain the upper hand on Florida State.

Seminole midfielder Amanda DaCosta's goal in the 72nd minute gave her team a 3-2 victory over Notre Dame in the College Cup semifinals.

The loss ended the season for the Irish.

"I'm certainly disappointed for our team," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "I thought we had every opportunity to win today."

The Seminoles lead 1-0 and 2-1, but the Irish evened the score



Irish captain Amanda Cinalli, left, looks to pass while forward Kerri Hanks lines up a corner kick in Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Florida State on Friday in the College Cup semifinals.

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*ND falls to FSU despite outplaying Seminoles*

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Florida State got behind the Irish defense precisely three times. And the Seminoles scored on each occasion.

Notre Dame had many more chances than the Seminoles but capitalized just twice.

There you have it: Florida State 3, Notre Dame 2.

But after the game Florida State coach Mark Krikorian seemed to realize his team had dodged a bullet.

"Overall, they probably dominated the game a whole lot more than we did," Krikorian said.

And Irish coach Randy Waldrum knew Notre Dame

Fran Tolan

Sports Writer

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Home win streak reaches 25 with defeat of N. Illinois

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Editor

Notre Dame junior forward Zach Hillesland dribbled the ball in front of the scorers' table and attracted the attention of every Northern Illinois defender. Hillesland, meanwhile, had his eye behind the defense on freshman forward Tim Abromaitis, who was cutting toward the basket.

Hillesland lofted the ball toward the right side of the rim. Abromaitis jumped and slammed the ball home, completing an electrifying alley-oop on a night when Notre Dame could do little wrong in capturing its school-record 25th consecutive victory at the Joyce Center with a 108-62 drubbing of Northern Illinois on Saturday.

"It feels really good to be a part of history," said junior

forward Ryan Ayers, who finished with 11 points. "You can always mark that down when you come back in 20 years and say, 'Hey, I was a part of that team.'"

Junior guard Kyle McAlarney and senior forward Rob Kurz each had 17 points while a leaping, diving and dunking Luke Harangody added 14 points and 12 rebounds. The Irish shot 36-for-58 (62 percent) from the

field and 14-for-25 (56 percent) from 3-point land. From the opening tip, the Irish were seemingly flawless.

McAlarney spurred Notre Dame early on, draining four straight 3-pointers in the first four minutes of the game. Notre Dame had 22 points on the board before the first media timeout with 14:35 left in the half.

"The first six minutes of the game, have you ever seen any-

thing like that?" Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I mean, are you kidding me? That was a clinic. I'm hitting [assistant coach Sean Kearney] and going, 'This is fun.' See I would've bought a bunch of tickets for tonight if I knew that was going to happen. You got your money's worth."

Despite Notre Dame's fast start, Northern Illinois

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MEN'S SOCCER

# Golden goal ends season

*Wake Forest downs men 1-0 in overtime*

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Wake Forest sophomore Austin da Luz ended a scoreless tie — and Notre Dame's season — with a goal seven minutes into overtime in Winston-Salem, N.C. on Saturday.

Junior forward Marcus Tracy carried the ball up the right side and cut it back to Da Luz just outside of the goalie box. The 160-pound midfielder ripped a low shot that snuck under Irish keeper Chris Cahill into the bottom left corner of the net.

"It was a great shot. It was a funny goal because it didn't



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Senior captain Joseph Lapra gathers a pass during Notre Dame's 1-0 win over St. Paul's in the Big East tournament on Nov. 11.

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HOCKEY

# Irish make it nine in a row with road victories

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No. 6 Notre Dame extended its winning streak to nine games with a pair of wins against Princeton on the road this weekend, and defenseman Dan VeNard had the first multi-goal game of his career, continuing the offensive success of a senior who has had an up-and-down collegiate tenure.

After falling behind early Friday night, the Irish scored three straight goals and later added an insurance goal from freshman Ben Ryan to win 4-2. The following night, the Irish dominated from start to finish, winning 7-0.

"I thought that our guys were ready to play, and I didn't think Princeton was as energetic as

on Friday night and our guys capitalized on it," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said about the second game.

VeNard opened the floodgates Saturday when he snuck a one-timer underneath the crossbar 10 minutes into the first period. VeNard also picked up another goal and an assist later in the game for the first multi-goal game of his career.

"I think he's playing with confidence," Jackson said. "He really has never been allowed to establish himself or build the confidence before this year."

VeNard has racked up eight points so far this year in Notre Dame's first 20 games, which matches his total for the previous three years.

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