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Construction starts on water system



A construction vehicle sits unattended near Nieuwland Science Hall Monday. Construction began further south on campus in preparation for the new Law School building.

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Construction began Monday on the chilled water system between the Morris Inn and the former Notre Dame Post Office in preparation for the construction of the new Law School this summer, said University Utilities Director Paul Kempf.

Preliminary utility work is "typically required" before actual construction on a project begins, Kempf said in an e-mail Monday. In this case, the work is necessary because the chilled water system for the area surrounding the Law School conflicts with the planned

construction and must be relocated.

"Further utility construction work will likely also occur prior to the start of the building construction later this year," he said.

The system, which operates primarily from April until November, is responsible for delivering chilled water from the central location at the Utilities Complex to specific points on campus, Kempf said. Because the Law School construction is scheduled to begin in the summer — when the chilled water system is needed — the system must be relocated prior to the start of the season.

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PEPYND fundraises for school

Group to hold dinner for Cambodia effort

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

A group within the Student International Business Council (SIBC) hopes to raise \$1,000 at a fundraising dinner tonight to help a not-for-profit organization build a school in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Notre Dame Class of 2002 alumna Daniela Papi helped found Protect the Earth Protect Yourself (PEPY) Ride, an organization that supports education projects in developing areas and encourages adventure travel. Senior Tim Rann met Papi while he was volunteering in Cambodia two summers ago, and he decided to establish a PEPY chapter at Notre Dame within the SIBC.

"Our Notre Dame chapter helps PEPY by providing business consulting, financial statements and ideas on how to improve their operations," Rann said.

PEPYND held a fundraising dinner in December and raised nearly \$850 to fund this new project. Since then, the organization has increased that figure to approximately \$19,000. Rann said he hopes to raise roughly \$1,000 more during tonight's dinner to reach their goal.

"We're grateful for the very generous donors who have come forth helping us raise the money for this project," Rann said. "Now, we're relying on the students to help us

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Students respond to flood

Volunteers sought to clean local Food Bank

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

After a Feb. 14 pipe break at the Food Bank of Northern Indiana damaged 15,000 pounds of food, Notre Dame students have responded — or are planning to respond — to the request for volunteers to help salvage what's left.

The pipe break occurred in the corner of an unheated room on the northwest side of the second floor of the Food Bank's warehouse, said Dennis Brown, the executive director of the Food Bank.

When a Notre Dame student heard about the flooding, he encouraged students to help.

Senior Ryan Daily, the community volunteer request coordinator for Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns sent out a notice to "hopefully every dorm service commissioner" last week so they could inform their residents about the situation and see if anybody would want to help out.

Daily felt that if students received the request from their dorm service commissioners, they would be inclined to volunteer.

"I presume students have helped out, and if not, they will be helping soon," he said.

Daily was right, as Welsh Family resident assistant Shelly Heger heard about the pipe break and the need for volunteers from her service commis-

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Kellogg receives Coca-Cola grant

Company awards \$290,000 to fund Notre Dame Prize, internships

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

The Coca-Cola Foundation recently awarded Notre Dame a \$290,000 grant to support two distinguished programs at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the University announced Monday.

The funds will go toward the Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America and will expand the Kellogg Institute Internship Program, which will benefit 20 students during the next two summers.

The Coca-Cola Foundation — which has given more than \$155 million to educational issues

over the last 10 years — focuses on improving quality of life in different communities and enhancing individual opportunity through education.

"Our programs support scholarships for aspiring students; encourage and motivate young people to stay in school; and foster cultural understanding," according to the Coca-Cola Foundation Web site.

Nearly \$180,000 of the grant will go toward the Notre Dame Prize, which is awarded to some of the leading political, civil and religious figures in Latin America. The money will provide three years of support for the prize, according to a press release.

The Notre Dame Prize for

Distinguished Public Service in Latin America was established in 2000 and is given annually to an individual from that region who has effectively and substantively furthered the public good in one or more countries of the region. The award focuses on an individual's accomplishments in areas like government, religion, education and media.

"[The Notre Dame Prize] is the only award of its kind to recognize the efforts of public figures to enhance the region's welfare by strengthening democracy and improving the well being of its citizens," the press release

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Two tickets proceed to class council run-off

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

Since no ticket in the race for Sophomore Class Council won 50 percent plus one votes, the Schmidt-Lakusta-Hwang-Kyrouac and the Mathews-Adsit-McDonald-Rose tickets will proceed to a run-off election Thursday.

The Sophomore Class Council was the only class council to hold an election this year since only one ticket ran in both the junior and senior council races. The Student Senate voted unanimously in each case to suspend elections for these two races last Wednesday.

Elections results for

Sophomore Class Council were announced Monday at 9 p.m. on the third floor of LaFortune.

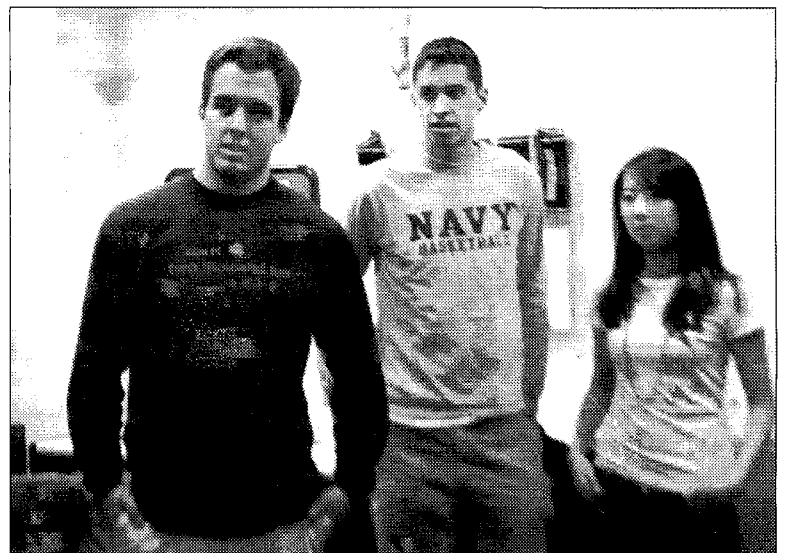
Judicial Council president Liz Kozlow said 1,053 freshmen voted in the election — 50 percent of the class, she said.

Kozlow, who was hoping for at least a 50 percent turnout, said she was pleased with the number of freshmen who voted in the election.

"It was really impressive considering the turnout in other elections," she said.

Schmidt-Lakusta-Hwang-Kyrouac garnered 470 votes (44.6 percent), Mathews-Adsit-McDonald-Rose won 279 votes

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Candidates Adam Mathews, left, Jeff Lakusta and Joy Hwang wait for election results Monday. Two tickets will advance to Thursday's run-off.

INSIDE COLUMN

Survivor already?

I lost my ID card this weekend. The impact of this loss didn't quite hit me until dinnertime, when, realizing I only had 61 cents in cash, I took out a package of my room's seemingly endless pile of Cup of Noodles and put some water on to boil. Our water heater might be illegal, but desperate times call for desperate measures.

Jennifer Metz

News Production Editor

While stressing out, I did what I do best — put in a DVD box set and sit and watch. For hours. Inspired by their second turn on *The Amazing Race*, I recently purchased the eighth season of *Survivor* to pay tribute to my favorite couple, possibly ever — Boston Rob and Amber.

(You can request online that they come to events. Whoever it is that organizes big events here, I'm just putting it out there. I'm sure they're not that expensive. I'd go.)

My ridiculous collection of box sets, in retrospect, is probably the reason for my untimely shortage of funds.

For one day, at least, I am playing my own version of the show — *Survivor 25: Indiana*. I can boil water. I rely on my Cup of Noodles for sustenance. I make alliances with my fellow "tribemates" to gain access to their valuable FlexPoints.

Rewards won today: a coffee at Starbucks, three yogurt-covered pretzels and a water bottle. Challenge lost: my fight with the card swiper at the Rock who just couldn't believe I was a Notre Dame student on my way to volleyball class.

Honestly, who would lie to go to volleyball class?

I watched my *Survivor* while I was studying for an anthropology test. It was appropriate, I thought, since I saw the castaways make tools, create culture and find their niche in the group.

I also watched my *Survivor* when I was hungry because I knew, luckily, I wasn't as hungry as them.

But was I really luckier? In my box-set season, the *Survivor* cast members get to live with Rob and hear that lovely accent every day. And they participate in what might possibly be one of the most fun and challenging experiences ever.

Which brings me to a recent addition to my life goal list: to win *Survivor*.

I shouldn't really have a problem achieving this goal, I don't think. I swam in high school, and on every season except *Africa*, most challenges involved some form of swimming. I'm very good at jigsaw puzzles and the Jumble. I can cook a Cup of Noodles. That's instant — so is rice, right? All of these skills make me worthy of the game to which I have, in effect, devoted seven years of my life.

Is that pathetic?

The UPS delivery man who brought me *Survivor All-Stars* thought so. When I leapt from my loft, thrilled to hear, "Barnes and Noble for Jenn Metz," he was curious as to what was in my package. When I told him, his face showed that he didn't expect me to order something like this.

He didn't understand how I could watch a reality show, let alone re-watch a reality show. I think he threw some air quotes around the word "reality" a few times.

But my stress-induced box-set watching has its purpose. I have so many strategies in the works that I have the potential to be the best survivor ever. I'll learn how to make fire with sticks before I go to the island. I'll work out.

And when pretty boy Probst calls my name, I'll be ready.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CLASSROOM BUILDING ON CAMPUS AND WHY?



Angie Maxey
junior
Welsh Family

"Crowley, because I just got engaged there this weekend."



Bret Shapot
junior
Alumni

"Jordan because it has good lab facilities."



Jenn Cassidy
sophomore
Lyons

"The Band building, because that's where Dr. Kenneth Dye lives."



Paula Freitag
sophomore
McGlenn

"DeBartolo, because it's close. I don't like to walk."



Ryan Bradley
senior
Zahm

"Fitzpatrick: It's where we do flow analysis, if you know what I mean."



Sam Chen
senior
off campus

"DeBartolo. If I want to see all my friends on campus. I just stand in the hallway at break time."



LINDSAY POULIN/The Observer

Portfolio work from the Consejo Nacional de Talleres exhibit "Creando Fuerza" lines the walls in McKenna Hall. The exhibit will be open to the public until March 9.

IN BRIEF

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre presents Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" on the Decio Mainstage Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The show opens today at 7:30 p.m., and continues until March 4. Evening performances are at 7:30 and the Sunday matinee is at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens, ND faculty and staff and \$8 for students.

There will be a panel presentation on "Sex and the City of God" Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall. It will examine the interplay between Catholicism and contemporary culture.

Muslim prayer and meditation will take place Wednesday from 7 p.m. until 7:45 in room 330 of the Coleman-Morse Center. This is part of the Prayer around the World series.

Freshmen can vote Thursday in the run-off election for the sophomore class council. Voting will take place between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Students can access the voting Web site by clicking on a link in an e-mail from the Judicial Council.

Legends will host Last Comic Standing Thursday at 10 p.m. Admission is free.

Notre Dame Track and Field will hold the Alex Wilson Invitational Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Loftus Sports Center.

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

OFFBEAT

Boutique receives 20 pounds of marijuana

PHILADELPHIA — Workers at a downtown boutique called police after unexpectedly receiving two buckets of marijuana worth \$90,000. Police were called to Fusion on Saturday after employees received the two packages of marijuana totaling about 20 pounds.

"Officers received a call that the manager of the store had received a package from FedEx and when he opened it there was a five-gallon bucket inside," said Capt. Chris Werner. Inside that bucket was 10 pounds of marijuana. The second package arrived

about an hour later, this one from a different delivery service but with similar contents.

Both packages were from California and addressed to the store, but there were no names on the address labels.

"It was obviously intended for someone in the Philadelphia area," Werner said. "We are trying to find out who."

Dog saves man from bear

CATARACT, Wis. — Jason Schindler says he wouldn't be alive if it were not for his dog, Dude. The 27-year-old rural Cataract man said the 8-year-old mixed-breed hound jumped between him

and an attacking black bear Thursday night, saving his life but giving up his own. The animal sustained at least 28 puncture wounds to his chest and neck, he said.

"I'd hate for someone else's dog to go through what mine did," he said.

Schindler and his wife, Kimberly, buried the dog with a blanket and pillow the next day, using a rented jackhammer to dig the grave in the frozen soil.

He said he heard the dog yelping loudly Thursday after dark and went out to see what was happening.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 32 LOW 17	HIGH 24 LOW 14	HIGH 43 LOW 25	HIGH 48 LOW 33	HIGH 35 LOW 30	HIGH 33 LOW 28

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group welcomes College alumnae

Alumnae Association Board members encourage student interaction

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) welcomed Alumnae Association Board President Kara O'Leary and member Lee Ann McConnell to its meeting Monday, where the two alumnae expressed a desire to connect with Saint Mary's students.

And visiting the BOG is just one of the ways that they are doing so, McConnell said.

"We're very involved," said O'Leary, who is a graduate of the Class of 1989. "We

come to campus twice a year and have meetings."

The Alumnae Board participates in campus events like the upcoming annual Midnight Madness, an activity that brings members of the Saint Mary's community together. They also host a Grace Under Pressure event during their fall meeting, which is designed for seniors. "[Grace Under Pressure] is

an opportunity for the Alumnae Board to connect with students and give you some ideas as to what you can expect when you leave the comfort of Saint Mary's and enter the real world," said McConnell, who is a graduate of the Class of 1985.

Both women expressed an interest in getting to know more students on campus and told BOG that any questions that arise about the Alumnae Association can be directed to them via e-mail.

"Take the time to connect with us," McConnell said. "It's nice to walk around campus and be able to recognize you."

The Board is comprised of 18 women who graduated in different years and live in different locations, O'Leary said.

The Board is in place to promote opportunities for alumnae to connect with each other and the College.

"When you locate to your new home [after graduation], go on the Web site and find

your [alumnae] club," McConnell said. "There are Saint Mary's women right around the corner from you and you don't even know it. They will be the first to extend a helping hand and welcome you."

In other BOG news:

♦ Voting for the class board elections has been moved to today. Students can vote on PRISM from 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

♦ The Diverse Student Leadership Conference (DSLCC) will take place this weekend beginning with a reception Thursday evening during which College President Carol Ann Mooney will address participants. The event ends Saturday with a keynote speech by Peggy MacIntosh in Carroll Auditorium at 4 p.m.

♦ Registration for Saint Mary's second-annual Dance Marathon begins this week. Dancer registration packets can be picked up in Regina and Holy Cross Halls today, and McCandless and LeMans Halls Wednesday and Thursday from 7-10 p.m.

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Water

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The construction should not impact students in a significant way, although it will close some pedestrian walkways east of the old post office. Kempf said efforts will be made to minimize the disruption.

This new construction project is not expected to create problems similar to the gas leak that occurred two weeks ago near the Hesburgh

Library when a gas main was struck during underground digging.

Kempf said the Utilities Department is not taking additional precautions to prevent another gas leak, but said the University is a member of the Indiana Underground Utilities Plant Protection Services and enforces rules that go above

and beyond their specifications.

The gas main puncture, Kempf said, was caused by a failure to mark the facilities stage of construction.

"Unfortunately this does happen, but considering the amount of underground activity on campus we have few such problems," Kempf said.

"Further utility construction work will likely also occur prior to the start of the building construction later this year."

**Paul Kempf
director
Utilities**

The University requires all parties that intend to excavate on campus to obtain a permit. Parties that maintain underground facilities are additionally required to mark their facilities in the

event of excavation, he said.

This campus construction is scheduled to be completed by early April, before the chilled water season. Kempf said he does not anticipate any significant issues with the construction, unless a cold spell hits.

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Attention Seniors!

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring
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As part of the Undergraduate Admissions staff, the counselor is expected to make an important contribution to the recruitment and selection of the first-year class by managing relations with the prospective applicants, their parents, high school personnel and alumni in an assigned geographic area.

Responsibilities include extensive planning, travel and communication within the geographic area, assessment and evaluation of applications and conducting group/individual information sessions on campus

Among our candidates, we will seek a **Latino Recruitment Coordinator**.
(Fluency in Spanish will be strongly preferred.)

We will also seek an **Asian Recruitment Coordinator**.

Additional responsibilities will be assigned by the Assistant Provost for Enrollment.

Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree and strong familiarity with all aspects of student life at Notre Dame.

Essential qualities include strong communication and organizational skills, enthusiasm, diplomacy and the willingness to work long hours, including many evenings and Saturday mornings.

Please Note: Interviews will not be held until late March.

Preferred start date is July 1, 2007.

Please complete the on-line application at <http://jobs.nd.edu> to be considered. Requisition # 020070065

PEPYND

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out and 100 percent of the proceeds from the dinner will go toward the fund."

Cambodia is a country with a high population of impoverished and uneducated children. Seventy-five percent of them do not complete school beyond fifth grade. But through fundraising and volunteering initiatives, PEPYND has already helped build one school for children in Siem Reap, about 40 minutes outside Phnom Penh.

Rann and nine other members of PEPYND will visit Cambodia during spring break to oversee the start of the project — building a second school — as well as to interact with Cambodian children. When he first marketed the idea back at December's dinner, Rann said he received 30 signatures from interested students.

"We got the process rolling back in January and we've helped build an itinerary leaving on Friday, the ninth of March and returning the following Sunday," he said. "For the most part, we'll be splitting time between Phnom Penh and Siem Ram, the location of the first school."

Each volunteer will be spending approximately \$850 in airfare to travel to Cambodia, plus an additional \$300 for their personal expenses during their stay. Although this may seem a little steep — especially in lieu of pursuing a vacation back at home or at a popular beach

destination — the volunteers are nonetheless excited to go. Freshman Sahil Rajvansh said the trip will be expensive, but is for a good cause.

"I have huge expectations for the trip, and I'm looking forward to working with the kids," Rajvansh said. "It's also incredible that Tim's done everything from scratch, and so I know we'll be able to work together comfortably."

Rajvansh, who is from New Delhi, India, said he has seen the poverty and orphans that exist in his native country. Still, he thinks that it will be interesting to compare the situation he's seen in India to what he will experience in Cambodia.

"I want to see if the conditions vary in attitude and intensity in Cambodia," he said. "Even though I live in an exotic country, I think that visiting Cambodia will be just as culturally interesting."

One of the major projects that the volunteers will tackle includes taking 40-50 of the children to see Angkor Wat, a pristine Buddhist temple considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

"It's a symbol of pride for Cambodia," senior volunteer Alex Harty said. "It's sad that these children are so close to it, but cannot afford the journey to visit it. I'm glad that we're going to help them see something that will teach them more about their culture."

The dinner will be held in the Sorin Room in LaFortune from 6-8 p.m. tonight. A \$5 donation is suggested.

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said.

The award carries a cash prize of \$10,000, with an equal sum to be given to a Latin American charitable organization chosen by the recipient.

The inaugural award was given in 2000 to Enrique V. Iglesias, president of the Inter-American Development Bank. Other recipients include former Chilean President Patricio Aylwin Azócar, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and Latin American Cardinal Oscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga.

The remaining \$110,000 of the grant will go toward supporting 20 students participating in the Kellogg Institute's international internship program for the next two summers.

The Institute's internship program gives "undergraduates opportunities to gain hands-on experience with international policy institutes, non-governmental organizations and businesses, including micro-finance groups in Uganda, U.S. embassies in Argentina and Chile, small farming operations in Mexico, and healthcare facilities in the Dominican Republic," the press release said.

Though the program already sends students to different locations in Asia and Africa, the grant will help to expand the programs on those continents.

Other international sites include Lima, Peru, where there are internships in theatre, education and music; Mexico City, Mexico, for the U.S. Foreign

Commercial Service; Asia or Latin America, with the Foundation for Sustainable Development; and Leogane, Haiti, at the Hopital Sainte Croix.

Domestic sites for Kellogg Institute internships include Minneapolis with the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and Washington, D.C. with the Secretariat for Latin America for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Kellogg Institute focuses its academic and research activities around the themes of democratization and the quality of democracy, growth and democracy, public policies for social justice, religion and society, and social movements and organized civil society.

The internships share these same goals, as senior Claire McArdle said about her 2006 summer internship with the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights.

"We didn't necessarily work on issues of democratization or religion specific-

ly, but we focused more on social justice issues, specifically for refugees and immigrants from other countries," McArdle said. "They sought political asylum because of issues with lack of democracy or religious persecution so that connected back very well to the goals of the Kellogg Institute."

McArdle said the Kellogg Institute gave her a grant that was deposited directly into her Notre Dame Federal Credit Union account and left her in charge of lodging, transportation, food and any other costs for her summer.

The internship, McArdle said, gave her insight into what she wants to do in the future working in immigration services.

"Especially with all the emphasis that the University is putting on international issues and original research, this type of grant is very beneficial to the University as a whole, to the Kellogg and the undergraduate student body," McArdle said.

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"I have huge expectations for the trip, and I'm looking forward to working with the kids."

Sahil Rajvansh
freshman

The Office of Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the

Denny Moore Award For Excellence in Journalism

Candidates must be seniors who exemplify the qualities for which Denny Moore was known, including personal integrity and character, commitment to Notre Dame, and writing ability.

Candidates may be nominated by faculty, staff, or fellow students.

For a nomination form, please visit our website at:

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran's Ahmadinejad faces criticism

TEHRAN, Iran — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad faced a new round of sharp criticism at home Monday after he said Iran's nuclear program is an unstoppable train without brakes. Reformers and conservatives said such tough talk only inflames the West as it considers further sanctions.

The criticism came even as new signs have arisen that Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is growing discontented with Ahmadinejad, whom he is believed to have supported in 2005 presidential elections.

Last week, Khamenei voiced rare criticism of the domestic performance of Ahmadinejad's government, and the president was notably absent when a group of Cabinet members and vice presidents met with Khamenei, who has the final word in all political affairs in Iran, including the nuclear issue.

NATO takes over Afghan security

CONAKRY, Guinea — Guinea's president named a new prime minister Monday from a list approved by union leaders, replacing an ally whose appointment sparked protests that have killed scores of people in recent weeks.

In a decree read on state radio, President Lansana Conte appointed Lansana Kouyate as prime minister. Kouyate, who has worked for several international groups serving West Africa, takes over from Eugene Camara, a longtime Cabinet member whose appointment angered the unions, which said it violated a power-sharing deal.

Scores died in clashes with security forces and subsequent rioting after Camara was appointed earlier this month. Unions restarted a nationwide strike in protest and called for Conte to step down.

NATIONAL NEWS

Governors address global warming

WASHINGTON — Fed up with federal inaction and convinced of the dangers from global warming, five governors from Western states agreed Monday to work together to reduce greenhouse gases.

Their promise to target global warming was the latest of a rush of new ideas shared this week as states push ahead on climate change and clean or alternative energy.

"Thankfully the country has reached a tipping point on this issue. I wish we had done it 20 years ago," said Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, a Republican who last week signed into law a requirement that utilities generate a quarter of their power from renewable sources such as wind, water and the sun by 2025. "Governors, members of Congress and others are now scrambling to be bold."

Judge dismisses Libby trial juror

WASHINGTON — After the judge dismissed one of its members, the jury finished a fourth day of deliberations Monday without a verdict in the perjury trial of former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby.

Most of the morning was consumed by deciding what to do about an art historian on the jury who saw or read something over the weekend about the trial. After interviewing her in private along with lawyers in the case, U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton ruled that "what she had exposure to obviously disqualifies her."

LOCAL NEWS

Charges upheld against running back

INDIANAPOLIS — Affidavits by a police officer who arrested Indianapolis Colts running back Dominic Rhodes can be used in the drunken driving case against him, a judge on Monday ruled.

Rhodes' attorney, Jim Voyles, argued during a hearing that there were inconsistencies between the affidavit the officer wrote soon after arresting Rhodes on Feb. 20 and a supplemental report filed later.

Marion Superior Court Judge Barbara Collins turned down that motion but allowed Rhodes to keep his driver's license pending future hearings.

IRAQ

Shiite leader escapes explosion

Vice President Adel Abdul-Mahidi survives assassination attempt in Baghdad

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's Shiite vice president narrowly escaped assassination Monday as a blast ripped through a government meeting hall just hours after it was searched by U.S. teams with bomb-sniffing dogs. At least 10 people were killed.

Adel Abdul-Mahdi was slightly wounded in the explosion, which splintered chairs, destroyed a speakers' podium and sent a chilling message that suspected Sunni militants can strike anywhere despite a major security crackdown across Baghdad.

As U.S. forces sealed off the area around the municipal building, investigators grappled with the troubling question of how the bomb was smuggled into the ministry of public works — a seven-story structure with crack surveillance systems from its days as offices for Saddam Hussein's feared intelligence service.

The bomb — possibly hidden in the podium — went off moments after the minister for public works finished a speech in the third-floor chamber, witnesses said. Abdul-Mahdi had made a welcoming address a few minutes earlier, raising speculation the bomb could have been on a timer-trigger that missed the vice president by sheer luck.

Among those killed were several ministry employees, police said. More than 25 were wounded, including the public works minister, Riyadh Gharib.

Abdul-Mahdi — smothered by his bodyguards in an instant — suffered minor leg injuries and was hospitalized for tests, his office said. He was later released.

"I heard a big explosion," said Tagrid Ali, a public works ministry employee who attended the gathering to honor outstanding workers. "I fell to the ground, and the whole place was filled with black



Iraqi policemen carry a colleague after being injured in an explosion inside a building where Iraqi Vice President Adel Abdul-Mahdi was to give a speech.

smoke."

Suspicion for the attack fell on Sunni insurgents, who have waged nonstop bombings and attacks against Iraq's majority Shiites for cooperating with the U.S.-backed government.

Adul-Mahdi is one of two vice presidents. The other, Tariq al-Hashemi, is Sunni.

An Associated Press photographer witnessed security forces hustling a man from the building, but there were no immediate reports of any arrests.

"The aggression against you this day is further proof that these groups are doing their best to destroy Iraq's unity," said a message to the vice president from Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, who heads the country's largest

Shiite political group.

Even as Iraqis learned of the attack, word was coming from neighboring Jordan that their president, Jalal Talabani, was facing more medical tests.

Talabani, from Iraq's Kurdish north, was taken to Amman after falling unconscious Sunday. His son, Qubad Talabani, said the 73-year-old leader was "up and about" and blamed the episode on fatigue and exhaustion.

"He'll be back in Baghdad soon," added Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari.

But his private physician, Dr. Yedkar Hikmat, would give no timetable on his discharge, saying only that rumors Talabani had heart problems were "categorically wrong."

The bombing of the

municipal building was another blow to claims by U.S. and Iraqi forces that a nearly 2-week-old security sweep across Baghdad is making headway. On Sunday, more than 40 people were killed in a suicide blast at a mostly Shiite college.

Criticism of the security plan is getting louder.

Al-Hashemi, the Sunni vice president, told the AP the security plan does not treat all groups equally — an apparent reference to Sunni complaints that they are facing the most pressure and attention.

"Up to now, legal procedures have not been observed," he said in an interview. "The human rights of Iraqis have not been respected as they should be."

Group suggests 'forever' stamp

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No longer will people have to wonder if those old stamps in the bottom of the drawer are still good for postage. Nor will they have to cobble together a collection of small stamps to add up to a new price.

The Postal Regulatory Commission is recommending a new type of stamp — it's been dubbed "forever" — that sells for the first-class rate and remains valid to mail a letter no matter how much rates go up in the future.

On Monday, the commission also recommended a 2-cent increase in first-class rates to 41 cents, a penny less than the post office had sought. The

panel also would sharply scale back the price of heavier letters.

"Adoption of this proposal is good for the Postal Service, postal customers and our postal system," commission chairman Dan G. Blair said at a briefing.

A forever stamp would not carry a denomination, but would sell for whatever the first-class rate was at the time.

For example, if the 41-cent rate takes effect, forever stamps would sell for 41 cents. If rates later climbed to 45 cents or more, the price of the forever stamp would also go up at the counter or machine, but those purchased before the change would still be valid to mail a

letter.

So there would be no need to buy small-denomination stamps to add to envelopes.

Currently, first-class mail costs 39 cents for the first ounce and 24 cents for each additional ounce.

While the first ounce would rise to 41 cents under the proposal, it would cost just 17 cents for each additional ounce.

That means the price of sending a two-ounce letter would actually decrease from 63 cents to 58 cents.

The proposal also recommended a 2-cent boost, to 26 cents, in the cost of mailing a post card, also a penny less than the Postal Service had sought.

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sioner.

"I think it's really cool that the service commissioners brought it to our attention," Heger said.

An article from the South Bend Tribune about the pipe break was attached to the e-mail from her service commissioner, which inspired Heger to want to help.

"I read the article from the South Bend Tribune and it seemed like such a horrible thing that happened to them," she said. "They lost a significant amount, maybe a majority, of food that they had available ... We have time and we are able, so why not?"

Since people depend on the canned goods stored by the food bank for their daily food source, the loss can have a tremendous impact.

"It just seemed like such a horrible thing happened to them," Heger said.

"They're a food bank, so everything they do is getting these canned foods out to people and if they don't have canned food, then people can't eat."

The pipe burst occurred when cold from a fresh air vent made the cast iron clamp that holds three pipes together to clamp. Due to the water pressure in the pipes, water immediately escaped and "there was a torrential downpour."

"We had water coming down the walls, through the ceilings and down the stairs from that corner area and we ended up with about three inches of water in a 40,000 square foot area [where food was kept]," Brown said.

Since the lower level of the warehouse is about 82,000 square feet, Brown said the water affected close to half the warehouse. Although the fire alarm sounded, Brown said "by the time they were able to turn off the water to the building, the damage had been done."

Crews began to clean up the damages at the food bank the morning after the event.

"We purchased three wet-dry

vacs and had eight men working for eight or nine hours straight pulling water off the floor," Brown said. "Then we had volunteer crews, service workers and staff trying to rescue as much food as we could."

One of the difficulties caused by the water damage was that wet can labels were no longer legible and it was impossible to tell what the original contents were. The food bank had to get rid of these cans, along with the paper goods supply, Brown said.

Beside the food supply, the food bank will need to replace the furnace in the corner where the break occurred. A supply vent and insulation will also be needed, Brown said.

Heger contacted the food bank toward the end of last week with the intention of gathering a group of girls from her dorm section to volunteer over the weekend. Heger heard back from the food bank Monday and is now planning to take her section to help sometime later this week.

"I think we're going to be sorting, re-labeling and just salvaging some of the food that they lost," she said.

Volunteer Coordinator for the Food Bank Beth Graham said while she has had "a lot of offers [of assistance] from Notre Dame students," she has not scheduled all of them yet because it can be difficult to train new people under such circumstances.

"Sometimes it's almost overwhelming because we're kind of restricted in some ways on the hours we can have volunteers. ... It can be kind of hard to manage a lot of different people and we have to teach every new person [what to look for]," she said.

Graham also said the Notre Dame students who have already helped with the damage are either regular volunteers or are completing community service hours.

"It's not that they don't want to be here. They are great workers, but that's why they are here, first," Graham said, before adding that some students who began volunteering

at the Food Bank for community service continued to volunteer after completing their required service.

The total cost of the flooding will be steep, Brown said.

"When all is said and done,

we're estimating that we are going to be somewhere in the five to ten thousand dollar range as far as expenses and damages," Brown said.

Fortunately, the Food Bank has received offers of donations

to help repair the damages.

"It's looking like we should be able to break even," Brown said.

Contact Emma Driscoll at edriscol@nd.edu

"They're a food bank, so everything they do is getting these canned foods out to people and if they don't have canned food, then people can't eat."

Shelly Heger
Welsh Family resident
assistant

Election

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(26 percent), Vento-Romano-Callinan-Green garnered 180 votes (17 percent) and Landry-Abercrombie-Bodien-Dixon won 61 votes (5.8 percent).

Kozlow said 63 students voted to abstain.

Both Grant Schmidt and Adam Mathews, the presidential candidates for the two run-off tickets, said they were happy with the results and were looking forward to the upcoming run-off election.

"Obviously 44 percent is pretty nice," Schmidt said. "Win or lose — it's been a fun experience. When you find out results like that, it gets you more excited. We're doing this for a reason and we have the

"It's just been a good experience to learn the ins and outs and find out what people want."

Adam Mathews
candidate
freshman class council

experience. Once the results are in, we'd like to get down to work."

Mathews said he and the other candidates on his ticket plan to reach out to the students who abstained from voting or did not participate at all in the next few days.

"I'd like to find out what those students want and what interests them," he said.

Mathews also said he has enjoyed the campaigning experience so far.

"It's just been a good experience to learn the ins and outs and find out what people want," he said.

The run-off election will be held Thursday. Freshmen can vote from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through the Judicial Council Web site.

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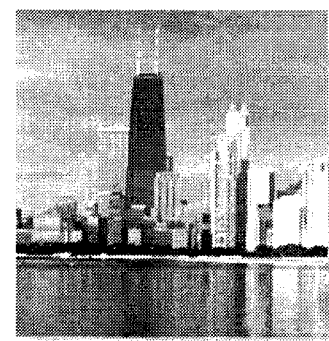
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NASDAQ	2,504.52	-10.58
NYSE	9,421.44	+1.24
S&P 500	1,449.37	-1.82
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	18,204.40	-10.95
FTSE 100(London)	6,434.70	+33.20

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ISHARE RUS 2000 (IWM)	-0.24	-0.20	81.75
INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.43	+0.09	20.85
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-0.09	-0.13	145.17

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IN BRIEF

Large deal brings hope to Wall Street

NEW YORK — Wall Street extended its decline Monday as concerns about a market correction offset investor optimism that acquisition activity is on pace to set a record this year.

The \$45 billion buyout of electric utility TXU Corp. injected confidence into the market that merger and acquisition activity could surpass last year's record \$4 trillion level. The deal, led by a consortium of buyout shops that include Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Texas Pacific Group, would go down as the largest leveraged buyout in U.S. history.

Other deals included Station Casinos Inc., which agreed to be bought by a private equity firm started by the company's founding family. Temple-Inland Inc., a conglomerate that offers everything from packaging material to financial services, announced it plans to separate itself into three standalone public companies.

Engraver sentenced to federal prison

WASHINGTON — A former Treasury Department employee was sentenced to nine months in federal prison Monday for stealing more than \$67,000 in uncut sheets of \$100 bills that he tried to launder through casino slot machines.

David C. Faison, 56, was also ordered to pay back the government \$37,200 — the amount he fed to slot machines in Atlantic City, West Virginia and Delaware between May and August last year.

The rest of the money — nine sheets of partially printed \$100 bills — was recovered at Faison's house in Largo, Md., hidden inside a roll of Christmas wrapping paper.

Faison was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman less than a year after he admitted to the scheme and pleaded guilty on Sept. 6 to federal charges of material for counterfeiting purposes. Additionally, he will be put on supervised release for three years after serving his prison term.

Faison had worked as a stock control recorder, distributing currency paper within the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, when he stole 21 sheets of partially printed \$100 bills. Each sheet contained 32 bills, which were missing serial numbers and Treasury Department seals.comment.

WellPoint announces new CEO

Company will become the biggest Fortune 500 company with a female in charge

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — WellPoint Inc. said Chief Executive Larry Glasscock plans to step down, and promoted its general counsel as his replacement who will make the health insurer the biggest Fortune 500 company with a woman at the helm.

Angela Braly, who joined the nation's largest health insurer executive ranks two years ago, will take the CEO post on June 1 while Glasscock stays on as chairman of the board.

Glasscock, 58, is also stepping down as president and Braly will assume that post as well.

Glasscock cited family reasons for his retirement as president and CEO and did not elaborate during a morning conference call with analysts. But he did say the Indianapolis-based company considered "a very wide range of possible succession options and scenarios" before choosing Braly.

WellPoint ranks 38th in the 2006 Fortune 500 list of the biggest companies. The next largest company with a female leader is No. 56, Archer Daniels Midland Co., where Patricia A. Woertz serves as chairman, CEO and president.

Braly said she might bring "great perspective" to the new role because of her gender.

"What we know at WellPoint is that 70 percent of the health care decisions are made by women, so I think it's a very natural place for me to be, both as a businesswoman and as a consumer of health care for my family," said Braly, who is married and has three school-age children.

Braly, 45, has been an executive vice president with the company since 2005. Before that, she was president and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Missouri. Glasscock cited the membership and profitability growth her company saw then as an attrib-



Retiring WellPoint Inc. President and CEO Larry Glasscock, left, sits with Angela Braly, executive vice president and general counsel, who will take Glasscock's place in June.

ute. He also noted the importance of handling public policy, legislative and regulatory issues in the future.

"These are all areas that Angela is incredibly skilled at, in addition to knowing how to run a company, so that was a very important aspect of her selection as my successor," he said.

WellPoint shares fell 50 cents to \$81 in midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange. They are still near the higher end of their 52-week range of \$65.49 to \$84.15.

Braly joined Blue Cross Blue Shield in 1999 after being a partner with a St. Louis law firm. She earned her law degree from Southern Methodist University and her under-

graduate degree from Texas Tech University.

Braly said the company will focus on growing membership but also will continue to look for more merger and acquisition opportunities to drive future growth.

Her selection surprised some on Wall Street. One analyst told Chief Financial Officer David Colby during the conference call that he had seemed to be Glasscock's likely successor, and asked whether disappointment will prompt him to leave.

"I'm not sure I'm disappointed at all," Colby said. "I think she has great skills to run the company, and I'm very happy to work alongside with her."

Glasscock joined Anthem Insurance in 1998. In 2004,

WellPoint was formed when Indianapolis-based Anthem Inc. acquired Thousand Oaks, Calif.-based WellPoint Health Networks Inc. in a \$16.5 billion deal. The combined company changed its name to WellPoint Inc.

Under Glasscock's leadership, WellPoint and its predecessor companies grew from 6 million medical members and \$6 billion in revenue to more than 34 million medical members and more than \$60 billion in revenue.

"Larry has delivered unprecedented growth and value creation for WellPoint's members, investors and associates," said Jackie Ward, presiding director of WellPoint's board of directors.

Navistar, Ford Co. in plant dispute

Associated Press

ARRENVILLE, Ill. — Navistar International Corp. said Monday it will idle a 1,200-worker Indianapolis factory because of an ongoing dispute with Ford Motor Co.

The Warrenville, Ill.-based truck and engine maker said Monday that Ford has "stopped honoring" the terms of a contract for thousands of diesel engines used in the automaker's popular F-Series heavy-duty truck line.

Navistar said in a statement that it pays suppliers and employees under contract terms and "expects Ford to honor the terms of its agreement." Spokesman Roy Wiley declined to

elaborate.

Ford spokeswoman Becky Sanch said the automaker would be able to continue making the F-Series trucks for the "near term."

"We've been working closely with Navistar ... for many months to resolve the commercial issues we've been having," she said. "We've always honored the agreements we've had and we'll continue to do that."

The 4.6-liter Power Stroke is the only diesel engine used in Ford's heavy-duty trucks. About 40 percent of the nearly 800,000 F-Series trucks sold by Ford last year were diesel-powered.

In past years, Navistar plants in Indianapolis and Huntsville, Ala.,

made about 300,000 engines for Ford. But Wiley said that number has been cut dramatically because of Ford's financial problems.

The Indianapolis factory made about 400 engines a day. Wiley said he did not know how long the shutdown would last.

The Alabama plant will continue operating because it also produces engines for other companies, Wiley said.

Last month, Ford sued Navistar, saying the company failed to comply with an agreement to share warranty costs. Dearborn, Mich.-based Ford also accused Navistar of "unjustifiably" raising prices and said it would try to recover its costs.

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The beauty of our federalist system

As a columnist for The Observer, I have to try and come up with something interesting to write about every two weeks, and I've had many conversations with other columnists about the difficulty of finding topics which you, the reader, would be interested in. This is a tough problem, and my approach is to read the letters you send to the editor, take the issue and put forth my view on the matter in a reasoned and respectful way. This approach, however, requires me to read Viewpoint almost every day, and in the course of doing so I see that very few of the debates in this section end with compromise. Most of the time, the rhetoric only gets worse and both sides end as sharply divided as they were when the discussion began.



Jonathan Klingler

Forward the Revolution

American society in this respect is not far removed from the Notre Dame community. In our society there are many issues on which both sides hold nearly irreconcilable differences. I highly doubt that we will ever reach a societal consensus on drug policy, the role of religion in public life or abortion. Positions on these issues depend on foundational principles, and as such, are not easily changed.

Different areas of the country hold varying predominant foundational principles, and debates on controversial issues often begin when communities enact laws based on these principles. Soon afterwards, the actors involved in the debate turn to the national stage where they seek to see their policy enacted at the federal level. In 1973, abortion supporters were able to force the legalization of abortion on the entire country, including communities which were fiercely against the practice. Though abortion was a state issue before

Roe v. Wade, the pro-life movement focused on winning national victories to limit or eliminate the practice. Because of the initial nationalization of the issue in 1973, members of both sides of the debate not only seek to advance their cause in states that support their stance, but seek to enact their policy in states that do not.

The drive to resolve most, if not all, issues at the federal level threatens to standardize American politics and culture in the same way that McDonald's has standardized food and Wal-Mart has standardized retail shopping. Though I strongly believe that my classical liberal and Christian principles are true, I would rather win or lose debates in the several states than in one centralized federal legislature. People believe different things in different areas, and the current trend towards nationalization unnecessarily raises the stakes and thus adds to the growing sense of polarization in our nation.

Our economy is increasingly nationalized and globalized, and for the most part, increased trade has provided Americans and people around the world with higher wages, greater access to goods and a lower cost of living. Unfortunately, the widening scope of our economy has allowed a "winner-takes-all" homogenizing consumer culture to emerge in the U.S. Our greater mobility and access to goods has benefited us economically, but it also threatens to destroy the values, local sentiments and cultures that help us to define our lives.

If we are to enjoy the fruits of globalization and a greatly expanded economy, we also need to take deliberate efforts to preserve local culture and our sense of identity. According to Tom Friedman, the author of "The Lexus and the Olive Tree," "Even if we can get the right politics ... for sustainable globalization, there is another, less tangible set of policies that needs to be kept in mind — the need for community,

for spiritual meaning and for values which with to raise our children." Even if people in California drive Volvos, play Japanese computer games and wear clothes produced in China, they need to know what they believe and what makes them different from Chinese, Hoosiers and Texans.

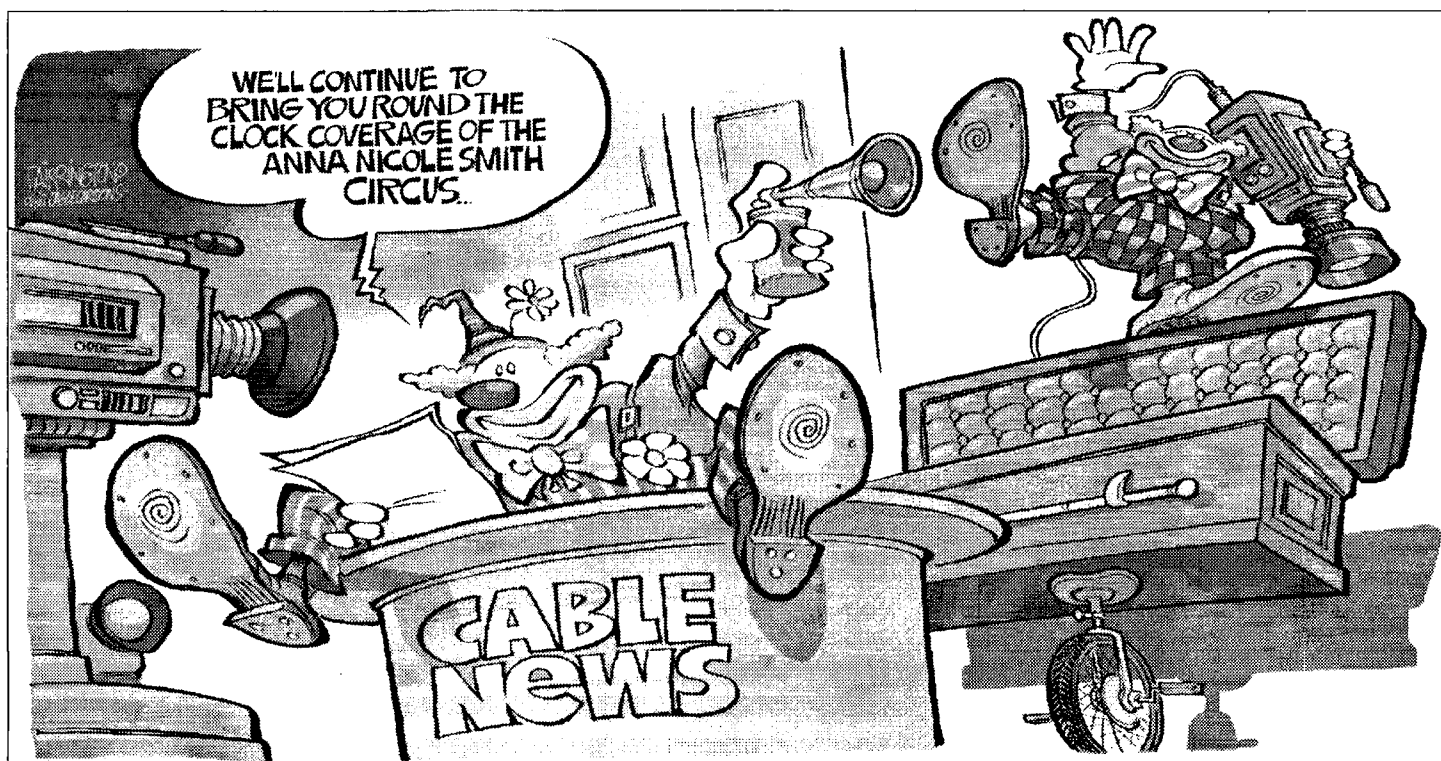
The beauty of our federalist system is that it allows for the preservation of local culture while providing the economic and security benefits of a larger government. Alexis de Tocqueville wrote, "No one can be more inclined than I am to appreciate the advantages of the federal system, which I hold to be one of the combinations most favorable to the prosperity and freedom of man." Our federal system is one of our greatest assets, and it is well-suited to take on our age's great challenge of protecting local identity and culture.

I don't think it would be a surprise to anyone if I said that the people of California and Indiana had divergent views on marijuana, the role of religion in public life and abortion. Instead of trying to make the whole country like Indiana or California (depending on your foundational beliefs) citizens of each state should be able to legislate on these controversial issues as they see fit. We need to work to preserve both the values and cultural practices that give our lives meaning. By unleashing the power of federalism, we can do that in a way that reduces controversy and increases community autonomy. Let California be California, and let Indiana be Indiana.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life ... have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become."

Steve Jobs
CEO of Apple Computer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saint Mary's new residency policy threatens enrollment

The new residency requirement for Saint Mary's students that was decided upon without diverse input from students and faculty will be disastrous to the future of the college. President Carol Ann Mooney has said that the college is currently facing an enrollment crisis and has set the goal to increase enrollment by 15 percent with the Class of 2011. Unfortunately, I strongly believe this new residency requirement will drop the number of applicants to an all-time low. Had student input been gathered on this issue, such a decision would have never been made.

Karen Johnson, vice president of student affairs at the College, said that

current students were not consulted because the requirement would not affect them. Current students should have been asked for advice because current students are the most knowledgeable about the wants and needs of prospective students having been there just months ago.

When high school seniors are making a college decision, they look at a number of factors, with student life being of great importance. When students enroll at Saint Mary's and see that dorm living is the norm for three years, many choose to follow this path of on campus residency. However, without this knowledge of the norm, high school seniors will not choose a campus that requires

them to stay on campus for three years over a college that does not.

The trend among American college students is to move off campus and Saint Mary's should not go against this. More students want to live off campus than on campus and if a college denies students of this right, prospective students will seek an education elsewhere. Applicants to Saint Mary's will drop with the consequence of an even further decline in enrollment.

Furthermore, this is creating an identity for the college that is similar to a girls' boarding school, not an open-minded, progressive women's college.

Johnson stated the single positive attribute of the requirement when she

said, "Students who live on campus have been shown to be more successful — both academically and co-curricularly." However, it should be up to the students and their parents — not administrators — to decide whether or not they should stay on campus for personal development. I would encourage administrators to reconsider how prospective students will perceive this residency requirement before there aren't any students to fill the residence halls at all.

Maggie Oldham
 senior
 off campus
 Feb. 26

Eucharist comic not inappropriate

Paper should uphold 'free trade of ideas'

Erik Bootsma, I, for one, hope you are the only student in this fine institution who took offense at the cartoon published in this paper making light of the Eucharist. You argue that while we can debate the presence of God in the Eucharist, "all of [the institution's] organs should point to the truth" and that the Eucharist is not "an acceptable form of ridicule," ("Eucharist comic was blasphemous," Feb. 26).

I'm not going to quote Bible verses back at you, but do you really think that The Observer should censor its content from a religious point of view? Notre Dame, as you may have noticed, isn't a hotbed of diversity, especially when it comes to religious views. I can't imagine this image would be improved by quashing satire that pokes fun at the Catholic faith. One day, you may have to accept that not only

does everyone not share your views, many of us don't want your views being forced upon us, even though we attend a Catholic university.

To quote Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, "But when men have realized that time has upset many fighting faiths, they may come to believe even more than they believe the very foundations of their own conduct that the ultimate good desired is better reached by free trade in ideas — that the best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market, and that truth is the only ground upon which their wishes safely can be carried out."

Jake Vos
 graduate student
 off campus
 Feb. 26

Cartoon funny, not improper

I do not understand why people are offended by comics. Comics are meant to be a quick chuckle in between hours of work.

In responses to Michele E. Sagala ("Cartoon crossed the line," Feb. 26), "making fun of the Institution of the Eucharist, especially in this season of Lent" is funny. I laughed. I also feel that God has a sense of humor and is secure enough to take a joke.

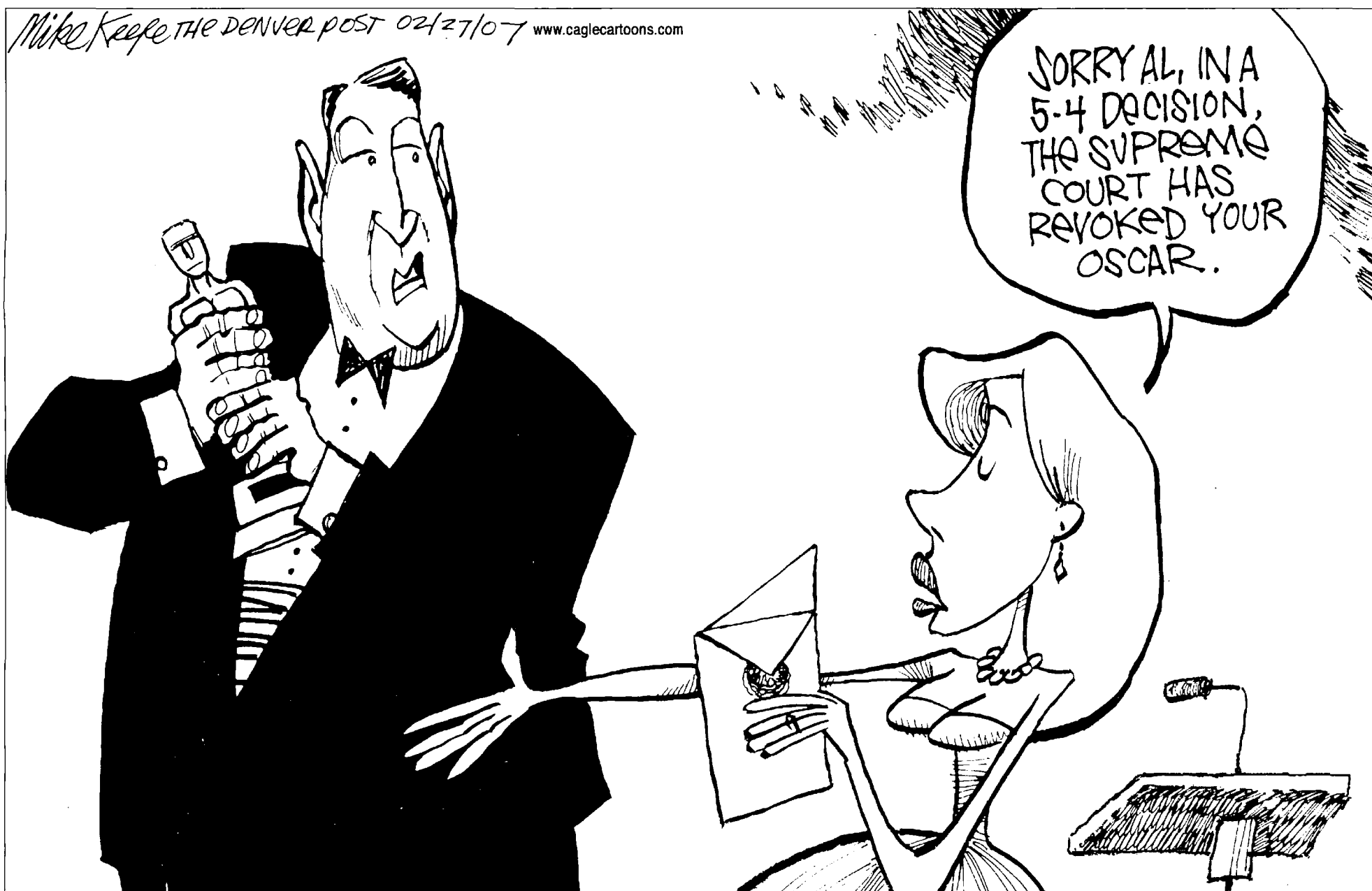
In response to Erik Bootsma ("Eucharist comic was blasphemous," Feb. 26), please turn and look at the top of the front page of your Observer, where it says "The Independent Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's."

Perhaps you should look at the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: "Congress shall make no law ... prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." I think the comic is pointing to another truth, that people like to laugh. I have found far more truth in Carlos Mencia, Dane Cook and Jerry Seinfeld than in Catechism 2148.

I pose this question — can you really respect someone you cannot joke with and make a joke about?

Phillip Whelan
 sophomore
 Carroll Hall
 Feb. 26

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2007 OSCARS IN REVIEW

Latest Oscars shines with flair and fashion

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

The 2007 Academy Awards brought nearly one billion viewers more than the usual amount of surprises and whimsy this Sunday night. Complete with interpretive dancers, a sound effect chorale and newbie host (and goofball extraordinaire) Ellen DeGeneres, this year's quirky Oscars felt surprisingly fresh and more than a little entertaining. With its fair share of glamorous fashion and several unpredicted upsets — especially that of perennial “bridesmaid-but-never-a-bride” director Martin Scorsese — the 2007 Oscars shot a lively jolt of energy into the arm of the nearly 80-year-old broadcast.

Red carpet arrivals were the talk of multiple channels during the hour and a half before the official broadcast began, with E! Entertainment, TV Guide and others dissecting and schmoozing with the Hollywood elite on what is often considered fashion's most widely-seen runway. Pop culture pundits like Joan Rivers and Ryan Seacrest were in full force as stars and nominees like Meryl Streep, Kate Winslet and even “Daily Show” alum Steve Carell made their way down the red carpet.

Oscar fashion in 2007 saw an interesting mix of standards — legendary designers like Valentino and Armani justifiably remain widely worn on Hollywood's biggest night — and risk-takers, with fewer stars taking the safer route in their attire choices in favor of “fashion roads less worn” like feather-accented skirts and gold bodices. One such risk-taking star was “Dreamgirls” Supporting Actress winner and “American Idol” alum Jennifer Hudson, who paired a stunning Oscar de la Renta chocolate brown frock with what appeared to be a silver-plated jacket abandoned by an extra from “Barbarella.”

While some, like Hudson, may have had less success with risky fashion, others, such as respective Supporting Actress and Best Actress nominees Cate

Blanchett and Penelope Cruz, absolutely shone in their more unique choices. Cruz, for example, wore a flowing, feminine pink gown with enough yards of fluffy, feather-heavy skirt to clothe the entirety of Angelina Jolie's growing international brood, but pulled off the potentially overwhelming Versace creation with her typical ease.

Other stars to note were Kate Winslet, in a very feminine celadon-colored, one-shoulder Valentino; “Babel” newcomer Rinko Kikuchi, who was sporting a form-fitting, black lace-laden Chanel; Gwyneth Paltrow in her pleated and peachy gown from hip newcomer Zac Posen; “Little Miss Sunshine” herself, fifth grader Abigail Breslin, in a sweet, pink fluff-fest of a dress; and Best Actress winner Helen Mirren, who left audiences pleasantly surprised with her gold-embroidered gown from classic designer Christian Lacroix that was anything but matronly.

Once the broadcast got underway, it was first-time host Ellen DeGeneres who put her own unique spin on the often-stuffy awards ceremony, leading a sizeable gospel choir through the

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The statement was ironic coming from Arkin, who won the Supporting Actor prize for “Little Miss Sunshine” over predicted favorite and Golden Globe winner Eddie Murphy.

Arkin's win was one of several surprises at this year's Oscars, with the seemingly heavily favored “Pan's Labyrinth” losing the Foreign-Language film award to “Das Leben Der Anderen,” a critically-favored German

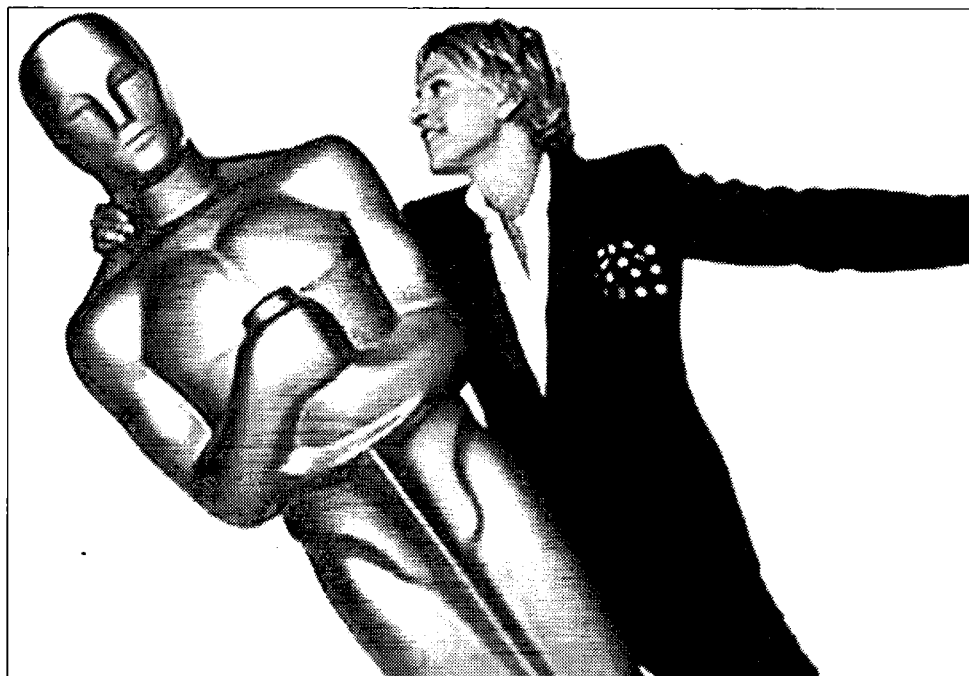


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Host Ellen DeGeneres hammed it up in her usual fashion during the 2007 Oscars. The host of TV show “Ellen” entertained viewers in her distinctive comedic style.

film about the complexities of the East German Secret Police. Another such surprise was the environmentally-conscious fable “Happy Feet,” which won in the Animated Film category over Disney and Pixar's wildly popular “Cars.” In the seemingly innocuous Best Original Song category, Al Gore's “An Inconvenient Truth” found unexpected Oscar gold with an original Melissa Ethridge song, “I Need to Wake Up,” over a record three tunes from the night's lone musical, “Dreamgirls,” marking the first time in recent memory that the Original Song winner came from a documentary film.

Other 2007 winners came with far less surprise. Both Forest Whitaker (“The Last King of Scotland”) and Mirren (“The Queen”) had won an impressive series of critical prizes between them since award season began, and despite an impressive breadth of competitive talent in both categories, the two were rewarded a final Oscar cap to their respective growing lists of accolades.

Sofia Coppola's controversial “Marie Antoinette” won the prize for Costume Design, hardly a surprise given the sheer volume of gowns worn by Kirsten Dunst in the film. Jennifer Hudson's win for Supporting Actress was also somewhat expected, given her win for the role at the Golden Globes in January.

The ultimate surprise, however, was that of Scorsese's Best Director win — Scorsese, effectively the Susan Lucci of the Academy Awards since 1981's “Raging Bull,” finally got his prize for his frenetic and fantastic Best Picture winner, “The Departed.” Presented by a trio of venerable directing legends, George Lucas, Francis Ford Coppola and Steven Spielberg, Scorsese's long-awaited trophy seemed nothing short of totally deserved.

Other highlights of this year's Oscars included a hysterical song-and-dance number featuring Will Ferrell, Jack Black and John C. Reilly lamenting the fate of the oft-ignored comedian come Oscar season; the pairing of youngsters Abigail Breslin and Jaden Christopher Syre Smith to present both short film awards; and “Little Miss Sunshine” stars Steve Carrell and Greg Kinnear's cheeky take on the importance of sound editing.

Ultimately, the 2007 Oscars will be remembered as the year of Scorsese and “The Departed,” of what DeGeneres called the “most international” grouping of nominees the Oscars have ever had, and of an overall rejuvenation of Hollywood's most storied night.

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From left, Forest Whitaker, Jennifer Hudson, Helen Mirren and Alan Arkin each took home an Academy Award during Sunday night's prestigious awards show.



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Director Martin Scorsese, second from left, finally received his Oscar in the company of fellow greats Francis Ford Coppola, George Lucas and Steven Spielberg.

DIRECTOR FEATURE

'13 Tzameti' director talks about film at ND

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Director Gela Babluani, already one of the most celebrated new filmmakers in the world, came to Notre Dame last weekend to screen his first film, 2005's "13 Tzameti." The film has been a major critical success on the film festival circuit, winning the "Best First Feature" at the Venice Film Festival and the "Grand Jury Prize" at the Sundance Film Festival. The director, who speaks four languages (Georgian, French, Russian and English) recently moved to New York and is working on an American remake of "Tzameti."

Babluani was born in Georgia while the country was still under Soviet regime, but does most of his film work in Paris. The film industry runs in the Babluani family. Gela's brother Georges is the star of "13 Tzameti" and his father Temur was also a noted filmmaker, though the elder Babluani gave it up in 1992.

"My father is my best friend," Babluani said. "He finished with the cinema in '92. It wasn't a good experience because he had so many problems. When he decided to stop, it didn't motivate me because we had a lot of problems. It felt like we had all problems all the time. So when I decided I wanted to make films, he was sad."

Babluani thus had little interest in making films when he was growing up, which allowed him to watch movies "without pretensions."

"I didn't look at [the cinema] for the technical aspects or anything," Babluani said. His father's influence was strong, but the appeal of filmmaking was stronger, and Babluani's decision to make movies grew out of his

love and admiration for the cinema.

Both Gela and Temur recently collaborated on a project called "L'Heritage" ("The Legacy"), which they co-wrote and co-directed. It is the first film Gela made in his homeland of Georgia.

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The film is unique for its story and themes, which hearken back to French independent cinema, especially the French New Wave (a revolutionary film movement of the late 1950s and early 1960s). The linchpin of the movement was writer/director Jean-Luc Godard, whose influence has not been lost on filmmakers today.

"Everyone in French independent cinema

tries to imitate Godard," Babluani said. "But they try to imitate him from an intellectual standpoint, not a visual standpoint."

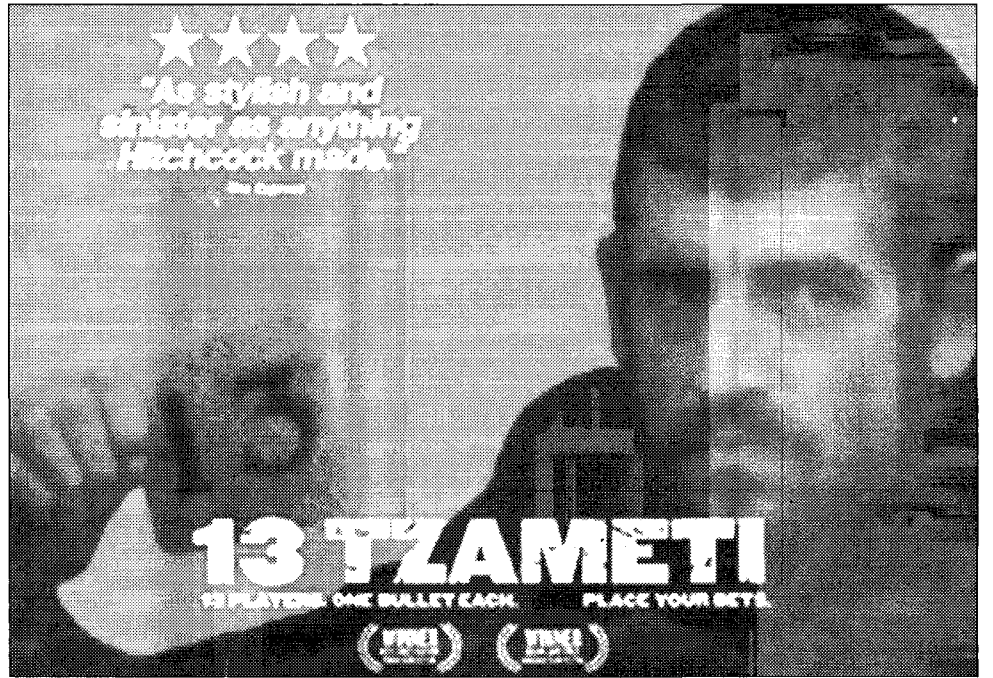
This Godardian influence is evident through "13 Tzameti," especially in Babluani's visual style, which is at once traditional and progressive. He uses subtle moving camera and cinematic techniques like freeze-frames effectively, though the film is deeply grounded in reality. This grounding demonstrates strains of the Italian Neo-Realist movement, especially in its usage of non-actors in key roles and its

realistic depictions of events. Yet Babluani noted that "13 Tzameti" is a complete work of fiction with few, if any, ties to real-life events.

"I try not to make movies about things that have really happened," Babluani said. "I wanted to make a movie about what's happening today in the world, but I didn't want to do a real story. If we do that, we find excuses for people, we depict good people and bad people and I really didn't want to make a movie about good and bad."

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Director Gela Babluani's "13 Tzameti" has garnered rave reviews from multiple film critics. The Parisian filmmaker spoke on campus last weekend.

This mentality is reflected throughout "13 Tzameti." None of the characters are depicted as outright villains, and even the protagonist is shown as a conflicted and morally problematic character.

Babluani's brother is the star of the film, and Gela noted that he chose Georges for very specific reasons. Georges' performance has also been well-received, leading to a Cesar (a European equivalent of the Academy Awards) nomination for "Most Promising Actor" (*meilleur espoir masculine*).

"I wanted the lead character to be really different from the others, and Georges has an innocence, especially his face," Babluani said. "But there's a violence about him as well. You believe that he's capable of violence, which is what makes the story believable."

That violence is key to the film's plot, though Babluani is quick to point out that he approaches violence in a different way than most, preferring a non-explicit style.

"If you want to see blood, you can turn on any channel on TV," Babluani said. "It doesn't shock anyone anymore and I wanted the violence [in '13 Tzameti'] to be psychological. There's only one special effect, which is very brief ... I wanted it to be closer to reality."

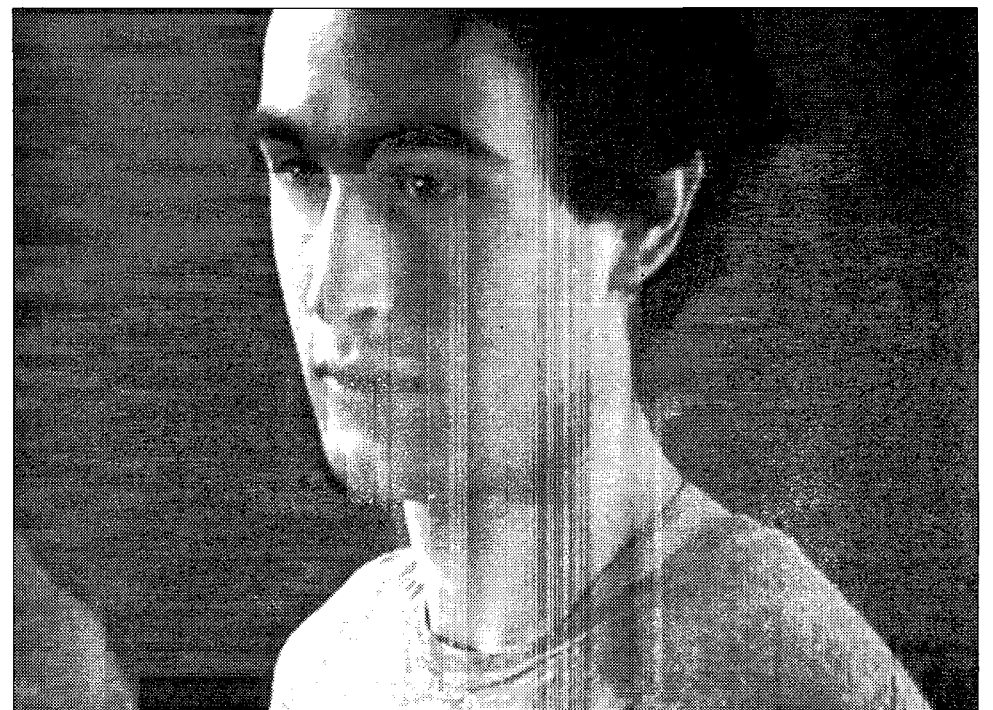
"13 Tzameti" is being remade in America with Babluani at the helm. No actors are set in place yet, but the film will carry many of the same themes and will focus around similar set-pieces - for instance, the game will remain the focal point of the plot. Yet the director stressed that he is not interested in "remaking 'Tzameti' shot-for-shot."

Whatever the case, "13 Tzameti" put Babluani on the proverbial map, and will certainly lead to larger endeavors. The director adamantly insists that he prefers smaller projects with smaller budgets, but his enthusiasm and talent are undeniable. After starting small, only bigger and better things lie in wait for this talented upcoming director.

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"13 Tzameti" is Gela Babluani's latest film. Although he didn't dream of being a movie director as a child, he eventually entered the film industry anyway.



Gela Babluani's brother Georges, above, stars in "13 Tzameti," which follows a man who becomes involved in a high-stakes game of Russian roulette.

BENGAL BOUTS

Gelchion pins Sayles against ropes for win

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Matt "Joltin" Gelchion's speed and aggression were too much for Michael "Saylor" Sayles to overcome.

Gelchion was on the attack for the entire first round, twice forcing Sayles against the ropes. Sayles' defense was better in the second round, allowing him to block many of Gelchion's jabs, but Gelchion kept the pressure on and landed numerous head shots. Sayles was more aggressive in the third round, but Gelchion's combinations were too tough for him. Sayles' blocking got sloppy near the end of the fight.

Chris Izaguirre def. Nathan "Preeminent Pre" Serazin

Izaguirre had the upper hand from the opening bell. He waited until Serazin threw a punch and capitalized on Serazin's lowered defenses, landing many rights to the head. Izaguirre again broke through Serazin's blocks in the second round, connecting with most of his headshots. After a stoppage in the fight, Serazin connected on a few of his jabs, but another flurry by Izaguirre forced him into the ropes.

Sagar Navare def. Danny "Dirty Water" Wemple

The first round was fairly even, with neither fighter able to take advantage of the other. Navare took over in the second round, effectively countering many of Wemple's punches. The intensity from the end of the second round continued into the third, with both fighters throwing a lot of accurate punches. The third round ended amid a barrage of punches from both fighters, but Navare put the pressure on and connected more often.

Will Marra def. Walter "Project" Bruen

Bruen was unable to throw anything other than his jab in the first round due to Marra's strong right hooks and uppercuts. Marra's superior reach helped him in the second round, allowing him to keep Bruen at a distance. Bruen started to land some shots in the third round, using his jab to open the door for his right hand. It would not be enough, however. Marra came back and peppered Bruen, putting him on defense for the rest of the fight.

Paul "Squints" Oddy def. Mike Howard

The fight started fairly evenly, but Oddy's right cross took over later in the first round. Oddy struck first, landing a powerful right that sent Howard to the mat. Oddy would land another strong right at the end of the first round, and yet another right set up a barrage of punches. The referee

stopped the contest midway through the second round.

David "J-Rock" Pepe def. Connor "The Conqueror" Cain

Pepe's form and aggressive style were too much for Cain to handle in the first round. Pepe was the aggressor for most of the fight and landed a strong one-two combo midway through the second round. Cain managed to knock Pepe off his game with a few shots to the head during the second round. The intensity dropped in the third round; but Pepe still controlled the fight.

Kris "El Azteca" Perez def. William Brown

Perez came out firing, but Brown was able to counter effectively, blocking and returning many of his punches. Brown came out much stronger in the second round, doing a good job of blocking or avoiding Perez and landing many strong shots of his own. Perez got to him, however, and landed a straight hard shot to Brown's head, knocking Brown to the mat and ending the fight.

Eric "A Second Reading From the Book of" Feduska def. Christopher Hanlon

Hanlon landed some key right crosses and a few combinations in the beginning of the first round. Feduska, though out-boxed, landed some body shots near the end. Feduska regrouped in the second round, landing more body shots and effectively using his jab and combinations. In the third round, Feduska came out strong, taking advantage of Hanlon's faltering defenses to land more jab-cross combinations.

Christopher Hartstein def. Mark "The Shark" Weber

Both fighters started fast, throwing many accurate punches, but Hartstein had the advantage, using his right hook very effectively and forcing Weber to the ropes. More combinations by Hartstein kept Weber from going on the offensive for most of the second round. Weber started landing his jab in the third round, but Hartstein's combinations were too much for him. Twice Hartstein forced Weber against the ropes and landed multiple combinations.

Michael Johnston def. Nate Dyer

Both fighters were quick and accurate and landed a good portion of their punches in the first round of an equally fought bout. The second round was also fought to a stalemate, with Johnston's body shots and jabs countered by Dyer's combinations. The intensity increased in the third round, with Johnston landing more jabs and Dyer on defense. Some of Dyer's shots connected, but it was not enough to win.

Mike "I'm On the Poster" Hennig def. Bill "The Brobot" Hull

Hennig came out strong and fast, not allowing Hull to throw many punches in the first round. Hennig's punches were quick and accurate. The second round was more of the same, and Hull struggled to protect himself. The fight was stopped midway through the second round.

Matt "Poz" Posluszny def. Conor "Chicken Hawk" Douglass

Posluszny's strong jab was prevalent in the first round, snapping Douglass' head back on more than one occasion. Douglass sacrificed punch speed for strength, landing a few strong right hooks. Douglass came back in the second round, landing a strong right that knocked Posluszny to the mat. Posluszny dominated the third round, knocking Douglass to the mat twice with straight rights.

Phillip "The Spaniard" Hicks def. Patrick "The South Bend Brawler" Kibbe

Hicks chased Kibbe around the ring for most of the first round, but didn't land many punches until the end of the round. Kibbe was much quicker in the second round, but Hicks' defense was hard for him to penetrate. Hicks finally broke through with a three-hit combo against the ropes. Hicks' combinations took over in the third round, keeping Kibbe at bay.

Lawrence "The Boston Massacre" Sullivan def. Steven Sushinsky

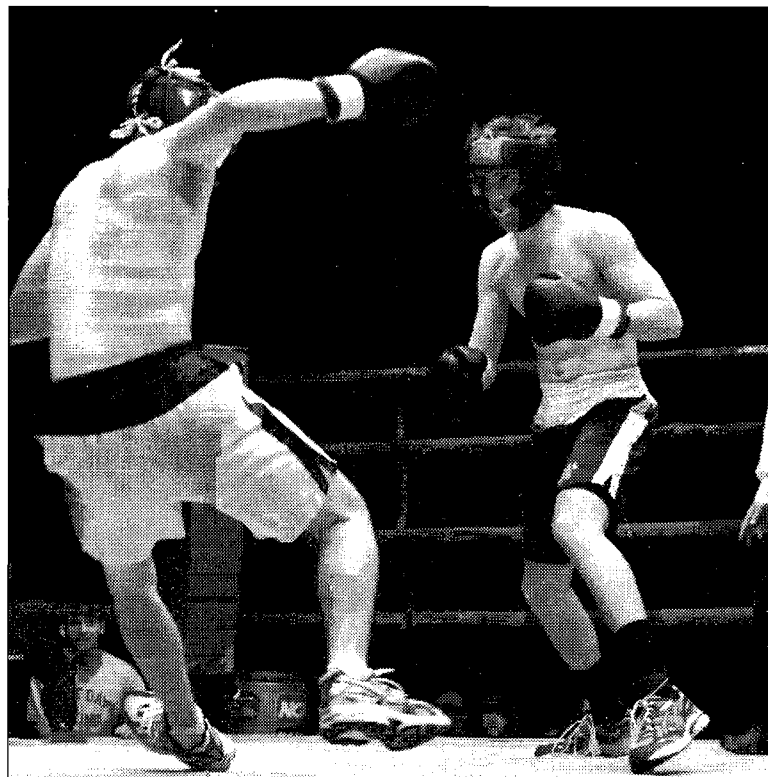
The fight was fairly even in the first round, although Sushinsky flustered Sullivan at times by landing combos. Sullivan got his jab and right hook to the body working during the second round. But Sushinsky fought back, landing a strong right near the end of the round. Sushinsky pressured Sullivan in the third round, throwing combinations and keeping Sullivan from getting a rhythm going.

Tommy "One Two Three" Forr def. Paul Mower

Mower protected his head well during the first round, only allowing Forr to throw body shots. Forr was able to land some strong right hands in the second round. Forr's strong right set up many combinations that allowed him to control the fight. The third round was more of the same, with the referee pausing the fight twice after big hits from Forr.

Alex "Speedy" Gonzalez def. Dan McGowen

Gonzalez was too quick for McGowen in the first round, keeping McGowen on the defensive for the entire round. It was more of the same in the second round, with McGowen unable to throw



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Matt Posluszny, right, attacks Conor Douglass in a quarter-final fight Monday night. Posluszny defeated Douglass.

any punches. He protected himself decently but could not keep up. The referee stopped the fight in the middle of the second round.

Joseph "Thor's Hammer" Leary def. Kevin Hederman

Both boxers' defenses were good for the majority of the first round, either dodging or blocking their opponent's punches. Hederman landed a strong right, and Leary worked Hederman up against the ropes with combos near the end. The second round started in Leary's favor, but Hederman fought back and took control near the end. Leary dominated the third round, waiting for Hederman to throw a punch and responding with numerous combos.

Jesse "Wolverine" Brawer def. Brian Tyrrell

When Brawer dropped his defenses, Tyrrell capitalized and landed some good head shots in the first round. Brawer returned with solid body shots. Brawer took over in the second round, landing multiple rights to Tyrrell's face. Brawer combined his right with his jab in the third round, eventually landing a strong right that made Tyrrell woozy and forced the referee to stop the fight.

Andrew McGill def. Brian Donoghue

McGill dominated the first round, dodging Donoghue's attempts and landing straight shots as well as hooks. McGill did a good job of dodging or blocking anything Donoghue threw and countered with hard, fast combinations. In the second round, McGill forced Donoghue into the corner after repeated body shots

and dropped him to the mat with a left hook. This forced the referee to stop the fight.

Dan "You're In the Lion's Den Now" Rodgers def. Mike "A Dish Best Served Cold" Suso

The first round was fast but sloppy, with both fighters attacking for the majority of the round. Rodgers had the early advantage, effectively using his combinations. Suso's nose was bleeding uncontrollably, forcing the referee to stop the fight after the first round.

Mark "The London Blitz" Bond def. Jordan Runge

Both fighters had their jab working in the first round. Bond had the advantage at first, successfully using his jab to set up combinations, but Runge made a run near the end of the round. Though intense and hard-fought, neither fighter could dominate the other. Defense was thrown by the wayside in the brutal third round that featured landed punch after landed punch.

Bret "The Mail Never Stops" Shapot def. Nate Barbera

Both fighters were cautious in the first round, which was intense but featured no decisive hits. Shapot had the advantage in the second round, landing a hard left hook that forced the referee to stop the fight a few seconds into the round.

Walkovers

Chris "Cougar" Cugliari and Chris "The Grizz" Lee defeated Rick Ward and Brian DeSplinter, respectively, in walkovers.

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Men's Basketball Associated Press Top 25

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1	Ohio State	26-3	1786
2	UCLA	25-3	1729
3	Kansas	25-4	1580
4	Wisconsin	26-4	1503
5	Florida	25-4	1488
6	Memphis	25-3	1422
7	Texas A&M	24-4	1408
8	North Carolina	24-5	1381
9	Georgetown	22-5	1225
10	Nevada	26-2	1160
11	Southern Illinois	25-5	1057
12	Pittsburgh	24-5	984
13	Washington State	23-5	974
14	Duke	22-7	775
15	Texas	21-7	708
16	Louisville	21-7	653
17	Oregon	22-7	466
18	Butler	26-5	457
19	Vanderbilt	19-9	317
20	Marquette	22-8	299
21	Virginia Tech	20-8	293
22	NOTRE DAME	22-6	279
23	USC	21-8	254
24	Maryland	22-7	247
25	Air Force	23-6	236

Men's Basketball ESPN/USA Today Top 25

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1	Ohio State	26-3	772
2	UCLA	25-3	742
3	Kansas	25-4	680
4	Florida	25-4	646
5	Wisconsin	26-4	628
6	Texas A&M	24-4	608
7	Memphis	25-3	603
8	North Carolina	24-5	584
9	Nevada	26-2	526
10	Georgetown	22-5	515
11	Southern Illinois	25-5	451
12	Pittsburgh	24-5	447
13	Washington State	23-5	412
14	Duke	22-7	303
15	Texas	21-7	272
16	Butler	26-5	222
17	NOTRE DAME	22-6	217
18	Oregon	22-7	181
19	Louisville	21-7	170
20	Air Force	23-6	141
21	Marquette	22-8	137
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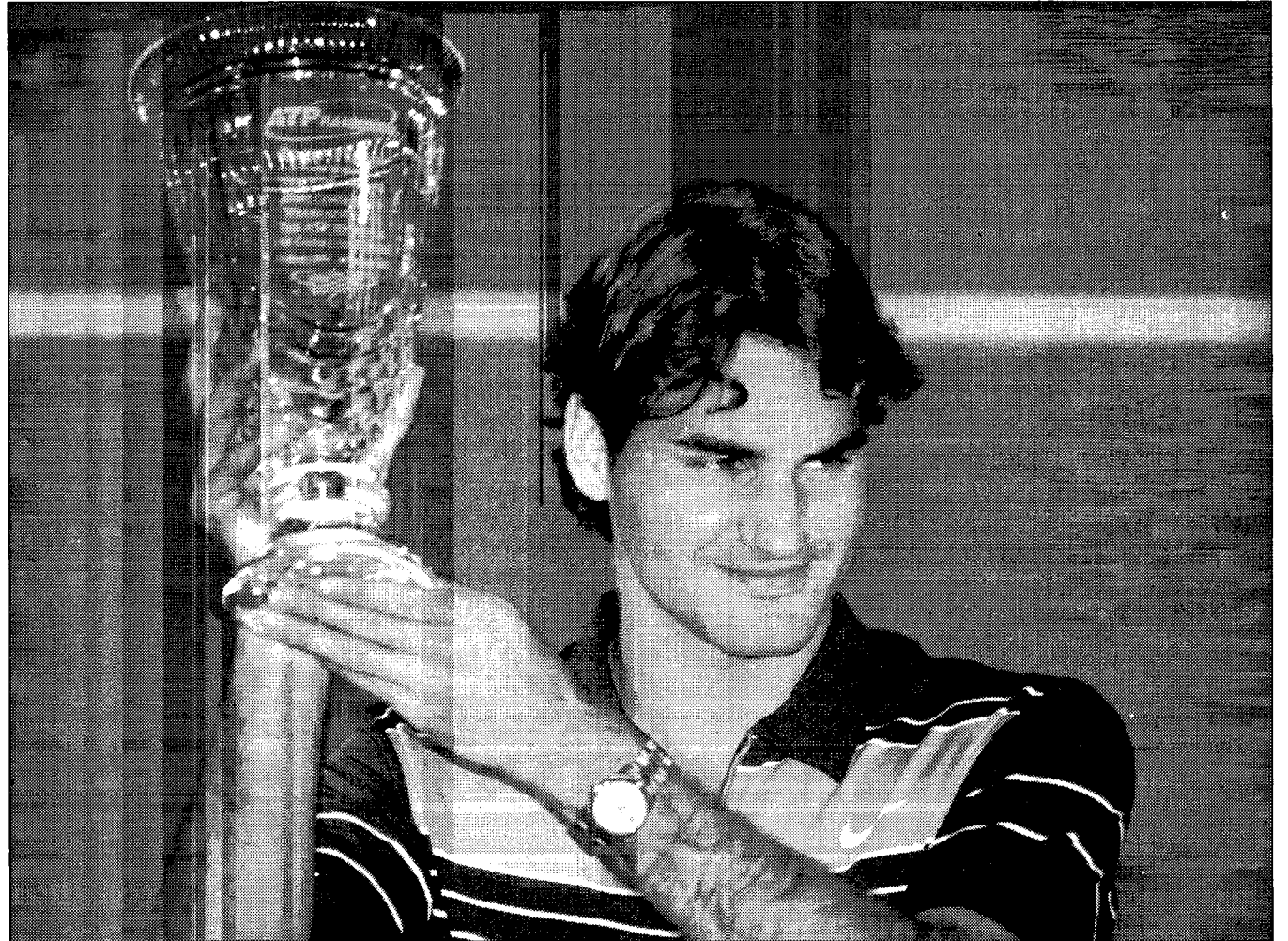
Women's Basketball Big East Standings

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2	Marquette	12-4	24-5
3	Rutgers	12-4	19-8
4	West Virginia	11-5	20-9
5	NOTRE DAME	10-5	19-9
6	Louisville	10-6	24-6
7	Pittsburgh	10-6	22-7
8	South Florida	9-7	19-10
9	Seton Hall	9-7	18-10
10	DePaul	7-8	17-11
11	Cincinnati	6-10	15-13
12	St. John's	4-12	8-19
13	Georgetown	3-13	13-16
14	Providence	3-13	13-16
15	Syracuse	3-13	9-20
16	Villanova	2-14	8-21

around the dial

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9:00 p.m., ESPN

TENNIS



Roger Federer celebrates his 161st-consecutive week as the ATP No. 1-ranked player in the world. The 10-time Grand Slam champion reached a new milestone Monday when he broke Jimmy Connors' 30-year-old mark of consecutive weeks at No. 1.

Federer on top for 161 consecutive weeks

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Roger Federer struggled to a first-round victory at the Dubai Open on Monday, the day he broke Jimmy Connors' streak of 'consecutive weeks at No. 1.

Federer, who broke Connors' 30-year-old mark with his 161st week at the top of the ATP rankings, defeated Kristian Pless 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-3 in his first match since taking a month off after winning the Australian Open.

Federer's reign began more than three years ago, when he took over No. 1 on Feb. 2, 2004, after win-

ning his second career Grand Slam title at the Australian Open. Federer said defeating Andy Roddick in the 2004 Wimbledon final was "a huge moment for me."

"Looking back, maybe that was the most important match for staying at No. 1," the Swiss star said during a conference call. "If he would have won that, I think he might have gotten it back."

Connors set his record from July 1974 to August 1977. Connors won eight Grand Slam titles in his 20-year career.

"I haven't heard anything from Jimmy," Federer said, laughing. "I

don't know if he's going to talk about it. It's a great record to break, he's had it so long."

Connors now coaches Roddick, who won the first set against Federer in Shanghai in November and had three match points in the second set before falling 4-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4.

"That actually guaranteed me to break the record today," he said.

Federer has another connection to Connors.

When Federer was growing up in Switzerland, he was presented with a watch by Connors during a ceremony recognizing Federer as the best under-14 player in Basel, his

hometown. Federer had been a ballboy for an exhibition between Connors and Mansour Bahrami.

"I walked on court, had a picture taken with both of them, and then walked off," Federer recalled. "I was so nervous. Whoever would have thought I would have broken the record? Looking back, it is quite an amazing story."

To commemorate the milestone, a Roger Federer stamp will be issued April 10 in his hometown.

Federer needed time to get up to speed against the 86th-ranked Pless, but extended his career-high winning streak to 37 matches.

IN BRIEF

Islanders strengthen roster for playoff run

NEW YORK — The New York Islanders bolstered their offense on Monday, acquiring winger Richard Zednik from the Washington Capitals for a second-round draft pick in 2007.

The Islanders entered Monday tied with Montreal for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East, although both teams were only six points behind third-place Ottawa.

Zednik has six goals and 12 assists in 32 games for the Capitals this season. He missed 31 games with wrist and groin injuries.

"Richard is a proven offensive talent," Islanders general manager Garth Snow said. "When you can add a player with his skill and competitiveness for a playoff push at a fair cost, you do it. We believe Richard will fit in well with our team."

The acquisition of Zednik could give the Islanders leeway to move forward Jason Blake.

Badgers lose Butch in loss to Ohio State

MADISON — Wisconsin forward Brian Butch is expected to be out at least four weeks after dislocating his right elbow in the Badgers' loss to Ohio State.

The team's leading rebounder had a dislocation and an associated fracture, and his anticipated recovery time is four to six weeks, the team said Monday.

The injury occurred when Butch crashed to the floor while battling under the basket in the first half of the Badgers' one-point loss Sunday to the Buckeyes in Columbus. He watched the second half from the bench with his arm in a sling.

At the time, Ohio State was ranked No. 2 and the Badgers No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25.

The Buckeyes won 49-48 to clinch the conference title and then got the No. 1 spot in this week's poll.

Boston's Matsuzaka faces Ortiz in Spring Training

FORT MYERS — When Boston slugger David Ortiz stepped in against pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka on Monday, hundreds of spectators pressed up against the fence and dozens of cameras clicked to capture the moment.

Ortiz, who led the AL in homers and RBIs last season, is confident about one thing: "I'm pretty sure he's going to do well."

Ortiz faced 12 of the 54 pitches, all from the stretch, in Matsuzaka's second batting practice session of spring training. He let nine of them go by, fouled one into the batting cage, hit a grounder to first base that might have gone for a hit and bunted foul on the 12th pitch.

"He's got good stuff, but we haven't played yet," Ortiz said, but "he knows how to pitch. He stays in the strike zone. That's all you need to survive in the big leagues."

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second half.

Fouls played an important role in the game. Two quick fouls on Allen limited her playing time in the first half and limited her to just four points in the half. She finished with 10 on the night.

"When your best scorer is on the bench, it makes it a little more difficult to get in a rhythm offensively," McGraw said.

The game was physical. DePaul committed 12 fouls in the second half, while Notre Dame committed 10.

"It wasn't any more physical than we expected," McGraw said.

Guard Tulyah Gaines left the game with a shoulder injury early in the second half, and Allen left later in the half with an ankle problem.

"[Gaines] got hit with a really hard screen and she hurt her shoulder," McGraw said.

Both Gaines and Allen returned later in the game.

Ashley Barlow led the Irish Monday, sinking three 3-pointers on her way to scoring 21 points. Guard Breona Gray had 15 points and also made three 3-pointers. Gaines ended with 14 points.

The Irish were out-rebounded 44-33 and out-scored 18-10 in the paint.

Notre Dame kept the game close in the first half, leading by seven with 5:52 remaining. The Blue Demons went on an 11-3 run to take the lead 34-33 with 3:02 remaining in the half, led by 3-pointers from

Rubino and Mitidiero.

In the beginning of the second half, successive turnovers allowed DePaul to score 12 of the first 16 points of the half and take a 48-39 lead. The Blue Demons scored 19 points off of turnovers to Notre Dame's 10.

Free throws by Gaines and a jumper by guard Melissa Lechlitter brought Notre Dame to within five points with 15:37 remaining. The Irish would again pull to within five after Allen converted a layup, and then a jumper, with 12:57 left. At this point, Smith took over as the Blue Demons pulled away.

The loss dropped Notre Dame to the No. 7 seed in the Big East tournament. The Irish will face No. 10 seed DePaul again Saturday at 6 p.m. in the first round of the Big East tournament.

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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

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really fighting for."

With a bye in the first round, the Irish will most likely face Syracuse, No. 20/21 Marquette or West Virginia in the second round depending on how the final week of the season plays out.

Notre Dame defeated the Golden Eagles Saturday, the Mountaineers 61-58 Jan. 9 and the Orange 103-91 Jan. 30.

That means if Notre Dame finishes with the same record as any of the above teams, the Irish will get the higher seed.

Marquette, West Virginia and Syracuse are within one game of each other in the standings, and any of them could end up in fifth place in the conference during the final week of play.

Since the Big East tournament has 12 teams — with the top four getting a first-round bye — the No. 5 team plays the No. 12 team in the first round. The winner of that game then plays the No. 4 seed in the second round.

As of now, Syracuse would play St. John's in the first round, with the winner earning a date

with the Irish.

The Red Storm defeated Notre Dame 71-68 Jan. 23 in New York.

But Brey said there is one team in particular he does not want to face in Madison Square Garden.

After Notre Dame's 66-63 victory Jan. 27 against Villanova, Brey said he was happy his team did not have to face the Wildcats for a third time in Big East play.

"I'm glad we're done with them," Brey said in his press conference after the game. "We don't play them a third time. We'll probably see them in the [Big East] tournament knowing my luck."

As things stand right now, Brey's luck does not look that bad.

The Wildcats, who currently sit in eighth place in the conference standings, will have to wait until the semifinals for a possible third meeting with the Irish.

Villanova would have to win its first-round game against either DePaul or Providence, then a second-round game against Pittsburgh or Georgetown before facing the Irish in the semifinals.

Should the Irish make it to the semifinals and finals, they will most likely face the Panthers or the Hoyas. Georgetown defeated the Irish 66-48 Jan. 6 in Notre Dame's worst offensive output of the season, while the Irish did not have to face Pittsburgh during the regular season.

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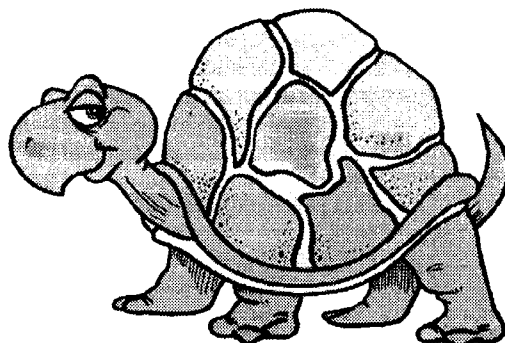
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fighters were tentative for much of the bout, but the lefty Frisch was able to land more punches in each round. Frisch and Lough danced around each other for much of the fight, with Frisch closing the gap several times to land quick combinations.

John Sultis def. Tom Digan

Sultis' endurance allowed him to triumph over Digan in a split decision. Digan seemed to hold a slight edge after a first round in which both fighters came out swinging aggressively. But Sultis had more energy as the fight drew to a close. He landed several powerful punches late in the final round to help him notch the victory.

Leo Rubinkowski def. Rafael Diaz

Rubinkowski, a southpaw, was the unanimous winner over Diaz. Rubinkowski held a significant height advantage and was able to connect often while keeping Diaz at a considerable distance. Rubinkowski landed mostly stiff jabs to Diaz's face and bloodied him before the conclusion of the first round. Diaz did not give in despite bleeding throughout the fight, but Rubinkowski's reach ultimately gave him the edge.

Stu Stypula def. Andrew Lorenz

Stypula edged Lorenz in an offense-dominated fight. The boxers used the entire ring and connected frequently with each other from the outset of the bout. Lorenz attempted to overpower Stypula, but Stypula was the more technically sound fighter.

At the end of the second round, Lorenz drove his opponent into a corner with a flurry of punches, but Stypula was able to pin Lorenz against the ropes with several combinations of his own. As the crowd roared, Stypula landed a variety of punches and carried the momentum into the decisive third round.

Karl Kadon def. Spencer Feran

Kadon took the early advantage and never relented, working Feran's body and forcing him to drop his hands as the fight wore on. Kadon was able to land a variety of punches and scored enough points to record the unanimous victory.

Pat Burns def. Tim Rippinger

Burns knocked Rippinger to the canvas with a series of aggressive combinations in the third round, and recorded the knockout victory. Burns seemed tentative for much of the first two rounds against the southpaw Rippinger, but the freshman was able to land a series of punches in the final round to overpower the lefty.

Chris Nanovic def. Joe Siler

Nanovic proved to be the more technical and aggressive fighter against the slower Siler. Nanovic repeatedly landed powerful combinations and Siler turned his back at several points during the fight. During the second round, Siler was clearly rattled by a shot to the face and could never recover.

Tony Cunningham def. Michael Kaiser

Cunningham prevailed unanimously over Kaiser in a matchup in which no fighter took a clear advantage early. Both landed

several combinations in each of the first two rounds. Cunningham, however, took over in the final round. Several power punches left Kaiser bloodied and helped Cunningham get the decision.

Geoff Spiess def. Matthew Bono

Spiess overpowered Bono with a series of one-two combinations in the third round, forcing the referee to stop the fight. Both fighters displayed good offensive technique but neither blocked many of the other's punches. Ultimately, Spiess was able to punch out of any trouble he encountered and was aggressive enough to beat Bono.

Cole Davis def. Eric Retter

Davis was the split-decision winner over Retter in a closely contested fight. Early on, Retter was able to batter Davis's body, but Davis landed many power punches to Retter's face. The third round was sloppy as the fighters tired, but Davis launched several good combinations on his opponent.

Patrick McInerney def. Joe Vittoria

The two fighters used the entire ring throughout their matchup and displayed a lot of movement. McInerney, who had a height advantage over his opponent, landed enough punches early in the match to overcome Vittoria's aggressive third round. McInerney was the unanimous winner as he circled away from Vittoria and effectively used his jab to maintain the distance between the two fighters.

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NBA

Nene sinks 27 points as Nuggets end skid

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Carmelo Anthony and Allen Iverson got their points and a win, too, thanks to Nene.

Anthony, the league's leading scorer, had 33 points and Iverson added 25 to help the Denver Nuggets to a 111-107 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night, snapping a four-game losing streak.

The Nuggets improved to 3-7 with Iverson and Anthony in the lineup, but it was the play of Nene, the Nuggets' 6-foot-11, 260-pound forward, that Grizzlies' coach Tony Barone said was the difference.

"I thought the key to the game was their ability to get the ball inside," Barone said. "They got the ball inside on us at will. Nene destroyed us inside."

Nene, averaging 16.4 points and 6.6 rebounds since his return Feb. 1 from a right knee contusion, tied his career high with 27 points. He was 10-of-16 from the field and added nine rebounds.

Several Grizzlies — including Pau Gasol and Lawrence Roberts — tried to stop the fourth-year pro from Brazil, but Nene repeatedly used his quickness inside for dunks and left-handed hooks.

"It didn't matter who we put

on him, he had his way with them," Barone said. "Their inside game, along with us missing a few key free throws down the stretch, were the main reasons we lost."

The Grizzlies were attempting to win back-to-back games for the first time this season, but were denied, mostly by Nene.

"We will be going to Nene more," Nuggets coach George Karl said. "He really delivered a great game."

Anthony, averaging 30.5 points per game, delivered as he has throughout the season. He connected on a deep 3-pointer to end the third quarter and trimmed the lead to 83-82. In the fourth quarter, he added several key baskets, including two free throws with 3:18 to go to give the Nuggets a 105-103 lead.

Denver never trailed again. Iverson also had nine assists, five rebounds and two steals.

Mike Miller and Gasol scored 21 points apiece to lead the Grizzlies.

Miller had given the Grizzlies their largest lead of the game midway through the third quarter during a five-minute stretch in which he scored 13 points. Miller's 3-pointer off an in-bounds play with 2:45 to go gave Memphis a 77-71 lead.

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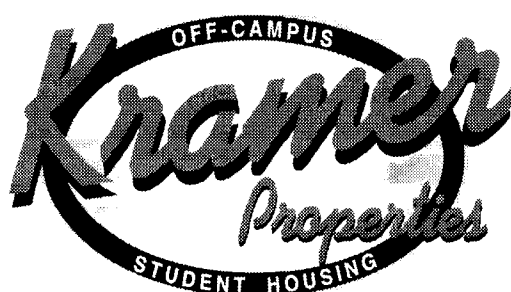


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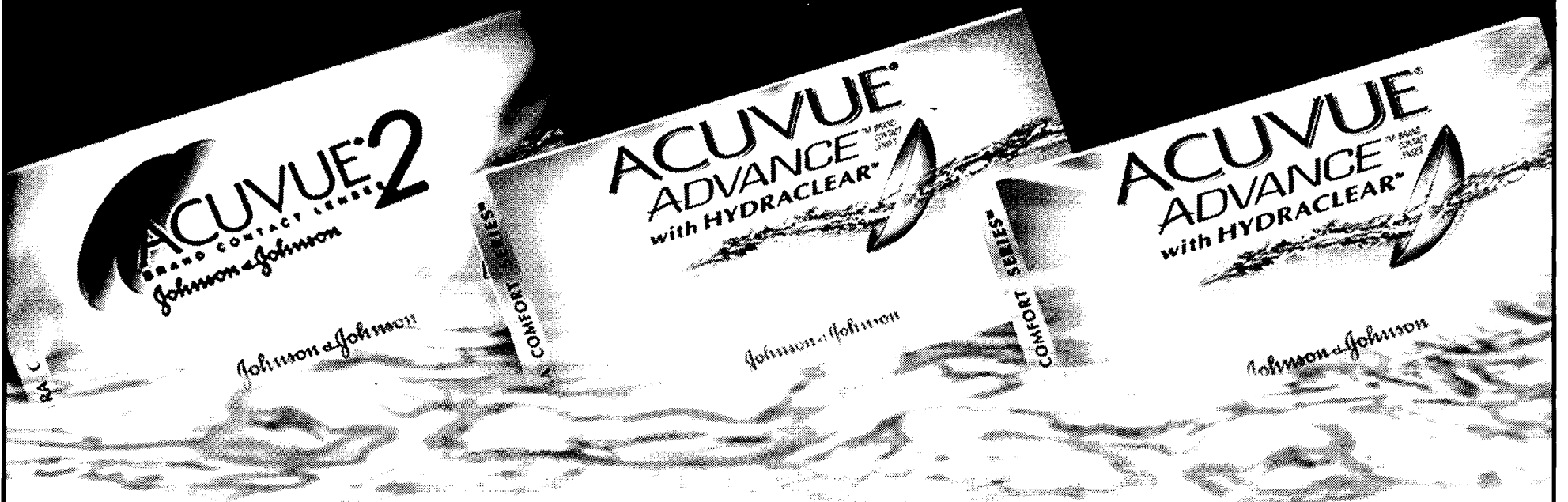
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Smith coming out slightly ahead for the win.

Joseph "Money" Meares def. Terry "Don't Blink" Howell

Meares won in a split decision over Howell after three grueling rounds.

Meares, a freshman from St. Edward's, appeared to take the first round, pinning Howell in the corners and shutting down Howell's quick feet. The fight turned into a brawl in the second, with Howell, a freshman from Knott, exchanging hooks with Meares. Each fighter took his turn taking the advantage and pounding away. Howell and Meares each connected with strong punches in the third in a match that came down to the final bell.

Hunter "The Wonder" Land def. Nicholas Ponzio

Land, an O'Neill junior, won in a unanimous decision over Ponzio.

Land seized control in the opening round, forcing Ponzio to box defensively for the majority of the first. Ponzio, a freshman from Keenan, was able to regain some ground at the end of the second, but Land still had the advantage going into the third round. Land displayed his toughness in the third, showing few signs of fatigue in a strong finish.

Parfait Mwez def. John "The Highlighter" O'Connell

Mwez defeated O'Connell, a sophomore from Fisher, by unanimous decision.

Mwez, a Zahm senior, and O'Connell each chose their spots carefully in a very clean first round. Mwez took the upper hand in the second, fighting more aggressively and connecting with a few solid blows. O'Connell countered with some hard jabs in the third, but Mwez was able to hold on for the win.

Chris "Camp the People's Champ" Calderone def. James "Turkey" Creighton

Calderone won over Creighton in a unanimous decision.

Calderone connected with a huge right in the first, temporarily stopping the fight and knocking Creighton's mouth guard out of the ring. The fight was much more even in the second, but Calderone, an off-campus senior, still held the advantage. Neither fighter faded in the third, but Creighton, a sophomore from Fisher, took several strong right hooks that bloodied his nose.

Bryan "Kielbasa" Marek def. Matt Kernan

Marek, a senior from Knott, defeated Kernan by unanimous decision.

Kernan and Marek fought a very even first round, with the two fighters trading punches. In the second Kernan, a sophomore from Alumni, began to

use his reach to his advantage, but Marek trapped him in the corner to finish the round on a strong note. Marek came out aggressively to begin the third, bloodying Kernan's nose to stop the fight temporarily and earn the win down the stretch.

Nazur "Naz Tee Nasty" Ahmed def. Matt Gimlett

Ahmed defeated Gimlett by split-decision in a very tight contest.

Gimlett was able to effectively counter Ahmed's rushes in the first, and appeared to take the round by a narrow margin. Ahmed, a sophomore from Alumni, was successfully able to blitz Gimlett at the beginning of the second, but Gimlett's agility kept him out of too much trouble. Gimlett, an O'Neill freshman, battered Ahmed at the beginning of the third, but Ahmed was able to recover well, continuing his aggressive style to seize the victory.

Alex "Spider Monkey" Duffy def. Patrick "The Chicago Drago" Salvi

Duffy defeated Salvi, an off-campus law student, by unanimous decision.

Duffy, a sophomore from Dillon, and Salvi traded blows in an even first round. The match continued to be close until near the end of the second, when Duffy knocked down Salvi with a huge right hook. In the third, Duffy proved too strong defensively for Salvi to make up any ground.

Preston "Punch Throwin' Idahoan" Carter def. Jeff "Delaware Destroyer" Skorup

Carter, an off-campus senior, defeated Skorup by unanimous decision.

Carter controlled the first round, using his footwork and agility to attack and duck out of range of Skorup's blows. Skorup, a freshman from Knott, was more aggressive in the second, but failed to solidly connect with any punches. Carter maintained his control in the third, finishing up a very clean and dominant performance.

Matt "I'm Gonna" Decker def. Joe "The Red Rocker" Langenfeld

Decker took the win over Langenfeld by unanimous decision.

Both Langenfeld and Decker, a Keough junior, came out with offensive mentalities in the first. Decker broke through towards the end of the first to knock Langenfeld down with a hard right hand. Langenfeld, a sophomore from Morrissey, failed to make up much ground in the second, held off by many of Decker's left jabs. Decker finished strong in the third, connecting with a flurry of punches near the end of the round to clinch the win.

John "Duck" Kelly def. Joe Raupp

Kelly, an off-campus senior, won by split-decision over

Raupp.

Kelly took an early advantage in the first, grinding away at Raupp with his aggressive style. Raupp, a freshman from Knott, was forced onto the defensive again for most of the second round. Raupp fought his best round in a very aggressive third, but was unable to make up enough ground to steal the win.

Michael Smith def. Matt "Furry Fury" Walz

Smith defeated Walz, a freshman from Alumni, by unanimous decision.

Smith, an off-campus sophomore, appeared to take the first round after landing multiple strong punches to Walz's head. Smith kept control in the second, holding his opponent on defense. Walz came out strong to start the third, but Smith countered with strong jabs to ensure his victory

Steve "Ogie" Hansen def. Matthew Hopke

Hansen took the win over Hopke by unanimous decision.

Hansen, an off-campus senior, and Hopke both traded punches in a very strong opening round. Hopke, a freshman from Alumni, appeared to take a slight advantage near the end of the second, but the bout remained close. Hansen came out strong in the third, aggressively attacking Hopke to seal the close win.

Stephen Klein def. Jon "Trash Can!" Parry

Klein defeated Parry, a sophomore from Keough, by unanimous decision.

Both fighters appeared to feel out each other's style in a very clean and even first round. Klein, a senior from Morrissey, took the role of the aggressor in the second, peppering Parry with jabs to the head area. Parry came out strong to even up the match at

the start of the third, but Klein took back the advantage when Parry tired near the match's finish.

Joe "Joe-Pacalypse" Hagmann def. Craig "The Fire Sermon" Woelfel

Hagmann defeated Woelfel by split decision for the victory.

Hagmann, a junior from Stanford, appeared to win a very aggressive first round. The second round featured more of the same, as Hagmann used his reach advantage to keep Woelfel at a safe distance. Woelfel, an off-campus graduate student, peppered Hagmann with punches and jabs to the face in the third, showing his endurance and knocking down Hagmann near the middle of the round. Despite Woelfel's strong third round performance, Hagmann held on for the victory.

Conor McLaughlin def. Ryan Simmons

McLaughlin defeated Simmons by unanimous decision.

McLaughlin and Simmons, both Keough sophomores, fought a very close and technical first round, with McLaughlin appearing to hold a slight edge. The second round also appeared to go to McLaughlin, who connected with a few hard hooks to Simmons' head. The third round featured another strong performance from McLaughlin to wrap up the win.

Mike "Double Fist" Lee def. Kevin "Aircraft" Carrier

Lee took a huge victory over Carrier, defeating Carrier just 1:05 into the first round.

Lee, a sophomore from Alumni, showed his strength from the beginning of the first round, nailing Lee and forcing the referee to temporarily stop

the fight. Carrier, a junior from Fisher, took another round of hard rights from Lee, leading to the referee stopping the fight.

Mike Cimino def. Colin "The Flavor Station" Dougherty

Cimino defeated Dougherty, a law student, by unanimous decision.

Dougherty took a slight advantage in the first round over Cimino, a junior from Keough. The second round featured a wilder fight, with each fighter taking a beating. The referee stopped the fight near the end of the second as blood began pouring from Dougherty's nose. Cimino continued to take control through the beginning of the third, continuing to target Dougherty's nose and earning the win.

Greg "Busta" Brown def. John Williams

Brown, an off-campus senior, defeated Williams after Williams was forced to bow out early in the first.

Williams, a junior from Fisher, took a hard shot to the nose, appearing to suffer a break. Williams reeled after taking the hit, and immediately conceded the match.

Andrew "Rage" Massari def. Brian "The Candy Man" Kantor

Massari defeated Kantor, a sophomore from Keough, by unanimous decision.

Massari, a sophomore from Alumni, and Kantor fought a very clean and even first round. In a much more aggressive second round, Massari appeared to gain the upper hand. Massari kept on the offensive in the third, holding back Kantor to ensure the win.

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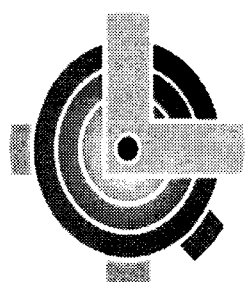
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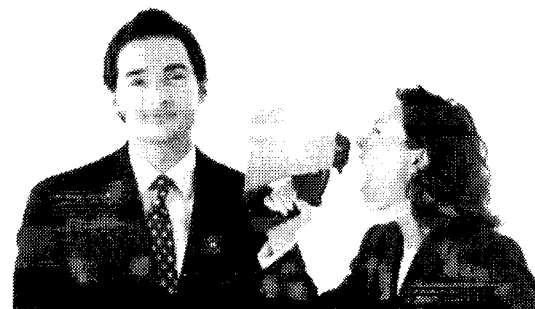


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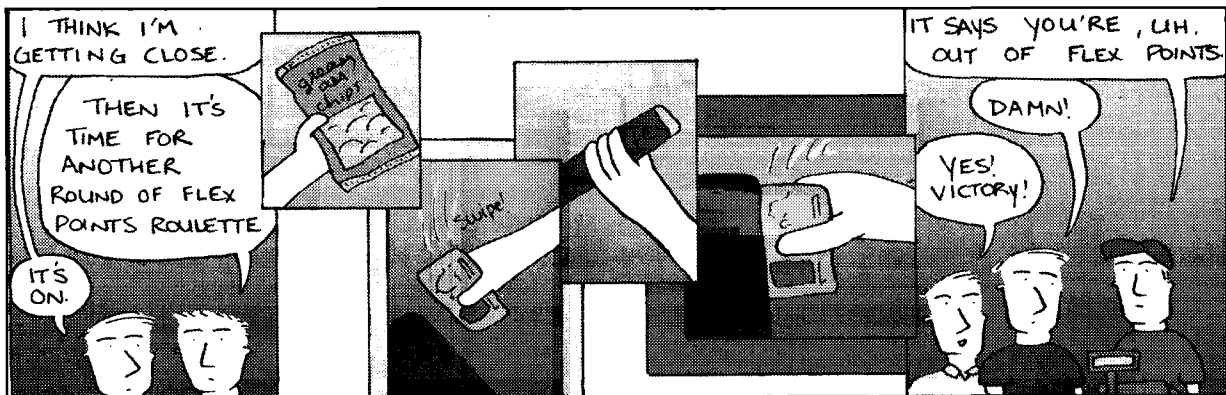
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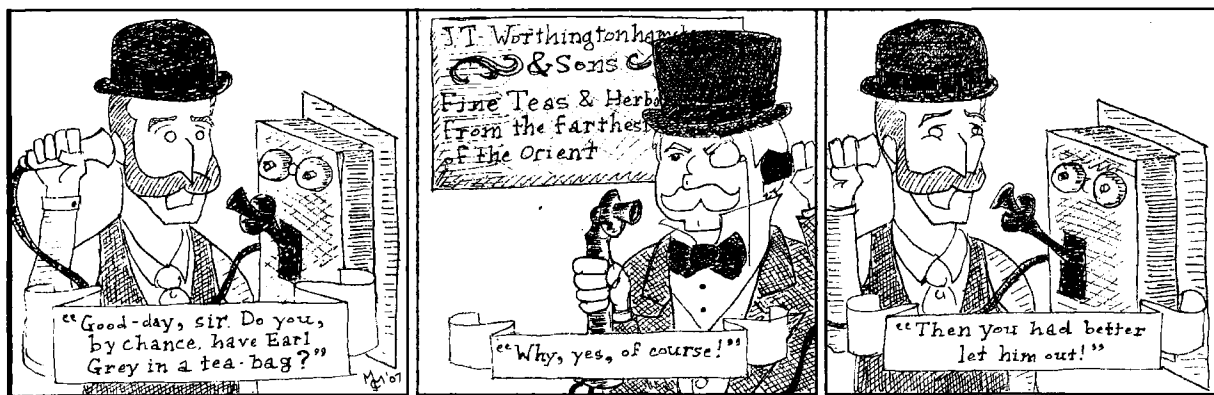
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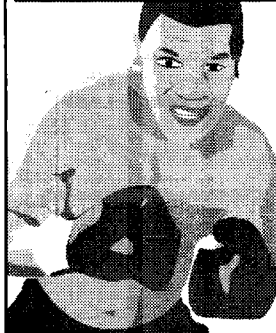
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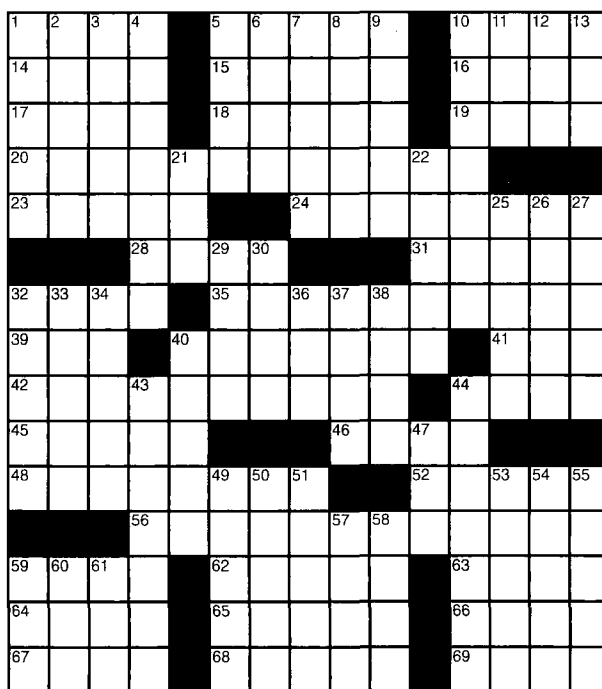


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 - 35 With 42-Across, Lesléa Newman book
 - 39 Flub
 - 40 Celebration that may involve the people in 20-, 42- and 56-Across
 - 41 Time piece?
 - 42 See 35-Across
 - 44 "No problemo"
 - 45 Tennessee footballer
 - 46 Moore of "G.I. Jane"
 - 48 Five Nations tribe
 - 52 Open wide
 - 56 2005 Mark Wahlberg movie
 - 59 Give a razzing
 - 62 1986 Indy winner Bobby
 - 63 Pull a sulky, say
 - 64 Natural soother
 - 65 Make amends
 - 66 Busy place
- DOWN**
- 1 Samuel of the Supreme Court
 - 2 Nobel-winning poet Nelly
 - 3 Baby bird?
 - 4 Musical liabilities
 - 5 Nordic gear
 - 6 Collections of points in math
 - 7 Come up
 - 8 Gender-bending Streisand film
 - 9 Wise old heads
 - 10 Pale lager
 - 11 "___ takers?"
 - 12 Robert of "Quincy"
 - 13 "S.N.L." announcer Pardo



Puzzle by Dave Mackey

- 36 Singer DiFranco
- 37 Lashed (up)
- 38 Stockings
- 40 Sonata ending, often
- 43 ___ Mann of 1960's pop
- 44 Pizza slices, usually
- 47 Wrestling locale
- 49 Hearing-related
- 50 Persona non
- 51 Hate
- 53 Home on high
- 54 Conclusively show
- 55 Perfume compound
- 57 Sounded a bell
- 58 Margarine
- 59 Slugger's target
- 60 Ransom Olds's middle name
- 61 Seemingly forever

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 21 Bard's before
- 22 Mature
- 25 Actor Milo
- 26 Surf sounds
- 27 Blue-book filler
- 29 Attention-getter
- 30 "Te ___" (hymn)
- 32 Melee
- 33 Steve the late Crocodile Hunter
- 34 Prefix with -plasm

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JUMBLE

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JUMBLE

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

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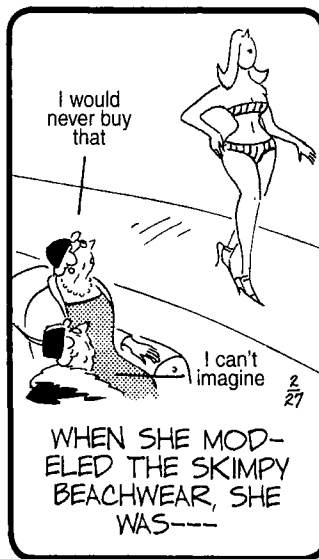
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MALEYS
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Ans: " [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] " [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLAZE ELDER GRUBBY INVENT
 Answer: What the delivery man turned into on his wedding day — A "BELLE" RINGER

HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Taylor Dooley, 13; Erykah Badu, 35; Mark Dacascos, 42; Michael Bolton, 52

Happy Birthday: Don't question yourself or hold back because someone doesn't agree with what you want to do. Satisfy your own needs in order to find happiness. Life isn't about passing the time away -- it's about doing something rewarding that you can be proud of. Your numbers are 10, 17, 28, 34, 39, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Mingle and network today -- an opportunity will take you by surprise. Let others know your aspirations and how you plan to get what you want. Your involvement in active groups will allow you to demonstrate your talents. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Partners may cause you to lose sleep, money or both. Cover yourself from unpredictable offenses. Do not sign contracts unless you are sure of what you are getting. Someone will use it against you if you are open about personal problems. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be more relaxed and find it easier to take care of matters that relate to projects you want to pursue. A problem with an acquaintance or partner may leave you wondering if you need to make a change. Begin to enhance your physical strength with exercise. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't take what others think or say to heart. Holding back or not following through with your goals because of someone else would be a mistake. Take a chance on yourself and your abilities and you won't be disappointed.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stop second-guessing what to do or who to do things with. Make a commitment. Pleasure trips will turn out to be better than anticipated. You can catch up on your correspondence and reading and pick up valuable information. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A relationship is likely to cause you some concern today. Consider if this person is worth all the aggravation. If you are single or wanting to move on with your life, now is a great time to get out and meet people who interest you. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be careful how you handle friends and family today. You may give the wrong impression if you are too friendly or not friendly enough. You will walk a fine line so maintain balance and you will probably end up pleasing everyone. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't take on too many responsibilities. Getting involved in the personal lives of others will lead to double-trouble. Protect yourself from those who would like to meddle. Be careful what you say to whom. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A little time spent with friends or traveling about visiting will do you some good. The information you acquire will help you make a personal decision. Someone in your family is likely to divulge information about your past you were trying to forget. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Talk about your plans and gather all the feedback you can. The more information you gather, the better equipped you will be to make the right decision. You can make extra cash with small investment opportunities.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Family issues and personal matters will surface. Don't let your emotions run wild or you will make a mistake that can't be rectified. Assess your situation without overreacting or blaming others. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Using force or emotional manipulation isn't likely to get you very far today. You will have to tell it like it is and suffer whatever consequences come your way. Being insincere or skirting issues will only make matters worse. ***

Birthday Baby: You have a very vivid imagination and the ability to envision the impossible and turn it into reality. You are creative, innovative and very pushy when you want to get things done.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Fight Night: Round Two

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Senior Dan Ward unleashed a flurry of punches on Joshua Hammack late in the third round, before the fight was called by the referee Monday in the quarterfinals. Ward landed jab after jab in the opening round to set the tone for a fight he would later dominate. In the second, he unleashed several power punches on Hammack and the stage was set for the knockout.

Adam Frisch def. Alex Lough

Frisch, a senior, was the unanimous winner over the freshman Lough. The taller Frisch used his reach to keep Lough away from him throughout the match. Both

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At left, William Brown, right, lands a hook against Kris Perez during Perez's quarterfinal win Monday. Right, Brown stands next to the referee after a Perez punch sent him to the mat for five minutes.

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By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Ryan "Seoul Man" Smith defeated James "Cupcake" Devereaux by split-decision in one of the closest matches of the night Monday.

Smith, an off-campus senior, and Devereaux chose their spots in the first round, with neither seizing a sizable advantage. In a back-and-forth second round, Smith started aggressively and appeared to have the edge.

Devereaux, a sophomore from Morrissey, rebounded quickly, taking control of the end of the second with a series of strong lefts. Both fighters took a beating in a very even third round, with

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish lose second straight, fall to seventh in conference

DePaul uses threes to pull away from ND

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Twice in three days, Notre Dame trailed by one point at halftime. And twice in three days, the Irish lost by double figures.

Again down by just one at half in Monday's game against DePaul, the Irish were outscored 51-38 in the second half of an 87-73 loss to the Blue Demons. The Irish lost 76-60 to Rutgers Saturday after having a similar deficit at halftime.

DePaul forward Caprice Smith scored 22 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Blue Demon effort.

Smith was one of four Blue Demons to score in double figures, along with guard Jenna Rubino (17), guard Allie Quigley (15) and guard Missy Mitidiero (15).

The Blue Demons sank 11-of-22 three-point attempts and prevented the Irish (19-10, 10-6 Big East) from staging a comeback. Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw had stressed the need for improvement of

the Irish perimeter defense before, and did so again last night.

"They're a really good shooting team, and we're a really poor defensive team from the three-point line," McGraw said. "I have been all year."

DePaul (18-11, 8-8 Big East) shot 38 percent from field-goal range and 71 percent from the free-throw line in the first half, but increased those

numbers in the second half, shooting 53 percent from field-goal range and 82 percent from the line. Notre Dame, in contrast, hit 48 percent of its field goals and 78 percent of its free throws in the first half, but made only 40 percent from field-goal range and hit just 56 percent of free-throw attempts in the

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MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMENTARY

Notre Dame not looking past Big East tourney

Not only is Mike Brey Notre Dame's head basketball coach, but he also acts as the team's press secretary.

Brey jokingly sidestepped questions after No. 17/22 Notre Dame's 85-73 win over Marquette Saturday about his team's chances of earning its first NCAA Tournament berth in four seasons.

"We are playing for Big East seeding," Brey said.

He also won't let his players

speculate past the Big East tournament.

"I'm glad you tried [asking the players]. Hopefully, you didn't break anybody in the locker room. I threatened them," Brey said. "Certainly I'll say this, our profile is very solid, but we're trying to chase a bye down."

The Irish have a couple days off before their final conference matchup against Rutgers. A win Saturday in New Jersey would clinch a bye in the first round of the Big East tournament.

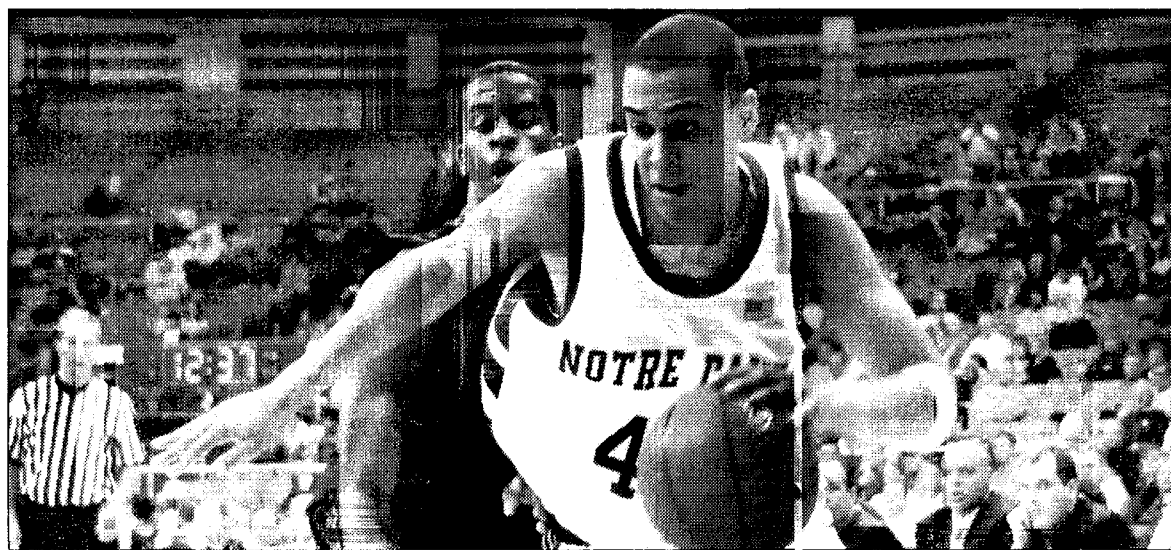
"We feel like we were fighting for a spot, for a first-round bye in the Big East tournament," Irish guard Tory Jackson said after Notre Dame's win over Marquette. "That's what we're

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Chris Hine

Sports Writer



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Irish forward Ryan Ayers drives past Winston-Salem forward Norman Carter during Notre Dame's 90-45 win Nov. 29. The Irish can clinch a bye in the Big East tournament with a win Saturday.

SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

NBA

**Nuggets 111
Grizzlies 107**

Denver center Nene ties a career-high with 27 points to end a three-game losing streak for the Nuggets.

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TENNIS

Roger Federer defeats Kristian Pless 7-6 (2), 3-6, 3-6 at the Dubai Open. He has spent a record 161 weeks ranked No. 1 in the ATP rankings.

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NHL

The Islanders acquire winger Richard Zednik from the Capitals in order to strengthen their roster in hopes of a playoff berth.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Wisconsin forward Brian Butch is out for at least four weeks after dislocating his elbow in the Badgers' 49-48 loss to Ohio State Saturday.

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MLB

Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka faces off against DH David Ortiz in spring training in Fort Myers, Fla.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Sophomore Matt Gelchion dominates the first two rounds in his win over freshman Michael Sayles in the quarterfinals.

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