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## 'Monologues' raise questions for Church, at ND

*Conference moves off campus to avoid connections with play*

By MARCELA BERRIOS  
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A two-day seminar for bishops hosted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the University will start today at a convent in Mishawaka, instead of Notre Dame, because organizers wanted to avoid connections to the likely presentation of "The Vagina Monologues" in March.

"Many bishops have objections in principle to the performance of this play on Catholic campuses and felt that, as teachers of the faith, they could give the impression that they endorsed this play by their presence on campus, knowing it was likely to be performed," theology department chair John Cavadini, one of the seminar's main organizers, said Sunday.

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Then-junior Stacey Williams acts in last year's performance of "The Vagina Monologues."

*Spring production uncertain as dean waits to receive proposal*

By MARY KATE MALONE  
News Writer

The College of Arts and Letters has not yet approved this year's production of "The Vagina Monologues," the college's dean, Mark Roche, told The Observer Friday.

Roche is waiting to receive a proposal for the production, which play organizers expect him to receive by the end of the week.

Though the anthropology and sociology departments have expressed interest in co-sponsoring the "Monologues" this year, their sponsorship is contingent on the approval of Roche, who will review the proposal in light of guidelines set forth by University President Father John Jenkins and the Arts and Letters department chairs in 2006.

Those guidelines, known as the Common

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## Basketball fans camp out in 'Breytopia'

*Leprechaun Legion members spend Thursday, Friday before game outside Joyce Center*

By CHRIS HINE  
News Writer

They called it Breytopia.

Named for Notre Dame's men's basketball coach Mike Brey, Breytopia was the campsite set up by members of the Leprechaun Legion on Thursday night near Gate 11 of the Joyce Center. Approximately 50 students camped out in anticipation of Notre Dame's game against Marquette on Saturday.

Senior Kyle Miller, who helped organize Breytopia, said he and 15 other fans started camping out Thursday and were joined by more on Friday.

Brey said most Breytopians are dedicated fans who have been following the team for years.

"That's a corps of guys that has been coming to games for a while. They know our team sometimes better than me," Brey said. "When I go over there, I have to really be ready. They fire some good questions."

Breytopia had all the necessities of any campsite — blankets, cushions, pillows and water. But Breytopians also brought their laptops to keep busy while they waited for the opening tip, which came at noon on Saturday.

Once in Breytopia, campers could not leave without losing their spot, although Miller said there was one exception to that rule.

"The only excuse for not being here is to go to class," Miller said. "Otherwise you pretty much have to be here the whole time, but if you have class, we'll let that slide."

Gate 11 was strategically



chosen as the campsite due to its proximity to warm air vents. The Breytopians used these vents — along with body warmth from their fellow campers — to keep as warm as possible on Friday, which had a high temperature of 37 degrees and a low temperature of 26.

"[The vents are] slightly warmer than out there, but still kind of cold," Miller said. "And it's been crowded."

But how warm you were in Breytopia also depended on where you slept, as some vents did not work as well as others.

"There was one vent that was freezing cold," sophomore Andrew Kovach said.

Throughout Friday, Breytopians kept Irish fans updated on their status with

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Above, fans wait for the Irish to shoot a free throw during Notre Dame's win over Marquette Saturday. Below, members of the Leprechaun Legion display their Irish pride.

## SMC hosts designer denim sale

*Discounted jeans boost Dance Marathon funds*

By MANDI STIRONE  
News Writer

The fundraising committee for the third annual Saint Mary's Dance Marathon will host Charity Denim, a California-based company that sells discounted jeans to raise money, today in the basement of the Student Center from 2 to 8 p.m.

The money raised through the event will benefit the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

According to fundraising chair Maura Clougherty, jeans that are normally sold for \$70-\$200 will be available for 40-70 percent off the regular price. Charity Denim accepts cash and credit cards and offers jeans from a number of brands, including 7 For All Mankind, Citizens of Humanity, True Religion, Antik, Blue Cult, Joe's Jeans, Miss Sixty and Yanuk, Clougherty said.

The Dance Marathon committee will charge a \$1 entrance fee in addition to receiving 10 percent of the profits of today's sales. The total amount raised in this and other events will not be revealed until the Dance Marathon on April 4.

"I think this was a great cause, especially since the

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INSIDE COLUMN

Why is Barack 'black'?

Why is Barack Obama "black?" Just look at him, you might say. Obviously, he's black. Who am I, you ask, to put forth such an impertinent question? Well, Obama and I actually have quite a bit in common. We both sport healthy year-round tans. I could also fairly describe myself as "a skinny kid with a funny name." We also both have white mothers.

Tae Andrews

Scene Editor

We have our differences as well. He's running for president, I'm not (although the way this year's primary elections have gone, I'm thinking about running as soon as I turn 35); he spent his college years snorting copious amounts of blow, I have not (although I enjoyed Johnny Depp's movie by the same name, so maybe this should be a similarity) and he has had a shirtless photograph of himself published in People magazine, I have not (...yet, and this is a good thing, because Barack is way more jacked than I am).

The media has latched onto Barack Obama's presidential campaign as the potential "first black president." It makes for a great story — the skinny kid with the funny name, coming from a single parent household to rise above race and racism to take America's greatest office. In fact, it more than makes for a great story — it writes itself. However, the reality of the situation is that the media's black-and-white portrayal of the candidate doesn't paint the entire picture.

Barack Obama, like myself and many other people in this country, is a multi-racial person. Obama spent much of his early life living in Hawaii before attending Columbia University and Harvard law school. He's not exactly another brother from the street.

While I understand that the story of Barack's rise to imminent superstardom makes for a great story, the fact is, he has as much a claim to becoming our nation's 43rd white president as her first black president.

Regardless of your personal opinions on his politics, there can be no denying that Barack Obama is a political superstar and a media phenomenon. Everywhere he goes, people turn out to hear him speak in record numbers. He has a smile made for camera flashbulbs and a voice made for the microphone. Ever since delivering the keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, Barack has burst onto the scene, to the point where four years later he is in deadlocked contention for the Democratic presidential nomination. Obama is a brilliant orator who has inspired and moved a large part of the nation with his infectious message of bringing change to Washington.

My point is not to comment on Barack's politics one way or another, but rather to comment on how the national media have made this presidential race about race.

By characterizing Barack as America's first black president, the media have set up a convenient and simple showdown in the Democratic primary between Obama and Hillary Clinton. Man vs. woman. Black vs. white.

There's just one problem. It's not as simple as that.

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: WHICH STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ARE YOU VOTING FOR?



Andrea Mayus

senior  
Welsh Fam

"Write in candidate: I'm voting for myself."



Matt Cossack

sophomore  
O'Neill

"Reish and Schmidt because they came to my dorm and said my room was awesome."



Katie Buza

junior  
Howard

"Bob and Grant because they came to my dorm — good initiative and energy to get the job done."



Angela Salvo

sophomore  
Pangborn

"Bob and Grant since they've been working so hard."



Luke Jarzynka

junior  
Dillon

"The guy who is picking his nose (in the poster)."



Ryan Renacci

freshman  
Dillon

"Reish and Schmidt because Robin Brown told me to."



Members of the Notre Dame Marching Band attempt to motivate the crowd during Friday night's hockey game at the Joyce Center. The Irish lost to Ferris State 5-3.

OFFBEAT

PETA opposes tribute to fried chicken

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Animals rights advocates are squawking at a measure that would make fried chicken Kentucky's official picnic food.

State Rep. Charles Siler is sponsoring legislation to assign the designation to KFC's "finger lickin' good" chicken, first served by Colonel Harland Sanders in 1940.

The late colonel's fried chicken deserves the title because of the worldwide attention and economic benefit it has brought to

the state, Siler said. KFC, a subsidiary of Louisville-based Yum Brands Inc., has 11,000 restaurants in more than 80 countries.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals bristles at the idea. The animal rights group claims that the chickens KFC serves are abused, even tortured.

Woman takes plea deal in lousy lawn case

OREM, Utah — When 70-year-old Betty Perry was accused of neglecting her lawn, she became defiant.

Perry was arrested, handcuffed and briefly

jailed in July for declining a ticket for failing to water her lawn.

She agreed on Friday to resolve her case by pleading guilty to a disorderly conduct charge and paying a \$100 fine. She also faces six months of probation.

Perry was scheduled to go to trial Monday on a more serious charge of resisting arrest for refusing to give her name, accept a citation or allow herself to be handcuffed on her front steps.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Charity Denim will take place today from 2-8 p.m. in the conference rooms of the Saint Mary's Student Center. For a \$1 donation for admission, attendees will have access to 500-600 pairs of designer jeans being sold for 40-70 percent off the original price. Ten percent of the proceeds will benefit the Saint Mary's Dance Marathon and Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Father Theodore Hesburgh will preside over a Mass celebrating the 150th anniversary of the apparition of Mary at Lourdes. Mass will be held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 5:15 p.m. followed by a reception in the Coleman-Morse Center.

As part of Ethics Week, Richard "Digger" Phelps will present a lecture entitled "Community Service: An Ethical Imperative" Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Mendoza College of Business.

Women's basketball will play Marquette Wednesday night at 7 in the Joyce Center.

Women's tennis will play Ohio State Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Admission is free.

There will be Stations of the Cross Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

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

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# Station lacks student audience

*WSND 88.9 adds indie music, promotions to appeal to ND population*

By BRIAN MCKENZIE  
News Writer

WSND 88.9, Notre Dame's classical radio station, targets students in its programming, but the students aren't tuning in.

"It's a constant struggle to get students aware," station manager Stephanie Yoshida said. "To have something like this here and to have students not know about it really astounds me."

WSND 88.9 focuses on classical music and also airs jazz, Celtic and Broadway music as well as news and a Harley-Davidson-sponsored astronomy program, said Ed Jaroszewski, a radio technician that's worked for the station for 35 years.

Recently the station has also begun playing college rock and indie after midnight "to appeal to as broad an audience as possible," Yoshida said.

Yoshida said that while much of the current audience is made up of people in the South Bend community, the station has begun offering promotional products, such as concert tickets to performances by the Notre Dame Symphony, in order to target the Notre Dame student population.

"Most of the callers to my show are members of the broader South Bend commu-

nity rather than Notre Dame students," she said. "Our advertisements mostly target students, though, because they're easier to reach and may not have lived in the area long enough to know which radio stations are available."

However, according to Yoshida, one of the major obstacles the station faces is the sheer lack of radios on campus. Moreover, the station is not allowed to broadcast online.

"I wish that we could broadcast online, but because of FCC regulations, we can't," Yoshida said.

Jaroszewski said the station has also been affected by educational budget cuts to musical programs.

"The arts have taken a beating and I've noticed that, having worked at the local symphony, that younger people aren't attending the concerts," he said.

Yoshida said one selling point of the station was its accessibility, allowing students to request nearly half of the songs played during the weekend on-air hours.

"It is unusual for classical stations to have a request hour. For the few that do, it's usually confined to a few hours," she said. "We'd like to think of ourselves as very democratic."

When asked, several stu-

dents said they really had no knowledge of WSND, something the group hopes to counter with its advertising.

Nicholas Dan, a sophomore, said he listens only to online stations because he doesn't have a radio.

"Besides, I'm not really sure what WSND plays," he said.

"I've heard of the station, but I can't remember listening to it," said John Fahy, a Stanford assistant rector and graduate student in theology.

"I wouldn't say that I'm uninterested in classical music, but I just don't listen to much radio. I'm not very familiar with its programming, either."

Nonetheless, Yoshida, who is also a classically-trained violinist, said she hopes students will be enticed by the station's marketing and begin listening to WSND 88.9 in order to develop a greater appreciation of classical music.

"For me, classical music has really tapped into my imagination. It lets me experience something utterly indescribable, something wonderful and opens a window into a world of sheer beauty and possibilities," Yoshida said. "If we're able to introduce this to just one more person, then I think we'll have made progress."

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# NAACP hosts talk on relationship issues

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The North American Association of Colored Persons (NAACP) campus group invited students and faculty members to meet for a discussion on relationships over dinner Sunday evening in the South Dining Hall Hospitality Room.

The participants came to discuss careers, families and relationships between males and females as well as between people of the same sex, said Mallory Jacobs, the vice president of Notre Dame's NAACP chapter.

"There is normally a retreat every two years," Jacobs said. "But this year we wanted to do something for the students on a smaller scale."

Students said the prospect of hearing a variety of viewpoints on gender relations piqued their curiosity.

"I came to this dinner because it seemed to be a very interesting topic I wanted to find out more about," freshman Amanda Wilson said. "Gender relations at Notre Dame is a very interesting subject to students and that aspect of this event intrigued me."

The intimate setting fostered close discussion about the relationships people encounter and how to deal with them. Conversations were not public, in order to encourage people to speak freely, but Jacobs said before the dinner the focus would

be "to talk about how to balance working careers while maintaining relationships."

Video clips from Tyler Perry's movie "Why Did I Get Married" were shown to stimulate conversation about relationships involving communication and trust. The discussion was meant to be all-encompassing and covered not only heterosexual marriage but also homosexual relationships.

Faculty and staff members in attendance included assistant vice president in the Office of General Counsel Lois Jackson, assistant director at Mendoza College of Business Connie Porter, and director of the Educational Talent Search Warren Outlaw.

Each faculty member led a discussion where he or she offered insights about relationships during and after college by recounting personal experiences. Students had the opportunity to describe a few of their own experiences and receive feedback.

Several questions were posed as conversation starters, including "What does it mean to be happy?" and "What is love in a relationship and is it enough?"

"This event is important because relationships are something we all have in common," freshman Isabel Chirase said. "We all deal with them during and after college and it is a common bond between all of our students."

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## Looking for solid business and accounting experience to put on your resume?

The Observer is accepting applications for a 2008-09 Business Manager and Controller. Responsibilities include preparing a yearly budget and handling payroll for a 200-person staff.

Since the Controller will take over as the 2009-10 Business Manager, Controller applicants should be sophomores, or juniors staying for a fifth year.

Both positions are salaried, about six to 10 hours a week.

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## Bishops

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Among those bishops is Father John D'Arcy, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, who has made annual statements against the "Monologues" and the play's presence at Notre Dame. The play, which has been performed on campus six of the past seven years, "reduces sexuality to a particular organ of a woman's body separate from the person of the woman, from her soul and her spirit," D'Arcy said in 2006.

After some of the bishops found out from the University the "Monologues" was likely to be performed on campus in March, there was some "give and take" between the seminar's organizers and members of the administration, Cavadini said. But the bishops did not attempt to force or pressure the University or any member of the Notre Dame community to change their minds about the play, he said.

"Those organizing this conference, myself included, decided that the best way to honor the good faith objections of many of the bishops, without interfering with decisions about how to run the University, was simply to move the conference off campus," Cavadini said.

Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown said in a statement Friday that the University understood and respected the

bishops' concerns.

"We understand that not all are in full agreement about the propriety of allowing performances of this play on a Catholic campus," he said.

According to Brown, the University worked "collaboratively" with the bishops to move the seminar off campus out of respect for everyone involved.

The seminar — entitled "The Eloquence of Teaching" and hosted by the U S C C B ' S

Committee on Doctrine and the University's Institute for Church Life — is specifically geared toward decent bishops and is thus not open to the public. Therefore, the decision to move the seminar off campus was also not meant to

become a highly publicized one, Cavadini said.

"This move, like the whole conference, was not intended to be a public statement and neither the Committee on Doctrine nor anyone else involved had issued a public statement about it. And this out of respect for the University," he said.

Cavadini, who is a consultant to the Committee on Doctrine, stressed that the bishops' actions were not meant to be a public form of protest against the University's decision to conditionally allow the "Monologues."

"This is not a public

'protest,'" Cavadini said. "How could it be, since the original event was not even public?"

The first public statement regarding the seminar and the bishops' stance on the "Monologues" came from

D'Arcy on Thursday, in response to articles published in The Irish Rover and The South Bend Tribune.

D'Arcy told The Observer on Friday that he and University President Father John Jenkins "have been communicating on the matter of the presentation

of this play since before Christmas, first through a personal visit and more recently through correspondence and telephone."

D'Arcy said he knows a final decision has not been made as to whether the play will be performed on campus in March.

"But Father Jenkins is aware that if the decision is made to perform the play, I will make a statement, as I have done each year when Notre Dame has sponsored this play," D'Arcy said.

But the director of communications for the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese, Vince LaBarbera, made it clear that D'Arcy "can only speak for himself as to his concerns about this play" and that the bishop intends to maintain a strong relationship with Jenkins.

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**John Cavadini**  
theology department  
chair

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**John D'Arcy**  
Fort Wayne-South Bend  
bishop

Brown similarly said that the relations between the University and the USCCB had not been damaged by the disagreement over the "Monologues."

"Notre Dame and the U.S. bishops have worked together constructively in the past, they are working together on this current meeting and we are sure that our partnerships will continue in the future," he said.

After initiating a 10-week-long campus-wide discussion about academic freedom and Catholic character, Jenkins announced in 2006 he would not ban the sexually explicit play if it were performed for strictly academic — and not fundraising — purposes.

Organizers also had to seek sponsorship from academic departments, conduct the performance in an academic setting and include multiple viewpoints on the subject matter.

The bishops' seminar will take place at the convent of the Sisters of St. Francis in

Mishawaka until Wednesday. Speakers include Cardinal William Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the post held by Pope Benedict XVI before his election to the papacy. Most of the speakers are Notre Dame theology professors.

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## Brey

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online posts on the Web site ndnation.com.

Some members of the Web site, along with Sbarro and Brey himself, brought food and drinks for the campers. Brey visited with the Breytopians on Friday and said he hopes the bug that is running through his team right now didn't affect the campers.

"I got them some pizza, hung out with them. I saw that line outside of my office," Brey said. "The camp-out guys are awesome. I hope they don't have the flu from being out there so long."

During the game, many campers painted their chest black with green lettering that spelled out "Go Irish Breytopia."

Freshman Blair Rasmus was the person who dubbed the campsite "Breytopia."

"It's just a good feeling that we're overcome with, this feeling of Breytopia," Rasmus said.

But the term Breytopia is something that both Brey and his wife, Tish, are very familiar with.

"That's funny because Tish says living with me is like that," Brey said. "She said it's been twenty-four years of Breytopia."

The Breytopians watched Notre Dame defeat Marquette 86-83 on Saturday and improve to 8-2 in the Big East, one half game behind conference leader Georgetown.

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## Proposal

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Proposal, ask academic departments to ensure that "multiple viewpoints and voices on controversial topics can be heard, an appropriate balance among viewpoints is maintained, and, when a significant issue in the Catholic tradition is touched upon, that tradition should be presented."

If approved, the "Monologues" would run for three nights in late March, according to co-organizer Lisa Rauh. An academic panel discussion would follow each performance, examining the play from theological, sociological and psychological perspectives. The sexually-explicit play would be performed in a classroom setting and would not charge for tickets, in accordance with the Common Proposal.

The play's organizers are working to finalize which faculty members will speak on the academic panels. This information is an important part of the proposal for Roche, Rauh said.

When asked what events require a college dean to approve a department's sponsorship, Roche said: "That requires prudential judgment. One cannot say precisely. ... One can't stipulate criteria that would clarify every possible situation."

In this case, Roche said, the "Monologues" has been performed on campus six of the last seven years and has been

publicly criticized by South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D'Arcy. D'Arcy issued a nine-page statement in the spring of 2006 where he criticized Jenkins' decision to permit the play and his rationale for doing so.

"The Bishop is, of course, the first teacher of faith and morals in the diocese and we are a Catholic university in his diocese," Roche said, noting that these circumstances help qualify the production as a controversial one that warrants a closer look by the college dean.

"It doesn't mean we agree with D'Arcy but it does mean we would respect those kinds of views and try to give it a broader context so students understand the way in which the play ... causes concern for someone from a Catholic perspective."

If Roche approves the "Monologues" proposal, the play will move forward. If he does not, he will explain his rationale for doing so to the department chairs, Roche said. Should the chairs disagree with Roche's reasoning, then the issue will be discussed with the Arts and Letters College Council, which is advisory to Roche.

If disagreement persists, the play would be reviewed by an ad-hoc advisory committee, gathered by the University provost.

But, Roche said, "This is not a situation where I anticipate a huge conflict."

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### 12,000 Darfur refugees enter Chad

GENEVA — Up to 12,000 refugees fled Sudan's Darfur region to neighboring Chad over the weekend following air strikes by the Sudanese military and thousands more may be coming, the U.N. refugee agency said Sunday.

The agency was bringing emergency assistance to the Chad border where the Darfur refugees were giving detailed descriptions of air attacks Friday on three West Darfur towns.

The refugees are "destitute and terrified," said Helene Caux, spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees headquartered in Geneva. "They told of their villages being looted and burned, and encircled by militia." Most of the new refugees in Chad are men and they told the U.N. that thousands of women and children are on their way, Caux added.

### Chavez threatens to cut off U.S. oil sales

CARACAS — President Hugo Chavez on Sunday threatened to cut off oil sales to the United States in an "economic war" if Exxon Mobil Corp. wins court judgments to seize billions of dollars in Venezuelan assets.

Exxon Mobil has gone after the assets of state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA in U.S., British and Dutch courts as it challenges the nationalization of a multibillion dollar oil project by Chavez's government.

A British court has issued an injunction "freezing" as much as \$12 billion in assets.

"If you end up freezing (Venezuelan assets) and it harms us, we're going to harm you," Chavez said during his weekly radio and television program, "Hello, President." "Do you know how? We aren't going to send oil to the United States. Take note, Mr. Bush, Mr. Danger."

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Sick astronaut taken off spacewalk

CAPE CANAVERAL — Shuttle Atlantis' sick German astronaut looked and sounded well Sunday as he helped a crewmate prepare for a spacewalk that should have been his.

In an extremely unusual move, NASA pulled Hans Schlegel off the spacewalk to help install the European lab, Columbus, at the international space station, and delayed the work until Monday, one day later than planned.

Schlegel, 56, a physicist and former paratrooper who has seven children, was fine for Thursday's liftoff and became ill in orbit, European Space Agency officials said, adding that the condition was neither life-threatening nor contagious.

### Mosque destroyed by apparent arson

COLUMBIA, Tenn. — A mosque was destroyed Saturday by a fire that federal investigators say appears to have been caused by arson. No one was injured.

Investigators found drawings of swastikas and other graffiti at the Islamic Center of Columbia, said Special Agent Eric Kehn of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Daoud Abudiab, president of the center, said authorities told him the fire probably started around 5 a.m. The graffiti included the words "white power" and "we run the world," Abudiab said.

"We have not had any trouble," he said. "This is the first incident."

## LOCAL NEWS

### Former mayorial candidate to go on trial

FORT WAYNE — A judge has set an August trial for a former Republican mayoral candidate accused of mishandling campaign contributions and lying to a grand jury.

Matt Kelty was indicted on nine counts by an Allen County grand jury last August, three months before he lost to Democrat Tom Henry in the general election.

On Friday, shortly after Allen Superior Court Judge Kenneth Scheibenberger denied Kelty's attorneys' motion to dismiss the indictments, defense attorney Larry Mackey said he intended to seek an emergency hearing before the Indiana Court of Appeals.

If Scheibenberger grants that request, it may delay Kelty's Aug. 18 trial date.

During Friday's hearing, Scheibenberger granted Sigler's request to amend Kelty's indictments to include the phrase "knowingly and intentionally."

## IRAQ

# Gates: Iraqi leaders face hard choices

*Defense secretary cites passage of amnesty law as example of political progress*

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Hard choices face Iraq's political leaders on how to stabilize the country despite promising new signs of progress toward reconciliation, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Sunday.

"They seem to have become energized over the last few weeks," Gates said. The Pentagon chief told reporters who traveled with him from a conference in Germany that he wants to "see what the prospects are for further success in the next couple of months."

In an interview on the trip to Iraq, Gates cited the recent passage of an amnesty law as an example of political progress. He said he would ask Iraqi leaders to assess the prospects for other important steps such as passing a law that would spell out power-sharing between the provinces and the national government.

He compared the struggle over that idea to the U.S. founding fathers' quest to find a constitutional compromise on how to share power in Congress between big and small states.

Gates said he would make clear to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and other political leaders that "our continued eagerness for them to proceed and successfully conclude some of this legislation" considered essential to reconciling Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds.

Gates arrived after dark at Baghdad International Airport aboard an Air Force C-17 cargo plane. He flew by helicopter to a private dinner with government officials, including al-Maliki, and the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, as well as U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker.

It was Gates' first visit this year and possibly his last before Petraeus and Crocker return to Washington in April to recommend to President Bush whether to continue reducing U.S. troop levels after Petraeus' current draw-



Defense Secretary Robert Gates speaks with Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, during Gates's unannounced visit to Baghdad on Sunday.

down plan is completed in July. By then, four brigades are to have gone home, leaving 15.

"I would be interested in how they are planning it — which units are coming out" between now and July, Gates said.

The trickier question is whether Petraeus will tell Bush that security conditions in Baghdad and elsewhere have improved enough to permit even more troop cuts without risking a deterioration in security. Petraeus' strategy is based on an expectation that improved security over time will give Iraqi political leaders an impetus to make compromises on legislation and other moves toward reconciliation.

Asked whether he would question Petraeus about the possibility of recommending a pause in the troop drawdown this summer, Gates replied, "I think our conversation will cover the whole range of possibilities."

During his visit, Gates planned to see troops Monday at a U.S. base in the capital and pin a medal on Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno. The No. 2 U.S. commander, Odierno is departing after 15 months in charge of the headquarters that carries out Petraeus' strategy on a day-to-day basis. Odierno is returning to Washington and has been nominated by Bush for promotion to four-star rank and assignment as Army vice chief of staff.

In his talks with Iraq's political leaders, Gates said he intended to make clear "our continued eagerness for them to proceed and successfully conclude some of this legislation," which has taken longer than many had hoped.

Before Gates' arrival, the U.S. military said a diary and another document seized during raids showed that some al-Qaida in Iraq leaders fear the terrorist group is crumbling and that many fighters are defecting to American-backed neighborhood groups. But violence also raged Sunday. The U.S. military said a car bomb exploded near an Iraqi checkpoint in an open-market area north of Baghdad, killing at least 23 civilians and wounding 25.

# Clinton manager replaced after Obama sweep

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton replaced campaign manager Patti Solis Doyle with longtime aide Maggie Williams on Sunday, engineering a shake-up in a presidential campaign struggling to overcome rival Barack Obama's financial and political strengths.

The surprise announcement came hours after Obama's sweep of three contests Saturday. The Illinois senator also grabbed the early lead in caucuses in Maine on Sunday.

Campaign aides said Solis Doyle made the decision to leave on her own and was not urged to do so by the former first lady or any other senior member of the team.

But it comes as Clinton struggles to catch Obama in fundraising and momentum and faces the prospect of losing every voting contest yet to come in February.

Solis Doyle announced the shift in an e-mail to the staff on Sunday.

"I have been proud to manage this campaign and prouder still to call Hillary my friend for more than 16 years," Solis Doyle wrote. "Maggie is a remarkable person and I am confident that she will do a fabulous job."

Solis Doyle said she will serve as a senior adviser to Clinton and the campaign, and travel with Clinton from time to time.

Williams, who served as Clinton's White House chief of staff, is a longtime Clinton confidante who joined the campaign after the New York senator narrowly won the New Hampshire primary

Jan. 8. She will begin assuming the duties of campaign manager this week.

The staff shake-up caps a week in which Clinton grabbed the bigger prizes on Super Tuesday, winning New York, California and New Jersey, but Obama prevailed in more contests. Obama won the popular vote in 13 states, while Clinton won in eight states and American Samoa.

Both Clinton and Obama raised a stunning \$100 million each last year, but Clinton recently has lagged behind Obama in money collected. He raised \$32 million in January to her \$13.5 million, forcing her to lend her campaign \$5 million before Super Tuesday. The campaign said Saturday that it had raised \$10 million since the beginning of February.



# Caucus results questioned

Huckabee's campaign to investigate McCain's Washington victory

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee is crying foul after John McCain's apparent victory in the Washington caucuses on Saturday.

Huckabee's campaign released a statement Sunday saying it will be exploring all available legal options regarding the "dubious final results." Arizona Sen. McCain was announced as the victor in the caucuses with 26 percent of the vote to Huckabee's 24 percent.

But Huckabee's campaign chairman, Ed Rollins, said Luke Esser, Washington's Republican Party chairman, chose to call the race too quickly for McCain.

Rollins said Huckabee was losing by 242 votes with 87 percent of the vote counted. He said there were another 1,500 or so votes that were apparently not counted.

"That is an outrage," Rollins said.

Rollins said the Huckabee campaign's lawyers will be on the ground in Washington soon to see why the count took so long, and why the vote-counting was stopped prematurely.

"It would be a disservice to every voter in Washington state to not pursue a full accounting of all votes cast," Rollins said. "... As I said, we are prepared to go to court, and we are also prepared to take our case all the way to the Republican National Convention in September."

Esser said Sunday evening that McCain's lead had narrowed, but only slightly. With just more than 93 percent of results in, Esser said McCain had 3,621 precinct delegates (25.4 percent) to Huckabee's 3,398 (23.8 percent) — a difference of 223 out of 14,253 elected at that point.

Late Saturday night, McCain had 3,468 precinct delegates to Huckabee's 3,226 — a difference of 242.

Esser said despite Huckabee closing the margin, he is still confident with his declaration that McCain is the winner.

"I'm even more confident now," Esser said. "These latest batch of results confirms what I said last night. It's a close race, but it's clear Sen. McCain will win the Washington state precinct caucuses."

"Had it been Gov. Huckabee with a small, but substantial lead, I would have called it that way."

The former Arkansas governor on Saturday won all 36 delegates at stake in Kansas and narrowly held on to win

Louisiana's primary. He's hoping those results will give him momentum going into Tuesday's elections in Maryland and Virginia.

However, he badly trails McCain, the likely nominee, in the overall race for delegates. Some say he should even step aside as a way to help the GOP maintain resources for the general election.

Huckabee described such talk as "total nonsense."

"The Democrats haven't settled their nominee either, so for us to suddenly act like we have to all step aside and have a coronation instead of an election, that's the antithesis of everything Republicans are supposed to believe," he said on "Meet the Press" on NBC. "We believe competition breeds excellence and the lack of it breeds mediocrity."

Huckabee said even he was surprised by Saturday's results. Huckabee won Kansas' delegates, but fell short of 50 percent in Louisiana, the threshold needed to claim the 20 delegates that were available. Instead, they will be awarded

at a state convention next weekend.

He has pledged to stay in the race until a candidate earns the 1,191 delegates needed to secure the nomination. During one of the three Sunday talk shows he appeared on, it was noted that his prospects for getting to that magic number were virtually impossible.

"This country was built on the impossible. It's impossible that I'm still in the race. That's what most people would've said a few months ago," he said on "Face the Nation" on CBS. "In politics so many things can happen that can change the

landscape overnight. A candidate can say something, do something, and everything can change."

He continued to deflect talk of interest in being McCain's choice for vice president.

"I'm not going to be asked. I think it's pretty evident that there would be a whole lot of people on the list long, long before me, and one of them would say 'yes,'" Huckabee said.

Told that McCain was heavily favored to win the primaries in Maryland and Virginia on Tuesday, Huckabee said he would do better than expected.

"I think we'll get a nice little bump out of what happened in Kansas," Huckabee said.

Huckabee spent part of Sunday at services at the late Rev. Jerry Falwell's church in Lynchburg, Va. The candidate steered clear of politics, but was welcomed as a "dear friend" by the Rev. Jonathan Falwell, who became pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church after his father died last year.

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**Ed Rollins**  
**Mike Huckabee's**  
**campaign chair**

# Obama beats Clinton in Maine's caucuses

Associated Press

AUGUSTA — Barack Obama defeated Hillary Rodham Clinton in Maine presidential caucuses Sunday, grabbing a majority of delegates as the state's Democrats overlooked the snowy weather and turned out in heavy numbers for municipal gatherings.

Democrats in 420 Maine towns and cities were deciding how the state's 24 delegates will be allotted at the party's national convention in August. Despite the weather, turnout was "incredible," party executive director Arden Manning said.

With 99 percent of the participating precincts reporting, Obama led in state delegates elected over Clinton, 2,079 to 1,396, with 18 uncommitted.

Obama exulted in his recent victories in Maine and elsewhere, telling a crowd of 18,000 Sunday evening in Virginia Beach, Va., that "we have won on the Atlantic Coast, we have won on the Gulf Coast, we have won on the Pacific Coast" and places in between.

Obama won 15 of Maine's delegates to the national convention and Clinton won nine. In the overall race for the nomination, Clinton leads with 1,136, including separately chosen party and elected officials known as superdelegates. Obama has 1,108.

The voting came a day after Obama and Clinton made personal appeals here, and after Obama picked up wins in Louisiana, Nebraska and Washington.

Organizers had expected heavy participation at the caucuses, but snow was falling and gusting winds hit as many of the gatherings were scheduled.

The weather didn't appear to have hurt turnout. Caucuses started late in Bangor and several other locations across the state because so many people showed up that they were lined up outside the doors.

In Maine's largest city, Democrats carrying "Obama" and "Hillary" signs waited to get into the citywide caucus at

Portland High School in separate lines that snaked nearly three city blocks in opposite directions.

Colin Johnson, an Obama supporter in Portland, said the Illinois senator is not a typical politician. "I'm convinced he's a once-in-a-generation leader," he said.

"He's young and energetic and Washington and the White House could benefit from some fresh air," said Joe Lewis, another Obama supporter.

But Tony Donovan said Obama can use some more seasoning. Donovan was supporting Clinton because she, like him, was a baby boomer who shared similar values and because she has the experience and the team to lead in Washington.

"Obama's a great guy. He'll be great in eight years," Donovan said. "He doesn't have the experience in the Senate. He doesn't have the experience in Washington. He's not ready."

A line waited to get into Augusta's caucus as Gov. John Baldacci, a Clinton supporter, addressed the crowd of a couple hundred at the city's Cony High School. Asked why he decided to wait in line to participate, John Brandt said, "Getting rid of Republicans, once and for all."

Though Maine's national delegate count is small, Clinton and Obama, along with surrogates, came to the state Saturday as their campaigns drew tighter after Super Tuesday.

Thousands of people packed the Bangor Auditorium to hear Obama on Saturday and hundreds more who weren't allowed inside greeted him as he arrived. People also were stopped at the door as Clinton held a town hall-style gathering nearby at the University of Maine at Orono. She later stopped in Lewiston.

Clinton's daughter, Chelsea, and husband, Bill, also visited, while Obama supporter Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts campaigned in two cities in the days before the vote.

## Denim

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money goes towards Riley's [Hospital for Children]. I think it will be successful," Clougherty said.

Common interest in children's issues was one of the major reasons why Clougherty thought a partnership with Charity Denim would be appropriate.

"They work a lot with Children's Miracle Network, since Riley is a part of that they're willing to come to Saint Mary's to do it," she said.

Clougherty originally discovered Charity Denim through Facebook and said the group is known for working with sororities.

After contacting the organization, both Clougherty and Charity Denim agreed that Saint Mary's would be the perfect place to hold a fundraiser, "since we're all women," Clougherty said. "But we're opening this up to Notre Dame and Holy Cross as

well."

Although Clougherty said they had no specific monetary goal, they have been advertising the event as much as possible.

"We have been advertising it through e-mail, signs, on Facebook and just through word of mouth," she said.

Charity Denim is one of many events the Dance Marathon committee has organized this year. The committee has raised funds by selling "Sigma Mu Chi" apparel and through the Spring Break Raffle, which is raffling off tanning and hair design packages.

In addition, there are two events still in the planning stages, she said. One is a penny war between the Saint Mary's dorms, which will either occur the week before Dance Marathon, or at the actual event, she said. The other event being planned is a 5K run/walk to be held the weekend before Dance Marathon, she said.

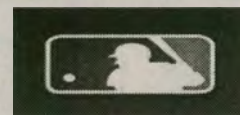
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Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:	
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<b>AMEX</b>	<b>2,229.96</b>	<b>+22.62</b>		
<b>NASDAQ</b>	<b>2,304.85</b>	<b>+11.82</b>		
<b>NYSE</b>	<b>8,823.12</b>	<b>-35.92</b>		
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>1,331.29</b>	<b>-5.62</b>		
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POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	+1.14	+0.49	43.60	
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+0.68	+0.16	23.54	
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+1.56	+0.44	28.56	
Treasuries				
10-YEAR NOTE	-2.19	-0.082	3.654	
13-WEEK BILL	+2.86	+0.060	2.160	
30-YEAR BOND	-1.36	-0.061	4.439	
5-YEAR NOTE	-2.85	-0.079	2.696	
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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)		+12.30	922.30	
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## IN BRIEF

### No additional job cuts for Chrysler

SAN FRANCISCO — The vice chairman of Chrysler LLC said Saturday he sees no further employment cuts as the automaker continues to restructure into a more customer-focused company offering fewer models and better quality.

Chrysler, which is restructuring after a majority stake in the automaker was sold last summer to private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management LP, announced in November it planned to cut up to 11,000 jobs, including 8,000 to 10,000 hourly and 1,000 salaried positions.

"We hope that's going to be the extent of it," Vice Chairman Jim Press told reporters during a round-table discussion at the National Automobile Dealers Association Convention. "You never know what the market is going to throw at us, but yes, the answer is that we have made the appropriate decisions."

The cuts announced in November were in addition to a reduction of 13,000 jobs that Chrysler announced last February, including 11,000 hourly and 2,000 salaried workers in the U.S. and Canada.

### Stimulus plan may not stop downturn

WASHINGTON — Despite remarkably quick passage, the economic aid plan and its cash rebates may come too late to prevent a recession this year. For many experts, however, the \$168 billion boost to the lagging economy may mean the difference between a short downturn and something much more serious.

The measure that President Bush plans to sign this coming week will send government payments to more than 130 million people. Checks that will start showing up in mailboxes in May range from \$300 to \$1,200; households with children get an additional \$300 per child. Businesses benefit, too, through tax breaks to increase investment spending on plants and equipment.

The tax relief is intended to jump-start the economy. Politicians, worried about a recession in an election year, put aside their normal bickering to speed the proposal through Congress.

Nonetheless, there is debate over how effective it will be. Critics say debt-burdened consumers will use the money to pay bills rather than spending the checks and spurring growth.

# Yahoo rejects Microsoft takeover bid

Board turns down \$44.6 billion offer, concludes it undervalues the internet company

Associated Press

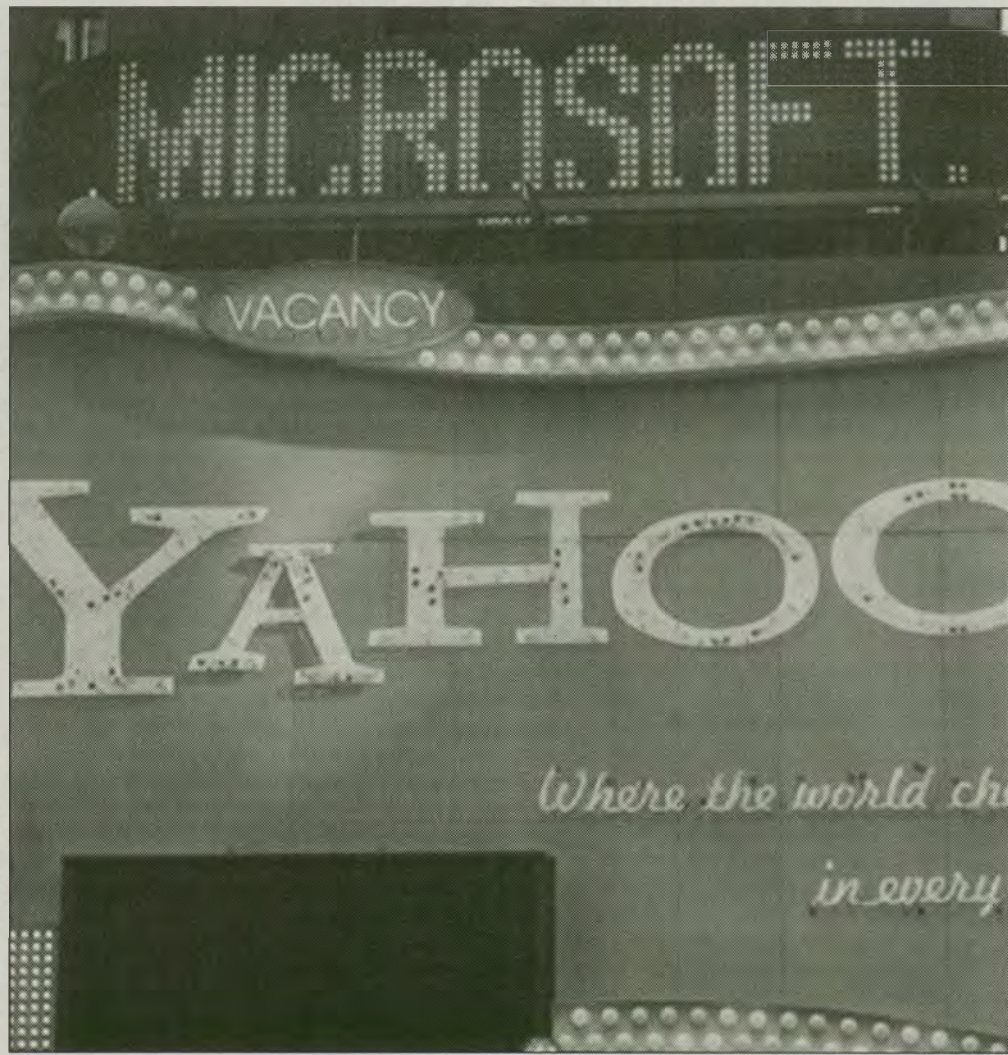
SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo Inc.'s board will reject Microsoft Corp.'s \$44.6 billion takeover bid after concluding the unsolicited offer undervalues the slumping Internet pioneer, a person familiar with the situation said Saturday.

The decision could provoke a showdown between two of the world's most prominent technology companies with Internet search leader Google Inc. looming in the background. Leery of Microsoft expanding its turf on the Internet, Google already has offered to help Yahoo avert a takeover and urged antitrust regulators to take a hard look at the proposed deal.

If the world's largest software maker wants Yahoo badly enough, Microsoft could try to override Yahoo's board by taking its offer — originally valued at \$31 per share — directly to the shareholders. Pursuing that risky route probably will require Microsoft to attempt to oust Yahoo's current 10-member board.

Alternatively, Microsoft could sweeten its bid. Many analysts believe Microsoft is prepared to offer as much as \$35 per share for Yahoo, which still boasts one of the Internet's largest audiences and most powerful advertising vehicles despite a prolonged slump that has hammered its stock.

Yahoo's board reached the decision after exploring a wide variety of alternatives during the past week, according to the person who spoke to The Associated Press. The person didn't want to be identified because the reasons for Yahoo's rebuff won't be officially spelled out until



A Times Square news ticker flashes a headline about Microsoft above a Yahoo billboard in New York. Microsoft's hostile takeover attempt of Yahoo was rejected on Saturday by Yahoo's board.

Monday morning.

Microsoft and Yahoo declined to comment Saturday on the decision, first reported by The Wall Street Journal on its Web site.

Yahoo's board concluded Microsoft's offer is inadequate even though the company couldn't find any other potential bidders willing to offer a higher price.

Without other suitors on the horizon, Yahoo has had little choice but to turn a cold shoulder toward Microsoft if the board

hopes to fulfill its responsibility to fetch the highest price possible for the company, said technology investment banker Ken Marlin.

"You would expect Yahoo's board to reject Microsoft at first," Marlin said. "If they didn't, they would be accused of malfeasance."

But by spurning Microsoft, Yahoo risks further alienating shareholders already upset about management missteps that have led to five consecutive quarters of declining prof-

its.

The downturn caused Yahoo's stock price to plummet by more than 40 percent, erasing about \$20 billion in shareholder wealth, in the three months leading up to Microsoft's bid.

Seizing on an opportunity to expand its clout on the Internet, Microsoft dangled a takeover offer that was 62 percent above Yahoo's stock price of just \$19.18 when the bid was announced Feb. 1. Yahoo shares ended the past week at \$29.20.

# Public opinion: Country is in recession

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Empty homes and for-sale signs clutter neighborhoods. You've lost your job or know someone who has. Your paycheck and nest egg are taking a hit.

Could the country be in recession?

Sixty-one percent of the public believes the economy is now suffering through its first recession since 2001, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll.

The fallout from a depressed housing market and a credit crunch nearly caused the economy to stall in the final three months of last year. Some experts, like the majority of people questioned in the poll, say the economy actually may be shrinking now. The worry is that consumers and businesses will hunker down further and pull back spending, sending the economy into a tailspin.

"Absolutely, we're in a recession," said Hilda Sanchez, 44, of Waterford,

Calif.

Squeezed by high energy and food bills, "we can't afford the things that we normally buy," she said. "We are cutting corners in our spending. For our groceries, we are buying a lot of generic and we are eating out less."

For many, the meltdown in the housing and mortgage markets has proved especially disturbing. Record numbers of people were forced from their homes, unable to afford the monthly loan payments. People watched their single biggest asset fall in value, a reason to tighten the belt.

"Obviously the housing market is creating deep concern. And one of the real problems could be that if people, as a result of their value of their homes going down, kind of pull in their horns," President Bush said in a television interview aired Sunday.

Credit has become harder to get, thwarting would-be home buyers, adding to the glut of unsold homes and aggravating the housing industry's

woes.

"For-sale signs are everywhere. In my area, 35 to 40 homes are standing there and aren't even complete. There aren't any buyers," said Jim Sims, 60, of Greer, S.C.

Nanette Dahlin, 52, of St. Louis Park, Minn., called the situation "very scary." She said friends in Madison, Minn., put their home up for sale recently and reduced the asking price more than \$100,000 in just a week. "They are in bad shape," Dahlin said.

For all of 2007, the economy grew by just 2.2 percent. That was the weakest performance since 2002, when the country was struggling to recover from the last recession. The housing collapse was the biggest culprit in 2007. Builders lowered spending on housing projects by 16.9 percent on an annualized basis, the most in 25 years.

The job market is faltering — a point driven home by a report showing that employers cut jobs in January for the first time in more than four years.



# Obama gains in delegate count

*Superdelegates to play critical role in Democratic primary elections*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton retains her lead among suddenly critical Democratic Party insiders even as Barack Obama builds up his delegate margin with primary and caucus victories across the country, according to a survey by The Associated Press.

Of the 796 lawmakers, governors and party officials who are Democratic superdelegates, Clinton had 243 and Obama had 156. That edge was responsible for Clinton's overall advantage in the pursuit of delegates to secure the party's nomination for president. According to the AP's latest tally, Clinton has 1,127 total delegates and Obama has 1,093, heading into Sunday's Democratic caucuses in Maine. A candidate must get 2,205 delegates to capture the nomination.

The numbers illustrate not only the remarkable proximity between the two candidates, but also the extraordinary influence superdelegates could wield in determining who becomes the nominee. Both campaigns are aggressively pursuing superdelegates, trumpeting their endorsements the moment they are secured.

"I told my wife I'm probably going to be pretty popular for a couple months," chuckled Richard Ray, a superdelegate and president of the Georgia chapter of the AFL-CIO. Ray said he will remain undecided because the labor federation has made no endorsement.

"If they endorse, then I will, too," Ray said.

The national party has named about 720 of the 796 superdelegates. The remainder will be chosen at state party conventions in the spring and summer. AP reporters have interviewed 95 percent of the named delegates, with the most recent round of interviews taking place last week, after Super Tuesday.

For the first time since the AP began contacting superdelegates last fall, more than half of them — 399 — have endorsed a candidate. The remaining 320 or so delegates said they are either undecided or uncommitted, making them the subject of intense lobbying by both campaigns.

With Clinton and Obama trading wins and losses as the primary and caucus season unfolds, the role of the superdelegates has been magnified and is causing anxiety inside and outside the campaigns. If the current snapshot of the race holds, superdelegates could decide the nomination in favor of one candidate even if the other receives more votes in the party primaries and caucuses.

Donna Brazile, a top Democratic National Committee member and manager of Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign, said party elders have a role to play but said voters should lead the way.

"I don't want to superimpose my personal views; I want to reflect the will of the voters," she said Sunday, noting that as a superdelegate she is torn between Obama and Clinton. "Honestly, I don't want to decide this."

Obama himself weighed in Friday, telling reporters that voters should determine who superdelegates support, even as his campaign actively courted them.



Democratic presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama speaks at a Chicago rally on Super Tuesday.

"My strong belief is that if we end up with the most states and the most pledged delegates, and the most voters in the country, then it would be problematic for political insiders to overturn the judgment of the voters," he said. "I think that should be the guiding approach to determining who will be the nominee."

Clinton, speaking to reporters on Saturday, argued that superdelegates should make up their own minds and pointedly noted that Obama has the endorsements of superdelegates John Kerry and Edward Kennedy, both senators from Massachusetts, a state whose primary Clinton won.

"Superdelegates are by design supposed to exercise independent judgment," she said. "If Senator Obama and his campaign continue to push this position, which is to the contrary of what the definition of superdelegates has histori-

cally been, I will look forward to receiving the support of Senator Kerry and Senator Kennedy."

Unlike pledged delegates secured through a primary or a caucus, superdelegates can vote for whomever they choose, and they are not required to vote for the candidate they endorse. Indeed, some superdelegates who had endorsed other Democratic candidates have already switched to Clinton or Obama or are reconsidering their earlier choices.

Democratic superdelegate Christine "Roz" Samuels of Montclair, N.J., said she backed off her preference for Clinton after hearing former President Bill Clinton scoff at Obama's stance on the Iraq war.

"I'm disappointed in a few things that were said a few weeks ago by President Clinton," she said. "I'm going to have to revisit what I'm going to do between now and when we vote."

# Workers still missing in refinery explosion

Associated Press

PORT WENTWORTH — Search crews found no trace Sunday of three workers still missing in the smoldering remnants of a sugar refinery explosion last week that left five people dead and injured dozens more.

Officials called off the search at sunset, but had not yet searched a part of the Imperial Sugar plant that was still burning and where the buildings were dangerously unstable.

Sugar still burning in two of the refinery's three badly damaged, 100-foot storage silos threatened to weaken the towering structures to the point of collapsing if the fire wasn't extinguished soon, Fire Chief Greg Long said.

He said firefighters hoped to smother the silo fires Monday by using construction cranes to dump sand into silos. One of the silos blew up late Thursday, possibly after combustible sugar dust ignited.

Long said search crews had covered 95 percent of the massive refinery. While more bodies were not recovered, Long said it was unlikely company officials were wrong to believe three more workers remained inside.

"They have used diligence in getting me the exact number of people," said Long, who knows the missing workers personally. "They're confident in it. Unfortunately, I need to be confident in it."

Long said the areas that had not yet been searched were on the first floor of a building near the explosion, including a break room, where upper floors had collapsed.

After shoring up the building, crews would have to squeeze into tight spaces among the rubble to search them.

Mounds of sugary sludge pouring out of the silos

Sunday was solidifying, creating another obstacle to the recovery efforts. A firefighter said his search team had to use power tools to tear down a door glued shut by sticky sludge.

"As you've got sugar that's crystalizing and running down the chutes, it's like concrete," Savannah-Chatham County police Sgt. Mike Wilson said.

Strong wind coming off the Savannah River made conditions even more hazardous for crews trying to prevent the silos and plant buildings from collapsing, Savannah Fire Capt. Mike Stanley said.

"We have a very windy day and a very weak structure," Stanley said.

Meanwhile, none of the five recovered bodies have been positively identified, said Savannah-Chatham County police Detective Josh Hunt.

Hunt said investigators have asked families for medical and dental records and any information about specific medical conditions, broken bones or surgeries the workers may have had to help identify the bodies.

"Unfortunately, due to the severity of this disaster, it's going to be a difficult conclusion to reach," he said.

Seventeen workers remained hospitalized Sunday in critical condition with severe burns. Three others were released Sunday, said Beth Frits of the Joseph M. Burn Center in Augusta.

One of the critically injured, 49-year-old Gene Daniel Bryan Jr., moved his head Sunday in response to relatives, even though he was in a medically induced coma, said his sister, Penny Daley.

Bryan, a supervisor, led several of his employees to an exit but they had to flee down a staircase that was engulfed in flames, Daley said in a telephone interview.

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## ISRAEL

# Prime minister rules out Gaza military operation

*Palestinian rocket attacks wound 8-year-old civilian; Olmert says Hamas violence makes peace agreement impossible*

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Sunday ruled out a broad military operation in the Gaza Strip, deflecting rising anger after an 8-year-old boy lost a leg in a Palestinian rocket attack.

But Israel's top diplomat warned it will be impossible to reach a peace agreement with Palestinians as long as the Hamas rulers of Gaza continue to foment violence.

"Anger is not an operational plan," Olmert said in response to clamoring for a full-scale invasion of northern Gaza to take over the areas where militants have been launching the rockets. There were calls from the Cabinet for assassinating Hamas political leaders.

Residents of the battered town of Sderot near Gaza blocked the main highway entrance into Jerusalem as the Cabinet met. They demanded government action after doctors amputated Osher Twito's leg following a rocket attack that also wounded his 19-year-old brother.

"He loves playing soccer, but he will never play again," Osher's mother, Iris Twito, wailed on Channel 2 TV. "How can he play now with no leg?"

Over the weekend, with growing defiance and confidence, Hamas militants called on Israelis to flee from border towns as the rockets rained down. The two brothers were wounded Saturday night when a rocket exploded next to them in Sderot, one of dozens that hit in and near the town of 20,000 less half a mile from the fence

around Gaza.

The boy's serious injury galvanized Israeli outrage.

"We must take a neighborhood in Gaza and wipe it off the map," Cabinet Minister Meir Sheetrit said after warning citizens to flee.

At nightfall, about 20 Israeli army vehicles rolled into northern Gaza, where most of the rockets are fired, witnesses said. The military called the operation "routine." In an exchange of gunfire at the border, a Palestinian militant was killed.

Late Sunday, Palestinians fired a rocket at Israel, only the second of the day, compared to dozens in the previous days.

In a public statement at the beginning of the weekly Israeli Cabinet meeting, Olmert said the surge in Palestinian rocket attacks is a response to Israel's own military strikes. He claimed 200 Gaza militants have been killed in recent months "as a result of initiated, aggressive, planned and comprehensive activity" by the Israeli military and security.

As the demonstrators from Sderot approached his office, Olmert insisted he would not act out of anger.

"We must act in a systematic and orderly fashion over time," he said.

Olmert indicated that Israel might target Hamas political leaders.

"We will continue to reach all the responsible terrorists, including those who dispatch and operate them," he said.

On his way to Germany for talks later Sunday, Olmert called for patience.

"There is no solution of one

operation or one bomb," he said. "It takes time."

Up to now Israeli military strikes have been aimed at rocket squads and militant leaders. In 2004, however, Israel killed the founder of Hamas and his successor in two airstrikes four weeks apart.

Hamas overran Gaza in June, expelling forces loyal to moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Gaza's Hamas government is headed by Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, deposed by Abbas after the takeover. Abbas named a new government that effectively rules only the West Bank.

Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni denounced the daily rocket attacks, rejecting the world's tendency to dismiss the violence "simply by saying there are casualties on both sides."

Livni told The Associated Press that while Gaza militants are targeting civilians, "Israel, according to international law, has the right and duty to defend its citizens."

Livni, who heads Israel's team negotiating a peace agreement with Abbas' government, said such an agreement would be impossible as long as Hamas rules Gaza and foments violence.

"There is no hope for any kind of peace or the vision of the Palestinian state which includes the Gaza Strip without real change on the ground," said Livni, who leads Israel's negotiating team.

In recent months, Israel has augmented its military strikes with economic sanctions on Gaza, cutting back fuel supplies and sharply restricting the entry of other goods through



An Israeli man surveys the damage in his backyard from a rocket fired by Palestinian militants in the Gaza strip.

Gaza crossings it controls. On Thursday, it cut about 1 percent of the electricity it supplies to the territory in an effort to pressure Hamas to stop the rocket barrages.

Residents said rolling blackouts in Gaza last 8-12 hours a day. Gas station owners refused to accept Israeli fuel shipments, saying they covered only a third of their needs. Aid workers said Sunday the Gaza City power plant was working at full capacity but had no fuel reserves.

Vice Premier Haim Ramon said Israel should not make do with symbolic power cuts.

"If they fire a rocket, then there should be no electricity, or water or fuel" that day, he said.

documents tell "narrow but compelling stories of the challenges al-Qaida in Iraq is facing," Smith told reporters in Baghdad. "This does not signal the end of al-Qaida in Iraq, but it is a contemporary account of the challenges posed to terrorists from the people of Iraq."

He said the documents are believed to be authentic because they contain details that only al-Qaida in Iraq leaders could know about battlefield movements and tactics. The U.S. military gave reporters partially redacted copies of the full diary but only four pages of the Anbar document, citing security reasons. Both were provided in the original Arabic and an English translation.

## AFGHANISTAN

## Norway closes embassy

*Terror threats, past attacks prompt evacuation from Afghan capital*

Associated Press

OSLO — Norway closed its embassy in the Afghan capital because of terror threats Sunday, nearly a month after a Norwegian journalist was among eight people killed in a suicide attack on a luxury hotel in Kabul.

The Nordic nation, which recently said it would send more troops to the NATO force in Afghanistan, has been singled out at least twice as a potential target by al-Qaida.

"The embassy has been closed down today due to terror threats," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Kristin Melsom said. She would not describe the threats and said it was too early to say how long the embassy would be closed.

A reporter for the Norwegian newspaper Dagbladet was among those killed when militants with suicide vests, grenades and AK-47 rifles attacked the Serena hotel in Kabul on Jan. 15. Norway's foreign minister was in the hotel at the time, but he was unhurt and later said he did not think the

attack was aimed at him.

Nevertheless, the attack likely led Norway to review the threat level against its interests in Afghanistan, said Arne Strand, an Afghanistan expert at the Christian Michelsen Institute in Bergen, Norway's second biggest city.

"The fact that the embassy has been closed indicates that the threat this time has been aimed more directly at Norway," he told The Associated Press.

In a security document dated Jan. 20, Afghanistan's Interior Ministry listed 15 locations — including Norway's embassy — that could be targeted by militants.

"According to detective reports, the enemies plan to launch a series of suicide attacks, explosions and harmful activities in Kabul city," said the report obtained by The Associated Press. "The enemies' first plan is to target some more vulnerable infrastructures of Kabul city."

The embassies of Sweden, Belgium, India, Turkey, Finland and Indonesia were also listed.

Government offices and three well-known Kabul hotels, including the Serena, were also said to be possible targets.

Al-Qaida has singled out Norway at least twice in past years among nations that should be targeted because of its participation in the NATO-led coalition in Afghanistan and a previous deployment in Iraq.

The founder of the al-Qaida-linked Iraqi extremist group Ansar al-Islam, Kurdish leader Mullah Krekar, is a refugee in Norway but was declared a threat to national security in 2005 and ordered deported. He has not yet been expelled.

Norway was also among the Western countries threatened by extremists during the uproar over Danish caricature of Islam's Prophet Muhammad in early 2006 because a Norwegian newspaper reprinted the drawings.

On Friday, Norwegian Defense Minister Anne-Grete Strom-Erichsen said Norway will add 200 extra troops to its 500 soldiers in Afghanistan with the deployment of special forces and helicopters in March.

## RUSSIA

## Kosovo's split from Serbia raises tensions

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia may not come to outright blows with the West over Kosovo, but independence for the province seems sure to deepen the Cold War-style chill settling over Europe.

Detaching Kosovo from Serbia will likely aggravate disputes over a host of sensitive security issues ranging from missile defense to NATO membership for the former Soviet republics of Georgia and Ukraine.

"There are several different issues coming together — that's what makes it so dangerous," said Anatol Lieven, a Russia expert who is a professor at King's College London and a senior fellow of the New America Foundation in Washington.

Kosovo is sacred to Serbs, who call it the cradle of their statehood and religion. The province also strikes a chord in the President Vladimir Putin's Kremlin — for reasons beyond the roots Russia shares with Slavic, Orthodox

Christian Serbia.

Kosovo stands as a symbol of Russia's weakness in the post-Soviet era. Despite its fury over the 1999 NATO bombing of Serbia — denounced by Boris Yeltsin as a return to the "Stone Age" — Moscow recognized a peace deal that put the mostly ethnic Albanian province under the control of the U.N. and the Western alliance.

Putin has built his popularity on restoring Russian pride, pushing to recapture its global clout and showing increasing assertiveness toward the West. That means acquiescence is off the table.

"The issue is not so much Kosovo itself but Russia's grandeur," said Yevgeny Volk, head of the Heritage Foundation's Moscow office.

Speculation that Russia would strike a compromise with the West was shattered last August when Moscow torpedoed a plan for supervised independence by threatening a U.N. Security Council veto.



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## The unwell, unregulated militia

On Feb. 1, 15-year-old Nicholas Browning shot and killed his parents and two younger brothers in their home outside Baltimore with his father's handgun, following an argument with his dad over an upcoming Boy Scout camping weekend.

Andrea Laidman

High Sounding Words

On Feb. 2, five women were shot and killed while shopping at a retail clothing store outside of Chicago, during an attempted robbery.

On Feb. 7, a long-disgruntled resident of Kirkwood, Mo., shot and killed one police officer outside of a City Council meeting, before entering the meeting room and continuing his rampage. Four more people were shot and killed, while two — including the town's mayor — remain in serious condition. The shooter himself was shot to death by police during the incident.

On Feb. 8, a female student of Louisiana Technical College shot and killed two of her classmates and herself in a classroom on the Baton Rouge campus.

Also on Feb. 8, an eight-year-old was shot in the head and killed while inside her home in Indianapolis. The girl was the fourth preteen child to be shot to death in Indianapolis in 2008.

On Feb. 9, 11 people were shot and killed in three separate incidents across Milwaukee's north side — all within a 90-minute time span.

A casual eye on the news or an internet search for recent shootings reveals that gun violence in the U.S. is out of control.

The tragedies above are unfortunately representative of repeated storylines in crime reports of shootings: Innocent victims are caught in the line of fire. A member of a community who perceives himself as disenfranchised picks up a gun as his supposed last resort. Young people both pull the trigger and are targets of bullets, transformed into killers or cheated of their lives in one terrifying moment.

On March 18, the Supreme Court will

hear oral arguments in a case that determines whether the much-debated Second Amendment right to bear arms applies to the individual. Rampant gun violence as illustrated by the stories above — just a sampling of the shootings that occurred in the U.S. this month — will serve only as a backdrop to this question of constitutional interpretation.

But even without serious consideration of the violence tied to legally-owned guns across the nation (a statement that could characterize the speeches of Republican primary frontrunners as well as the arguments in the pending Supreme Court case), a look at historical precedent shows that the issue of gun ownership rights is much more complex than the NRA would have us think.

At issue in the case is Washington, D.C.'s legislation restricting citizens from legally owning handguns — a ban that has been in place for over 30 years in the district.

Following legal challenges from residents that began in 2003, a federal appeals court last year found the handgun ban unconstitutional, citing the Second Amendment.

But the city's officials respond that lifting the ban will only make violence worse. Washington, D.C., Mayor Adrian Fenty held a rally this fall with the message that more handguns mean more crime. Washington Police Chief Cathy Lanier agreed: "The weakening of the district's gun law will inevitably lead to an increase in injury, and worse, death."

The district's legal argument in the upcoming case before the Supreme Court takes the position adopted by a majority of the nation's appeals courts that the Second Amendment guarantees a right to bear arms only as a collective, civic right related to military service.

Precedent is on their side. Not one law regulating the sale or possession of guns was struck down on the basis of the Second Amendment for two centuries following its ratification.

Throughout the 19th century, states

not only regulated sales and ownership of guns, but many enforced legislation that prohibited carrying concealed firearms.

The Courts consistently upheld these laws against Second Amendment challenges.

Even the U.S. Supreme Court in a 1931 case indicated that the right to possess firearms was written in regards to maintaining the "well-regulated Militia" of the Second Amendment. The decision held that the Second Amendment "must be interpreted and applied" with the view of maintaining a militia.

The 1931 decision has been cited with little exception by all the United States Circuit Courts decisions that have rejected legal challenges to federal firearm regulations over the last six decades.

On Friday, Dick Cheney exercised his title of President of the Senate, and added his signature to an amicus brief signed by 55 senators and 250 representatives, which urges the justices to oppose the ban and uphold the individual-based interpretation of the Second Amendment.

These lawmakers need to bear in mind the violence that occurred across the country last week, and that which will surely follow — similar incidents, many involving legally-owned guns, in the weeks to come. But lawmakers, like the justices, must also look to two centuries of precedent related to common sense and pragmatic gun regulation. Until they do, lists of tragedies like the one at the start of this piece will be easily compiled.

Andrea Laidman is a senior political science and peace studies major. Her column's title recalls advice given to John Adams by his wife, Abigail: "We have too many high sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them." She can be contacted at [alaidman@nd.edu](mailto:alaidman@nd.edu)

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON



### OBSERVER POLL

How long will the Notre Dame Men's Basketball home win streak last?  
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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Talent is cheaper than table salt. What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work."

Stephen King  
author



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Big donations come in small packages

The article "ND gives little cash to hopefuls" (Feb. 8) asserted that Notre Dame students and professors have contributed significantly less money in donations to U.S. presidential campaigns than their counterparts at other universities. This statement is misleading. The article's claim was based on federal campaign finance records. These records, however, only include data on contributions exceeding \$200. Accordingly, they are a faulty metric for campaign donations, especially the donations of students, who are likely to have limited financial resources and thus contribute less than \$200. Smaller donations are not uncommon and can have a significant impact on presidential campaigns. The claim that only 15 Notre Dame students and professors donated to presidential campaigns is inaccurate and may significantly underestimate the campus' involvement in the presidential race.

Ben Linskey  
freshman  
Dillon Hall  
Feb. 8

### Reconsider 'suck it' cheer

I've been going to Notre Dame basketball games since I was seven years old and have been a season ticket holder almost since I graduated. There's nothing I like more than seeing a raucous crowd at the Joyce Center and there's no doubt in my mind that the crowd — especially the students — helped Notre Dame to their big win over Marquette on Saturday that kept the big home win streak alive.

That said, I saw on Saturday what seems to be a recent tradition in the student body. I've seen it at a couple football games as well (including the Navy game this past fall) and it's one I wish they'd reconsider. I refer to the addition of the "Suck it, [opponent]" phrase to the "Go Irish Go" cheer. Besides being unoriginal and not very clever, it's the kind of crassness we usually expect to see from some of our opponents' student bodies. "I@#\$ the Irish" is a routine chant leveled at us at road games and I've never met a Notre Dame fan yet who finds that in any way interesting or believes it reflects well on those students.

This relatively new cheer puts us on that slippery slope. I was embarrassed for the man sitting behind me at the game who had brought his four-year-old son to the game and had to listen to that. It's not a question of being "tough" or trying to sound intimidating, and it's also not a question of this being something "young people do." It's a question of acting like the men and women Notre Dame students are supposed to be. It's possible to create an intimidating environment to support the team through your noise without resorting to the crass, juvenile behavior that is supposed to be beneath us.

Folks, let's reconsider this one. Notre Dame students are among the best out there. There's got to be something more clever you can come up with.

Mike Coffey  
alumnus  
Class of 1991  
Feb. 10

## Monologues encourage mistreatment of women

As the Irish Rover pointed out on Feb. 7, the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Doctrine has moved its meeting from Notre Dame in response to the showing of the Monologues on campus. Every year we discuss the meaning of "academic freedom" and the extent to which the university should promote student expression, but I believe this woefully misses the mark.

The Vagina Monologues' performances are tied to V-Day, which defines itself as "a global movement to stop violence against women and girls." (www.vday.org) If this were the extent of the movement, I would wholeheartedly support the effort, but am saddened that the Monologues are seen as the way to make this happen. It seems fairly obvious that if one desires to end violence against women, we must attack the mentality which sees women as sex objects. Unfortunately, the Monologues mostly depict

women who have simply found ways to treat themselves as sex objects without the help of men. I was appalled to see the rape of a young girl by an older woman celebrated and masturbation blatantly encouraged.

As a woman who has been a victim of sexual violence and talked to dozens of others in situations much more tragic than her own, I believe it is our duty to make sure that this does not happen to anyone else. This cannot be done if we are taught to view ourselves as playthings and we cannot be successful unless we recognize the dignity of the human body. In permitting the Monologues, we are promoting a different kind of violence toward women: One that tells us it's okay to see ourselves as nothing more than walking vaginas, yet demonizes men for doing the same.

I ask Dean Roche, Father Jenkins and all those whose decisions affect this play's production not only to uphold the Catholic character of our university, but to trust in it. We must not allow empty promises to lure us away from the witness of the saints, the Church, Notre Dame and the love of God. We cannot focus on the fight to end violence if our attention is distracted by "academic debates" and theatre, which belittles the dignity of womanhood. I speak for myself and many others when I say there is no debate: Violence against women should be stopped, especially when we inflict it on ourselves.

Christina Holmstrom  
senior  
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Feb. 10

## U WIRE

### Under the boardwalk

There is a group of ex-convict sex offenders living under an overpass in Miami that feels they are being unfairly treated (I know, right?) because, well, they're homeless. And they're talking to the press about it. The two men — Alejandro Ruiz and Kevin Morales — that were quoted in the article "Nowhere to go, Miami sex offenders live under bridge" on Reuters both swear they aren't monsters. They have graffitied this battle cry on the concrete columns surrounding the camp (announcing their whereabouts effectively).

The ex-cons lament the fact that no one wants to be around them (surprise?), and are disheartened that people "treat [them] like shit." If they had been allowed a house or apartment and been made to put a sign in their yard, would they have protested? Why should I feel bad for them? They are only victims of their depravity. One of these two men was convicted of lewd and lascivious conduct with a 15-year-old relative and the other, a 67-year-old man, was convicted of the same thing with a minor (but not a relative ... whew).

On average, there are 13 men living in this camp in tents, under tarps, in an atmosphere the writer sympathetically describes as "dismal" and that "reeks of human waste and garbage". The really hilarious part of all of this is that they are being told to live here by parole officers because it's one of the few places that fit the requirement in Dade County of being far enough away from schools and playgrounds, but at the same time are being told by other officials to clear off, though it's technically not illegal to camp under overpasses. They have a curfew, which is enforced nearly every day, and some even have "Under the Julia Tuttle Causeway" listed as their official residence on their driver's license.

I imagine it's pretty difficult to get a job when you live under an overpass, so who's feeding these guys and the 37 other homeless predators across the state? Also, just because they can't officially live close to places where there may be children doesn't mean they can't visit these places to get their rocks off. And, from what I hear, sex offenders are generally the first to be made into the cell-block bitch, so what exactly did they expect upon release? To be welcomed back into society, into their family's homes, with wide-open arms and smiles and sunshine? It's not quite fair, I suppose, to expect them to assimilate into normal society when they can't even get an apartment. But do sexual deviants ever really fit into and become productive members of society? Or do they eventually all turn into Jeffrey Dahmer? If so, at least now they have nowhere to lure people. Then again, 15 to 30 convicted sex offenders hanging out together may not be a great idea.

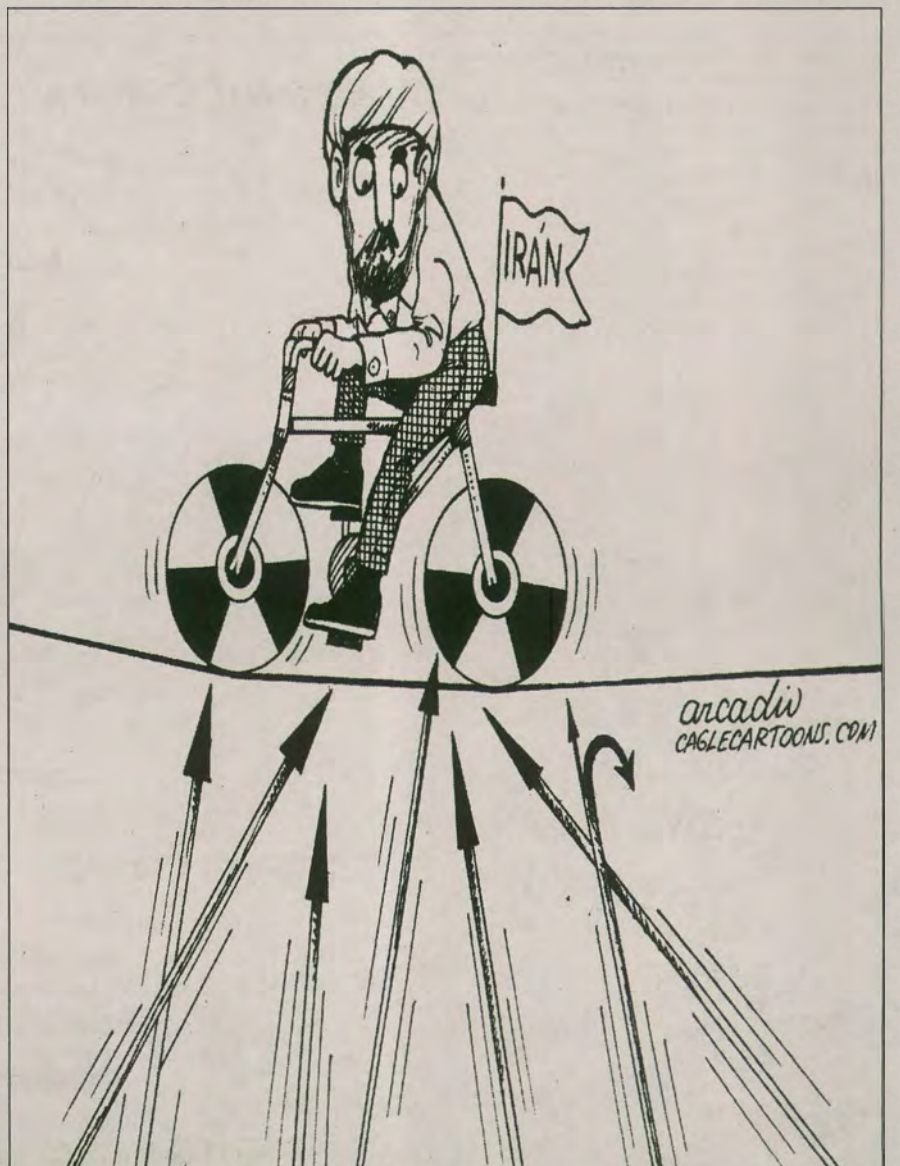
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## EDITORIAL CARTOON





## BEN LEE gives Intimate Interview

By JESS SHAFFER  
Scene Writer

In concert, Ben Lee has proved to be entertaining, funny, quirky and talented. Off stage, he's much the same. In either case, the best way to describe Lee is genuine. His laid back confidence is contagious, both in concert and in person. Taking time to do an interview for The Observer, Lee, who performed at Legends this weekend, talked about his inspiration, his love life, his celebrity and his music.

SCENE: Have you been playing college crowds lately?

BL: No, we've been recording. We've been recording a soundtrack to my friend's film, for an Australian director. So I've just been in the studios working on that. We just came for tonight, and took a couple days off recording to do this gig.

SCENE: What's the film?

BL: It's called "The Square." It's like an Australian romantic thriller. ... It's really exciting. I've never done a project like that before. I'm trying to learn to flex a lot different musical and creative muscles because I feel pretty inspired. Sometimes the rate that it takes people to get music, like you put out the album, it takes about a year for all the people to get it, who are going to purchase it. So I like to stay creative during those periods too.

SCENE: What's been inspiring you lately?

BL: It's sort of like a personal attempt to document each moment. What really inspires me is just this moment right now. I haven't experienced before. So I've never documented my feelings about it; I'm trying to be up to date. I make changes and growth as a person and express that in song. It's not a strict thing that inspires me. It just the fact, the idea, of channeling this into music is exciting to me.

SCENE: You're recently engaged. Is that playing into your inspiration?

BL: It's kind of fun. I think I spent so many years just putting all my energy into chasing women and thinking and worrying about it and everything. Starting to settle down a little bit makes me feel more musically creative because I can put the creative energy into music.

SCENE: You're about to head back to Australia. What's your tour going to be like over there?

BL: That's a really cool one because we're doing a couple concerts with the symphony orchestra of Western Australia. I've never done that before. It's like a 60-piece orchestra, and we're doing two hours of my music. I have no idea what to expect.

And Mandy Moore is coming and she'll support and then sing with me. It should just be a really fun couple of nights with big outdoor audiences.

SCENE: How was working with Mandy Moore? Did you ever think you'd be working with someone who got her start as a 1990s pop star?

BL: I've never written anything off. A lot of different things I've done, like singing with Kylie Minogue or writing songs for Evan Dando, they're like childhood ... not even dreams, because you don't even dream things like that. They're too weird. Specifics of collaboration are just too bizarre. You never think about this stuff but have always kept a very open mind about the people I work with. And generally people that interest me and intrigue me, I want to work with.

SCENE: You've mentioned being interested in different types of people, and your lyrics seem to reflect an interest in Jay-Z and Beyoncé. Could you explain that?

BL: Well Jay-Z, I love. I really do look up to him. I think it's important to have role models in the world. We're so obsessed at the moment with the negative side of celebrity and people's tragedies and stuff. I think that it is important to derive hope and courage from people's stories. Someone like Jay-Z is just full of inspiration, that he's achieved what he's achieved. And gone from being a crack dealer and just made this amazing music that is so honest and real and fun.

SCENE: Are you interested in using your celebrity to plug anything?

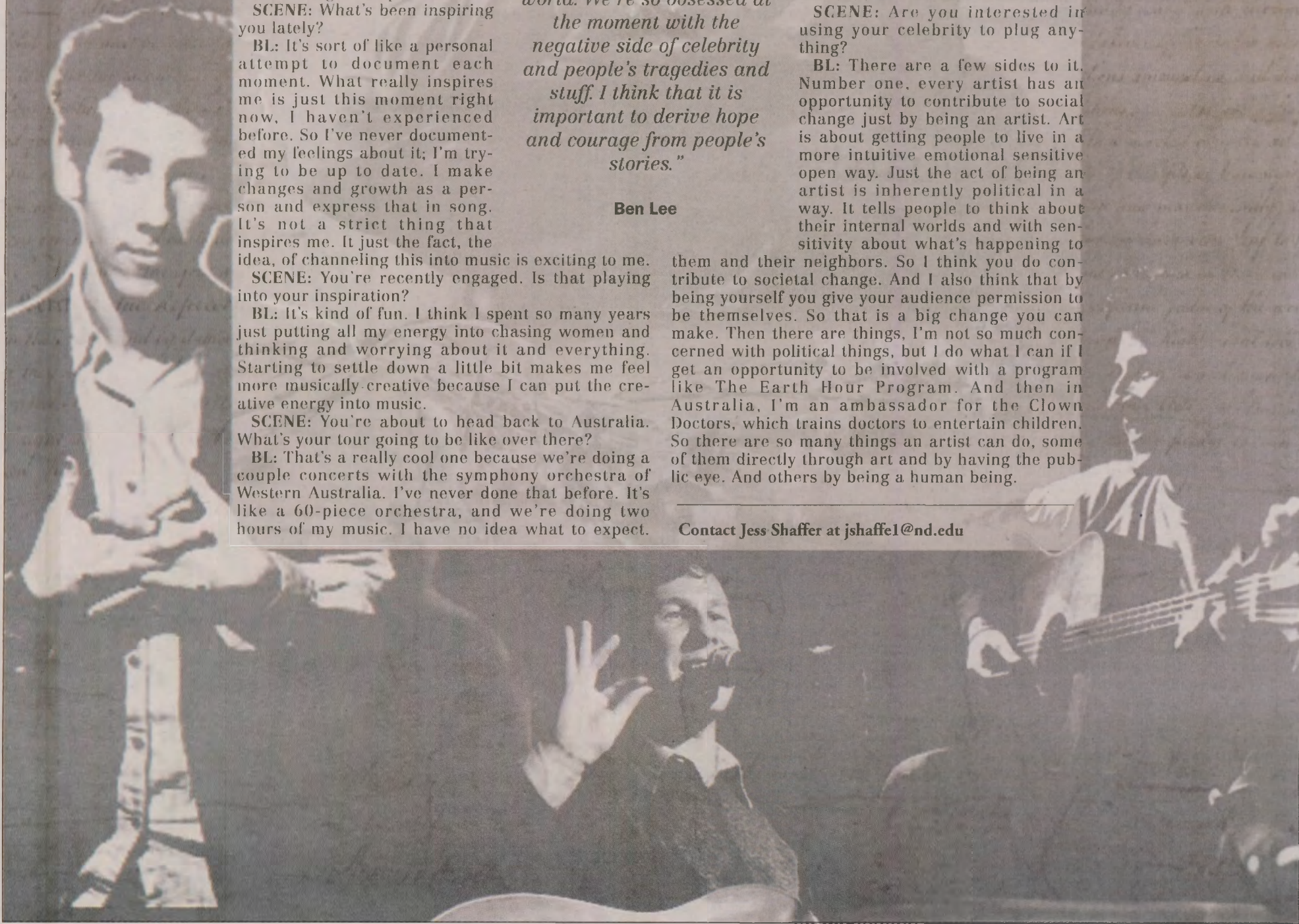
BL: There are a few sides to it. Number one, every artist has an opportunity to contribute to social change just by being an artist. Art is about getting people to live in a more intuitive emotional sensitive open way. Just the act of being an artist is inherently political in a way. It tells people to think about their internal worlds and with sensitivity about what's happening to

them and their neighbors. So I think you do contribute to societal change. And I also think that by being yourself you give your audience permission to be themselves. So that is a big change you can make. Then there are things, I'm not so much concerned with political things, but I do what I can if I get an opportunity to be involved with a program like The Earth Hour Program. And then in Australia, I'm an ambassador for the Clown Doctors, which trains doctors to entertain children. So there are so many things an artist can do, some of them directly through art and by having the public eye. And others by being a human being.

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Ben Lee





## MORE TIME NEEDED ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

### SCENE AND HEARD

As a passionate student and fan of the political process, I find our campaign coverage woefully lacking here at Notre Dame.

As a microcosm of the current primary elections igniting fervor across the nation, we currently have a scintillating election heating up our frigid campus. However, other than a paltry majority/dis-senting pair of endorsements and a student government insider in last Friday's edition of *The Observer*, campaign coverage has been non-existent. We need to know more about our candidates. If we are not informed to the fullest extent, how else can we vote as citizens in this mock democracy?

**T. Edward Andrews**

*Scene Editor*

For this, I blame myself. Even though we typically devote ourselves to entertainment and student life here in the Scene section, last week I felt so impassioned by the Phoenix Suns' acquisition of Shaq that I felt compelled to write on the issue, when I should have been writing about the issues in today's student government election. For this, I apologize.

I'm sorry, Notre Dame.

And yet, I am not the only culprit in this glaring lack of campaign coverage. We need NDTV to step up and provide comprehensive campaign coverage of the results of today's election, up to the minute and as they come in. Let's get a pretty face like Anderson Cooper onscreen and have fancy graphics that show which candidates win which dorms.

We also need demographic breakdowns: pie charts, bar graphs, blue and red graphics — we need the works. That way, we can isolate and identify regional voting patterns by quad. North quad vs. South quad, Mod quad vs. God quad, Carroll Hall vs. West Bumble.

I want breaking news reports like "BREAKING NEWS — This just in: with nine percent of the vote in, it appears that (so and so) have just won Farley Hall."

We also need to expand our debating beyond the traditional one-and-done structure. We need candidates to answer the pressing questions of our time here at Notre Dame. We need candidates to answer polarizing political questions with the honest-to-God truth, not the traditional double-speak favored by politicians.

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*We need to press the following questions, which reveal the essential truth about the natures of our candidates. Keystone or Natty? Fever or Finnigan's? Blue or gold?*

Keystone or Natty? Fever or Finnigan's? Blue or gold? Even seemingly innocuous questions such as, "Do you consider yourself pro-Bun Run or anti-Bun Run?" have grave implications, particularly if you're trying to steal support from Zahm Hall and its traditional two-freshmen ticket.

I want exit polls. Heck, I want entry polls. For that matter, I want tetherball poles. I want enough polls to determine within a hair's breadth (and the margin of error) the likelihood of each candidate's taking the cake. Let's poll it up.

Who says we have to obey the dogmatic tradi-

tional structure of student government elections? Individual dorms should have the prerogative to decide whether they want to have the privacy of the voting booth or if they want to vote with their feet and caucus it out. This is America, after all. This is about freedom.

Why stop there? Self-important scribes that we are, we Observerites believe that our endorsement is all-important. If we had a longer campaign trail and a lengthier process, we could allow other groups on campus to endorse their candidates as well.

Just as Barack Obama gained the support of the Culinary Workers Union in Nevada, the Student Union Board and the various other unions and teamsters around campus should have time to have their say. I want to see candidates smiling and shaking hands with students, chatting up the powers that be among the students here, and hobnobbing for support. I want to see "Dining Hall Workers for (insert candidate of your choice here)" signs bobbing up and down in a picket line.

Decrying us for the bunch of pot smoking, free love hippies that we are, *The Irish Rover* should also have its say in endorsing the candidate of its choice. That will probably be whichever candidate espouses the tenets of the one true narrative of Creationism in lieu of evolution. At *The Observer*, we're all about equal opportunity.

We need delegates. Heck, why stop there? Just as in the Democratic Party primary, we need more than just regular delegates — we need superdelegates. We need student government officials, removed from the whims and passions of the people, to represent the potential swing vote and select the right candidates out of the goodness of their hearts and the fairness of their minds.

We need pundits and talking heads to analyze such important indicators of Election Day results as Facebook membership group numbers (at the moment Reish leads the mouse-click brigade, with over 700 members in his Facebook group). For that matter, the sheer number of a candidate's Facebook friends will also likely portend the results of today's election.

I'm not just talking about the issues here. I want to know the nitty-gritty, juicy details about every candidate and his or her personal life. We need scandals and swiftboating. I want candidates to anonymously leak links of embarrassing Facebook photos (tagged or untagged) to the media (read: us here at *The Observer*) so we can splash incriminating photo evidence on the front page and drag names through muck.

Let's spice this bad boy up. After all, this is America. Anything else would be undemocratic.

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## NBA

# Pierce scores 35 as Boston beats Duncan, Spurs

Heat lose to Lakers in Marion's first appearance; Anthony leads Nuggets to blowout win over Cleveland

Associated Press

BOSTON — Tim Duncan beat Glen "Big Baby" Davis a couple of times in the first quarter, and the disappointment on the rookie's face showed.

"We had to remind him that Duncan is really good. That's going to happen," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said Sunday after Boston beat the San Antonio Spurs 98-90. "You can't get frustrated."

Filling in with Kevin Garnett and Kendrick Perkins injured, Davis had nine points and eight rebounds for Boston. Paul Pierce scored 35 points, Ray Allen had 19, and Rajon Rondo had 12 assists and 11 rebounds Sunday as the Celtics won their third straight game and improved to 16-0 against the Western Conference.

Tim Duncan had 22 points, 14 rebounds and six assists, and Manu Ginobili scored 21 for the Spurs, who lost for the first time in five games. San Antonio got within three points with 1:13 left, but Michael Finley's 3-point attempt went in and out.

Twice in the final minute Ginobili was forced to take off-balance, heavily guarded 3-point attempts; neither one was close.

"We have an opportunity and a great shot by Mike that rattles in and out to tie the game down the stretch," Duncan said. "Then two turnovers in a row and they get two offensive rebounds. Just too many mistakes that bit us down the stretch there."

The Celtics improved to 5-2 since Garnett went out with an abdominal strain, and they'd better get used to it: Rivers said after the game that his big man — the leading All-Star vote-getter — won't be back before the Feb. 17 exhibition in New Orleans.

"He's out until after the All-Star break, I think including the All-Star game," Rivers said. "That I haven't talked to him about, but I assume so."

Subs Eddie House, who scored all of his 10 points in the second quarter, and James Posey, who had five of his seven rebounds in the fourth, also came off the bench to pitch in.

"I just have to give credit to the whole bench being ready,

turning the game around," Pierce said, also praising Rondo for leading the team in rebounds three times since Garnett went out. "Every time he leads the team in rebounds, we win. So keep crashing the boards, Rondo."

But the key was Davis, who combined with Leon Powe to keep Duncan from taking over the game.

"What we told Glen was, 'He's taller than you. You're heavier than him. You're not going to grow today,' Rivers said. "But because you have a low center of gravity, get into his legs and try to push him off the block. You can't get frustrated. ... He did that a couple of times."

Rivers said he didn't tell Powe he was starting until the walk-through.

"We don't sit and hold a vigil or anything," the coach said. "We try not to make a big deal of it, because if we do, (he) will."

## Lakers 104, Heat 94

Shawn Marion drove for dunks, found teammates for easy baskets and coaxed the Miami Heat into running more than usual.

All good things.

Not enough, though, for Miami to escape the worst rut in franchise history.

Kobe Bryant scored 33 points, and the Los Angeles Lakers used a 16-2 second-half run to pull away and beat the Heat Sunday in Miami's first home game of its post-Shaquille O'Neal era.

Marion had 15 points and 14 rebounds in his first appearance with the Heat, who've lost 22 of their last 23 games — something no Miami team has ever done. The expansion Heat opened 1-21.

"We showed good things and there were times that you could tell everyone was comfortable with everyone at the same time," Marion said. "We left it all on the floor. That's all you can ask. I think we just ran out of gas at the end there, and that's what we have to build on."

Mark Blount scored 22 points for Miami, which had Marion and Marcus Banks for the first time since getting them from the Phoenix Suns in exchange



San Antonio's Michael Finley fouls Celtics guard Paul Pierce during Sunday's game at the TD Banknorth Garden. Pierce had a game-high 35 points in Boston's 98-90 win over the Spurs.

for O'Neal.

Dwyane Wade finished with 19 points and nine assists, Dorell Wright scored 15 and Jason Williams added 10, meaning all five Miami starters hit double figures for the fourth time this season.

Didn't matter. Bryant and the Lakers were too much.

Bryant shot 10-for-15 and Lamar Odom finished with 15 points and 18 rebounds for Los Angeles, which has gone 5-2 on its nine-game road trip.

"This is the hump game and it was a good game to win," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We didn't play particularly well but we were able to win the game."

## Nuggets 113, Cavaliers 83

One NBA player lords over LeBron James.

Carmelo Anthony rules Cleveland's hoops king.

"I know he hates losing to me," Anthony said with a laugh.

Anthony scored 27 points, All-Star sidekick Allen Iverson added 25 and the Denver Nuggets rolled to a win Sunday night over the injury-depleted Cavaliers.

Anthony, who got to rest in the fourth quarter, improved to 8-2 in his pro career against good friend James, who scored 30 points — in three quarters — but got little help from a Cleveland team missing four key players, including two starters.

Though shorthanded, the Cavs have been able to get by playing good defense and came in 16-5 since Dec. 25. But from the opening tip on they didn't do nearly enough to slow the Nuggets, who handed Cleveland its worst home loss since April 5, 2005.

Denver led by 11 points after one quarter, 18 at halftime and pushed its advantage to 26 by the end of the third. At the end of that period, James stormed off the court, took a seat at the far end of Cleveland's bench and didn't take part in coach Mike Brown's huddle before the fourth quarter began.

"It was definitely frustrating," James said. "We know we can play better. It was one game. That's something we can fix."

As a displeased James sat alone on the bench and stared straight ahead, Cavaliers guard Damon Jones let his teammates

know that their performance was unacceptable by yelling at all of them.

"I just think something had to be said at that point," Jones said. "No big thing."

Although he was looking in James' direction, Jones said his comments were intended for everyone wearing white jerseys.

"In those situations you have to band together as a team. I wasn't singling anybody out," Jones said. "Everybody, including myself, we have to find ways to fight through situations like that."

James didn't play in the fourth quarter when the Cavs fell behind by 37 and played all their reserves.

Anthony, coming off a 49-point performance in a win against Washington, went 11-of-19 from the floor and added eight rebounds in 32 minutes. He, too, spent the fourth quarter on the sideline, savoring Denver's fifth straight win over Cleveland.

"It was one of the most complete games we've had," Anthony said. "We didn't come in here expecting a blowout, but that's what happened."

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## ITA Top 25 Men's Tennis Poll

rank	team	votes
1	Virginia (72)	750
2	Georgia	740
3	Ohio State	730
4	Baylor	720
5	Mississippi	710
6	Southern California	700
7	Texas-Austin	690
8	UCLA	680
9	NOTRE DAME	669
10	Alabama	656
11	Wake Forest	649
12	Illinois	641
13	Duke	633
14	Florida State	616
15	North Carolina	607
16	Tennessee-Knoxville	598
17	Louisiana State	592
18	Michigan	582
19	Florida	575
20	Oklahoma State	558
21	Pepperdine	547
22	Texas A&M	539
23	Rice	525
24	Miami (Florida)	517
25	Tulsa	509

## ITA Top 25 Women's Tennis Poll

rank	team	votes
1	Stanford (8)	748
2	UCLA (2)	742
3	Northwestern	739
4	Georgia Tech	735
5	Florida	722
6	Georgia	711
7	California	700
8	USC	680
9	Miami (Florida)	670
10	Vanderbilt	650
11	Baylor	639
12	Fresno State	627
13	William&Mary	615
14	North Carolina	601
15	Duke	590
16	Clemson	588
17	Pepperdine	573
18	Arizona State	560
19	NOTRE DAME	550
19	Wake Forest	550
21	Tennessee	542
22	Florida State	537
23	Virginia Commonwealth	530
24	Michigan	522
25	Texas-Austin	519

## CCHA Men's Hockey Standings

rank	team	pts.	conference	overall
1	Michigan	36	16-2-4	23-3-4
2	Miami	35	17-4-1	25-4-1
3	Michigan State	31	14-5-3	18-8-5
4	NOTRE DAME	28	13-7-2	20-10-2
5	Nebraska-Omaha	24	10-10-4	13-13-4
6	Bowling Green	22	11-11-0	14-14-0
7	Ferris State	20	8-10-4	11-12-5
8	Northern Michigan	20	9-11-2	12-15-3
9	Alaska	19	8-13-3	8-16-4
10	Lake Superior	13	4-13-5	6-16-6
11	Ohio State	12	5-15-2	9-20-3
12	Western Michigan	8	3-17-2	7-20-3

## NFL



Jim Zorn, the new Redskins coach, speaks at a news conference on Sunday at the Redskins Park Auditorium. Zorn signed a five-year contract Saturday after being hired as Washington's offensive coordinator two weeks ago.

## Zorn to coach Redskins, signs 5-year deal

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Always the energetic left-hander, Jim Zorn had an upbeat but nervous start to his coming-out event with the Washington Redskins.

The new coach got the team colors wrong. He paid tribute to an assistant the team recently fired. He lacked the polish of his predecessor, Joe Gibbs, who sat watching from the second row during the news conference Sunday in the Redskins Park auditorium.

Not too surprising, really, given that Zorn himself said it was nothing short

of "miraculous" that he was standing where he was: a few feet behind the team's three Super Bowl trophies, essentially making the jump from quarterbacks coach to head coach because none of the candidates on owner Dan Snyder's initial list worked out. The 54-year-old Zorn was taking the first step in finding out what it really means to take a such a big job in a Redskins-crazy town.

"I look at these three trophies," Zorn said, "and it's quite intimidating."

Zorn signed a five-year contract Saturday, ending a monthlong coaching search in which he was

originally supposed to be an interesting sidebar. The Redskins hired him as an offensive coordinator two weeks ago, luring him away from the Seattle Seahawks, then decided late last week to interview him for the head coaching job after New York Giants defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo withdrew from consideration.

Snyder also interviewed Jim Mora, Jim Fassel, Steve Mariucci, Ron Meeks, Pete Carroll, Jim Schwartz, Redskins assistant Gregg Williams and others. Some had pulled out of the running, and, rather than choose from

the rest, Snyder decided to give Zorn a shot because the owner said he had been impressed during Zorn's interview for the offensive coordinator position.

Zorn, called away from Redskins Park to Snyder's house for lunch on Thursday, said he gasped when the owner asked him if he was interested in the head coaching job.

"I was a bit taken back, if you will," Zorn said. "I wasn't speechless, because my first words were: 'Certainly, I'd like to do that.' It was a bit shocking. After that I got my game face on and tried to get after it."

## IN BRIEF

### British athletes sign contract to not make political remarks

LONDON — British Olympic athletes must sign a new clause in their contracts prohibiting politically sensitive remarks or gestures during the Beijing Games.

"The reality is, given the level of political scrutiny of the world's media on these games and the way China will handle them, the BOA felt it was sensible and proper to flag that rule to our athletes," British Olympic Association communications director Graham Mewson said Sunday.

The International Olympic Committee already has a rule that states that "no kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in any Olympic sites, venues or other areas."

In January, Belgian athletes were told they would be prohibited from raising human rights or other political issues at Olympic venues.

### Swede breaks 60-meter hurdles indoor record

KARLSRUHE, Germany — Susanna Kallur broke the 18-year-old world record in the women's 60-meter indoor hurdles Sunday, finishing in 7.68 seconds to lower the mark by 0.01 seconds at the Karlsruhe International.

The 26-year old Swede broke the record set Feb. 4, 1990, by Russia's Ludmila Narozhilenko — who later changed her name to Ludmila Engquist. Kallur, the European outdoors champion just missed the mark with a 7.72 effort a week ago in Stuttgart.

"The record is unbelievable. I'm speechless," Kallur said. "I don't know how I will celebrate. I don't know how much money I will earn for the record either."

She established herself as the favorite for the indoor world championship, set for March 7-9 in Valencia, Spain.

### Lowery wins for first time in eight years

PEBBLE BEACH — Steve Lowery had gone more than seven years and 199 tournaments without winning, a drought that would have continued Sunday at Pebble Beach if not for a stunning collapse by Vijay Singh.

Three shots behind when he stood on the 15th tee, Lowery made up quick ground when Singh made three straight bogeys, then won on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff with a 7-foot birdie. At 47, he became the oldest winner in the 71-year history of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Lowery closed with a 4-under 68 and won for the third time in his career, all of them in playoffs.

Singh recovered from his three bogeys with a wedge that stopped 2 feet away for birdie on the final hole for a 71 to force the playoff. Both players finished at 10-under 278.

## around the dial

### NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Villanova at Georgetown

7 p.m., ESPN

### NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Rutgers at Tennessee

7 p.m., ESPN2



## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL — BIG EAST

## Louisville tops G'Town, shakes up standings

*Villanova, St. John's get much-needed wins in thrilling contests*

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville coach Rick Pitino started sweating through his all-white suit while pacing the sidelines during the first half against No. 6 Georgetown on Saturday. He decided at the half it was time to get back to basics.

So, apparently, did his team.

Clad in a more traditional black suit in the second half, Pitino watched the Cardinals return to the fundamentals that have keyed their rise through the Big East. Louisville shut down the Hoyas over the final 20 minutes for a convincing 59-51 victory to shake up a conference race that for weeks appeared to be a foregone conclusion.

David Padgett scored 18 points, Jerry Smith added 16 and the Cardinals (18-6, 8-3 Big East) held Georgetown (19-3, 9-2) to 20 points in the second half, snapping the Hoyas' six-game winning streak by playing the kind of clampdown defense that has become Georgetown's trademark.

"This is the best win I've ever experienced as a player," Padgett said. "It all starts with defense. We started the game, I think we might have been a little nervous. In the second half we played defense the way we're all capable of."

The Cardinals held the Hoyas to just 35 percent shooting in the second half, keeping Georgetown without a field goal for a decisive eight-minute stretch in which Louisville took command.

Austin Freeman and Roy Hibbert led the Hoyas with 14 points apiece, but Georgetown fell apart during an uncharacteristically sloppy second half.

Louisville harried Georgetown with its press, forcing the normally deliberate Hoyas into 15 turnovers. When the Hoyas did manage to get into their offensive sets, they rushed shots and hardly played with the efficiency that has carried them all season.

"I think (Louisville) just executed extremely well," said Georgetown coach John Thompson III. "It's the simple things. It's a simple game. They executed and we didn't."

The Hoyas appeared to be in total control at the half, bullying their way to an eight-point lead that grew to 33-23 moments into the second on a hook shot by Hibbert.

Louisville, which had stumbled through an erratic first half in which it had more turnovers (10) than field goals (seven), suddenly righted itself as Pitino urged them not to panic.

## Villanova 72, Seton Hall 70

Junior Dwayne Anderson, making his first career start, hit a 3-point shot from the left

corner to give Villanova a much-needed victory over Seton Hall on Saturday.

Dante Cunningham tied his career high with 21 points, and Anderson and Scottie Reynolds had 13 each for Villanova (14-8, 4-6 Big East), which snapped a five-game losing streak, its longest since the 2003-04 season.

Jamar Nutter had 18 points and Brian Laing had 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Pirates (15-9, 5-6), who lost at Villanova for the 10th straight time.

In a second half that saw 10 lead changes and neither team gaining more than a four-point lead, the Wildcats moved ahead 68-66 with 3:48 to play. Laing's two free throws tied the score 68-68, before Cunningham made one of two foul shots.

A tough driving layup by Eugene Harvey gave the Pirates a 70-69 edge with 37 seconds to go. But after a loose ball was touched by several players, Reynolds passed to Anderson for the game-winning shot.

Villanova jumped out to a 29-20 lead when Corey Fisher hit a 3-point shot with 9:55 left in the first half. Larry Davis then made a 3-point play, sparking a 14-2 run and the Pirates moved ahead 34-31.

Villanova responded with 12 unanswered points while the Pirates missed eight consecutive shots to take a 43-34 lead. Seton Hall scored the final seven points of the half to close within 43-41 at the break.

## St. John's 64, Providence 62

Larry Wright scored 16 points, including two free throws in the final 19 seconds, and St. John's beat Providence on Saturday, the Red Storm's third straight win after a six-game losing streak.

Weyinmi Efejuku had a chance to tie the game for Providence with one tenth of a second left, but missed the first of two free throws and then bounced the second off the rim intentionally.

It was the second time this season Efejuku, a 70 percent free throw shooter, couldn't bring the Friars into a tie with free throws with less than a second to play. He made one of two from the line with two-tenths left in Providence's 68-67 loss to South Carolina on Dec. 8.

Sean Evans had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Red Storm (10-12, 4-7 Big East), who won again without leading scorer Anthony Mason Jr. (13.5 points). He injured his ankle in the win over South Florida and also missed the victory at Rutgers on Wednesday.

St. John's took the lead for good at 59-57 on a layup by Justin Burrell with 2:09 left.

Eugene Lawrence hit a 3-pointer — his only field goal of the second half — as the shot clock ran out to give St. John's a 62-57 lead with 29 seconds to go.

## NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — BIG EAST

## Orange top Eagles, 70-67

*McCoughtry's 41 points lead 'Ville over DePaul; UConn blasts SHU*

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Eight days after its first-ever loss as a ranked team, Syracuse desperately needed a victory to keep its magical season intact, and Erica Morrow delivered.

The freshman guard scored a season-high 24 points, Fantasia Goodwin had nine points and 14 rebounds and the 23rd-ranked Orange held off Marquette 70-67 on Sunday.

"Coming off of a loss, you always want to come back," said Morrow, who also had four assists and two steals. "We lost to the last-place team (at the time) in the conference, so I'm sure we had our doubters."

Just to come back at home and show everyone we're still one of the top teams in the country, that was a sign for all of us to play harder and get the win."

Syracuse (18-4, 6-3 Big East), coming off a loss at Georgetown, overcame a sloppy start and held off a late challenge by Marquette (13-10, 5-5) to go to 10-1 at home. The victory kept the Orange tied for fifth in the conference with No. 16 Notre Dame, which handed No. 15 Pitt only its second conference loss of the season on Sunday.

The Orange, in the rankings for the first time in the program's 37-year history, are seeking just their fourth NCAA tournament berth.



Marquette guard Krystal Ellis goes up for a shot in the Golden Eagles' 70-67 loss to Syracuse Sunday.

## Louisville 79, DePaul 68

Angel McCoughtry had 41 points and nine rebounds, leading Louisville to a victory over No. 25 DePaul on Sunday.

Candace Bingham had 16 points for Louisville (16-7, 5-5 Big East).

It was a back and forth game for DePaul (16-7, 5-5) and Louisville with the lead changing three times and a tie score seven times.

Louisville led by as many as 11 points in the second half after leading 38-34 at the break. DePaul led by as many as eight points in the first

half.

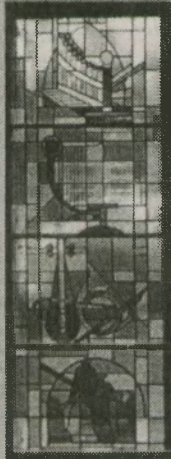
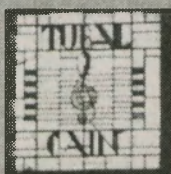
## Connecticut 82, Seton Hall 36

After a rare loss, top-ranked Connecticut showed why its still one of the best teams in the country.

Maya Moore had 28 points and 14 rebounds, and the Huskies routed Seton Hall to bounce back from their first loss of the season.

Moore, coming off her seventh Big East Freshman of the Week award, moved into fifth place on the all-time freshman scoring list with 399 points, passing Nykesha Sales.

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## WOMEN'S TRACK

ND hosts  
Meyo meet  
at Loftus

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame hosted the 21st Meyo Invitational Friday and Saturday at the Loftus Center.

No team scores were kept at the meet, which featured 13 women's events.

In the 60-meter dash, senior Brienne Davis took home 12th with a time of 7.72 seconds.

At the 200-meter distance, Davis fared similarly, once again taking 12th and posting a time of 24.89 seconds.

Two Irish runners, Samantha Williams and Cora Dayon, competed in the 400 meters. Williams and Dayon took 20th and 23rd respectively.

Notre Dame was well represented in the 800 meters with eight runners competing. Freshman Kelly Langhans led the way for the Irish, taking 11th with a time of 2:09.35.

In the 3000 meters, five Irish athletes took the starting gun. Freshman Marissa Treece was the first Notre Dame runner across the finish line with a time of 9:56.66.

No Irish athletes achieved provisional NCAA times at the meet.

## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

## ND drops two in ITA Nat'l Indoors

By LORENZO REYES  
Sports Writer

After dropping its first-round match of the ITA Women's National Indoor Team Championships Thursday against No. 6 Georgia, No. 19 Notre Dame wanted to make the most of its remaining time at the tournament in Madison, Wisc.

The Irish ended up splitting their weekend matches.

**Notre Dame 4, William and Mary 3**

In a tight contest with No. 13 William and Mary Friday, Notre Dame held a 3-1 advantage before the Tribe battled back to even the dual match at 3-3. It all came down to junior Kelcy Tefft, who needed three sets to dispose of Tribe sophomore Ragini Acharya 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 and give Notre Dame the victory.

William and Mary took the doubles point by winning two of the three matches and defeating the No. 3 doubles tandem in the nation, senior Brook Buck and Tefft. The Tribe also topped the tag team of sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu and freshman Kristen Rafael.

After falling in the doubles portion of the match, the Irish quickly won the first three singles matches to build their lead.

No. 89 sophomore Kali Krisik convincingly ousted sophomore Carmen Pop in straight sets 6-0, 6-1 to even the match and improve her overall record to

14-3 and 5-1 in dual match play on the season.

Keeping the Irish momentum rolling, No. 88 sophomore Colleen Rielley won a three-set victory 6-2, 2-6, 6-1. Rielley shook off her loss from the previous day against Georgia to improve her record to 9-5 overall and 3-2 in dual match action.

Buck, who also lost a three-set match against the Bulldogs, came away with a three-set victory of her own. After dropping the first set, Buck fought back and took down junior Katarina Zoricic 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.

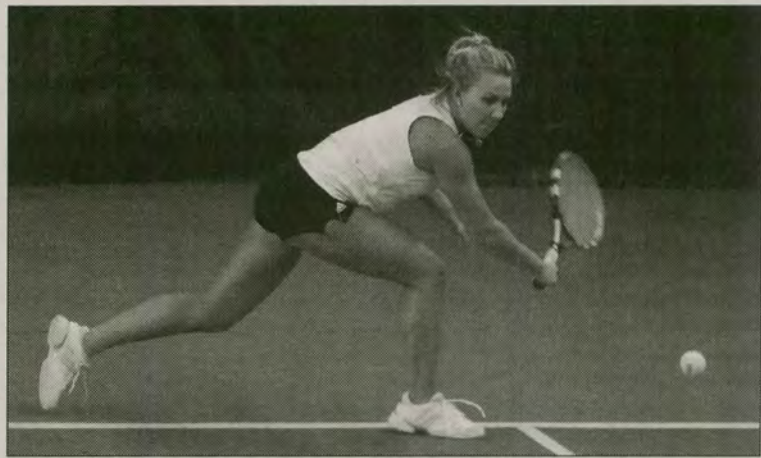
The Tribe sensed the match slipping away and fought back to take two straight singles wins, thanks to senior Megan Moulton-Levy and sophomore Lauren Sabacinski. With the match now in a deadlock, Tefft made sure the Irish would not drop back-to-back matches in consecutive days.

**Baylor 5, Notre Dame 1**

After pulling out the victory against William and Mary in dramatic fashion, Notre Dame concluded its tournament play against No. 11 Baylor Saturday.

The Baylor Bears nearly upset top-seeded Stanford in the first round, and continued to play consistent and solid tennis Saturday, defeating the Irish 5-1.

Notre Dame dropped the first match of doubles play, but then came out on top for the second as sophomore teammates Ciobanu and Rielley defeated



Observer file photo

Irish junior Kelcy Tefft stretches for a return in Notre Dame's 5-2 win over North Carolina on Feb. 16, 2007.

freshman pair Taylor Ormond and Jelena Stanivuk 9-8, 7-3.

The Bears secured the point in the third doubles match to put the score at 1-0 in their favor. The final match paired two of the top doubles teams in the nation as Tefft and Buck lost to No. 4 sophomore Lenka Broosova and senior Zuzana Zemenova.

The Irish dropped their first chance at a singles point after Zemenova defeated Buck in straight sets 6-0, 6-2.

With the score at 2-0, Notre Dame needed to produce some victories to stay in the match. Unfortunately for the Irish, they picked up just one point on the day, sealing the Baylor victory.

Tefft, playing in her third-straight three-set match of the tournament, overcame an

Ormond onslaught in the second set and eventually defeated the sophomore in the deciding frame 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Baylor ran the rest of the table and secured its third victory of the season.

Although the Irish did not finish as they had intended, one of their upperclassmen took home some hardware recognizing her athletic skill and sportsmanship. Brook Buck claimed the ITA Sportsmanship Award, which is chosen by the 16 participating coaches of the tournament.

Buck is the third Irish player to receive the recognition, joining 1999 winner Jennifer Hall and 1994 winner Wendy Crabtree.

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## SMC BASKETBALL

## Kessler sets mark, Belles fall

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

Senior guard Alison Kessler set the school record for 3-pointers in a career, but Saint Mary's fell to Albion 78-70 Saturday at the Angela Athletic Center in the two teams' second meeting this season.

The loss was the second straight at home for the Belles.

Saint Mary's (9-12, 5-8 MIAA) dropped to No. 7 in the MIAA while Albion (17-4, 10-3 MIAA) 17-4 overall) stays in second.

The Belles started quickly. After two free throws from forward Erin Newsom put the first points on the board for either team, junior Megan Conanty made a steal and coast-to-coast layup to give Saint Mary's a 4-0 lead.

Saint Mary's didn't keep Albion scoreless for long. The Britons first got on the board at 3:09, managing to score 19 points in the next seven minutes. With seven minutes to go in the half,

Saint Mary's found itself down 25-20.

Freshman Liz Wade started the Belles' comeback with a layup with 6:50 to go, which was quickly followed by a 3-pointer and jump shot by Alison Kessler, bringing the game to a tie at 27 with 4:55 left in the half. A jump shot from Erin Newsom and another 3-pointer from Kessler gave the Belles back the lead.

However, they weren't able to hold it for long, trailing 39-35 at the half.

The Belles have started the second half strong in recent games, but this was not the case on Saturday. Saint Mary's did not score until almost four minutes into second half when Newsom made another two free throws while Albion went on a nonstop scoring run, never giving back the lead.

The Belles weren't able to keep up with the Britons on rebounds, an area Saint Mary's has been continuously working to improve. They were out-rebounded 35-28, as well as out-

shot, going 44.2 percent from the floor to Albion's 49.2 percent.

Saturday's game wasn't a complete loss for Kessler, who set the new record for most 3-point shots during a career with 133, three more than Bridget Boyce's 130 from 2002-06.

This season, Kessler also set the school records for most points scored in a game (41) and most free throws in a season (128 so far this year). Previously, she has set the record for most free throws in a game with 15. Kessler also scored the game high for both teams with 28 points, bringing her season point total to 415.

The Belles take a week off from games, going up against conference foe Kalamazoo on Feb. 16 at home. Last-place Kalamazoo will hopefully give Saint Mary's the win it needs to get back on track before the MIAA tournament at the end of the month.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

## Irish pull out victories over Wisconsin, SMU

By KATE GRABAREK  
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In a marathon four-hour match where nearly every pairing came down to the wire, No. 9 Notre Dame eventually came out on top over No. 30 Wisconsin 4-3 Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Irish also came up with a 4-3 win over Southern Methodist on Sunday.

The Irish are now 6-1 — including a 3-0 record in close matches that finish with a 4-3 score.

Notre Dame started off the match by winning the doubles point for the first time since Jan. 31 against Northwestern.

"We haven't been able to win the doubles point lately," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We've been emphasizing that we should win it, and today we did."

The Irish clinched the point with an 8-6 win at No. 3 doubles by

junior Santiago Montoya and freshman Tyler Davis over sophomores Marek Michalicka and Michael Muskievicz.

"Montoya has become more stable on his returns and has always been good at net," Bayliss said. "He is playing with freshman Tyler Davis who competes like a lion."

Senior Sheeva Parbhu and junior Brett Helgeson pulled off the other doubles win over senior Nolan Polley and sophomore Moritz Baumann 9-7.

The Irish dropped the No. 2 doubles match when senior Andrew Roth and freshman Stephen Havens lost 8-6 to senior Jeremy Sonkin and sophomore Luke Rassow-Kantor. Sonkin and Rassow-Kantor are ranked No. 26 in the nation.

In singles action, the Irish had quite a battle against the Badgers.

At No. 4 singles, freshman Stephen Havens dropped his match to Michalicka 6-2, 6-4 to knot the match at 1-1.

"Havens has great timing," Bayliss said. "He also has great shot making ability, but he needs to play with more discipline."

The Irish pulled into the lead again when freshman Daniel Stahl pulled out a 7-6, 6-3 win at No. 6 singles against Rassow-Kantor.

The Badgers tied the match at two when Sonkin defeated Roth 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 at the No. 3 singles position.

National No. 11 Helgeson faced No. 39 Baumann again at No. 1 singles. Baumann won the first set 6-3 and was up 4-2 in the second when Helgeson made his comeback. Helgeson took two of the next five games to pull out the set. The third set was back and forth until Helgeson tied the set at 3-3 and bounced back to win it 6-3.

Irish freshman David Anderson fell in a tight match to Badgers sophomore Michael Dieberger 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

With the match tied 3-3 overall, the deciding match was in the hands of Parbhu against Polley at No. 2 singles. Parbhu came from behind again to earn the hard fought win.

Parbhu got a slight lead after breaking Polley's serve at 3-3. However Polley broke right back to tie the score at 4-4.

Both players held their serve the last four games to push the final match to a tiebreaker. Parbhu came out on top as did the Irish with the final score being 6-7 (1-7), 6-2, 7-6 (7-4). The win improved Parbhu's record for the year to 16-6.

Next weekend, the Irish travel to Seattle for the National Team Indoors.

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## MEN'S TRACK

# Benninger qualifies for nationals in 3K event

*Three athletes break four-minute mark in Meyo Mile race*

By PAT STYNES  
Sports Writer

Senior Kurt Benninger is fast.

Really fast.

He made that a well known fact at the Meyo Invitational this weekend in the Loftus Center by taking second in the Ryan Shay 3,000-meter race.

His time of 7:53.86 guarantees him a spot at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

He was the fastest collegiate athlete in the field, as the runner who took first place in the event was from an independent track team.

Junior Patrick Smyth also did well in the event, coming in fourth — the second fastest collegiate time — with a time of 7:55.41, also beating the NCAA provisional time.

The Meyo Mile, tradi-

tionally one of the most competitive events in Notre Dame's schedule, was loaded with talent from several different schools.

Three athletes broke the four-minute mark, and overall the race lived up to the hype.

Senior Jake Watson was the fastest Irish sprinter, but after leading in the beginning of the race he fell toward the end, finishing in sixth.

Notre Dame had a strong showing in men's shot put as well. Sophomore Brandon Drenon, freshman Denes Veres and senior Mike Schubert all placed in the top 10, finishing in sixth, seventh and 10th, respectively.

The Irish will compete again Saturday at the Windsor Team Challenge in Windsor, Ontario.

This will be their last event before the Big East championships in New York.

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## FENCING

# Montoya, Irish roll to sweep in ND Duals

*Junior epeeist goes undefeated for weekend*

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

The Irish threw on the cruise control and coasted to an easy sweep in the Notre Dame Duals this weekend.

Junior epeeist Kim Montoya led the Irish effort with an unbeaten performance. Montoya finished 27-0 and earned her 150th career win after her opponent withdrew before her final bout. Montoya, though, wasn't focusing on her 150th victory.

"I'm just happy that I went undefeated," she said.

Montoya's wins came in the Joyce Center against fencers from Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State and Florida, among others. The junior finished 26-0, including a win over 2007 NCAA finalist Justyna Konczalska, of Wayne State.

"That was the biggest achievement of Montoya — that she beat someone of a bigger name and show that name doesn't matter," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "And it builds confidence for the others."

Montoya, sophomore walk-on Vanessa Rosa and senior walk-on Nikki Lubold were Notre Dame's only women epeeists for the event because sophomore Kelley Hurley and freshman Ewa Nelip competed in Europe.

That meant the trio had no substitutes for its nine dual matches. For Lubold, who saw her first NCAA action, and the limited-in-experience Rosa, endurance was the big

issue.

They held up just fine.

Besides Montoya's perfect afternoon, Lubold went 14-13 in bouts against varsity teams, and Rosa went 13-14.

"It was a pleasure to see them bouting," Bednarski said.

The Irish women and men each beat all nine of their opponents, with the women's foil squad leading the charge.

Senior Rachel Cota, junior Adi Nott, junior Emilie Prot and freshman Hayley Reese combined for a 78-3 bout record.

On the men's side, senior foilist Jakub Jedrkowiak went 8-0 and in the process earned career victory No. 150. Meanwhile, freshman epeeist Chris Pfarr went 15-1 and epee classmate Andy Seroff finished 15-2.

"We expected to do this, but the expectations aren't always on what the results are," Bednarski said.

The event was Notre Dame's final true regular season event. Members of the squad will travel to Charlotte, N.C., next weekend for the Junior Olympics. After that, the Irish host the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships from Feb. 23-24.

Bednarski likes the trajectory his team is on.

"I think it was a good meet for them preparing for the Midwest Championships and the end of the season," Bednarski said.

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earlier this season. Irish coach Muffet McGraw, who has been critical of her team's ability to defend shots, was pleased with the way the Irish defense has improved.

"I was finally happy with our defense," she said. "The zone was tremendous. Overall, I was really pleased with the way we played defensively. A lot of pressure, we got aggressive with it."

Playing off the boards was the only area of Notre Dame's defense that looked a little rough around the edges — the Panthers pulled down 30 offensive rebounds to Notre Dame's 10. Pittsburgh out-rebounded the Irish 56-42 overall.

"If we could have just rebounded that would have been the best defensive game we played all year," McGraw said. "But overall I was really, really pleased."

Almost 14 minutes into the second half, there was a scary moment for the Irish when Peters went down with an apparent knee injury. The 6-foot-2 freshman grabbed an offensive rebound and then fell to the ground, clutching her left leg. Peters returned to the bench two minutes later on crutches with a leg brace and is set for an MRI today to determine the severity of the injury.

Instead of folding after she went down, however, the Irish rallied and a well-balanced offense continued to shine, despite the loss of Peters.

The Irish left the court with the 29-25 lead at halftime due to the fact that all nine players who saw the court also put points up on the board. Guard Charel Allen, who averages 14.2 points per game, went only 3-for-10 from the field in the game. Guard Ashley Barlow, who averages 12.9 points per game could only manage six against the Panthers. But where those two fell short against Pittsburgh, the rest of the Irish offense picked up.

"[It's great] to know that we



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**Irish freshman guard Devereaux Peters goes down with an apparent knee injury during the second half of Sunday's win over Pitt.**

can win a game with Ashley and Charel not having a great game," McGraw said. "We have different people stepping up off the bench, that's the kind of production we need coming off the bench and they've been doing it all year long."

Sophomore guard Melissa Lechlitner agreed.

"That's what's so great about this team is we're so balanced," she said. "Any given night anyone can score."

Lechlitner came in for the Irish off the bench and had what McGraw called a "career game." The sophomore went 5-for-7 from the field and 2-for-2 at the line, totaling 12 points.

The win over Pittsburgh also gave freshman Becca Bruszewski the opportunity to increase her minutes. With Peters out due to injury, Bruszewski had the chance to play the post, and she didn't disappoint.

"I think my teammates found me more," Bruszewski said. "I was screening and rolling and the guards saw me cutting in the lane and I got easy layups."

Bruszewski, who scored 10 points for the Irish, was one of five Notre Dame players to post double figures. Joining Bruszewski were guard Lindsey Schrader (12), Lechlitner (12), Gaines (13) and Peters (11).

Pittsburgh center Mercedes

Walker led the Panthers with 18 points and 14 rebounds. The senior, who missed last Wednesday's 64-44 victory over Seton Hall due to ankle injury, did not seem in any pain.

"[My ankle] didn't really limit me," Walker said. "I didn't think about it out there, I knew that coming back it was going to be a struggle, but I just wanted to play my game and really help my teammates out."

Walker's efforts weren't enough to combat Notre Dame's balanced offense and solid defense. The Irish realized it is their defense that will help them win games over ranked opponents like Pittsburgh.

"That's what's gonna win us games, is defense," Schrader said. "We know we can score, if we've got the defense, we're gonna make it far, I think."

### Note:

◆McGraw will donate \$420 to breast cancer research because of her team's 42 rebounds against the Panthers as part of Notre Dame's "Think Pink" campaign. The money will be evenly split between the Kay Yow/Women's Basketball Coaches Association Cancer Fund and the Susan G. Komen For The Cure foundation.

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## Weis

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case. Weis announced Jan. 31 that he had hired former Georgia Tech defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta to be the assistant head coach/defense after Bill Lewis — who held that position the last three seasons — retired due to a hip surgery. Weis said on Friday that Tenuta will be an "idea guy" for defensive coordinator Corwin Brown to lean on.

"With Jon, obviously we get an experienced coach that Corwin can lean on as an idea guy that can really help as our defense evolves and can really help our defense," Weis said.

Starting this spring, Tenuta will coach the linebackers and Brown will coach the secondary.

Brian Polian, who had coached special teams and outside linebackers last season, will become solely the special teams coach — a move Weis said came after the disappointing Irish kicking game last season.

In 2007, the Irish lacked a true special teams coach. Instead, the unit was coached on a committee-basis.

"Brian will be the special teams coach, it'll be his deal,

but I'll be his assistant," Weis said. "And I think when the head coach makes himself an assistant to an assistant coach, I think it might create a little sense of urgency with us on special teams."

Weis, who announced last fall that he would meet with his former colleagues of the New England Patriots to fix some of last season's problems, also plans to meet with Virginia Tech head coach Frank Beamer to talk about how to improve Notre Dame's special teams.

### Notes:

◆Notre Dame will be without two players this spring — tight end Will Yeatman and nose tackle Pat Kuntz. The South Bend Tribune reported on Jan. 28 that Yeatman was pulled over last week for DWI on Holy Cross Drive by NDSP and was suspended indefinitely by both the lacrosse and football teams.

Kuntz left the University at the beginning of the semester, but plans to return by the fall.

Federal privacy laws limited what Weis could say about the two players. The coach said he was "hopeful" that both players would be back by the fall.

◆Two Irish players' careers were ended by injuries this winter.

Defensive end Darrell Hand and offensive tackle Bartley Webb were declared medically unable to compete and are no longer on the football roster. Both will keep their scholarships, but they will not count against the football team's total number.

As part of the medical scholarship, both players will have to find a campus job. Weis said Webb — who one day wishes to be a football coach — will work closely with the team.

◆The American Football Coaches' Association, led by new president and former Irish coach Tyrone Willingham, decided during its convention last month that head coaches will no longer be able to travel on recruiting visits during the spring. Weis said Notre Dame will have a second junior day on campus in late March as a result. The Irish had already planned for a junior day on Feb. 24.

Weis said he plans to spend the added time with Notre Dame's current players and his family. He also plans to visit this year's 11 award-winning Notre Dame Alumni Clubs across the country.

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## Eagles

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their free throws during that span as they held on for the victory — their 34th straight at home.

"This is a team win for us," Irish point guard Tory Jackson said. "There were no individual stats that really stood out. It was a lot of things we did as a team; free throws were big for us today."

Notre Dame led 80-70 with 3:22 remaining in the game but Marquette put together a 9-0 run to cut the deficit to one with 32 seconds to play.

After Irish forward Luke Harangody made two free throws to give his squad the 10-point cushion, Marquette guard

Dominic James nailed a pull-up jumper in the lane. James then stole the ball from guard Kyle McAlarney and cruised in for a layup.

The Irish committed turnovers on their next two possessions and Marquette capitalized as guard Jerel McNeal found teammate David Cubilan for a 3-point shot with 1:13 left to bring the Golden Eagles within three points.

Notre Dame then called a timeout but the offense sputtered yet again as McAlarney missed a jumper. On Marquette's next possession, James drove into the paint for an uncontested layup.

The Golden Eagles forced

another turnover but did not take advantage of it as guard Wesley Matthews threw an errant pass.

Harangody eventually came up with the ball and was fouled. The sophomore made two free throws to again put the lead at three.

James made two more easy layups but the Irish got pairs of free throws from Harangody and guard Jonathan Peoples to maintain the team's three-point lead with 8.1 seconds to play.

"We can absorb [two-point baskets] at that point in the game because I feel we're gonna come back and make free throws, which we did," Brey said.

The Irish finished with a 24-5 edge in free throws made.

On Marquette's final play, the Irish defense clamped

down and forced James to throw up a desperation 3-point attempt. The shot did not even hit the rim after Jackson and junior forward Ryan Ayers harassed James, who could not turn his game-high 23 points into 26 and force overtime.

"Tory did a good job of picking him up so the clock started and zigzagging him a little bit, so they're really only gonna get one shot," Brey said. "Ryan, at his size, came out ... and that was a very difficult shot to shoot over a 6-8 guy with length."

Four starters and reserve forward Luke Zeller each posted double-digit scoring totals for the Irish.

Zeller came off the bench

to hit two 3-pointers and one monstrous dunk on his way to a season-high 11 points.

With 2:58 to play in the first half, Zeller received a pass from McAlarney just in front of the 3-point line and drove hard to the basket before finishing with a left-handed slam that ignited the crowd.

"We're seeing with Luke Zeller, the light bulb is on," Brey said. "It's great; it's awesome to see."

Zeller's dunk gave the Irish a 37-34 lead and highlighted a 13-2 Irish run to end the half. Harangody converted a dunk of his own just before the halftime buzzer, and the home squad took a 46-36 lead into the locker room.

Harangody led the Irish with 18 points and 11 rebounds but said Marquette did a "hell of a job" on him defensively. He was held to 4-of-12 shooting from the field.

"I think they did a good job on him," Brey said. "But the man still had a double-double."

McAlarney had 12 points on 5-of-11 shooting and drilled two 3-pointers from the same spot early in the second half. He made the treys in a 30-second span to help the Irish open up a 54-42 lead. Jackson finished with 14 points, eight assists and six rebounds.

### Note:

◆ Irish senior forward Rob Kurz had a stomach virus and didn't practice Friday. Against Marquette, Kurz finished with five points and five rebounds in 24 minutes. Brey said Harangody and forward Zach Hillesland were also sick during Saturday's contest.

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still hung on to win their fifth straight game and their 34th straight at the Joyce Center.

How?

The lost art of free throw shooting.

For years, fans have moaned and groaned about poor free-throw shooting in big time basketball. It's never on the highlight reels. Young players spend too much time working on their tomahawk jams and not enough time on the fundamentals.

Apparently that's not true of the Irish (unless you count forward Luke Zeller, who's clearly been working on his tomahawk jams judging by Saturday's thunderous throw-down in the first half.)

Against the Golden Eagles, Notre Dame buried 77 percent of its free-throw attempts — 24 in 31 attempts. During its crunch-time field-goal-less stretch, Notre Dame went 10-for-10 from the line.

One possession after the last Irish field goal (a spinning layup by point guard Tory Jackson), guard Jonathan Peoples began the free throw parade, stepping to the line and calmly draining two — one with a little help from the backboard.

The free throws didn't seem crucial at the time, but they were the first Peoples had attempted since the win over Cincinnati Jan. 15, and they gave him needed confidence for later in the game.

Peoples' free throws put Notre Dame up 78-67 — but Marquette was about to make a run.

With less than a minute remaining, the Irish found themselves up by just one at 82-81. Notre Dame had to inbound, and the Golden Eagles had to foul. With free throw sharp-

shooters Kyle McAlarney and Luke Harangody tightly guarded, Peoples took the throw in.

The crowd held its breath as the inexperienced reserve headed to the line.

Peoples calmly swished both.

After a layup by Marquette guard Dominic James cut the lead to one again with eight seconds left, it was time for a more likely Irish hero — Harangody — to head to the line.

Notre Dame's Big East player of the year candidate had already hit eight free throws on the day — including four during the field-goal-less streak — but what really gave the Joyce Center crowd confidence was that this was not the first time Harangody had been at the line in a pressure situation.

Just a little over a week ago, on Jan. 31, the sophomore forward had stepped to the line with his team down two and just seconds remaining against Providence. Harangody hit both then and he hit both against Marquette to provide the final margin.

Obviously, Notre Dame's field-goal drought is disturbing. The Irish were running a good team out of the gym for 34 minutes, and then they suddenly stopped being aggressive and couldn't hit shots. This kind of passivity has already cost them games against Baylor and Georgia Tech this year, and if they're not careful it will cause them to drop games again.

But with dead-eye free-throw shooting like they had Saturday, the Irish have the ability to close teams out late in tight games.

They just have to make sure they finish off the games that shouldn't be close as well.

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## Ferris

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Blair Riley alone in the slot. Riley wasted no time snapping the puck over Irish goalie Jordan Pearce's shoulder into the top corner of the net.

The teams went into the first intermission tied 1-1, but Ferris State had all the momentum, outshooting Notre Dame 16-7 in the period.

"The crowd was a little bit silent and that's something we don't want," Deeth said of the period. "We want to energize our building."

The teams traded goals again in the second period. Bulldog forward Mike Fillinger scored just 1:17 into the period on a puck that appeared to bounce off his stomach and into the net. Notre Dame's Brock Sheahan evened the score with 34 seconds left in the period on a one-time slapshot from the high slot on a pass from Ryan Guentzel. It was Sheahan's first goal in 34 games, dating back to last year's CCHA semifinals.

Notre Dame came out with more intensity at the beginning of the third period, getting consistent scoring chances, but no goals to show for it.

At 6:01 of the period it was the Bulldogs who took the lead after Casey Haines skated down the right of the ice and fired a shot off Irish defenseman Dan VeNard's stick and past Pearce for the 3-2 lead.

Ferris State got another

bounce two minutes later when Todd Pococke's shot from the slot bounced off Pearce's right pad and over his shoulder to double the Bulldog lead to 4-2.

Eric Condra brought the Irish back within one after his pass from behind the net bounced off a Ferris State player and in.

Notre Dame would be unable to tie the score, though, and Justin Lewandowski sealed it for the Bulldogs when he scored with just under two minutes left.

"We started playing well in the third, but it was too late," Deeth said. "We've got to stop kicking ourselves in the butt and waiting until the third period to play."

Deeth received a ten-minute misconduct at the end of the game for unsportsmanlike conduct toward a referee and Jackson benched him for Saturday night's game as punishment.

"That's the most ridiculous call I've ever had against me," Deeth said. "But you've got to take them as they come."

### Notre Dame 2, Ferris State 2

Notre Dame once again scored early on a power play Saturday night. Irish defenseman Ian Cole moved up from his position at the point to the right circle and slammed a cross-ice pass from Mark Van Guilder into the net before O'Keefe could get across.

"I took a peek before the pass came and it was open. I got pretty excited," Cole said.

"All I had to do was shoot in the open net."

With two goals, the power play appeared to be one bright spot from an otherwise disappointing weekend. Jackson said the unit looks to have recovered from a 0-for-38 slump that lasted from early December to late January.

"Obviously if you get one power play goal a night it'll help you," Jackson said. "I'm just glad that we're getting some success on the power play."

The Irish looked to add to their power play scoring when they had a 5-on-3 advantage halfway through the first period. But after Bulldog defenseman Zach Redmond intercepted a pass, he skated the length of the ice and fired a low wrist shot over Pearce's stick and in. Jackson called the shorthanded goal given up "the most disappointing thing of the night."

Both teams scored in the second period, making the game 2-2 heading into the third, but both failed to convert on any chances during the final period and overtime.

The Irish struggled in both games with Ferris State's trapping defense.

"It's really difficult to get pucks to the net," Jackson said. "I'm not a big fan of that system. You might as well have five goaltenders out there."

Despite the poor results, the team is still confident about its postseason chances.

"I wouldn't say there's any frustration," Cole said. "There's no panic. We're a pretty com-



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Irish goalie Jordan Pearce readies for a rebound in Friday's 5-3 loss to Ferris State. Notre Dame tied the Bulldogs 2-2 on Saturday night.

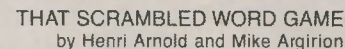
plete team."

Notre Dame has a long week ahead, leaving for two games at Alaska next weekend. The Irish must get back on track if they hope to secure a first round bye in the CCHA playoffs. Nebraska-Omaha is only four points behind them, though Notre Dame has two games at hand.

"We have seven games left and we need to pull together," junior Christian Hanson said. "We keep on saying 'It's going to come, it's going to come', but we need to stop talking and just go out and do it."

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## FOOTBALL

# Weis to give up playcalling duties to coordinator Haywood

*Tenuta will coach linebackers, Brown moves to secondary; Polian becomes full-time special teams coach*

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For the first time since he came to Notre Dame in 2005, Charlie Weis will not be calling the offensive plays.

Weis announced Friday that he will relinquish offensive play-calling duties to offensive coordinator Mike Haywood in 2008 — a decision the head

coach said was very difficult to make.

"I'm going to try to cut the proverbial — the figurative — umbilical cord and try to move myself a little bit away from being the sole primary guy on the offensive staff," he said. "That means Mike will write the scripts and set it up on offense, and that means that all the offensive coaches now won't have to worry about the ever

presence of the head coach breathing down their neck all the time."

Weis said even though he will not be calling every play, he reserves the right to "interject" his opinion when he sees fit. But Weis said he knew he had to take a step back on offense in order to help his coaches fulfill their potential.

"I think that sometimes when you have a number of good

coaches, sometimes they get stymied or stifled a little bit when you have a very domineering presence when the head coach is also involved in the offense," Weis said.

Even though he will step back from offensive play-calling, Weis said he will continue coaching the No. 1 quarterback next season.

"I always feel that my greatest strength as a football coach is

developing quarterbacks, so I think that for Jimmy [Clausen] and Evan [Sharpley] and now the new guy [freshman Dayne Crist], for all those guys, I think that that's part of what I do."

Weis added that every offensive coach maintains the same position he held last season, just with added responsibilities.

Defensively, that is not the

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Sweet revenge

*Irish hold off late run to beat Eagles, avenge January loss*

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

What a difference a month makes.

No. 21 Notre Dame got double-digit scoring contributions from five players as it defeated No. 16 Marquette 86-83 at the Joyce Center on Saturday, providing the Irish with sweet revenge for a 92-66 loss in Milwaukee on Jan. 12.

"I think it's a step forward for us," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I just think in the last few weeks we've become more confident ... individually and as a group."

The Irish didn't score from the field for the last 6:21 of the contest but made all 10 of

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Sophomore guard Tory Jackson goes up for a layup in Notre Dame's 86-83 win over Marquette Saturday in the JACC. Jackson and his sophomore classmates have never lost a game at home, winning 34 in a row.

*Free throw shooting saves Notre Dame down the stretch*

The object of basketball is to put the ball in the orange cylinder hanging 10 feet above the court.

For the last 6:21 of Saturday's game against No. 16

Marquette, Notre Dame was completely unable to do that — at least during the run of play.

Despite being held without a field goal during that crucial stretch, the No. 21 Irish still hung on to win

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## HOCKEY

# Woes continue in loss, tie against Ferris State

By SAM WERNER  
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Notre Dame may not have broken out of its Christmas slump just quite yet.

After 6-1 and 4-1 wins over Bowling Green two weeks ago, all appeared to be well with the Irish. But after a 5-3 loss and 2-2 tie to Ferris State this weekend, coach Jeff Jackson's squad finds itself in a perilous position for the CCHA playoffs.

"That may be one of the worst games we played all season long," Jackson said after Friday night's loss. "They were the better coached team, they were the better prepared team."

Ferris State 5, Notre Dame 3

The Irish got on the board early in the first game, when Kevin Deeth netted a power play goal 11:56 into the first period. Erik Condra passed the puck from the point to Ryan Thang in front of the net. Thang slid the puck across the crease to Deeth, who calmly slid the puck past Ferris State goalie Mitch O'Keefe, who made 28 saves on the night.

The Bulldogs responded quickly when Notre Dame defenseman Kyle Lawson turned the puck over to Bulldog forward Cody Chupp in the Irish zone 4:16 later. Chupp took the puck behind the net and found teammate

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish take down No. 15 Pitt

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Barely five minutes into the second half, Notre Dame guard Tulyah Gaines grabbed a defensive rebound and sent forward Devereaux Peters down the lane.

Peters converted the pass into a layup — and a foul — to give the No. 16 Irish their first double-digit lead over No. 15 Pittsburgh at 45-35.

Notre Dame (18-5, 6-3 Big East) cruised the rest of the way and came away with an 81-66 decision Sunday at the Joyce Center.

Gaines' defensive rebound was just one play of many from an Irish defense that couldn't look more different from the one that stepped on the court



Irish guard Melissa Lechlitner calls a play during Notre Dame's 81-66 victory over No. 15 Pittsburgh Sunday night.

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