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## STUDENT SENATE

### Affleck-Graves introduces vision



Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves presents Senate members with future plans the University Wednesday.

Group sees short- and long-term campus plans

By MADDIE HANNA  
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame will never again say it dreamed too small — not after its current plans for campus development.

The resounding “bigger and better” theme of University President Father John Jenkins’ inaugural address was the focus of Wednesday’s Student Senate meeting, as Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves presented both short and long-term campus master plans to senators.

Affleck-Graves projected five, ten and even 50 years into the University’s future,

detailing plans for a new college town he called the “Northeast Neighborhood Project” — a mix of retail, residential and office complexes intended to “revitalize” the area south of campus.

He also outlined the projected location of new buildings on current campus maps and flipped through PowerPoint slides of architectural sketches, often describing projects as “very beautiful” and eliciting murmured “wows” from senators who apparently agreed.

Projects to be tackled in the near future, Affleck-Graves said, include expanding the

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### Student magazine publishes

“The Thatcher” will appear online weekly

By JOE PIARULLI  
News Writer

A group of Notre Dame students is trying to save the world.

The literary world, that is. “The Thatcher,” a weekly online literary magazine at [www.thethatcher.org](http://www.thethatcher.org), released its first issue Feb. 1 with the goal of creating a writing community based around developing ideas, working personally with writers and producing the best fictional content possible.

“It’s an idea that has evolved and will evolve some more,” Christopher Mahoney, the current Lead Editor of “The Thatcher,” said. “It’s a pretty open-ended structure, and it focuses on the way the group works and the way the group is thinking.”

Unlike many literary magazines, which either simply reject or accept submissions, the journey from submission to publication in “The Thatcher” is extensive and distinct. The editors often develop stories by committee.

“It’s a remarkably organic process,” Mahoney said. “Both of our first two stories started out as just a couple paragraphs, and they ended up in places we never expected they would, but they were fascinating, interesting places.”

The position of Lead Editor of “The Thatcher” switches every month between the four editors

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### Trustees convene at Saint Mary’s College

Chair lauds SMC for professional development

By MEGAN O’NEIL  
Saint Mary’s Editor

Chair of the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees Debbie Johnson Schwiebert told students in an address Wednesday that their Saint Mary’s education is invaluable, encouraging them to take advantage of every opportunity the College offers.

“Professionally to the outside world, we are an absolutely stellar educational institution,” Schwiebert said in the West Wing of the dining hall. “Make no doubt about that, our reputation is known not only nationally but

internationally.”

Schwiebert, along with other members of the Board of Trustees, is on campus for the quarterly Board meetings, which begin today. Trustees had a full schedule of activities Wednesday afternoon including visiting classes and touring the “Poetas y Pintores” art exhibit in the Moreau Gallery.

A 1974 Saint Mary’s graduate, Schwiebert said as a student she thought she would use her English Literature major to embark on a high school teaching career. Instead, she joined John Deere Company shortly after

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Debbie Johnson Schwiebert, Chair of the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees, urged students to value their time at SMC Wednesday.

### Police, Kramer plan city watch program

By KAITLYNN RIELY  
News Writer

In anticipation of student houses emptying for spring break — and in light of burglaries that occurred over winter break — Kramer Properties owner Mark Kramer and representatives from the South Bend Police Department held an information session Wednesday to advise off-campus students of safety measures and to discuss the initiation of a student neighborhood watch program.

Despite this goal, no off-

campus students attended the meeting. Two representatives from Student Senate’s Committee for Community Relations were on hand to relay the information to the student body.

Kramer was disappointed more people did not attend the meeting but encouraged off-campus students to call the police department and join the student neighborhood watch program.

“I think it’s very important that they get involved,” Kramer said. “We can all do our part, both as landlords

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### Readership stirs controversy

By MARY KATE MALONE  
Assistant News Editor

The College Readership Program is just one step away from becoming a reality at Notre Dame, and the Club Coordination Council — which is facing a 3.75 percent budget cut in order to fund the program — is fighting to reclaim the money it stands to lose.

The Readership Program, which provides major newspapers to colleges around the nation, will be funded by a portion of a \$15 student activity fee increase and by a reduction to the fixed allocations of the Club Coordination Council (CCC) and the Council of Representatives

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A student makes use of the pilot College Readership Program, an initiative student body president Dave Baron supports, in Feb. 2005.

**INSIDE COLUMN**

# Do you ever wonder ...

Here are a few questions that are likely to make some people angry. My friends and I have often wondered about these issues, and I think I speak for a majority of Notre Dame Students when I say I'd love to know the answers.

**Sam Pandolfo**

*Advertising Executive*

Number 1: How much does it actually cost to eat in the dining hall? Seriously. Does it really cost \$10? Nothing against our dining hall staff who do an excellent job preparing our food — the cake is sometimes dry but that's a minor complaint — but where in God's green earth does \$10 times however many students worth of meal plan money go?

Then there's the fact that people don't even use all 14 meals a week. ND Food Services saves money on our meals when we pack a brown bag with two sips of water, a rotten apple, three halves of a PB&J sandwich and a granola bar. All I'm saying is, I'd love to see the financial statements for Food Services. Furthermore, thinking about the fact that I would be \$12,000 less in debt when I graduate if I didn't have to purchase a meal plan makes me sick when I eat sea nuggets and drink carbonated cherry water.

Number 2: How hard is it to make a good pizza? Sbarro wasn't available for comment, so we'll revisit this one at a later date.

Number 3: Is NDSP for real? I've heard so many horror stories about how people have been treated by our police force. I seriously wonder how they escape lawsuits sometimes. I know they keep us safe and look out for our own good — thanks for that — but I've heard of people who are old enough to make their own decisions talked to like children, I've witnessed students being chased into their dorm and tackled and personally, I've gotten parking tickets for absolutely no reason. (Note: I love NDSP and all of its employees. Please do not tow my car or arrest my friends.)

Number 4: Does Notre Dame Stadium really have jail cells in it? Apparently, this is true. I'm not going to elaborate. I just thought you would like to know.

Number 5: Parietals — why? How realistic are these monastic-life inspired boundaries? I'm a firm believer in the school of thought that if enough people are breaking a rule that doesn't hurt anyone, damage anything, or infringe on anyone else's freedom then it shouldn't be a rule. Libertarian? Maybe. Believe me, I love being able to walk into the hall at 4 a.m. in my underwear and not worry about Sobering-up Sally walking around, but given the alternative of having to toss her out at 2 a.m. I would gladly put on sweatpants.

One final note: I need a date to Zahm's Decade Dance coming up after spring break. We'll get Grab 'N Go beforehand, run from NDSP leaving the dance, and ... you see where I'm going here. E-mail me if you're interested.

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

**CORRECTIONS**

In the Feb. 21 issue of The Observer, a Scene article incorrectly said the film "SubUrbia" would take place in the Washington Hall Lab. The film will be shown this weekend on the Washington Hall main stage. The Observer regrets this error.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD EAT A MEAL WITH SOMEONE, WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHY?**



**Bodie Solomon**  
*freshman Stanford*

*"A chicken dinner with Ned Devine."*



**Aileen Wu**  
*junior Cavanaugh*

*"Beno, Fergus, Taryn and Channy because that would mean I'm in Perth, Australia."*



**Shannon Murphy**  
*senior Cavanaugh*

*"Your mom."*



**Ali Mooers**  
*senior Badin*

*"Pat McMulty, because I take pity on him?"*



**Pat McMulty**  
*senior off-campus*

*"Ali Mooers, because she thinks I'm cool."*



**Julie Ruffin**  
*junior Walsh*

*"Claire Chiappetta because she's awesome."*



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

**Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis speaks in Cavanaugh Hall's chapel Wednesday to inform dorm residents about Hannah & Friends. Cavanaugh's Dance-a-thon will raise money for the non-profit foundation, which Weis started with his wife Maura to help young people affected by autism and other global delays.**

**OFFBEAT**

**Lohan: Don't call me a 'teen queen'**

In an interview in the March issue of Allure magazine, now on newsstands, the 19-year-old says she wants to be considered a serious actress and rejects her youthful, party-girl image.

"I hate it when people call me a teen queen," Lohan says in an interview.

Lohan, star of family friendly movies such as "Freaky Friday" and "Herbie: Fully Loaded," has recently graduated to more grown-up roles, acting opposite Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin and Tommy Lee Jones in Robert Altman's "A Prairie

Home Companion," due in theaters in June.

**Man gets three years in newlywed carjacking**

SAN MATEO, Calif. — A man accused of carjacking a newlywed couple with the bride in her wedding dress still in the vehicle was sentenced to three years in prison after pleading no contest to charges Tuesday.

Alan Ticas-Soto, 22, initially pleaded not guilty on Nov. 29 to one count of carjacking and one count of being under the influence of a controlled substance, but changed it to a plea of no contest, according to the San

Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

Authorities said Steve Almanza and Valerie Zahn stopped by a Taco Bell for a snack after their wedding Oct. 29, and Almanza ran inside while Zahn stayed in the car with the engine still running.

Ticas-Soto, who was unarmed, got into the driver's seat and drove off with Zahn still inside, authorities said. She jumped out, and Ticas-Soto continued driving into a Taco Bell sign in the parking lot.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton of Detroit will speak at 7:30 p.m. today in the Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library as part of the Catholic Think Tank lecture series.

The Saint Mary's Book Club will meet today in the Student Center Lounge from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The group is starting "A Hand Maid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood.

Gabriel Meyer, author of "War and Faith in Sudan," will give a lecture at 7:30 p.m. today in room 131 of DeBartolo Hall.

Haiti Awareness Week concludes Friday with a Haitian-American Mass at 5:00 p.m. in Pangborn Hall and a Haitian-African Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in CoMo Lounge. Both are free and open to the public. A \$5 suggested donation for the dinner will be collected in support of the four Haitian orphans who work with Notre Dame's Haiti Program.

The Irish men's basketball team will square off with Big East rival Marquette Saturday at the Joyce Center. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Award winning author Ed Falco will give a reading on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of Recker's. Falco's latest novel, "Wolf Point," was a 2005 New York Times Editor's Choice. The event is free and open to the public.

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

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<b>LOCAL WEATHER</b>						
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# Dorm meal auction to feature ND celebrities

By EMMA DRISCOLL  
News Writer

Breen-Phillips Hall will host its 22nd annual Meal Auction today and give students an opportunity to bid on meals with campus celebrities such as Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis, Irish quarterback Brady Quinn and an all-male a cappella group, The Undertones.

Anthropology professor James McKenna, Director of Alumni Relations Chuck Lennon, Irish defensive back Ambrose Wooden and the Notre Dame leprechaun mascots are other familiar names associated with the auction.

Weis contributed to the auction by offering a tour of the football locker room and a photo opportunity.

"[The meals] are a fun thing to do with friends — go eat with a big campus name, and it's an easy way to make a donation," said sophomore Allison Nowotarski, commissioner of the Meal Auction.

Nowotarski said in addition to the twenty meals featured in the main auction, BP also will host a silent auction with several gift certificates to local restaurants and gift baskets made by different sections of the dorm.

Funds from this year's auction will be given to Hannah & Friends, the non-profit foundation begun by Maura and Charlie Weis dedicated to improving the quali-

ty of life for young people affected by autism and other global delays. In past years, funds raised by the Meal Auction were donated to the American Diabetes Association.

"With the success of the football season, I wanted to [use] an organization close to the Notre Dame community that everybody was familiar with and had a connection to," Nowotarski said.

Students can purchase Hannah & Friends bracelets in LaFortune during the auction to enter their names into a drawing to win a football signed by Brady Quinn.

In 2005, BP brought in approximately \$5,800, but this year organizers hope to raise that number to at least \$6,000.

"As a freshman last year, I went a little crazy and bought a whole bunch of groups," Nowotarski said. "It's fun to be able to say that you were able to meet the names that were big at Notre Dame when you were there."

The meal that generated the highest bids in past auctions was the dinner with Father Mark Poorman, which also includes tours of the President's office, the Basilica, and last year, a tour of Notre Dame's underground tunnels.

The year's Meal Auction will take place today from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Burger King area of LaFortune.

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# Microsoft CIO to give lecture

Markezich will speak as part of Distinguished Engineering Series

Special to The Observer

Ron Markezich, chief information officer and vice president of managed solutions for Microsoft Corp., will deliver a public lecture at 12:50 p.m. March 3 in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium. His talk, "Directions in Information Technology," is part of the Distinguished Engineering Lecture Series presented by the College of Engineering.

Markezich's lecture will focus on directions in information technology management and how it adds business value. He also will discuss his own perspective on careers in

the technology industry.

Markezich is responsible for the delivery of information technology services for Microsoft as well as the improvement of Microsoft efficiency and productivity. His teams have simultaneously increased employee productivity and reduced the cost of information technology.

Markezich, who joined Microsoft in 1998, also has worked in information technology infrastructure and line-of-business application organizations. Before joining Microsoft, he held a position with Accenture in the electronics and high tech group.

Markezich was graduated from Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in management information systems.

The Distinguished Engineering Lecture Series exposes students to engineers who have achieved at the highest levels in their specific fields. Speakers from various disciplines are featured throughout each academic year to give students an overview of the diverse opportunities available in engineering and to provide them with a better understanding of the role of engineering in society and the impact they, as engineers, can have.

# ND celebrates Robinson Center

Special to The Observer

The Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC) will celebrate its fifth anniversary Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Notre Dame, the center is located at 921 N. Eddy St., South Bend, Ind.

The celebration will feature guest speakers Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., Notre Dame's president, and South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke. Entertainment will be provided by the local steel drum ensemble, I Believe I Can. The

festivities also will include recognition of community volunteers and Notre Dame faculty, staff and students whose efforts support the center's programs.

Founded in 2001, the RCLC is a community-driven education center that offers numerous programs and activities sponsored by local agencies and organizations, including health education and screenings, GED and English-as-a-Second-Language classes, children's programming, youth tutoring and after-school pro-

grams. It also features a Computer Teaching and Learning Center, which is equipped with 20 computers and provides instruction and free Internet and e-mail access.

Some 500 residents and volunteers participate each week in on-site RCLC programming, and as many as 250 Notre Dame students, faculty and staff volunteer with center programs. Some 35 University departments and residence halls are involved in RCLC partnerships.

# BP Meal Auction

Come bid on some of the most appetizing campus celebrities ND has to offer!

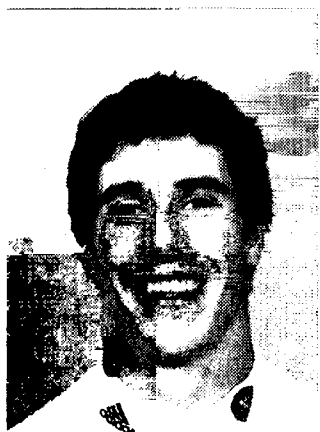
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6:00-9:00

LaFortune Huddle Area

All proceeds go to benefit Hannah and Friends.

A Few Campus Celebrities include:



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FATHER HESBROUGH



Also, enter \$2 raffle for autographed Brady Quinn Football and receive a Hannah and Friends bracelet!

## Trustees

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graduation, eventually advancing to her current position as director of the Communication Services Center of Excellence.

Schwiebert said the professional world of the 1970s was dominated by men who had never interacted with a woman on a professional level. One dealer initially refused to work with her. The wives of some of her colleagues were hesitant to allow their husbands to take business trips with her, Schwiebert said.

In the early months at John Deere — and throughout her 30-year career at the company — Schwiebert said she was able to rely on the leadership skills and Christian principles she learned at Saint Mary's.

"Saint Mary's College is committed to developing women to be leaders in the world of work, home, church and community and that is a distinct advantage ... because they know you have that leadership training," she said. "We are desperately in need of people today in the business world that are willing to stand up and lead and make decisions with integrity."

The liberal arts education at Saint Mary's teaches its graduates not only to think critically, Schwiebert said, but also grants them lessons in how to communicate ideas effectively both orally and in writing.

"I think we take it for granted here because it is our standard of operation," she said. "It's the way we do business, but it is a unique advantage that we have that is part of our liberal arts education."

Schwiebert said some of her colleagues deny themselves professional opportunities because they are unable to speak in front of a group and are unwilling to learn the crucial skill. Conversely, Saint Mary's students are well prepared for the professional world and are open to learning the things they don't know, she said.

Schwiebert said a value-based education — like that offered by her alma mater — is critical in the business world today.

"Another thing we learn [at Saint Mary's] is the key is how to act with good integrity," she said. "There are many situations today in business where values are in question and people have difficulty living up to their values."

Schwiebert said she explored her faith and looked to the Sisters of the Holy Cross to learn the value of service.

"The example [of service] of the Sisters is something you will carry with you because it is a visible sign of their commitment to women and the education of

women," she said.

Schwiebert said she was not conscious of the professional and life skills she was learning at the College but appreciated them in retrospect once she entered the workforce.

"All of these things are important and they are things that you learn here but I am not sure that we really understand while we are in college that those are the things you are acquiring.

I know I didn't."

Out of her four years at Saint Mary's also sprung life-long friendships, and Schwiebert encouraged students to develop and cherish similar bonds. Her group of friends has depended each other through painful times, Schwiebert said, including the death of a friend's child

and the illness of another's husband.

"I have been blessed that my roommates from Saint Mary's are still my friends today," Schwiebert said.

As a woman's career advances, it is important for her to consider carefully how she will spend her money, she said. Schwiebert recalled making her first \$25 donation to Saint Mary's — what then seemed like a large sum.

"I wanted to make sure that the wonderful experience I had here would continue," she said.

The Board's agenda for today and Friday includes the completion of a thorough review of the budget and discussion about growth at the College, Schwiebert said. Student Trustee Jill Vlasek and ten student government officers will attend various committee meetings.

Reporters are not permitted to attend the sessions.

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## Program

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Collaboration Fund, student body president Dave Baron said.

But CCC president Beth O'Shaughnessy said the group's allocation reduction is unfair to the 300-plus clubs and organizations that rely on it for funding.

"Whoever feels College Readership is an appropriate use for student activities should find a way to pay for it," O'Shaughnessy said. "They shouldn't ask clubs to be the ones to bear the burden ... we will fight for the interest of the clubs because that's who we're elected to represent."

The dispute boils down to hard numbers, with the CCC claiming it will be seriously stripped of its resources and student body president Dave Baron adamantly maintaining that the group, in fact, will have more money.

Baron argues the CCC will be allocated more than ten percent more money than it received this year, which is more than enough to cover inflation, he said.

"It's a major loss of money that students are going to lose," Mac Russell, the chair of the CCC's (budget) hard line committee, said in disagreement. "Every club on campus is going to be affected by it."

CCC attended Wednesday night's Senate meeting to present a resolution to reinstate the fixed allocation level for clubs and organizations. The visit resulted in a heated exchange between Senate members — specifically, Baron — and O'Shaughnessy.

Baron launched into a detailed explanation of the Senate's decision to pass the resolution cutting the percentage of budget money received by the Clubs and Organizations, emphasizing that campus clubs actually would be receiving more money next year and that the CCC was making an unreasonable request.

When interrupted by O'Shaughnessy, Baron said, "I'm still talking."

Baron's administration has devoted much of its energy to bringing the Readership Program to campus permanently. The best way to do that initially, Baron said, was to increase the student activity fee from \$80 to \$95 — an increase the Student Senate approved 22-5 in October 2005.

Pending the approval of the Financial Management Board,

\$10 of that fee will go toward the College Readership Program, and the remaining \$5 will go toward student union groups to make up for inflation since 2002, the last time the student activity fee was increased.

Generally, the activity fee helps to fund major operations of student clubs or organizations on campus, which is why Russell does not believe it should fund a private newspaper program.

"Students need to know that their money is going off-campus," Russell said. "It has not been advertised well enough so that students know where it's going."

If granted funding, the Program will provide 1,600 daily newspapers for the student body (560 copies of USA Today, 560 copies of the New York Times and 480 of the Chicago Tribune).

But Russell said that number of papers is not sufficient to serve the 8,000 undergraduates paying for it.

"One-in-four students [will have] access to a newspaper, [but] every student has access to a SUB [Student Union Board] event or to a club event or to an HPC [Hall President's Council] event," Russell said. "I don't see why we're giving money to one-in-four instead of one in one."

Though the Program was backed and approved under Baron's leadership, student body president-elect Lizzi Shappell will make the final appeal to the Financial Management Board for the allocation in April. She said she will work vigorously to implement an "aggressive recycling program" to ensure several students can read the same copy of a newspaper each day.

"We believe that every interested student will be able to read a paper," Shappell said. "The academic benefits for campus outweigh the arguments against the program. Student money is not 'being sent off-campus,' rather it is being invested into a program that provides national and international news for our community."

Plus, Baron said, the Board of Trustees has approved the program already.

"To renege on that now would be inappropriate and would be almost a violation of trust," Baron said.

The College Readership Program is run by USA Today and provides access to major national newspapers at colleges throughout the nation. Student

government offered a 30-day pilot of the program last spring and received a flood of positive feedback, Baron said.

"The number of e-mails we got saying 'keep this going' and the number of e-mails when we stopped [the pilot] saying 'what the heck happened?' was enormous," Baron said. "It was probably the most response I've ever seen on any student government initiative we've done."

Baron said he understands the CCC wants to maximize its resources but noted the Council will have the opportunity to appeal for more funds from the student union group allocation later this year.

"Any group is always going to have their hand out wanting more and more money," Baron said. "But we need to make a budget balance ... and that's what we did with this proposal."

"The piece of the [CCC budget] pie is a [lower] percentage, but it's a much bigger pie [because] we increased the amount of money going in [when we increased the student activity fee]," Baron said.

O'Shaughnessy and Russell said they are unconvinced student government acted in the best interests of the student body.

"Just because we can do something doesn't mean we should," O'Shaughnessy said. "Student government is responsive, but it should also be responsible."

At Wednesday's Senate meeting, Baron called the CCC's current campaign "sort of disingenuous," given the delayed response to the Senate's October resolution.

"You say that you do have a problem with the fixed allocation being lowered," Baron said. "But those [percentages] are entirely arbitrary ... You're getting more money ... The money's going towards you and I think it's going to benefit you."

But O'Shaughnessy defended her position and the timing of her group's current proposal.

"It took us a long time to catch on — this was a complicated plan," she said. "I didn't know how to maneuver within this body [of student government] ... We aren't trying to be disingenuous. In fact, I'm trying to be blatantly obvious."

Maddie Hanna contributed to this report.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Pope Benedict names new Cardinals

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI named 15 new cardinals Wednesday, including John Paul II's longtime private secretary and prelates from Boston and Hong Kong, adding his first installment to the elite group of churchmen who will elect his successor.

Benedict read aloud the names during his weekly general audience and said they would be elevated during a March 24 ceremony at the Vatican.

Those chosen to receive the "red hats" that the so-called princes of the church wear include the archbishops of Caracas, Venezuela; Seoul, South Korea; Bordeaux, France; Toledo, Spain; and Manila, Philippines.

### British bank robbers steal millions

LONDON — A gang of armed robbers impersonating police officers tied up employees at a southern England security company and stole the equivalent of \$43.5 million, the Bank of England said Wednesday in disclosing one of the largest bank heists in British history.

The money, about 25 million pounds in bank notes, was stolen overnight from a cash center at Tonbridge in Kent county, a bank spokesman said on condition of anonymity, according to bank policy.

No one was injured in the robbery.

The bank spokesman also said it was possible that more than \$43.5 million was stolen, but the final figure will not be known until the security company completes its accounting.

The heist at Securitas Cash Management Ltd. began when some of the thieves, dressed as police officers, stopped the firm's manager as he drove home Tuesday. The manager got into their car, which he believed to be a police vehicle.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Workers split record lottery jackpot

LINCOLN, Neb. — Eight workers at a Nebraska meatpacking plant are really bringing home the bacon now: They stepped forward Wednesday to claim the biggest lottery jackpot in U.S. history — \$365 million.

The seven men and one woman bought the winning Powerball ticket at a convenience store near the ConAgra ham processing plant where they worked. At least three of the winners are immigrants — two from Vietnam and one from the Republic of Congo.

### Teenager convicted in brutal murder

DIXON, Ill. — A teenage girl was convicted Wednesday in the killing of a 16-year-old classmate who was choked, beaten and sawed into pieces after an argument over boys.

Sarah Kolb, 17, faces up to 60 years in prison.

The victim, Adrienne Reynolds, had just moved to East Moline from Texas about two months before she was killed. Prosecutors said she was just trying to fit in at a new school but picked the wrong friend.

On Jan. 21, 2005, Kolb, Reynolds and schoolmate Cory Gregory were in Kolb's car at a fast-food restaurant when the fight began. Reynolds was killed and her body was burned, dismembered and hidden in two counties.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Vatican may canonize Indiana nun

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — The 19th century foundress of a community of nuns in western Indiana has edged closer to Roman Catholic sainthood with the Vatican's approval of a second miracle — the reputed curing of a man's damaged eyesight.

Mother Theodore Guerin, who founded the Sisters of Providence community near Terre Haute, is credited with helping restore the eyesight of Phil McCord, an employee at the order's mother house.

# Man hospitalized with anthrax

*New Yorker was accidentally infected after trip to Africa; not a public health threat*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A New York City drum maker has been hospitalized with a case of inhaled anthrax that officials say he may have contracted from the raw animal hides that he imports from Africa.

Authorities said Wednesday the infection appeared to be accidental — not terrorism — and did not pose a serious public health threat.

Vado Diomande, 44, had traveled recently to the west coast of Africa and fell ill in Pennsylvania last week shortly after he returned to this country with some hides, authorities said.

It was not exactly clear how Diomande came into contact with the deadly substance, or whether it happened in Africa or in this country. But aides to Mayor Michael Bloomberg said it was related to his job making drums from animal skins.

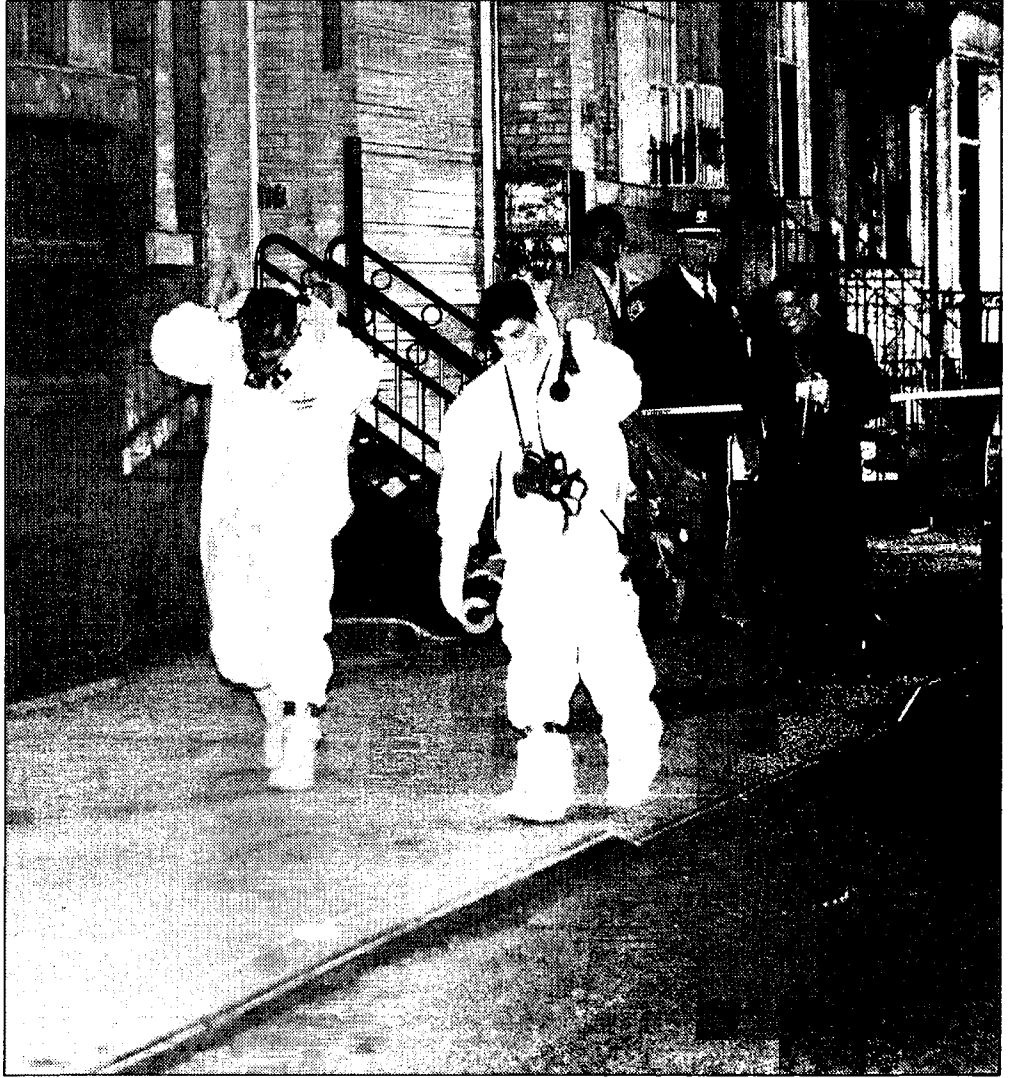
At least four other people may have been exposed to anthrax spores, including a family member of the infected man who worked with the hides, and three were being treated with antibiotics, city Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden said.

"Every indication suggests that this is naturally occurring anthrax," Frieden said.

Authorities were also screening for contaminants at the man's rented work area in Brooklyn, in his vehicle and in his Manhattan apartment, Bloomberg said.

Anthrax spores are found in soil in many parts of the world, and livestock can become infected by eating contaminated soil or feed. People can then pick up the infection if they come into contact with contaminated hides or other animal parts.

Dr. Lisa Rotz, a medical epidemiologist with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said health officials believe Diomande may have inhaled the spores in a process that



Agents with hazardous material suits arrive at the Manhattan apartment of Vado Diomande Wednesday. Diomande has been hospitalized with a case of inhaled anthrax.

includes soaking the hides, stretching them and scraping them to remove hair.

She said investigators are seeking samples of the hides to test for spores.

Aides to the mayor said Diomande was recovering in a hospital in Sayre, Pa., after collapsing during a performance with a dance company. Pennsylvania health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the case as inhalation anthrax on Wednesday, the mayor said.

Anthrax infections must be treated early with antibiotics for the best chance of recovery. The inhalation form of the disease has a fatality rate of about 75 percent, even with antibiotics.

Frieden said Diomande was breathing on his own and appeared to be "doing better than people with respiratory anthrax usually do."

Diomande has been a dancer and drummer since he was a child, according to a Web site for his dance troupe. When he was a teenager he danced with the National Ballet of the Ivory Coast and toured all over the world. He founded his own dance company in 1989, the Web site said.

Authorities said they were not concerned that the transport of the hides or the finished drums to the U.S. posed any health risk, because they believe Diomande was infected while treating and working

with the materials.

At the Pennsylvania university where he collapsed, students were informed about the anthrax case but were assured they were not in danger. About 100 people attended the performance, according to Terri Day, a university spokesman.

Weeks after the 2001 terrorist attacks, the nation was on high alert as anthrax-laced letters surfaced in several places, including New York City. NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw, two U.S. senators and the offices of the New York Post were among the targets.

The anthrax attacks killed five people across the country and sickened 17. The attacks are still unsolved.

## IRAQ

# Insurgents destroy Shiite dome

Associated Press

SAMARRA — Insurgents posing as police destroyed the golden dome of one of Iraq's holiest Shiite shrines Wednesday, setting off an unprecedented spasm of sectarian violence. Angry crowds thronged the streets, militiamen attacked Sunni mosques, and at least 19 people were killed.

With the gleaming dome of the 1,200-year-old Askariya shrine reduced to rubble, some Shiites lashed out at the United States as partly to blame.

The violence — many of the 90 attacks on Sunni mosques were carried

out by Shiite militias — seemed to push Iraq closer to all-out civil war than at any point in the three years since the U.S.-led overthrow of Saddam Hussein.

Many leaders called for calm. "We are facing a major conspiracy that is targeting Iraq's unity," said President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd. "We should all stand hand in hand to prevent the danger of a civil war."

President Bush pledged American help to restore the mosque after the bombing north of Baghdad, which dealt a severe blow to U.S. efforts to keep Iraq from falling deeper into sectarian violence.

"The terrorists in Iraq have again proven that they are enemies of all faiths and of all humanity," Bush said. "The world must stand united against them, and steadfast behind the people of Iraq."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair also condemned the bombing and pledged funds toward the shrine's reconstruction.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and the top American commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, called the attack a deliberate attempt to foment sectarian strife and warned it was a "critical moment for Iraq."

# Police

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and as tenants, to get involved to curtail this activity, and problems will be solved."

Sergeant Lee D. Ross and Corporal Patrick Hechlinski of the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) introduced the student neighborhood watch at the talk held at P e r l e y Elementary School in South Bend.

The student version of the neighborhood watch program, modeled after a current program serving about 20,000 people in the South Bend area, uses citizen vigilance to deter crime.

Unlike the community neighborhood watch program, which designates "block captains" to serve as intermediaries between the police department and the general public, SBPD said it will directly contact all students in the program to inform them of crimes committed in their neighborhood. When students know what crimes are taking place, they can take the necessary precautions to avoid becoming a victim, Hechlinski said.

"The key is ... to get this information out into the neighborhood there and to let everybody know what's happening," he said.

Ross and Hechlinski encouraged students to submit their phone numbers and addresses to the police department to be added to the calling list.

"The nice thing about having the police department call you when something happens is you know that the information that we're giving you is the facts and it's coming right off the police report," Hechlinski said.

When students get information directly from the police — rather than through word of mouth or other sources — there is less confusion about occurrences in the neighborhood, he said.

Sergeant Ross advised off-campus students to safeguard their homes against burglars, especially during the upcoming weeklong spring break. Ross recommended residents use timers for lights, ask a neighbor to clear snow from the sidewalk and lock all windows and doors.

Kramer and SBPD officers said students should ask the police to watch their houses while on vacation as a free service provided by the department. Ross said with morning, afternoon and evening patrols, one house may get three to six visits in a day.

Kramer, who rents more than 60 houses in the South Bend area, is working with the police department to ensure the security of his rentals after two were burglarized over winter break. Kramer recommended residents make their absences less obvious to potential burglars by minimizing "tell-tale signs" the house is rented by students — beer cans and plastic cups in the yard and leftover kegs.

"Folks know when they are student houses," Kramer said. "You're going to be targeted."

If students see suspicious activity or are the victim of a crime, they should not hesitate to call the SBPD, Hechlinski said. He said the biggest obstacle for the police is getting citizens to report crimes or suspicions.

"We'd rather come out and find out ... there's no harm as opposed to coming out later on and finding out you got burglarized," Hechlinski said.

The department stepped up police presence and went door-to-door to encourage people to be alert after 12 "one-on-one robberies" against students and professors occurred between Dec. 27 and Jan. 27. Since then, there have been no further reported student robberies in the area.

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**Patrick Hechlinski**  
corporal  
South Bend Police

# Thatcher

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— seniors Mahoney, Mike Seidl and Sarah French and junior Alexa Recio. According to French, "The Thatcher," is Mahoney's brainchild.

While all the editors are English majors, they said they find their academic path almost an immaterial point. Mahoney points out that Notre Dame's most well known author, Nicholas Sparks ("The Notebook"), was not an English major.

"It doesn't matter what background or what major someone is as long as you want to write," French said. "We don't want writing or submitting to a magazine to be intimidating. We welcome writers of all levels and take personal interest in helping them become better writers."

Since "The Thatcher," is not sponsored by Notre Dame, it does not have any length or content restrictions, and since it appears online, publication proves very inexpensive.

One of the driving forces behind "The Thatcher," accord-

ing to Mahoney, was the idea that fictional short stories were not well represented at Notre Dame

"Sometimes it seems that 'The Juggler,' the current literary magazine, kind of falls short of providing fictional prose content, so we'd like to fill in that gap a little bit," he said.

"The idea that 'The Thatcher' grew from was the idea that there were a lot of stories out there that just weren't getting told, or people started and didn't finish, or hit a block or something like that."

The staff of "The Thatcher" usually meets at least once a week and often arranges times with people who submit stories in order to discuss how their ideas can grow.

"What we're hoping is that people will send their unfinished ideas and we'll work with the writer and we'd develop it into a bigger, better story," Mahoney said.

The process has been rather inexact thus far. In fact, the editors can't quite pin down an exact reason for the publication's name, which they say is open to metaphors.

"'Thatcher' is kind of open-ended, and we kind of figure

that if you ask us enough times we'll just keep giving you different answers," Mahoney said. "We really don't want to hem ourselves into one way of doing things or one particular style or one particular ideology, and the name 'The Thatcher' reflects this."

"The Thatcher" accepts almost any type of submission, from graphic novels to art submissions for the cover page, but the main priority is publishing fiction.

"We're there for the stories that haven't been written, and we want everyone to be a part of ['The Thatcher']" Mahoney said. "No one else really is doing this sort of thing with short stories."

The editors are optimistic for the publication's future and hope it can improve the University's literary community.

"This is something that is really, really helpful to writers, and we're hoping to expand it more to the Notre Dame campus and make it more of a community," French said. "We just want to make the Notre Dame writing community better."

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<b>NASDAQ</b>	3,191.47	+50.74
<b>NYSE</b>	8,128.20	+45.54
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1,292.67	+9.63
<b>NIKKEI(Tokyo)</b>	15,781.78	0.00
<b>FTSE 100(London)</b>	5,872.40	+14.70

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NASDAQ 110 TR (QQQQ)	+1.25	+0.51	41.26
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+0.46	+0.09	19.67
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+1.18	+0.05	4.30
JDS UNIPHASE (JDSU)	-1.01	-0.03	2.95

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.70	-0.32	45.31
13-WEEK BILL	+0.16	+0.07	44.52
30-YEAR BOND	-0.95	-0.43	44.84
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.35	-0.16	45.68

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-1.73	61.01	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	0.00	556.50	
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.38	84.33	

Exchange Rates			
YEN			118.4300
EURO			0.8395
POUND			0.5734
CANADIAN \$			1.1487

**IN BRIEF**

**Stock prices soar in wake of inflation**

NEW YORK — A combination of moderate inflation and falling oil prices energized Wall Street Wednesday, sending stocks higher as investors grew optimistic about an end to the Federal Reserve's interest rate hikes.

The core rate of inflation, which excludes energy and food, rose by a tame 0.2 percent in January, in line with economists' forecasts. Higher prices for gasoline and electricity sent the broader Consumer Price Index up 0.7 percent last month, a greater increase than economists expected and the largest rise in prices in four months.

The Fed, under new Chairman Ben Bernanke, is keeping a close watch on inflation. If higher energy costs or any other factors cause inflation to spike, the Fed will continue its streak of short-term rate hikes in an attempt to keep price increases under control.

**E-filing of taxes may become required**

NEW YORK — While electronic filing of tax returns has been an option for small businesses for years, many small-to-medium sized corporations are finding that e-filing is becoming a requirement.

Starting with tax year 2005, corporations that have more than \$50 million in assets and that file more than 250 returns a year — including forms such as W-2s and 1099s — are required to electronically file Form 1120 or 1120S, U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return. The IRS is allowing corporations, whose returns are due March 15, to request waivers from the requirement, but the fact is, e-filing is likely to become increasingly routine for U.S. businesses.

For tax year 2006, the IRS is dropping the \$50 million threshold dramatically, to \$10 million, which will force many more small corporations to file electronically. And many sole proprietors, who don't own corporations and who file their business tax returns on Schedule C attached to their 1040 forms, are also choosing e-filing as an option.

Individual taxpayers are also turning into ardent e-filers. Last year, there was an 11 percent increase in e-filed 1040s.

**Stock drops after CEO scandal**

*Company shares fall eight cents, close at \$19 on New York Stock Exchange*

Associated Press

DALLAS — Shares of RadioShack Corp. fell Tuesday, the day after its chief executive stepped down following questions about the accuracy of his resume.

The company's shares fell eight cents to close at \$19 on the New York Stock Exchange.

David J. Edmondson worked nearly 11 years with RadioShack Corp. before he became president and CEO. But he stepped down on Monday after less than a year at the helm.

The company's board said it had accepted Edmondson's resignation and promoted Claire Babrowski — executive vice president and chief operating officer — to acting CEO.

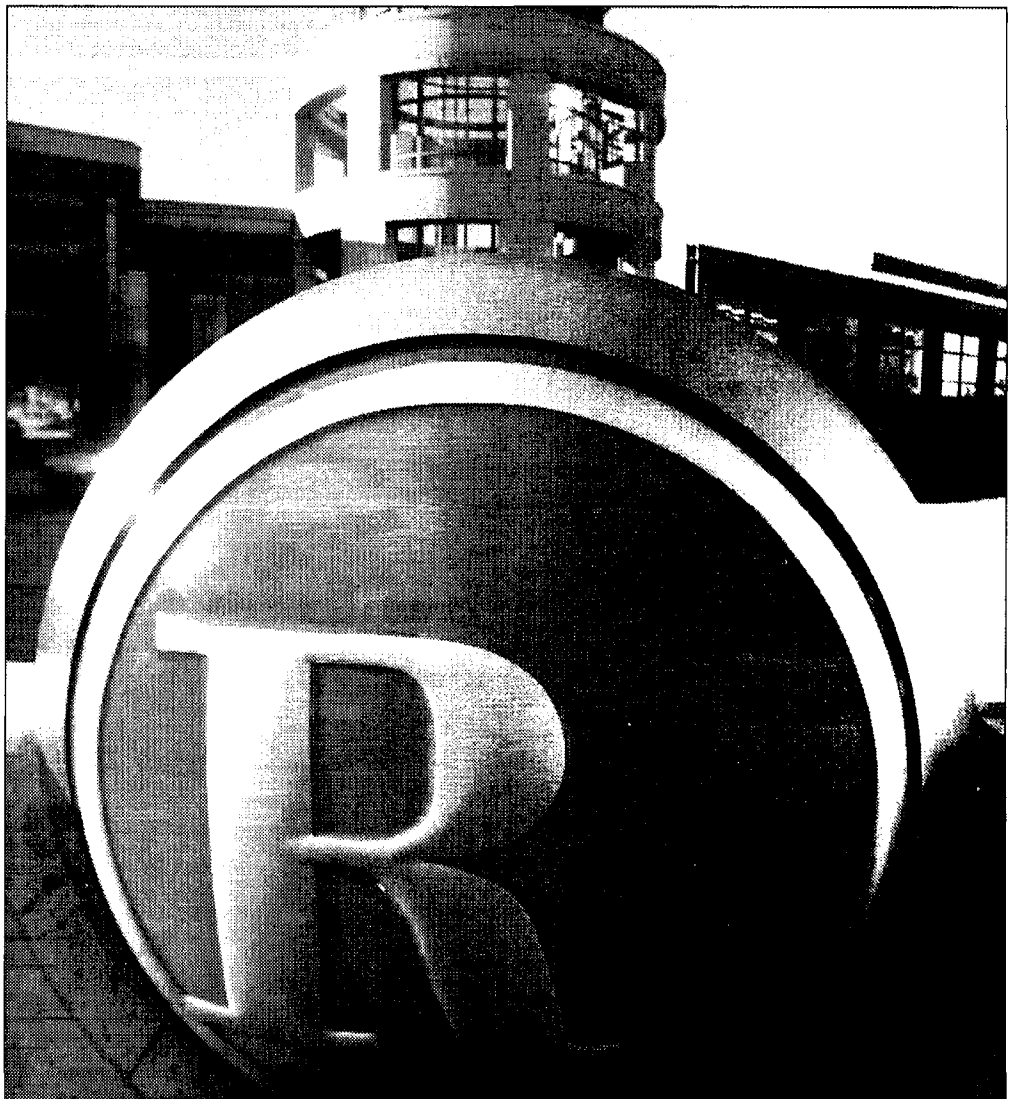
"One of the most important things we have as a corporation is integrity and trust and we know we have to restore that back to the public," Executive Chairman Leonard Roberts said.

Edmondson last week acknowledged resume errors that included claims of earning two college degrees for which the school he attended has no records. He issued a brief statement Monday but did not discuss his resume.

"At this time the board and I have agreed that it is in the best interest of the company for new leadership to step forward so that our turnaround plan has the best possible chance to succeed, as I know it will," Edmondson said.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram first reported of errors with Edmondson's resume on Feb. 14. The RadioShack board issued a statement saying it stood behind Edmondson, a move Roberts said he regrets.

After Edmondson acknowledged the errors on Wednesday, the board



The RadioShack Corp. headquarters is shown in Fort Worth, Texas. RadioShack stock fell Wednesday after CEO Dave Edmondson resigned amidst questions about his resume.

said it would hire an outside firm to investigate. But that was canceled with the resignation.

Edmondson and the board were negotiating a severance package and his departure; Roberts said it's worth less than \$1 million in cash. He said further details will be disclosed in a regulatory filing.

In 2004, Edmondson received \$616,154 in salary plus an \$820,219 bonus while serving as chief operating officer, according to the company's proxy. The 2005 salaries for senior executives have not been disclosed yet.

Stacey Widlitz, analyst for Fulcrum Global Partners LLC, wasn't sur-

prised by the resignation, but hadn't expected it on a holiday when financial markets were closed.

"If you think about his tenure, it's not as if he's led a turnaround of this company," she said. "That being said, it would be difficult for the board, considering the things that have come out, to find a reason to keep him."

Edmondson, 46, joined RadioShack in 1994 and had been CEO since May.

Edmondson had claimed that he received degrees in theology and psychology from Pacific Coast Baptist College in California, which moved in 1998 to Oklahoma and renamed itself Heartland Baptist

Bible College.

The school's registrar told the Star-Telegram that records showed Edmondson completed only two semesters and that the school never offered degrees in psychology. The school official declined to comment to The Associated Press.

Edmondson said last week he believes that he received a theology diploma called a ThG, but not the four-year bachelor of science degree listed on his resume. He could not document the ThG diploma.

Roberts said company background checks did not include academic verification in 1994 as they do today.

**Inflation strains household budgets**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — People are feeling the pinch from rising inflation.

"It's tough out there for most households," economist Joel Naroff said after the government reported Wednesday that consumer prices galloped ahead in January at the fastest pace in four months.

The most closely watched inflation barometer, the Consumer Price Index, advanced by 0.7 percent, compared with a 0.1 percent dip in December. The seesaw pattern mostly reflects gyrating energy prices.

"Consumers continue to be battered by rising costs," said Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisers.

With overall inflation gaining

momentum in January, families' budgets were strained. A separate report, also released by the Labor Department, showed that workers' average weekly earnings, adjusted for inflation, dropped by 0.4 percent in January compared with a year ago. For most workers last year, paychecks didn't keep pace with inflation.

While the Bush administration has talked often about the generally good shape of the economy, Democrats have expressed worries about low- and middle-income families struggling under the weight of rising prices and living paycheck to paycheck.

The main culprits behind January's higher CPI reading were rising energy and food prices.

Excluding energy and food costs, though, "core" prices rose by a modest 0.2 percent in January, following a 0.1 percent increase in December. More expensive clothing and new cars were mostly blamed for the slight pickup in core inflation.

Fed officials are especially interested in the core inflation readings. By excluding energy and food prices, which can swing widely from month to month, the core inflation gauge gives economists a better sense of how other prices are acting.

Fed officials don't want to see elevated energy prices feeding into the retail prices of lots of other goods and services, something that would lead to a broader bout of inflation spreading through the economy.

## Senate

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law school, constructing an engineering facility, landscaping the area south of DeBartolo Hall to create a "Town Commons," renovating the student health center and finishing the Jordan Hall of Science — described by Affleck-Graves as "the biggest, most expensive building we've built on campus."

The 204,000-square-foot building is projected to open this August.

Preliminary sketches of the law school were similarly grandiose. The building is being designed with arches bigger than the supportive arch beneath Lyons.

"Imagine the band marching through there on a Saturday afternoon," Affleck-Graves said, turning to senators sitting on his left.

Looking at a "slightly larger timeframe," Affleck-Graves said construction would likely begin on three new residence halls within seven years. Two would be located east of Pasquerilla East and Knott — projects made possible by an agreement with the City of South Bend to close Juniper Road — while the other would be built next to McGlenn and complete the row of West Quad dorms.

"We need to spread it out more — it's not to add more beds, but more space in the dorms," said Affleck-Graves, who stressed that the University's population would not increase along with the campus expansion.

Notre Dame also plans to renovate all of the current residence halls, Affleck-Graves said.

"[The goal] over the next ten to 15 years [is] to go through every dorm on campus ... [and] redefine the space," he

said.

This means greater mixing of different types of rooms — triples, doubles and quads, for example — within dorms "so people can choose which they prefer," Affleck-Graves said.

And painting an even bigger picture, Affleck-Graves said the University hopes to build a center for social sciences south of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, construct a new four-story Center for Social Concerns and replace "the most beautiful building on campus" — the Stepan Center.

"Imagine writing an exam when it doesn't rain on your paper," he said, drawing laughs.

While research is still underway, Affleck-Graves said a new student activities center might fill the Stepan Center's current location.

There's also the possibility of building a new inn next to one of the campus lakes, Affleck-Graves said, while still keeping some of the rooms in the current Morris Inn available for visiting families.

Plans for revamping the University's athletic facilities are similarly long-term. The athletic facilities master plan includes expanding and renovating the Joyce Center as well as building new soccer, lacrosse and softball stadiums.

But the most talked about plan of the past year has been the proposed college town development. Affleck-Graves described the four-block set-up along the Eddy Corridor as "a mix of conventional stores you know and hopefully a couple of restaurants ... maybe a Trader Joe's."

While stores moving into the neighborhood would be independent of the University, Affleck-Graves stressed the importance of students giving feedback regarding what types of development they would like to see near campus.



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

**Senate members listen to Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves at Wednesday's meeting. The address outlined future campus plans as envisioned by University leadership.**

"[But] the retail has to work for the campus and the city," he said.

Restaurants will not move into the district unless they believe they can make between five and seven million dollars a year, Affleck-Graves said, revenue too large for Notre Dame students to generate alone.

Affleck-Graves said the less definite plans would be finalized once appropriate donors were located.

### In other Senate news:

The Diversity Affairs committee presented a letter to senators urging rectors to hang rainbow flags in support of "the spirit of inclusion at Notre Dame," a project to coincide with an upcoming "Stand Against Hate" campaign.

The letter quotes Notre Dame's "Spirit of Inclusion" statement, which reads, "Notre Dame strives for a spirit of inclusion among the members of this community ... we wel-

come all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and nationality."

Committee chair Sarah Liu described the flag as a symbol of "tolerance ... showing our acceptance of GLBTQ [gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning] students."

But after heated discussion, the letter was sent back to the committee for revision.

Cavanaugh senator Liz Brown said she presented the idea to her dorm's hall council and received a skeptical response.

"I don't really see a guarantee [that all rectors would hang the flags]," Brown said. "I don't see how a spirit of inclusion flag on just a few dorms really fosters [a spirit of inclusion]."

Brown also said since dorms currently do not hang flags prominently, "if we were going to get any flag, it should be

first the American flag."

O'Neill senator Steve Tortorello also questioned the committee's proposal.

"If some dorms don't do it, you're going to create the impression that no one in that dorm is accepting," he said.

Tortorello said students might start jumping to conclusions about "good dorms" and "bad dorms," depending on which halls hung the flags.

But Community Relations committee chair Nick Guzman said this would not be a worthless outcome.

"Does [not hanging the flag] mean [the hall] is not a place of inclusion?" Guzman asked. "If we can all agree [on that impression], then yes, that's exactly what it means."

This, Guzman said, is the reason behind the campaign — that some halls might not be willing to show support for GLBTQ questions.

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## Whitehouse: Bush did not know about deal

*Debate over port transaction reaches new level*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush was unaware of the pending sale of shipping operations at six major U.S. seaports to a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates until the deal already had been approved by his administration, the White House said Wednesday.

Defending the deal anew, the administration also said that it should have briefed Congress sooner about the transaction, which has triggered a major political backlash among both Republicans and Democrats.

Bush on Tuesday brushed aside objections by leaders in the Senate and House that the \$6.8 billion sale could raise risks of terrorism at American ports. In a forceful defense of his administration's earlier approval of the deal, he pledged to veto any bill Congress might approve to block the agreement involving the sale of a British company to the Arab firm.

Dubai Port's top American executive, chief operating

officer Edward H. Bilkey, said the company will do whatever the administration asks to enhance shipping security and ensure the sale goes through. Bilkey said Wednesday he will work in Washington to persuade skeptical lawmakers they should endorse the deal. At least two Senate oversight hearings already are scheduled.

"We're disappointed," Bilkey told The Associated Press in an interview. "We're going to do our best to persuade them that they jumped the gun. 'The UAE is a very solid friend, as President Bush has said.'"

Bush faces a rebellion from leaders of his own party, as well as from Democrats, about the deal that would put Dubai Ports in charge of major shipping operations in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia.

While Bush has adamantly defended the deal, the White House acknowledged that he did not know about it until recently.

## UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME SUMMER SESSION JUNE 19-AUGUST 4, 2006

The 2006 summer session will begin on Monday, June 19 (enrollment), and end on Friday, August 4 (final exams). Some courses—primarily in science and languages—will begin and end before or after these dates. The *Summer Session Bulletin* contains complete schedule information. The *Bulletin* is available at the Summer Session Office (111 Earth Sciences Bldg.) beginning on Monday, February 27. Information on summer courses, as it appears in the *Bulletin*, is also available at the Summer Session website ([www.nd.edu/~sumsess](http://www.nd.edu/~sumsess)).

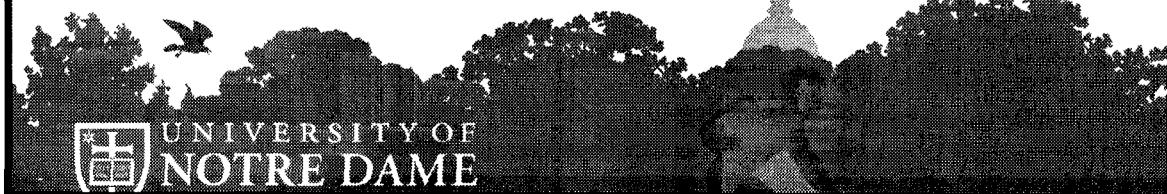
Notre Dame continuing students—undergraduate and graduate students in residence during the spring semester of 2006 who are eligible to return in the fall—must use Web Registration (1) to register for summer courses and (2) to add or drop courses according to the add and drop dates specific to each course. The Web Registration PIN (personal identification number) for summer is available on *insideND* for all continuing students. Instructions for course registration (selection) are available at <http://registrar.nd.edu>. Course reference numbers (CRNs) are published in the *Bulletin* and at the Summer Session website.

Web Registration will be available for summer registration from Wednesday, March 15, through the add and drop dates specific to each course. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment times are necessary.

Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal plans will be available. Forms for meal plans may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester. Students may apply for summer housing online at [www.nd.edu/~sumsess](http://www.nd.edu/~sumsess)

Tuition for the summer session of 2006 will be \$598 per credit hour for undergraduate students and \$314 per credit hour for graduate students, plus a \$50 general fee.

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Political Science  
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Sociology  
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Theatre  
Theology





# FAITH POINT

Thursday, February 23, 2006

Sunday Scriptures

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st	2nd	Gospel
Hosea	2 Corinthians	Mark
2:16b, 17b, 21-22	3:1b-6	2:18-22

## Catholic Q&A

Why do Catholics fast and abstain from meat during Lent?



This question often gets asked around this time, when some find the dining halls' practice of serving only fish or vegetarian entrees on Fridays during Lent unsatisfying.

Fasting derives from our Jewish ancestors who practiced it as an example of piety. While Jesus condemns the fasting hypocrites, He does so because of their gloomy appearance for self-glorification (Matthew 6:16), not because of the practice itself. The Apostles in the early Church kept the fast, combining regular fasting with their worship of the Lord (Acts 13:2). These and all acts of self-denial take us back to Jesus's first condition for discipleship: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23, NAB).

The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays dates back to the first century, when early Christians would avoid consuming fleshy meat to commemorate the day of crucifixion (Friday), since it was the day when Christ sacrificed His flesh on the cross for our salvation. Fish was a natural substitute for meat, which was particularly appropriate given the early Christians' usage of the Greek word *ichthus* ("fish") as an acronym for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior."

Fast and abstinence have a seemingly natural home in Lent, a season already focused on prayer, inward reflection, and penance in preparation for the joy of the Resurrection at Easter. Throughout the history of the Church, however, the norms of fast and abstinence have gone through a number of changes. Prior to the 1960s, Catholics abstained from meat on all Fridays throughout the year, and fasted each day of Lent except for Sunday. In 1966, these requirements were reduced to abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent and fasting (eating only one full meal a day) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Even so, Friday abstinence from meat (or some form of penance or self-denial) throughout the rest of the year is still very much encouraged. And while these norms apply to all Catholic Christians age 15-60, Christians of all traditions are encouraged to join in these pious practices.

Through our Lenten practices of fasting and abstinence from meat and other luxuries, the Church offers us a regular opportunity to deny ourselves so that we might better mold our lives after the example of Jesus Christ.

Send questions to Brett Perkins: Perkins.26@nd.edu!

## What's Up?

TONIGHT 2/23

Zen Meditation -  
Prayer From Around the  
World Series  
7 PM, 330 CoMo

Iron Sharpens Iron  
10 PM, 329 CoMo

Friday 2/24

Eucharistic Adoration  
12 PM - 5 PM, Basilica Lady  
Chapel

Freshman Retreat #62  
through Saturday

Saturday 2/25

Saturday Vigil Mass  
5 PM, Basilica

Sunday 2/26

Sunday Masses  
10:00 AM & 11:45 AM, Basilica

Monday 2/27

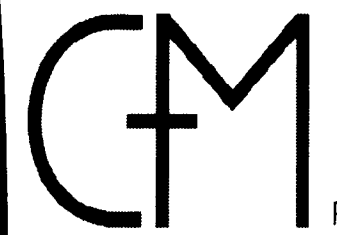
Eucharistic Adoration  
11 AM - 9 PM, Mon-Thurs  
CoMo Chapel

Tuesday 2/28

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship  
"Why History Matters  
for Catholics",  
by Prof. Brad Gregory  
8:30 PM, Cavanaugh Chapel

Wednesday 3/1

Ash Wednesday Masses  
11:30 AM and 5:15 PM, Basilica  
(Day of Fast and Abstinence)



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The Asian American Association here at Notre Dame has long benefited from Vince Niou's great leadership, but it is a pleasure to introduce him to many other members of the Notre Dame community. Vince is a junior Marketing major and he lives in Keenan Hall. Vince's contributions to the Asian American Association are indeed worthy of commendation. He is currently the AAA Vice President and has held many important positions during his time here. Last year as a sophomore Vince was the AAA Spiritual commissioner and AAA Freshman Retreat lead planner.

Vince has already left a lasting impression through the Asian American Association activities he has founded. I do not know about any of the readers, but I do not know many people who have founded one activity at Notre Dame, let alone two. Through his hard work and dedication Vince has founded the AAA Winter retreat and Grotto trip. If I were a betting man I would say the AAA is going to have to name some award after Vince soon; he has just done that much work. Vince has found time to minister in all of these activities while also being a part time instructor at the Notre Dame Martial Arts Institute. Finally, to cap things off, on any given Thursday night at CoMo you may see Vince at Iron Sharpens Iron. Even with all he does for others, he still finds time to spiritually recharge himself. Thanks for sharing your faith with others Vince. Keep up the great work; Notre Dame is much better for it.

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## Deus Caritas Est

Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), signed on Christmas Day, packs a lot of instruction into 25 readable pages. Part I of *Deus Caritas Est* (DCE) analyzes human and divine love in terms of eros and agape. Addressed to "a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with vengeance or even a duty of hatred and violence," DCE tells that world of "the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others." But DCE is loaded with cultural, political and legal implications, arising from its assertion that "[l]ove of God and love of neighbor" are "inseparable."

Part II of DCE is a discourse on "Caritas," the "practice" of love of neighbor. "[N]o one ought to go without the necessities of life." That "service of charity" is "first and foremost a responsibility for each ... member of the faithful" but it is also a duty of the Church at every level.

"Christian charity" is not abstract. It is "first of all the ... response to immediate needs ...: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for ... the sick, visiting those in prison, etc." But people "need something more than technically proper care. ... They need heartfelt concern." Charity therefore cannot be "just another form of social assistance." Nor is charity a means of "proselytism," using aid to induce conversions. Charity is an act of love and "[l]ove is free; it is not practised as a way of achieving other ends."

Charity must not be at the service of "parties, ideologies" or "worldly stratagems." Benedict responds to the Marxist claim that the poor "do not

need charity but justice." Charity, they claim, serves injustice by making an "unjust system ... appear ... tolerable" and thus blocking "the struggle for a better world." Benedict rejects that approach as "an inhuman philosophy," sacrificing people of the present to "the moloch of the future. ... One does not make the world more human by refusing to act humanely here and now. We contribute to a better world only by personally doing good now."

But what about justice? Doesn't the Church care about it? Yes, it does. But the "just ordering" of society and the State, is the role of "politics" and not of the Church.

The "direct duty" to work for a just society belongs to the "lay faithful" rather than to the Church itself. "Fundamental to Christianity," says DCE, "is the distinction between Church and State." The Church should not be in politics, but it does have an educative role. To define justice is the job of practical reason. But to do its job, reason needs "purification. ... Here politics and faith meet." Faith liberates reason from its "ethical blindness caused by the dazzling effect of power and special interests." DCE traces Catholic social teaching from Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* in 1891 through John Paul II.

That teaching offers guidelines that are valid for everyone. It does not, however, seek to impose on others "ways of thinking and ... conduct proper to faith." It aims "to help purify reason" by arguing "on the basis of reason and natural law" so as "to help form consciences in political life" and to "reawaken the spiritual energy" needed for justice to prevail.

So the Church has a role to play in the fight for justice. DCE urges the State to follow the principle of sub-

sidarity by supporting efforts of social forces, including the Church, to achieve justice. Civil justice, however, is not enough. "Love — caritas — will always prove necessary even in the most just society." The claim that "just social structures would make works of charity superfluous," says DCE, "masks a materialist conception ... that man can live 'by bread alone.'"

DCE encourages "cooperation" between State and Church agencies but insists that the State "must guarantee religious freedom." Three days before he signed DCE, Benedict addressed the Curia on the teaching of Vatican II that religious freedom is required because "the human person is capable of knowing the truth about God" and because such truth "cannot be externally imposed" and "can only be claimed with God's grace in freedom of conscience."

A recurrent theme of Benedict's papacy is his criticism of the "dictatorship of relativism" to which he called attention in his homily to the Cardinals before the Conclave in which they elected him. DCE continues this theme in its insistence on religious freedom and on the role of the Church as moral educator. Both rest on the reality that the truth about God and morality is objective and knowable. That Truth, with a capital T, is a person,

Christ.

These are only a few of the points in this innovative and challenging encyclical. Read it. It could change your way of thinking. And your life.

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Charles Rice

*Right or Wrong?*

*But people "need something more than technically proper care. ... They need heartfelt concern."*

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Make war just

Jess Heringer's Feb. 20 Letter to the Editor, "Is there another way?" caused me to inspect the realities of war, and it was an uncomfortable experience. I discussed the matter with friends, had a day of thought and wrote this letter, and I have come to the conclusion that abandoning the use of force is unjust and simply irresponsible.

Christ is love incarnate, and I have wrestled a great deal with the almost undeniable contradiction between Christ's love and the horrors of warfare. Christ proclaims truth which cuts both ways, against Left and Right. He commands us to do apparently contradicting things, such as loving our neighbors (Luke 10:26) and hating our fathers and mothers (Luke 14:26). It is strange to think that the same man told Peter to put away his sword and yet destroyed the den of money-changers at the Temple.

Force, like money or knowledge, is only a tool, and it may be used for good or for evil, and as such is not evil in itself. I would most certainly prefer to live in a world without war, but not at the cost of living in a world with unchecked evil. Peace is not worth tolerance of slavery, and genocide is too high a price to pay for the luxury of

complacency.

A world which rejects the use of force would look very different from our own. In that world, democracy is merely an interesting quirk of Athenian history. In that world, the international slave trade flourishes under the protection of greedy warlords. In that world, the death factories of Auschwitz are silent, not because of Allied liberation, but because their hateful purpose has been fulfilled unchallenged.

A world which rejects the use of force is not a world in which I would want to live. Abandoning others to the whims of tyrants and masters abdicates our responsibility to make the world a better place. Instead of abandoning the use of force altogether, we must work harder to make it a precise and just tool for good. Is there another way? Yes, there is. Make war just.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"If you have only two pennies left in the world, with the first penny, you should buy rice to feed your family. With the second penny, you should buy a lily."*

Japanese proverb

## Let Lent change you

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. For 40 days, Christians around the world will prepare to celebrate and remember worthily the great events of Holy Week culminating in the proclamation of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter.

**Father Richard V. Warner**

*FaithPoint*

During the days of the Lenten season, we try to remind ourselves of the importance of what it is we are preparing for: to deepen our love for Jesus Christ. Traditionally, we try to do this by engaging in extra moments of prayer, by showing more concern and attention to the poor and to those in need and by engaging in small sacrifices which remind us that these are not just normal days.

But the deepest meaning and purpose of Lent is to joyfully embark upon a journey of personal conversion. It is a time for us to examine our attitudes, our habits and the priorities we place on different aspects of our lives, in

order to conform our actions more to the life and the teachings of Jesus we read about in the gospels.

Lent is a time for us to enter into a deepening of our personal call to holiness. It is the time when our best efforts will be assisted by God's grace.

Conversion is a change of heart that leads to changes in our life that affect our behavior because of a reordering of our priorities and an examination of how we live out our values in the course of our daily lives (even on weekends).

Many of our Notre Dame undergraduates are serious about deepening their spirituality during their years at Notre Dame. You only need to attend a hall Mass, spend time at the Grotto, participate in a Campus Ministry-sponsored event, among other things, to understand the truth of this statement.

We are susceptible to the amoral and immoral tendencies which surround us and create much of our culture. Many Notre Dame undergradu-

ates have developed well a value system that is solidly based on Catholic values and principles, and on the teachings of the Church. It is not easy to "swim upstream" against our secularizing culture, with shallow and passing relationships. It is not easy for us to hold ourselves to a higher standard when it comes to Christian sexual ethics. But many of you do because it is the way shown to us by Jesus.

Other students begin to discover that part of themselves that only God can satisfy and fill as their days under the Dome lengthen. And they are grateful for the opportunities they find here to practice their faith.

Yet conversion begins when we are aware of our relationship to God, of God's presence in our lives, of our need for God and an honest self-assessment of what keeps us from eliminating from our lives those obstacles which hinder our spiritual growth.

May the grace of these days be a time when we practice virtue through

prayer and almsgiving. Let's take advantage of the season to shore up our deepest Christian convictions. Let it also mark a period in our lives when we try to be as aware as possible of who we are in God's sight and question the values that hold us back while affirming and strengthening the convictions which lead us in the direction in which we want to go.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we should abstain from all meat, eat the equivalent of two meals rather than three and refrain from eating between meals.

Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence when we should refrain from eating meat.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'Fair wages' not fair to all

Having suffered the recent platitudes and pontifications of the living-wage cheerleaders, I feel compelled to play the hard-nosed conservative Scrooge that I am, and point out that a Notre Dame "living wage" will only hurt all parties involved. (Full disclosure: I am a student employee and am paid the minimum wage.)

Firstly, if we ratchet up workers' pay higher than the market says they're worth, the University, as a rationally self-interested organization, will simply find ways to replace many of them with machinery that can get the job done more cheaply. It won't be as efficient as paying workers their market value, but it would still be more efficient than keeping a lot of overpaid workers. (All students working for the University for under \$11 an hour, take note.) "A man's due" is more accurately determined by market forces than by any one individual or minority.

Secondly, these pay raises will mean less money for future university investment in new research, facilities, faculty, dorms and so on. The University's main purpose is to serve its students with the best learning environment possible, not to be a welfare agency. If many faculty and students feel otherwise, they can start a campus drive to subsidize workers' wages. If we rich Notre Dame students would shrug at paying X more dollars a year for the employees, why don't the "progressives" set an example and ante up? (Maybe we Scrooges will be inspired into action after our moral betters blaze the trail to Notre Dame's version of the Great Society.) Anyway, a voluntary charity drive would be a lot more progressive than pricing most beginning ND employees out of a job.

One final note: Since we love Catholic doctrine, isn't Catholicism about choosing to do the right thing, not being forced or forcing others to do the right thing? Let grinchers like University President Father John Jenkins and the rest of us make our own choices — surely we'll pay dearly for it in Purgatory if we are mistaken, but I rather expect the opposite. I'm just thankful that, at least in this lonely respect, the school administration is placing current and future students first, not a self-defeating agenda that only hurts most those it intends to help.

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## Hourly rate not the only issue

It seems that the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP), and America as a whole, puts too much emphasis on one issue, hourly rate. CLAP needs to step back and look at other issues involved in labor, including stability and benefits.

In my opinion, knowing that your current job will still be there tomorrow, next year and the next decade is more important than what one makes. For instance, I worked as a computer programmer for a company in Ohio for two years. About the same time I was offered a promotion at the company which included tuition reimbursement, I received a graduate assistantship at Miami University. If I had stayed and accepted the new position, I could have made three times more than Miami's offer and still attended graduate school for free, but I left simply because the company was unstable. This became very evident about six months after my departure when the company dissolved and all of my former coworkers became unemployed.

Moreover, working for the same employer for years can lead to larger pensions, increased retirements and better benefits that would not have been possible if the worker was looking simply for a higher-paying job.

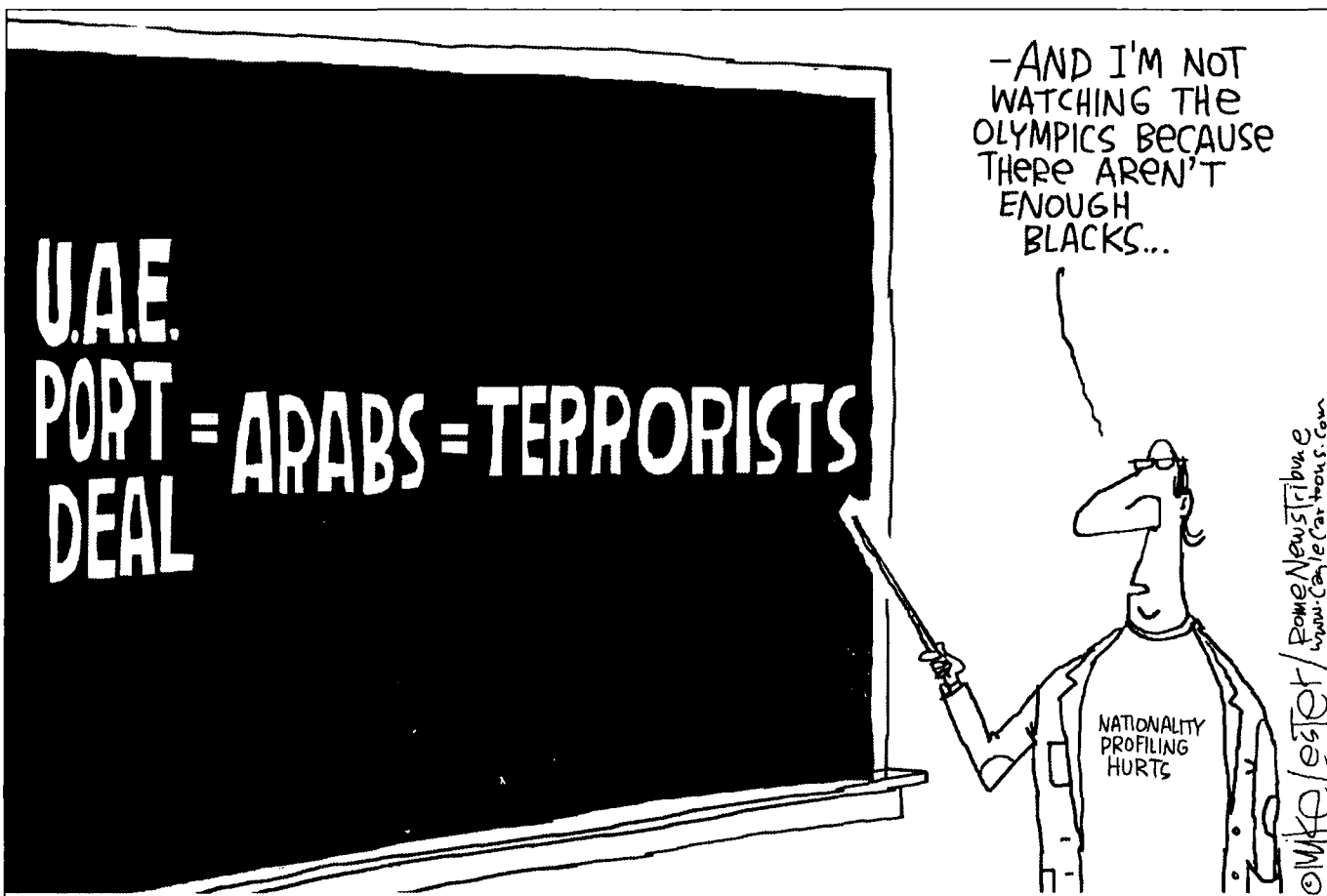
These are things that are called "hidden income" because you miss them by simply looking at the hourly wage. The benefit package, in particular family tuition coverage, that Notre Dame provides is enviable. For instance, my parents saw their three children attend the same private university in Ohio, and, without a doubt, would have stayed the required time at any wage for the opportunity to have our tuition waived or even significantly reduced.

By looking just at the hourly rate, you are missing the big picture. Even though stability and benefits do not show up on the "bottom line," they should definitely be considered and discussed when you make your claims about Notre Dame being unjust.

Something concrete to consider is, would you call a \$15/hour job at an unstable company with no insurance or benefit package just? Moreover, would you accept that position over a \$9/hour job at Notre Dame?

Jon Hauenstein  
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### EDITORIAL CARTOON



PLAY REVIEW

# 'SubUrbia' seeks out lost generation

By ANALISE LIPARI  
Scene Critic

Opening to discordant notes of Green Day and the Offspring, senior Cameron Rains' and the Student Players' production of Eric Bogosian's "SubUrbia" was an hour and forty minutes of racism, politics, social commentary, love and realism that held more true than the vast majority of "teen drama" tripe seen on television today.

The result of over four months of hard work, "SubUrbia" reflects the effort in solid performances nearly cast-wide, smooth production and lighting.

"SubUrbia is a riff on disgruntled youth," actor Steve Hoepflinger said.

The play firmly sticks to this theme of trying to understand what it sees as the world's next "Lost Generation." It does this with a deftly handled sense of humor, packing a punch with both subtlety and flamboyance.

The play opens on its only setting, a Seven-Eleven (or as close as Rains could come to the popular chain without stepping on a copyright infringement) on a street corner in the characters' hometown of Burnfield. Jeff (Mike Anderson) the idealist, Buff (Kyle Bocinsky) the "postmodern idiot savant" and Tim (Hoepflinger) the Air Force veteran discuss Oreos, AIDS, world hunger and cheese in a span of less than ten minutes.

Bogosian's original words handle the conversational ins and outs with both an almost sweet earnestness and a language-laced sense of melodrama. His characters speak in ways that are both subtly true and outrageously over the top, and this seeming dichotomy creates a realistic Gen-X world, framed by his subtle thematic intent.

"I think it has some great messages and really people will laugh, cry and really

think," actress Jordy Brooks said. "Parts of it are so funny that the messages sneak up on you when you don't expect it."

"In its purest form, SubUrbia is a loud, fast, aggressive, rock and roll view of a lost generation of suburban youths in Middle America," Rains said.

The usual corner crowd is then joined by Sooze (Jennifer Betancourt), Jeff's girlfriend and an avid performance artist, and Bee Bee (Brooks), a recovering drug addict. All are chastised for their loitering by the store owner, a Pakistani immigrant named Norman (Waleed Khawaja) and his frustrated wife Pakeeza (Karuna Anantharaman).

It's in their altercations with the store owners that some of the play's deepest themes come to light. Tim, in particular, speaks in the voice of a bitter racist, criticizing the immigrants with the reckless Buff at his side. Hoepflinger and Khawaja provide solid and intriguing counterparts to each other during these episodes.

Sooze breaks their usual trend by wanting to leave Burnfield and head to New York, following her dream of becoming a performance artist. Betancourt's performance of Sooze's piece, a series of monologues under a harsh spotlight, is again an example of Bogosian's emotional power coupled with self-conscious verbosity. It firmly sets up Sooze as one with the drive to escape the pull of the corner, and positions her opposite her sluggish peers, especially a reluctant Jeff.

"Fear of the unknown and of having to either make the right decisions or face the consequences is something that everyone at ND and SMC can relate to," Betancourt said. "I think that subUrbia plays to these fears effectively."

Spurred by the arrival of an old friend, Pony (Kevin McCarthy), a former high school geek turned recently successful rock star, the gang starts examining their own purposes and futures. The play sets



MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

"SubUrbia" portrays the "lost generation" in middle-class America and the issues it faces. The play stars Mike Anderson, right, as the idealistic Jeff.

up a clash between Pony's success and the somewhat aimless lives of his former friends.

"Some have dreams, but they don't pursue them," Elise Yahner, who plays Pony's publicist, said. "They just waste their lives and can't escape the comfort zone of their hometown."

Yahner and McCarthy both serve as more vehicles of change than characters, but the actors handle this well in their good performances.

On a technical note, the lighting in particular is fantastic, playing in time with both script and music and accenting both the environment and the characters' exchanges with an understated but powerful touch.

Ultimately, the message of the work is one of desperation for something more

than the everyday, and Anderson's sweetly idealistic performance captures this perfectly.

"I just want to do something that shatters the world. If I can't do that, I don't want to do anything." Jeff, that main character, said.

"In this we find characters who in dealing with their futures engage themselves with the struggle that is their existence," Rains said.

The final scene of the play is jarringly ambiguous and leaves the viewer both shocked and affected, to the credit of Rains and his talented cast. Each character's fate is unknown, which accomplishes its original, and well-performed, purpose.

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CD REVIEW

# Action Action shines as it defies, avoids clichés

By MICHELE JEFFERS  
Scene Critic

These days it is common for bands on the same record label to keep the work within the family. Failed and frustrated band members often hook up with others to form a new group, hoping a new name and a fresh line-up will open Pandora's box of rock.

But these cases of inbreeding often fail to produce anything more than the same old tune. So when the singer from The Reunion Show and the bassist and guitarist from Count the Stars (both on Victory Records) joined with the drummer of Diffuser, another pop-punk band would be the safely assumed result.

Action Action, however, is greater than the sum of its parts.

In 2004, Mark Kluepfel, Clarke Foley, Adam Manning and Dan Leo formed Action Action and signed with Victory Records. Action Action distinguished itself from the slew of pop-punk bands and sold 50,000 copies of its debut album — "Don't Cut Your Fabric to this Year's Fashion" — in the process. With the release of its sophomore album, "An Army of Shapes Between Wars," Action Action has created a more complex sound. The result is a moody blend of dance-punk and new wave.

Action Action lead vocalist and songwriter Mark Kluepfel has a distinct and penetrating, yet somehow still soothing voice. He has a knack for twisting his stream of consciousness style of singing through vivid metaphors and recurrent images. His songwriting also seems to personify his own mitochondria as revolting against him.

The best comparison to the album would be a Stephen King novel supported by synthesizers. The songs continually refer to dreams, delusions and altered-consciousness. The album's tone is overtly gloomy, but the layered instrumentals save it from being depress-



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Action Action's sophomore album "An Army of Shapes Between Wars" is a strong blend of pop-punk that avoids the typical pitfalls of popular rock.

ing. Songs like "What Temperature Does Air Freeze At" are more whimsical. "Sleep Paralysis" humorously segues into an Atari-esque bit in which the music sounds like a penguin swallowing a fax machine. This song is also featured on an arcade game on the band's Web site, which allows those who play to unlock hidden tracks on the album which each level won.

The best song on the album is "120 Ways To Kill You: An Illustrated Children's Book," a bit of self-irony considering an earlier song asserted that "long and clever titles don't bring a clever song." The song begins with the drums drizzling behind Kluepfel's

distorted voice. The song gradually intensifies as layers of surging vocals and keyboards are added. Other standout tracks include "Smoke and Mirrors," "Paper Cliché" and "The Game."

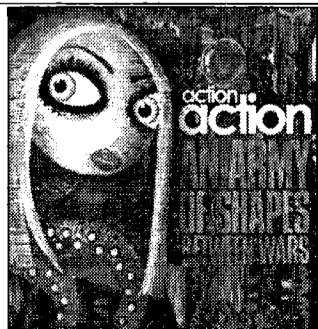
With its style falling somewhere between The Killers and The Flaming Lips, the members of Action Action have surpassed their earlier work. Action Action has managed to create a catchy album that reaches a more substantial depth of meaning while maintaining its pop sensibilities.

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## An Army of Shapes Between Wars

Action Action

Victory Records



Recommended tracks: '120 Ways To Kill You: An Illustrated Children's Book,' and 'Sleep Paralysis'

CD REVIEWS

# Belle and Sebastian blends styles with success

By MOLLY GRIFFIN  
Assistant Scene Editor

The group has released seven studio albums in its 10-year history, along with a variety of live albums and compilations.

"The Life Pursuit," like most of Belle and Sebastian's previous efforts, is an upbeat, catchy and utterly addictive blend of folksy ballads, witty rhymes and a little bit of '60s pop thrown in.

Songs like "For the Price of a Cup of Tea" sound like vintage Belle and Sebastian, but many of the other songs on the album branch out into slightly new musical territory without losing much of the sound that has made them a long-term success.

Belle and Sebastian often incorporate a diverse range of sounds into their music, and "The Life Pursuit" is no different. What makes this album different is the addition of some elements that sound a little more '70s glam rock than what previous efforts have exhibited. Examples of this occur in "White Collar Boy," which has a backbeat similar to

Norman Greenbaum's hit "Spirit in the Sky" and "The Blues are Still Blue," which poses distinct elements of the 1970s glam-band T. Rex.

Many of the other songs on the album sound reminiscent of other genres, but Belle and Sebastian manages to put its



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Belle and Sebastian features seven members and recently released its album "The Life Pursuit." The band blends sounds of '60s pop, glam-rock, and folk.

own unique spin on the pieces. "Funny Little Frog" blends a surprising Motown soul element into its feel, while the surprisingly funky "Sukie in the Graveyard" incorporates organ, tambourine and a wailing guitar solo. The bass-line in "Song for Sunshine" transforms into a soaring chorus, and Act of the Apostle, Pt. 2" has a bit of country twang at its heart.

The slower, languid "Dress Up In You" is different from the generally up-tempo feel of the whole album, but its gently moving rhythm manages to make it seem right at home.

The album's best offerings are the jazzy "White Collar Boy," the funky "The

Blues are Still Blue," the soulful "Funny Little Frog" and the vintage Belle and Sebastian appeal of "For the Price of a Cup of Tea." The songs as a whole are strong, and skipping past any is dependant on mood more than quality.

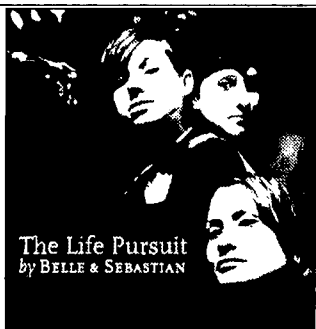
While "The Life Pursuit" has a slightly different sound than the band's previous efforts, it still offers the kind of chipper, heartfelt music fans have come to expect. The band manages to update their sound without betraying it. "The Life Pursuit" offers great songs with a decidedly upbeat flavor, which makes it a satisfying record overall.

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## The Life Pursuit

Belle and Sebastian

Matador Records



Recommended tracks: 'White Collar Boy,' 'The Blues are Still Blue' and 'For the Price of a Cup of Tea'

# Biggie's posthumous effort a money-making mess

By ROQUE STREW  
Scene Critic

Even at the clanging height of rap's storied East Coast-West Coast friction, everything felt imaginary. Then it upgraded from imaginary to real, with the killing of Notorious B.I.G.

Like the death of Marlowe, its whodunit aura would stamp Biggie's ghost into posterity. Like the death of Nietzsche, his death would clear the way for greedy, grisly misappropriation at the hands of surviving kin. What remains — in Biggie's case — is a foggy legacy, obscured by extravagant nostalgia and exploitive meddling. And sadly, Duets: The Final Chapter, his second posthumous release, fails to lift the mists.

Lacking Tupac's copious unreleased output, the executive producers— absurdly credited as Diddy, Biggie's mother, Voletta Wallace and, from beyond the grave, Biggie himself— have had to rely heavily on old material. That means old chestnuts

from Ready to Die, Life After Death and Born Again must resurface alongside material no one's heard before.

Perhaps the album's worst offender, "Wake Up Now" is an enormous misfire, with Korn's empty caterwauling sharing space with the lyrics from "If I Die Before I Wake." Its eerie quality somehow unintentionally makes the song's macabre subject both tackier and more poignant. A better track, thanks to the original song's quality, "Beef" is a throwback to one of the stronger street narratives of Life After Death, finding a seamless vocal synergy in the Mobb Deep-Biggie duo.

Along the same lines, and to horrible effect, the song "Hold Your Head" places Biggie's old song "Suicidal Thoughts" next to an exhumed Bob Marley chorus from "Johnny Was."

Boasting mix-tape DJ Clinton Sparks' production, the song anchored the album's promotional campaign, molding two poignant songs into a single kitschy, morbid danse-macabre double whammy.

Thankfully, a few rays of sunlight somehow puncture through the murk. Produced by Danja, "Whatchu Want" reunites The Commission — New York's microphone royalty, Jay-Z and Biggie — in a famous partnership unheard of since 1996 in "Brooklyn's Finest."

Then the murky tracks return. "Spit Your Game"



Photo courtesy of whatyoulike.nl

The Notorious B.I.G.'s most recent posthumous effort, "Duets: The Final Chapter," features collaborations with some of today's most famous rappers.

is produced by Swizz Beatz, the burned-out superproducer, and proves even he can't engineer a solid blend of Twista and Krayzie Bone's swift styles with Biggie's steadier delivery. The Ruff Ryders-style production just doesn't work.

Elsewhere, the album is peppered with other arbitrary guest choices. Missy, for example, makes an unusually forgettable cameo in "Ultimate Rush." While nobly orchestrated, the North-South combo falls apart in "Breakin' Old Habits," where T.I. and Slim Thug awkwardly jostle with Biggie's stronger rhymes. Assuming a lottery wasn't used, it's rarely clear why certain rappers were selected for "Duets."

Even more mystifyingly, on two tracks, the non-duets aren't even non-duets with Biggie. "The Most Shady" bafflingly corals Eminem, Obie Trice and Diddy — no

sign of Mr. Wallace. He's also conspicuously absent on "I'm Wit' Whatever," which pairs Li'l Wayne with Dipset icons Juelz Santana and Jim Jones. More at home on uptown mix-tapes, the Diplomats' sound is a poor fit with Biggie's late-century Brooklyn aesthetic.

This record's shameless, morose Weekend at Bernie's ethic — propping up a dead man to keep the party going — amounts to an incoherent aesthetic. A geographic mess, "Duets" plays like a set of posse tracks assembled at random.

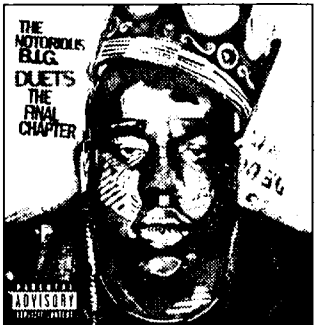
The lack of taste, evident throughout the whole project (the production, the selection of guests, lyrical decisions), is not surprising. But "Duets" is about cashing in at all costs, music be damned.

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## Duets: The Final Chapter

The Notorious B.I.G.

Bad Boy



Recommended tracks: 'Whatchu Want,' 'Beef,' 'The Most Shady' and 'I'm Wit' Whatever'

## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Duke downs Georgia Tech, clinches ACC title

Redick overcomes 2-for-17 opening to score 22 en route to victory, remains nine points away from league record

Associated Press

ATLANTA — As he watched J.J. Redick struggle to find his jump shot, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski could still see everything falling into place.

"I don't think he's ever been 2-of-17, but we just believe that the next shot is your first shot," Krzyzewski said. "To me, that's mental toughness."

Shelden Williams had 26 points and 11 rebounds and Redick overcame a horrid start to score 22 points as the top-ranked Blue Devils beat Georgia Tech 73-66.

The victory gave Duke its 11th Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title under Krzyzewski, but the focus was on Redick, who entered the game with a chance to become the league's career scoring leader.

Redick missed 15 of his first 17 shots, but he did hit the go-ahead jumper with 8:51 remaining.

After Jeremis Smith's fast-break jam gave Georgia Tech a 51-47 lead nearly 3 minutes earlier, Redick missed a 2-foot runner, a jumper inside the free throw line and a fastbreak layup that Josh McRoberts put back to tie it at 53-all with 9:34 to play.

"I never really lost my confidence," Redick said. "I did feel a little pressure. When I missed that layup, I said that it can't get any worse."

Redick needs nine points to break the ACC mark of 2,587 set by Wake Forest's Dickie Hemric 51 years ago. The Blue Devils' next game is Saturday in Philadelphia against Temple.

#### George Washington 77, LaSalle 65

George Washington was going to have extend the nation's longest winning streak without center Pops Mensah-Bonsu. Regis Koundjia stepped right in and the sixth-ranked Colonials didn't miss a beat.

With Mensah-Bonsu, the team's second-leading scorer and rebounder, limited to 13 first-half minutes because of a twisted left knee, Koundjia scored 13 points to lead five George Washington players in double figures in a victory over

La Salle.

"The guys had to respond because they were going into a situation where they hadn't been before," George Washington coach Karl Hobbs said. "We never told them if Pops was coming back or not coming back."

Maureece Rice and Carl Elliott each had 12 points for the Colonials (23-1, 13-0 Atlantic 10), while Mensah-Bonsu and Danilo Pinnock both added 10.

"I think the fact that Pops wasn't out there was really our rallying point because Pops is such a valuable part of this team mentally, physically and emotionally," Pinnock said.

Omar Williams added seven points and seven rebounds for George Washington.

"I challenged Omar, Mike (Hall) and Regis at halftime and told them: 'You haven't scored yet. You guys have got to step up.' And we responded the way we should at home," Hobbs said. "I was very proud of the way we finished the game."

Hobbs said he had "no intentions" of putting Mensah-Bonsu back in the game. Mensah-Bonsu's injury was being evaluated late Wednesday night.

The Colonials' ranking is their best since Feb. 15, 1955, when they were No. 5, the highest in school history.

#### Georgetown 66, Rutgers 50

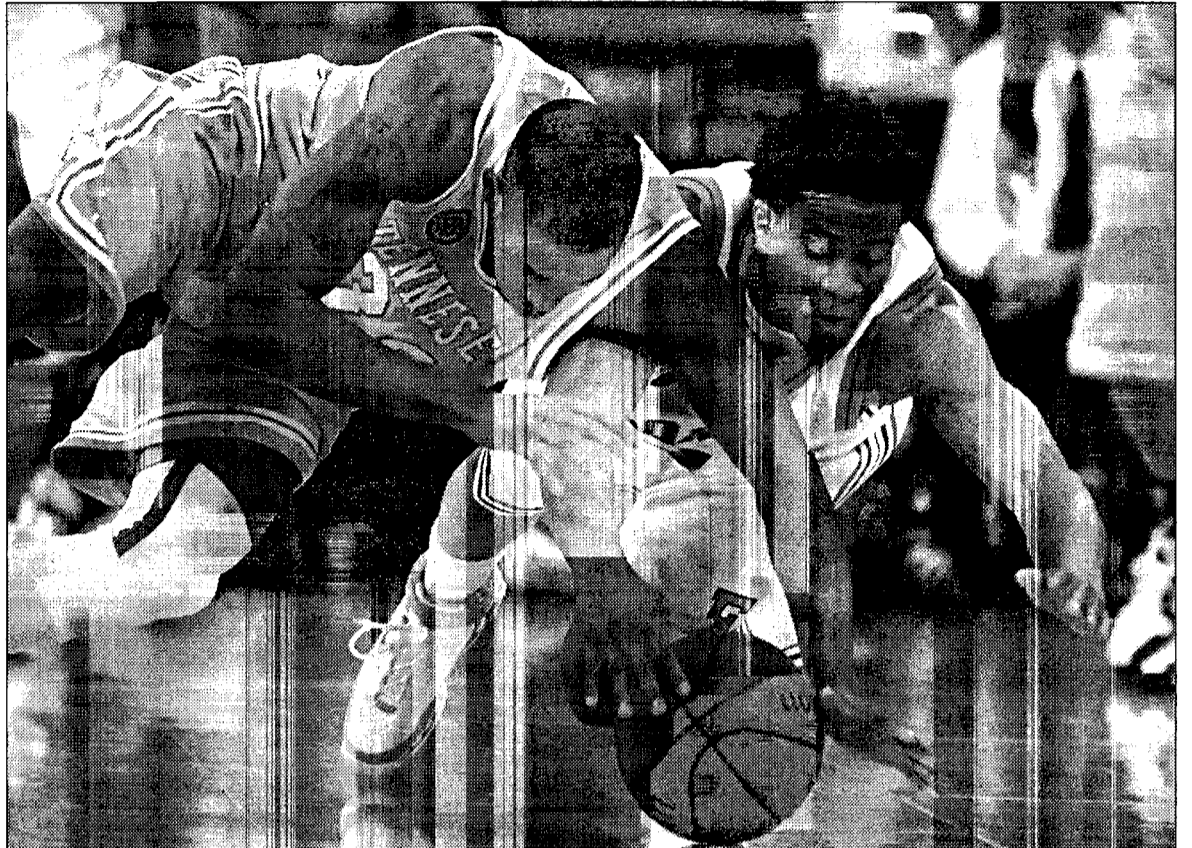
Georgetown coach John Thompson III stood at the podium and spoke like a man who was relieved to have last week and, perhaps, the doubts of last season behind him.

His 23rd-ranked Hoyas had come up with the victory they needed to get back on track for a berth in the NCAA tournament by beating Rutgers.

In the span of seven days, the Hoyas (18-7, 9-5 Big East) dropped three straight to then-No. 9 West Virginia, Marquette and then-No. 4 Villanova.

"We needed that," Thompson said. "Last week was a long week. We really needed that win. I'm very happy that we won."

It was the type of win the Hoyas didn't get at this point last season. After starting 15-7,



Florida guard Taurean Green, right, and Tennessee guard C.J. Watson scramble for a loose ball in the first half of Tennessee's 76-72 victory Wednesday in Gainesville, Fla.

Georgetown lost its last five games of the regular season to derail any chance of making the NCAA tournament.

The importance of Wednesday's win for Georgetown wasn't lost on Rutgers coach Gary Waters, who said he could sense the urgency in the Hoyas at both ends of the court.

"This was do or die for them," he said. "They want to get somewhere and do some things so they came out with some fire, and when you come out with some fire things happen."

The player that Rutgers (15-12, 5-9) couldn't stop was 7-foot-2 center Roy Hibbert, who scored a career-high 25 points on 10-for-13 shooting.

"Roy played well, and as he continues to play well, it's going to make life so much easier on everyone else," Thompson said.

Hibbert's play didn't make life any better for Rutgers. He and Jeff Green helped Georgetown take a 34-20 halftime lead by combining for 20 points in the

first half.

Hibbert asserted himself with a number of layups and short jump-hooks in the first half, and converted a three-point-play with 4:09 left that put the Hoyas ahead 56-42.

"A lot times Roy gets fouled, you hear the frustration out of their mouths, saying 'Man this guy is big,'" said Georgetown guard Darel Owens, who finished with 11 points. "As Roy's teammate, it's kind of funny to sit back and laugh because they get to see what we go through every day in practice."

#### Tennessee 76, Florida 72

Tennessee's Major Wingate stood in front of Corey Brewer, his 6-foot-10 frame and long arms making an inbound pass very difficult. Maybe even impossible.

Brewer was supposed to make two reads and then call a timeout. Instead, he attempted a tough pass around Wingate that turned out to be the difference in the game.

Another turnover, another layup, another loss for Florida.

Dane Bradshaw's layup with 15 seconds to play gave No. 10 Tennessee the lead and the Volunteers went on to a victory over the 12th-ranked Gators.

Bradshaw had a similar closing-minute layup in Tennessee last month when the Volunteers handed Florida its first loss of the season after a 17-0 start.

"Who else would make the play to win the game?" Vols coach Bruce Pearl said. "It was obviously a gamble, but it was one that paid off."

Much like in the first meeting, the Gators (22-5, 8-5 Southeastern Conference) had a shot to win it, but Brewer's turnover pulled Tennessee (20-4, 11-2) pull out another one.

Brewer's inbound pass with 18 seconds remaining was intended for Al Horford. Instead, Bradshaw stole it, spun around Taurean Green near the free throw line and scored the game-winning basket.

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I love you more than a gin rummy is a bore,  
And more than a toothache hurts.

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Or a juggler hates a shove,  
As a hostess detests unexpected guests,  
That's how much you I love.  
I love you more than a wasp can sting,  
And more than the subway jerks,  
I love you as much as a beggar needs a crutch,  
And more than a hangnail irks.

I swear to you by the stars above,  
And below, if such there be,  
As the High Court loathes perjurious oaths,  
That's how you're loved by me.

The Octopus

Tell me, O Octopus, I begs  
Is those things arms, or is they legs?  
I marvel at thee, Octopus;  
If I were thou, I'd call me Us.

The Rhinoceros

The rhino is a homely beast,  
For human eyes he's not a feast.  
Farwell, farewell, you old rhinoceros,  
I'll stare at something less pre-poceros.

The Camel

The camel has a single hump;  
The dromedary, two;  
Or else the other way around.  
I'm never sure. Are you?

The Catsup Bottle

First a little  
Then a lottle

# AROUND THE NATION

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## NBA Standings

### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	GB
New Jersey	29-23	.558	-
Philadelphia	26-27	.491	3.5
Boston	21-32	.396	8.5
Toronto	20-34	.370	10
New York	15-38	.283	14.5

### Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Detroit	43-9	.827	-
Cleveland	32-22	.593	12
Indiana	27-23	.540	15
Milwaukee	27-26	.509	16.5
Chicago	23-29	.442	20

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Miami	34-20	.630	-
Washington	27-25	.519	6
Orlando	19-33	.365	14
Atlanta	16-36	.308	17
Charlotte	14-41	.255	20.5

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Denver	29-26	.527	-
Utah	25-28	.472	3
Minnesota	23-30	.434	5
Seattle	21-34	.382	8
Portland	18-34	.346	9.5

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Phoenix	35-17	.673	-
LA Clippers	30-22	.577	5
LA Lakers	27-26	.509	8.5
Sacramento	25-29	.463	11
Golden State	24-29	.453	11.5

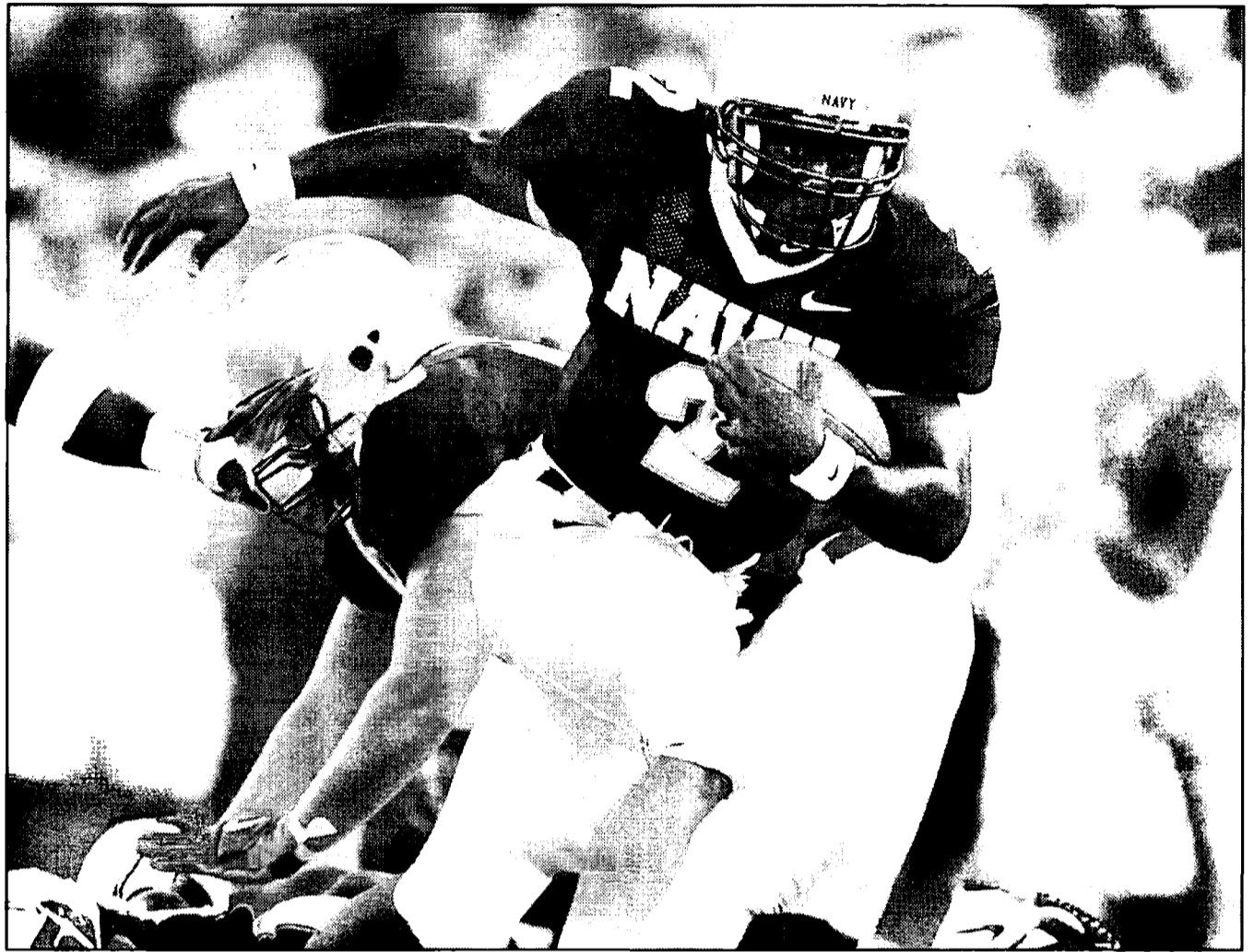
### Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Dallas	42-11	.792	-
San Antonio	41-12	.774	1
Memphis	30-23	.566	12
New Orleans	29-24	.522	13
Houston	22-31	.255	20

## Men's NCAA Basketball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall	streak
Villanova	11-1	21-2	Won 10
Connecticut	11-2	24-2	Won 2
Pittsburgh	9-4	20-4	Lost 1
West Virginia	9-4	18-8	Lost 3
Georgetown	9-5	18-7	Won 1
Marquette	8-5	18-8	Won 2
Syracuse	7-6	19-8	Won 2
Cincinnati	7-6	18-9	Won 2
Selon Hall	7-6	16-9	Lost 2
Louisville	5-8	17-9	Won 2
Providence	5-8	12-12	Lost 1
Rutgers	5-9	15-12	Lost 1
St. John's	5-9	12-13	Won 1
NOTRE DAME	4-9	13-11	Lost 1
DePaul	3-10	10-14	Lost 1
USF	0-13	6-20	Lost 15

## NCAA FOOTBALL



Navy quarterback Lamar Owens runs past defenders in Navy's 38-17 win on November 19, 2005. Owens stands accused of raping a female student last month at the naval academy and is under investigation by naval officials.

## Navy quarterback charged with rape

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Navy quarterback Lamar Owens has been charged with raping a female midshipman in her dormitory room, the academy announced Wednesday.

"These charges are accusations, and Midshipman Owens is presumed innocent until proven otherwise," academy spokesman Cmdr. Rod Gibbons said.

Since the alleged attack last month occurred on academy grounds, Owens was charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and the investigation is being handled by

the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Gibbons said.

The academy did not release the name of the woman. Gibbons said the academy was offering her support and counseling.

Owens, a 22-year-old senior from Savannah, Ga., would not be available to comment, Gibbons said.

"He remains assigned to the Naval Academy and will continue to attend class, performing other duties normally assigned to midshipmen pending results of the investigation," Gibbons said. He said the academy took

steps to prevent contact between Owens and the woman.

An Article 32 hearing, similar to a civilian grand jury inquiry, will be held to determine if there is sufficient evidence to go ahead with the case, Gibbons said.

The military academies have been under scrutiny since 2003, when women at the Air Force Academy in Colorado began coming forward with accusations that they had been sexually assaulted by fellow cadets over the previous decade and were ignored or ostracized by commanders when they spoke

out. A Pentagon task force found that hostile attitudes and inappropriate treatment of women also persisted at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and at the Naval Academy.

Owens guided Navy's football team to an 8-4 season record that included victories over Air Force and Army and a victory in the Poinsettia Bowl over Colorado State.

Scott Strasemeier, head of the Navy's sports information office, said Owens' athletic eligibility is complete. He declined to comment on the allegations.

## IN BRIEF

### Canada, U.S. eliminated from medal contention

TORINO, Italy — Woe, Canada. Goodbye, U.S.

Sweden, Finland, Russia and the Czech Republic secured berths in the men's Olympic hockey semifinals on Wednesday, while Switzerland, Slovakia and two North American heavyweights — Canada and the United States — were sent packing.

It was a stunning loss for Canada, the defending Olympic champion and favorite to repeat.

After two scoreless periods, Alexander Ovechkin converted a power play at 1:30 of the final period, and Alexei Kovalev added another power-play goal with 23 seconds remaining to lift Russia to a 2-0 victory over the Canadians.

"Everybody in my country is jumping and drinking lots of vodka," Ovechkin said.

The win sets up a semifinal showdown Friday with Finland, which improved its record to 6-0 with a 4-3 victory over the Americans. The

Czech Republic faces Sweden in the other semifinal.

The matchups mark the first all-European semifinals since the NHL began sending its players to the Olympics in 1998.

### NCAA to reevaluate tournament selection process

INDIANAPOLIS — When the NCAA tournament selection committee chooses the 65-team field each March, committee members usually rely on schedule strength to make the tough decisions.

This year could be different.

Committee chairman Craig Littlepage said Wednesday that with so few clear-cut choices, imbalanced conference schedules and gridlock in the league standings, the committee's task this season is more daunting.

"We know we are going to face some unusual challenges this year and specifically because of conference realignments," Littlepage said during an hour-long conference call with reporters. "It seems we have some

gridlock at the top or in the middle of conferences. And because there has been some imbalanced conference scheduling, it means some teams might not have played the same schedules."

### Minor-league umpires to be used in WBC

NEW YORK — While many of the best players are getting ready for the first World Baseball Classic, it appears the top umpires won't be calling the tournament.

Talks between Major League Baseball and its umpires' union broke down Wednesday. The commissioner's office also has been negotiating with the Association of Minor League Umpires, and minor league umpires are likely to officiate the 16-nation tournament, which runs from March 3-20.

"As of today's date, at this point it does not appear that major league umpires will be working the World Cup," World Umpires Association president John Hirschbeck said.

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Wisconsin at Northwestern, 8 p.m., ESPN2

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Sacramento at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., TNT

### PGA TOUR

Chrysler Classic, 5 p.m., USA

PGA

# Tiger dominates first round match

Woods defeats Ames after 10 holes of play

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Arms crossed, staring into the soul of his opponent, Tiger Woods looked as though he was wrapped up in one of those nerve-racking moments that define the Match Play Championship.

Far, far from it.

Ruthless to the end until his name was in the record books Wednesday, Woods won the first nine holes — seven of them with birdies — and closed out Stephen Ames as early as mathematically possible, 9 and 8.

"It's been a while since I played one like that," Woods said with a smile.

He didn't have to look far for motivation.

Ames was on the practice range Monday afternoon when he was asked if he would take a carefree attitude into his match against the No. 1 player in the world because not many expected him to win. Ames shook his head.

"Anything can happen," Ames said, breaking into a big smile. "Especially where he's hitting the ball."

Woods apparently took his comments seriously. As he climbed into a van behind the 10th green after halving the hole with pars, he was asked he had seen what Ames said.

"Yes."

Did it motivate him?

"Yes."

Asked if he cared to elaborate, Woods smiled.

"No."

His golf spoke volumes, from an approach into 5 feet for a birdie that was conceded, to an 18-foot birdie on the second hole that hung on the lip for a few seconds before falling.

Ames never had a chance.

"Tiger played exceptionally well," Ames said. Then he

looked over to confer with Woods on how many birdies he made on the front nine and he added with heavy sarcasm, "It was a rough nine for Tiger."

"If he continues playing the way he's playing, he should walk away with this — easily," Ames said.

Not everything is easy in the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Ernie Els returned to La Costa Resort for the first time in three years and left with a familiar result, losing on the 18th hole to 48-year-old Bernhard Langer. The Big Easy has never made it out of the second round at La Costa.

The other top seeds, Vijay Singh and Retief Goosen, had no problem, and Phil Mickelson (No. 5) had to go 18 holes before getting rid of Charles Howell III.

But it was particularly tough for Scott Verplank, who matched the tournament record by going 26 holes before he finally got past Lee Westwood of England.

Verplank spent six hours on the course, and was told that Woods was out there for only two hours.

"I worked three times as hard as him," he said. "I was thinking that if I won today, I'd probably practice a little bit. But I think I already did. So I'm done."

He wasn't alone.

Seven matches went extra holes, breaking by one the record set in the first round two years ago.

Colin Montgomerie was 4 up through eight holes on Niclas Fasth before he started losing holes, not to mention momentum, and the Scot found himself trailing with three holes to play. He caught Fasth on the 16th hole with a par, then put him away with a par on the 23rd hole.

"It doesn't matter what hole, it's nice to win," he said. "Match play is a lottery, a crazy game."

NBA

# Francis traded to Knickerbockers

Guard joins Marbury in crowded backcourt

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Steve Francis was traded Wednesday from the Orlando Magic to the last-place New York Knicks, who hope that pairing him in the backcourt with Stephon Marbury will help turn around the team's dismal season.

The Knicks sent Penny Hardaway and Trevor Ariza to Orlando. Though Marbury and Francis essentially play the same position, the Knicks are confident it will work out.

"We just want ballplayers," New York coach Larry Brown said. "I don't get caught up in positions. I think Steve is strong enough to guard 2s and quick enough to guard 1s."

Francis was averaging 16.2 points to lead the Magic, but the star guard has feuded with coach Brian Hill this season.

By dealing him for Hardaway's expiring contract, the Magic will get salary cap relief after this season and will be in even better position when Grant Hill's deal expires next year.

"We'll miss Steve in a lot of ways," Orlando assistant general manager Otis Smith said. "We'll miss the passion he brought for the game, we'll miss the energy he brought for the game, but I think we'll be better off in the future."

New York was 15-37 entering Wednesday night's game against Miami and had the second-worst record in the NBA. Orlando was 19-33, third in the Southeast Division. Both teams have been active before Thursday's 3 p.m. EST trade



Knicks guard Steve Francis, center, poses with head coach Larry Brown, left, and President of Basketball Operations Isiah Thomas Wednesday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

deadline.

Though the Knicks have been rumored to be involved in other trades, president Isiah Thomas said the team could be done dealing unless the right offer comes along.

"I would say that right now we're pretty satisfied with where we are," he said. "I don't think we will be actively out shopping and trying to make a deal or anything like that."

The Magic were in New Jersey to play the Nets, and Francis made the short trip across the river to Madison Square Garden to appear at a press conference before the Knicks played the Heat. He was listed as inactive and did not appear in the game.

"We both can complement each other," Francis said,

referring to Marbury. "Everybody has to pretty much feed off each other."

Agent Jeff Fried said Francis will take whatever role the Knicks choose.

"Steve's excited as can be," Fried told The Associated Press. "He's just excited to get there and perform."

Though the trade increases what is already is the league's highest payroll next season, the Knicks needed to make a move to have any chance to salvage what has been a dismal first season under Brown. New York had won only two of its last 18 games.

"It brings another ball handler and scorer and another great personality to our team," Knicks rookie Channing Frye said. "That's very important for us."

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WINTER OLYMPICS — TURIN

# Ohno advances to short-track 500-meter quarterfinals

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Apolo Anton Ohno had a short night at the short track. It was good enough to give him a shot at another medal.

Ohno safely advanced from his heat in the 500 meters Wednesday and will go to the final night of competition with two chances to add to the bronze he has already won at these Winter Olympics.

Even though he was heavily favored to move on, Ohno didn't take anything for granted in the shortest of short track events. His relief was apparent when he crossed the line, his right fist in the air and a big smile just above his soul patch.

Forty-three seconds after the gun went off, he was done for

the night. This was his only race.

"It's my last week of the games and it's been a long time since I enjoyed a 500 meters like that," he said.

The 23-year-old star, who has the only American short track medal of these games, moved on to the quarterfinals of the 500 Saturday night. He's also part of the 5,000 relay team, which already qualified for the final.

Ohno was third off the starting line, but he dipped inside coming off a turn to get past two skaters with less than two laps to go. He crossed the line comfortably ahead of Italy's Roberto Serra.

While clearly the most accomplished of the four skaters in his heat, Ohno was

wary of Serra, who had the home crowd rooting him on, and Japan's Takafumi Nishitani, the 500 gold medalist at Nagano eight years ago.

"Every country has a good 500-meter skater, so everybody has a good start," Ohno said. "It's all about explosiveness."

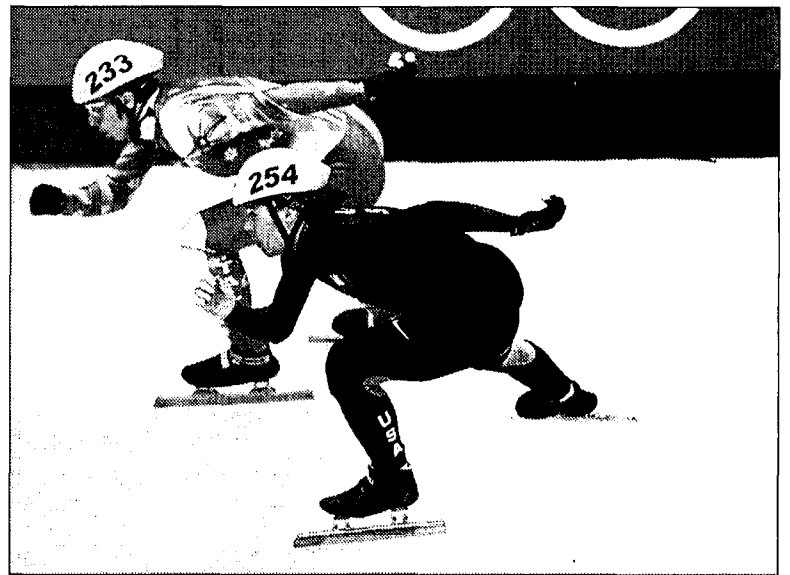
Unlike the longer events, which often start out slow while the skaters set up their strategy and conserve energy, the 500 is basically an all-out sprint where the slightest slip can knock a skater out.

Four years ago in Salt Lake City, Ohno was taken out by a crash on the final turn of the 1,000, but still managed to crawl across the line for silver. Then, after finishing second again in the 1,500, he was bumped up to gold when a South Korean skater was disqualified for an illegal block.

In Ohno's first event of these Olympics, he bumped another skater from behind, nearly fell and wound up being eliminated in the semifinals of the 1,500.

He settled for bronze in the 1,000 after South Korea's Lee Ho-suk made a brilliant pass for second place coming off the next-to-last turn.

Another U.S. skater, Anthony Lobello, crashed out of his 500 heat. The first-time Olympian from Tallahassee, Fla., was in second place when he got low coming through the turn, only to lose his edge and slam into



America's Apolo Anton Ohno, bottom, pursues Italy's Roberto Serra in the men's 500-meter heat in short-track speedskating Wednesday.

the boards.

"I was on line and the ice broke out," Lobello said, meaning it cracked in a soft spot. "There's not anything I can do about it when the ice breaks out."

The 175-pound Lobello believes his weight worked against him.

"You can find a soft patch," he said. "I'm probably one of the heaviest skaters out there."

Ahn Hyun-soo of South Korea stayed on course for a short track sweep with a dominating victory in his 500 heat.

He already has won the first two men's gold medals, and he'll go for two more Saturday.

The women's 3,000 relay was the only medal event on Wednesday. South Korea picked up its fourth short track gold of the Turin Games, while Canada claimed the silver. Italy received the bronze when China was disqualified for impeding in a turn.

The Americans won the consolation final to finish fourth overall.

In the women's 1,000, both U.S. skaters safely advanced from their heats.

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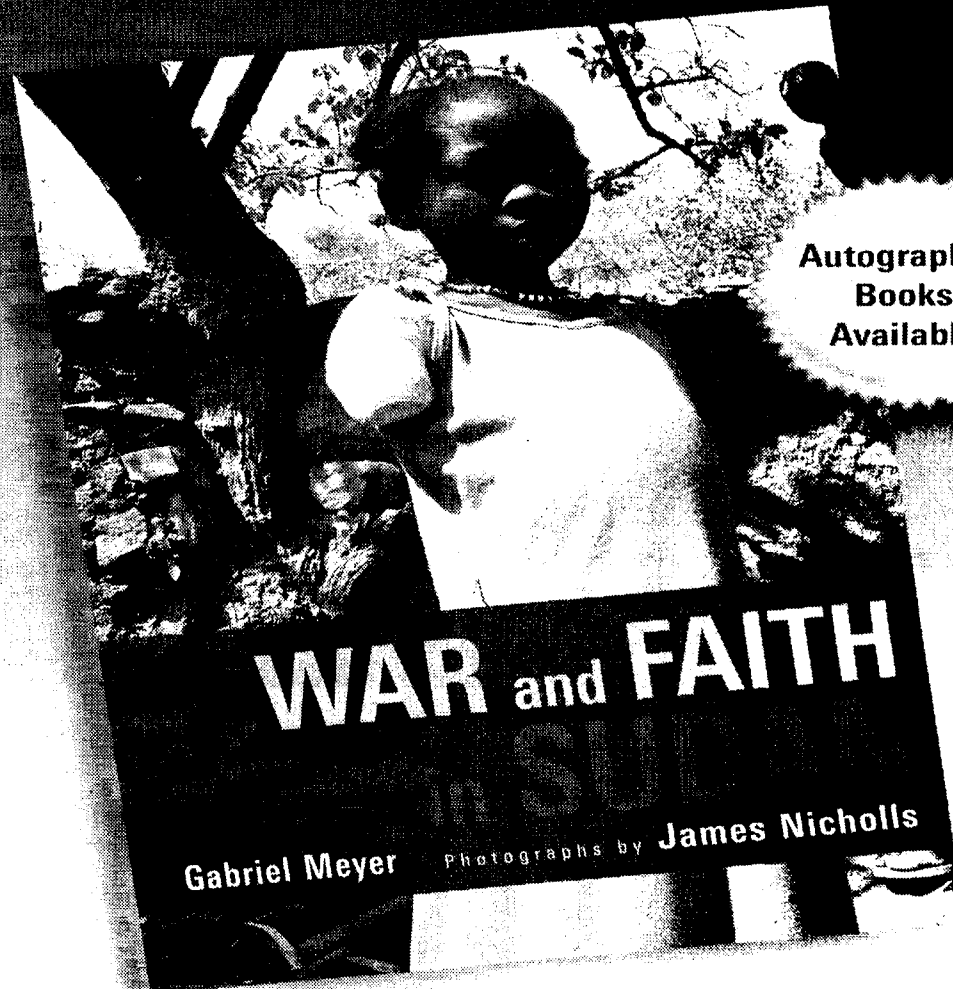


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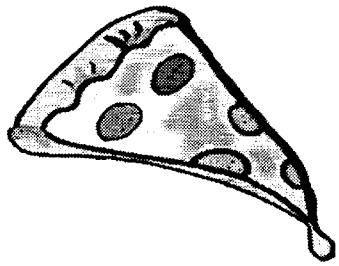
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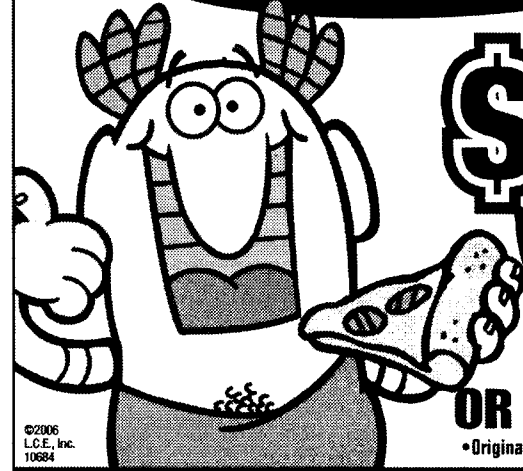
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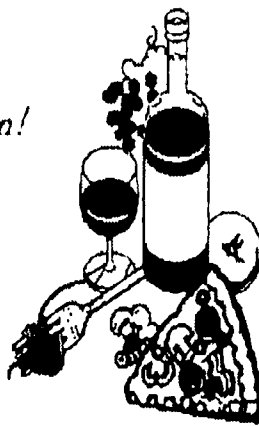
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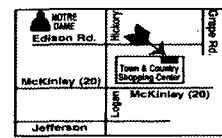
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**BENGAL BOUTS**

# Seasoned veterans dominate second night of preliminaries

*Albonetti's strong start prevents late McEnery comeback; Ragukonis combo sits Burns; O'Brien defeats Belatti*

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writer

A strong third round from Billy "The Kid" McEnery was not enough to overcome Phil "Papa Bull" Albonetti's early dominance, as he went on to win the split decision.

Albonetti trapped his opponent in the corner for the majority of the first round, scoring points with quick jabs as McEnery struggled to work his way out of the trap. Albonetti all but clinched the win in the second round with overpowering punches.

**Patrick "Mountain Ryan" Ryan v. Andrew "Rage" Massari**

Alumni freshman Andrew Massari took control of his fellow classmate Patrick Ryan from the beginning. A strong mix of body- and head-shots kept Ryan guessing throughout the first round and allowed Massari to stay on the offensive throughout.

"Mountain Ryan" came out swinging in the third round and landed a few solid punches. But the early assault from Massari had worn him down, and "Rage" secured the unanimous decision.

**Alex "Fiesta" Borowiecki v. Christopher "The Canadian Crippler" Jordan**

Alex Borowiecki fell to Christopher Jordan in a split decision between the 165-pounders despite drawing blood in the first round.

Two big right hooks to start off the second round for "The

Canadian Crippler" put him in a solid position. Jordan took advantage of his reach and kept his opponent at a distance for the rest of the fight. Borowiecki used his speed to keep the match even, but in the end it was not enough to overcome the long right jabs of Jordan.

**Adam "Steel Goat" Burns v. Frank Ragukonis**

In arguably the most physical of the preliminary round bouts, both fighters came out fired up for an exciting first round. Adam Burns and Frank Ragukonis landed several punches, but Burns felt the punches more. The referee had to stop the fight twice in the first round.

The second round did not go much better for Burns. Ragukonis led with a strong four-punch combo that bloodied Burns' nose and ended the fight. It was officially called a split decision victory for the hometown sophomore Ragukonis.

**Josh "Critical Pressure" Hammack v. Mike "Drunken Sailor" Hazlebeck**

In a bout that featured two very different fighting styles, Mike "Drunken Sailor" Hazlebeck landed enough punches to secure a split decision.

Hammack kept calm in the center of the ring for most of the fight as Hazlebeck circled him with furious, sporadic attacks. "Critical Pressure" was able to fight off many of these attempts, but in the second and third rounds Hazlebeck connected on multiple combina-

tions that dislodged Hammack's headgear.

The assault was enough to win one of the closest fights of the night.

**Brad Amiri v. Nazur "Naz" Ahmed**

Graduate student Brad Amiri kept Nazur Ahmed at bay with his jabs long enough to earn a split decision — and a berth into the quarterfinals next week.

The relentless Ahme was able to successfully work his way into the mid-section of his opponent a few times, especially in the later rounds. In the end, Amiri mixed large hooks and landed jabs as "Naz" attempted to work his way into the taller boxer.

**Dillon Murphy v. Stephen "The Wrecker" Klein**

Morrissey's Stephen Klein landed a series of big right hooks in the second round to win the first 170-pound fight.

In the first round, both boxers traded blows while trading momentum. But in the next round "The Wrecker" lived up to his nickname by sending Murphy back to his corner with a standing eight count. Murphy, a graduate student from South Bend, finished the round, but the referee stopped the fight before the third round began, awarding Klein the victory.

**Michael "Liberator" O'Connell vs. Hugh "The Christian Rite" Monahan**

Hugh Monahan's strong blocking technique was not enough to hold off the barrage of punches from Michael

O'Connell, who defeated the Fisher freshman in a split decision.

The match was close throughout all three rounds with Monahan consistently countering his opponent's attacks. In the end, O'Connell's experience allowed him to land enough punches to make it through the first round.

**O'Neil Peart vs. Tim Flannery**

Keough's O'Neil Peart won a unanimous decision over freshman Tim Flannery.

Flannery moved well early to keep himself out of trouble but was never really able to make any sustained aggressive moves. His constant motion worked against him later in the match, as Peart was visibly fresher going into the third round.

Peart left no doubt in the final round, landing a series of combinations that earned him the win.

**Ryan Simmons vs. Brian Kantor**

In a battle between two Keough freshmen, Brian Kantor came away with the judges' unanimous decision.

The fight started slow as the rookie fighters felt each other out by trading short jabs from a safe distance. Both boxers turned up the intensity for the remainder of match, but Kantor led the way. His combinations were too quick for Simmons, who found himself on the losing end of the final 170-pound bout.

**Andy "Doogie" Houser vs. Tim "Rainbow Right" Rippinger**

Andy "Doogie" Houser came out strong in the early rounds and was able to hang on for the split decision victory.

Rippinger did his best to move in and out for just long enough to land a few punches on Houser. "Doogie" was able to avoid many of the attacks, especially a huge right hook that he barely ducked under in the second round. Rippinger fought hard late but was unable to put together enough of a fight to recover from Houser's strong start.

**Sturges Lochridge vs. Michael "Double Meat" Tallarico**

With 30 seconds remaining in the final round, Lochridge landed a barrage of punches that forced the referee to stop the fight and award him with the victory.

The win was not a knockout because Tallarico was able to get up but not in good enough shape to finish the fight. Lochridge looked strong through all three rounds as he wore down the shorter "Double Meat."

The fight was stopped twice in the second round for a standing eight count and to clean up a bloody nose but was officially ended with the punishing third-round blow from the Knott Hall senior.

**Pat "Ultimate Assassin" Nagorski vs. Brian Bylica**

In the quickest fight of the night, Brian Bylica established himself as a serious threat to win his 180-pound division.

The senior from Darien, Ill. took only 30 seconds and one quick flurry of punches to take care of Nagorski. Bylica's fists were flying as soon as the bell rang. Nagorski never had a chance to defend himself. The referee quickly stopped the fight as the Alumni senior looked woozy. After consulting the ringside doctor, the referee called the fight.

**Ben O'Brien vs. Greg Belatti**

Sophomore Ben O'Brien advanced to the quarterfinals with a victory over senior Greg Belatti.

Belatti came out strong in the first round with a loud crowd at his back. But it was quickly evident that O'Brien was in better shape, and he began to wear down Belatti.

In the third round, O'Brien landed a monster uppercut that sent Belatti to the ground and caused the referee to call the fight. The big blow came with one minute remaining in the final round.


**Leo "The Quiet Man" Rubinkowski vs. Eric "Just So Hungry" Retter**

In the final fight of the night, two Stanford Griffins battled for a chance to make it to the next round. Retter, a junior, came away with the unanimous decision.

Despite Rubinkowski's large height advantage, Retter jumped out to an early lead with an impressive first round. Momentum carried into the second, as he landed an immediate forceful right. "The Quiet Man" held his own, but ultimately Retter was too much for the freshman.

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## Baseball

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Mainieri said earlier this month. "Hopefully [my] 12th season will bring us more fond moments."

The game is the first of four at USA Stadium for the Irish, who finished 2005 with a 38-24-1 record — the first time the team did not win 40 or more games in a decade. Indiana State finished 30-20 in 2005 and did not make an NCAA regional. The Irish also will play games on Friday against Air Force, Saturday against Memphis and Sunday against Oklahoma in the Service Academies Classic.

Mainieri will hand the ball to senior southpaw Tom Thornton this afternoon to shut down the Sycamores, who have a lineup that includes star junior catcher Nevin Ashley. Ashley batted .328 with one home run and 41 RBI last season. Outfielder Tim Brewster will protect Ashley in the lineup. Brewster hit .317 with two homers and 22 RBI in 2005.

The precise Thornton enters the game with a career ERA of 3.74 with 146 strikeouts to just 57 walks in more than 250 innings pitched. He will be the first pitcher in a rotation that includes right-handed juniors Jeff Samardzija (8-1, 3.89 in 2005) and Jeff Manship (2-1, 3.97) and sophomore lefty.

"Our veteran pitching rotation ... will be a key to our success," Mainieri said at the team's Opening Night fan event on Monday, Feb. 6.

Sophomore 6-foot-5 right-hander Ryan Tatusko will deal to a balanced and veteran Notre Dame lineup that includes cleanup first baseman and two-time Big East batting champion Craig Cooper and catcher Sean Gaston, who hit .293 with 28 RBI and 27 runs scored in 2005. All nine probable starters for the Irish saw started for at least a substantial portion of last season.

The Observer was unable to contact Mainieri for this article.

### Notes:

Indiana State leads the Irish 7-5 in the all-time series. The two teams last met on March 27, 1996, a 5-4 victory for Notre Dame. The Irish are 7-1 in their last eight season openers.

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## Hockey

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"It's had its share of ups and downs," Mike Walsh said of his career at Notre Dame. "There's probably no place I'd rather be, though. Just the experience of playing for Notre Dame and the people that I've played with, I'll never forget it."

Trick said the Irish need to focus on their two-game set with the Nanooks amidst the feeling of nostalgia in the minds of Notre Dame's seniors. The series will be crucial for the home ice advantage in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) playoffs.

"It will probably be an emotional weekend, but I hope not because we need to pick up some points and get a playoff series at home," Trick said. "Then we can extend our 'last games' a couple weeks."

The seniors have seen considerable change in their time under the Golden Dome. After their junior year, former coach Dave Poulin left the job to take a position in the athletic department and was replaced by current coach Jeff Jackson. The class of 2006 sees itself as creating a foundation for a program that can compete nationally. University officials are reportedly considering much-needed upgrades to the Joyce Center with input from players and coaches.

"We're laying some footsteps for people to come in and make this a place where hockey is a big thing," Amado said.

### Tim Wallace

Wallace has played in all of Notre Dame's 149 games since he arrived in 2002. He is Notre Dame's all-time leader in consecutive games played.

Wallace has 24 career goals at Notre Dame. He has scored 10 this season, the highest sea-

son total in his four-year career.

The Alaska native spent two years in the U.S. National Team developmental program, winning the U-18 World Championships in 2000 before coming to South Bend.

### Mike Walsh

The New York Rangers drafted Walsh in 2002, making him the only senior signed to an NHL team.

He has 25 career goals and is tied with Wallace for the second highest goal total this season with 10.

The Detroit native's career at Notre Dame got off to a slow start. He broke his jaw in an exhibition game before his freshman season and missed six weeks with mononucleosis later in the year. His first career goal was a game winner against Lake Superior State three weeks after returning the lineup.

### Chris Trick

Trick is the lone graduating defenseman for Notre Dame. He has been effective in killing opponents' scoring chances his entire career, but has earned other accomplishments off the ice.

The Novi, Mich. native was nominated for this year's Ilitch CCHA Humanitarian Award, given annually for exceptional performance on and off the ice.

"It's been a bumpy road at times but it's been fun," Trick said. "A few of us were talking the other day, we still remember the first time we played here. It doesn't seem like that long ago."

### Matt Amado

Amado, the senior class's lone Canadian, has been prolific scorer for the Irish his entire career. The Langley, British Columbia native has scored 23 goals in his career, including a



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Irish forward Mike Walsh moves the puck against Ferris State Feb. 10. The New York Rangers drafted Walsh in 2002.

career-high eight this season.

The center was a multi-sport athlete coming out of high school when he was named MVP of both the basketball and volleyball teams.

"It's gone pretty quickly," Amado said of his career. "Four years, you don't expect it to go by that quickly. I'm proud of what we've done."

### Rory Walsh

Walsh has been a reserve goaltender for most of his Notre Dame career, but he says he has no regrets about his role.

"I had some unbelievable goaltenders in front of me my four years here," he said. "I appreciate the ability to be out here on a Division I level."

Walsh has made six career appearances, including two starts during his sophomore

year, when he went 1-1.

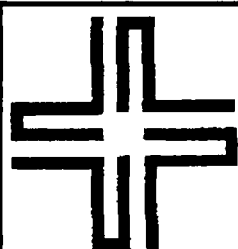
### Tony Gill

Gill, a 5-foot-10, 184-pound center has seen limited action during his Irish career, but he has managed to net two career goals and make some lasting memories.

"It's been a lot of fun here," Gill said. "We've got a great group of guys. I think my favorite memory is either my first assist against Michigan State my freshman year or killing a penalty at the end of a game against Ohio State."

The Irish will be in action Friday and Saturday against Alaska-Fairbanks at the Joyce Center. The seniors will be honored on the ice after Saturday's contest.

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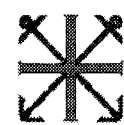


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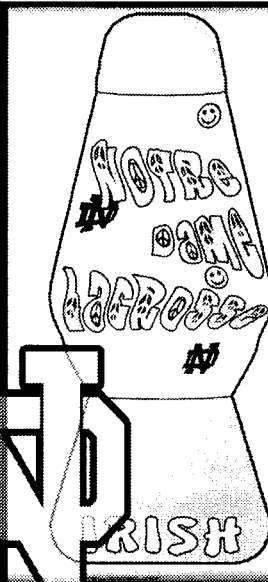
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# Tennis

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at Memorial Hospital. She began following the women's tennis team after Harold Swanagan, coordinator of student welfare and development at Notre Dame, paired Leidy with the squad in a program called Fighting Irish Fight for Life.

The women's team spends time with the child, taking her to movies, bowling allies and welcoming her for home matches.

"Doing something outside the tennis court really helps to unify the team," senior captain Lauren Connelly said. "It is inspiring to see someone so inspired to watch us play. This makes us want to play well for her."

Her mother said Emma's affection for the team has grown with its consistent generosity.

"They gave her a gift card to Build-A-Bear Workshop for Christmas," Leann Leidy said. "But it had to have a tennis outfit, racket and balls because her tennis girls gave it to her. She goes around saying she wants to be a tennis player when she grows up. She adores them."

Emma Leidy was diagnosed with leukemia in June 2004 when she was just 3 years old. What first appeared as just flu symptoms worsened into the biggest shock the family had ever experienced.

"Nobody in our family has had it before," Leann Leidy said. "So it came as a huge surprise because we thought she had the flu and it wouldn't go away."

Soon after Emma's diagnosis, the family's focus turned to chemotherapy, bone marrow treatments and long hospital stays. Emma's older brothers Kenton, 11, and Braeden, 8, were forced to make the biggest adjustments.

"It was hard at first because [Kenton and Braeden] were left out and everything was about Emma," Leann Leann said. "We



Photo courtesy of Lauren Connelly

Members of the women's tennis team pose with Emma Leidy, a 5-year-old with leukemia whom the team supports.

were constantly at the hospital and having chemo."

Once Emma's brothers understood their sister's situation, they and the rest of their classes raised pennies to donate to the pediatric clinic. But the opportunity to spend time with the Notre Dame women's tennis team has lifted Emma's spirits most.

"There has been a lot of support for Emma," Leann Leidy said. "But as far as really being there for her, nothing [compares to what] the girls have been doing in all the outings. They have really focused on Emma."

In addition to seeing the film 'Hoodwinked' and getting personal tennis lessons, Emma also has gone shopping with the team at the Notre Dame Bookstore.

Emma has grown to love the University through these activities.

"Emma wanted to go to the bookstore, so a few [team members] met with us to shop with her and she found cool Notre Dame stuff," Leann Leidy said. "She wanted one of everything."

And the team also has taken a more serious role in Emma's life. Last fall, Lauren Connelly went with the Leidy family to Emma's spinal tap.

"I wanted to see what a kid

her age had to go through," Connelly said. "But it was great to see her attitude about it because she had a smile the whole time. It was really neat to see how she can take a situation like this and make it into something good."

This team dedication has given Leann Leidy a deeper appreciation for their contribution to her daughter's life.

"Whenever she sees them all, she goes up and hugs them," she said. "It is really awesome to see these girls have an interest in her. They have given Emma a chance to grow up."

"But it is also good for the [tennis team] because here is this little girl going through this horrible stuff, and she has cancer, and she is a survivor."

Irish senior Kelly Nelson draws inspiration from the 5-year-old child and friend.

"She is so brave about her treatments. She keeps such a positive outlook," Nelson said. "I think that is very refreshing for us to be around her. She counts on us, and that gives us more of a purpose behind our competition."

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# WVU

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Hall.

"I love them. I think they look cute," Allen said in a CSTV radio interview. "They're green — they're pretty. The guys came out in their black, so we come out in our green."

Notre Dame (15-10, 6-8 Big East) got off to a slow start and was out rebounded 24-11 in the first half. The Irish made just nine field goals in that stretch and only 4-of-7 from the foul line. But Notre Dame kept the game close, trailing West Virginia (12-13, 4-10) 28-24 at half.

"I didn't think we were playing hard," McGraw said. "In the first half, I was really disappointed in the whole team."

Notre Dame improved its offense in the second half. Courtney LaVere made a transition layup 23 seconds into the half, and Duffy hit a 3-pointer 40 seconds later to give the Irish the lead.

West Virginia forward Olayinka Sanni responded with an old fashioned 3-point play on the ensuing possession to regain the Mountaineers' lead.

The two teams traded the lead over the next five minutes until Allen hit a 3-pointer with 13:18 left to put the Irish up 43-42 — one which they would not relinquish.

"The second half, I thought it was a major turnaround," McGraw said. "We got the right people shooting the right shots."

A Megan Duffy 3-pointer expanded Notre Dame's lead to 48-44 with 10:54 remaining.

The shot started a 12-4 run over four and a half minutes that gave the Irish a 57-48 cushion.

Notre Dame shot 18-of-29 (62 percent) from the field in the second half, including 5-of-9 (56 percent) from 3-point range.

"We were aggressive offensively [in the second half], and I think that's why we made shots," McGraw said. "We were moving [the ball] well."

The Irish improved its perimeter defense following its 79-64 loss to Connecticut. Notre Dame held West Virginia to 3-of-13 from 3-point range three days after Connecticut shot 10-of-19.

Notre Dame is currently on the NCAA tournament bubble.

Associate head coach Coquese Washington said the importance of the game, combined with the new green jerseys, motivated the Irish against West Virginia.

"It's almost like we're in the Big East Tournament right now," Washington said in a CSTV radio interview after the game. "Every game when we step on the court, it's for [a spot in] Big East Tournament play and NCAA Tournament play."

Allen, who was averaging 8.4 points and 4.5 rebounds before the West Virginia game, agreed with Washington's assessment.

"We needed a win so bad," she said. "Every game now is important to us.... I'm playing every game like it's the playoffs, like it's going to be our last game."

Notre Dame plays at Cincinnati Saturday at 2 p.m.

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**Charel Allen**  
Irish guard

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# Fights

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Hicks came out hungry in the second, landing multiple combinations against Ford. Hicks could not contain himself, as he speared Ford to the mat, leading to a warning.

Both fighters showed signs of fatigue by the third round. Hicks fought back with his combinations. But his third round performance was not enough to overcome Ford's dominance in the first two rounds.

## Anthony Schweiss v. Greg Vallejos

The second fight of the night featured a strong match between junior Anthony Schweiss and freshman Greg Vallejos, which Schweiss won in a split decision.

Vallejos came out strong in the first round, forcing him against the ropes. Schweiss had to fight defensively for much of this round and had trouble connecting any of his punches.

Schweiss and Vallejos traded punches in the second round. Vallejos was cut early on.

Schweiss won in the third round, coming out strong and delivering constant blows on Vallejos. Vallejos could not stop the attack and could only defend but not retaliate.

## Bryan Marek v. Daniel Florin

Junior Bryan Marek came out strong against freshman Daniel Florin, relentlessly attacking him on the way to a split decision victory.

Marek's attacks were vicious as he knocked Florin down in the first round. Marek forced Florin to stay on the move to avoid his constant aggression.

Marek continued to work the body in the second round, keeping Florin on defense while still throwing his untamed fists.

The third round was an entirely different story, with Florin finally taking the offensive against Marek. The turnaround was due mostly to Florin's ability to finally avoid Marek and deliver his own counterattack.

But Florin was too defensive in the first two rounds and could not overcome this deficit in the third, losing the split decision.

## Jack Carroll v. Nathan Dyer

In the only knock out in the first set of matches, the referee stopped the fight in the second round to save freshman Jack Carroll from the beating he received from junior Nathan Dyer.

Carroll had the advantage in height and reach over Dyer, but he could not overcome Dyer's strength and speed. Dyer was dominant throughout the entire fight, raining blows on Carroll, which led to a knock down early in the first and a standing-eight count shortly thereafter. The

fight was in danger of ending in the first, but the bell saved Carroll.

In the second, Dyer came out just as strong, continuing his onslaught of punches to the head and body of Carroll. Only thirty seconds into the second round, the referee stopped the fight.

## Andrew Litschi v. Keita Miyamura

The third fight was a blowout for senior Andrew Litschi over junior Keita Miyamura by unanimous decision.

Litschi was quicker, stronger and taller than Miyamura, allowing him to move in quickly, deliver his attack and then move out. Miyamura was not able to adequately respond to the attack. This enabled Litschi to work the head and body for most of the first round.

In the second, Miyamura came out strong with wild punches to try and put Litschi on the defensive. This plan backfired for Miyamura, leaving him too tired to defend himself and unable to stop Litschi's counterattacks. Miyamura was given a standing eight count in the second and was pummeled even more in the third. Litschi's dominance led to a unanimous decision.

## David Wierson v. Kyle Cyr

The sixth fight of the night was between the more contained sophomore Kyle Cyr and the aggressive junior David Wierson, who won in a unanimous decision.

Wierson was strong early in the fight but only connected a few times. But what Wierson lacked in proficiency he made up with in strength. Wierson landed haymakers and right hooks, while Cyr focused on his jabs.

This trend continued throughout the fight, as Cyr was the more consistent fighter and landed a higher percentage of punches.

Cyr's strategy of attrition did not work against Wierson's overpowering blows, leading to the junior's unanimous win.

## Matt Pentz v. Michael Gibbons

Senior Michael Gibbons began his fight against freshman Matt Pentz with a relentless attack that would lead to his victory in unanimous decision.

Gibbons was quick, relentless and vicious in his attack and kept Pentz on the run for much of the fight. Gibbons unyielding assault led to him literally chasing Pentz around the ring. Unfortunately for Pentz, Gibbons had the edge on speed and caught him more often than not and continued working the head and body.

Pentz, who never stood a chance against Gibbons' attacks, lost the fight on all three cards.

## Mike Young v. Jeffrey Hausfeld

In a close match between senior Mike Young and sophomore

Jeffrey Hausfeld, Hausfeld pulled out the win in a unanimous decision.

The two traded punches for much of the fight but Hausfeld seemed to find the edge. The sophomore effectively worked the head, although he was never able to land many good combinations.

But Hausfeld was able to get in a few quick jabs consistently in all three rounds, keeping himself one step ahead of Young throughout the fight — leading to the win.

## Parfait Mwez v. Mark Hinkins

The ninth match of the night was a very evenly fought contest between junior Parfait Mwez and freshmen Mark Hinken.

Hinken and Mwez fought equally well in the first two rounds, with Hinken having a slight edge in the two rounds. Hinken was able to land quick jabs against the junior, giving himself a very slim lead against Mwez going into the final round.

Mwez battled back in the third, butting Hinken on the defensive and turning the tide of the fight. But this comeback did not change the result, leading to Hinken's win in a split decision.

## Sean Pearl v. Daniel Liem

Senior Daniel Liem was able to work the body and get inside on fellow senior Sean Pearl to win a unanimous decision.

Liem used his speed to avoid Pearl's longer reach and work his body. Although the first two fights were fought with a very defensive mindset, Liem came out very strong in the third to cement his win.

Liem put any doubts to rest by raining blows on Pearl's torso throughout the third round. Liem's consistency in the first two rounds and his outright domination in the third led to his victory by unanimous decision.

## Sean Wieland v. Navapol Tiawphaibul

The small and feisty sophomore Sean Wieland was able to beat the much larger Thai fighter — senior Navapol Tiawphaibul — in a split decision.

Tiawphaibul came out ready to fight, swinging big but also leaving himself vulnerable. Wieland was able to successfully counterattack throughout the round. Wieland avoided Tiawphaibul's attempts and delivered quick combinations to hurt the bigger fighter.

The second round came out a

bit more equally, as Tiawphaibul connected with some of his big punches, but was pummeled in the third. The fight was won in the third round, as Wieland worked Tiawphaibul's body enough to earn the win.

## Hunter Land v. Alex Duffy

The twelfth fight of the evening featured a hard-fought bout between sophomore Hunter Land and freshman Alex Duffy. Duffy won the close match in a split decision.

Land had good protection from his size, as he was able to keep his distance from the smaller Duffy in the first round. Duffy prevented Land from capitalizing on his height advantage with a strong defense and quick counterattacks.

Duffy showed a great combination of speed and strength by moving inside Land's reach to deliver strong punches. He did a good job leaving quickly enough to avoid a counterattack.

Land was able to knock down his opponent in the third when Duffy lost his balance. But the knock down was not enough to change the result, as Duffy picked up two of the cards.

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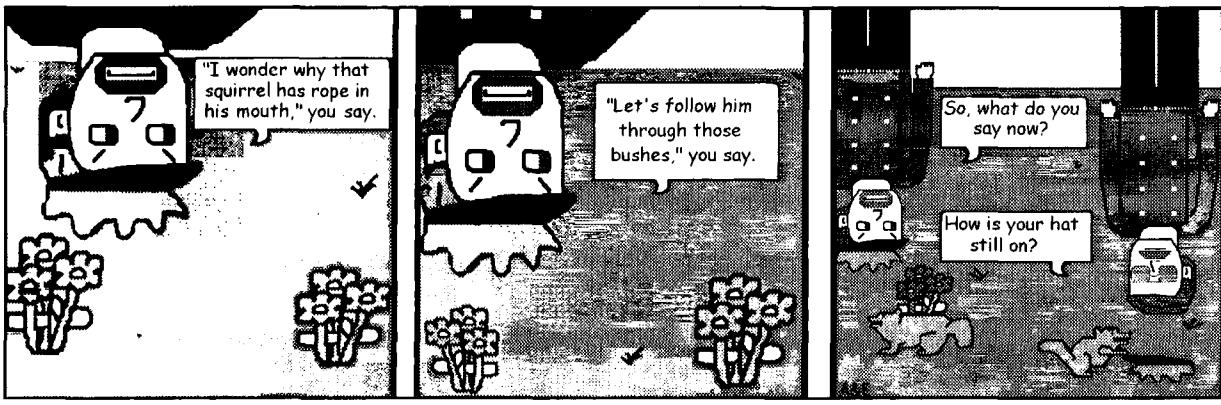
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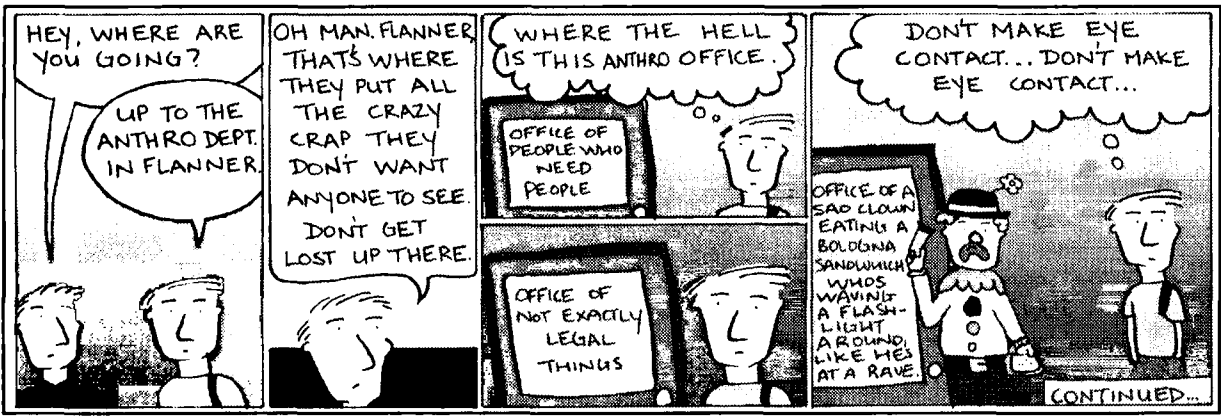
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**  
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above car-

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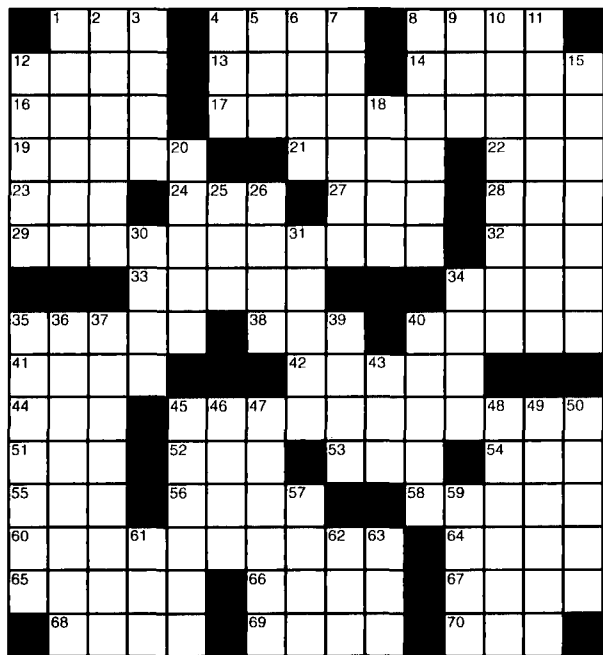
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Answer: What the bill collector said when he completed his rounds — "DUN' FOR THE DAY"

**CROSSWORD**

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Neighbor of Bulg.
- 4 Time on the job
- 8 Big name in morning TV
- 12 Joe Pesci title role
- 13 Silly
- 14 It's heard coming and going
- 16 ... all-time high
- 17 Scary
- 19 Masked fighters
- 21 Little annoyance
- 22 Squeeze (out)
- 23 J.F.K. info
- 24 Word with show or know
- 27 Important time
- 28 "Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-"
- 29 1952 Gene Kelly film
- 32 In the past
- 33 ... position
- 34 Hall-of-Famer Musial
- 35 Hoedown seats
- 38 Fellow
- 40 Going out with
- 41 Belgian river
- 42 Going nowhere fast
- 44 Chart-topper
- 45 Biblical opening
- 51 Snack, say
- 52 Title for una dama: Abbr.
- 53 Ancient royal
- 54 Grandpa Simpson
- 55 Despot of old
- 56 Othello villain
- 58 Novarro of "Ben-Hur"
- 60 Onomatopoeic Sinatra album title
- 64 Call at a deli
- 65 Senators' attire
- 66 "What Is to Be Done?" writer
- DOWN**
- 1 Barker of TV/movie fame
- 2 Painting the town red
- 3 Avian talker
- 4 Does bad
- 5 Send a message in Morse code, e.g.
- 6 Diamond unit
- 7 Many a Britney Spears fan
- 8 Keep up
- 9 Subj. in which  $2x + 3 = 9$  is solved
- 10 Stomach
- 11 "Not a chance, bud!"
- 12 Ones blowing in the wind
- 15 Almost eternal
- 18 Reid of "American Pie"
- 20 Has one's moment in the sun
- 25 Giant of note
- 26 "Pow!"
- 30 Read between the lines
- 31 "The Graduate" girl
- 34 Take effect
- 35 From memory
- 36 Turkey's place
- 67 No-win situations?
- 68 Not just tehee
- 69 Classic brand with an oval logo
- 70 UFO pilots



Puzzle by Kyle Mahowald

- 37 Releasing one's anger
- 39 Cruise accommodations
- 40 How sweet it is!
- 43 It may accompany a coll. application
- 45 Many a news source
- 46 Practice, practice, practice
- 47 Try to knock down
- 48 "Anything your little heart desires!"
- 49 Desk sights ... or an apt title for this puzzle
- 50 Lavatory label
- 57 Poetic tributes
- 59 It's put in a pot
- 61 Tiny battery
- 62 Roadside stops
- 63 N.F.L. Hall-of-Famer Marchetti

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**Happy Birthday:** So much can be accomplished this year no matter your stage of life. Learning and applying what you know will help you reach your goals. This is a year of working hard, climbing the ladder and feeling proud of what you achieve. Your head and your heart will be in sync. Your numbers are 3, 27, 29, 31, 36, 43

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Chat someone up if you are interested in him or her personally or professionally. Your outgoing know-it-all nature will pay off today. The more you do to reassure those around you, the more you will get in return.\*\*\*\*  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You will feel the need to make some changes to your home or living arrangements. Personal responsibilities may interfere with something you were planning to do. Be organized and ready to make concessions if you want to complete what you start.\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You may not be included in something you expected be a part of. If you complain, you will probably lose out but, if you do your own thing, you will leave whoever left you out wondering what you are doing.\*\*\*  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You can't push your plans on others. Trying to talk someone into doing things your way will be futile. You will face financial problems if you try to push through a deal that isn't sitting on solid ground. Adopt a healthier lifestyle; you've probably been neglecting yourself.\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You've got the gift of gab today and should put it to good use. You can convince others to take part in something you want to do. Money can be made and deals completed. You can make physical changes that will enhance your appearance.\*\*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You will be emotionally wasted today if you get involved in someone else's melodramas. Meddling may be your forte but today it will backfire, leaving you in the hot seat. Debates will only lead to a stalemate. \*\*  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Romance is looking good if you get involved in functions that include friends, family or neighbors. If someone doesn't immediately attract, give this person a chance to win your respect and capture your heart. A good conversationalist is far more entertaining.\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Past regrets or feeling you missed out should be put to rest. Today is about the future and how you can turn things around. This is the time to push ahead. Believing in your talents will be half the battle.\*\*\*  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't let anyone make you feel guilty. Someone may try to confront you about personal matters -- do what you can to avoid his or her comments. Give yourself a chance to think about the pros and cons of making life-altering changes.\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may have to keep a secret that makes you feel uneasy. Do so in a discreet manner and put the matter behind you. Make some changes regarding your friendships and your associations. Know whom you can trust.\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You must not feel obligated to help a group or even a friend financially. Offer your guidance, understanding and know-how but not cash. A new acquaintance can lead to a venture that interests you.\*\*\*\*  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Arguments will leave you feeling exhausted and your own stubbornness will be at fault. Put yourself in other people's shoes. Positive connections can be made if you are willing to bend and compromise. \*\*

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# Fight Club

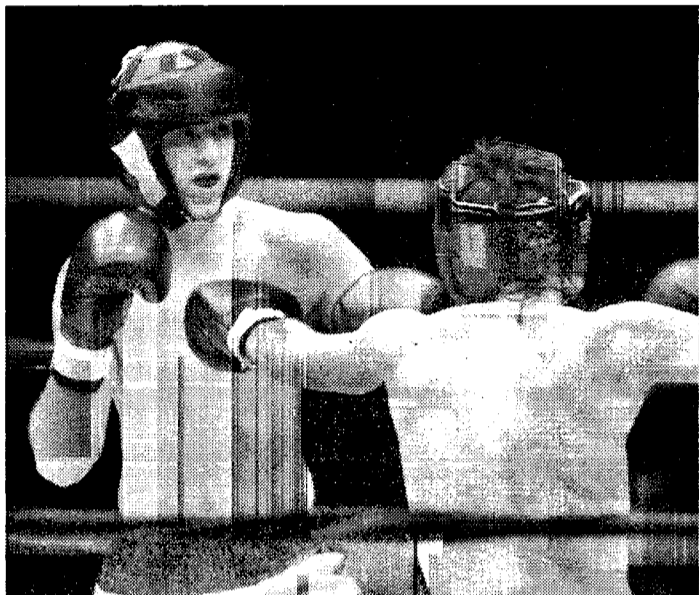
*Ford tops Hicks with strong early rounds*

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

The second night of the 2006 Bengal Bouts began with junior Tommy Ford and sophomore Phil Hicks squaring off in the ring and Ford winning by split decision.

Ford kept Hicks away in the first round by using his superior reach. This reach troubled Hicks throughout the match, who was forced to try to get inside quickly and work combinations. But Ford knocked Hicks down in the first and cut his nose in the second.

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At left, Patrick Ryan, left, exchanges blows with Andrew Massari in the 165-pound preliminaries Wednesday. Right, Anthony "Tony" Schweiss celebrates a victory over Greg Vallejos.



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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Leading Leidy to smiles

*Tennis team 'adopts' child with leukemia*

By DAN TAPETILLO  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame moved into the top 10 with its upset over No. 9 Harvard last weekend. But in Emma Leidy's mind, the Irish tennis have been a high caliber team.

Emma, a 5-year-old leukemia patient, is one of the team's biggest fans. She attends each match to cheer on "her tennis girls."

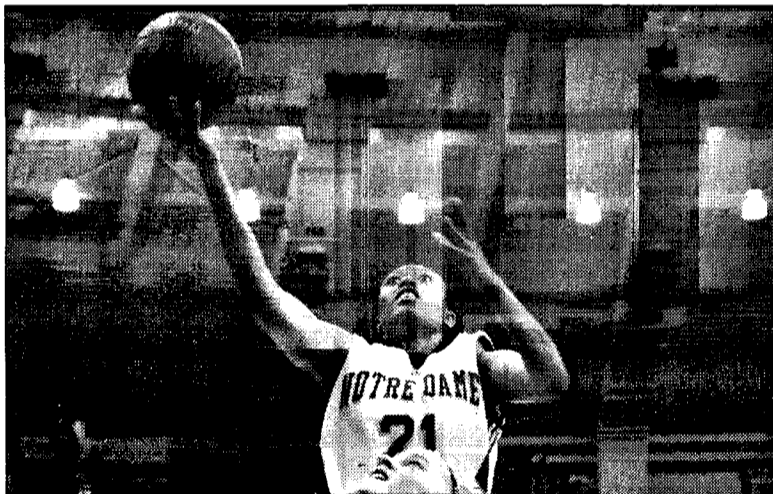
"Every minute she can spend with them is special," Emma's mother, Leann Leidy, said. "She just loves being anywhere the girls are. Even if she feels icky, she's all smiles [at the matches]."

Leidy is a patient of the South Bend Pediatric Oncology Program

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish topple Mountaineers on road



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish forward Chandrica Smith sails over Providence defenders in a 66-48 win over the Friars Feb. 4. The Irish defeated WVU last night.

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

Dressed in green uniforms for the first time ever in a regular-season game, Notre Dame recovered from a poor first half with a strong shooting performance in the second to win 70-58 over West Virginia Wednesday in Morgantown.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said senior point guard Megan Duffy suggested the idea for the new road jerseys.

"[Duffy] decided it," McGraw said in a phone interview following the game. "She just kind of came in and said,

'What do you think?' And we thought, 'Hey, it's worth a try. It's worth something.'"

Duffy responded to the new uniforms by scoring 22 points on 7-of-12 shooting (5-of-9 from 3-point range). She added four rebounds and four steals.

Sophomore guard Charel Allen — whose hometown of Monessen, Pa. is less than an hour from Morgantown — scored 12 points on 5-of-12 shooting off the bench. She had her own opinion of the jerseys and reperined the men's black jerseys debuted in a Feb. 18 win over Seton

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BASEBALL

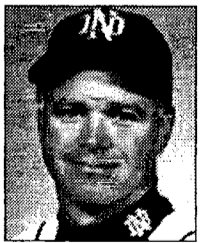
# No. 22 ND challenges Sycamores

*Irish face ISU in their season-opening game*

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

For the first time since losing to Florida 23-3 in an elimination game in the NCAA regionals last June, the pre-season No. 22 Irish return to the diamond at 4 p.m. today in their 2006 season opener against Indiana State in Millington, Tenn.

"Last year ... we didn't do quite as well as we would have liked," Irish head coach Paul



Mainieri

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HOCKEY

# Seniors experienced historic ups and downs

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey class of 2006 has been around for the program's best season (2003-04) and its worst season (2004-05).

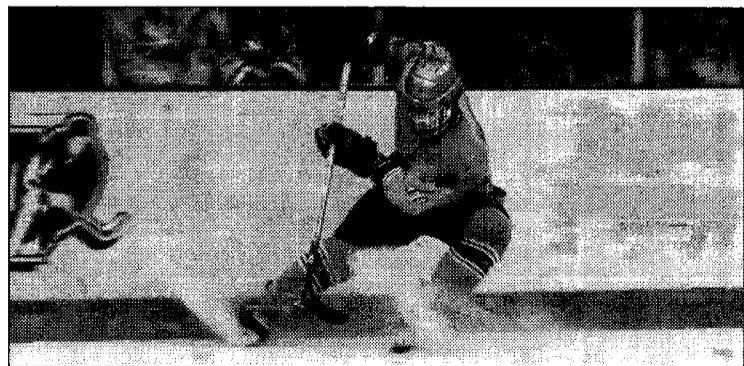
The Irish earned their first-ever NCAA tournament bid and then, one year later, lost 18 straight games in a five-win campaign.

"Last year, we were pretty bad, and the year before, we

were really good," right wing Tim Wallace said. "I think we might go down in the record books as the best and the worst [class in school history]."

The six Irish seniors — goalie Rory Walsh, defenseman Chris Trick, center Matt Amado, center Tony Gill, left wing Mike Walsh and Wallace — will be honored Saturday following the team's final regular season game against Alaska-Fairbanks at the Joyce Center.

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Notre Dame senior center Matt Amado stops in a 2-0 win over Princeton Oct. 29. Amado has 23 goals in his Irish career.

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Ohno advances to 500-meter final

The American will compete in the finals of speedskating's shortest event.

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Francis traded to New York

The Knicks traded Penny Hardaway and Trevor Ariza for Orlando's star guard.

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PGA

Tiger cruises to match play win

Woods has seven birdies in the first nine holes to close out Stephen Ames after the 10th hole.

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Minor league umps to be used in WBC

Major League Baseball's umpires' union will not be calling the World Cup of baseball.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Midshipmen QB charged with rape

Navy quarterback Lamar Owens was accused of raping a female student.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Tennessee 76 Florida 72

Dane Bradshaw's layup with 15 seconds left gave the No. 10 Vols the win over the No. 12 Gators.

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