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Candidates debate prominent student issues

Four tickets square off in first official electoral contest Wednesday

By JENN METZ
News Editor

The four tickets vying for the positions of student body president and vice president presented themselves before their constituents in the annual general election debate held by the Judicial Council Wednesday night.

George Chamberlin, president of the Judicial Council, acted as moderator of the hour-long debate, and asked the candidates three questions from the Council and five submitted by students.

The tickets — juniors Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez, junior Grant Schmidt and sophomore Cynthia Weber, junior James McCaughan and sophomore Tom Gorski and freshmen Luke Lennon and Charlie Harig — gave two minute opening statements,

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Candidates sit in the LaFortune lobby during Wednesday's debate held by the Judicial Council. Community relations, textbook prices among platform issues.

Skunks, capes and taxicabs

Most journalists go their whole careers without ever covering a debate in which one of the candidates uses the term "the lube crew." I am not one of those journalists.

Kaitlynn Riely

Associate
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Student
government
candidates

Luke Lennon and Charlie Harig want the dining halls, particularly North, to hire workers to continuously "lube" the salad bowls so they do not stick when picked up.

This was just one of the many

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University to celebrate anniversary

By LIZ O'DONELL
News Writer

Today marks the beginning of a yearlong celebration of Charles Darwin's life that will take place at Notre Dame.

"Darwin at Notre Dame" is a series of events that will take place at the University through the rest of this school year as well as into the next in order to commemorate the life and works of the esteemed scientist.

Margaret Culhane, a senior majoring in Biology and the Program of Liberal Studies, said the planning for this celebration has been taking place for around two years.

"I have been actively involved in 'Darwin at Notre Dame' since August, though I do research as a research assistant for Phil Sloan who had me compiling lists of Darwin events all last year," she said, "I know that planning for the events has been underway since 2007 at least."

2009 marks the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his most famous work, "On the Origin of Species."

On the official Web site of the celebration, John McGreevy, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters said, "That Notre Dame would celebrate, and investigate Darwin's accomplish-

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Obama's racial impact on U.S. debated

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Last night, students and university staff members met in the Coleman-Morse Lounge for an interracial forum called "Where Do We Go From Here," which discussed the impact of the election of the nation's first African American president.

Participants included members of Wabruda, the male African American club on campus, Shades of Ebony, the female African American club on campus, Sisters of Nefertiti, an African American club at Saint Mary's

and staff members from the University Counseling Center, said Saint Mary's senior Melissa Gates, who facilitated the discussion.

Gates began the discussion by posing the question, "Where do we go from here as African Americans after America has elected its first black president? And also ... does this change anything for everyday people, [like] us?"

"I think one thing that we have to understand, since Barack Obama is in office that doesn't mean that we are in a post-racial America," Senior Matthew Tipton, president of Wabruda, said. "It's something that gives people

confidence for change. It's a symbol for us in America going a long way."

Junior and co-president of Shades of Ebony, Danielle Keller agreed that Obama can be seen as a symbol of hope, but warned against relying on Obama to solve all problems.

"There is a danger of saying look what he can do for us. It turns into a Messiah complex. What is really important at a local level is that people will be inspired by him," Keller said.

The quality that makes Obama so inspiring is how much people are able to relate to him, Jennifer Kestner from the University

Counseling Center said.

"He's so relatable. Little kids can see themselves in him. You know, he's shooting basketball with anyone in a pick up game. That provides some hope that it's not just some suit and tie that represents the presidency... He represents a family man. [He] came from a poor background and has made it. That provides more hope," she said.

Keller said that this image that people can relate to has made it "cool" to be a community organizer, because Obama was a community organizer and it has become

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STUDENT SENATE

Zoning laws main topic of concern for Council

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Continuing the examination of student relations with the South Bend community, the Student Senate hosted 4th district Common Council member Ann Puzzello to present South Bend residents' side of the story Wednesday.

Puzzello said the community is grateful because it has seen a decrease in noisy student parties, but she asked for better communication than there has been in the past.

She said the relationship between the University and the community does not have to be a love/hate one, as long as there is direct communication about

issues such as student parties and zoning laws.

"I think the two groups can work together quite well," Puzzello said. "There are ways you can be neighbors, instead of isolated from the community."

A disregard for zoning laws — which limit houses where more than two unrelated people are allowed to live — by students looking to live off campus is a problem that plagues the community, Puzzello said. A lot of houses are turning into student housing that should not, especially in the Harter Heights neighborhood, directly south of campus, near Notre Dame Avenue and Angela Boulevard.



Student body president Bob Reish and vice president Grant Schmidt lead discussion on relations with the Common Council.

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INSIDE COLUMN

It could be worse

Next time you want to moan about parietals or alcohol rules, remember: you could have it much worse.

Like the students of Liberty University in Richmond, Va. You're upset that you can't take shots of SoCo at 3:30 a.m. alone in your room with some hot little number you met at the party down the hall; students at Liberty complain that they can't do laundry after 10 p.m. on a Tuesday.

Bill Brink

Sports Editor

You can't watch movies rated R at Liberty, and if you do it's a "reprimandable offense," according to the on-campus living guide. You also can't play video games rated M, A or RP. I'm thinking that means "Call of Duty" is out; this seems to be a more "Yoshi's Story" kind of school. Anything loud enough to be heard in the hallway is considered too loud, which makes Rock Band a little troublesome.

Music must be kept within Christian standards, whatever that means, and the university employs a "reprimand" system to discipline students. Think house points from Harry Potter but in a negative fashion. Different offenses have different amounts of reprimands; staying out past curfew is four reprimands, having a weapon is 30. I don't know what they add up to, but at this point it's not looking good.

They do have a curfew: Midnight Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. 10 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday the students go crazy because they don't have to be back until 12:30. And curfew means curfew, because students aren't allowed out of their dorms afterwards. Of course, no laundry after curfew.

By the way, if you're smart enough to live off campus, you're not welcome on campus after curfew. There's also no sunbathing on campus (except by the Campus East pool, clearly the place to go to scan for the honeys). Sounds like a rosy dorm environment. It better be, because you can't stay anywhere but the dorm. Direct quote: "Resident freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are not permitted to stay off campus overnight in the apartments or houses of single off-campus individuals." No overnights with singles? Isn't that the point of an overnight?

No PDA here, because "Handholding is the only appropriate form of personal contact." You can't even visit the apartment of someone of the opposite sex unless there are three or more people there, and God forbid you have to pee, because "under no circumstances" are you allowed to enter the bathroom of the opposite sex. In fact, blanket statements sum it up best: guys and gals can't be alone in school buildings, in an open area after dusk and never ever ever can they enter each other's dorms.

Harsh, right? Makes Notre Dame's rules seem tame in comparison. So remember the next time you're aching to sneak a friend into your room for some fun time or crack open a bottle of hard A, be glad you can still play Halo and visit Reckers at 1 a.m. It's a privilege.

And it's a good thing Liberty is in Virginia, and not here: there's no sledging allowed on campus.

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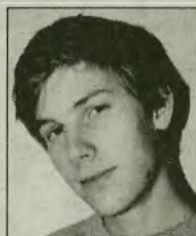
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO IN THE KEENAN REVUE?



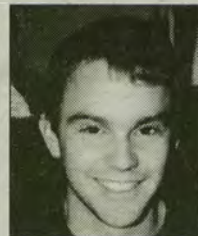
Tim Ryan
Freshman
Keenan

"A whole lot of John Siegel, if you know what I mean."



Paul Hotovy
Sophomore
Keenan

"Keenan's insane creativity."



Mike Wiederecht
Freshman
Keenan

"Strippers."



Chase Riddle
Freshman
Keenan

"The Facebook skit."



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A poster for the 2009 Keenan Revue hangs on a bulletin board. The Keenan Revue is this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

IN BRIEF

There will be a conference on "Sustainability and the Environment: The Original Green" at 7 p.m. today in 104 Bond Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Keenan Hall's annual comedy show "The Keenan Revue" will take place tonight, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's College.

The Baseball Eighth Annual Opening Night Dinner will be at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Mike Scioscia of the LA Angels and Notre Dame alum Jeff Samardzija will speak. Notre Dame team members, who will be seated at tables with the rest of the attendees, will be available for autographs prior to the dinner, from 6 - 6:45 p.m. For dinner ticket information, please contact the Notre Dame athletics ticket office at (574) 631-7356.

L.A. Theatre Works presents "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial" Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play is based on original transcripts of the famous 1925 Tennessee v. John Scopes "Monkey Trial," which challenged the newly passed Tennessee legislature's "Butler Act" banning the teaching of evolution in the state's public schools. Purchase tickets online, visit or call the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

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

OFFBEAT

Man shows up drunk to serve intoxication sentence

IOWA CITY — Authorities say a 19-year-old Iowa City man showed up drunk to serve a three-day public intoxication sentence at the Johnson County Jail on Tuesday. Court records said initial tests showed the man had a blood-alcohol content of 0.101 percent when he arrived at the jail.

He now faces another charge, but a court date on the new charge hasn't been set.

Court records said the man pleaded guilty to

public intoxication in May 2008 and was convicted of public intoxication second-offense last December.

Man boldly robs Colo. store with Star Trek sword

COLORADO SPRINGS — Colorado police say a man with too much "Star Trek" on his mind used a sword modeled after the weapon carried by Klingon warriors to demand money from two convenience stores.

Investigators say the man took an unknown amount of cash from a 7-Eleven store Wednesday

but left empty-handed when he tried to rob another store about 25 minutes later.

Police Lt. David Whitlock says no one was injured.

The StarTrek.com Web site says the double-pointed sword used by the Klingons on "Star Trek" is crescent-shaped and about a yard long. Police did not specify what material it was made of.

No one has been charged in the incident.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
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CEAC measures waste in SMC dining hall

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Yesterday afternoon, Saint Mary's College Environmental Action Coalition collected the wasted food from 856 people during lunch in the Saint Mary's Dining Hall. The second "Weigh Your Waste" event amassed a grand total of 267 3/4 pounds, said Gwen O'Brien, Director of Media Relations.

That equals out to about .31 pounds per person, down .01 from last February's "Weigh Your Waste" which amassed a total of 226 pounds for 708 people, equaling about .32 pounds per person.

During lunch hours in the Dining Hall, four student volunteers along with Dr. Doris Watt and some members of the Dining Hall staff, collected food that students hadn't eaten, member Monica Aguirre said.

"We just decided we wanted to do it again," she said, referring to last year's "Weigh Your Waste" event.

"I just think people need to be aware about how much food they're not eating," member, Jamie Thordsen said.

Aguirre also said the event was about awareness, and added that it was an attempt to convince students to change their habits.

"Especially for today but even more after this type of thing, I notice. ... hopefully people will too, especially people who try to hide their food," she said.

Something the volunteers noticed was the effect their presence had on

students, volunteer, Claire Easby-Smith said.

"We've gotten bananas and apples [that haven't been eaten]," she said, adding that they've also found unopened packets of crackers on some trays that students were just throwing away.

But regardless of how they react, the important thing is that students are taking notice, Easby-Smith said.

"They see what we're trying to do, others find it disgusting," she said.

Some students, after dropping off their trays, said they think part of the waste problem is a lack of variety in the Dining Hall.

"Well, I do think it's really sad how much food we waste...I do think the Dining Hall sucks. We had Spanish rice ten times within the past seven days," junior Anastasia Wilson said. "Regardless of whether we like it or not, it's sad that people are starving elsewhere."

Fellow junior, Megan Sotak agreed with her, adding that sometimes people forget how lucky they are.

"It's easy to take it for granted," she said.

Another student, sophomore Liz Cress, pointed out that she didn't know how much students wasted until she saw it all in the buckets the environmental group was using to hold the wasted food in.

"I think it's a good idea," she said, "I never realized how people don't recycle."

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Faith, liberalism relationship discussed

By CHRISTINE FAGAN
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About 40 people gathered in Hesburgh Center to hear a debate concerning the "relationship between faith and liberalism," as put in the question by A. James McAdams, director of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

Mark Lilla, a Professor of Humanities at Columbia University, recently wrote his answer in the provocative book, "The Stillborn God: Religion Politics, and the Modern West."

His opponent, Notre Dame's own Professor Daniel Philpott, wrote a blog response to the book's claims, but yesterday the two men were given a chance to meet and debate face to face.

Philpott began the debate by saying that religious philosophy has always been crucial to the expansion of liberalism, and that a true divorce of the two is not possible. He added that religion lays a foundation for modern liberalism.

"Arguments for religious

tolerance," Philpott said, "are rooted in biblical thought."

Philpott said that theology itself defends religious freedom, and was the root to such movements as early feminism and the civil rights movement.

Lilla countered that statement later by saying despite being correct; Philpott was neglecting biblically endorsed racism, denial of education to women, and hierarchy in the home.

"[The Church said] a right to religious freedom is a right to human dignity," said Philpott.

Then Lilla took his turn and began it with his definition of political theology.

"Political theology," Lilla said, "is a doctrine that gives institutions a legitimate authority based on divine revelations."

Lilla said that the separation of church and state does not include culture, values, or religious arguments, and that in fact, all of these things can exist under the separation. He also said that different governments have different levels of separation, for example, he said that in

the UK all religious schools are government funded.

Lilla said that his opponent made very good points, and even agreed that, "The idea of separation of church versus state comes from Catholic thinkers and the protestant idea of individuality of religious experience."

Yet, Lilla went on to say that this fact has nothing to do with legitimacy.

"We can't be sure what God wants from us in political life," Lilla said. "And human-beings ruling themselves is sufficient for legitimacy."

Yet, Lilla, despite saying the separation was a good thing, also said that total disregard of theology was not the best approach to governing.

"It is a good thing we're past political theology for legitimacy," said Lilla, "But it is not a good thing to jettison all the theological appeals."

Lilla used the example of human dignity in government and the concept of the soul to conclude his argument. He asked if it was possible to define or defend human dignity without the theological concept of a soul.

The end of the debate marked the beginning of a bigger conference at Notre Dame involving the separation of church and state.

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Mark Lilla
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Keenan Revue sells out in 11 minutes

After six months of preparation, production opens tonight

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

The men of Keenan Hall have spent six months putting together the highly anticipated comedy show, the Keenan Revue, but it only took 11 and a half minutes for tickets to the show to sell out on all three nights, show director Danny Wheeland said.

Students enjoy the merciless mocking of Notre Dame life every year because a group of about 100 Keenan Hall residents work as writers, actors, stage crew, publicists and more to produce this campus fixture.

"We get the staff together in September, and in October, we start thinking of a theme," Wheeland said. "From there, we hype up all guys in the dorm, especially the freshman, letting them know what the Revue is."

The staff then waits until second semester to start the actual production of the revue, he said.

As the director Wheeland, along with producer Andrew Derksen, is in charge of hiring staff, overseeing the writing of the skits and collecting funds for the show. The Hall receives a small amount from the Student Activities Office, but most of the funding comes from donations from Keenan Hall alumni,

Wheeland said.

Wheeland and Derksen said they chose head writers to oversee the 'Revue News' segment of the Keenan Revue, write as many skits as possible and help with the skits submitted by other hall residents in an open call.

"The head writers are the most experienced and have written many skits in the past," Derksen said. "We try to get them to write as many skits as they can."

"They are guys who are generally known to be funny guys," Wheeland said.

After the skits are written, there are auditions to play the different roles in the show, Wheeland said. This year, there are between 20 to 25 skits, he said.

The show, entitled "It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's the Keenan Revue!" has a superhero theme this year, Wheeland said.

One skit explores Notre Dame's dining halls, specifically the relationship between students and workers, he said.

Wheeland said another skit attempts to answer the question of what really happens when girls go to the bathroom.

"There is such a wide variety of content in all the skits," Derksen said.

The show is then performed for the Rector of Keenan Hall,

Fr. Dan Nolan, who can veto any objectionable material.

"He sits in during tryouts and gives his approval of skits so you won't get the completely obscene and ridiculous skits," Derksen said.

Wheeland said a couple of skits were omitted during the tryouts, but they were skits that would not have made the final cut anyways.

"We know what's appropriate," Derksen said.

Since the Revue will be held at Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium, the College reviews the show to ensure it is "not just bashing Saint Mary's," Wheeland said.

"It's touchy," Derksen said. "They usually let a couple things go as long as you aren't blatantly making fun of them and not making fun of anyone else."

If there are just a couple of things in the show, they usually let that slide, Wheeland said.

"We do little things to get around it like 'Saint Monica's College,'" he said.

Derksen and Wheeland said they are looking forward to the show and hope to hear laughter in the crowd.

"Hopefully there will be laughter," Wheeland said. "If not, they you will hear crying from me."

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Electronic records save money, lives, says Angst

Special to The Observer

The economic stimulus package winding its way through Congress includes \$20 billion for health information technology, or health IT. The funding would boost the movement toward establishing an interoperable national system for exchanging electronic health records (EHRs) and is expected to increase the number of physicians who use electronic record systems in their practices. Currently, less than 20 percent do.

Corey Angst, a Notre Dame management professor and expert on health IT, says such a move will save money, promote wellness, and most importantly, save lives.

"Electronic health records provide the means for all of your information to be available to you and every physician or health care provider whom you wish to see it," Angst said. "This will not only reduce the likelihood of duplicate tests – which increase health-care costs needlessly – but also make medical error less likely."

"If a doctor can review your entire history of drug allergies or treatments by calling up your electronic record, there is less chance that a wrong prescription or some other error is made."

Angst says that according to a 1999 study by the Institute of Medicine, "To Err is Human:

Building a Safer Health System," between 44,000 and 98,000 Americans die each year due to avoidable medical errors.

Angst also points out the network effects of having an interoperable system.

"EHRs are somewhat like fax machines in that the true value comes from lots of people adopting the technology – a fax machine is of no value if only you own one," he said.

"While there is some value in a single doctor having an EHR, the public or societal value is exponentially more when the vast majority has them."

"If all of this rich medical data is residing in databases that can be analyzed, it isn't a stretch to think that researchers could be using the data to develop new drugs, identify outbreaks, search for geographic pockets of certain diseases, and even identify the best means of countering obesity or even the common cold."

Many people are concerned that digitizing health records could result in loss of privacy, but Angst said that through education, most consumers will become more comfortable with electronic records.

"Digitizing scares almost everybody, but nothing is really changing in terms of information becoming less private or secure," he said. "Paper records are potentially more of a security risk."

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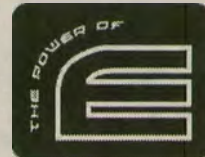


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sunni leader claims election fraud

BAGHDAD — A senior Sunni tribal leader claimed Wednesday to have hundreds of documents proving fraud in weekend elections in Anbar province, escalating a crisis that has threatened to reignite violence in the former insurgent stronghold.

Iraq's electoral commission, which is overseeing the process, promised it was taking the complaints seriously and warned the findings from an investigation could affect election results for the province.

Signaling the high stakes involved, a prominent national Sunni lawmaker traveled to Anbar province to try to mediate the dispute, which has pitted the tribal leaders against a rival Sunni party that is part of the national government.

"We came to Anbar province to ease the situation because there is a lot of tension," said Saleh al-Mutlaq. "There was a lot of fraud. Its effects will be great unless it is resolved."

Russia to help in Afghanistan

MOSCOW — President Dmitry Medvedev said Wednesday that Russia and its ex-Soviet allies wanted to cooperate with the United States on stabilizing Afghanistan but he appeared to link any help to changes in Western policy.

Saying Moscow and its allies "are ready for full-fledged, comprehensive cooperation," the Russian leader seemed to imply that Moscow's help on Afghanistan was contingent on a broader list of changes it wants from the new U.S. administration.

These include a halt to NATO enlargement in Europe and the cancellation of plans for a U.S. missile-defense system on Russia's western borders.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ark. official injured in car bomb

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. — A car bomb explosion critically wounded the head of the Arkansas panel that licenses and disciplines doctors, detonating in his driveway as he was leaving for work, authorities said.

Police said they had no idea why someone would target Dr. Trent P. Pierce, chairman of the Arkansas State Medical Board. The explosive device placed on or near the car shattered the front of his white Lexus hybrid in a blast the police chief said could be heard a mile away.

"We don't know if this was a random target or someone specifically targeted him," said West Memphis Police Chief Bob Paudert. He said it wasn't known if the doctor was in his car or outside it when the device exploded.

Good Samaritan stops suicide

CAMDEN, N.J. — Jesse Coltrane exchanged instant messages and phone calls with a despondent California teenager, then became startled by the picture on his webcam: The young man who had been discussing suicide was starting to cut the skin of his forearm with a razor blade.

The teen stopped answering the phone and logged off his computer.

That's when Coltrane called Sacramento police, who quickly went in search of the young man.

By the time officers found the 18-year-old, he had decided not to go through with the attempt, said police spokesman Sgt. Norm Leong.

LOCAL NEWS

Highway commissioner resigns

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's state highway commissioner is resigning and will be replaced by the executive director of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Indiana Department of Transportation Commissioner Karl Browning will step down at the end of February to return to the private sector.

Gov. Mitch Daniels says he did all he could to keep Browning, who he says did a spectacular job. The governor's office said Browning didn't plan to stay in state government very long.

Obama signs health insurance bill

Bill extends coverage to 4 million uninsured children, additional \$32.8 billion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Barack Obama signed a bill Wednesday extending health coverage to 4 million uninsured children, a much-needed win a day after he lost his nominee to lead his drive for sweeping health care reform.

"This is good. This is good," a smiling Obama said as he entered the East Room for the packed, ebullient signing ceremony.

The bill went to the White House fresh from passage in the Democratic-controlled House, on a vote of 290-135. Forty Republicans joined in approval.

The bill calls for spending an additional \$32.8 billion on the State Children's Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP, which now enrolls an estimated 7 million children. Lawmakers generated that revenue by raising the federal tobacco tax.

Obama said adding 4 million children to the program was a key step toward his promise of universal health care coverage for all.

"We fulfill one of the highest responsibilities that we have, to ensure the health and well-being of our nation's children," the president said before a cheering audience of families, lawmakers and interest groups. "Providing coverage to 11 million children is a down-payment on my commitment to cover every single American."

Republicans criticized the cost of the legislation. They also said it will mean an estimated 2.4 million children who otherwise would have access to private insurance will join the State Children's Health Insurance Program instead.

"The Democrats continue to push their government-run health care agenda — universal coverage, as they call it," said Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Texas.

The bill's passages has long been a top priority of



President Barack Obama speaks before signing the State Children's Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP, on Wednesday in the East Room of the White House.

Democratic lawmakers. In late 2007, President George W. Bush twice vetoed similar bills. The Senate passed the same bill last week. Obama made it a top priority in his first 100 days and one step in his push for universal coverage by the end of his first term.

"President Obama and Congress are demonstrating that change has come to Washington, and we are moving forward to improve the quality of life for American families struggling during these hard times," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

House passage came a day after Obama's choice for health secretary, Tom Daschle, withdrew his nomi-

nation, citing the distraction of his delinquent tax payments.

SCHIP was created more than a decade ago to help children in families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid but too low to afford private coverage.

Federal money for the program was set to expire March 31, barring action by Congress. To cover the increase in spending, the bill would boost the federal excise tax on a pack of cigarettes by 62 cents, to \$1.01 a pack.

Opponents of the bill complained that the tobacco tax increase hits the poor the hardest, because they are more likely to smoke than wealthier people. Many also took exception to expanding

the program and Medicaid to children of newly arrived legal immigrants.

Republicans said they supported SCHIP and providing additional money for the program. However, they argued that Democrats were taking the program beyond its original intent and were encouraging states to cover middle-class families who otherwise could get private insurance.

"This debate is about, do we want a children's health insurance program that covers every child in America with state and federal dollars regardless of their ability to pay?" said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas. "Do we want to freeze out the private sector for health insurance?"

VATICAN CITY

Church: Holocaust denier must recant

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican, bowing to the growing furor over Pope Benedict XVI's decision to accept a return to the church of a prelate who denied the Holocaust, made a dramatic turnaround Wednesday and demanded the bishop recant.

The Vatican sought to distance the pope from the controversy by saying he did not know about British Bishop Richard Williamson's views when he agreed to lift his excommunication last month.

In the surprisingly public spat, some leading cardinals in Germany and at the Vatican blamed unidentified aides for not fully briefing the pope.

The controversy provided a rare look at the cracks in the Vatican's facade of unity and raised questions about the advice the pope receives and his access to information. Papal aides say Benedict, a former university professor and theologian, receives a daily news summary and occasionally watches television.

The statement was issued by the Vatican's Secretariat of State a day after German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged the pope to make a clearer rejection of Holocaust denials. Top German church officials, Jewish groups and the head of the U.S. bishops conference also condemned Williamson.

In a sign of just how much the Vatican had misread the public mood, the secretary of state,

Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, was quoted Tuesday as saying he considered the matter "closed" after Benedict issued a lengthy denunciation of Holocaust deniers last week.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, said he took Benedict at his word that he didn't know about Williamson's views, but said he couldn't believe Vatican aides didn't do more research to better inform the pope.

"This was absolutely a matter that was bungled at the highest levels of the Vatican," Hier said. "If they Googled the name 'Bishop Williamson,' they'd find out he was a Holocaust denier. This did not require advanced research at the Vatican Library or Oxford."

Professor discusses youth advocacy in Africa

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Anthropologist Dr. Catherine Bolton of the University of Michigan spoke on the affect of socio-economic effects of rendering the youth ex-combatants socially includable through the post-war integration programs that have been established in the African country of Sierra Leone in her lecture entitled "The Politics of Inclusion: Youth Policy, Ex-Combatants, and Governmentality in Sierra Leone."

"I really want to address the intersection of fear and governmental policy," Bolton said in her introduction. "The war separated many young people and led them to develop alternative ideas of brotherhood which has upset the native elders."

The war which Bolton refers to is the Sierra Leone Civil War which

began in 1991 and was initiated by the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) which was composed of mostly "youth" individuals, that is those ranging from age 15 to 35. The war was declared over on Jan. 18, 2002.

However, one former RUF combatant that Bolton interviewed on a trip to Sierra Leone said that the RUF only put down their weapons because the UN asked them for peace.

"These people were once very powerful RUF officials and now they are struggling to survive," Bolton said.

Bolton explained that many of the traditional elders of Sierra Leone had a fear of the youth after the war came to an end.

"The elders of the country fear that the youth won't respect their authority," Bolton said. "In response to this fear, the government published the Sierra Leone National

Youth Policy in June 2003."

The Youth Policy is a policy that emphasizes the state and elders and defines the youth as being anywhere in the age range of 15 to 35 years of age.

"What this is saying is that anyone over the age of 35 has more authority over anyone of a lesser age," Bolton said. "What the government is trying to accomplish with this policy is maintaining supremacy of the elders over the youth of the country."

The policy also outlines the youth that the government wants to decrease, the "marginalized youth" and through programs of a process called reintegration, modify this group's ideas so that they are the government acceptable form of youth, the "mainstream youth."

"In Sierra Leone, a country with a population of 5.7 million people, four million people, that is seventy percent of the population, falls into this

'youth' category," Bolton said. "This Youth Policy is not a policy paper; [it] is a statement of elder predominance and a testimony of the fear of the thirty percent."

It doesn't outline many rules for the "youth," but it ensures the "elder predominance," she said.

"The only requirement for the 'mainstream youth' is that they stay in school," she said. "However, the government decides what gets taught in the schools. It's just another way for the government to have a finger in all youth activities."

Bolton insists that the government's extreme fear of youth is unjustified and unnecessary.

"All these young people want is to be treated equally by the elders," she said. "They are not trying to seek power, they are simply seeking validation and nurturing of their ideas."

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Dr. Catherine Bolton
anthropologist

She says that all these men want is to reach their status as an "adult" and also a "man," which is a major part of Sierra Leone culture.

"The young people want to feel needed; they want to be taken seriously. If the government recognizes this quality, it will make dealing with the problem much easier."

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Tickets

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ideas on the Zahm ticket's platform. They also want to start an affirmative action program for beautiful women, because they are the biggest minority group at Notre Dame, Harig said. The freshman, wearing tight blue shorts and a cape, dropped the microphone and stumbled as he stood up to speak for the first time.

During the course of the debate between candidates for student government president and vice president, Lennon tried to start a game of "Who's Line is it Anyway?," danced to Beyoncé's "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)," and led the crowd of students standing in the lobby of LaFortune in a cheer for "that mistake," which he and his running mate hoped the student body would make on Feb. 9, student government election day.

I miss the U.S. presidential election season.

From August to November, we at The Observer covered the race between the Obama-Biden and McCain-Palin tickets.

We watched debates, discussed platform issues and followed the trajectory of the campaigns from the conventions to, finally, Grant Park, Chicago.

Then, abruptly, it ended. I've been missing the thrill of following professional politics, the national conversation about who should lead us.

Last week, we began covering the race for student body president. In some ways, it was similar to the national elections. The candidates have detailed platforms. They have fancy Web sites.

The similarities came to a screeching halt last night when, during the debate, one of the presidential candidates stripped out of his dress shirt, tie and khaki pants to reveal underneath a skin-tight, semi-see through White Power Ranger costume.

"I am indeed, the White Power Ranger," Lennon said.

George Chamberlain, the president of the Judicial Council and the moderator of the debate, asked him where he had found a Power Ranger suit that large.

And I wondered why I was sitting in LaFortune at 8 p.m. on a Wednesday night, listening to a freshman who, in his introductory remarks, said, "I have never, and I will never, brush my teeth."

The Zahm ticket was supposed to be the joke: the annual ticket that runs, gives everyone a good laugh, but never gets their hands near the keys to the student government office.

But during the last student government event I will ever cover, I found myself laughing at more than just Lennon and Harig.

Laura Burdick, running with fellow junior Derek Sanchez, wants to create a blog where students can write about their off campus apartments or houses, so younger students can pick what neighborhood would be best for them.

"Where is a place where ragers can happen and we won't get into trouble?" she asked, hypothetically.

It's a question I ask frequently, literally.

When Chamberlain introduced all the candidates, he stumbled over James McCaughan's last name. McCaughan should have taken comfort from the fact that a man named Barack Obama, one of the strangest names in American politics, was just elected president.

Once McCaughan started speaking, I got it into my head that he could be the Obama of the Notre Dame student government race.

Candidate McCaughan, along with his running mate Tom Gorski, wants to see a difference in the way police and ushers enforce discipline during football games and

at tailgating.

A difference. A change, maybe?

If people vote for McCaughan-Gorski, they will "see change," McCaughan said.

But McCaughan's mantra is not as stringently pro-change as Obama's.

There will be change, he said, but they will "keep the good things constant."

That's change, and in select cases, status quo we can believe in.

My favorite McCaughan-Gorski platform issue is their sincere desire to move the student government office from the second floor of LaFortune to the first floor, such as in the Sorin Room or the Dooley room. Their goal: to make student government more accessible.

"It's like walking by The Huddle, and stopping in and getting a candy bar," McCaughan said.

Does this mean student government will start handing out chocolate? Should I expect a cappuccino machine?

Cynthia Weber, Grant Schmidt's running mate, quickly assured them that this was not possible. Believe her, she's tried.

It's strange to see Schmidt, of

GiveASchmidt.com, without the other member of the Bob and Grant duo. But Schmidt kept mentioning Bob Reish during the debate, and Reish, the soon-to-be lame duck president, sat toward the back of the audience and off to the side, watching over his protégé.

Reish wasn't the only name Schmidt dropped.

"It's going to sound like I am name-dropping," he said at one point.

Schmidt proceeded to drop a lot of names, then handed the microphone to Weber, who dropped even more.

By the end of the debate, Schmidt and Weber were literally completing each other's sentences.

Schmidt scared me a little with his talk of a place near the border of Indiana and Michigan where, apparently, illegitimate cab drivers are born.

When he explained it more, I realized it actually wasn't as scary as he made it sound originally.

"They're not going to kill you, but they are going to take you back and forth and make money and maybe rip you off," Schmidt said.

Whogivesaschmidt.com if your taxi driver acts like every other taxi driver in the country?

The second to last question of the night finally hit home to the one thing all Notre Dame students care deeply about: what to do about the skunk problem on campus.

The Zahm ticket ignored the question.

"I have no idea," Sanchez admitted, speaking for the Burdick-Sanchez ticket.

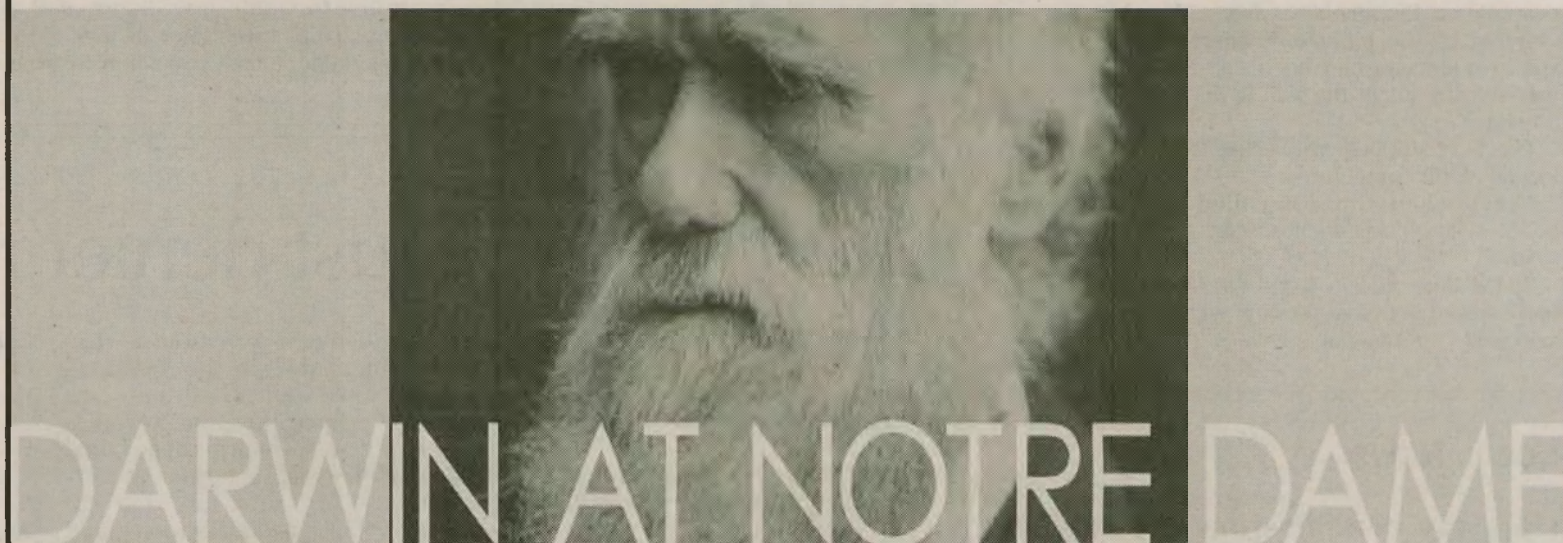
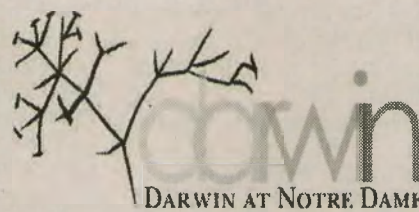
Schmidt was also floored by the question.

"I don't know if traps would work," he said. "I don't know what attracts skunks."

If you vote on Monday, or even if you don't, next year you might have lubed bowls. Or a first-floor student government office. Or taxis drivers who have never been to the Michigan-Indiana border. Or a blog to find the top party blocks.

But no matter who you vote for, campus will still stink.

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Stocks			
Dow Jones	7,956.66	-121.70	

Up: 1,674 Same: 105 Down: 2,082 Composite Volume: 2,195,501,310

AMEX	1,404.33	-20.46
NASDAQ	1,515.05	-1.25
NYSE	5,242.75	-25.27
S&P 500	832.23	-6.28
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	7,983.66	-55.28
FTSE 100 (London)	4,228.60	+64.14

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
BK OF AMERICA (BAC)	-11.32	-0.60	4.70
SPDR S&P 500 (SPY)	-0.49	-0.41	83.33
FINANCIAL SEL (XLF)	-1.10	-0.10	8.97
CITIGROUP INC (C)	+0.87	+0.03	3.49

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+2.53	+0.072	2.914
13-WEEK BILL	-6.45	-0.020	0.290
30-YEAR BOND	+1.38	+0.050	3.673
5-YEAR NOTE	+3.01	+0.056	1.918

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.46		40.32
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+9.70		902.20
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.85		81.15

Exchange Rates			
YEN			89.3700
EURO			1.2836
CANADIAN DOLLAR			1.2332
BRITISH POUND			1.4440

IN BRIEF

Senate votes for homebuyer credit

WASHINGTON — The Senate has voted to award anybody buying a home this year a tax credit worth up to \$15,000 in hopes of jump-starting the sagging housing market.

The homebuyer tax credit offered by GOP Sen. Johnny Isakson would apply to any home purchased as a main residence and would cost taxpayers \$19 billion. Senators approved it by a voice vote, adding the idea to President Barack Obama's economic recovery bill.

People could claim the credit on their 2008 tax returns and it would apply to any home purchased for one year after the recovery plan becomes law.

Isakson patterned his plan after a decades-old idea he says helped lift the economy out of recession in 1975.

Lawmakers push for food safety reform

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers vowed Wednesday to press for stronger food safety laws and more money for inspections as the list of recalled peanut products surpassed 1,000 in an ongoing national salmonella outbreak.

"There is an openness to putting together the strongest legislation possible," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., who introduced a bill to reorganize federal food safety enforcement and make it more accountable.

Meanwhile, the number of recalled peanut products approached 1,100 in what independent experts said appears to be a record for foods consumed by humans.

The 2007 recall of melamine-tainted pet food eventually grew to 1,179 products but "this is human food," said Caroline Smith DeWaal, food safety director for the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "I'm certainly not aware of any recall where so many individual branded products had to be called back, which makes it really complicated for consumers."

The salmonella outbreak has sickened at least 550 people, eight of whom have died. A Georgia peanut-processing plant that produces just 1 percent of U.S. peanut products is being blamed. Authorities say Peanut Corp. of America shipped peanut butter, paste and other products that had tested positive for salmonella. The company denies any wrongdoing.

Obama caps exec. pay on bailout money

\$500,000 limit placed on companies that have received funds from government

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Wednesday imposed a \$500,000 cap on senior executive pay for the most distressed financial institutions receiving taxpayer bailout money and promised new steps to end a system of "executives being rewarded for failure."

Obama announced the unusual government intervention into corporate America at the White House, with Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner at his side. The president said the executive-pay limits are a first step, to be followed by the unveiling next week of a sweeping new framework for spending what remains of the \$700 billion financial industry bailout that Congress created last year.

The pay limit comes amid a national outcry over huge bonuses to executives who head companies that seek taxpayer dollars to remain afloat. The demand for limits was reinforced by revelations that Wall Street firms paid more than \$18 billion in bonuses in 2008 amid the economic downturn and the massive infusion of taxpayer dollars.

The limit would apply to top-paid executives at the most distressed financial institutions that are negotiating bailout agreements with the federal government. It also would apply to other banks that receive aid, but they could get around the limits by publicizing to shareholders plans to exceed the salary cap.

The limits would not apply retroactively to any bank that received money from the first half of the \$700 bailout allocated by Congress. For example, the restriction would not apply to such firms as American International Group Inc., Bank of America Corp., and Citigroup Inc., that already have received such help.

But Obama touted the



President Barack Obama smiles as Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner speaks about executive compensation on Wednesday in the Grand Foyer of the White House.

broad symbolism of his action.

"This is America. We don't disparage wealth. We don't begrudge anybody for achieving success," Obama said. "But what gets people upset — and rightfully so — are executives being rewarded for failure. Especially when those rewards are subsidized by U.S. taxpayers."

"There is a deep sense across the country that those who were not ... responsible for this crisis are bearing a greater burden than those who were," Geithner said.

Firms that want to pay executives above the

\$500,000 threshold would have to use stock that could not be sold or liquidated until they pay back the government funds.

Generally healthy institutions that get capital infusions from the Troubled Asset Relief Program in the future will have more leeway. They also will face the \$500,000 limit, but the cap can be waived with full public disclosure and a nonbinding shareholder vote.

Obama said that massive severance packages for executives who leave failing firms are also going to be eliminated. "We're taking the air out of golden para-

chutes," he said.

Other new requirements on "exceptional assistance" will include:

—The expansion to 20, from five, the number of executives who would face reduced bonuses and incentives if they are found to have knowingly provided inaccurate information related to company financial statements or performance measurements.

—An increase in the ban on golden parachutes from a firm's top five senior executives to its top 10. The next 25 would be prohibited from golden parachutes that exceed one year's compensation.

Congress moves TV transition to June 12

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After weeks of debate, Congress is giving consumers four more months to prepare for the upcoming transition from analog to digital television broadcasting.

The House voted 264-158 on Wednesday to postpone the shutdown of analog TV signals to June 12, to address growing concerns that too many Americans won't be ready by the Feb. 17 deadline that Congress set three years ago. The Senate passed the measure unanimously last week and the bill now heads to President Barack Obama for his signature.

The change is being mandated because digital signals are more efficient than analog ones. Ending analog broadcasts will free up valuable

space in the nation's airwaves for commercial wireless services and emergency-response networks.

The delay is a victory for the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress, who maintain that the previous administration mismanaged efforts to ensure that all consumers — particularly poor, rural and minority Americans — will be prepared for the switchover.

The Nielsen Co. estimates that more than 6.5 million U.S. households that rely on analog TV sets to pick up over-the-air broadcast signals still are not ready. People who subscribe to cable or satellite TV or have a newer TV with a digital tuner will not be affected.

"The passage of this bipartisan legislation means that millions of Americans will have the time they

need to prepare for the conversion," White House spokeswoman Amy Brundage said in a statement.

Wednesday's vote came one week after House Republicans blocked the bill under a special fast-track procedure that required two-thirds support to pass. This time, the bill passed the House under a regular floor vote, which requires a simple majority.

Among Democrats, 241 voted for the bill, while 10 voted against it. Among Republicans, 23 voted for the bill, while 148 voted against it.

Speaking on the House floor Wednesday, Rick Boucher, D-Va., chairman of the House Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, said a delay was needed to prevent the digital transition from becoming a failure.

Debate

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introducing themselves to the students crowded in the LaFortune Lobby and outlining certain platform initiatives.

Selected at random, the Burdick-Sanchez ticket spoke first. Burdick, the presidential candidate, informed the crowd of the pair's current positions as Athletic Co-Chairs in the Hall Presidents Council.

"We've had the privilege of hosting pep rallies, and we went beyond our call of duty and revamped them," Burdick said.

She listed approachability as a strength of their campaign and said they hope to "improve student life in every aspect."

Burdick said their platform, which consists of the formation of an athletic council, a loan forgiveness program and a revenue council, has "a lot of open space left."

"We want to know what you want," she said.

McCaughan, his ticket's presidential candidate, told the audience the common theme of their platform "has been a change in regards to disciplinary measures at the school."

The pair also lists strengthening relationships with the South Bend community as a goal for next year, and McCaughan said they have received "endorsements from various eateries and other establishments."

Third to speak, the Schmidt-Weber ticket, emphasized their experience in student government and their desire to build upon this year's momentum.

Schmidt, currently serving as student body vice president with Bob Reish as student body president, said this "year as spent bridging the gap, communicating to students what the issues were and working with the city."

Though some have criticized the Reish-Schmidt administration for being, as Schmidt called, "buddy-buddy" with the University administration, Schmidt said "knowing the channels and knowing who to talk to are the only ways to guarantee success."

Weber, the only vice-presidential candidate to speak in the opening remarks, emphasized the research that went into their platform, and called upon the audience to "Give a Schmidt," alluding to one of the campaign's slogans and Web site addresses.

Lennon, the presidential candidate of the Zahm ticket, chose to speak without a microphone when introducing himself.

Throughout the evening, he took on several roles: that of politician, game show host, pop star and martial arts superhero, and delivered lines with a presidential cadence that brought a laugh from the audience.

"Our campaign is not built on experience or fancy posters or shaking hands with the student body," he said. "People are hearing about us through the classrooms of Jordan, the dorms of North and South Quad, the urinals in DeBartolo and on the omelet line."

Lennon told the audience that he and his roommate, Harig, run on the principle of honesty, and decided to reveal some secrets, including his true identity by stripping down to a white body suit.

"I am indeed the White Power Ranger," he said. "For the last semester and a half I have been protecting you from Lord Zedd."

In the question and answer portion of the debate, the tickets were allowed two minutes to answer the three questions from the Judicial Council and 45 seconds to answer the questions submitted by members of the student body. The pairs alternated who spoke first in response to each question.

The McCaughan-Gorski ticket said their most important plan for improving student life at the University involved game day police action.

"[We aim to] deal with the football atmosphere and the police hostility that is presented toward students," Gorski said.

McCaughan added one way of improving the game day environment is providing students with an outlet to voice their concerns. He suggested moving the student government offices from their current location on the second floor of LaFortune to the first floor to facilitate communication.

Schmidt listed taxi reform as the ticket's biggest initiative for improving student life. The reform would consist of two tiers, he said: safety and convenience.

In terms of safety, Schmidt and Weber seek to initiate a system of cab driver identification; they propose selling taxi fare booklets to eliminate the need to carry cash or deal with fluctuating flat rates for convenience.

Reiterating their platform's commitment to honesty, Harig was very blunt about the Zahm ticket's ideas for bettering student life.

"The biggest minority on this campus is beautiful women," he said, suggesting a merit scholarship system based on voting that would provide "hot chicks" free tuition to the University.

The Burdick-Sanchez ticket is most concerned with pursuing a "Safety First" campaign with the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH) and the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) that includes a policy of education before punishment.

Sanchez said the University "is doing a disservice" to freshmen, or others, who are not as experienced in situations where alcohol is involved "by slamming them with ResLifes."

The second question addressed community relations; Schmidt mentioned the Reish-Schmidt administration's involvement with members of Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC).

"The biggest thing you can do with community relations is working with these people, sitting down with these people," he said.

Weber said they plan to work directly with members of the community, and said she anticipates widespread participation in April's Commiversity Day.

In response to this question, Lennon decided to "make a motion," and performed Beyoncé's dance to her hit single "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)."

The Burdick-Sanchez campaign lists creating an off-campus blog modeled off of NDToday.com, where students can post about their neighborhoods and specific houses or apartment complexes as a way of improving community relations.

Burdick said her and Sanchez would like to create a handbook guide to South Bend and Mishawaka to be distributed to freshmen, with information on restaurants and shops.

"If they know where things are, they will go out into the community, spend some money, and everyone is happier," she said.

Gorski said students are doing admirably with creating good feelings between the campus and greater South Bend communities. He suggested publicizing campus events more to better students' image in the eyes of South Bend residents.

"Notre Dame students aren't bad people," he said. "We just have a bad reputation ... [the members of the South Bend community] don't see the good we're doing."

The third question from the Judicial Council asked the candidates how they plan to improve communication between student government officials and their constituents.

Harig, sporting bright blue shorts, a Michael Vick No. 7 jersey and a cape and speaking for the Zahm ticket, decided to "completely disregard the question" and, along with Lennon, listed various other platform initiatives, like lubricating salad bowls at North Dining Hall to prevent sticking and changing the football ticket lottery system to a set of obstacles like those played on the 1986-1993 Nickelodeon game show "Double Dare" hosted by Marc Summers.

"If you get caught in a big peanut butter and jelly sandwich, you're only going to a few games this year," Harig said.

Sanchez and Burdick propose a two-week agenda-setting period in which they will review suggestions from students on how to fill in their platform.

"Students will be able to know what's going on and to have a say," he said.

McCaughan said he wants to make student government more accessible in general, with the relocation of its offices to the first floor of LaFortune and the creation of a group on Facebook where students can "write on the wall what's on their mind."

Weber commented on the 3,500 responses to the Student Census, a Reish-Schmidt initiative. The results of the Census, she said, are published and can be used to "build upon the success of this year."

Schmidt said there "are only so many ways we can reach students" and that "normal conversations" are the way to find out with people really care about.

The five off-the-agenda questions ranged in topic from the feasibility of the tickets' proposals to dealing with the campus's noticeable skunk problem.

Burdick said her ticket's platform is a proposal to the student body.

"We want to know what it is you want," she said, mentioning the pair have met with various department heads to discuss the feasibility of their ideas.

Gorski said it is important to "keep talking" in order to get proposals accomplished, and mentioned another campaign idea: creating an interhall laser tag league.

Schmidt and Weber rattled off the names of the members of the University administration with whom they have spoken during their research and who have said their ideas are feasible.

Lennon said he utilized the Internet to determine how successful his proposals would be.

Another question related to a student government effort to continue the campus' "green initiative."

McCaughan said every time he sees an aluminum can in the trash, he wonders why someone did not recycle it.

"If you keep emphasizing it, people will do it," he said.

Schmidt vowed to stand behind GreenND, which was made an official Notre Dame Club this year.

Harig said global warming does

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**James McCaughan
junior
presidential candidate**

not exist, and in order to cut costs, Notre Dame should initiate a system of indentured servitude in the power plant for students who cannot pay off their student loans.

The Burdick-Sanchez ticket emphasized students' role as facilitators in the going green process; Sanchez specifically mentioned using more electronic advertising in the future to limit wasted paper.

A third question asked the candidates what parts of their campaign will be enacted immediately upon taking office; Weber said adding hot Grab 'n' Go options has already been approved by Notre Dame Food Services.

Lennon proceeded to take on the role of the host of "Whose Line Is It Anyway" and asked the audience for suggestions, while Burdick said their team can get started on "Safety First" idea immediately.

Gorski mentioned bringing "better concerts, like Wu-Tang and Creed," to campus.

The tickets had not thought of researching the skunk issue, and were unprepared to answer the question about reduce the animal's presence on campus.

Sanchez said his team would pursue the most humanitarian way possible; Gorski suggested vigilantes; Schmidt admitted he was unsure what attracts skunks so that they can be trapped; and Harig, off-topic again, discussed the idea of buying out people's "contracts" – like those of professors, annoying classmates and athletes who might not be performing to accepted standards.

When asked who the candidates would vote for if they themselves were not in the race, Burdick-Sanchez and McCaughan-Gorski said they would vote for Zahm, Lennon-Gorski said they would vote for the Zahm ticket that would run in their stead, and Schmidt-Weber said they would vote for Burdick-Sanchez for their sincerity.

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ments is especially appropriate, given the long history of interaction between Catholicism and modern science, from the geneticist monk Gregor Mendel to scholars working at the Vatican Observatory."

The calendar of events corresponding with the celebration begins today at 5:30 p.m. The film "Inherit the Wind" will be shown.

Jon Vickers, Managing Director of Performing Arts, will also give a lecture about the connection between the film and the drama "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial".

The drama is based off transcripts from the famed 1925 Scopes-Monkey Trial. It will be shown Friday, Saturday, and Sunday according to the event's Web site.

Another activity of the Website's schedule held this month will be an International Playwright's Conference on Darwin and Theater, from Feb. 23-26, focusing on the discussion of migration and evolution.

At the end of the month, from Feb. 24 to March 1, there will be the first American showing of Guernica, a drama written

by Yiannis Lyntsioulis. The play is about the suspicious sinking of a refugee ship in 1997, according to Web site's event page.

Throughout the month of March, the Snite Museum will be holding an exhibit entitled "In the Wake of the Beagle: Darwin in Latin America 1831-1836." This will be housed in the Scholz Family Gallery for Work on Paper, further information can be found on the Web site.

In addition, the Snite Museum will be holding a reception for the exhibit on March 5th in the Atrium, according to the Web site.

The Glynn Family Honors Program will host a conference that will take place the weekend of April 3-4. The symposium is entitled "Evolution of A g e : Multidisciplinary Reflections on Darwin 150 years later." This event can be found on the Darwin Web site.

This conference was planned, designed, and organized by a group of Notre Dame seniors, and is geared towards undergraduate students.

"Our academic speakers are coming from institutions like the V a t i c a n Observatory, the University of Chicago, and Harvard University," Culhane said, who was one of the students on the planning committee, "they are excellent researchers who have all committed to presentations that will both

"Darwin pushed the intellectual limits of his society; he treated man as an organic being and explored humanity's history in an innovative manner."

Margaret Culhane senior

deepen and broaden our understanding of Darwin and evolution as it stands today."

In addition to the events that will be taking place, students will also have the opportunity to take classes to learn more about Darwin. For the Spring 2009 semester, three courses were available for students to take. One is a biology class focusing on the topic of evolution. The other two classes are philosophy classes with one emphasizing the life and works of Darwin and the latter focusing on its effects in the 21st century. All course offerings can be found on the Darwin Web site.

Culhane said that there are many ways that people today can learn from Darwin.

"Darwin pushed the intellectual limits of his society; he treated man as an organic being and explored humanity's history in an innovative manner," she said, "His intellectual curiosity is an asset for which we should all strive."

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"cool" to be black.

"It's cool to be black because the president is black, not because my favorite football player is black, or because I like this rapper and he's black. And as a black person, it's good to hear that," Keller said.

Gates said that because of Obama's image, he "provides another face for black men," and alternative to the stereotypical black men in jail.

However, Keller said, "I can easily see people seeing Obama as the exception rather than the rule ... and saying well how many black men are in jail? Obama alone can't change the stereotype."

Participants in the discussion agreed that to win the battle against racism and stereotypes will take more than just having a black man as president, and that blacks have not yet broken through the glass ceiling of racism that has kept them down in the past.

"It's been scratched," Tipton said, but it has not been broken. No one in the forum voiced a disagreement.

The forum ended with a discussion of what it would take to be successful in breaking

the glass ceiling. Keller said that the only way to break that glass ceiling is for individual blacks to have success.

She said that in order to be successful in her life, she tells herself, "don't be late to class, don't be the one who needs help. Be the perfect student so no one can say 'oh, she's here because she's black or oh, she's not getting it because she's black.'"

Gates said that success will happen when blacks have the same opportunities for things like housing and education.

"For me, success for black people is if people stop asking me if I'm here on an athletic scholarship. I've been told to my face, you are a product of affirmative action. That would be a success if that stopped happening," Keller said.

Tipton added that he thinks blacks have been successful so far in what they have accomplished. Keller agreed.

"Look at the strides we've made in such a short period of time. We have parents who remember the civil rights movement," she said.

Keller summed up the sentiment of the forum by saying, "in some sense, we need to pat ourselves on the back and say good job, but the work isn't done."

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"I think a lot of problems we have wouldn't exist if the housing was legal," she said.

Student body president Bob Reish said informing students about which houses are correctly zoned is a goal of student government.

Regarding student parties off campus, Puzzello said problems can be avoided if the parties are kept small and indoors.

"Don't have several hundred people at a party," she said. "No one has several hundred friends."

Puzzello said the city's primary concern is the comfort and safety of its residents, and when people are complaining about being awakened at 3 a.m. because of student parties, the police and the city have to act.

Reish then questioned whether or not off-campus students are considered part of the South Bend community.

"Off-campus students who go to Notre Dame are in a unique position because they are only immersed in the community for one or two years," Reish said.

Puzzello said she encourages students to come to Common Council committee meetings and call her with any concerns they have relating to the community.

But, she said, this kind of relationship is a two way street. "I'm glad for anyone to call

me," Puzzello said. "There's a lot that needs to go on between South Bend and Notre Dame for us to feel comfortable though."

Puzzello said the University's administration does not help the city with enforcing zoning laws that students are breaking, or with the issue of student parties. Many problems that concern South Bend do not seem to be a top priority with the administration, she said.

"I think you know you are welcome in the community, but we haven't had that reciprocate situation from the administration to be honest," she said. "We are associates with Notre Dame and we love it, but we would love a little bit of communication."

Reish said student government is attempting to bridge the gap between Notre Dame and South Bend.

"I think the University and the community have a lot to offer each other, but there is a disconnect in the communication," he said.

Puzzello agreed. "Let's make it better," she said.

In other Senate news:

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A Papal fallacy

Let me get this straight. "Deep-seated gay tendencies"? No. Denial of the Holocaust? Yes. "Support the so-called 'gay culture'?" No.

Support the so-called Ahmadinejad culture? Yes.

In the course of the last few weeks, two Vatican-related news stories caught my eye.

First, according to the Associated Press: "In a report U.S. bishops released this week, the Vatican agency noted past 'difficulties in the area of morality' within seminaries that 'usually but not exclusively' involved 'homosexual behavior.' The evaluators said the appointment of better administrators in diocesan seminaries 'has ensured that such difficulties have been overcome.'" The bishops then linked arms and rejoiced, for we shall overcome.

Gnaw on that for a while — we'll come back to it later. In the meantime, second, The New York Times: Pope Benedict "revoked the excommunications of four schismatic bishops on Saturday, including one whose comments denying the Holocaust have provoked outrage...The bishop said that he believed that 'the historical evidence; was strongly against the conclusion that millions of Jews had been 'deliberately gassed in gas chambers as a deliberate policy of Adolf Hitler.'"

This week, the Bishop — Richard Williamson — apologized. Kinda. No, he didn't acknowledge their lunacy. And no, he didn't acknowledge that, yes, six million Jews died at the hands of Nazism. He did, though, apologize for the Pope's "distressed" caused by the "media storm" over his "imprudent remarks."

Imprudent remarks. You'd think a former (reluctant) member of the Hitler Youth might find them a bit more than imprudent.

But the criticism of Williamson (and the Vatican) shouldn't stop with his unrepentant anti-Semitism. Holocaust-denial isn't Williamson's only "imprudent" opinion. For nearly two decades, the Bishop has been stirring the papal pot.



Andrew Nesi

*Spicy Sea
Nuggets*

In addition to an assertion that some combination of God's will and a government conspiracy orchestrated September 11th, Pearl Harbor and the Kennedy assassination, Williamson has consistently extending his delusion to overt sexism.

These are too good to not copy verbatim.

Sept. 1, 2001: "Because of all kinds of natural reasons, almost no girl should go to any university ... any Catholic with the least respect for Tradition recognizes that women should not be priests — can he deny that if few women went to university, almost none would wish to be priests? Alas, women going to university is part of the whole massive onslaught on God's Nature which characterizes our times. That girls should not be in universities flows from the nature of universities and from the nature of girls: true universities are for ideas, ideas are not for true girls, so true universities are not for true girls."

Sept. 1, 1991: "Trousers are ideological and attack the mind. For indeed women's trousers, as worn today ... are an assault upon woman's womanhood and so they represent a deeplying revolt against the order willed by God ... Of course not all women who wear trousers abort the fruit of their womb, but all help to create the abortive society. Old-fashioned is good, modern is suicidal. You wish to stop abortion? Do it by example. Never wear trousers or shorts."

To review: Ideas are not for girls. Some combination of God's will and a government conspiracy orchestrated the September 11th attacks. Women should wear skirts, because pants and shorts, in addition to attacking the mind, promote abortion.

Because, you know, trousers offer much easier access.

We're saved from the gays, and this is the payoff. Thanks, Benny.

This is a delusional man. Or, at least, he's certainly not a messenger for God's word and inspiration. And while he can't, reportedly, "practice his ministry in the Catholic Church," its still safe to say you shouldn't be comfortable with re-incommunicated (yes, that's the word) Bishop Williamson.

Of course, re-incommunicating someone does not necessarily mean that you're endorsing everything he says and believes. But by going out of your way to welcome him back in

without mention of those views until challenged, you endorse him as a representative of the Church. It's not that people within the Church can't disagree — they can and should — but that bringing back someone you've kicked out suggests that you have (or, at least, should have) paid particular attention to the way that person reflects the church as a whole.

The simultaneous "gay" news reveals a second reason, too. If you forbid priests who have "deep seated gay tendencies" and who "support the so-called gay culture," you can be held accountable for the tendencies and cultures of those you do allow.

The Vatican has gotten some pressure on this one. Jewish leaders have challenged the Pope's commitment to Jewish-Catholic dialogue and reconciliation, and German Chancellor Andrea Merkel called on the Pope to make "very clear" his views towards Holocaust deniers.

Wednesday, the Vatican demanded that Williamson recant his Holocaust views. If he does, though, it can't stop there. He should have to recant his absurd claims about 9/11, trousers, and, best of all, the assertion that "ideas are not for true girls."

But by and large, we observe quietly. Even at Notre Dame, we don't call out the Vatican on the horrible hypocrisy of keeping out potentially gay priests while including delusional sexists. We let the criticism of Williamson stop at his anti-Semitism, and ignore his anti-trouserism.

Non-Catholics and Catholics alike, though, cannot sit back and watch this one go by, ignoring a papal mistake because it is a papal action. Respect for religious authority need not mean respect for misguided, offensive, hypocritical decisions.

To sit back and let this one go would be, to use a word, imprudent.

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Robert Frost
American Poet

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"The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."

William James
American Philosopher

Half an hour is essential

"Half an hour's meditation is essential, except when you are very busy. Then a full hour is needed." – St. Francis de Sales

At a committee meeting at our parish the other night, the woman who had volunteered to lead the prayer began by saying, "I thought we could just begin with several minutes of silence." She offered a few ideas about how we might pray in the silence, and really did give us all about five truly quiet minutes before concluding with a reflection and a prayer. Each person seated around that table seemed to relish the opportunity — no one so much as cleared a throat or shifted in a seat, in order to keep the quiet unbroken.

So often our chances for quiet flit by us unnoticed, maybe as we're reaching to turn on the TV or pop in the earbuds to our iPod. Even when we intentionally

seek quiet it seems to end before it has begun, like when we're offered a moment at Mass to "pray for those needs which we hold in the silence of our hearts." I don't know about you, but by the time I've even taken a breath to sort out and articulate which needs I'm currently holding in the silence of my heart, the prayer is ending and everyone else has moved on.

I love the quotation above from St. Francis de Sales, but I honestly can't remember the last time I sat in silence for half an hour, and when I'm "very busy," a full hour doesn't seem needed, it seems nuts. I do pray daily, alone and with others, but unfortunately I've just never been regularly able to fit any real quantity of silent, contemplative, meditative prayer into days that almost always seem to fall into St. Francis' "very busy" category.

But I am willing to give it another go, and another, and even to recommend it as a valuable goal. Like almost everything else in life, we probably just need

to keep at it, to keep plugging away, to invest in the long haul of the "two steps forward, one step back" dance that characterizes so many of our worthwhile but challenging efforts.

For what would a half hour, or an hour, of quiet meditation bring to our days? Most importantly, an awareness of God's enduring, patient presence in our lives. We don't have to ask God to come to us, to pay attention to our hopes and pains. God has already taken care of that — we simply need the quiet to recognize that he resides in our hearts before we realize it; that he knows our needs before we do; that he appreciates and relishes our gifts and talents; that he looks upon us with compassion and love in our moments of humiliation, shame or embarrassment.

Silence, too, brings perspective, which can help us sort out what we really need to worry about and what we can set aside as relatively insignificant. Instead of simply focusing on ourselves and our own perceived state of overwhelming

responsibilities, tasks and schedules, we have the chance to notice the sorrows, joys, struggles, pain and effort of others. Hmmm ... could our next steps, then, be to help share the burden of another's sorrow? To rejoice with the joyful? To help alleviate the toil of the struggling?

I've heard it said that most people who preach are simply communicating a message that they themselves need to hear (think about that the next time you listen to a homily!). The same probably holds true for people who write columns for newspapers, so it's definitely time for me to try, again, to build that essential half hour into my day. Maybe, if you've read this far, you'll try — or try again — too.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Common sense and hockey

Dear Jamie Engel ("Of insults and t-shirts," Feb.3): I was there in 2004 when ND Hockey beat Windsor; I was there in 2006 when they lost to Minnesota-Duluth. Now, as a student, I have seen how much Notre Dame hockey has improved over these past four years and it only makes me more loyal.

I have only been a Notre Dame student for a few months but have religiously watched many home hockey games (including four over fall break). Regardless, I cannot begin to count the number of times that Notre Dame hockey, soccer, basketball and volleyball have held promotions which resulted in fans coming to the games to get free stuff but it happens.

Back to hockey though. Notre Dame is the best hockey team in the country, and for the entire season I have made sure to get to the JACC an hour before game time, but the game versus Michigan was a completely different story.

After watching the quality product that Notre Dame hockey offers on the

ice and the camping-out loyalty towards Notre Dame basketball and College GameDay, it was a no brainer to me that I must arrive a little earlier to the JACC for the Michigan game. It only makes sense to arrive a little earlier than normal, right?

Although you are a senior and I am only a freshman please take my advice: If you want to get in to the game against Michigan State, arrive earlier than you did for the Michigan game. I got to the JACC at 4 p.m. for the Michigan game, was first in line, and had no problem getting a ticket. If you arrive as close to 4 as your class schedule permits for the Michigan State game, with a textbook or two, you won't have to wait in the cold or be turned away by the famous Notre Dame ushers.

Rick Morasse
freshman
Alumni Hall
Feb. 3

Woof

I could write a snarky response to Michael Murray ("Goals worth one point," Feb.3) — a one or two liner even — that would be stuffy, sophomoric, and that would go something like this: "Dear Mr. Murray: Alumni is victorious over Zahm by definition; the game needn't even be played. Woof, The Dawgs."

But a stupid quip that calls to mind dorm stereotypes is both silly and shallow. I could attempt to give reasons as to why the final score did not indicate the superior effort that the Alumni Hall hockey team put forth in the game. I could even cower so low as to claim "moral victory," but this approach also seems ineffectual in actually conveying the conditions of our conquest. It is also conceivable that I could derive Dawg victory by evaluating the two student sections.

Without much effort it is possible for me to recount how the South Quad dorm demonstrated spectacular faith in their team; how the Dawg supporters refused to quiet down — much less give up — as the clock breached the one minute mark of the second frame; and how the Alumni

supporters greatly out clamored and outwitted the Moose contingent throughout the night. However, I do not wish to negatively judge any other dorm, especially when writing with such bias.

What would perhaps be the best method of proving victory is writing of the psychological toll this game has clearly taken on the Zahm squad. Whereas the men of Alumni returned from the JACC in a festive yet confident mood, the "Zahmbies" did little more than attempt to pick fights with their competitors (think Greg Paulus calling out Luke Harangody); whereas the men of Alumni took pride in their hockey team, "champion" Zahm has taken pride in knit-picking and namby-pambying.

To summarize: we kicked your butt like Kornheiser kicks Wilbon's in Toss-Up.

Kameron Mayne
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Feb. 3

Goal counts twice

Michael Murray, I must respectfully insist that you rewrite your offensive and fallacious Viewpoint article ("Goals worth one point," Feb. 3).

You insist that "while a 1-1 tie to the reigning league champs [Zahm] may have felt like an 'awe- inspiring defeat' to an Alumni fan, it was, in fact, still a tie."

It was not a tie; you are wrong. Here's why. Let $a = b$; so $a^2 = b^2 = ab$; and it follows that $a^2 - b^2 = a^2 - ab$; which leads us to say $(a+b)(a-b) = a(a-b)$; so it becomes $a + b = a$; and by substitution $a + a = a$; which simplifies to $2a = a$; so we can say $2 = 1$.

It is plainly evident that Alumni's goal counts twice. You just got slapped in the face by math. What's that, you say? Your

goal should count twice, too? No, it shouldn't. Alumni's goal was scored by a Paul Bunyan-esqe athletic specimen that epitomizes Plato's essence of man; Zahm's goal was scored by a scurrilous Lilliputian man-boy so you should be lucky it even counted once.

p.s. It is worth noting that Father George Rozum, C.S.C., can divide by zero. The last time it happened was March 10, 1940. Stick that into your Google and smoke it.

Will Clark
sophomore
Alumni Hall
Feb. 3

A sense of humor

To whom it may concern:

The Dome Piece in Feb. 4 Observer is yet another comical caricature of the typical Notre Dame guy with a SMC chick. David Cavadini once again out does himself in addition to the guy who writes Black Dog ... for some reason I cannot think of his name. The Dome Piece lit up my delightful lunch by providing me with ravishing humor. During my reading of the Dome Piece I had to quit eating for fear that I may choke and not be able to read another edition. Mr. Cavadini, for you I have one challenge: Never give up, fight the MAN, and never lose your sense of humor. As your colleague, Dwight D. Eisenhower said it best "A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting things done."

Thank you David.

Patrick Augustyn
sophomore
Knott Hall
Feb. 4

Glory days

I am writing in response to Brian Conway's criticism ("Boss goes wrong," Feb. 3) of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band's electrifying performance Sunday night. I question the judgment of a collegiate student that finds an inconsequential amount of "crotchting" more offensive than Janet Jackson's exposed breast. Springsteen proved that he hasn't gone anywhere, and that his new album, "Working on a Dream" will reach high atop the charts just as many have before. By the way, no matter how much Brian might wish, the kneeslide into the camera was not an intentional exposure of Bruce's leather-pants crotch. The Boss continues to rock.

Henry Shine
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Feb. 3

REVUE TO SHOWCASE KEENAN HEROES

By EMILY LeSTRANGE
Scene Writer

On the opening night of the annual Keenan Revue, one can still find Musical Director Joey Kuhn hard at work on perfecting the final details of the famed sketch-comedy show.

"Everyone involved has been hard at work preparing for the show," Kuhn said. "I didn't know quite how much work I was getting myself into when I signed up to be the Music Director...the Revue has basically consumed my life for the last two weeks."

Certainly, it's been hard work put to good use. For 33 years, the Keenan Revue has been entertaining Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students with off-beat skits and unique song renditions. Funded by the generous donations of Keenan alumni and intermission collections from audience members, the Revue has become arguably the most popular dorm function on campus. Many still hold memories of past Revue's fondly in their Notre Dame experience. Kuhn

cites last year's "Casper: The Overly Friendly Ghost" as one of his favorite skits. Many can also recall the famous hit "Talk Love with Dos Padres" from the 2007 revue.

This year's Superhero-themed show, decided upon by the 20 members of the Revue staff, is guaranteed to be equally as entertaining.

Although many themes were considered (including the aptly-titled "High School Revuesical"), the Superhero theme was the most popular idea.

"The main motivation [for choosing the theme] was that superheroes are very 'in vogue,'" Kuhn said, citing the explosion of superhero movies in recent years. "The superhero theme made it easy to come up with an opening skit, T-shirts and programs."

Preparing for the show has been no small endeavor. More than 60 skits auditioned for

one of the 25 spots in this year's Revue.

Selecting among skits is "a very long and arduous process" according to Kuhn, as is working with a live band for musical numbers. For the last week, practices have been held daily in Keenan's basement.

"Rehearsals are always a little crazy, with people running around everywhere...but despite all the craziness, the show somehow pulls together in time," Kuhn said.

For years, the Keenan Revue has premiered in O'Laughlin

Hall on Saint Mary's Campus. However, in 2003, the Saint Mary's Board of Governance expressed concern over the use of O'Laughlin for the production of the Revue, citing the infamous nature of the show as offensive to many Saint Mary's students. The controversy eventually passed and the show has continued the tradition of showing in

O'Laughlin.

Kuhn offers this word of caution: "The Revue is not a show tailored to the easily offended, so leave your moral sensibilities at home and let yourself laugh a little!"

The audience can count on continuing to see notorious staples of the show this year, including the famed "Revue News" and controversial comedy skits.

"The musical numbers will span several different genres," said Kuhn, who referenced classic rock and 70s funk musical numbers.

"Many of the skits will parody life at Notre Dame, although there are a few that have little or nothing to do with ND."

Kuhn also encourages audience members to keep an eye out for "well-known, rising star-athletes" that make appearances throughout the Revue.

The 33rd Keenan Revue debuts tonight, in O'Laughlin Hall at 7 p.m. Ticketed admission is required.

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By JESS SHAFFER
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This year's Keenan Revue theme is super heroic. Though the slogan for the Revue is "It's a bird, it's a plane, it's the Keenan Revue," it's not difficult to pick out the show from a sea of Notre Dame sensitivity and political correctness. In fact, once again, the Keenan Revue is saving Notre Dame from taking itself too seriously.

Selling out tickets in under 12 minutes, the emergence of bright blue Revue T-shirts not only serve as walking advertisements but also to mock students who lack tickets for tonight's opening show. Not surprisingly, the ND masses can't get enough of Keenan's

seemingly limitless potty humor.

Keenan hurtles over obstacles of campus taboos, like homosexuality, partying and promiscuity, whipping off the gag imposed on off-color (albeit probably insensitive) humor. Their material, as per usual, has all the shamelessly crass humor that ND has come to love them for. Needless to say, this R rated campus skit show is not for the faint of heart. Touchy viewers are forewarned.

Annually the Keenan comedic Knights delight student audiences, and this year will be no different. Classic like the

Keenan news report and musical acts, complete with the aptly titled "strippers," are yearly staples for a reason. Additionally, those looking forward to the standard fare of guys dawning drag, cracks about campus current

events and prevalent pantlessness (seriously someone should consider starting a pant drive for the dorm) will not be disappointed.

Still, this year the men of Keenan shied away from stale, overdone jokes, finally giving St. Mary's and Breen Phillips a break. That is not to say that the show has not done its part in observing pervasive campus generalizations. This year's revue also embraces the creation of new stereotypes.

Also helping to keep things fresh, the Revue is highly attuned to current campus culture. Appropriately, there are both appearances from famous Keenan residents and jeers at present campus celebrities. The series of skits include the expected, such as Melissa Buddy jokes, North Dining Hall vs. South Dining Hall rivalry, Ring by Spring criticism and reenactments of dorm parties. This

year's Revue also exudes an unpredictable charm with skits that will be pleasant and humorous surprises to viewers. This year's Revue also keeps shows a sense of history, subtly resurrecting past (infamously wonderful) bits, like "ubiquitous girl."

Between the blunt sexual innuendoes, the ceaseless partial nudity and the waves of laughter, the Keenan Revue is a dizzying experience in all the right ways. Many joke that the Revue is only an excuse for Keenan guys to become hot commodities, holding the hottest tickets to this week-end's show. Whether that's true or not, getting a ticket to the Keenan review is like winning a golden ticket. But after the difficult task of hunting one down, you get a delightful glimpse into the sick, twist, genius comedic mind of Keenan Hall.

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**Keenan Revue
Tonight,
Friday and
Saturday,
7p.m.
St. Mary's
O'Laughlin
Auditorium**

WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

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Inherit the Wind (1960), 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., Browning Cinema

With a title that comes from Proverbs 11:29, "He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool that shall be servant to the wise of heart," "Inherit the Wind" plays on the idea that when one does something provocative, such as teaching Charles Darwin's theory of evolution before it is allowed, trouble will soon follow. "Inherit the Wind" is a fictional account of the actual Scope "Monkey" Trial that took place in 1925 in which a teacher was put on trial and convicted for teaching a theory other than creationism to his Tennessee high school science class. Celebrate the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin this weekend by watching this Academy Award nominated film embellishing one of the most controversial times in educational history.

Experience the Instrumental Melodies of Ireland with Chulrua, 8 p.m., The Livery

In true fighting Irish fashion, get your jig on this weekend by attending the traditional Irish band Chulrua's musical performance Friday night at The Livery. Reels, hornpipes, jigs and polkas will keep the pub rolling late into the night and early into the morning.

With almost 70 years of musical experience between them, Chulrua knows how to transport their audience to the stony intimate pub atmosphere that will have you knocking back pints and trading stories of your funniest memories. Tickets are \$10.



Silent Light (2008), 6:30 p.m., Browning Cinema

In a Mexican Mennonite community, a scandalous adultery has taken place forcing a man to re-evaluate his marriage, religion and path in life. When the Johan falls for a woman other than his wife and continues his affair even though he knows its wrong, questions of infidelity and the existence of a soul mate befuddle him and intrigue the audience. As Johan selfishly tries to seek the best of both worlds, his knowing wife Esther further slips into a separation from both her husband and the world she knew, showing the painful effects cheating can have on those who deserve to feel its effects the least. Before heading out Saturday night, delve into this complex cinematic accomplishment.

Faculty Recital- Deanna Emmons, Saxophone, 4 p.m., Moreau Center for the Arts- Saint Mary's College

A master of music with degrees from both Bluffton University and Indiana University — South Bend, Deanna Emmons will put on a jazz performance this Sunday afternoon at Saint Mary's. With experience playing in recitals, jazz ensembles, private venues and instructing students at band camps, Emmons has immense experience that has mounted to an impressive proficiency on the saxophone. This free event will feature professional, soulful, brass wind instrument skills that will make you wish you were back in the 1920s, at a juice joint putting on the Ritz.



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Dining Hall Dish

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Tonight Dining Hall Dish offers an entrée and a great dessert idea.

The common theme? Both were submitted by some loyal readers and experienced dining hall recipe makers. Hopefully all of you out there are coming up with some great ideas, so don't forget to submit them and get your name (something every Notre Dame student should aspire to) in The Observer!

This week's recipes:

Chicken Parmesan

Craving some Chicken Parmesan but it's not on the menu tonight? No problem! You can find most things you

need to make it every night of the week. Thank you to Charlie Vogelheim for this recipe.

1. Pick up a fried chicken breast.
2. Cover with marinara sauce from the pasta bar.
3. Cover with mozzarella from the salad bar and allow the hot pasta sauce to let it melt. Serve with a side of pasta and some garlic bread. (No garlic bread tonight? Try toasting some good bread, spreading a little butter or olive oil and topping with parmesan cheese for a substitute.)

Puppy Chow

This dessert (or snack) is probably something you stumbled upon as a kid, and it features what every kid wants:

lots of sugar. And what's wrong with that? Better yet, this is our first recipe from an alumnus! Thanks to 2008 graduate Matthew Lisowski for submitting it.

1. Pick up a bowl of Crispex cereal (if the dining hall is out, you can try experimenting with other types. Aim for something on the plain side so that it doesn't conflict with the ingredients you're about to add).
2. Fill a bowl with a bit of butter and about equal parts creamy peanut butter and chocolate chips. If there are no chocolate chips, try substituting chocolate sauce, but you may need to adjust the portions of each ingredient to make the sauce thick enough.
3. Melt in the microwave for about 1 minute, until you can

mix all the ingredients into a sauce.

4. Pour the sauce over the cereal and shake it between two bowls until it is coated.

5. Head to the waffle bar, toss on some powdered sugar, and toss again until it is covered.

Quick Tip

Want some new toppings for your ice cream? Try checking out the cereals. A lot of the sweeter ones give you an extra crunch the same way Oreo crumbs and candy do. One of the best ones I've tried is Fruity Pebbles.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail Michelle Fordice at mfordice@nd.edu.

NBA

Kobe leads Lakers to victory over Raptors

LeBron answers Kobe with 52 points to go along with 11 assists and 10 rebounds in return to Madison Square Garden

Associated Press

TORONTO — Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers warmed up for their showdown in Boston with a victory over Toronto.

Kobe Bryant scored 36 points, Pau Gasol added 31 points and 15 rebounds and the Lakers beat the Toronto Raptors 115-107 on Wednesday night for their fourth straight victory and eighth in nine games.

"We got it going a little bit more," said Bryant, who scored 10 points in the fourth to help the Lakers outscore Toronto 30-20 in the final frame. "We obviously picked up our energy a little bit. It felt like the first three quarters, we didn't have the pop we needed to. In the fourth quarter it seemed to be there for us."

Lamar Odom had 13 points, and Derek Fisher added 12 for the Lakers, set to play the Celtics on Thursday night in their first trip to Boston since losing the NBA finals.

"It wasn't a fun night, that's for sure," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said, recalling the Game 6 loss last June that gave the Celtics the title.

Gasol looks back just as distastefully.

"It's not a good memory," he said. "Hopefully we'll be able to change that."

After that, the Lakers head to Cleveland for a Sunday matchup with LeBron James and the Cavaliers.

"It's a good test for us, these two games coming up," Gasol. "They're going to be extremely hard, in hostile places and we're going to have to overcome that and show out identity out there."

Toronto lost its fourth straight, but didn't go quietly. Joey Graham had a career-high 24 points, and Jermaine O'Neal added 22 points and nine blocks. Andrea Bargnani scored 21 points, and Anthony Parker had 18 for the Raptors, 5-21 overall against the Lakers.

"We probably gave more than we would have liked to," Fisher said. "The Raptors played a solid game, they had a lot of guys contributing. I think we have enough gas in the tank to figure out how to win (Thursday)."

Toronto All-Star Chris Bosh left the game with 8:50 remaining in the fourth because of a sprained right knee. Bosh, who had 12 points and eight rebounds in 29 minutes, was taken to a hospital for tests.

The Raptors also played without point guard Jose Calderon, who sat out with a sore right hamstring. It's the same injury that kept him out of 10 games in January and two in November.

Parker moved over to point guard with Graham starting at shooting guard.

Los Angeles had never led by more than two and trailed 87-85 to begin the fourth, but took its first lead since the second quarter on Bryant's jumper with 6:27 left.

"From there it seemed like the momentum was really on our side and we were able to finish the game after that," Fisher said.

Toronto trailed by seven with just over a minute left, but Parker made a 3-pointer and Graham followed Bryant's miss with a layup to cut it to two, at 107-105.

But Graham failed to convert the 3-point play, and Bryant responded with a jumper in the lane, then a pair of free throws, to push the lead to six.

"It says a lot about the level he's playing at right now," Fisher said. "He's leading our team and we need him at this point."

Bryant set a Madison Square Garden record by scoring 61 points in a 126-117 victory over New York on Monday night. His career high of 81 came in a home victory over Toronto on Jan. 22, 2006, and he came in averaging 28 points in 21 career games against the Raptors.

"He had moments where he looked like he was going to be really hot in the first half," Jackson said. "Then I put him on the bench for a rest and when he came back nothing seemed to go for him for a little bit. He carried us in that third quarter and got things going and then down the stretch, made the plays."

The Raptors started brightly, leading 21-9 after Parker completed a four-point play on Odom's foul at 6:33 of the first. But the Lakers stormed back behind four 3-pointers, including three from Bryant, cutting it to 23-21 3 minutes later. Bryant had 14 points in the opening quarter, but Toronto led 31-26 after one.

"We were out of synch right off the bat," Jackson said. "We had to fuss to get that game."

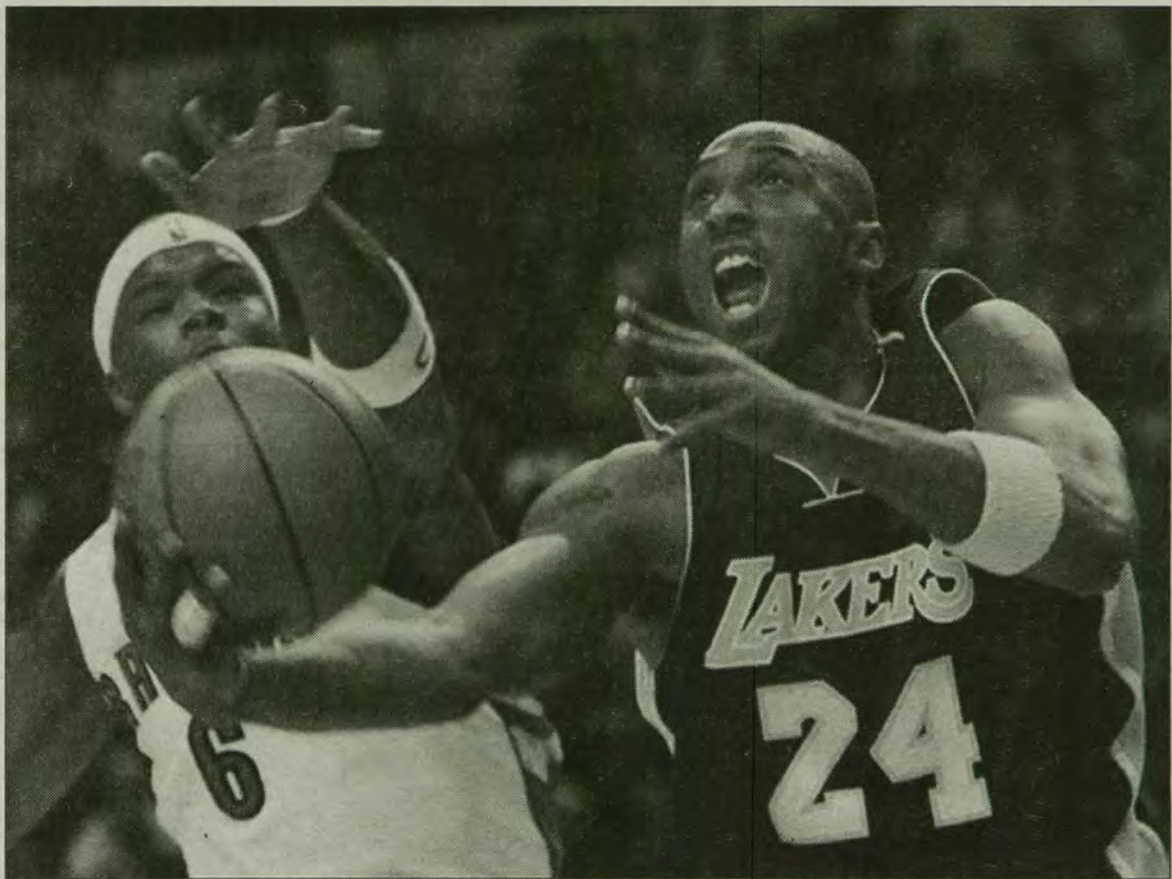
Bryant missed all five shots he took in the second, while O'Neal had 11 and Bosh eight to give Toronto a 63-58 lead at the half.

Cavaliers 107, Knicks 102

Not quite Kobe Bryant. Definitely vintage LeBron James.

James scored a season-high 52 points in his 21st career triple-double, joined Michael Jordan as the only visitors with multiple 50-point games at the present Madison Square Garden, and led Cleveland to a victory over New York on Wednesday night.

Two nights after Bryant set a record at the present building with 61 points, James was on



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant drives to the basket against Toronto Raptors forward Jermaine O'Neal during their game Wednesday night in Toronto.

pace to break it after scoring 20 in the first quarter.

His scoring eventually tailed off a bit, especially after he briefly left the game in the fourth quarter after cramping up, but the skills that make him perhaps the NBA's premier all-around player remained throughout.

"I don't go out there for the numbers, I just play my game," James said. "You guys seen every phase of my game tonight, the scoring, the rebounding, the assists and defensively just trying to attack the opposing team."

"I never thought you could look at the box score and see somebody with 50 with a triple-double, but it's happened."

James added 11 assists and 10 rebounds, becoming the first player since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1975 to have a triple-double in a 50-point game. James grabbed his final rebound with under 2 seconds left, then tumbled out of bounds as time expired.

"A pretty impressive triple-double," Cleveland's Wally Szczerbiak said. "I bet his fantasy owners are pretty happy."

They were similar numbers to James' game in New York last March, when he finished with 50 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds. Jordan is the only other visiting player to twice score 50 here, with a high of 55 that was the opponent record before Bryant broke it Monday

night.

"The sad thing is that I'm sure LeBron said that it's no big deal to get 61 points," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said. "I'll just get a triple-double. (Kobe) didn't do that."

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 15 points, and Szczerbiak had 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who have won four straight and eight of nine. They are off until a showdown with Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday in Cleveland, where the Cavaliers are 23-0.

Al Harrington scored 39 points for the Knicks, who fell to 0-2 during they're referring to as "Dream Week," games against the Lakers, Cavs and Boston Celtics. David Lee had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The focus on James' first trip here in November was his free agency in 2010, days after the Knicks made a pair of trades to clear salary cap space for a run at him. This time, the building was still buzzing from Bryant's performance, and the talk was on whether James could top it.

He said he wouldn't try — unless the situation called for it.

"We go out and try to win ball games. Myself and Kobe go out and win ball games and sometimes we make games like that," James said before the game.

"It just so happens where we get high numbers or we make an unbelievable play. It just happens

that way. But we're out there first of all trying to win the basketball game. I never go into a game saying I'm going to try to put up a decent amount of numbers or anything like that. I've never been that type of player."

Yet he was looking for his own shot to start and was ahead of Bryant's pace early on, draining a jumper at the buzzer to give him 20 points in the first quarter — two more than Bryant had — and Cleveland a 36-24 lead.

"I felt a few shots go in and just continued to try to work that hand and just try to see if I was really feeling hot, and I was able to knock a few shots down," James said.

The Knicks used a 16-3 spurt to cut a 14-point deficit to 43-42 midway through the second, but the Cavs came out of a timeout with a play that led to an alley-oop pass for James' dunk. He had 28 in the half, then found Ben Wallace alone for a layup as time expired that sent Cleveland to the locker room with a 57-52 advantage.

Unlike Monday, when the MSG crowd loudly cheered for Bryant, the fans were behind the Knicks in this one. They responded with a spirited performance after being blown out in the previous two meetings with Cleveland — James didn't even play in the fourth quarter of either — and were down only one with 2 minutes to play.

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NCAA Men's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Connecticut (64)	20-1	1792
2	Oklahoma (5)	21-1	1691
3	North Carolina (3)	19-2	1639
4	Duke	19-2	1563
5	Louisville	17-3	1464
6	Pittsburgh	19-2	1427
7	Wake Forest	17-2	1409
8	Marquette	19-2	1358
9	Xavier	19-2	1176
10	Clemson	18-2	1077
11	Butler	29-1	1051
12	Purdue	17-4	961
13	Michigan State	17-4	876
14	Memphis	18-3	798
15	UCLA	17-4	787
16	Texas	15-5	724
17	Villanova	17-4	698
18	Gonzaga	16-4	632
19	Minnesota	18-3	426
20	Syracuse	17-5	415
21	Kansas	17-4	316
22	Washington	16-5	216
23	Illinois	18-4	198
24	Arizona State	16-5	146
25	Utah State	21-1	99

NCAA Men's Basketball ESPN/USA Today Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Connecticut (28)	20-1	772
2	Oklahoma (3)	21-1	729
3	Duke	19-2	670
4	North Carolina	19-2	663
5	Pittsburgh	19-2	633
6	Wake Forest	17-2	609
7	Louisville	17-3	604
8	Marquette	19-2	586
9	Xavier	19-2	529
10	Clemson	18-2	487
11	Butler	19-1	456
12	UCLA	17-4	400
13	Purdue	17-4	369
14	Michigan State	17-4	359
15	Memphis	18-3	309
16	Villanova	17-4	298
17	Texas	15-5	274
18	Gonzaga	16-4	201
19	Minnesota	18-3	197
20	Syracuse	17-5	162
21	Illinois	18-4	126
22	Utah State	21-1	106
23	Arizona State	16-5	104
24	Kansas	17-4	100
25	Washington	16-5	78

USA Today/American Hockey Magazine Top 15

	team	record
1	Boston U. (27)	19-5-1
2	NOTRE DAME (7)	20-4-3
3	Northeastern	17-6-2
4	Michigan	19-9
5	Cornell	14-3-4
6	Miami OH	16-9-4
7	Vermont	14-6-4
8	Denver	16-8-3
9	Minnesota	12-7-5
10	Princeton	15-6
11	New Hampshire	12-8-4
12	Boston College	11-8-4
13	North Dakota	16-11-3
14	Yale	15-5-1
15	Ohio State	17-8-3

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NBA
LA Lakers at Boston
8 p.m., TNT

PGA TOUR



Padraig Harrington prepares for this weekend's Buick Invitational during a practice round on Wednesday. Harrington won two majors last year, the British Open and the PGA Championship.

Harrington headlines Buick field

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — He captured more majors than anyone last year, won every player of the year award on golf's landscape and will make his PGA Tour debut this week in the Buick Invitational.

The story should sound familiar, just not the name.

"Never really thought of it that way," Padraig Harrington said Wednesday.

Instead of Tiger Woods, the feature attraction at Torrey Pines is Harrington, who has won three of the last six majors, including consecutive titles last year in the British Open and PGA Championship.

Harrington is No. 3 in the world, the highest-ranked player at the Buick Invitational by a small margin over hometown star Phil Mickelson. And while Lefty figures to attract the largest gallery — the security detail that usually follows Woods has been assigned to him — the Irishman was the No. 1 pick at the pro-am draw party.

This will be the earliest Harrington has started on the PGA Tour, but he could not think of a better place.

He was at Torrey Pines for the U.S. Open last summer, but this is his first time to play the Buick Invitational. He spent his pro-am Wednesday on the North

course, which in June was occupied by parking lots, practice areas, corporate tents and the media center.

Reaching the crest of the fifth fairway, staring below at the green, the cliffs and the Pacific Ocean, Harrington caught himself.

"This is a particularly pretty view," he said, a rare understatement by his standards.

And when one of his amateur partners asked him to list his favorite golf course in America (not counting Augusta National),

Harrington listed the next three tournaments on his schedule — Torrey Pines, Pebble Beach and Riviera, the only time in PGA Tour

history that three straight tournaments are held at U.S. Open venues.

What kind of game he will bring to those courses remains a mystery.

"Less than sharp," Harrington said.

He takes a two-month break from tournament golf during the winter, but he is always working, always refining his swing to find a way to make it better. He concedes that it takes time for the moving parts to get in sync.

"You can practice as much as you like, go on the golf course and play as much as you like," he said. "But it's totally different when you have a card in your hand."

IN BRIEF

WNBA's Leslie to retire at end of basketball season

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Three-time WNBA MVP and four-time Olympic gold medalist Lisa Leslie will call it quits after her upcoming 12th season with the Los Angeles Sparks.

The 36-year-old center announced her decision Wednesday, accompanied by her 19-month-old daughter and husband.

Leslie, a cornerstone of the league since its start in 1997, guided the Sparks to WNBA championships in 2001 and 2002.

"I'm not going to pull a (Michael) Jordan and come back in a year or two," she said. "For me, I feel good about where I am. ... I just know this is a good time. I can still help (the team). I don't want to be out there when I can't do it."

Leslie said she considered retiring last season when it became more difficult to balance her family life and her basketball career. She took the 2007 season off to give birth to her first child, Lauren, and returned last season. She is married to Michael Lockwood.

Phelps copes with fallout from suggestive picture

BALTIMORE — Olympic champion Michael Phelps said Wednesday that he is going to have to live with the fallout from a photo of him smoking from a marijuana pipe.

Phelps spoke to The Associated Press about the ordeal outside the pool where he trains. The public comments were his first since the photo surfaced in a British tabloid over the weekend.

"It's something I am going to have to live with and something I'll have to grow from," Phelps said. "I know with all of the mistakes I made, I learned from them and that is what I expect to do from this. By no means it is fun for me, by no means is it easy."

Wearing a black sweat suit and shaking off the remaining drops of water in his hair after a workout at the Meadowbrook Aquatic Center, Phelps said the most important thing for him is that he was back in the pool training.

NHLPA meets to make changes regarding fighting

TORONTO — The head of the NHL Players' Association believes it is time to consider a rule mandating helmet use during fights and to examine the role of one-dimensional enforcers in the game.

While a "clear majority" of players want fighting to remain a part of hockey, Paul Kelly feels his constituency is open to restrictions on the process.

"A couple that we've talked about that ought to be looked at anyway is, do you consider a rule whereby players need to keep a helmet on during the course of a fight, and perhaps require officials to step in if a helmet comes off during a fight," Kelly said Wednesday before the Conn Smythe Celebrities Dinner and Auction.

"If it's true that when guys get hurled to the ice or tripped to the ice and bang their skull on the ice is where the real danger comes from, then maybe we can protect against that. It's certainly something worth looking at," the union chief added.

This story has everything you need to read. On THURSDAY at 10 PM we've got LIVE COMEDY via LATE NIGHT ND for you. Stick around or swing by after TRIVIA for our own no-buy-in cash-prize POKER LEAGUE. What about FRIDAY you ask? At 10 PM we have DUELING PIANOS - transforming the club into a lively PIANO BAR. If you didn't get your song played then, be sure to stick around for the ALL REQUEST NIGHTCLUB with DJ BENNY who will be playing your requests.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Buckeyes boast strong class

LSU, USC and Alabama add high caliber talent on signing day

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Three straight BCS breakdowns aren't keeping the big-time recruits away from Ohio State.

Coach Jim Tressel turned another batch of blue-chippers into Buckeyes, putting together a class that rated among the best in the nation Wednesday, the first day high school players can make their verbal commitments to colleges official.

Most of the usual suspects cleaned up on the recruiting trail: Southern California, Texas and LSU have classes that experts are touting as top-10 caliber.

Defending champion Florida's class is small — that's what happens when a team wins a national title with a roster full of underclassmen — but strong.

Michigan's first class fully recruited by new coach Rich Rodriguez should give Wolverines fans some hope for a brighter future after a 3-9 debacle in 2008.

Miami coach Randy Shannon is poised to have a second consecutive promising signing day, though the Hurricanes won't know if top-rated running back Bryce Brown of Wichita, Kan., will keep his verbal commitment to them or switch to Oregon or Kansas State. Brown's adviser said it will be several weeks before Brown signs a letter of intent.

And at Alabama, Nick Saban has another top-rated class lined up to help him keep the Crimson Tide where he had them for much of the 2008 season: atop the polls.

The national championship has been elusive for Tressel and the Buckeyes in recent years, despite Ohio State's domination of the Big Ten. Ohio State has won or shared four straight conference titles, but lost three consecutive Bowl Championship Series games, including back-to-back title games after the 2006 and '07 seasons.

The Buckeyes had their hearts broken again in January, losing 24-21 to Texas in the Fiesta Bowl on a last-minute touchdown.

Maybe a recruiting national title will lift the spirits of Buckeyes fans?

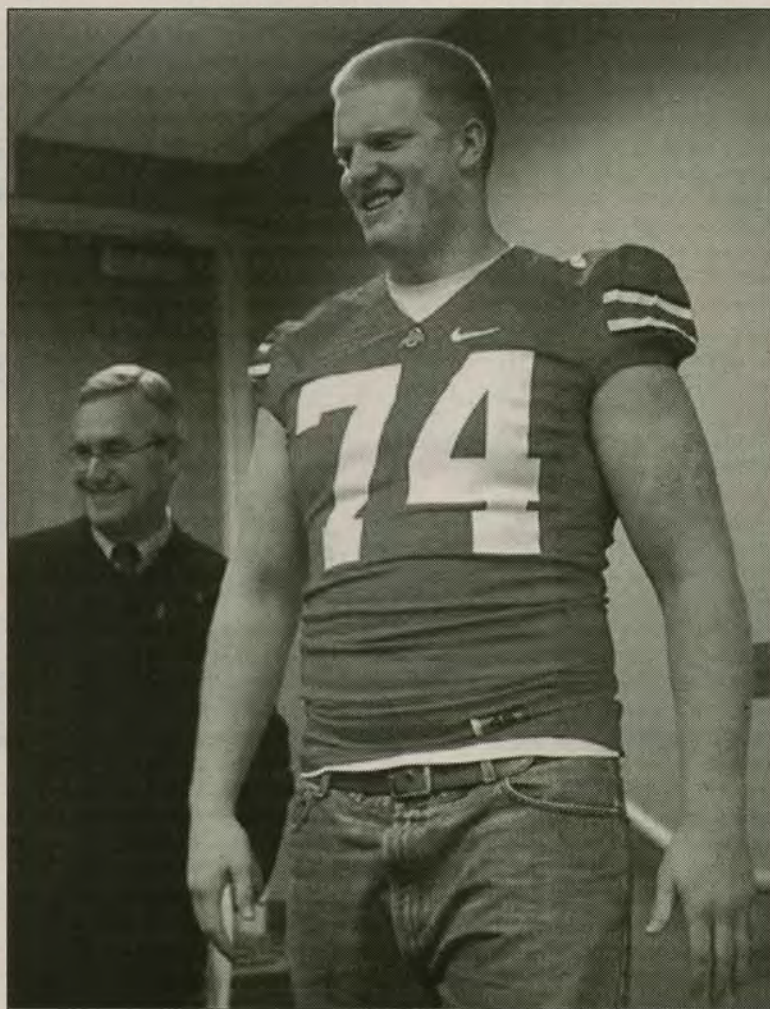
"Recruits are not paying any attention to the game results," Allen Wallace of Scout.com and SuperPrep Magazine said Wednesday. "For some kids it might serve as a reason to jump on the bandwagon. They go in thinking, 'Maybe I can make the difference.'"

Ohio State had the majority of its class signed before noon, a group that includes most of the top players in the Buckeye state. Going into signing day, Ohio State was ranked No. 1 by both Rivals.com and Scout.com.

"Jim Tressel is one of the great national recruiters,"

"Jim Tressel is one of the great national recruiters. He has a fence around the state of Ohio and put it up again this year."

Tom Lemming
CBS analyst



Ohio State recruit Jack Mewhort stands with head coach Jim Tressel during a news conference Wed. in Columbus, Ohio.

said Tom Lemming of CBS College Sports, who had Ohio State No. 2, behind LSU. "He has a fence around the state of Ohio and put it up again this year. He also did a great job in western Pennsylvania."

Linebacker Dorian Bell and defensive back Corey Brown, teammates at Gateway High School in Monroeville, Pa.,

and both given five stars (out of five) by Rivals.com, are headed to Ohio State.

Tressel even managed to convince a couple of four-star recruits from the Sunshine State — running back Jaamal

Berry of Miami and wide receiver Duron Carter of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — to leave the Deep South and brave chilly temperatures in Columbus.

Carter has family ties to Ohio State. His father is former Buckeyes great Cris Carter.

Coach Urban Meyer's Gators made it three consecutive national championships for the Southeastern Conference with their 24-14 victory over Oklahoma in Miami last month.

And when it comes to recruiting, the SEC is just about as good. Scout.com had 10 of the 12 SEC programs among its top 25 recruiting classes heading into signing day. Rivals' top 25 had nine SEC teams.

The Gators were expected to hand out only about 15 scholarships Wednesday, a number that will hold down their overall class ranking. But Florida's prospective class includes

receiver Andre Debose of Sanford, Fla., rated the second-best at his position in the country by Rivals, and Gary Brown of Quincy, Fla., Rivals' No. 3 defensive tackle.

And Wednesday morning, Florida landed one of the top uncommitted prospects in Jelani Jenkins, a highly touted linebacker from Olney, Md.

Manti Te'o from Honolulu, another top-rated linebacker, also made his choice Wednesday and surprised many of the experts by picking Notre Dame over USC and UCLA.

LSU was a disappointment in 2008, going 8-5 a year after winning the national title in '07. Tigers coach Les Miles responded by lining up what he has said will be one of the best recruiting classes LSU has ever had.

Miles reached into Texas for a couple five-star prospects — safety Craig Loston from Aldine and quarterback Russell Shepard from Houston — to go with the Tigers' usual haul of homegrown talent.

USC's latest heralded recruiting class features the consensus No. 1 quarterback in the country. Coach Pete Carroll didn't have to go far to find Matt Barkley, who is from Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, the same southern California school that produced Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart.

Barkley could be in the mix to replace starter Mark Sanchez, who decided to bypass his senior season and enter the NFL draft.

Texas coach Mack Brown also found a five-star quarterback prospect in his backyard. Garrett Gilbert from Austin highlights a Longhorns class that is, as usual, highly rated and loaded with in-state talent.

NFL

Cable introduced as Raiders' new coach

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Although Tom Cable is aware of the stiff challenges he is assuming by staying with the Oakland Raiders, their no-longer-interim coach only sees the opportunities.

Owner Al Davis formally introduced Cable as his fifth head coach since 2003 on Wednesday in a news conference lacking the theatrical vitriol of last year's rare public appearance by Davis, when he promoted Cable and fired Lane Kiffin four weeks into the season.

The Raiders also announced the hiring of several more assistant coaches, nearly completing Cable's overhauled coaching staff. Ted Tollner was named the Raiders' passing game coordinator, and veteran NFL assistant John Marshall will be Cable's defensive coordinator.

After finishing 4-8 as the interim coach last season, Cable gradually sold himself to Davis during a five-week process lengthened by the death of Cable's father. Although Davis said he strongly considered another candidate, Cable's enthusiasm and loyalty won over the Hall of Fame owner.

"As I said when this became an interim job in October, this is my dream," said Cable, who joined the club as offensive line coach in 2007. "This was my team growing up. There's not anything in the world I'd rather be doing. I'm honored to have the opportunity. I'm very

honored by what this football team did in the last six weeks of the regular season and where we have grown as a football team, and I know right now where we need to go to get to the playoffs."

After a rocky start to a tenure that began in the wake of Davis' vicious public spat with his thirtysomething coach, Cable led the Raiders (5-11) to back-to-back victories at the close of their sixth consecutive losing season. That late surge made an impression on Davis, who praised Cable's leadership and play-calling while also defending the deliberate process of selecting him.

"He took over a team last year in the middle of the season, and I thought he did well," Davis said. "There were peaks and there were valleys there. There were things that came up from time to time, but he's young. He loves it. He loves football,

and I admire the passion for it where I'm not so sure all the other (former Raiders coaches) had that passion."

Davis and Cable both said the coach hired the Raiders'

new assistants, including several coaches who joined the club while Davis claims he was still deliberating between Cable and another unnamed finalist, suspected to be New York Giants offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride.

With Wednesday's addition of linebackers coach Mike Haluchak and the promotion of Adam Henry to tight ends coach, Cable's staff has been filled except for offensive line coach.

The Raiders won't have an official offensive coordinator, with

Cable calling the plays in conjunction with Tollner and quarterbacks coach Paul Hackett. Tollner was an offensive assistant for the San Francisco 49ers last season, while Marshall was the Seattle Seahawks' defensive coordinator for the past six seasons under Mike Holmgren.

Although much of the staff is new, Cable thinks his experience with the players will be significant.

"I feel like I understand that locker room," Cable said. "I know who the leaders are. I know who the

young people are that have to be pushed to become leaders on this football team. ... They're going to know where I stand, and I'm going to tell them the truth."

Davis said quarterback JaMarcus Russell has an ankle problem that might require further treatment, although the owner didn't specifically mention surgery. Davis also said he was open to discussions about sharing a prospective new stadium with the San Francisco 49ers, encouraging a possibility that's been suggested for several months for the two Bay Area clubs playing in two of the NFL's worst buildings.

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MLB

Court documents link Bonds to steroid use

New testimony released on Wednesday adds to the already overwhelming amount of evidence pointing against Bonds

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Court documents show Barry Bonds tested positive for three types of steroids, and his personal trainer once told his business manager in the Giants' clubhouse how he injected the slugger with performance-enhancing drugs "all over the place."

Prosecutors plan to use those 2000-2003 test results and other evidence, detailed in documents released Wednesday, at Bonds' trial next month to try to prove he lied when he told a federal grand jury in December 2003 that he never knowingly used steroids.

Bonds' attorneys want that evidence suppressed, and U.S. District Judge Susan Illston is to hear arguments Thursday on what to allow jurors to hear. Bonds' trainer Greg Anderson, who was jailed several times for refusing to answer questions before a grand jury, appears to be at the heart of the government's case. But his lawyer, Mark Geragos, said Anderson will again refuse to discuss Bonds if prosecutors call him to testify.

Also among the evidence made public were a positive test for amphetamines in 2006 in a urine sample Bonds gave to Major League Baseball; doping calendars Anderson maintained with the initials "BB" and a handwritten note seized from his house labeled "Barry" that appears to be a laundry list of steroids and planned blood tests; and a list of current and former major leaguers, including Jason Giambi, who are expected to testify at the March 2 trial.

The documents said that Steve Hoskins, Bonds' childhood friend and personal assistant, secretly tape-recorded a 2003 conversation with Anderson in the Giants' clubhouse because Hoskins wanted to prove to Bonds' father, Bobby Bonds, that his son was using steroids.

Anderson and Hoskins, who were near Bonds' locker, were discussing steroid injections, and at one point, they lowered their voices to avoid being overheard as players, including Benito Santiago, and others walked by, according to the documents.

Anderson: "No, what happens is, they put too much in one area, and ... actually ball up and puddle. And what happens is, it actually will eat away and make an indentation. And it's a cyst. It makes a big (expletive) cyst. And you have to drain it. Oh yeah, it's gnarly. ... Hi Benito. ... Oh it's gnarly."

Hoskins: "... Is that why Barry's didn't do it in one spot, and you didn't just let him do it one time?"

Anderson: "Oh no. I never. I never just go there. I move it all over the place."

Also during that conversation, Anderson told Hoskins that "everything that I've been doing at this point, it's all undetectable," according to the documents.

"See, the stuff that I have ... we created it," he was quoted as saying. "And you can't, you can't buy it anywhere. You can't get it anywhere else."

He added that he was unconcerned about Bonds testing positive because Marion Jones and other athletes using the same drugs had not been caught doping.

"So that's why I know it works. So that's why I'm not even trippin'. So that's cool," Anderson said, according to the transcript.

The San Francisco Chronicle first reported about a tape recording involving Anderson on Oct. 16, 2004, but did not identify the person he was speaking to.

Bonds attorneys argued that none of Anderson's statements outside of court should be admissible.

"If Anderson does not testify for the government, the truth of any statement he may (or may not) have made out of court cannot be so tested," lead Bonds attorney Allen Ruby wrote. "Mr. Bonds will be stripped of the opportunity to confront and cross-examine the most prejudicial but least reliable evidence against him."

Bonds and Hoskins had a nasty falling out after slugger went to the FBI with accusations Hoskins stole from him.

Three of Bonds' test results were seized in a 2003 raid on the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, the headquarters of a massive sports doping ring shut down by federal agents. Agents said they seized numerous results of blood and urine tests by Bonds, which prosecutors argue show that the slugger was intimately involved with BALCO.

Bonds lawyers moved to suppress 24 drug tests from 2000-06; more than two dozen drug calendars; BALCO log sheets; handwritten notes; opinion evidence on steroids, human growth hormone, THG, EPO and Clomid; witness descriptions of Bonds' "physical, behavioral and emotional characteristics" — including acne on his back, testicle shrinkage, head size, hat size, hand size, foot size and sexual behavior — recorded conversations that didn't include Bonds; and voice mails allegedly left by Bonds on the answering machine of former girlfriend Kimberly Bell.

Bonds' lawyers also want to



Former San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds arrives at the federal courthouse in San Francisco, Calif. on June 6, 2008 for a hearing in his perjury trial.

prevent the jury from hearing evidence of at least four positive steroid tests they argue can't be conclusively linked to Bonds because of how they were processed.

According to records prosecutors took from BALCO, Bonds tested positive on three separate occasions in 2000 and 2001 for the steroid methenolone in urine samples; he also tested positive two of those three times for the steroid nandrolone.

A government-retained scientist, Dr. Don Catlin, also said he found evidence that Bonds used the designer steroid THG upon retesting a urine sample Bonds supplied as part of baseball's anonymous survey drug testing in 2003, when the designer drug was not yet detectable. Federal investigators seized them in 2004 from the private laboratory used by Major League Baseball before they could be destroyed, which the players were promised.

Catlin said the sample also tested positive for Clomid, a female fertility drug, and foreign testosterone.

Included in the evidence was a letter from baseball independent drug administrator

Bryan Smith that Bonds tested positive for an amphetamine during a drug test on July 7, 2006, when Bonds hit a three-run homer at Dodger Stadium. There also was a letter from baseball commissioner Bud Selig to Bonds that Aug. 1 informing him of the positive test and telling him that he will be subject to six more tests over a one-year period.

The New York Daily News reported on that test on Jan. 11, 2007, saying Bonds attrib-

uted the positive test to a substance he had taken from teammate Mark Sweeney's locker.

The court documents also show that prosecutors plan to call to the witness stand Giambi, along with his brother and former major leaguer Jeremy Giambi. The government also plans to call Bobby Estalella, Marvin Benard and Santiago, all former teammates of Bonds and clients of Anderson.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles rebound with big win over Olivet

By ROBERT GRAHAM
Sports Writer

After the their tough, lopsided loss to nationally-ranked rival Hope College last weekend, Saint Mary's found themselves on the other side of a blowout Wednesday night.

In their first game at home in more than two weeks, the Belles (12-8, 10-2) defeated conference opponent Olivet 86-54 in a game that was never close. After giving up its lead in the MIAA standings to Hope Saturday, Saint Mary's will most likely have to win the remainder of its conference games to have a chance at first place.

The Belles definitely started that process on the right foot. After jumping out to a 22-point lead at the half, Saint Mary's never let Olivet up for air as the Belles scored another 41 points in the second half to the Comets' 31.

The Belles got solid bench

play from freshmen Kelley Murphy and Maggie Ronan, who had 14 and 10 points, respectively. The other two Belles to reach double digits were senior forward Erin Newsom, who had 13 points, and junior forward Anna Kammrath with 10. Both Newsom and Kammrath also contributed six rebounds apiece in the winning effort.

Despite the fact that Hope also won Wednesday, there are still four games left for each team in conference play before the MIAA tournament at the end of the month. If Saint Mary's wins its remaining games, all of which are against teams they've already played this season, there is a chance that they could end the regular season as conference champions and set themselves up in a favorable position for tournament time.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Hurricanes upset Demon Deacons

Miami blows away No. 7 Wake Forest in front of small crowd

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — The crowd for the attendance-challenged Miami Hurricanes totaled 5,792 fans, and many of them poured onto the court when Wednesday night's game ended to celebrate their team's most lopsided win ever against a ranked opponent.

Jack McClinton scored a season-high 32 points, and Miami used a zone defense to stymie No. 7 Wake Forest, which lost its second consecutive game, 79-52.

The Hurricanes hardly looked like a team that had lost three straight games. And Wake Forest looked nothing like the team that beat then-No. 1-ranked Duke a week earlier.

"Miami played very, very well," Demon Deacons coach Dino Gaudio said. "They had their backs to the wall and played with a lot of energy and a lot of emotion."

The upset triggered a frenzied celebration as fans mobbed the Hurricanes.

"That was one of the greatest feelings I've ever had," McClinton said. "I've never experienced something like that, rushing the court. It was great."

McClinton scored 14 consecutive points for the Hurricanes

late in the game to help build their biggest margin of victory ever against a ranked team. He finished 11-for-19, including 6-for-10 from 3-point range, and added three steals and two assists.

"McClinton had one of the best performances I've seen in the eight years I've been in the ACC," Gaudio said.

The victory snapped a slump for the Hurricanes (15-7, 4-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) at the start of a three-game stretch against top 10 teams. They visit No. 4 Duke on Saturday and will be at home against No. 3 North Carolina on Feb. 15.

"They fought extremely hard because they're fighting for their lives," Wake Forest center Chas McFarland said. "We've got to be doing the same thing."

The Demon Deacons (17-3, 4-3) haven't won since beating Duke a week ago. They lost in the final second Saturday at Georgia Tech, which came into the game winless in the league.

Against Miami's zone, the Demon Deacons struggled throughout and shot a season-low 31.7 percent, including 3-for-20 from 3-point range. Their 52 points were a season low.

"We were relying way too much on the 3-point shot,"

Gaudio said. "We weren't going inside enough. We tried to shoot our way out of problems."

Miami often had the Demon Deacons on their heels — or worse. Hurricanes forward Cyrus McGowan set a midcourt screen that sent L.D. Williams sprawling as McClinton sped past for a layup.

The crowd erupted, and a woozy Williams went to the bench.

"That play Cyrus made really got us going," McClinton said. "Our team got pumped up."

Miami went on to lead 29-26 at halftime, then pulled away by outscoring Wake Forest 25-8 over the first 9:10 of the second half. Junior Adrian Thomas complemented McClinton by going 4-for-5 beyond the arc and tying a career high with 14 points.

"In practice that's what I do — I keep shooting," Thomas said. "It felt good."

Miami point guard Lance Hurdle missed his first five shots but finished with 11 points, four assists and only two turnovers.

Jeff Teague scored 19 points for Wake Forest but missed all five of his 3-point tries. Freshman Al-Farouq Aminu had five turnovers and scored only four points, nine below his average.

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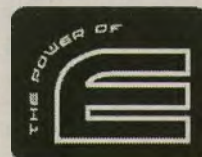


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Recruits

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eye-opening performance at the U.S. Army All-American game, he quickly began gaining respect in national rankings.

Weis said the Sunshine State native reminded him a lot of current Irish linebacker Harrison Smith. Motta has already impressed the coaching staff in his first few weeks in South Bend and is expected to play either outside linebacker or safety.

Tyler Stockton

Stockton has been signed up to play for the Irish since last year's Blue-and-Gold game and is the final freshman to arrive on campus this year. The 290-pounder, another New Jersey native, was ranked the third-best defensive tackle in the country by ESPN. "We think he's a dynamic player and he gets off the ball," Weis said. "He's got good quickness and he uses his hands, and here is another guy we are really happy to have our hands on as we go into the spring."

Offense

This year Notre Dame continued to rack up talented athletes on offense as well. The Irish stocked the shelves for new line coach Frank Verducci with three offensive linemen, two tight ends and a long snapper.

Alex Bullard

At 6-foot-3 and 275 pounds, Bullard is considered a very athletic offensive lineman. Rivals.com listed him as the 15th-best guard in the country, where he is expected to play for Notre Dame. He led Brentwood Academy to a Class AAA Tennessee state championship in his junior year and this year was named the third best player in the state.

"I really like the kid. He came here on his visit and we really clicked. Clicked with him and clicked with his folks, right off the bat," Weis said.

Tyler Eifert

Eifert is a local player from Fort Wayne and joins the ever-increasing list of large, talented Notre Dame tight ends. His size (6-foot-6, 220 pounds) and speed leave him somewhere in between a wide receiver and tight end.

Despite not having a need at the tight end position, Weis said the team was too impressed with Eifert's performance at the Notre Dame summer camp to not offer him a scholarship.

"It was pretty obvious to see that he was the best of the people he was with that day and really stood out, which really got our attention

and really pushed this thing along," Weis said.

Jake Golic

Golic will be another wide receiver/tight end combination player for the Irish. He played wide receiver for Connecticut high school powerhouse Northwest Catholic and had eight touchdowns in his senior season. He was ranked the sixth-best player coming out of the state.

Golic, who was the very first recruit to sign with the Irish, becomes the fourth member of his family to play at Notre Dame. His father Mike Golic and uncle Bob Golic were linemen in the 1970s and 80s. His older brother, Mike Jr., is currently a freshman at Notre Dame and plays center for the team.

Zach Martin

Martin, the top ranked player in Indiana decided to stay in state and help fill a void at the offensive tackle position. He was ranked second in the Midwest behind fellow Irish recruit Chris Watt. Martin's big frame makes him a potential wrecking force on the line.

"We think he's going to be a big muchacho when it's all said and done," Weis said. "This guy is a guy that you watch games and you see several pancake blocks."

Martin has 114 pancakes as a senior at Bishop Chatard High School.

Theo Riddick

Riddick, who hails from Manville, N.J., is the final of Weis' home-state recruits. The versatile back rushed for over 4,000 yards in his high school career at Immaculata. Weis said his athleticism gives him the opportunity to play at running back, slot receiver or even as a defensive back.

Riddick was named the second-best offensive player in New Jersey. He has been leading his high school team to victory for many years. As a sophomore, he had 216 yards rushing and a game-clinching interception in the state title game.

Special Teams

Notre Dame also stocked up on kickers with this class. Ben Turk will be coming to South Bend as a punter from St. Thomas Aquinas in Davie, Fla. He was ranked the third best punter in the country this year and pinned 14 of his 28 punts inside the 20-yard line.

Turk will be joined by his high school long snapper, Jordan Cowart. Cowart served specifically as a long snapper for Aquinas and was perfect on his 370 career snaps. Both of these players will join Sam Young and Dan Wenger as alums of the Florida school.

The Irish also picked up place-kicker Nick Tausch from Plano, Tex. Tausch was ranked the ninth-best kicker in the country after nailing field goals from 51 and 53 yards during his senior year.

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Bearcats

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Brey said. "We keep struggling."

For the first 30-plus minutes of Wednesday's game, the Irish and Bearcats went back and forth looking like two teams playing to keep their NCAA Tournament hopes from slipping out of reach. With 14:34 remaining in the second half, there had been 14 lead changes and nine ties in the game. Then it all started to fall apart for Notre Dame.

As has been the case throughout the losing streak, the Irish were unable to get enough defensive stops to keep up with their opponent.

Cincinnati guard Deonta Vaughn hit a 3-pointer off a high screen and fellow guard Larry Davis hit a lay-up to give the Bearcats a five-point edge with just under 14 minutes to play. Irish forward Luke Harangody answered with a pair of free throws, but Vaughn responded with another trey off the same high screen that had worked two possessions earlier.

Notre Dame forward Ryan Ayers hit a jump shot, but consecutive baskets by

Cincinnati pushed its lead to 61-52 — the largest lead of the game for either team at that point — causing Brey to call a timeout with 11 minutes remaining. Although they scored 31 points over the final 11 minutes, the Irish could get no closer on the scoreboard.

"We've got to be able to play defense, get rebounds and stop teams from putting up 90 on us," Irish forward Zach Hillesland said.

Cincinnati's 93 points were a season-high for the Bearcats, and it was the third time in their losing streak that the Irish have given up 93 points.

Notre Dame's troubles on the defensive end Wednesday night stemmed from an inability to deal with the inside-outside combination of forward Yancy Gates and Vaughn. Vaughn, who entered Wednesday's contest averaging 15.3 points per game, exploded against the Irish for a season-high 34 points.

Although a good number of Vaughn's points came from the charity stripe in the final minutes of the game, Notre Dame was generous in the space they gave Vaughn to shoot all night. The Cincinnati guard took full advantage, hitting five of 11 3-point

attempts including the two treys that put the Bearcats on their way in the second half.

"I love to be under the radar as a team," Vaughn said. "Most teams don't key on you or talk about you. If we keep winning, they'll see what we're capable of."

Inside, the Irish had no answer for the freshman Gates. The 6-foot-9, 255-pound forward had his way down low, scoring 15 points on 7-of-13 shooting. His offensive presence also opened up shots outside for his teammates, and the Bearcats took advantage by shooting 43 percent from beyond the arc.

On the offensive end, the Irish continued their second-half trend from the Pittsburgh game of not finding their 3-point shots. Notre Dame attempted only 13 treys, three of which came in the final 2:30 of the game. Worse yet, the Irish made only three of those long-distance shots — good for a percentage of 23.1.

Harangody put up his customary big numbers as he finished with 28 points, 14 rebounds and five assists. It was his eleventh consecutive double-double.

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us, it was like, "Oh, yeah, and I'm considering Notre Dame." Not good, not good. If he doesn't come here, ND football is officially dead, and even worse, I'll have to change my handle.

11:30 a.m. posted by FrSorinrocks

He was just saying it that way to throw people off. Besides, I heard from my super-duper secret source that his dad called Weis yesterday to tell him he's coming to ND.

11:31 a.m. posted by Te'olover: I heard that same phone call was to tell Weis he's not coming! If he doesn't come to ND, you know Pete Carroll must've done something shady. And I'm sure that weasel Urban Meyer had a hand in this somehow. (But I do wish he was our weasel)

End scene. The above was a dramatization of conversations held on recruiting message boards over the past few weeks all over the Internet, not just at Notre Dame Web sites. The language is obviously exaggerated, but not that much — a lot of talk for kids that haven't played a down in college yet.

Of course, recruiting is a vital part of college football, and there's nothing wrong with following recruiting as a fan of a program. But the Internet frenzy that comes with recruiting today has gotten out of hand. If I were a parent of a 17-year old kid, frankly, I'd be creeped out a bit by what these faceless strangers are saying about my son on the Internet and the rumors that they're spreading about him.

This culture is also not good for the athletes. These are 17-year-old high school kids, who've still not fully developed emotionally and haven't learned to avoid looking at

such things, that can't help but read what's said about them on the Internet. In some ways it's fun to read about what people are saying about you, debating whether or not you're going to one school or another when you actually know the truth. A recruit who reads such glowing dialogue can develop sort of a God-complex. That's certainly not healthy.

On the other hand there are people who will bash a recruit, attack him for not choosing a school, and this can cause unwarranted pain. No matter how good you are, it hurts when somebody says something nasty about you, even if it is an anonymous message board post.

In the case of Manti Te'o, no doubt Wednesday was a good day for Notre Dame. Te'o is a first-class athlete and Notre Dame is lucky to have him, especially given the past two seasons. More importantly, Te'o seems like a first-class person.

But Te'o, along with the hundreds of other athletes who signed letters of intent Wednesday, hasn't played a snap in college. It's rare when a player can come in and have an immediate impact the way Michael Floyd did last year. Te'o may do that, but in general, it takes time for these kids to turn into men and it takes good coaching to develop that five-star potential. From reading the Internet, you would think these guys are going to be All-Americans tomorrow.

It's fun to think about what Notre Dame will be putting on the field in years to come. There are a lot of reasons for optimism. In addition to Te'o, Notre Dame nabbed some great athletes in Cierre Wood, Tyler Stockton and Shaquelle Evans. But until the players develop, there's just talk, and it's absurd talk at that.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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2009 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL FRESHMEN

NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
BANKS, E.J.	DB	5-11	181	PITTSBURGH, PA (MONTGOMERY)
BULLARD, ALEX	OL	6-3	275	FRANKLIN, TN (BRENTWOOD ACADEMY)
CALABRESE, CARLO	LB	6-2	225	VERONA, NJ (VERONA)
COWART, JORDAN	LS	6-2	255	PLANTATION, FL (ST. THOMAS AQUINAS)
EIFERT, TYLER	TE	6-6	220	FORT WAYNE, IN (BISHOP DWENGER)
EVANS, SHAQUELLE	WR	6-1	203	INGLEWOOD, CA (INGLEWOOD)
FOX, DAN	LB	6-4	219	ROCKY RIVER, OH (ST. IGNATIUS)
GOLIC, JAKE	TE	6-4	220	AVON, CT (NORTHWEST CATHOLIC)
MARTIN, ZACH	OL	6-5	270	INDIANAPOLIS, IN (BISHOP CHATARD)
MOTTA, ZEKE	LB	6-2	207	VERO BEACH, FL (VERO BEACH)
RIDDICK, THEO	RB	5-10	185	MANVILLE, NJ (IMMACULATE)
STOCKTON, TYLER	DL	6-1	290	LINWOOD, NJ (HUN SCHOOL)
TAUSCH, NICK	K	6-1	180	PLANO, TX (JESUIT)
TE'O, MANTI	LB	6-2	225	LAKE, HI (PUNAHOU)
TURK, BEN	P	6-0	190	DAVIE, FL (ST. THOMAS AQUINAS)
WATT, CHRIS	OL	6-3	280	GLEN ELLYN, IL (GLENBARD WEST)
WOOD, CIERRE	RB	6-0	192	OXNARD, CA (SANTA CLARA)

Te'o

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and ends up committing; it's truly remarkable," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said in a press conference Wednesday.

Sixteen other recruits also announced their intentions to play for the Irish Wednesday, which was national signing day for high school seniors. Wide receiver Shaquelle Evans, running back Cierre Wood and offensive tackle Chris Watt all announced their intention to play for Notre Dame.

Te'o announced his decision on ESPN around 12:15 p.m. Wednesday. ESPN ranked him as the No. 1 defensive player and the No. 2 player overall in this year's signing class.

The 6-foot-2, 225-pound Te'o became the inaugural high school recipient of the Butkus Award, given to the nation's top linebacker, and The Sporting News named him 2008 High School Athlete of the Year.

"He's every bit of that 6-2, 225; that might not be doing him justice," Weis said. "He might be bigger than that."

Weis said Te'o asked one question during a phone call Tuesday night: Did he have a chance to come in here and compete? Weis said he received other indications that Te'o might choose the Irish but didn't know for sure until Te'o announced it himself.

"Not until he actually does it do you feel good about it," Weis said.

Te'o is a Mormon and may take a mission trip after his freshman year. Weis said one of the things that alerted him to the fact that Te'o may have been moving towards Notre Dame was that Te'o's father, Brian, called Weis last night to inquire about what happens to scholarships if a player leaves school. Weis also said the program would allow Te'o to take a mission trip and return as a fourth-year sophomore.

"We would respect his wishes, if that's what he decided to do," he said.

Rivals.com ranked Te'o as the No. 12 player in the nation and the No. 2 outside linebacker. He had 129 tackles, 11 sacks, three forced fumbles and three interceptions in his senior season, when Punahou won its first-ever state championship.

While Te'o was the most high-profile recruit Notre Dame signed, the team still brought in other good talent. Evans, a 6-foot-1, 203-pound receiver from Inglewood, Calif., caught 51 passes for 810 yards and 11 touchdowns in his senior season. ESPN ranked him as the No. 4 wide receiver in the country.

"He's a complete receiver with a combination of size and speed," Weis said. "He's just a playmaker."

Wood, a 6-foot, 192-pound running back from Oxnard, Calif., verbally committed

early to Notre Dame. USA Today named him an All-America player, and The Sporting News ranked him the No. 2 running back in the nation. He ran for 1,632 yards and 20 touchdowns in his senior season at Santa Clara High School. His junior year, he rushed for 2,612 yards and 34 touchdowns.

"He jumped on board early, and he really helped us and was one of the integral parts of the recruiting process as we went through with this class," Weis said. "We like this kid."

Watt was the only other recruit Notre Dame signed besides Te'o that Rivals.com gave five stars. A 6-foot-3, 280-pound lineman from Glen Ellyn, Ill., Watt was also named an All-American by USA Today.

"Here is another guy that we have had a good relationship for quite some time and we are really happy to have him on board," Weis said.

Watt had 107 pancake blocks as a senior at Glenbard West High School even though he missed two games. He played three different positions on the line and never surrendered a sack.

Weis said playing in the Hawaii Bowl this season "certainly didn't hurt" the chase for Te'o, but he said he didn't

think the players, who had a role in the decision of which bowl game to play in, were thinking about getting Te'o to commit.

Weis said he understood the importance of getting recruits nationwide and that signing the top recruits will keep Notre Dame competitive.

"Whether it's California or Florida or Jersey, Indiana, Illinois, no matter where you're going, if you want to beat the best, you'd better get the best players," Weis said. "I have no illusions of grandeur [and know] that getting top players is the best way to beat them."

Notes:

♦ IrishIllustrated reported that Roby Coma, a senior wide receiver who went to Punahou High School with Te'o, may be considering joining Te'o at Notre Dame. He was originally going to commit to UCLA, IrishIllustrated said, but has not turned in his letter of intent.

♦ Junior Chris Martin, a 6-foot-4, 220-pound linebacker from Oakland, Calif., committed to Notre Dame Wednesday, IrishIllustrated.com reported. He will be the third verbal commitment of the 2010 recruiting class.

When asked what he would tell other coaches who may try to recruit him, Martin told IrishIllustrated: "I'm 100-percent Irish, that's what I'll tell them," he said. "I appreciate the attention you are showing me, but I'm 100-percent Irish and that's what they'll know."

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6 1986 showbiz autobiography

11 W.W. II hero, for short

14 Historical biography that won a 1935 Pulitzer

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17 Certain feed

18 Slow

20 Delphic quality

22 Hawaii's annual Bowl

23 & 24 Curious case in psychology

26 Free

28 Watch brand

32 Where Nixon went to law school

35 Much of central Eur., once

36 Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness

37 Married

38 & 39 Instant

40 Nod, say

41 Sped (by)

43 G.R.E. takers, generally: Abbr.

44 Locale for four World Series

45 The last 10% of 110%

46 Three-wheeled Indian taxi

48 & 50 Grammatical infelicities

54 Quiet cough

57 From southern Spain

59 Patent holder's income

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64 Comparatively considerate

65 Seed alternative

66 They're usually washed separately

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- 1 "The Sound of Music" name

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3 "Wait till you're _____" (parent's reply)

4 Bing Crosby's "White Christmas," again and again

5 Hawk, maybe

6 Lay off

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8 Makeshift dagger

9 American-born Japanese

10 The Sun Devils, for short

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13 Irish singer with eight platinum U.S. albums

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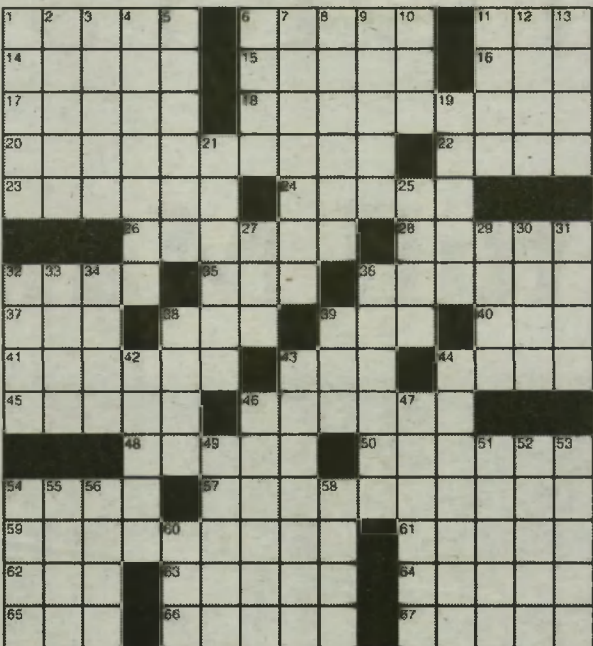
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31 Where Melville's Billy Budd went

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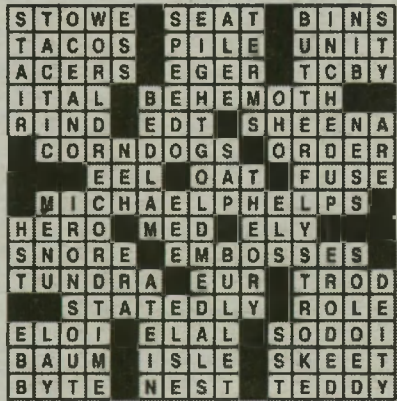
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Now is not the time to cut off ties or to turn your back on offered help. Keeping a lid on the way you feel will help position you much better in the long run. Friendly interaction will get you what you want. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Some things never change, so don't fall for false advertising or someone who is trying to pull a fast one on you. Talk and research costs little so get the facts about what you want to try. You will find an effective alternative. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take heed of what someone older or more experienced tells you and engage in activities that stimulate you mentally and physically. The end result will be meeting someone who will contribute to your future. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be trying too hard to get something that won't be worth it in the end. Expect an argument involving money owed or borrowed. Try to clear this incident up before it leads to an irreconcilable difference. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A gift, winning or some form of retribution is heading your way. You must avoid business contacts and focus on personal issues that will better suit your needs. Getting involved with colleagues after hours will cause ongoing problems when you get back to work. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look at the big picture and you will realize you need a break. Start to put your plans in motion or take off on a little adventure. Fill your day with excitement and enthusiasm with someone you regard highly. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be careful not to spend on something that promises you the world and brings disappointment instead. Someone will criticize you if you make a poor financial choice or if you are gullible regarding products that will enhance you mentally or physically. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let anyone talk you into doing things that are more costly than your budget can handle. Be smart in the way you handle people and in how you build your profits. Put an end to whatever isn't working. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get out and have some fun but not before you take care of any responsibilities or promises you made to others. A change of plans will lead to a change of heart. Reevaluate some of your relationships. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't get all worked up over nothing. Criticizing or meddling will only lead to disgruntled responses and put a wedge between you and the person you are trying to help. Do not force your will on others. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A change in vocation or direction in life can be an eye-opener. Do some groundwork to see what you are up against and what possibilities lie ahead. An interesting turn of events will lead to monetary improvement. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't get angry, take action. You have to remain composed and put your energy into making things happen. If you focus on what will help you as well as the people who concern you, a lot can be accomplished. A past partnership can be reestablished. 3 stars

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FOOTBALL SIGNING DAY

The full Manti

Team nets Manti Te'o and several other studs

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Cold weather be damned — Charlie Weis managed to lure the biggest fish in the pond away from the temperate waters of southern California to the North Atlantic-esque conditions of South Bend.

Linebacker Manti Te'o, from Punahou High School in Laie, Hawaii, signed a letter of intent to play for Notre Dame next fall, the athletic department announced Wednesday. Te'o chose the Irish over Southern California, UCLA, BYU and Stanford.

"You think about it, a kid from Hawaii, he comes to the Syracuse game in the snow,

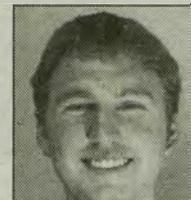
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Top recruit Manti Te'o signs his letter of intent to play at Notre Dame next year. The five-star linebacker played at Punahou High School and also considered USC and UCLA.

Kids are too young to warrant such hype

11:28 a.m. posted by HoltzisGod: I heard from two of my sources yesterday that Te'o's mother's



Chris Hline

Sports Writer

friend's uncle's cousin that Manti is definitely coming to Notre Dame. Don't believe everything else you've been hearing. This is the guy that's going to resurrect our program.

11:29 a.m. posted by Te'olover: But didn't you hear the interview he gave last week? When he was mentioning his final schools, he listed us last! And did you hear his tone of voice when he mentioned

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Notre Dame lands top recruits from across the country

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Along with the list of All-Americans and names you have been hearing since early this fall, Notre Dame roped in a very impressive recruiting class that will be competing for places on the field next season.

On the defensive side of the ball, top recruit Manti Te'o will be joined by five other players.

E.J. Banks

Banks is one of three Irish players already on campus. He played both safety and quarterback for Montour High School in Pittsburgh, but will serve as a cornerback for Notre Dame. Last season he racked up more than 1,000 yards rushing and passing. He is currently coming off a torn ACL, but Irish coach Charlie Weis and the Irish are hoping his athleticism will help him rebound quickly. He also played basketball and competed in track in high school.

Carlo Calabrese

From the same high school as former Notre Dame tight end Anthony Fasano, Calabrese brings a hard-nosed New Jersey attitude with him to South Bend.

"He just likes contact," Weis, a New Jersey native, said. "He's a rocked-up unit. He looks the part. He looks the part like he would be ready to go early in his career."

Calabrese was named his state's Defensive Player of the Year in his senior season after

finishing with 130 tackles and three sacks from the linebacker position. He is known as more of a run-stopper, but showed some athletic ability by catching 27 passes for nearly 500 yards this season.

Dan Fox

Fox is another one of the many young linebackers expected to compete for a job early in his career. At 6-foot-4, 215 pounds he has the size to be a good outside linebacker, where Weis expects he will fit

in. Fox played safety this year at St. Ignatius in Ohio.

"We like the school and we like players that come out of the school that fit our mentality," Weis said.

Both Fox's school and family have strong ties to Notre Dame.

Zeke Motta

Motta, another early enrollee, has been touted as the most athletic of Notre Dame's new recruits. After an

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish fall in sixth straight

Squad drops to 12-9 overall and 3-7 against Big East foes

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's season is turning into a bad movie series. The sequel is just like its predecessor, which was nearly identical to the one before that. All have ended badly for the Irish.

For the sixth consecutive game, Notre Dame hung tough with its opponent for a stretch before watching the game slip out of reach in the second half. This time, the villain was Cincinnati. With their 93-83 win Wednesday, the Bearcats handed Notre Dame their first six-game losing streak under coach Mike Brey.

"The beat goes on, baby."

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Irish junior point guard Tory Jackson attempts a layup during Notre Dame's loss at Cincinnati Wednesday.

BASEBALL

Banquet will feature Samardzija, Scioscia

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Former Notre Dame star and current Chicago Cubs pitcher Jeff Samardzija will return to campus today with Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia as keynote speakers at tonight's eighth annual opening night dinner.

Samardzija made his major league debut with the Cubs last season, going 1-0 with a 2.28 ERA in 26 appearances out of the Chicago bullpen. Samardzija went 8-2 in his final season with the Irish in 2006, and was a first-team All-Big East selection.

The Valparaiso, Ind., native was also a star wide receiver for the Irish football team, setting team single-season records for receiving yards and touchdown catches. Samardzija was named a first team All-American after helping Notre Dame to a 9-3 record in 2006.

Scioscia has managed the Angels for nine seasons, and has led the team to the playoffs five of the past seven years. He has tallied a 797-661 record in Los Angeles, and led the franchise to its only World Series title in 2002.

Tickets are still available for the popular event at und.com or at the Joyce Center box office, and the night will begin with a "ballpark style" dinner at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Fieldhouse. Admission is \$50 for adults and \$30 for students, youths, and seniors, and includes season tickets, autographed pictures of each speaker, and the opportunity to win several door prizes.

Attendees will be seated with current Notre Dame players, who will be available for autographs before the event from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

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