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## COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Members examine ticket exchange

Student government, Ticket Office in talks to modify recently-discontinued program

By JOSEPH McMAHON  
News Writer

The Council of Representatives discussed alternative ways to conduct football ticket exchanges at their meeting Tuesday.

The Ticket Office discontinued the basic program this year of allowing a designated number of students to exchange for a fee their student ticket for a general

admission ticket. It cited abuses of the system, including scalping of tickets, as a reason to end the program. This year, students were able to enter a lottery for the ability to exchange their USC tickets because that game occurred over fall break.

But student government approached the Ticket Office and began talks to bring back the option of exchanging student passes for general admission tick-

ets, student body vice president Maris Braun said Tuesday.

"It's pretty unique having a ticket office that is very dedicated to giving the student body as many chances to see the team as they possibly can," Braun said.

She said the Ticket Office was cooperative when the Student Union Board organized a ticket exchange for the Oct. 20 game against USC — an exception that was allowed

because, the Ticket Office reasoned, many students would be leaving Notre Dame for fall break.

"The Ticket Office was really pleased with the student-run exchange," Braun said. "In the future we should look to other student organizations like student government and some of the class councils to organize it."

COR members, however,

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# Halls justify different annual fees

Rectors: Dorms' needs call for tailored deposits

By KATIE PERALTA AND JOHN TIERNEY  
News Writers

A Notre Dame education costs more than \$45,000 per year, but the hall tax fee included in that bill varies significantly from dorm to dorm.

For example, freshman residents of Badin hall paid \$100 before moving in this year, while the men of Sorin paid \$40.

The taxes vary from dorm to dorm because each residence hall has the freedom to choose the housing deposit that will meet the dorm's needs for the year. Residence halls with higher taxes generally are able to provide more activities and supplies for free during the year.

In the case of Badin, a small dorm population — just 123 women — caused the dorm to ask more from each resident.

"The smaller the number of residents, the [greater] need for a higher tax," said Badin rector Denise Lyon. Badin upperclassmen pay a \$75 fee to help cover the hall's activities and expenses throughout the year, which include dorm dinners, other events, decorations and items for common use. Badin recently purchased a set of weights using hall tax funds, Lyon said.

As in most dorms, freshmen pay a higher hall tax to cover freshman orientation activities.

Though the Office of Student Accounts Web site uses a \$50

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# Former Iraq advisor evaluates U.S. policy

Stanford scholar says sudden withdrawal would be as 'arrogant' as 2003 invasion

By DAVIS RHORER Jr.  
News Writer

There is no more politically charged, national security question than the direction of Iraq, said Larry Diamond, a political science professor at Stanford University.

Diamond, a former senior advisor on governance for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, began his lecture Tuesday night in the Hesburgh Center with his reflections on the foundations of the war. He then discussed the current situation for both Iraqi civilians and American soldiers.

In 2004, Diamond was invited by then-U.S. National Security Advisor and former colleague Condoleezza Rice to assist in the transition to democracy in Iraq. Initially scheduled to stay in the coun-

try for six months, a discouraged Diamond left after only three.

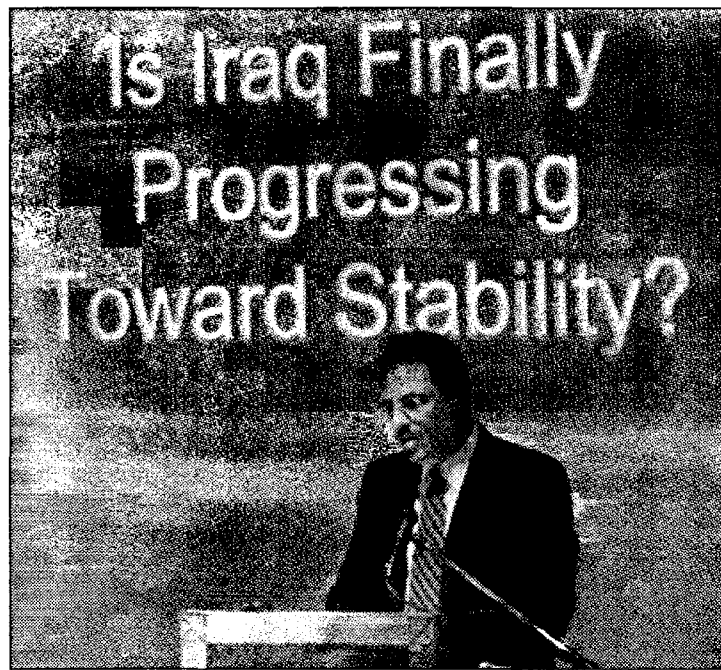
"We were failing in Iraq from the ineptitude, arrogance, incompetence and isolation from reality and knowledge of Iraqi society," he said.

Diamond's criticisms, which focused heavily on the unilateral nature with which he felt the Bush administration handled the engagement, eventually shifted towards current obligations the United States has in the war-torn state.

"We can't just indiscriminately walk away," Diamond said. "It would be a mistake to get out of Iraq with as little thought, as little planning and as much arrogant indifference as the manner in which we went in."

But not everything Diamond

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Stanford professor Larry Diamond addresses an audience during his lecture in the Hesburgh Center Tuesday.

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# Senior takes first in Mazda challenge, showcases design

By THERESA CIVANTOS  
News Writer

While most Notre Dame students watched football and ate turkey last weekend, senior Mallory McMorrow took the spotlight at the L.A. Auto Show as the winner of Mazda's nationwide car-designing competition.

An industrial design student, McMorrow submitted a sketch and a 150-word statement to the Mazda Design Challenge without thinking her vision of a 2018 compact sports car would win the top prize. But it did — and her vision evolved from a paper sketch to a full-scale clay

model at the L.A. Auto Show, which ran from Nov. 16-25.

"I had no idea I would win," McMorrow said.

The competition, aimed at college students, asked participants to imagine the Mazda3 of 2018 and accepted proposals from Sept. 25 to Oct. 12. McMorrow said they received 400 entries. The Mazda Design Team of North America "voted and hand-picked the top 10 ideas," according to the competition's official Facebook group. These finalists were announced Oct. 16 and the online voters narrowed them down to five by the end of the month.

McMorrow and the other

four designers then worked with the Mazda Design Team to produce a final sketch of the 2018 Mazda3 for the final round of voting. McMorrow's win was announced Nov. 6.

"The voting was all on Facebook," she said.

As part of her prize, Mazda flew McMorrow to California to attend the L.A. Auto Show, where she worked with Franz von Holzhausen — director of design for Mazda North American Operations — and his team to turn her design into a full-scale clay model. The model was unveiled Nov. 24.

"This was the first time a

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Senior Mallory McMorrow poses with a clay model of her award-winning Mazda3 design at the L.A. Auto Show November 24.

Photo courtesy of Mallory McMorrow

INSIDE COLUMN

# For the love of the game

There are few sounds in this world more satisfying than the sound of a ping pong ball landing in a Solo cup.

Pong, as it known for short, requires minute precision and impeccable hand-eye coordination.

It also requires teamwork (it's a two-on-two game and you need both people to pull their weight to accomplish the sought-after "sendback"), strategy (the question of "to bounce, or not to bounce") and an unyielding commitment to excellence, many of the virtues espoused at Notre Dame.

It is for these reasons I nominate Beer Pong as the National Collegiate Pastime.

College football, as we've all found out this year, has its ups and downs. Baseball, as great of a game as it is, doesn't start until spring and can be really slow. Beer pong, not soccer, is the Beautiful Game.

I'll have none of that flip cup garbage. Any game which has a nickname of "flippy cup" and is greeted by the cheers of hysterical girls after a victory has no merit for induction as the national collegiate pastime.

Furthermore, pong encourages drinking in moderation. That's right.

You see, unlike flip cup, which has no real point other than going pedal-to-the-metal on intoxication highway, pong has a very simple system of checks and balances designed to curb excessive drinking.

As in any playoff system featuring single-loss elimination, pong carries with it the immediacy of its "win or go home" doctrine.

As with the fine art of initiating dialogue with females, alcohol consumption helps the pong player — up until a point.

Liquid courage can help one wax eloquent or make it rain on the pong table, until said player in either game reaches a point I like to call "critical mass," a point of no return after which the game of the person in question takes a sharp turn for the worst.

Quarters, kings, shotgunning, the ever-so-popular "drink the beer" — while each has its own merits, none of these have the same appeal as pong and require no real talents other than a high tolerance.

Furthermore, pong has become a nationwide phenomenon, sweeping across the nation's colleges with awesome alacrity.

Depending on where you play, the game has different rules and variations, including "Full Contact," a version in which every ball that ricochets off the table becomes "live." The player who can successfully recover the fumble and emerge from the pile, ball in hand, is awarded another shot.

Another popular twist is the "NBA Jam" rule, in which a player declares that his or her partner is "heating up" after three consecutive makes, resulting in that player shooting until he or she misses.

Pong is also a gender-inclusive game, providing a common clause for women to contribute by virtue of their ability to blow a ball around the interior of a cup out.

Furthermore, pong does not discriminate against people by virtue of their athletic talent or physical prowess (or lack thereof). Many Bookstore basketball teams are doomed to an embarrassing failure from the outset by mere virtue of being short or slow. Pong provides a level playing field (literally) for all players of all creeds. It is the great equalizer.

For these reasons, and many more not enumerated here, pong is the sport of kings.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SONG ON THE RADIO AND WHY?



**Javier Soegaard**  
sophomore  
Carroll

"Dimelo [The Ping Pong Song] because now people will believe I'm actually Hispanic."



**Brandon Boston**  
freshman  
O'Neill

"Cyclone" because I like to dance."



**Claire Laurentius**  
senior  
Cavanaugh

"O Holy Night" because it's the best Christmas song."



**Jason Wittenbach**  
senior  
Stanford

"Cupcake Girl" because it was written by the second sweetest musician ever."



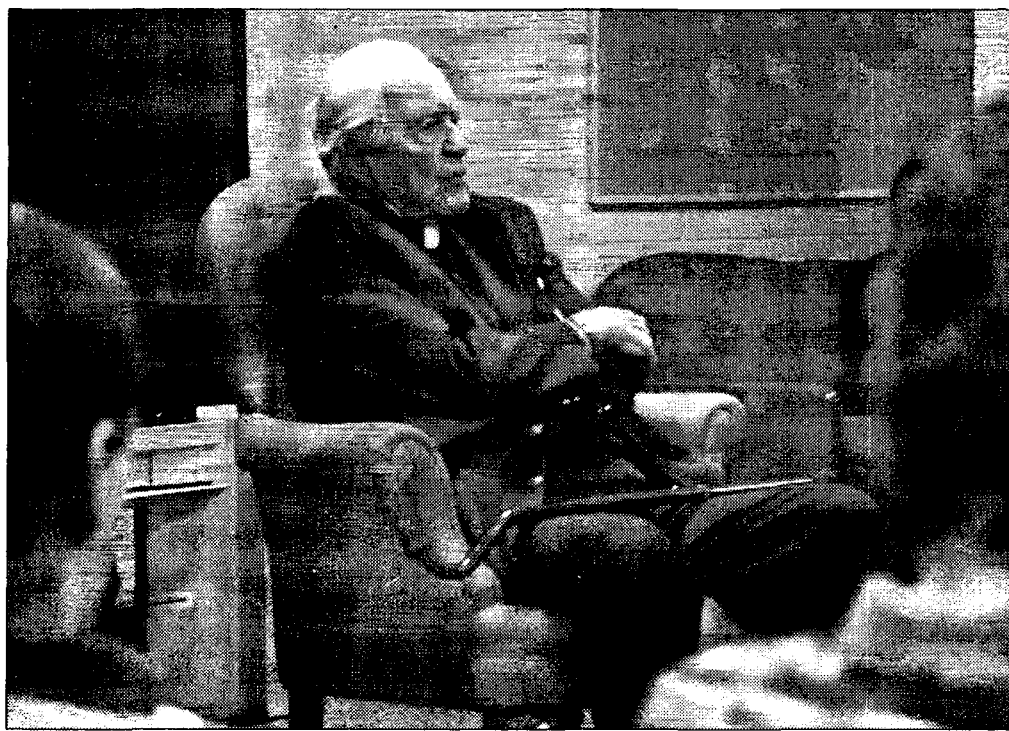
**Kevin Kimberly**  
freshman  
O'Neill

"Bartender" by T-Pain because that's what I want to be when I grow up."



**Matt Medlock**  
senior  
off campus

"Mele Kalikimaka" because the best way to spread Christmas cheer is by singing loud for all to hear."



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh speaks to residents of O'Neill Hall during a visit to the residence hall Tuesday evening.

### OFFBEAT

#### Ga. man tries to deposit fake \$1 million bill

AIKEN, S.C. — A bank teller in Clearwater had a million reasons not to open an account for an Augusta, Ga., man Monday, authorities said. Alexander D. Smith, 31, was charged with disorderly conduct and two counts of forgery after he walked into the bank and tried to open an account by depositing a fake \$1 million bill, said Aiken County Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Michael Frank.

The employee refused to open the account and called police while the man started to curse at bank workers, Frank said.

The second forgery charge came after investigators learned Smith bought several cartons of cigarettes from a nearby grocery store with a stolen check, Frank said.

#### Judge removed over cell phone jailing

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — A judge who jailed 46 people who were in his courtroom when a cell phone call interrupted proceedings was removed from the bench Tuesday by a state commission.

Niagara Falls City Court Judge Robert Restaino "snapped" and "engaged in what can only be described as two hours of

inexplicable madness" during the March 2005 session, Raoul Felder, chairman of the state Commission on Judicial Conduct, wrote in the decision to remove Restaino from the \$113,900-per-year post.

A phone rang while Restaino was hearing the cases of domestic violence offenders who had been ordered to appear weekly to update the judge on the progress of their counseling. A sign in the courthouse warns that cell phones and pagers must be turned off.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

### IN BRIEF

Mass will be celebrated in the Alumni Hall Chapel at 5 p.m. Friday for the Feast of St. Andrew. The Gregorian Schola will sing Gregorian chant.

The Notre Dame hockey team will play Nebraska-Omaha Friday at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will present Handel's Messiah Friday at 8 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be ordered by calling ticket office at (574) 631-2800.

As part of the Solidarity film series, there will be a screening of the film "We are Together" in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Friday at 10 p.m. The film focuses on the story of the children of the Agape Orphanage as they overcome the adversity of growing up among Africa's 12 million AIDS orphans.

The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will perform their fall concert, "Come Back to Your First Love" Saturday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Habitat for Humanity will host "A Home for the Holidays" Sunday from 3:30 to 8 p.m. in the Stepan Center. Groups of students can register online to build a gingerbread house. The cost of registration ranges from \$30 to \$50 per group, depending on size of the house. There will also be performances, entertainment and food to raise money for the organization.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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# Tickets

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suggested making further revisions to the process in which the exchanges could be conducted if the program were reinstated.

The USC exchange this year had students entering a lottery for a chance to exchange their tickets. But the selected entries were not notified they had won until a week before the game.

Such short notice doesn't give students' outside friends or relatives enough time to plan a trip to Notre Dame, several COR members said.

"I wanted to exchange a ticket for a friend, but I didn't find out until a week before that I had won the lottery, so it ended up not working out," said Kadeja Gaines, treasurer of the

Student Union Board and a Georgia native.

Because it is so difficult to find a reasonable plane ticket a few days before the expected departure date,

several COR members suggested holding the lotteries several weeks in advance.

"The purpose of the program is to get siblings out to games and if you live far away you won't be able to get them out [here] with too little notice," senior class

vice president Chris Doughty said.

To counter fears that students would use this extra time to sell the tickets for a profit, Doughty suggested that the name of the person the student is buying the ticket for be printed on it.

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**Maris Braun**  
student body vice president

# Iraq

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said was negative.

Diamond cited a recent improvement in safety levels for civilians in the streets of Baghdad, a development he credited to the recent influx, or "surge," of troops and new military strategies adopted by the American armed forces.

"[There] is a new sense of hope and possibilities and a return to something approaching normalcy in many communities," Diamond said.

In addition to these changes in the American military presence, Diamond also noted the recent crippling of al-Qaeda in the region as fruit of the U.S. intervention.

"The Sunni Arab heartland of Iraq has had its fill of the ruthlessness and intimidation of al-Qaeda and wants them gone," Diamond said.

He backed up his assertion

with a recent release by Osama bin Laden, where the terrorist leader confirmed the change in sentiment in the region and talked about his organization's "loss of the hearts and minds" of the Iraqi people, Diamond said.

And while Iraq is doing better in that regard, the situation is still precarious, he said.

"I fear that that the current surge with all its manifest hope for progress

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**Larry Diamond**  
Stanford University

could prove to be ... a brilliant, inspiring moment of possibility that cruelly slips away," Diamond said. "Only if we capitalize on the military gains in the past few months with a political strategy to settle big political differences ... can we stand a decent chance of avoiding that fate."

He concluded his lecture by repeating the same piece of advice he once gave Rice, say-

ing the United States "cannot do it alone" when it comes to Iraq. Allied support from regional neighbors and the

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Stanford University

European Union, Diamond said, is essential to ending the current conflict.

Diamond also firmly criticized the provincial Iraqi government and called it a barrier to future successes in the country. "Unless we threaten to pull the rug out from under [the Iraqi representatives] we'll not agree to [internal] compromises," he said, referring to the current American financial and military support of what he considers a highly corrupt and partisan parliament.

Diamond's lecture was sponsored by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

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## Tax

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deposit to project total housing costs for prospective students, it does say the hall tax is subject to change.

At \$90, the freshman Carroll Hall residents pay the highest hall tax of any men's residence hall on campus, with upperclassmen in the same dorm paying \$10 less every year. The Carroll freshmen, however, receive a hall shirt in return for their additional payment.

And though other male dorms on campus may have lower hall taxes, Carroll does not require its residents to pay for dances, food for game watches, hall government expenses, receptions or other programs, according to Carroll rector Father Jim Lewis.

The dorm also subsidizes section- and hall-wide programs, such as movies at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and paintballing, Lewis said.

Residents of Alumni and Morrissey Halls also pay \$80 to the dorm. Neither Hall charges residents for hall events such as dances but in dorms like Keenan and Siegfried, where the hall tax is between \$50 and \$60, resi-

dents have to cover dance fees themselves.

That is also the case for the residents of Sorin College. While Sorin residents enjoy the lowest hall tax of any dorm on campus — \$40 every year — they must pay to attend the dorm's dances. The Sorin dance earlier this semester came with a \$15 price tag per couple, Sorin rector Father Jim King said.

However, the dorm does pay for food for game watches, study days and a cookout on football Fridays, King said. The dorm has been able to save its residents \$20 thanks to financial assistance from former residents at its annual alumni reunion, King said.

Lyons Hall also charges its freshmen more than its other residents — \$60 for first-year students versus \$50 for sophomores, juniors and seniors — to help pay for the events during orientation.

"The extra \$10 for the freshmen goes to cover the expenses of Frosh-O, which are considerable," Lyons rector Denise McOsker said. "And [the Lyons] Hall Council is thinking about raising the freshman rate to \$70 next year."

Lyons's tax funds cover such expenses as the dorm's printing and mailing costs, inter-hall sports fees and exercise equipment.

"While we also charge a nominal fee for dance tickets and hall apparel," McOsker said, "it would be considerably more if we didn't have hall taxes to subsidize the cost of food, music, ballroom space, etc. for the dances and the cost and printing of the T-shirts, sweats, etc."

Most dorms divide housing deposit funds among different committees.

At Pasquerilla East, the residents' \$50 fees are spread across the different committees that take care of dances, hall council proceedings, multicultural gatherings and Big Sister/Little Sister events, among other activities.

"Each commission gets a budget to host different events in the [Pasquerilla East] community," Pasquerilla East rector Breyan Tornifolio said.

Breen-Phillips tapped into its hall tax fund to purchase a new treadmill last year, said Breen-Phillips rector Rachel Kellogg.

And with the upcoming holiday season, she and other rectors (from both male and female dorms) said hall tax funds will be used to buy gifts for housekeeping personnel and snacks for students during exam week.

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## Mazda

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car company ever designed a car live at an auto show," she said. "We built a full-scale model out of clay in front of everyone. One kid asked if the car was made of chocolate."

The clay model lacked an interior, showing that "they were looking at shape, proportion, exterior features — not really at an inside at all," McMorrow said.

Winning the competition is a big step toward her career goals, she said.

"It's a big deal... I think it will help a lot," McMorrow said.

That career may begin with the internship Mazda offered her following her performance at the L.A. Auto Show.

"They're holding up a spot for me," she said.

But she shared her victory with the entire design department, saying that though Notre Dame is not famous for its achievements in industrial design, she is convinced her liberal arts education prepared her for the challenge.

"I think the liberal arts at Notre Dame helped me come out first," she said. "Mazda really wanted to get strong ideas rather than just flashy drawing. They wanted sub-

stance, not just a kid who can draw."

She said she doesn't think her original sketch of the design is what garnered her the top spot.

"Just based on the 2-D design, I don't think I would have made it," McMorrow said.

What made her an outstanding participant, she said, must have been the strength of her essay.

And maybe her gender, she said.

"[The fact I'm a woman] impacted the way a lot of people looked at me... I hadn't really realized it, but there's still a stigma."

Her trip to California showed McMorrow there is a big market for female car designers.

"It felt really cool having these little girls come up to me saying, 'I love drawing cars!' and having a girl say I was her inspiration," McMorrow said.

She said the competition was internationally publicized in places like India and China, getting her the kind of exposure she could not have found at Notre Dame.

"This was a random, open competition, nothing to do with Notre Dame... one thing I learned from this is, take advantage of outside opportunities," McMorrow said.

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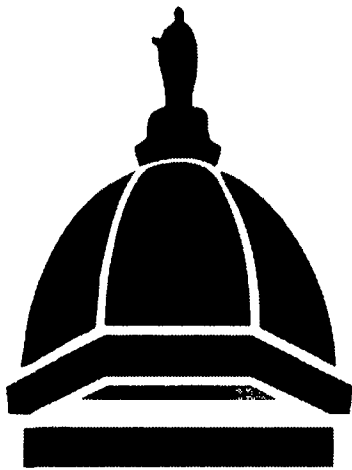
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Stadium to be razed after collapse

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — The soccer stadium where seven people died after the stands collapsed will be destroyed and a new one will be built in its place.

At least 40 others were injured Sunday night in Salvador, a coastal city of Bahia state. The accident was the worst in Brazilian soccer history and raised questions about the country's readiness to host the 2014 World Cup.

Gov. Jacques Wagner said Tuesday the Fonte Nova stadium will be imploded. He did not give a timetable for the demolition, but the new stadium is expected to be completed by 2014.

### Musharraf to end military career

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pervez Musharraf will retire as chief of Pakistan's army at mid-week, his aides announced Monday as the embattled leader grappled with a political scene roiled by the return of an exiled former prime minister in time for crucial January elections.

Nawaz Sharif, who was ousted by the 1999 coup that put Musharraf in power, quickly registered Monday to run in the election although he didn't drop his call for a boycott that could undermine the ballot's legitimacy.

Sharif appealed for support from Pakistanis unhappy with Musharraf's U.S. alliance, portraying himself as a politician who kept himself at arms length from Washington in contrast to the U.S.-friendly stance of the president and the other key opposition leader, Benazir Bhutto.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Somalian gets prison for mall plot

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A Somali immigrant was sentenced to 10 years in prison Tuesday for plotting to blow up an Ohio shopping mall with a man later convicted of being an al-Qaida terrorist.

Nuradin Abdi, a cell phone salesman before his arrest, pleaded guilty in July to conspiring to provide material support for terrorists. He will be deported to Somalia after serving the federal sentence.

In a 20-minute statement to the court, Abdi's attorney Mahir Sherif said his client apologized to the people of the United States, the people of Ohio and the Muslim community. He said Abdi regretted that his conviction might lead to problems for other Muslims.

### Hurricane predictions were wrong

MIAMI — Despite alarming predictions, the U.S. came through a second straight hurricane season virtually unscathed, raising fears among emergency planners that they will be fighting public apathy and overconfidence when they warn people to prepare for next year.

Friday marks the official close of the Atlantic season, so unless a storm forms in the next few days, only one hurricane — and a minor one at that — will have hit the U.S. during the June-to-November period. Mexico and Central America, however, were struck by a record two top-scale Category 5 storms.

The preliminary total for the season: 14 named storms, five of them hurricanes, two of them major.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Man charged with stealing aircraft

LAPORTE, Ind. — A LaPorte man has been arrested for commandeering a twin-engine plane and driving it off the taxiway into a bean field.

Police arrested 38-year-old Michael Santos, charging him with theft and criminal mischief. It was unclear whether Santos had a pilot's license.

Officers were called to LaPorte Municipal Airport in northern Indiana on Sept. 9 after the plane was found in the field, covered with soybeans chopped up by the propeller. The pilot apparently was unable to negotiate a curve leading to the runway.

An airport official says fog concealed the thief's identity from the surveillance cameras.

Santos remains in custody in the LaPorte County Jail.

## FRANCE

# Youth riots cripple Parisian suburb

Third night of restlessness includes violent clashes as rioters begin using firearms

Associated Press

VILLIERS-LE-BEL — Youths rampaged for a third night in the tough suburbs north of Paris and violence spread to a southern city late Tuesday as police struggled to contain rioters who have burned cars and buildings and — in an ominous turn — shot at officers.

A senior police union official warned that "urban guerrillas" had joined the unrest, saying the violence was worse than during three weeks of rioting that raged around French cities in 2005, when firearms were rarely used.

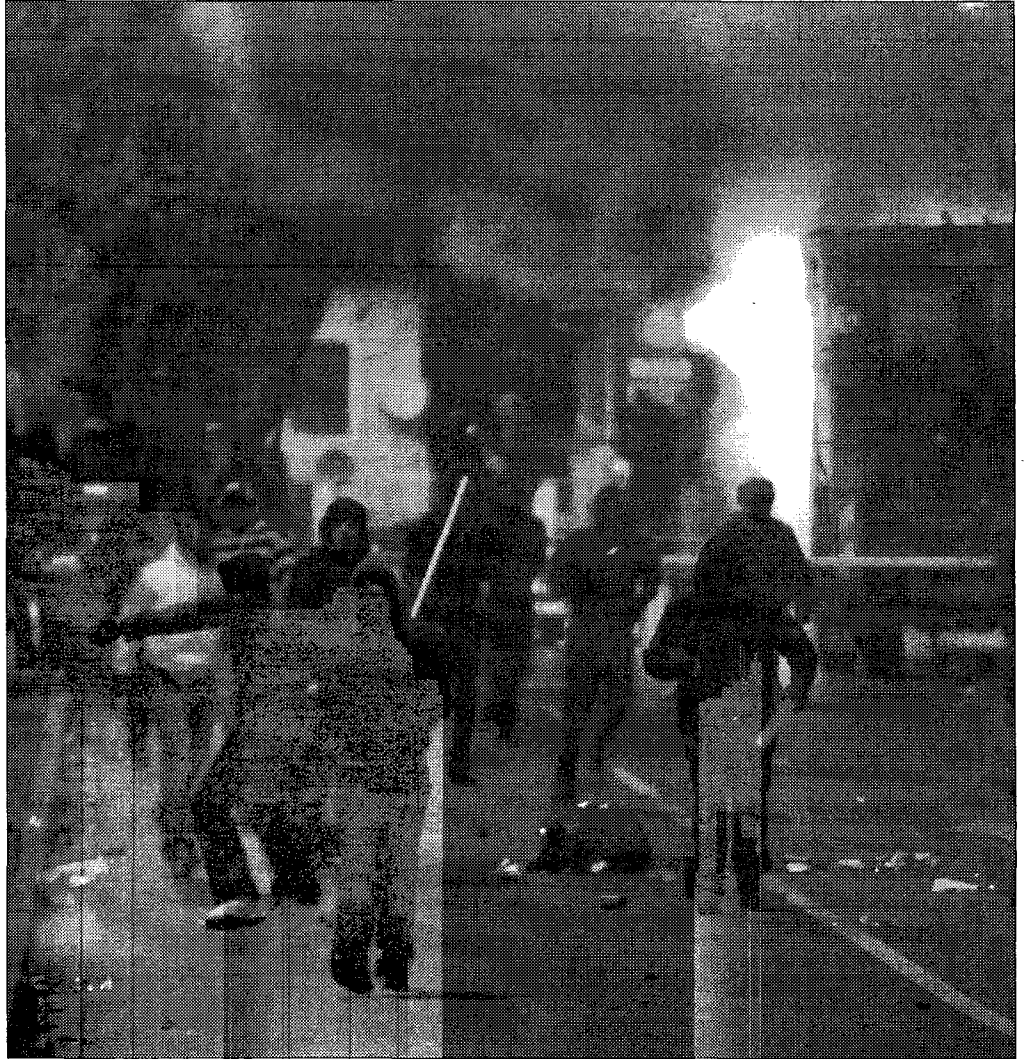
Bands of young people set more cars and garbage bins on fire in Villiers-le-Bel, the Paris suburb where the latest trouble first erupted, and a grocery store was torched in a nearby town, the regional government said. In the south, 10 cars and a library went up in flames in Toulouse, police said.

The government was striving to keep violence from spreading in a stern test for new President Nicolas Sarkozy. It showed that anger still smolders in France's poor neighborhoods, where many Arabs, blacks and other minorities live largely isolated from the rest of society.

The trigger was the deaths Sunday of two minority teens when their motorscooter collided with a police car in Villiers-le-Bel, a blue-collar town on Paris' northern edge.

Residents claimed the officers left without helping the teens. Prosecutor Marie-Therese de Givry denied that, saying police stayed on the scene until firefighters arrived.

Rioting and arson erupted Sunday night, with youths attacking a police station. The violence worsened Monday night as it spread from Villiers-le-Bel to other impoverished suburbs north of the French capital. Rioters burned a library, a nursery school and a car dealership and tried to set some buildings on fire by crashing burn-



Young residents of Villiers-le-Bel, a northern suburb of Paris throw stones at police as a garbage truck burns late Monday. Riots reached a third day Tuesday.

ing cars into them.

More police moved in Tuesday trying to prevent a third night of rioting, as officials sought to keep the upheaval from spreading to other impoverished areas as happened two years ago.

Patrice Ribeiro of the Synergie police union said rioters this time included "genuine urban guerrillas," saying the use of firearms — hunting shotguns so far — had added a dangerous dimension.

Police said 82 officers were injured Monday night, 10 of them by buckshot and pellets. Four were seriously wounded, the force said. Police unions said 30 officers were struck by buckshot.

One rioter with a shotgun "was firing off two shots, reloading in a stairwell, com-

ing back out — boom, boom — and firing again," said Gilles Wiart, No. 2 official in the SGP-FO police union.

Youths, many of them Arab and black children of immigrants, again appeared to be lashing out at police and other targets seen to represent a French establishment they feel has left them behind.

"I don't think it's an ethnic problem," Wiart said. "Most of all it is youths who reject all state authority. They attack firefighters, everything that represents the state."

Suspicion of the police runs high among people in the drab housing project where the two teenagers died in the crash. The boys were identified in French media only by their first names, Lakhami, 16, and Mouhsin, 15.

There have long been tensions between France's largely white police force and the ethnic minorities trapped in poor neighborhoods.

Despite decades of problems and heavy state investments to improve housing and create jobs, the depressed projects that ring Paris are a world apart from the tourist attractions of the capital. Police speak of no-go zones where they and firefighters fear to patrol.

"The problem of bad relations between the police and minorities is underestimated," said criminologist Sebastian Roche.

Sarkozy, speaking from China, appealed for calm and called a security meeting with his Cabinet ministers for Wednesday on his return home.

# Israel, Palestine agree to resume peace talks

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Israeli and Palestinian leaders agreed Tuesday to immediately resume long-stalled talks toward a deal by the end of next year that would create an independent Palestinian state, using a U.S.-hosted Mideast peace conference to launch their first negotiations in seven years.

In a joint statement read by President Bush, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas pledged to start discussions on the core issues of the conflict next month and accepted the United States as arbiter of interim steps.

"We agree to immediately launch

good-faith bilateral negotiations in order to conclude a peace treaty resolving all outstanding issues, including all core issues without exception, as specified in previous agreements," it said.

"We agree to engage in vigorous, ongoing and continuous negotiations and shall make every effort to conclude an agreement before the end of 2008," said the document, which was reached after weeks of intense diplomacy and was uncertain until just before Bush announced it.

The conference at the U.S. Naval Academy has been greeted by heavy skepticism, with many questioning its timing and prospects for success, especially given the weaknesses of Olmert and Abbas, whose leadership is chal-

lenged by the militant Hamas movement.

And the task is complicated by Arab pressure to resolve other long simmering disputes Israel has with Syria and Lebanon.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal, in his remarks to the conference, called for the earliest possible resumption of talks with Lebanon and Syria, which wants the return of the Golan Heights, land seized by Israel during the 1967 war.

Bush, in his address, defended the decision to hold the Annapolis conference, saying it was the right time to launch peace talks and urging representatives of more than 50 participating countries and organizations to support the effort.

## SYRIA

# After violence slows, Iraqi refugees return home

*With decrease in extremist attacks, unstable government says it's safe to come back; many others aren't so sure*

Associated Press

DAMASCUS — Hundreds of Iraqi refugees boarded buses for home on Tuesday in the first convoy from an Iraqi-funded effort to speed the return of families that fled the country's violence and insecurity.

Many Iraqis have headed back on their own from Syria and elsewhere as extremist attacks have fallen sharply in Baghdad and other areas. But now the Iraqi government is hoping to accelerate the flow — and draw more attention to the recent drop in violence — by offering to pay for trips home.

The program also seeks to win favor from neighboring countries such as Syria and Jordan that are struggling with an estimated 2.2 million Iraqi refugees. Syria has tightened visa rules for Iraqis in hopes of forcing people to return home and blocking new refugees.

"Baghdad, you are victorious," chanted some Iraqis as they headed for a line of 20

buses that would carry about 800 refugees to the border. From there, Iraqi buses are scheduled to bring them to Baghdad on Wednesday, said according to Mohammed Ali al-Budairi, a coordinator for displaced Iraqis in Syria.

The entire trip can take about 10 hours without interruptions, but the convoy will likely be delayed by checkpoints and security precautions. Details about the protection for the convoy was not immediately disclosed.

Khaled Ibrahim, 45, said he was willing to return to Baghdad after hearing the security situation had improved in the capital. But he acknowledged he could pull up stakes again at the first signs of trouble.

"If I go and discover that the situation is not stable, I will come back" to Syria, said Ibrahim, with his wife, three sons and two daughters in tow.

His elder son Abdullah, 13, looked forward to attending school in Baghdad.

"Explosions don't scare me," he chirped.

The first bus left by mid-afternoon from al-Sayda Zeinab, an area in southern Damascus where thousands of Iraqi refugees have lived since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein's regime.

Syrian officials say the country has up to 1.5 million Iraqi refugees, straining its education, health and housing systems. Jordan estimates it has up to 700,000 Iraqis. In addition, the U.N. refugee agency has cited various reports of more than 2.4 million Iraqis displaced inside the country.

Adnan al-Shourifi, the commercial secretary at the Iraqi Embassy in Damascus, described the bus convoy Tuesday as a "test."

Thousands of Iraqis in Syria have headed back home in the past weeks. The U.S. military says attacks across Iraq have fallen to their lowest level since February 2006, attributing this partly to a surge of nearly

30,000 troops earlier this year and cooperation from local groups fighting extremist as al-Qaida in Iraq.

Earlier this month, the Iraqi embassy in Damascus set up 11 registration centers for Iraqis to apply for the trip home. In Jordan, Iraqi ambassador Saad al-Hayyani told the Associated Press that Iraq will give Jordan \$8 million to help ease the refugee burden.

In Baghdad, government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the "Iraqi government is eager to have Iraqis return to their country and live a normal, safe life." He said more bus convoys of returning refugees are expected in the coming days. Officials in Iraq and Syria

have said more than 46,000 refugees returned in October and the flow has continued this month. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees could not confirm the figures, but said more Iraqis were leaving Syria than arriving — with a daily average of 1,500 departures compared with 500 arrivals.

Sybella Wikes, press officer for the UNHCR in Syria, said the agency doesn't "think it's time" yet for a massive refugee return.

"We certainly can't define the situation as being safe in any area in Iraq," she said.

But she added the organization still would "support any Iraqi who wants to return."

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum, D-Minn., arrived in Damascus to stress U.S. "concern about the welfare of displaced Iraqis in Syria and Jordan" and "review the situation of Iraqi refugees," a U.S. Embassy statement said. She planned to hold talks with Syrian officials, non-governmental organizations and other agencies.

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**IN BRIEF**

**R.J. Reynolds pulls tobacco ads**

NEW YORK — The R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., which has been under intense pressure from anti-smoking groups and members of Congress over print ads for its cigarettes, said Tuesday it would not advertise its brands in newspapers or consumer magazines next year.

The company had been criticized sharply for both its colorful and feminine Camel No. 9 ads, which appeared in fashion magazines and were seen as cynically aimed at young women, and also for a recent ad in Rolling Stone.

In that ad, four pages of Camel cigarette ads bookended Rolling Stone's own material on independent rock music, which was presented in a cartoon-like format. That angered anti-smoking advocates, who said it appeared the whole thing was a Camel ad — and that it recalled the old "Joe Camel" cartoons that were banned because they appeared aimed at children.

R.J. Reynolds spokeswoman Jan Smith said the decision, first reported Tuesday in the Winston-Salem Journal, had been made sometime before October and was unrelated to the Rolling Stone controversy.

**Broadway negotiations at stalemate**

NEW YORK — No, negotiations between striking Broadway stagehands and theater producers have not run as long as "Cats." It only seems that way.

Two days of back-to-back marathon sessions have not produced a settlement between Local 1 and the League of American Theatres and Producers, but both sides will return to the bargaining table Wednesday to try again.

Progress reportedly has been slow in solving the thorny dispute that has shut down most of Broadway since Nov. 10, although some headway apparently has been made in lengthy discussions held Sunday, Monday and into Tuesday.

"Talks ended this morning (Tuesday) at 7:30 a.m. without a deal after 13 hours of hard bargaining in what I can only describe as a 'rain delay' in the ninth inning of the seventh game of the World Series," Bruce Cohen, a union spokesman said. "The rainy weather should clear up when talks resume Wednesday."

**Abu Dhabi Investment saves Citi**

*\$7.5 billion offering makes Arab state one of the largest Citigroup investors*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority will invest \$7.5 billion in Citigroup, offering the nation's largest bank needed capital to offset big losses from mortgages and other investments.

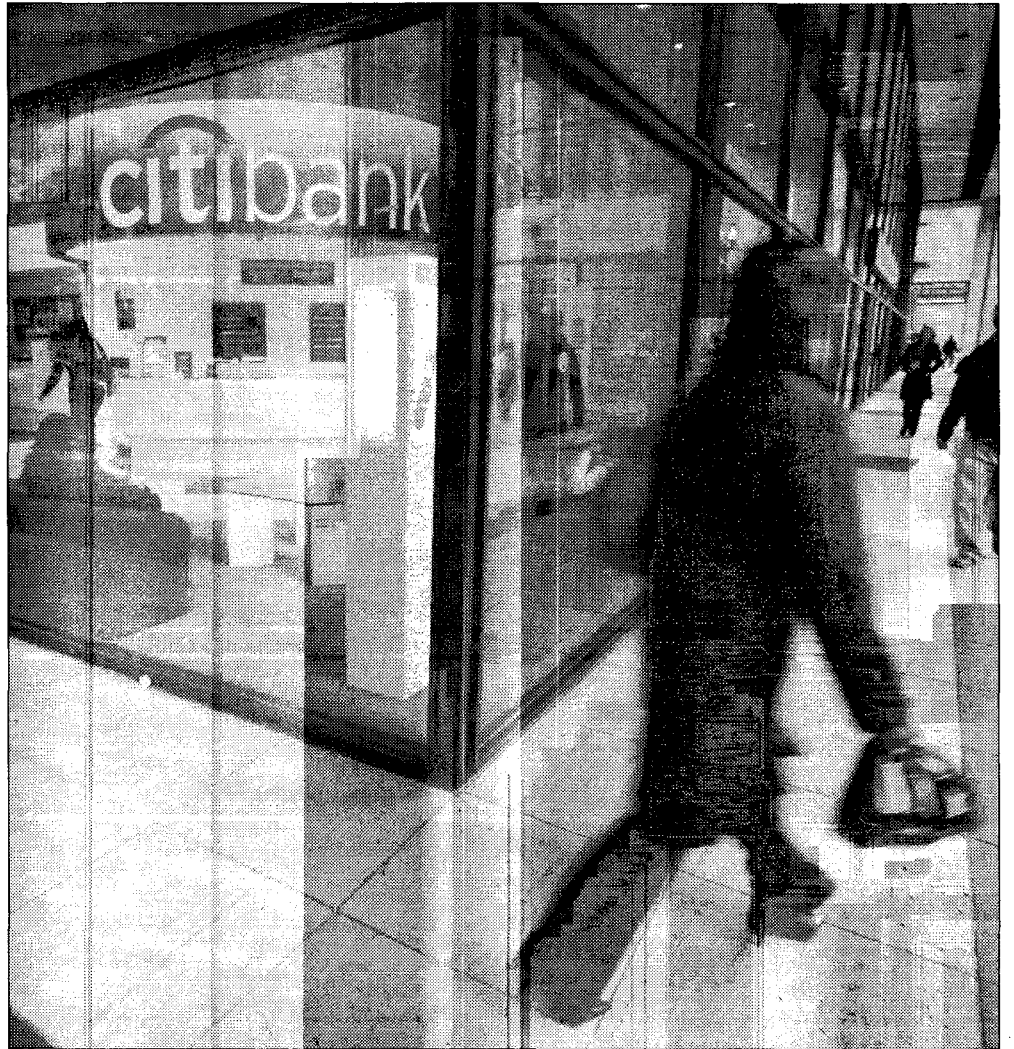
The cash from the sovereign investment fund of the Gulf Arab state, which has benefited from this year's surge in oil prices, will be convertible into no more than 4.9 percent of Citigroup Inc.'s equity. Citigroup characterized the investment as passive and said the fund will not be able to name any board members to the bank.

The Investment Authority will receive equity units that pay an 11 percent annual yield — a high price for Citigroup, whose dividend yield is 7.3 percent. They will then be converted into Citigroup common shares at a price of up to \$37.24 a share between March 15, 2010, and Sept. 15, 2011.

The purchase, announced late Monday, would make the Investment Authority one of Citi's largest shareholders.

"We see in Citi a highly respected company with a premier brand and with tremendous opportunities for growth," said the Investment Authority's managing director, Sheikh Ahmed Bin Zayed Al Nahayan. "This investment reflects our confidence in Citi's potential to build shareholder value."

The investment, which was expected to close within the next several days, will be considered Tier 1 capital for regulatory purposes. That will help Citi reach its goal of returning to its target capital ratios — essentially, its ratio of cash to debt — in the first half of 2008, the bank said.



Pedestrians pass a Citibank branch in Chicago earlier this month. The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority announced a large investment in the company late Monday.

Tier 1 capital describes a company's core cash, which includes stock and disclosed reserves. When a company has a high amount of Tier 1 capital in relation to its debt, the company is regarded as financially strong.

John McDonald, a Banc of America Securities analyst, said the investment will buy Citi some time, but will not fix the bank's debt troubles. "Capital infusions do not solve problems overnight," he wrote in a research note.

Investors, however, were relieved by the infusion and Citigroup shares rose 52 cents, or 1.7 percent, to

close at \$30.32 Tuesday, although shares traded at a new 5-year low of \$29.50 earlier in the day.

Citigroup's shares have lost about 45 percent of their value since the beginning of this year, wiping away \$124 billion in market capitalization, and touched a five-year low Monday as the drumbeat of bad news about its investment losses has grown more persistent.

Charles Prince stepped down as Citigroup's chairman and chief executive Nov. 4, the same day Citi announced that it will likely write down the value of its

portfolio by \$8 billion to \$11 billion in the fourth quarter.

In the third quarter, the bank's exposure to assets tied to subprime mortgages led to a loss of about \$6.5 billion.

Citigroup executives said Monday that a deteriorating business climate could mean a new round of job cuts, even after the bank pared its 320,000 workforce by 17,000 positions earlier this year. Pummeled by billions in writedowns, Citigroup is reviewing its cost structure to bring it in line with "economic realities," the company said.

**Oil executive sentenced after guilty plea**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Texas oilman Oscar Wyatt Jr. was sentenced to a year in prison Tuesday for conspiring to violate the rules of the U.N. oil-for-food program.

Wyatt, 83, pleaded guilty last month and agreed to be sentenced to 18 to 24 months in prison. He also agreed to forfeit \$11 million, conceding that he approved a \$200,000 illegal payment directly to an Iraqi bank account in December 2001.

U.S. District Judge Denny Chin, citing Wyatt's age, military service during World War II and the many letters written to the court on his behalf, handed down a more lenient sentence, but noted: "There's little doubt in my mind that he broke the law."

Wyatt cried as he addressed the judge, apologizing to his family and friends and saying, "I would never do anything to hurt my country."

Before pleading guilty on the 12th day of his trial, Wyatt had insisted he never paid an illegal surcharge to the Iraqi government to win oil contracts.

Prosecutors contended he paid millions of dollars to Iraqi officials to get an unfair share of contracts connected to the oil-for-food program, which ran from 1996 to 2003.

The program permitted the Iraqi government to sell oil primarily to buy food and medicine for suffering Iraqis. It was meant to help Iraqis cope with U.N. sanctions, but authorities said the program was corrupted when Iraqi officials began demanding illegal surcharges in return for contracts to buy Iraqi oil. During the trial, the government introduced evidence that Wyatt used an energy company he founded, Coastal Corp., to buy crude oil from Iraq in the decades leading up to the 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

After the invasion, Wyatt maintained a close relationship with Saddam Hussein to guarantee his con-

tinued access to Iraqi oil, prosecutors said.

In court papers filed prior to sentencing, prosecutors argued against leniency for Wyatt, criticizing his "breath-takingly immoral" actions. The government claimed that Wyatt was in a unique position to dissuade Iraq from corrupting the scheme.

It played a tape for the jury of a 1990 conversation in which Wyatt is heard telling Saddam that he had visited Iraq as many as 40 times in the previous 15 years and that he was "largely responsible" for a lot of the transactions in which Iraq sold one-third of their oil exports to the United States.

Wyatt's lawyers described their client as an American hero.

They said he tried to play a peaceful role in resolving conflict between the two countries, even helping to fly Americans out of Iraq when Hussein was threatening to keep them there in the event of a U.S. invasion.

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## Recognizing Christmas

A 1659 law of the Massachusetts Bay Colony levied a fine of five shillings on "[w]hosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas." Christmas, to them, was a "popish" frivolity at best.

We don't fine people anymore for celebrating Christmas, a legal holiday. But local governments can go to curious lengths to purge the observance of winter holidays, Winter Solstice or whichever recognition of the Christmas reality that gave rise to the "holidays" in the first place. This year, in Fort Collins, Colo., a "Holiday Display Task Force" recommended using white lights instead of red and green ones. The objective was to recognize the diversity of "a variety of winter holidays, such as Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, Birth of Baha'u'llah, Bhodi Day, the Winter Solstice, Kwanzaa and more."

"Throughout history," the task force said, "the most common theme of winter celebration is light at a time of darkness." The "holiday displays" can include "Symbols of Winter: snowflakes, snowmen, snow balls, ice skates, skis, penguins, polar bears, white lights, etc." Christmas was singled out for special depreciation by the exclusion of red and green lights which could remind people of something. Presumably, that exclusion would not apply to traffic signals. On Nov. 20, sanity prevailed. The City Council rejected the proposal.

Such controversies over Christmas reflect changes in the posture of government toward religion dictated by Supreme Court decisions which lack coherence as well as fidelity to the meaning of the Constitution. Those decisions affect the culture.

In 1984, in *Lynch v. Donnelly*, the Court upheld the inclusion of a nativity crèche in a Pawtucket municipal display because the display also included "a Santa Claus house, reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh, candy-striped poles, a Christmas tree, carolers, cutout figures [of] a clown, an elephant, and a teddy bear, hundreds of colored lights [and] a large banner that reads 'Seasons Greetings.'" The purpose of the display, said the Court, was not to endorse religion, but to promote shopping. This has come to be known as the "Three Plastic Animals Rule." As Justice Harry

Blackmun accurately said, it reduces the crèche "to the role of a neutral har-binger of the holiday season, useful for commercial purposes, but devoid of any inherent meaning." Five years later, in *County of Allegheny v. ACLU*, the Court held that a crèche standing by itself on a courthouse staircase, with a sign saying the crèche was donated by the Holy Name Society, was an unconstitutional endorsement of religion. The Court found no such endorsement in the placement of a Hanukkah menorah, a Christmas tree and a "salute to liberty" sign outside the building.

It is difficult to see any objective and predictable principle in such rulings. But what neutrality toward religion was the Constitution intended to require?

The Establishment Clause of the First Amendment forbade Congress both to create an official, established church for the nation and to interfere with the established churches that existed in six states, the last of which ended in 1833. The Clause required neutrality among religious denominations. We lack the space to explain here the process by which the Court has wrongly interpreted the Clause to require governmental neutrality, not among denominations, but between theism and non-theism.

As Justice William Brennan put it, the words "under God" can remain in the pledge of allegiance only because those words "may merely recognize the historical fact that our Nation was believed to have been founded 'under God.'" Under the Court's theory, a statement by a public official that the four affirmations of God in the Declaration of Independence are in fact true would be an unconstitutional preference of theism.

This suspension of judgment on the existence of God implicitly establishes an agnostic secularism as the official religion. Government cannot affirm Christmas as a fact because, according to the Court, it cannot affirm even the existence of God as a fact. That would have surprised the members of the First Congress. From Sept. 24-25, 1789, they approved the First Amendment and directed President Washington to declare a day of "public thanksgiving and prayer ... acknowledging the ... favors of Almighty God." Washington did so, stating that "it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be

grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor."

We have come a long way since 1789. But not even the Supreme Court can change the reality of Christmas. As Cardinal Ratzinger agreed, before he became Pope Benedict XVI, the Christmas event "is infinitely more important than the creation of the world." "The birth of Christ," he said, "is an event of a far greater order of significance. God himself comes into the world and becomes a man."

The trend today, he said, is "to separate this festival from Christianity and to reject its Christian beginnings. ... In America, in ... commercialization and ... sentimentality, the display windows of large shops, which in former years were decorated with crèches ... are now equipped with mythical representations, with deer and stags and Santa Clauses, whereby what is truly mythical is set side-by-side with what is Christian. Of course a lingering echo still remains of what touched people when they learned that God became a man. But this is an attempt to keep what is beautiful and touching and to get away from anything in it that makes demands upon us."

And Christ does make "demands upon us." The birth of Christ, unlike that of, say, Aristotle or Jeremy Bentham, is controversial because, unlike all others, Christ makes a continuing claim, in the words of Monsignor Luigi Giussani, the founder of Communion and Liberation, to "absolute importance in our lives. ... If an individual rejects this ... then a fundamental aversion sets in." The continued and focused opposition to public recognition of Christmas is a back-handed recognition of its unique reality and significance.

Benedict XVI recently reminded a conference on the future of Europe that "[a] community that is built ... without remembering that every person is created in the image and likeness of God, ends by doing no one any good." Christmas recalls us to that reality. If we pay attention. Merry Christmas.

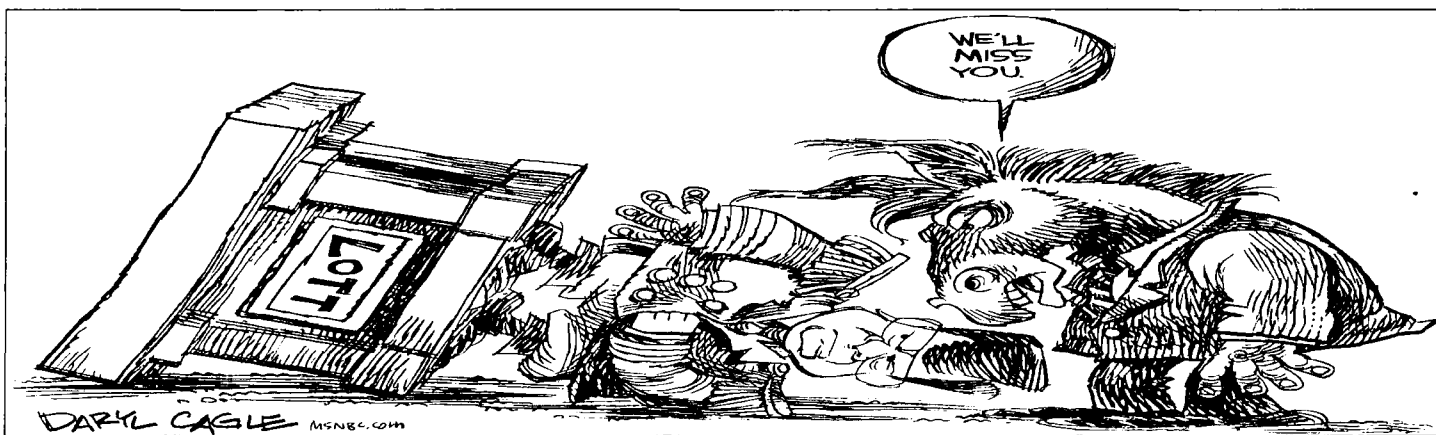
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Right or Wrong?

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"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Martin Luther King Jr.  
American civil rights leader

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length."

Robert Frost  
American poet



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Standing with solidarity in the fight against AIDS

Every 11 seconds, someone dies from AIDS, and every seven seconds, a new person contracts HIV. At this time — 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 26 — about 40,529,209 people are living with HIV. The virus is far from gone, and it isn't going anywhere.

In 2006, more were infected than any other year to date — 4.3 million new people became HIV positive. It definitely is easy to feel helpless in making any sort of difference in this massive pandemic. But there are things that we all can do. Besides just learning more about the virus and supporting the organizations that are at the forefront of research, treatment and care-giving, we can recognize the needs of our brothers and sisters who are the victims of the pandemic.

Stigma has become the cohort virus to HIV. Besides suffering the physical tortures that one endures for years because of HIV/AIDS, there is the potentially more hurtful emotional torture of discrimination, isolation and injustice. While we as students may not be able to find the cure to AIDS, we can recognize

the fact that we all truly are affected by the disease and can reach out and work to reduce stigma.

Getting tested yourself for HIV is one step you can take to fight this stigma. If done solely for symbolic reasons, being tested puts oneself in the shoes of those who are facing the reality of the virus. Globally, only one in eight people who want to get tested actually are able to, and only one in ten who are infected has been tested. Knowing these facts, we cannot help but feel blessed to live in a country where the option to take part in such an important health measure is readily available.

The scary thing, though, is that even with many different places offering testing, a quarter of all HIV positive Americans are not aware of their status. This week, you have the opportunity to show your solidarity with the millions who are suffering from AIDS in the world and the millions who are living with HIV and don't even know it. Free HIV testing is being conducted on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-8 p.m. at the Health Center. It's a little-

known fact that confidential HIV tests are always available on campus, giving students access to this important health information at any time.

The option to get checked for free on these nights takes away any obstacle to being tested; not only is there no cost, but for every person that comes in and is tested, a monetary donation is being made to an NGO working for AIDS victims in Kenya. Also, it's a rapid test — it is done quickly and produces results quickly, as well as involves no blood, only a swab of the tongue.

Some people think the issue of HIV/AIDS and testing have no place on a Catholic campus. This couldn't be further from the truth. The Catholic Church has been involved in the fight against HIV since the beginning. Just last year at a U.N. General Assembly Special Session, it was recognized that the Catholic Church has to "fight stigma, and facilitate testing, counseling, and reconciliation." How could the Church, which calls us to be in "Communion with the Saints" — to be in solidarity with all of God's people — leave some-

one to physically, spiritually and emotionally suffer?

There is the tendency to reduce the situation to a Catholic vs. condom issue. AIDS is much bigger than the condom issue. The Church has generally been silent on the condom issue in regard to HIV, because for Catholic leaders today, it is not "no to condoms," but "yes to abstinence and fidelity." The issue at hand is caring for those who are suffering and, in addition, advocating education as a form of prevention.

HIV/AIDS truly does affect us all, whether Catholic, Jewish, black, white, young, old, American or African. This Saturday is World AIDS Day. Across the globe, international commitment is being demanded to address the realities of the pandemic. At Notre Dame, there is a call for your commitment to be in solidarity with 40,529,209 people who are suffering worldwide.

Teresa Hancock  
senior  
off campus  
Nov. 27

## Dining Hall rule unreasonable

I am writing in regard to the new signs posted by the trays and silverware in South Dining Hall. As I walked into South Dining Hall this morning, I was met by the same rude man as usual and his direction to this new sign. I'm not sure about North Dining Hall, but South Dining Hall has posted signs stating that no beverage containers are allowed in the dining hall.

Regardless of whether this was a rule that was always thrown under the shelf and has become renewed or whether it is new, it is all together ridiculous. The majority of dining hall patrons never bring one in to begin with. For those that do, is it really that much of a deal for us to take something to drink in a container? I'm not one to complain, but it sure is nice to have hot chocolate in a "beverage container" while walking through windy South Quad. Is that too much to ask?

Kevin Kimberly  
freshman  
O'Neill Hall  
Nov. 27


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## Dear Hollywood: Keep it the same

Amid a holiday trailer blitz featuring fighting polar bears, an icy Nicole Kidman and more talking animals than a Dr. Doolittle film, "The Golden Compass" has found an enemy — Christian groups.

Based on the novels in the "His Dark Materials" series penned by Philip Pullman, "The Golden Compass" is the first in a trilogy dealing with the concept of an authoritative church and its battle with a child who possesses a compass that reveals truth. Through many fictitious and magical happenings the main character journeys through different worlds to bring down the corrupt church.

The novels have an anti-religious theme and people are protesting them being turned into films — so what?

This isn't the first time Christian

Alicia Wade

Daily Egyptian

groups have spoken out against films and novels. Recently the Harry Potter series as well as "The Da Vinci Code" have seen protests against their subject matter. People have the right to believe what they want to believe; see and read what they want to see and read; and protest what they choose to protest.

It isn't the protesting that is offensive. Religion is obviously a touchy subject as beliefs are the heart and drive of people. It is human nature to protect what we hold dear and we should be respectful of everyone's beliefs and give each the opportunity to speak in defense of views.

What is bothersome is the notion that Hollywood — more specifically New Line, the studio attached to the "Compass" project — is attempting to water down the themes integral to the original text, especially when the first installment of the "His Dark Materials" series is the least provocative in dealing

with religion.

In the film version of "The Golden Compass," the church is referenced as the "Magisterium," and New Line confirmed to MTVNews that some religious references were relaxed.

While it is clear filmmakers can't put every nuance from a novel into a film, themes shouldn't be changed just to appease a perceived backlash. The bottom line is people will go see the film if they want to, not because "the Church" was changed to "the Magisterium."

Hollywood should honor its source material and protect the integrity of the original work and vision of the author. Of course some books make great movies with nips and tucks to stories, but if the editing causes the work to lose its original message, then it is distorting the composition of the author and disrespectful to his creativity.

"Compass" director Chris Weitz told

MTV he has no intention of softening religious tones in the sequels to the film and should only be applauded for his decision. The single wish one could have is that New Line hadn't watered anything down at all.

Audiences will choose what they want to see and whether it conflicts with their beliefs. It shouldn't be Hollywood's call to change the themes from literature to get a couple more bucks at the box office.

Protect the work's integrity, Hollywood, and fans of the text will flock to the theaters and thank you for it.

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# ENCHANTED

casts a spell  
on moviegoers

## DISNEY'S LATEST COMBINES ANIMATION, LIVE ACTION

By ANALISE LIPARI  
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If someone asked the creative minds at Disney to come up with an amalgam of their animated movies, it would have to be called something like, "The Great Mulan-Ella and the Beast." Or maybe "Fantasia Pan, Aladdin and Bambi in Wonderland." Or something else to that effect.

And as Belle from "Beauty and the Beast" would say, the plot would need to have "Far off places, daring swordfights, magic spells, a prince in disguise!" Over-the-top scenery, crazy costuming, villains and heroes of legend or lore would be good suggestions, if not absolutely required.

Thankfully for children and inner-children everywhere, Disney has gone ahead and made its own version of the ultimate animated movie merger with its sweet, self-skewering new film "Enchanted." To its credit, "Enchanted" takes the tropes and clichés of Disney animated films and lets them run head-on into the cynicism of reality. The film's good humor about Disney stereotypes and postmodern twists feel genuine without being too self-deprecating.

The film opens with an animated sequence in Andalasia, the mythical home of young maiden Giselle (Amy Adams, "Junebug"), Prince Edward (James Marsden, "Hairspray") and an evil stepmother, Queen Narissa (Susan Sarandon). Giselle and Edward long for true love's first kiss, and once they meet a grand wedding is immediately planned; that is, if Narissa has anything to say about it. Dabbling in wizardry and black magic like most animated Disney step-parents, Narissa pushes Giselle into a magical portal that sends her to a place "where there is no happily ever after."

That mystic place is New York City, where a terrified and three-dimensional Giselle meets divorce lawyer Robert Phillip (Patrick Dempsey) and his daughter Morgan (newcomer Rachel Covey). Morgan's mother abandoned the pair years before, leaving Robert feeling disenchanting with Giselle's world of storybook romance and high-flying dreams. His relationship with his girlfriend Nancy (Broadway star Idina Menzel), like much of his life, is dry and unemotional. Well, until Giselle arrives.

The princess in a Disney mish-mosh animated movie would have to be smart, beautiful, independent, magical and sweet, while also maintaining perfect hair and a gown that never wrinkles. Giselle is all

of these things in her own way, and Adams deserves credit for taking on a role that lesser actresses might have played as nothing more than irony. Giselle really is that wide-eyed and innocent, and Adams plays up her princess idiosyncrasies for laughs, but in a way that reminds the audience why they loved Disney films in the first place. Her singing chops aren't bad either — the film's original songs all feature Adams' own singing voice.

"He'll find his own way to tell you / with the little things he'll do/ that's how you know!" she exclaims during the film's most ornate musical number, the Central Park extravaganza "That's How You Know." For an actress that most Disney fans probably haven't heard of, let alone seen one of her lesser-known films, Adams commands the screen and keeps the plot moving with ease.

The original songs are written by blockbuster Disney team Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz, known best to our generation for their work with the music from other Disney flicks. The pair worked together on "Pocahontas," and "The Hunchback of

Notre Dame." Menken also worked on "Aladdin," "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Little Mermaid," among others. "True Love's Kiss" is Edward and Giselle's opening duet, and "Happy Working Song" pays homage to "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" with Giselle's "Whistle While You Work" mantra.

Where "Enchanted" gets much of its charm is in how it playfully toys with Disney conventions. When Giselle sings the "Happy Working

Song," for example, she opens Robert's penthouse window to call the animals to help her. But instead of deer, rabbits and frogs, Giselle gets rats, pigeons and flies to clean Robert and Morgan's apartment. When Edward arrives in New York to rescue his damsel, he stabs a city bus with his princely rapier and, in a clip widely seen in the film's trailer, thinks his television is a magic mirror.

The cast members — Sarandon, Adams and Marsden in particular — seem to be having nothing but fun with their roles, and Dempsey is a solid real world foil for Giselle's animated world antics. Timothy Spall is ridiculously wily as Sarandon's henchman, and Pip, a CGI chipmunk, steals every scene he's in.

"Enchanted" is so much fun that it's hard to remember you're watching what's really a gentle satire. For any critics or cynics out there, see "Enchanted" — you'll feel the Disney magic in no time.

### Enchanted

Director: Kevin Lima  
Starring: Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey,  
James Marsden & Susan Sarandon



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## DISNEY TO RETURN TO TWO-DIMENSIONAL ANIMATION

"Enchanted" may feature only 14 minutes of traditional two-dimensional animation, but those few minutes are only a baby step before Walt Disney Animation Studios

**Cassie Belek**

*Scene & Heard*

takes a giant leap back into the world of feature-length 2-D animation with "The Princess and the Frog" in 2009.

It may seem odd that producing a 2-D animated film would be something unusual for Disney, but when the studio announced that 2004's easily forgettable "Home on the Range" would be its last 2-D animated feature, the art form that Walt Disney built his empire on appeared dead to the House of Mouse.

"The Princess and the Frog" may be just what the studio needs to usher in a third golden age of animation. The film, which formerly went under the working title of "The Frog Princess," is set in jazz-age 1920s New Orleans and will mark a return to the fairytale as it features Disney's first African American princess, Tiana. Tony Award-winning actress and "Dreamgirls" star Anika Noni Rose will provide both the voice and vocals for the newest Disney princess. Plot details are sparse, but other characters include a southern debutante and her plantation-

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owning father, a Voodoo magician (the villain), a 200-year-old Voodoo priestess (the fairy godmother), a prince from the fictional nation of Maldakesh and a firefly and alligator — the obligatory animal friends in the film.

Ron Clements and John Musker have returned to Disney Animation Studios to direct "The Princess and the Frog." The duo was instrumental in bringing

about the renaissance of Disney animation almost 20 years ago when they directed 1989's "The Little Mermaid." They subsequently directed the 1992 hit "Aladdin" and 1997's "Hercules," but were forced out of the company after their failed "Treasure Planet" in 2002. Now they return to direct a musical fairytale, which they proved they could magically accomplish with "Mermaid."

Although it was originally announced

that composer Alan Menken would tackle the music for the film, it has since been decided that Pixar-favorite Randy Newman will take over the job. Menken is the composer behind "Mermaid" and "Beauty and the Beast," and with lyricist Howard Ashman they won multiple Academy Awards for their work with Disney. Ashman, who died in 1991 of AIDS, and Menken have also been credited with helping to revive Disney animation in the early 1990s. It was Ashman who came up with the idea to make Ursula an overweight, voluptuous drag queen character and Sebastian a Trinidadian "Under the Sea"-singing crab.

Therefore, the choice of Newman is an interesting one, but not too surprising — the musician is a New Orleans native. One speculation is that Menken was taken off of the project because he wrote the music for "Enchanted" and the studio did not want to seem too repetitive.

These overdue happenings at Walt Disney Animation Studios occur after an unsuccessful try at 3-D animation. In 2005, Disney decided to enter the CGI race sans Pixar with the underwhelming

"Chicken Little," proving that it wasn't the technology that mattered to the public; it was the quality of story-telling.

After Disney purchased Pixar in 2006, John Lasseter, a former Disney animator and Pixar founding member, became the chief creative officer for both Disney Animation and Pixar. Lasseter has

made it clear that the Disney studio will not revert back to 2-D animation alone, but he has still paved the

way for traditional 2-D animated films to be possible again.

In addition to discontinuing the production of straight-to-DVD Disney sequels, Lasseter has announced a return to the production of theatrical animated shorts. "How to Hook Up Your Home Theater," starring Goofy, will premiere before "National Treasure: Book of Secrets," which is set to be released on Dec. 21. "Home Theater" is the first Goofy theatrical cartoon since 1961's "Aquaman."

With all the changes happening at Disney in the post-Michael Eisner regime, it appears that traditional 2-D animated features are on the brink of another renaissance. "Enchanted" is the first step as it lovingly pokes fun at its predecessors and points out the glaring passive stereotypes of the earlier princess films.

There is no doubt that Tiana will build on the active roles of Ariel and Belle and set a new standard for Disney princesses. And after a five year break from 2-D animation, it will be time for Disney to reclaim its roots and find a better balance between commerce and art.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Duke picks up tempo, blows out Wisconsin

Gordon's 29 points help Indiana hold off Georgia Tech; Pittsburgh, Memphis win easily over Boston U, Austin Peay

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke figured out how to make up for its size disadvantage against Wisconsin — turn up the tempo. Greg Paulus scored 13 of his 18 points during the decisive first half, and No. 7 Duke ran No. 20 Wisconsin right out of Cameron Indoor Stadium in an 82-58 rout Tuesday night.

Freshman Taylor King added 15 points in his second straight strong game off the bench for the Blue Devils (7-0), who entered wondering how they'd contain a Wisconsin front line that featured three players in the rotation who are 6-foot-10 or taller.

Fellow freshman Kyle Singler had 13 points. Gerald Henderson added 11 and Jon Scheyer scored 10 for the Blue Devils.

Duke's up-tempo offense and swarming, aggressive defense dominated from the opening tip, helping the Blue Devils improve to 9-0 in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge and remain the only team with a perfect record in the annual event.

Duke, which didn't start a player taller than 6-8, held its own on the glass — Wisconsin had just a 42-40 rebounding advantage — and that helped turn the Blue Devils' first legitimate test at home into a blowout, their NCAA-best 55th straight non-conference home-court victory.

Jon Leuer and Trevon Hughes scored 12 points apiece and Brian Butch had 11 for Wisconsin (5-1), which was denied its first 6-0 start since 1996-97. Hughes, the team's leading scorer, was held more than seven points below his average.

Duke wasted no time pressuring the half-court-oriented Badgers into an up-and-down game, never allowing them to feel comfortable in their first visit to Cameron.

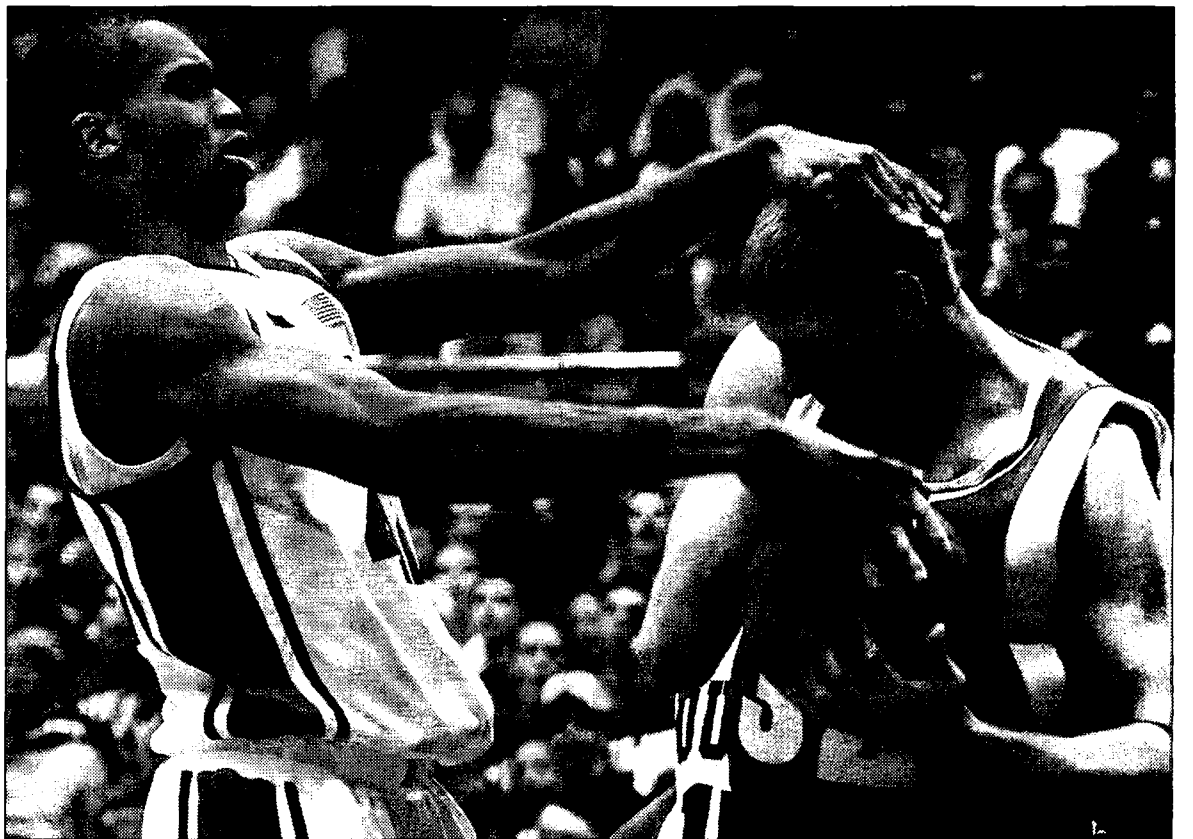
The Blue Devils capped a decisive 19-7 first-half run with a spectacular 15-second sequence that had the volume at the always-noisy arena at its loudest decibel level all season.

Henderson got things going when he blocked a layup by Leuer to start a fast break, and Paulus buried a 3-pointer from the top of the key to extend Duke's lead to 22-14.

Then, DeMarcus Nelson stole the ball from Michael Flowers and found Paulus in the left corner. The point guard swished another 3 at the 11:30 mark to give the Blue Devils their first double-figure lead of the game at 25-14, sending the Cameron crazies into earsplitting delirium.

Singler's 3 from the top of the key 2 minutes later made it 28-16 and put Duke's lead in double figures to stay.

**Indiana 83, Georgia Tech 79**  
Eric Gordon scored 29 points



Duke forward Lance Thomas fouls Wisconsin forward Brian Butch in the Blue Devils' 82-58 win over Wisconsin Tuesday at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

and D.J. White added 18 to help Indiana rally past Georgia Tech on Tuesday night.

Jamarcus Ellis scored 12 of his 15 points in the second half for the 15th-ranked Hoosiers in their 21st straight regular-season win at Assembly Hall. It also was the Big Ten's first victory in this year's Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

Georgia Tech (3-3) was led by Lewis Clinch with 18 points. Anthony Morrow and Gani Lawal each added 17.

Indiana (5-1) started both halves sluggishly, committing five turnovers in the first four minutes of the game and allowing Georgia Tech to open the second half on a 9-0 run, which erased the Hoosiers' 38-34 half-time lead.

But Indiana used some nifty drives by Gordon and Ellis to retake the lead, and the strategy eventually opened things up down low for White and on the perimeter for the outside shooters. The result: Lance Stemler's 3-pointer with 7:20 to go not only gave Indiana a 60-58 lead, but also sparked an 11-2 run that made it 68-60.

Georgia Tech got as close as 68-64 and was within five with less than a minute left, but the Hoosiers' late free-throw shooting sealed the victory.

Indiana played without freshman guard Jordan Crawford, suspended for three games minutes before the opening tip for violating team rules. The announcement was made by

coach Kelvin Sampson. Crawford was averaging 12.6 points.

**Pittsburgh 80, Boston University 53**

Ronald Ramon made all five of his 3-point attempts to score 15 points and No. 14 Pittsburgh put away Boston University quickly with a 20-3 run in the first half, staying unbeaten with a victory Tuesday night.

The Panthers (6-0), again showing off their new, faster-paced offense, also got 14 points from leading scorer Sam Young, 11 points and eight assists from point guard LeVance Fields and 11 points from Mike Cook.

The early run put the Panthers up 21-5 and was similar to that of a 22-0 run early in their 92-45 rout of Buffalo on Friday. Pitt's average winning margin against mostly light-weight competition is 31 points.

Pitt is 6-0 for the sixth consecutive season and has a chance to open at least 9-0 for the sixth season in a row.

Fields hit a 3-pointer and Ramon made two in a row beyond the arc to put Pitt up 10-4, before Fields made a long jumper that was inches short of another 3. Keith Benjamin's 3-pointer and Tyrell Biggs' dunk made it 21-5, and coach Jamie Dixon used everyone on his bench after that.

Boston University (1-5), picked by America East coaches to win the league but the loser of four in a row, still has not

beaten a ranked opponent in 38 years — since a 1959 NCAA tournament upset of Navy. The Terriers lost the Eastern Regional finals to Jerry West-led West Virginia that season.

**Memphis 104, Austin Peay 82**

Freshman Derrick Rose had 19 points and 12 assists, and No. 3 Memphis shot 64 percent Tuesday night in a victory over Austin Peay.

Rose was coming off his worst game of the season, a four-point performance against Arkansas State a week before. This time, he shot 6-of-8 from the field as Memphis (6-0) built the lead to as many as 23 early in the second half.

Chris Douglas-Roberts led Memphis with 23 points on 11-of-15 shooting, and Shawn Taggart added a career-high 17 points. Joey Dorsey was one of three Tigers with 10 points. He also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Drake Reed led the Governors (2-4) with 21 points, missing only one of his nine shots, while Todd Babington finished with 18 points on 5-of-8 from the field, all from 3-point range. Wes Channels had 16 for the Governors, and Kyle Duncan finished with 10 points, hitting all four of his shots from the field.

Memphis has won all its games by double digits. The Governors, who have lost two straight, never got the deficit under 16 in the final 17 minutes.



Indiana freshman guard Eric Gordon goes up for a layup in the Hoosiers' 83-79 win over Georgia Tech Tuesday.

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Atlantic Division				
team	record	pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	13-8-2	28	73	66
NY Rangers	13-9-2	28	53	47
NY Islanders	12-8-1	25	51	55
New Jersey	11-10-2	24	56	59
Pittsburgh	10-11-2	22	68	69

Northeast Division				
team	record	pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	16-5-1	33	71	53
Montreal	12-8-3	27	69	62
Boston	12-8-2	26	58	54
Buffalo	11-10-1	23	64	59
Toronto	8-11-5	21	70	86

Southeast Division				
team	record	pts	GF	GA
Carolina	13-8-3	29	80	72
Florida	11-12-1	23	63	69
Atlanta	11-12-0	22	61	78
Tampa Bay	10-11-2	22	74	70
Washington	8-15-1	17	57	72

Central Division				
team	record	pts	GF	GA
Detroit	15-6-2	32	76	56
St. Louis	13-8-0	26	53	46
Chicago	12-9-2	26	66	67
Columbus	11-9-4	26	63	60
Nashville	11-9-2	24	62	63

Northwest Division				
team	record	pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	12-9-2	26	62	60
Minnesota	12-9-2	26	61	61
Colorado	12-9-1	25	63	66
Calgary	10-11-3	23	66	71
Edmonton	10-13-1	21	57	74

Pacific Division				
team	record	pts	GF	GA
Dallas	13-7-4	30	72	61
Anaheim	11-9-4	26	61	66
San Jose	11-8-3	25	58	49
Phoenix	11-10-0	22	55	61
Los Angeles	9-13-1	19	63	74

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team	record	previous
1 Wake Forest	15-1-2	2
2 Connecticut	16-2-1	1
3 Santa Clara	13-1-4	3
4 Brown	14-1-1	5
5 SMU	13-3-2	6
6 Boston College	12-4-1	8
7 Creighton	10-1-5	7
8 Virginia Tech	10-2-5	4
9t Indiana	13-4-3	9
9t Tulsa	12-2-2	10
11 NOTRE DAME	11-3-5	11
12 Saint Louis	12-2-3	12
13 UCSB	11-3-3	13
14 Ohio State	13-3-5	18
15 Harvard	11-3-2	15
16 Northwestern	12-4-3	14
17 Akron	13-3-2	17
18 West Virginia	13-5-2	16
19 Maryland	10-4-4	19
20 California	11-4-2	19
21 Duke	11-6-1	24
22 Furman	16-3-0	23
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24 New Mexico	11-4-1	NR
25 Virginia	10-6-2	21

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### NCAA BASKETBALL

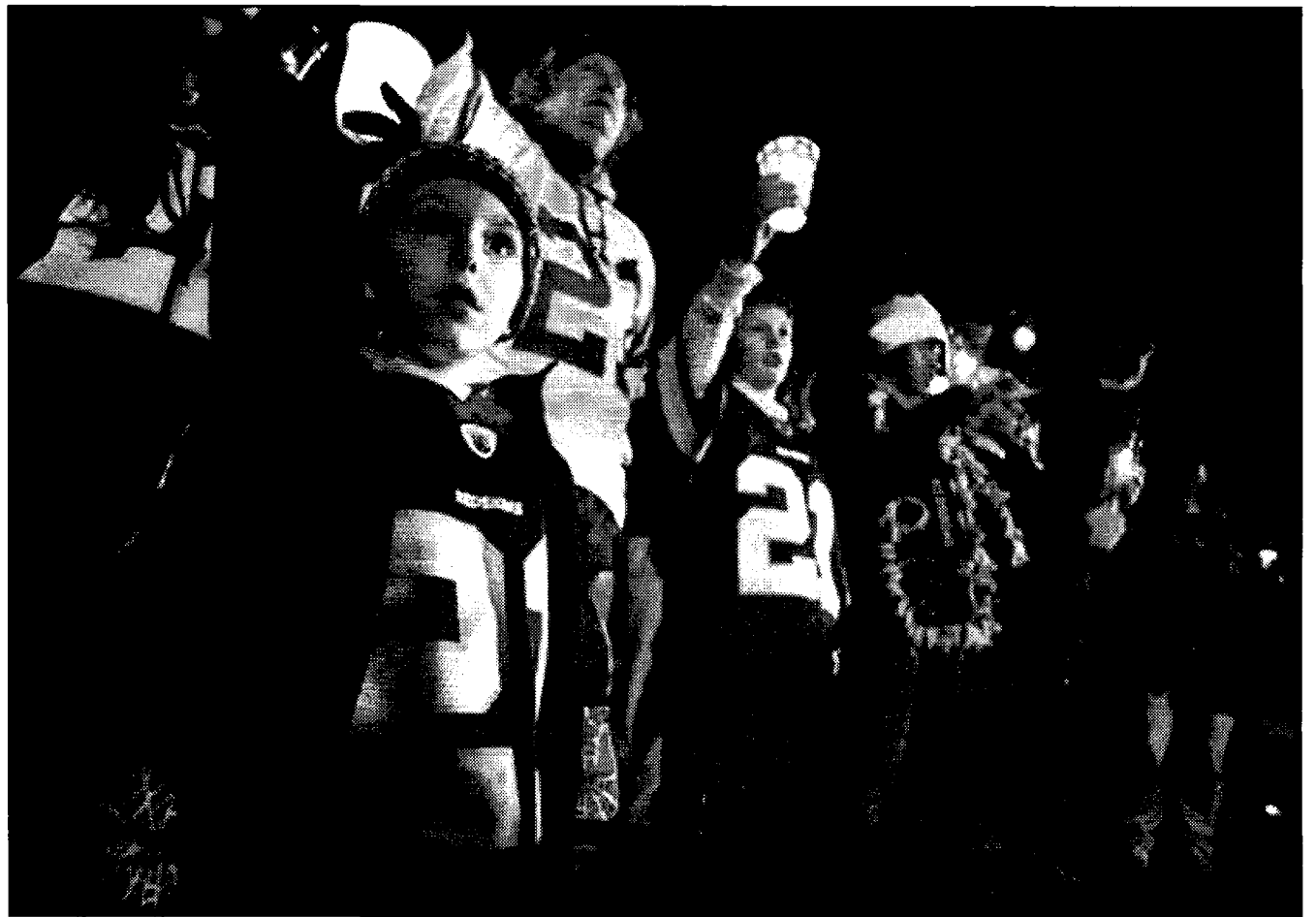
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Ohio State at North Carolina

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## NFL



Washington fans gather for a candlelight vigil at Redskins Park in Ashburn, Va., Tuesday to honor safety Sean Taylor. Taylor died early Tuesday after being shot by an intruder in his Miami home on Monday morning.

## Redskins' Taylor dies one day after shooting

Associated Press

MIAMI — Pro Bowl safety Sean Taylor died Tuesday after he was shot in his home by an apparent intruder, leaving the Washington Redskins in mourning for a teammate who seemed to have reordered his life since becoming a father.

The 24-year-old player died at Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he had been airlifted after the shooting early Monday.

"It is with deep regret that a young man had to come to his end so soon," father Pedro Taylor said in a statement on behalf of the family. "Many of his fans loved him because the way he played football. Many of his opponents feared him the way he approached the

game. Others misunderstood him, many appreciated him and his family loved him."

A string of mourners, including Taylor's father, visited the player's home and embraced outside. Authorities entered the home, but it was unclear what they were doing.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said the league will honor Taylor's memory at all games this weekend.

"This is a terrible tragedy involving the loss of a young man who leaves behind many people struggling to understand it," he said in a statement.

Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said what he would remember most about Taylor was his excitement about playing football.

"God made him to play

football," Gibbs said Tuesday during a news conference. "To me, he just loved and thrived on the competition part of it. ... Sean, he loved football. He loved these guys here."

Gibbs acknowledged it will be hard to concentrate on football this week.

"I don't know how we'll deal with it, except we'll do it together," he said.

Fans already had begun a makeshift memorial by laying flowers on a field near the front entrance to the Redskins' practice facility in Ashburn, Va.

"This is a terrible, terrible tragedy," Redskins owner Daniel Snyder said.

He added the team would honor Taylor with a patch on the jersey and the No. 21 on the helmet.

Redskins teammate

Clinton Portis also played with Taylor at the University of Miami. He had sensed a new maturity in his close friend.

"It's hard to expect a man to grow up overnight," Portis said. "But ever since he had his child, it was like a new Sean, and everybody around here knew it. He was always smiling, always happy, always talking about his child."

Two bouquets were left by a palm tree outside a front gate of Taylor's home. Beside the mailbox, an untouched newspaper lay with news of his shooting.

Taylor's death comes nearly a year after Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams was killed in a drive-by shooting following an argument at a Denver nightclub on Jan. 1.

## IN BRIEF

### Pitcher suspended 50 games for failed drug test

NEW YORK — Former Colorado Rockies pitcher Dan Serafini was suspended for 50 games Tuesday, the second player to fail a test for a performance-enhancing drug this season under Major League Baseball's testing program.

The 33-year-old left-hander played in three games and allowed two earned runs in one-third of an inning with the Rockies last season. Currently a free agent, Serafini has played for Minnesota, the Chicago Cubs, Pittsburgh, San Diego and Cincinnati.

Serafini blamed the positive result on substances prescribed by a doctor in Japan, where he was limited to a total of 16 games in 2006 and 2007 because of what he described as "significant injuries."

"While trying to accelerate the healing process of these injuries, I took substances that were prescribed for me by a doctor in Japan," Serafini said in a statement.

### Williams' NFL comeback cut short by injury

MIAMI — Ricky Williams' latest comeback lasted one game.

The Miami Dolphins running back will miss the rest of the season with a torn chest muscle, according to his agent, Leigh Steinberg.

Williams was hurt Monday at Pittsburgh, when he played in his first game in nearly two years. He returned following a 1-year suspension for his latest violation of the NFL drug policy.

Steinberg said the arm will be in a sling from four to six weeks and the rehab will take five months.

But Steinberg said Williams expects to be ready for next season.

"It's sad given how hopeful Ricky had been about his return to football and given the amount of effort Ricky had put into his rehabilitation. But he's optimistic and hopeful for the future," Steinberg said.

### Purdue's Howell to have second surgery on shoulder

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue guard Jodi Howell will have a second operation on her left shoulder and will apply for a medical redshirt to gain an extra year of basketball eligibility.

Howell, a 5-foot-11 junior, had reconstructive surgery for a sprain in the shoulder in September. She will undergo another operation Thursday because of an infection that developed in the shoulder, coach Sharon Versyp said Tuesday.

Howell, the 2005 Indiana Miss Basketball from Alexandria High School, started all but one game last season, averaging 6.8 points and leading the Boilermakers in 3-point percentage. She averaged 3.4 points as a freshman but missed the final 12 games of that season with a broken foot.

She also missed most of her junior season in high school after surgery on a torn ligament in her right knee.

MLS

# Beckham scores but LA loses Down Under

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — With David Beckham bent over clutching his ankle, the Galaxy's first exhibition outside North America seemed doomed to go down as a failed marketing exercise.

When the England midfielder bent a trademark free kick into the goal 18 minutes later and 80,295 people rose to their feet cheering, it suddenly was an unqualified success.

Brand Beckham certainly enhanced its status in Australia, despite the Galaxy's 5-3 loss to Sydney FC in an exhibition at the Olympic Stadium on Tuesday night.

As second-half scorer Landon Donovan later said, if Beckham had gone off in the 27th minute after a clumsy challenge from Sydney player Brendon Santalab, the Galaxy's off-season tour was as good as over.

According to local reports, Beckham is contracted to play 55 minutes in each match against A League clubs Sydney here and at Wellington Phoenix on Saturday.

"I always try and stay on whether I'm injured or not," Beckham said. "I'm quite a stubborn person. When I want to stay on, there's not many people who can convince me to come off."

"The first time I'd heard about the 55 minutes I was contracted to play was yesterday. I was happy to play the whole game."

Beckham has built his multi-million dollar fortune, together

with pop star wife Victoria, the former Posh Spice, on giving the fans what they want whether it be on the field or the red carpet.

"It was an entertaining match for the 80,000 fans. That's what they wanted, to see some goals and to see a bit of an exhibition. They got that," he said.

After fearing a recurrence of the ankle injury he picked up in his last game for Real Madrid that contributed to him missing all but five games in his debut MLS season for Los Angeles, Beckham quickly regained his composure and his touch.

The Galaxy were trailing 3-0 a minute before halftime when was awarded a free kick 24 yards out following a foul on Carlos Pavaon. Enter Beckham.

He calmly curled it into the top left corner of the net.

The 32-year-old former England captain raised his arms to celebrate and then swapped high-fives with teammate Kevin Harmse before walking off for halftime, giving Sydney's Brazilian import Juninho a hug on the way to the tunnel.

"In that sort of situation there's always a certain amount of pressure on me to score, because I think people expect you to do it every time there's a free kick given in that position," Beckham said.

"I was really happy to score tonight because of the amount of fans and the attention that there has been on myself and this game tonight, so I was really pleased."

SPORTS DRINKS

# Inventor of Gatorade dies

*Cade helped design drink for Florida football team in 1965*

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Dr. J. Robert Cade, who invented the sports drink Gatorade and launched a multibillion-dollar industry that the beverage continues to dominate, died Tuesday of kidney failure. He was 80.

His death was announced by the University of Florida, where he and other researchers created Gatorade in 1965 to help the school's football players replace carbohydrates and electrolytes lost through sweat while playing in swamp-like heat.

"Today with his passing, the University of Florida lost a legend, lost one of its best friends and lost a creative genius," said Dr. Edward Block, chairman of the department of medicine in the College of Medicine. "Losing any one of those is huge. When you lose all three in one person, it's something you cannot recoup."

Now sold in 80 countries in dozens of flavors, Gatorade was born thanks to a question from former Gators Coach Dwayne Douglas, Cade said in a 2005 interview with The Associated Press.

He asked, "Doctor, why don't football players wee-wee after a game?"

"That question changed our lives," Cade said.

Cade's researchers determined a football player could lose as much as 18 pounds — 90 to 95 percent of it water — during the three hours it takes

to play a game. Players sweated away sodium and chloride and lost plasma volume and blood volume.

Using their research, and about \$43 in supplies, they concocted a brew for players to drink while playing football. The first batch was not exactly a hit.

"It sort of tasted like toilet bowl cleaner," said Dana Shires, one of the researchers.

"I guzzled it and I vomited," Cade said.

The researchers added some sugar and some lemon juice to improve the taste. It was first tested on freshmen because

Coach Ray Graves didn't want to hurt the varsity team. Eventually, however, the use of

the sports beverage spread to the Gators, who enjoyed a winning record and were known as a "second-half team" by outlasting opponents.

After the Gators beat Georgia Tech 27-12 in the Orange Bowl in 1967, Tech coach Bobby Dodd told

*"Today with his passing, the University of Florida lost a legend."*

**Dr. Edward Block  
Chairman, University of  
Florida Department of  
Medicine**

reporters his team lost because, "We didn't have Gatorade ... that made the difference."

Stokely-Van Camp obtained the licensing rights for Gatorade and began marketing it as the "beverage of champions." PepsiCo Inc. now owns the brand, which has brought the university more than \$150 million in royalties since 1973.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

# Former Arkansas coach takes Ole Miss job

Only hours after resigning in Fayetteville, Houston Nutt accepts Rebels post vacated by Ed Orgeron

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — One day, Houston Nutt was leaving Arkansas. The next, he was heading to Mississippi.

Ole Miss will introduce Nutt as its new coach Wednesday, ending a whirlwind hiring that began when he resigned at Arkansas on

Monday and agreed to become the Rebels' coach about four hours later.

Mississippi was without a coach for less than three days. Ed Orgeron was fired on Saturday after three losing seasons.

Rebels athletic director Pete Boone said Tuesday he contacted Nutt on Sunday

after hearing a rumor the coach would be resigning. Nutt didn't really want to talk then "because he had a job," Boone said. That soon changed.

"This all happened overnight with me," Boone said.

Nutt agreed to a contract Monday night, a four-year

deal that will pay him \$1.7 million to start and increase by \$100,000 each year. He has an option for three more seasons as well, with the opportunity to earn more money with incentives.

"I think we were thorough in our discussions and covered all the things we needed to cover, but I felt like let's get this thing done," Boone said.

Nutt will be introduced at a news conference on campus in Oxford, ending a frenetic 48 hours for the school and its new coach.

"It's human nature not to like change, but I think in this case, change is going to be a good thing," fullback Jason Cook said. "Especially as a player, you get excited when a guy gets hired like

coach Nutt. He's more than proven in the SEC and proven as a coach that he can take talent and work with it. We're very excited."

Nutt led Arkansas to an 8-4 record and a likely Cotton Bowl berth while the Rebels stumbled to a 3-9 finish under Orgeron and were winless in the SEC for the first time since 1982.

Ole Miss was searching for a proven winner after years of mediocrity. Nutt neatly fits the description.

He is 111-70 in 15 years as a head coach at Arkansas, Boise State and Murray State, and he's been a winner in the SEC. The Little Rock, Ark., native revived the Arkansas program, going 75-48 since he replaced Danny Ford in 1997. Nutt was 42-38 in conference with one of his biggest wins

coming last week when the Razorbacks beat then-No. 1 LSU 50-48 in triple overtime.

While the Razorbacks head into the postseason, Nutt will be going to the homes of recruits attempting to hold together the promising class Orgeron was assembling.

The 50-year-old Nutt said Monday he left Arkansas to help mend a split among fans after off-the-field problems were compounded by a difficult season. The Razorbacks started the year ranked and were expected to contend for the SEC West title.

Arkansas lost its first three SEC games and dropped out of the poll in September, fueling fan discontent over last year's transfer of quarterback Mitch Mustain and

the loss of offensive coordinator G u s Malzahn, who left for Tulsa.

Calls to Nutt's agent, J i m m y S e x t o n, were not immediately returned.

Arkansas officials said they would not comment until after Wednesday's formal announcement.

Nutt takes over a program that's won four or fewer games a season since 2003's 10-win effort under David Cutcliffe. The Rebels won a share of the SEC West that season with Eli Manning at quarterback.

Since the Rebels are 14-32, Boone fired Cutcliffe in 2004 for not recruiting well enough.

He had hoped Orgeron, who helped build two national title teams at Southern California as Pete Carroll's recruiting coordinator, would bring the kind of energy needed to compete in the tough SEC.

Orgeron finished 10-25 and was routinely the target of fan discontent.

Boone and Chancellor Robert Khayat endorsed Orgeron midway through the season, but decided to go in a new direction after the Rebels lost five of six to end the year.

The Rebels have been looking for a coach who can produce championships since Johnny Vaught retired in 1970. Vaught won three national titles and six SEC championships between 1947-63.

The school has fired six of the eight coaches who have come since and a seventh, Steve Sloan, likely would have been fired after five losing seasons had he not left for Duke.

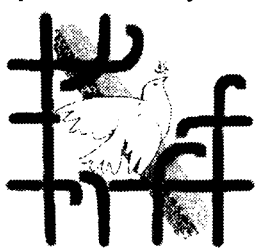
The last three coaches have been assistants in their first job as leading man. Orgeron, Cutcliffe and Tommy Tuberville went 73-69 over the last 13 years.

Only Tuberville left on his own, taking the job at Auburn in 1998.

*"It's human nature not to like change, but I think in this case, change is going to be a good thing."*

**Jason Cook  
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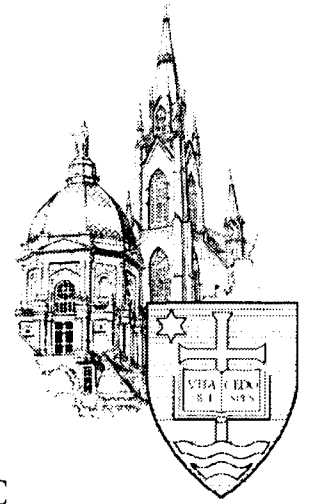
The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, David Solomon, W.P. & H.B. White Director, announces its 8th annual fall conference:

# DIALOGUE THE OF CULTURES



NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 1, 2007

The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, concerned by the deep cultural divides that characterize so much of our world, has found inspiration in Pope Benedict's Regensburg Address, and has decided to devote its 8th annual Fall conference to the theme: The Dialogue of Cultures. In interdisciplinary fashion, this conference will take up a variety of questions related to both the difficulties and opportunities involved in addressing cultural conflict.



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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:30 p.m. Welcoming Remarks - Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., President, University of Notre Dame  
 7:40 - 9:00 p.m. The Josef Pieper Keynote Lecture "The Role of Religions in Promoting Dialogue"  
 The Most Reverend Elias Chacour, Archbishop Metropolitan of the Melkite  
 9:45 - 11:15 p.m. Film: "Holy Land: Common Ground"  
 ETS Theater (Lower Level)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Colloquium Sessions  
 Session 1: Panel Discussion: the Use and Abuse of Reason for Life  
 Session 2: Natural Law, Human Rights, and Cultural Dialogue  
 Session 3: Friendship as Dialogue  
 Session 4: Panel Discussion: Benedict XVI's Regensburg Address: Principles, Historical Context, and Issues of Implementation  
 Session 5: Orthodox and Catholic Perspectives on Cultural Dialogue  
 Session 6: Dialogue and Evangelization  
 Session 7: Judaism and Jewish-Christian Dialogue  
 Session 8: Inter-Religious Dialogue  
 Session 9: East-West Encounters  
 Session 10: Faith and Reason  
 Session 11: Timeless Virtue: On the Interaction of Culture and Character in Jane Austen's Novels

10:45 am - 12:00 p.m. Invited Papers  
 Session 1: "The Ethics of Exit from Iraq: Insights from Just War Thinking" George Lopez University of Notre Dame  
 Session 2: "Reason: Its Proper Humility and Its Proper Power" Margaret Monahan Hogan, University of Portland  
 Session 3: "How to be a European: Questions for Tariq Ramadan" Alasdair MacIntyre, University of Notre Dame  
 Session 4: "Benedict XVI's Regensburg Address: A Project of the Universal Dialogue of Cultures, Especially with Islam" Rev. Samir Khalil Samir, S.J., St. Joseph's University, Lebanon

1:30 - 2:45 p.m. Invited Speakers

Session 1: "A Practical Dialogue of Cultures? The Promise and Perils of a Global Human Rights Law" Paolo Carozza University of Notre Dame  
 Session 2: "Two Modernisms, Two Thomisms: Reflections on the Centenary of Pius X's Letter against the Modernists" Russell Hittinger University of Tulsa,  
 Session 3: "Reason and Regensburg: Pope Benedict and the Dialogue of Cultures" Jean Bethke Elshtain University of Chicago  
 Session 4: "Making Peace with Muslims: Faith, Reason, and Religious Violence in Benedict XVI's Regensburg Lecture" Michael Baxter University of Notre Dame

3:15 - 4:45 p.m. Colloquium Sessions

Session 1: The Dialogue with Islam  
 Session 2: Panel Discussion: Christian Responses to Terrorism: Lessons from Africa and Latin America  
 Session 3: Dialogue in Performance  
 Session 4: Western Philosophy in Dialogue with the East  
 Session 5: Panel Discussion: How Should We Talk About Illegal Immigration and Health Care Allocation?  
 Session 6: Panel Discussion: "Anglo-American Arguments Against Embryos"  
 Session 7: Legal and Public Policy Issues  
 Session 8: Panel Discussion: Intercultural Communication Ethics: Before the Conversation Begins  
 Session 9: The Image as Locus of Dialogue  
 Session 10: Reason and Tradition  
 Session 11: The Virtues of Dialogue

5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Latin Mass (Novus Ordo) for the Feast of Saint Andrew

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. "Reading Regensburg Right"  
 George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center

9:45 - 10:45 p.m. "God in China: The Struggle for Religious Freedom"

A documentary film produced by ROMereports and the Becket Institute for Religious Liberty, written and directed by Raphaela Schmid.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 - 10:15 am Colloquium Sessions  
 Session 1: Regensburg Revisited  
 Session 2: Dialogue and Modern Political Order  
 Session 3: Medieval Resources for the Dialogue of Cultures  
 Session 4: Globalization and Conflict  
 Session 5: Media and the Arts as Forms of Dialogue  
 Session 6: Panel Discussion: Natural Law in American Catholic Social Ethics  
 Session 7: New Perspectives on Justice and Peace  
 Session 8: Cultural Conflicts Affecting Human Life  
 Session 9: The Theology of Culture  
 Session 10: International Law and Global Justice

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Invited Speakers

Session 1: "Aristotle and St. Thomas: A Model for the Meeting of Cultures?" Ralph McInerney, University of Notre Dame  
 Session 2: "Why Is Benedict XVI Wary of Inculturation? Missiological Reflections" Rev. Paul V. Kollman, University of Notre Dame  
 Session 3: "Beard, Neqab and Dialogue: Bridging the Gap between Reason and Reality" Wael Farouq, Coptic-Catholic Faculty of Sakakini

1:30 - 2:45 p.m. Invited Speakers

Session 1: "The Dialogue with Atheism: Chesterton's The Ball and the Cross" Ralph Wood, Baylor University  
 Session 2: "Red States, Blue States: Cultures in Conflict" Jude P. Dougherty, The Catholic University of America  
 Session 3: "Beyond Dialogue: Keeping the Faith and Knowing the Truth" H. Tristram Engelhardt, Jr., Rice University  
 Session 4: "Parts of Peace: The Search for Co-Existence Between African Traditional Religion, Islam, and Christianity in Africa" Paulinus I. Odozor, C.S.Sp., University of Notre Dame

3:15 - 4:45 p.m. Colloquium Sessions

Session 1: Panel Discussion: Human Experience and Dialogue of Cultures in the Writings of John Paul II  
 Session 2: Questions Facing Women in an Intercultural Age  
 Session 3: Models of Peacemaking  
 Session 4: Challenges of Multiculturalism  
 Session 5: Philosophical Approaches to Dialogue and Culture  
 Session 6: Political Philosophy and Cultural Dialogue  
 Session 7: Catholic-Baptist Dialogue  
 Session 8: Faith, Reason and Justice in the Free Society  
 Session 9: Maintaining Cultural Identity in a Multicultural World  
 Session 10: The Catholic Understanding of Culture

# Griffins

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control the ball and the Irish deflected passes and put back offensive rebounds for easy lay-ins.

But the Golden Griffins battled back. Two lay-ups from center Laura Buetow and a three-pointer from guard Amanda Cavo helped Canisius take an 11-10 lead.

At this point, the Irish

press took over. After a jumper by Schrader put the Irish ahead 17-11, Notre Dame went on an 18-4 run to make the score 35-15 midway through the first half.

"We just like to pressure the offense," Allen said. "We want to force them into turnovers and that's something we're doing pretty well this year."

Notre Dame led 49-22 at the half.

In the beginning of the sec-

ond half, Schrader took the ball into the lane until the defense collapsed towards her. She then hit a wide-open Melissa D'Amico, who laid the ball in. Schrader lived in the paint all game and either found the open man when she drew extra defenders or made the defense pay by hitting the 10-foot jumper.

"She is really our best zone offensive player in the high post," McGraw said. "She's strong, the guards aren't afraid to throw the ball to her because she'll catch it, and she's really good at seeing the floor and finding someone in there and pushing to make the shots. She's really hard to guard in there."

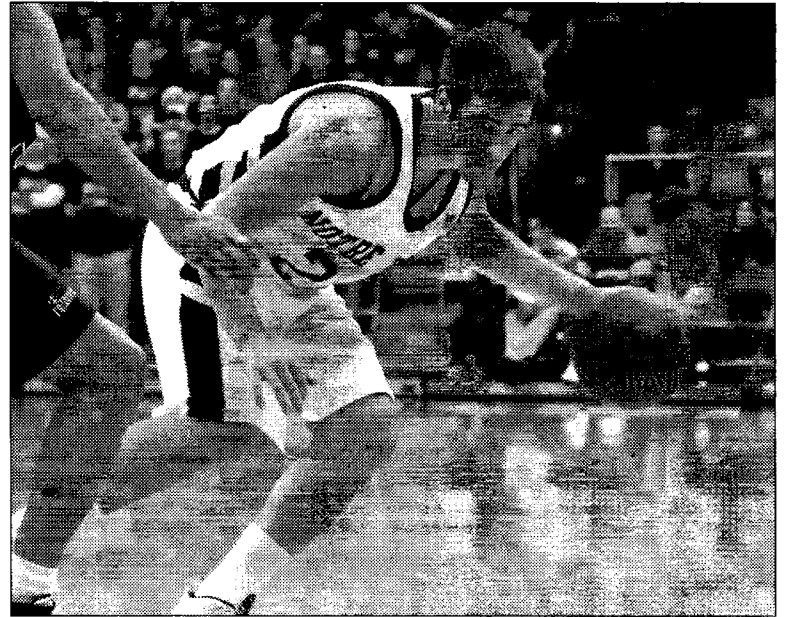
The Griffins had to deal with foul trouble. Point guard Brittane Russell had three fouls in the first half and guard Micayla Drysdale had four.

"Our foul trouble killed us because we really, really have no depth at all with the injuries we have," Zeh said.

Notre Dame forced two timeouts in the first five minutes of the second half — one on an inbounds play and another in play — due to their tough defense.

McGraw said the Irish can do better.

"Overall I think we haven't really scratched the surface of our potential yet," McGraw said. "We can be a really formidable team when we have everybody going on all cylinders."



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish guard Kyle McAlarney dribbles around a Colgate defender on Nov. 11. McAlarney scored 25 points in the 94-63 victory.

# McAlarney

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shot. In short, he needs to be more like Falls.

"I'm going to try to mimic him in certain situations, although I am a different player," McAlarney said.

Notre Dame has had plenty of inside scoring this season, with forwards Rob Kurz and Luke Harangody averaging 15.2 and 17.0 points per game, respectively.

But until McAlarney's recent hot streak, Notre Dame was lacking in sufficient scoring from its guards — something it will need against No. 25 Kansas State next week and once the

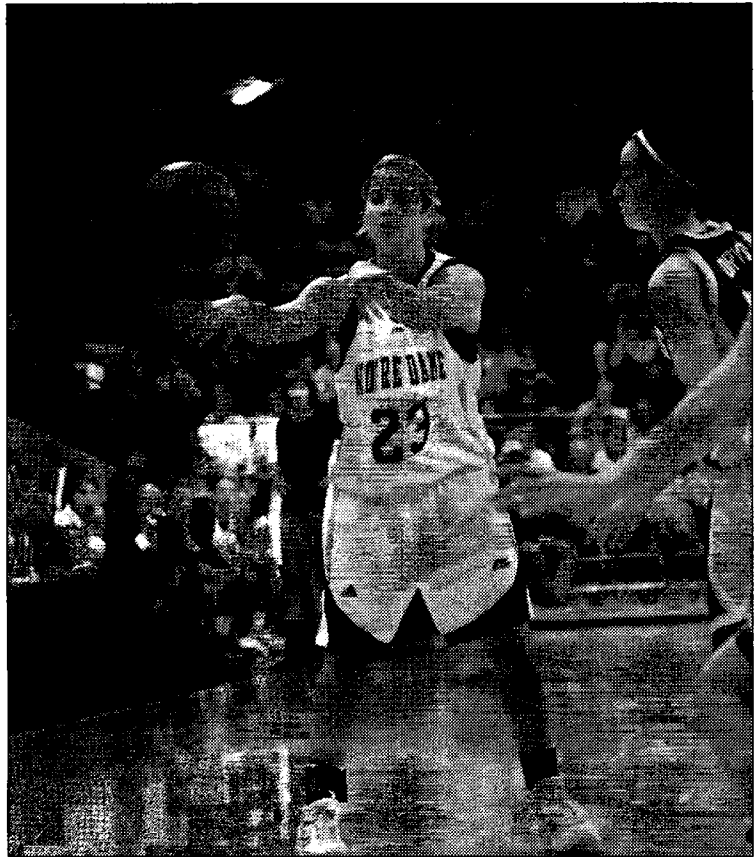
Big East season starts.

Point guard Tory Jackson, while averaging more than five assists per game, has compiled only six points per contest and has hit a single three-pointer this season.

Forwards Ryan Ayers and Luke Zeller have some jump shooting ability, but their height often necessitates them setting up closer to the basket. So most of the outside shooting responsibility falls on McAlarney — and in the last two games, he's started to meet that pressure.

"I feel like I need to be the gunslinger," he said. "If the other team makes a run, and then I hit a three, that can be a dagger."

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish guard Melissa Lechlitner passes in Tuesday's 92-47 win over Canisius. Lechlitner tallied seven points and two assists in the victory.

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Irish midfielder Justin Morrow dribbles past a defender in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over the Red Storm on Nov. 11 at Alumni Field.

# Karas

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Louisville Sept. 28, the Irish are officially 15-0-1, with the draw being a penalty-kicks loss to West Virginia in the Big East tournament final. Karas has allowed only eight goals while starting every contest during that span.

Against North Carolina, Karas made five saves, including two on second-half shots by the Tar Heels' star, midfielder Nikki Washington that appeared headed for the back of the net. And with 30 seconds remaining, Karas made a sliding save to stop a North Carolina break-away and secure the victory for the Irish.

"That was probably her best overall game in her four years here," Waldrum said. "She's had some games where she's

been very good but she just had so much action and so much she had to deal with. She was just fantastic."

Although she is reluctant to talk about herself, Karas said she was always confident, even after she almost lost her starting job at the beginning of the season.

"I'm not doing anything different than my first three years here except now I have a chance to be on the field," she said.

"We didn't have a starter in the beginning of the season because Kelsey and Nikki are great goalkeepers," Karas said. "They push me in practice and they're great support."  
Waldrum is happy with his choice for starter.

*"Her confidence just built and built and she hasn't let us down."*

**Randy Waldrum**  
Irish coach

"Behind the scenes, we sat down with her and we just came to the fact that we were going to live with her or die with her and I think that's really helped her confidence," Waldrum said. "She's hitting her stride around the right time."

The Irish host Duke Friday with only that game standing between them and a trip to the College Cup.

"They haven't done anything less than we've done," Karas said of the Blue Devils. "It's an even playing field right now."

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*"I'm not doing anything different than my first three years here except now I have a chance to be on the field."*

**Lauren Karas**  
Irish goalkeeper

The senior is also quick to credit Notre Dame's other goalies, freshman Nikki Weiss

and sophomore Kelsey Lysander, for keeping her sharp throughout the season.

# Grizzlies

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but at the same time we have to be ready to play."

The Irish had to wait more than two weeks last season before their first tournament game when they defeated Illinois-Chicago 1-0 at home.

Oakland played on Saturday in the opening round of the tournament, taking down in-state rival Michigan State 2-1. The win avenged a 3-0 loss to the Spartans earlier in the season.

Notre Dame also lost in East Lansing this year. Michigan State came away with a 1-0 shutout victory on College Field when the two teams met on Oct. 10.

"[Oakland] went somewhere we weren't able to go to this year," Clark said. "They went to East Lansing and came out with a win. They're a solid team and it was a good game, it went back and forth but I was impressed with several very good players."

The Grizzlies have been led this year by center midfielder Piotr Nowak, who has nine assists and five goals on the season. The 5-foot-10 junior also scored Oakland's first goal against the Spartans in its first round victory.

Senior Michael Reyes and sophomore Sebastian Harris

are currently tied for the team lead in goals scored, with six each.

Irish senior keeper Chris Cahill, who holds a Notre Dame record with three tournament shutouts, will have his hands full keeping the Grizzlies out of the net.

"They don't have a lot of weaknesses, it will require full focus from our guys," Clark said.

Notre Dame and Oakland have not faced each other in a regular game since 1979, but the two teams scrimmage regularly in the spring. Last year's scrimmage, which lasted 50 minutes, ended in a tie.

Clark said the combination of a shorter game and the fact that both teams empty out their benches prevented either team from really seeing their opponent's strength.

The Irish spent four days last week practicing outside to prepare for whatever weather awaits them tonight.

"I always say to them, 'Don't complain about playing in the cold, because that means you're doing well.' This time of year it is just something you have to play through," Clark said.

The game is at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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**Bobby Clark**  
Irish coach

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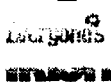
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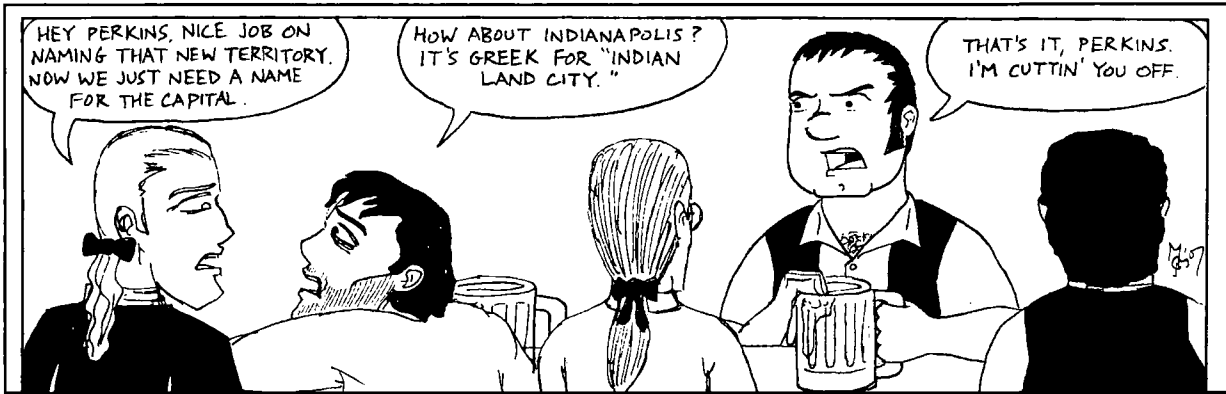
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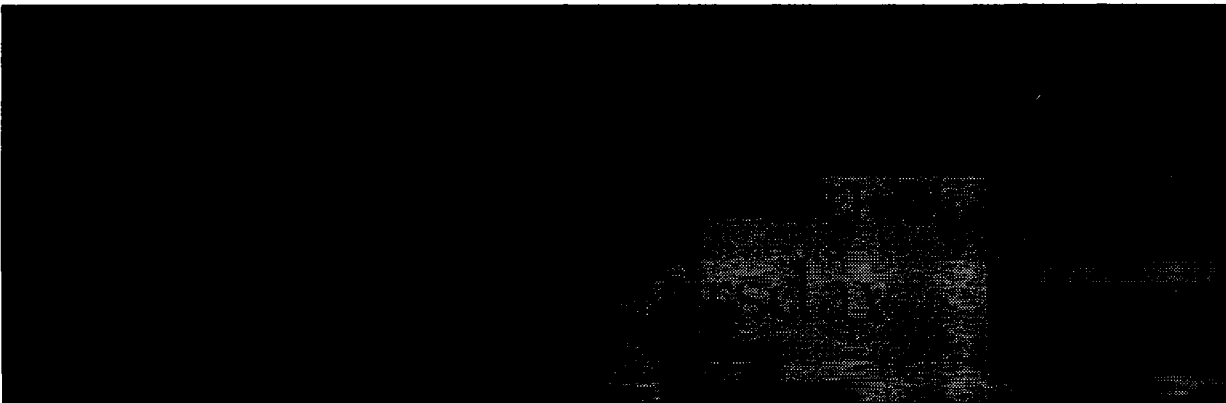
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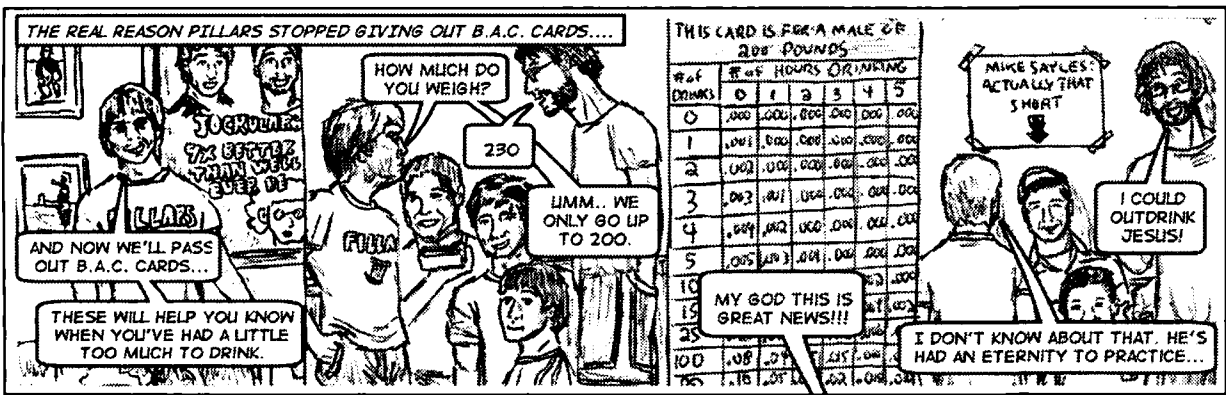
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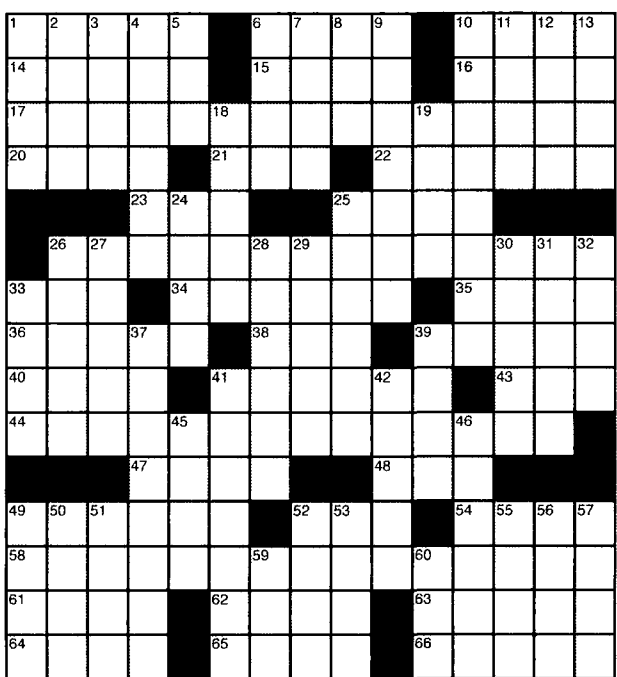
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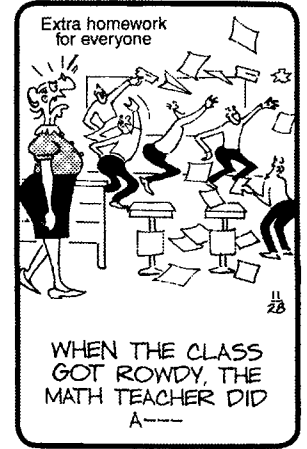
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do a little good for someone else. You can make an impression by setting a trend or by doing something special for someone you love. Now is not the time to hide information or to lie about your intentions. 3 stars

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

# Crunch time

*Irish host Oakland in second round of NCAA Tournament*

By DAN MURPHY  
Associate Sports Editor

Last year Notre Dame advanced to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history. This August, the team made it one of their season's goals to top that mark.

The Irish will take the first step towards reaching that goal tonight when they face Oakland in the second round of the tournament.

"Certainly one of our goals is to take it as far as we can," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It's very important that we don't look beyond each step along the way. It's one step at a time and Oakland is the first step."

No. 10 Notre Dame earned a first round bye following their run to the Big East finals where they lost 2-0 to Connecticut on the Huskies' home turf Nov. 18. Clark thinks the ten days off has prepared the team for action against the Golden Grizzlies tonight.

"We've been playing so many games, we were able to top up in our fitness," he said. "I think it will make us hungry to play,

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Irish sophomore Michael Thomas passes in Notre Dame's 1-0 win over St. John's on Nov. 11. The team faces Oakland tonight at 7:30 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

# Team finds goalkeeper with Karas

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

Three months ago, Notre Dame did not have an established starting goalkeeper.

Returning starter senior Lauren Karas, sophomore Kelsey Lysander and freshman Nikki Weiss each auditioned daily for the right to stand between the pipes for the Irish.

But now, after Karas led the team to a 3-2 upset victory of No. 4 North Carolina in the NCAA Round of 16 Sunday, hardly a question remains.

Karas, who has been the unquestioned starter since Sept. 28, made clutch save after clutch save against the Tar Heels and displayed the poise she has gained since winning the permanent starter job.

"We made that decision [to start Karas] around the Louisville game to just let her go and let her run with it," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "It seems to have really helped her confidence. It just built and built and she hasn't let us down."

Since a 1-0 win over

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# McAlarney's shot heating up at home

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Sports Editor

Kyle McAlarney wanted the ball.

Actually, that's an understatement.

"I was dying to get the ball," he said.

That's how "in the zone" the junior guard was Monday against Colgate. He shot 7-for-10 from behind the arc against the Raiders, scoring a career-high 25 points.

McAlarney said he was so confident in his shot that he knew he was going to score "before I even got the ball."

"Once you hit one, then you hit another one, then you're itching to get the next one off," he said.

The Colgate game was the second in a row in which McAlarney has caught fire from long range. Against Youngstown State on Saturday, he was 5-for-10 from 3-point range and scored 23 points.

But McAlarney's shooting hasn't always been sharp.

Before the Youngstown State game, he was 6-for-20 from

long range on the season and was coming off a seven-point performance in Notre Dame's 70-69 loss to Georgia Tech at the Paradise Jam tournament in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

McAlarney said part of the reason for his improvement is that the last two games have been at the Joyce Center, after Notre Dame played three games in the Virgin Islands.

"This is our home floor," he said. "We play here every day. It's a lot easier to get into a rhythm here than anywhere else."

McAlarney also has been adjusting to his role as Notre Dame's primary outside shooter. Last season, before his suspension in January, McAlarney was the starting point guard. His main responsibility was to find his fellow guards, especially then-senior Colin Falls, for open shots. He needed to shoot from the outside only when he found himself wide open.

But this year, McAlarney is the starting shooting guard for the Irish — and his team needs him to look for his own

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**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Tenacious defense leads to blowout

*Squad forces Canisius into 29 turnovers with swarming full-court pressure*

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

Guard Ashley Barlow scored 18 points and had six assists and guard Charel Allen added 17 points as Notre Dame beat Canisius 93-47 Tuesday at the Joyce Center.

The Irish (5-1) kept the Golden Griffins offense from creating any momentum with a tenacious full-court press that helped it create 29 turnovers, 18 of which came in the first half.

"We like the press. We're pretty good at it," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "That's how we score a lot of points in transition. We like to play that way, we're more comfortable playing this way."

Canisius coach Terry Zeh said Notre Dame's size and athleticism prevented the Griffins (3-2) from establishing their offense.

"We really struggled with their pressure as you could see," Zeh said. "Our point guard is small and you have [Irish forward] Devereaux Peters at the top of that press, or any of their athletic players at the top of that press, and we couldn't see over that at all. And when we

did get it over the top we couldn't attack and make them pay at all."

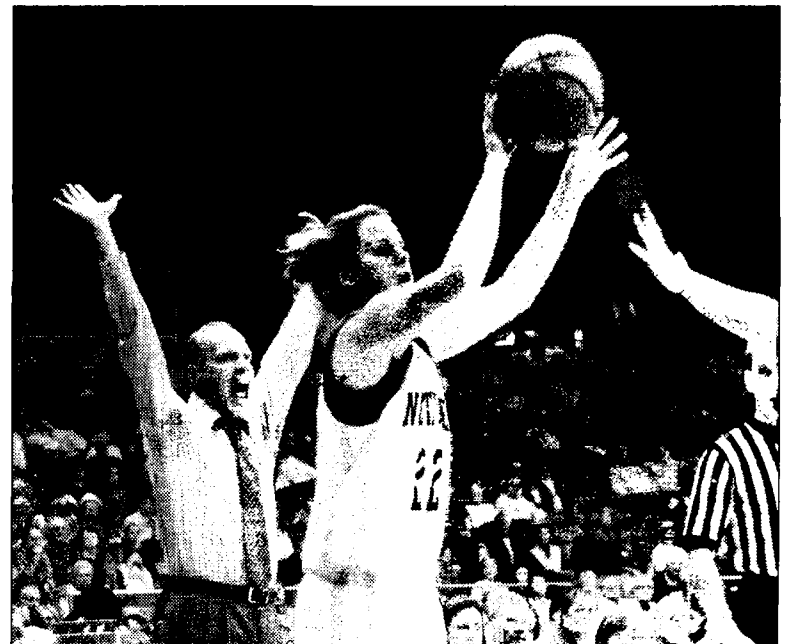
The turnovers, Zeh said, came partly as a result of his team's lack of depth and injuries.

"We're young and injured right now," he said. "For a team of our level to compete, you've got to take care of the basketball."

Five Notre Dame players scored in double figures in the game. Along with Barlow and Allen, Peters scored 12 points and guards Lindsay Schrader and Brittany Mallory had 10 each.

The Irish jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first 1:28 of the game. Canisius failed to

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Irish guard Brittany Mallory passes over a Canisius defender in Tuesday's 93-47 Notre Dame win over the Golden Griffins.