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Santorum discusses 'war on terror'

Former senator calls conflict's label inaccurate, urges Americans to understand the enemy



Former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum speaks about the differences between Americans and radical Muslims in McKenna Hall Tuesday.

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The United States' "war on terror" is a battle against a specific set of theologically motivated groups, former Sen. Rick Santorum said in McKenna Hall Tuesday.

In a lecture titled "Gathering Storm of the 21st Century," Santorum, a Republican from Pennsylvania, blasted the government for misidentifying the enemy and urged the audience to accept the notion that America must fight alone.

The war is a campaign against Islamic jihadists, he said, but the Bush administration and the news media have refused to define it as such out of fear of

being perceived as politically incorrect. Instead, the military campaign has the inaccurate title of the "war on terror," he said.

"Terror is a tactic," Santorum said. "It's like [President Franklin Roosevelt] getting on the radio and saying we're going to 'war on kamikaze.' Are we at war on terrorists? Are we at war against all terrorists? Absolutely not," Santorum said.

Instead, Santorum said America is at war against radical jihadists. Like President Bush has emphasized in the past, Santorum was careful to note that this is not a war against Islam.

"I'm not fighting a religion, we're fighting radicals within the religion. There is a war within

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Club pays for kids' new smiles

Students fundraise for reconstructive surgeries

By LAURA LISOWSKI
News Writer

A smile can go a long way. With that in mind, a student club has taken on the task of raising money to pay for the reconstructive surgery of thousands of children around the world who suffer from facial deformities.

The Notre Dame chapter of Operation Smile — the international medical charity that aims to change lives one smile at a time — donated about \$4,000 to its parent organization last year, funding the operations for as many as 17 children, club president Susie Dee said.

Dee said Operation Smile — which helps children in more than 26 countries, including Bolivia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Kenya, Peru, the Philippines, Israel and Vietnam — can cover all of the expenses of a single surgical procedure with as little as \$240.

"It will pay for the full amount of the operation: doctor's fees, any supplies needed and any recovery the patient might need ... as well as any other expenses that come up," Dee said.

Since its inception in 1982, Operation Smile has treated more than 115,000 children suffering from facial deformities, such as cleft lip and cleft palate, the organization's Web site said. There is currently a network of about 500 Operation Smile Student Associations — including the Notre Dame chapter — across the U.S. and around the

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Candidates' health care plans scrutinized

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

More than 60 students took a study break Tuesday to hear John McCain supporters say Barack Obama's health care plan is too focused on long-term results and Obama supporters say McCain's plan won't significantly improve Americans' ability to afford insurance premiums.

Two professors and two students made up the panel that discussed the presidential hopefuls' proposals regarding health care.

Sophomore Adam Joines kicked off the discussion supporting Obama's plan, which focuses on making health care available to the 47 million Americans — including 9 million children — that currently don't have access to it.

Joines said about \$50-100 bil-

lion of the health care budget goes to overhead costs and administrative expenses, instead of these 47 million people.

"That money is going nowhere," he said.

But senior Karen Stockley, the student panelist representing McCain, said Obama is "wrong if he thinks we can solve problems by trimming the fat in the system."

She said improving cost effectiveness wouldn't result in significant cost savings. Stockley also disapproved of Obama's proposal to raise more money for health care by forcing employers to pay a fee if they fail to provide their workers with the appropriate medical insurance.

"If this 'play or pay' fee is enforced, employers will simply pass the cost down to their work-

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Sophomore Adam Joines speaks in favor of Senator Barack Obama's health care plan in the LaFortune Student Center Tuesday.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group approves 2008-09 treasurer

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

The Council of Representatives (COR) met Tuesday for the first time since Feb. 5 to approve current Student Union Board treasurer Kadeja Gaines for the same position next year.

The meeting was delayed an hour and a half because only 11 council members showed up — one member short of quorum, the minimum number of representative needed to hold a vote. Student body president Liz Brown, however, insisted on delaying the meeting rather than canceling it because Gaines needed to be



COR members meet Tuesday to approve a treasurer for next year. This was their first meeting in three weeks.

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Fashion is new form of expression for feminists

Modern women use style to make statements

By ELIZABETH KELLY
News Writer

The feminists from "The Feminine Mystique" era were intentionally everything but feminine, but that attitude has eroded, the director of women's studies at Oakland University said Tuesday.

Jo Reger argued that modern feminists not only embrace stylish clothes and makeup, but they also use these symbols of womanliness to make political statements.

Titled "Fashion and Feminism in the Contemporary U.S. Women's Movement," Reger's

lecture focused on the research she conducted over the past five years of young women across the country. She supplemented her case studies with content analysis of a fashion column that appears regularly in the popular feminist magazine "Bust."

The "Bust" articles feature a different woman each month, describing the subject's outfit in great detail. Reger noticed that the featured women often chose to dress in clothing either purchased in thrift stores or vintage shops, or they made the apparel themselves. After noticing this trend in the magazine and

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INSIDE COLUMN

Orioles magic

Right now in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., my beloved Baltimore Orioles are beginning Spring Training.

Most fans see this time as one where every team has a chance to win because, until Opening Day, every team is in first place. Even Cubs closer Ryan Dempster thinks that the "loveable losers" will win the World Series — and some Cubbies fans even believe him.



Jay Fitzpatrick
Associate Sports Editor

I have my own bold prediction to make for the 2008 season: The Orioles will suck.

Baltimore's young talent is still a few years away from developing — if it ever does — and its "veteran leadership" consists solely of Kevin Millar. The O's have no pitching (rotation or bullpen), no solid cleanup hitter and a few glaring holes on defense.

(One quick note on Millar, who many people call a "great clubhouse guy." All that means is that he can't hit, can't catch and can't run, but, boy, he sure is funny.)

Saying the Orioles will be terrible is not a novel notion this year, just as it has not been any of the last 10 seasons. The real reason I am writing this is because this annual 162-game suck-fest has influenced my development at least as much as anything else in my lifetime.

I still pine for the Orioles to succeed every year, anticipating each game with youthful exuberance. I love to see the O's play at Camden Yards, going as often as possible, but often brood silently as I watch them miserably founder.

But how the Birds have scorned me. Incompetent ownership, absurd free agent signings and overall poor play have crushed my spirit, leaving me a bitter, jaded fan. The on-the-field failures of my other favorite teams this season — Irish football and the Baltimore Ravens — I can look past; there is hope on the horizon for both and I can see it.

Not for the Orioles.

It seems as though they get some sadistic pleasure in losing, and they enjoy passing their pain onto their slowly dwindling loyal fan base. They tease fans with early successes, bringing the naysayers and fair-weather fans back into the fold before ruthlessly tearing them down after the All-Star Break — if not sooner.

And yet I continue to support them.

Maybe it's stupid or crazy to keep cheering for them now, but for as long as I can remember, I have supported the Orioles; baseball and the O's was not a part of my youth, they helped defined it.

Like I often tell my girlfriend, even though I love her, the Orioles will always be my first true love, the kind you can never let go — no matter how hard you try.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BREAKFAST CEREAL AND WHY?



Cara Norton

freshman Pasquerilla East

"Life because I love life in general."



Jose Duarte

junior Keough

"Choco Krispis. They're Cocoa Krispies except Hispanic."



Katie DeMartini

junior Welsh Family

"Captain Crunch because I've always wanted to be the 'captain's mate.'"



Michael Verdeyen

junior off campus

"I'd have to say Cooookiee Crisp because it's cookies for breakfast."



Michele Monk

freshman McGlenn

"Cracklin' Oat Bran. It's a great way to start the day."



T.J. Smith

freshman Knott

"Lucky Charms because really, how could you not eat something that's magically delicious?"



HALEY BEAUPRE/The Observer

Students pick up free "Safe Spring Break" merchandise on their way into North Dining Hall Tuesday.

OFFBEAT

Theater group to auction toilet seats

ROYAL OAK, Mich. — A community theater group in Royal Oak is lifting the lid on its latest fundraising plans. The Detroit Free Press reports toilet seats ornately decorated by artists will be auctioned March 20 to raise money for Stagecrafters.

A public preview is Wednesday at the Baldwin Theatre.

A production of "Urinetown: The Musical" starts next month, and the group wanted an appropriately irreverent fundraiser.

The seats' names include "Royal Flush," for one with playing cards, and "Bottom of the 9th," for another with Detroit Tiger stripes.

Development Director Lesley Phillips says most of the seats are functional.

Marshals looking for suspect find gators

DAYTON, Ohio — Dayton police and U.S. marshals called for backup from animal control when they found two alligators instead of the suspected probation violator they were after.

Deputy U.S. Marshal

Joshua Hillard said the authorities went to a home Monday morning with an arrest warrant for a man accused of violating his probation in a drug trafficking case. Hillard said people in the house said the suspect wasn't home but invited the officers in.

That's when they found the gators, one about 2 feet long and another about 5 feet. Animal control was summoned, and an exotic animal expert arrived to snatch up the reptiles.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

ND women's basketball will play South Florida tonight at 7 in the Joyce Center.

The Gender Relations Center is presenting a **Notre Dating** panel discussion tonight at 9 in the Coleman-Morse lounge. The discussion will address how competition and perfectionism affect gender relations at Notre Dame.

The Bengal Bouts quarterfinals will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Tickets are available at the Ticket Office.

The film "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Thursday at 7 p.m.

University President Father John Jenkins will appear on "Office Hours," hosted by senior Bob Costa, Thursday at 9:30 p.m. on NDTV, channel 53 on campus cable. The episode will also be available online at www.ndtv.net shortly after it airs.

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

The film "I'm Not There," which tells the story of legendary singer Bob Dylan at different stages of his life and with different actors in the lead role, will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Friday at 7 p.m.

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

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Groups seek funding for New York City trip

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Members of the Intercultural Learning Community Program (ILCP) and the Center for Women's Intercultural Learning asked the Board of Governance (BOG) for funds Tuesday to send 24 Saint Mary's students to New York in April to explore Ellis Island.

"We are going to a lot of things that are important to America but there are also a lot of things that are internationally significant," ILCP member and president of the German club Sarah Davenport said.

The program hopes to expose students to places of importance to the multicultural identity of the United States, like the United Nations headquarters and Ellis Island, said Davenport and fellow ILCP members Meghan Ferrara, Carolyn Wojtowicz, Kelley Fitzgerald and Jeanne Choquehuanca.

The trip is scheduled for April 4-6, but the group is still searching for money to pay for it. They are hoping to change that through fundraisers. The program will be holding a trivia night on March 13 in the Student Center Lounge that will be open to all three campuses. Teams of six will be

charged an entry fee and the winning team will be given a cash prize.

The ILCP will also hold a raffle for a Saint Mary's sweatshirt and sell hot chocolate to help raise money. The group is hoping to raise the money in order to "see the richness and the culture New York has to offer," Ferrara said.

In other BOG news:

◆ Student body president Kim Hodges said there will be a Chicago Bus Trip on March 15. Students interested in going must pre-register with BOG.

◆ The Student Activities Board (SAB) will be having breakfast in Le Mans Hall on March 10 said SAB president Cassie Callon. Panera bagels and juice will be served.

◆ Women's Appreciation Week will be March 10-14, said Abby Hinchy, president of the Student Diversity Board (SDB). The board will be giving out 500 flowers in honor of the week, in addition to showing a movie.

◆ Theology on Fire will be held tonight at 8 in the Student Center Lounge, said Mary Frantz, Campus Ministry commissioner.

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Faculty

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ers," Stockley said. "Ultimately, the workers will not be better off."

She said estimates predict employers trying to make up for Obama's fees could result in the layoff of as many as 224,000 workers.

Joines said this might not necessarily be true because the plan would also offer subsidies to qualifying small and medium-sized employers that legitimately may not be able to offer their workers health insurance. Obama's proposals, he said, would place more of the burden on large corporations.

"A lot of people don't like these additional costs but that's when it's important to remember those 47 million," Joines said. "What good is having the best health care in the world if so many people don't have access to it?"

Economic professor Bill Evans, the faculty member representing McCain, agreed with Joines and said the number of uninsured Americans — which make up 16 percent of the country's population — is a problem that can only be fixed at its root cause, the rise in insurance premiums.

McCain, however, has said he believes he can make these costs more affordable through tax credits. Evans said that, by providing individuals with a \$2,500 credit and families with a \$5,000 one, McCain is hoping to create an incentive to buy health insurance.

This would also fuel the creation of a broader market for

health insurance plans, which would further drive costs down for consumers.

"If people can afford to buy insurance, they will buy it," said Evans, explaining the rationale behind the McCain plan.

But these credits are not enough to make premiums affordable, said his counterpart on the Obama side, Dr. Rudolph Navari, director of the Indiana University School of Medicine in South Bend.

"A tax credit of \$2,500 will purchase very little in this market," Navari said.

But he actually urged voters to stop thinking in terms of short-term savings and tax credits and focus instead on the bigger problems facing the health care system.

Navari told the audience the hypothetical story of two women who discover a lump in their breast. One is the mother of a Notre Dame student and as soon as she detects the lump she has

a mammogram and a biopsy, allowing her physicians to diagnose cancer in its early stages, where she can treat it and fully recover. The second woman, Navari said, is one of the 47 million Americans that don't have access to health care.

She ignores the lump for months until one day she collapses, is rushed to the hospital and the doctors tell her she has advanced breast cancer and all the chemotherapy in the world could not save her.

"How much longer are we in this country going to put up with more of these cases?" Navari asked. "Are you willing to pay more money to make health care available to people who can't afford it?"

The student-faculty debate was hosted by the Student Senate's University Affairs committee.

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Happy 21st Birthday Year Ben and Meredith



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Both positions are salaried, about six to 10 hours a week. Please contact Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu or Kyle West at kwest1@nd.edu if interested.

Fashion

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spending several years interviewing young women across the country, Reger came to the conclusion that this trend — which she describes as “oppositional fashion” — is making an important statement for contemporary feminism.

Reger noted that the feminist movement of the 1960s and 1970s “looked at fashion as a form of enslavement” and viewed conventional concepts of femininity and sexuality as something created by patriarchal society. In her research, however, she found that contemporary feminists “are now reclaiming the feminine as something powerful.”

She suggested that the trend is a backlash against the 1960s feminist stance on sex. Reger said some contemporary feminists complain that earlier feminism “made feminists so repressed and uptight that feelings of sexuality had been totally destroyed.”

Women who were a part of the feminist movements of the 1960s and 1970s often have trouble understanding this trend among contemporary feminists, viewing current fashion statements as a step back in the fight for women’s rights, Reger said. Others may trivialize contemporary feminist fashion as “just playing with clothes.”

Reger, however, said the women who make full use of their clothes and bodies to express themselves — and in the process redefine ideas of femininity and sexuality — are doing something significant.

“In politicizing fashion, the body has become a sign of resistance,” Reger said.

She told the audience about a photograph taken at the 2004 March for Reproductive Rights, in which the two women are shown topless — with the exception of two carefully placed stickers promoting abortion rights.

“They want you to look at them in a certain way,” Reger said. “Where they’re drawing your eye has a political message.”

But because of the tendency to ignore the reality of contemporary feminists’ “oppositional fashion” as a form of protest or expression, several sociologists believe the feminist movement is dead, Reger said. But Reger believes the movement is “very much alive,” even though modern feminists may not organize in the same ways they did 40 years ago.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rebels attack buses, bomber kills 8

BAGHDAD — Insurgents targeted passenger buses north of Baghdad on Tuesday, as a suicide bomber killed at least eight people west of Mosul and gunmen seized 21 men traveling through Diyala province.

The latest bloodshed highlighted the slow-going, punch-counterpunch U.S.-led campaign against al-Qaida in Iraq, more than a month after Iraq's prime minister said he expected the fight for Mosul would be a "decisive battle."

The Americans view the northern campaign as a chance to subdue al-Qaida in Iraq in areas surrounding Mosul, a major transportation hub which the military has described as the terror group's last urban stronghold.

Tuesday's bombing, 40 miles west of Mosul, struck a bus heading from that city to the Syrian capital of Damascus.

Russia limits liberties as election nears

MOSCOW — The Kremlin has clamped down on freedoms in the run-up to Russia's presidential election, an international rights group said Tuesday.

Amnesty International released a report ahead of Sunday's vote in which it said Russia had curtailed the rights of freedom of expression, association and assembly in recent years.

"Human rights defenders, independent civil society organizations, political opponents and ordinary citizens have all been victims of this roll-back on civil and political rights," the report said.

The London-based group said the decline has been seen in authorities' breaking up of opposition demonstrations, harassment of rights activists and journalists, and restrictions imposed on civil society groups.

NATIONAL NEWS

Power plant shutdown affects 3 million

MIAMI — A problem with Florida's electrical grid caused a nuclear plant to automatically shut down Tuesday and intermittently cut power to up to 3 million people from Daytona Beach through the Florida Keys.

Authorities said there were no safety concerns at the nuclear plant and were working to pinpoint the outages' cause. While many areas were hit hard, most of the outages were brief and only a few hundred thousand people lacked electricity for the evening commute home.

An equipment malfunction in a substation near Miami disabled two power distribution lines between Miami and Daytona Beach, and in response, the Turkey Point nuclear plant south of Miami stopped operating around 1 p.m.. Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Kenneth Clark said.

Storms ravish Southeast, kill two

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A broad storm system spread heavy snow across the Great Lakes region Tuesday and fired up violent thunderstorms that knocked out power to thousands of homes and businesses in the Southeast.

At least two deaths were blamed on the stormy weather.

Fallen trees and other debris on roads slowed travel and several traffic accidents brought morning rush hour traffic to a standstill in Birmingham, authorities said.

LOCAL NEWS

Anti-terror official returns to Purdue

INDIANAPOLIS — The head of Indiana's Department of Homeland Security is resigning to return to Purdue University, the governor announced Tuesday.

J. Eric Dietz has been the agency's executive director since March 2005, when Gov. Mitch Daniels combined the emergency management and homeland security functions into a single department.

Daniels named Joe Wainscott, director of training at Homeland Security, as Dietz's replacement.

Dietz's last day as director will be March 14. The retired Army colonel plans to return to the Purdue Homeland Security Institute as a tenured faculty member in the College of Technology.

"Col. Dietz was the ideal person to take on the difficult assignment of merging the state's public safety services into one efficient department to prepare and protect Hoosiers," Daniels said.

Republicans to debate anti-war bill

Discussions will allow GOP to present case that conditions in Iraq are improving

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an about-face, Senate Republicans on Tuesday agreed with Democrats to advance an anti-war bill because they said the debate would give them time to hail progress in Iraq.

The change of heart came after months of blocking similar measures. But unlike most of last year, security conditions in Iraq have improved, and Republicans say they now feel they have the upper hand on the debate.

"We welcome a discussion about Iraq," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell declared.

The measure, by Democratic Sens. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin and Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, would cut off money for combat after 120 days. It had been expected to fall short of the 60 votes needed to overcome a procedural hurdle and move ahead.

But after Republicans agreed in a private meeting that the debate could help make their case, the Senate voted 70-24 to begin debating it in earnest.

Aides said a final vote could come later this week, but may be pushed into next week.

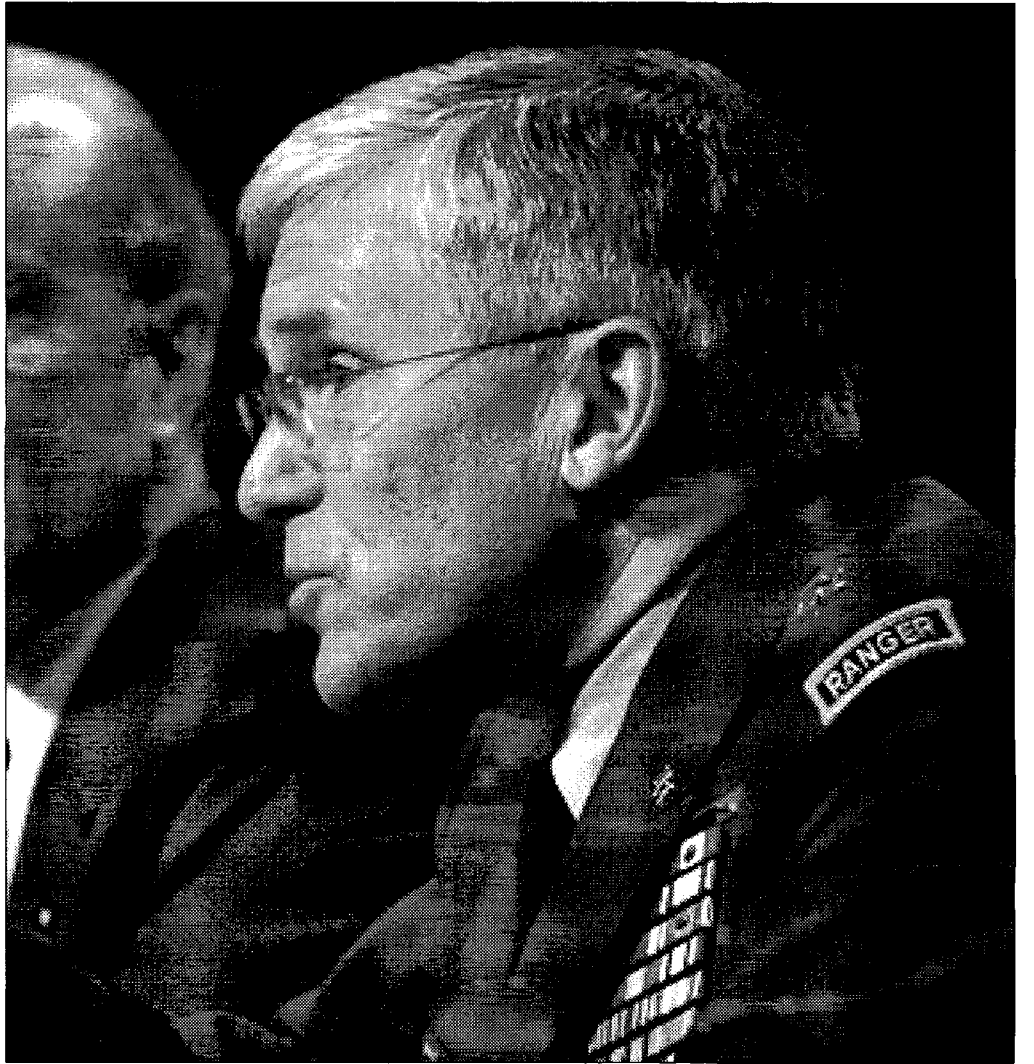
The White House said the president would veto such a measure.

"This legislation would substitute the political judgment of legislators for the considered professional military judgment of our military commanders," the administration said in a statement.

Democrats said they welcomed the debate, although they accused Republicans of stalling on plans to debate other issues, namely the nation's housing crisis.

Reid said "a civil war rages" in Iraq and shouldn't be the responsibility of U.S. taxpayers.

"Americans need to start taking care of Americans," he said. "We cannot spend a



Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey said at a Congressional hearing Tuesday that he wants to reduce tours of duty in Iraq by this summer.

half billion dollars every day in Iraq."

In recent months, violence in Iraq has subsided significantly and the Baghdad government has made small steps toward political reconciliation, including plans to hold provincial elections on Oct. 1.

While Democratic voters remain largely against the war, polls have shown, the security improvement has helped to cool anxiety among Republicans and turned voters' focus to economic problems at home.

Still, Republicans say they have more convincing to do if they are to control the White House next year.

Sen. John McCain, the GOP's likely presidential

nominee, said this week that to win the White House he must convince a war-weary country that U.S. policy in Iraq is succeeding.

If he can't, "then I lose. I lose," the Arizona Republican said. He quickly backed off the statement.

Tuesday's Senate vote came as the Army's top general said he wants to reduce combat tours for soldiers in Iraq from 15 months to 12 months this summer.

Gen. George Casey, the Army chief of staff, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that he would not embrace going back to the longer tours even if Bush decided to suspend troop reductions for the second half of the year. The Army is

under serious strain from years of war-fighting, he testified, and must reduce the length of combat tours as soon as possible.

"The cumulative effects of the last six-plus years at war have left our Army out of balance, consumed by the current fight and unable to do the things we know we need to do to properly sustain our all-volunteer force and restore our flexibility for an uncertain future," Casey said.

Casey, who was the top U.S. commander in Iraq before taking the chief of staff job last spring, told the committee that cutting the time soldiers spend in combat is an integral part of reducing the stress on the force.

NORTH KOREA

Orchestra's visit brings hope for better ties

Associated Press

PYONGYANG — The New York Philharmonic's unprecedented concert could herald warmer ties between North Korea and the United States. After three encores, some musicians left the stage in tears as the audience waved fondly.

Between horn fanfares and the flourishes of the conductor's baton, the U.S. and North Korea found common ground in a concert Tuesday that spanned American and Korean musical traditions.

Whether the feeling lingers after the music will depend on the North's compliance with an international push to rid it of nuclear weapons.

After the New York Philharmonic

played the last notes of the folk song "Arirang," the adoring audience stood and applauded enthusiastically, waving to the musicians.

Orchestra members — some moved to tears — paused with their instruments and waved back, an emotional finale to the concert that was the highlight of the Philharmonic's 48-hour visit.

The enraptured crowd drew music director Lorin Maazel and concertmaster Glenn Dicterow out for a final bow after the rest of the ensemble left the flower-adorned stage at the East Pyongyang Grand Theater.

The concert was broadcast live on North Korean TV, meaning it was heard beyond the 2,500 people in

the theater. North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, one of the world's most reclusive leaders, did not attend; there was no way to know whether he watched.

"We may have been instrumental in opening a little door," Maazel said after the performance.

He dismissed the significance of Kim's absence, saying: "I have yet to see the president of the United States at one of my concerts. Sometimes a statesman is too busy."

Former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry attended the performance and called it a "historic moment," remembering how close the countries came to war in 1994 amid a crisis over the North's nuclear program.

Santorum

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Islam already," he said. Santorum also said moderate Muslims would be the most important people to engage and debate the radicals.

With the discussion of the "war on terror" permeating the country, Santorum said the American people need to educate themselves on the actual enemy.

Santorum said there are three issues that need to be addressed more clearly: who America is fighting, the difference between the two warring cultures, and the origins of that conflict.

He said he defines the enemy — radical jihadists — in religious terms because they define themselves in religious terms.

"Let's see if it has anything to do with religion. I think it does," he said. "They are people of deep faith and they believe that they are called to liberate society from laws that are not of God and institute divine law, and that is liberating. I can understand how they see that. They see themselves as liberating all of us in the West from imperfection."

Also, Santorum said the way the enemy defines Westerners is proof of its religious motivations.

"How do they define us? Infidels. It's a religious term," he said of jihadists. "They are in a holy war. Everything they say, everything they do, is based on theology. Yet we ignore that. We try to make it a politically correct war. The American people will not sustain this war unless they know why we are fighting it. And they don't."

Santorum said the most profound difference between the American and Islamic cultures is in the conception of time.

"The culture we're dealing with is ancient and has a different perspective of time and importance. America is a brand new baby," he said. "As a result of us being so young, we happen to think we're really important, really special."

The way the two cultures look at problems is also important in the war against the jihad.

"We think we can deal with problems and deal with them quickly. The ancient world is different. They look at problems differently — they have much more patience in dealing with enemies. The jihadis count on the youngness and the impatience of America," Santorum said.

Santorum answered his third primary question on the origin of the conflict and the differences by looking at the lives of the two cultures' respective central religious figures — Jesus Christ and the Prophet Muhammad. While Jesus was a peaceful leader who "never won," Santorum said, Muhammad established a kingdom, killed by the sword and enacted laws — believed to be divine — to govern the kingdom.

Jihadists thus have an easier time looking at Muhammad as a role model for acts of violence than the Christian terrorists have in looking at Jesus, he said.

Santorum said the fight against the jihadists is best viewed in terms of the distinction between Sunni and Shiite Muslims — a distinction most Americans who follow foreign affairs should know, but don't.

After Muhammad's death, many elders wanted to elect among themselves a new leader. Others believed the leadership should remain within Muhammad's bloodline. The former group became the Sunnis, while the latter became the Shiites.

The majority Sunnis attempted to purge Islam of the Shiites by killing off the ruling descendents of Muhammad, who took the title

"Imam." After the death of the 11th Imam, who most Shiites believed to be the last descendant, the Sunnis thought they were victorious. But in Shiite tradition, a 12th Imam, the Mahdi, revealed himself at the funeral of his predecessor and then went into hiding.

Many Shiites, who make up the majority of Iran's population and political leaders, believe the Mahdi will eventually return either at the end of time or at the Armageddon. Santorum said an understanding of that theological perspective shapes American foreign policy with Tehran — but U.S. leaders will not admit that publicly.

"If you bring about Armageddon, you end time, and the Mahdi will return," Santorum said. "... That's why we are really tough on Iran. But we're afraid to talk in terms of religious prophesy. We're afraid to offend anybody."

Sunni radicals, on the other

hand, want to revive the Caliphate and return it to the height of its power, when the Ottoman Empire stretched deep into Europe. They look to recapture the power and the means to "spread what they believe is their manifest destiny," Santorum said.

And while the war against the radical jihadists has to be fought by America, Santorum stressed that solutions must come from within Islam.

"The problem has to be solved by people within the Islamic world," he said. "We need to create space for brave moderate Muslims to engage theologically the ideology of the jihadists. And we need to condemn those who are pseudo-moderates who condemn the violence but support the theology."

Santorum also said that America must not only be educated on the history of its enemies, but also on itself and what is at stake. Catholicism is especially important in the war against the

jihadists, he said, as it is America's most powerful religious force. He called the Notre Dame students in the audience at the McKenna Center "the jewels."

"If you guys go south, that is bad news for this country. The Catholic Church is what is holding us together," he said.

Although the war on radical jihadists is often portrayed as a conservative cause, Santorum said the American left has more at stake than the right.

"If you think about what are the pillars of the American left — feminism, homosexual rights, civil rights, separation of church and state, reason over faith in the public square, pacifism, abortion on demand — can you think of any group of people on the face of the earth that are, point-for-point, 180 degrees from the American left, any more than the jihadists?" he said.

In the radical Islamic world, "the very act of thinking makes you an infidel," Santorum said. "There is no room for reason or thinking. You simply submit to the will of God irrespective of its rationality."

The idea that "any man-made law is an affront to God," is sticking points between democracy

and the Islamic jihadist world, Santorum said.

"When you try to spread democracy in the Islamic world, this is a complete affront to everything they believe. This is a theological problem. Yet we have not described it in those terms," he said.

Santorum concluded his lecture by stressing the urgency of the war against the jihadists and by comparing our current condition to that of Britain in 1940.

In June of that year, France had fallen to Nazi Germany and Adolph Hitler turned his military toward Great Britain. For the next 18 months — until Japan attacked Pearl Harbor — the United Kingdom acted alone as America allowed its only ally to fight "objective evil" by itself. That, he said, was "Britain's hour."

"This is America's hour," Santorum said. "Like Britain in 1940, we are alone. Completely alone. We will not have anybody on our side. Just us. Just those who hold on to the tenets of Western civilization, those who have a reason to fight."

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IN BRIEF

Dow up on IBM's \$15 billion buyback

NEW YORK — Wall Street reversed earlier losses and rallied Tuesday after IBM approved a \$15 billion stock buyback, suggesting to investors that there are still some companies out there with financial muscle. The Dow Jones industrial average rose more than 110 points.

IBM Corp., one of the 30 companies that make up the Dow, said the buyback will boost its earnings for 2008 past Wall Street's prior forecasts. Shares of Big Blue vaulted \$4.30, or 3.9 percent, to \$114.38.

The buyback news followed two dismal economic reports showing core wholesale prices shot up more than expected last month and that consumer confidence is waning. The data reinforced worries that the United States is suffering from stagflation, a state when the economy weakens amid rising costs.

"The market is kind of overcoming negative news, which is potentially a next step toward higher prices," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "At least in the short-term, it's a nice change here."

Writers Guild approves new contract

LOS ANGELES — Members of the Writers Guild of America have overwhelmingly approved a new contract with Hollywood studios that increases payment for shows offered on the Internet, the union said Tuesday.

The deal was endorsed by 93.6 percent of the 4,060 votes cast in Los Angeles and New York.

"This contract is a new beginning for writers in the digital age," said Patric M. Verrone, president of the guild's western branch. "It ensures that guild members will be fairly compensated for the content they create for the Internet, and it also covers the reuse on new media platforms of the work they have done in film since 1971 and in TV since 1977."

The term of the three-year deal runs from this Feb. 13 to May 1, 2011.

"We're very happy with the turnout," said guild spokesman Neal Sacharow. "In all of the key votes that took place including the vote to end the work stoppage, we had terrific turnout and better than 90 percent approval from the membership in each case."

Economists fear stagflation returning

Toxic mix of rising prices and slowing economy could be on the horizon, experts say

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's a toxic economic mix the nation hasn't seen in three decades: Prices are speeding upward at the fastest pace in a quarter century, even as the economy loses steam.

Economists call the disease "stagflation," and they're worried it might be coming back.

Already, paychecks aren't stretching as far, and jobs are harder to find, threatening to set off a vicious cycle that could make things even worse.

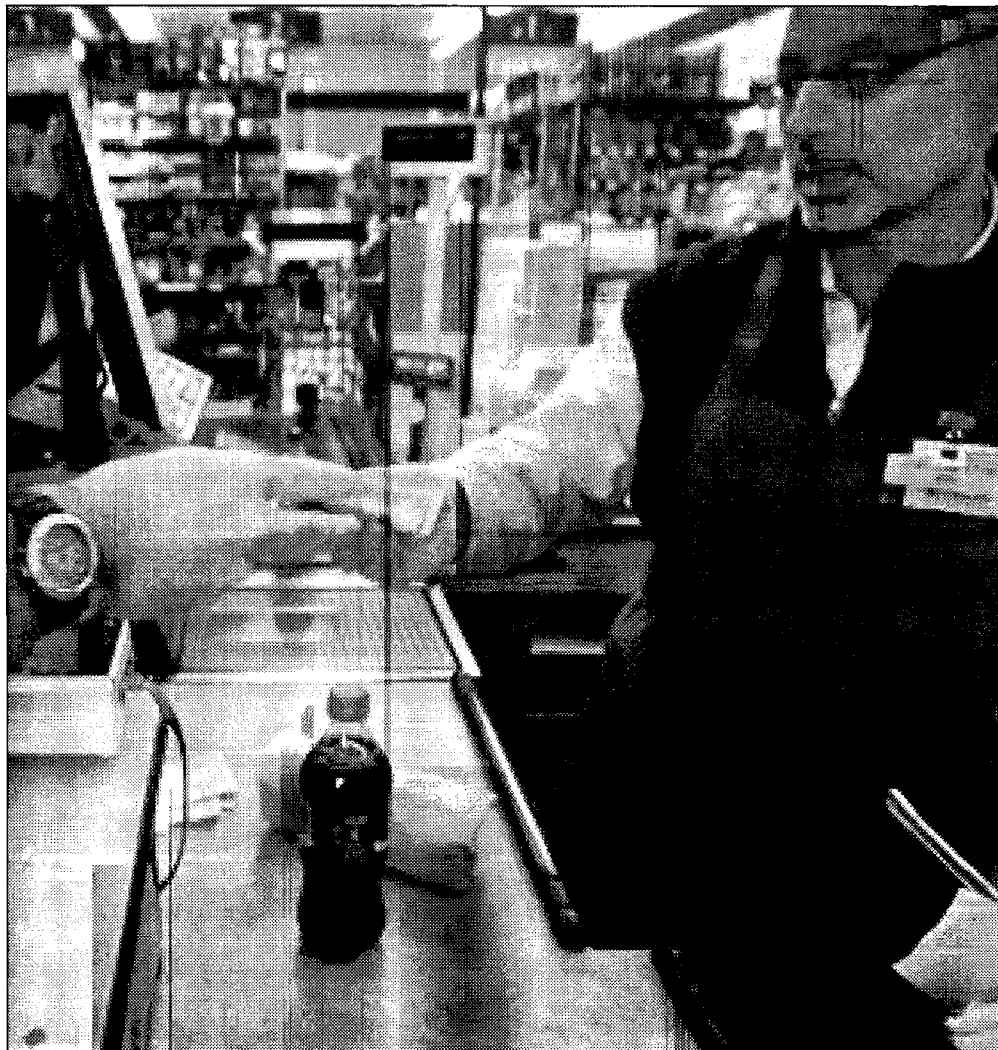
The economy nearly stalled in the final three months of last year and probably is barely growing or even stagnating now. That's the "shrinking" part of the ailment. Typically, that slowdown should slow inflation as well — the second part of the diagnosis — but prices are still marching higher.

The latest worrisome news came Tuesday: a government report showing wholesale prices climbed 7.4 percent in the past year. That was the biggest annual leap since 1981.

"We're in a slowdown," Press Secretary Dana Perino said at the White House, where the economics talk was still upbeat until recently.

Once the twin evils of stagflation take hold, it can be hard to break the grip. People cut back on their spending as they are stung by rising prices and shriveling wages. Businesses, also socked by rising costs and declining demand from customers, clamp down on their hiring and capital investment.

That would be a nightmare scenario for Wall Street investors, businesses, politicians and most everyone else. They're already



A shopper makes a purchase at JJ & F Market in Palo Alto, Calif., Tuesday. Consumer confidence plunged in February as Americans worried about less-favorable business conditions.

looking to the Federal Reserve for help, but the Fed's job is complicated by the situation.

The mission of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues is to nurture economic growth and keep inflation under control. To brace the teetering economy, the Fed since September has been ratcheting down its key interest rate. Another cut is expected in March. However, to combat inflation, the Fed would be expected to boost rates instead.

"The Fed has its hands

full. It is preoccupied with the economic slowdown at the front door, but inflation looks to be sneaking in the back door," said Greg McBride, senior financial analyst at Bankrate.com. "If that trend continues, the Fed would need to show the economy some tough love, meaning higher interest rates to keep inflation from getting out of hand."

On the other hand, Brian Bethune, an economist at Global Insight, said Bernanke can fight only one war at a time, and the more pressing issue right now is to

shore up the ailing economy. "That's the war that needs to be fought. The war on inflation will have to come another day," Bethune said.

Maybe things won't be so bad. Stock prices rose for the day, continuing a recent mini-rally. And Federal Reserve vice chairman Donald Rumsfeld in a speech that he doesn't expect the recent elevated inflation readings to persist.

"But the recent information on prices underlines the need to continue to monitor the inflation situation very carefully," he added.

House prices still falling nationwide

Associated Press

NEW YORK — House prices may still have a long way to fall.

Across much of the nation, home values are dropping — even those backed by solid mortgages — and banks are repossessing more every day. Most experts say the dive won't hit bottom for another year and only after excess inventory is sharply reduced and credit markets improve.

More government intervention may be needed, too, if the free market system doesn't work quick enough.

"The housing value crisis is spreading and deepening," said David Abromowitz, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress. "It has gone way beyond subprime borrowers stretched too far with bad loans and now has extended into the housing markets more broadly."

U.S. home prices dropped 8.9 per-

cent in the final quarter of 2007 compared with a year ago, according to the Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index released Tuesday. That marked the steepest decline in the index's 20-year history.

Meanwhile, the narrower Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight said Tuesday that nationwide prices dipped 0.3 percent in the fourth quarter, the first annual decline in 16 years. Eleven states posted declines in values for the year, while prices in nine states appreciated more than 5 percent.

The OFHEO index is calculated using mortgages of \$417,000 or less that are bought or backed by government-sponsored mortgage companies Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. That excludes riskier types of home loans or homes in more expensive markets like California and the Northeast.

"We reached a somber year-end for the housing market in 2007," said Robert Shiller, one of the architects of the S&P/Case-Shiller index. "Home prices across the nation and in most metro areas are significantly lower than where they were a year ago. Wherever you look, things look bleak."

That's bad news for Sheila Prior and her husband, Matthew. Despite the weakness in the housing market, the couple is putting their three-bedroom home in Durham, N.C., up for sale this week. After being laid off in December from GlaxoSmithKline PLC, Matthew accepted a job offer in Plymouth, Minn.

The couple, who has a 1-year-old daughter, initially wanted to list their home for \$250,000. But after checking what other homes sold for in the area recently, their real estate agent recommended \$233,000 — the same price they paid for it in June 2006.

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approved before March 1. If the Council had not met, it would have marked the fourth time in five weeks that a meeting did not take place. This semester, the Council has only met four times. Brown has cited sickness, not having enough voting members and a lack of issues as the reasons for canceling the last three meetings. Brown declined to further comment on the situation. The Council approved Gaines unanimously during the rescheduled meeting. Normally, one of the treasurer's assistants from the previous year takes over the position, but both of Gaines' assis-

tants are studying abroad this semester, and the incoming treasurer takes over on March 1. Because Gaines is only a junior, she decided to hold the position again next year. **In other COR news:** ♦The representatives unanimously voted to approve the Financial Management Board's reallocation of funds for the Student Union's budget. This year's budget resulted in a surplus of \$10,972.32, which Gaines said would be made available to the class councils and extracurricular clubs. Whatever amount of money is left over will be put into the technology fund for student organizations, Gaines said.

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Smile

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world that contribute to these efforts with funds and volunteers. During November and December last year, Dee and the 14 other members of Operation Smile held a cookie sale, the biggest fundraiser in the club's history, and raised about \$2,000. "We sold cookies in LaFortune and by going door to door," Dee said. "Students sold to friends, family, and dormmates ... we had really dedicated sellers. And it didn't hurt that it was Christmas time." The club hopes to repeat that success when it holds a second cookie sale before St. Patrick's Day, Dee said. Operation Smile is also planning a "Best Smile on Campus" fundraiser.

The club plans to find 5-10 people on campus with a "fantastic" smile, take their picture and it above a collection bin in LaFortune, Dee said. Students will donate money to the person they want to win. She said anybody interested in being one of the best smiles on campus should e-mail her. She also encouraged students to join the club to help make "a tangible difference in the lives of children around the world." "It is so rewarding to see all of the money we raise go directly to those who need it," Dee said. Dee became involved in Operation Smile because she believes in "the power of a smile," she said. The Notre Dame chapter of Operation Smile began in 2003 with then-student Dan Musick.

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Town evacuated after wildfires

Associated Press

ROBERT LEE, Texas — Fire officials kept watching Tuesday on a wildfire threatening this town of 1,500 people, but evacuated residents were allowed to return.

Wildfires across the state, mostly in West Texas, since Monday have charred nearly 390 square miles — about 250,000 acres. The largest was a 219-square-mile blaze some 50 miles west of Robert Lee, and officials expect that number to be revised upward once assessments can be made, said Anne Jeffery, an information officer for the Texas Forest Service.

Officials were monitoring a roughly 30-square-mile fire that threatened Robert Lee, about 250 miles southwest of Dallas. While residents were allowed to return, schools remained closed Tuesday.

"It's still hot here," said Robert Lee Superintendent Aaron Hood, who sent his wife and two children to nearby San Angelo overnight while he assisted in evacuations. "You can still smell the smoke and smell the fire. If the high winds get up again, we just have to be ready."

He said some houses burned in the smaller communities of Silver and Edith near the E.V. Spence Reservoir.

On Tuesday, fires were stoked by winds up to 50 mph.

Three firefighters were injured in a truck accident.

David Abernathy, an incident commander with the Texas Forest Service, said Monday he was aware of at least two dozen separate fires across the state and expected there were "many, many more that we won't know about" until local fire departments report in.

"We had so many fires that there is no possible way to have enough firefighting resources for that many fires," Abernathy said. "Texas had the same conditions that you might expect in Southern California with some of their Santa Ana winds. The right conditions came together. It's extremely rare for us to see that."

Some fires were likely started by wind blowing down power lines, he said.

Four firefighters were injured in Archer County, about 200 miles northwest of Robert Lee, when two fire trucks collided head on after one swerved around a car that pulled out into the road, said Becky Purser, the county's emergency management coordinator. Jeffery said two firefighters in West Texas were treated for smoke inhalation Monday.

PAKISTAN

Suicide bomber kills high-ranking general

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A suicide bomber on Monday killed the Pakistan army's surgeon general, the highest-ranking military officer to die in an attack since President Pervez Musharraf joined America's war against terror.

The strike was a reminder of the extremist threat just as Musharraf resists pressure to quit from opponents who swept last week's parliamentary election.

A presidential spokesman on Monday dismissed suggestions from three U.S. senators that

the embattled Pakistani leader might beat a "graceful" retreat from power.

Musharraf was elected to a new five-year presidential term last year by Pakistani lawmakers, "not by any senator from the United States," spokesman Rashid Qureshi told Dawn News television. "So I don't think he needs to respond to anything that is said by these people."

The lone suicide bomber targeted Lt. Gen. Mushtaq Baig's black Toyota sedan when it stopped for a red signal on a busy road in Rawalpindi, a city just south of the capital, officials and witnesses said.

Baig, the army's top medical officer, died along with his driver and guard, the army said. Five civilians were also killed, it said.

Dozens of troops and plainclothes security officials cordoned off the area, where at least six other damaged cars stood. Plastic-gloved investigators gathered debris, including pieces of flesh, and put them in plastic bags.

Iqbal Ali, a witness who had been walking toward a nearby government office to get an identity card, said he saw a man run into the road shortly before the explosion.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said Baig was the most senior army officer killed in an attack since Pakistan sided with Washington after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Musharraf himself survived at least three attempts on his life before he retired as army chief in November.

Abbas said it was unclear who was behind Monday's attack.

The government blamed "extremist elements" who were "damaging the cause of Islam" and spoiling Pakistan's international reputation. Authorities will "not let the perpetrators succeed in their evil designs," caretaker Prime Minister Mohammedmian Soomro said.

Suicide bombers have struck repeatedly in Rawalpindi, where the army has its headquarters, in recent months, mostly targeting security forces. A gun and suicide attack also killed opposition leader Benazir Bhutto as she left a campaign rally in the city on Dec. 27.

Bhutto's party finished first in Feb. 18's parliamentary elections, while supporters of Musharraf were trounced, prompting some opposition leaders to call for him to resign.

The Bush administration appears to want Musharraf to continue in office even as it shifts its focus to his successor as army chief and the next government.

However, Sen. Joe Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who met Musharraf after observing the election, said Sunday he would advise the president to seek a dignified way to leave office.

"I firmly believe if they [political parties] do not focus on old grudges — and there's plenty in Pakistan — and give him a graceful way to move," then it could happen, Biden, a Democrat, said on ABC television.



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Soldiers' dilemma

Last month, the Washington Post reported that suicides among active-duty military personnel have reached their highest level since 1980. It was also reported last month that the U.S. is not prepared for a catastrophic attack on the country. The suicide rate among soldiers and America's lack of preparedness for a national emergency are both symptoms of a larger problem: Our overseas commitments have stretched our military too thin. Redeployments and longer stays in war zones are putting increasing amounts of mental and physical stress on the servicemen in our armed forces, and our two-front war has left much of our military equipment inoperable. Clearly, our current military policy is unsustainable.

Thus, it is no surprise that all of the leading presidential candidates have called for an increase in the size of our military. Hillary Clinton has called for increasing our military by 80,000 troops. Barack Obama, although pledging to remove all combat brigades from Iraq within 16 months of his presidency, believes that our military should be enlarged with 65,000 additional forces in the Army and 27,000 in the Marines. John McCain doesn't give a specific number for a troop increase, but one can only imagine how many more troops we'll need to carry out his planned 100-year occupation of Iraq and "bomb, bomb, bomb Iran" military adventurism.

The leading candidates feed us feel-good proposals for a larger military, but they seem to be overlooking the feasibility of their plans. In 2005, the Pentagon announced plans to

increase the size of the Army by 30,000, but by the end of the year the Army had had the worst recruiting year in three decades. How do Obama, McCain and Clinton expect to add 100,000 troops to our military when we can't even increase it by 30,000? In 2006 and 2007, the Army got back on track and met its recruiting goals, but only because it enlisted a larger percentage of applicants with low test scores and it recruited more soldiers who require a waiver for felony convictions. The Army wants 90 percent of its recruits to have high school diplomas, but only 79 percent of last year's recruits did. Lowering standards to increase enlistment can cover shortages for a brief period of time. But if done for too long, the quality of our armed services will suffer.

Finding adequate replacements for our military will be a daunting task, so I'd like to offer a four-part plan to any presidential candidate who wishes to adopt it as his own.

1. Reintroduce conscription. America's youth have become too apathetic, and most college students will graduate feeling unfulfilled having never burned their draft cards, marched on Washington (or the Main Building) or smoked weed while listening to Bob Dylan. It's time to reinvigorate a true spirit of patriotism among young Americans by reinstating the draft.

2. Increase immigration. McCain has received a lot of flack from conservatives for his amnesty-granting comprehensive immigration plan, but this plan is a surefire way to increase the size of our military. Open our borders, let immigrants in, and then send them to the Middle East.

3. Outlaw abortion. If our politi-

cians want more pieces for their war games, our country has to stop killing pawns before the chess match even starts.

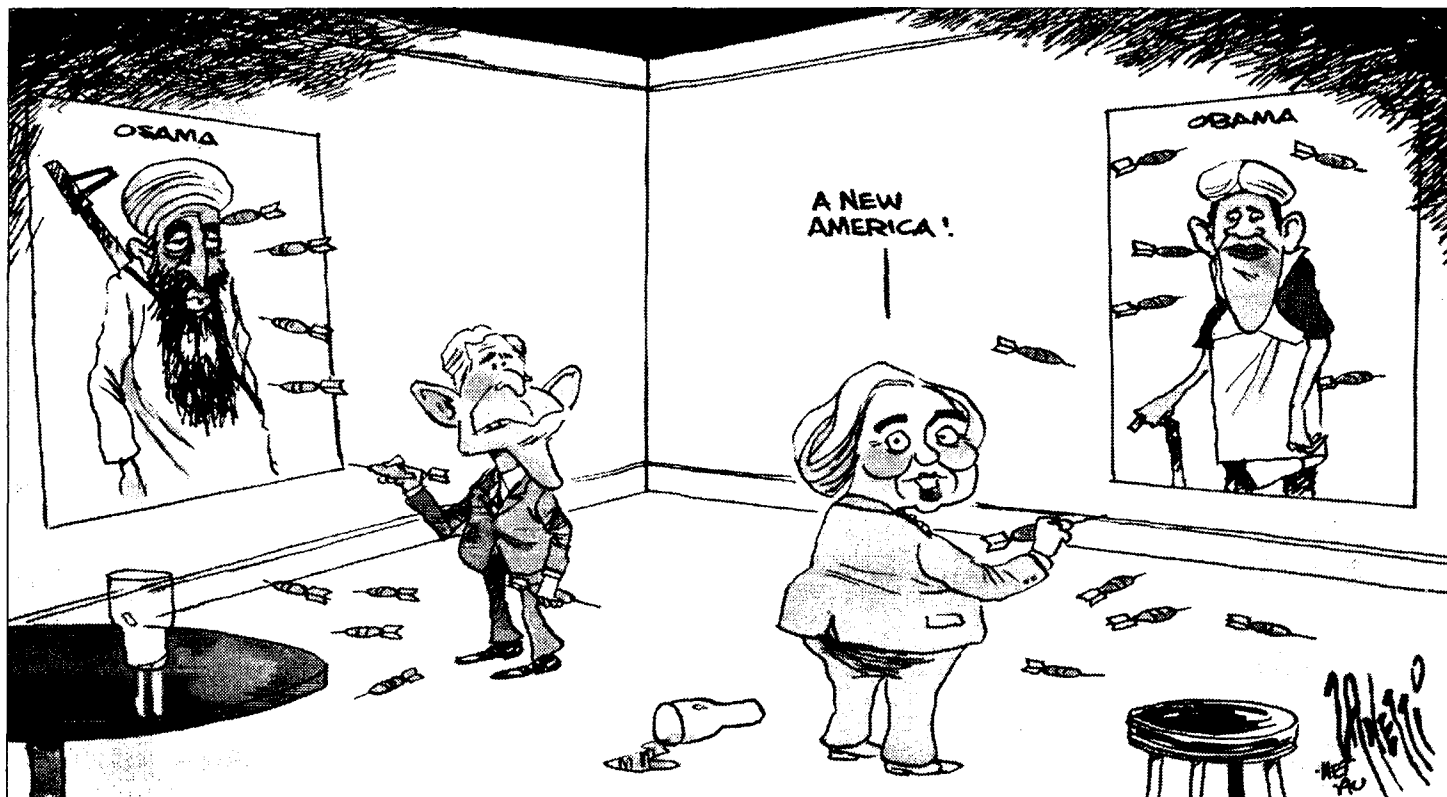
4. Reduce our foreign military commitments. This is probably the most radical part of my plan. Not including the 250,000 troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, we currently have 300,000 troops stationed in 120 countries around the world. I don't know why we have 1,300 troops in Belgium and another 1,300 in Senegal, which makes me suspect that they could be put to better use elsewhere. We also maintain 56,000 troops in Germany and 33,000 troops in Japan even though these countries are two of the world's top-five economies. I realize there's a possibility that Hitler will return, but I also think that Germany and Japan they can afford to take care of themselves. Finally, let's put a stop to any further military entanglements. Ahmadinejad might be insane, but he's easier to deal with than the anarchic terrorists that would replace him if we were to overthrow Iran's government and attempt an occupation.

Our military is currently in shambles from over expansion. Our personnel are worn out, our equipment is damaged and America has been left unguarded. Instead of spouting rhetoric about an increasingly large military, our presidential candidates should be reconsidering the role of our foreign troop commitments and start making promises to bring home as many as possible.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Loyalty to petrified opinions never yet broke a chain or freed a human soul in this world — and never will."

Mark Twain
author

U-WIRE

Nader presents third option

It's déjà vu all over again. On NBC's "Meet the Press," Ralph Nader announced his decision to make a run for the White House. Again. The self-proclaimed independent has tried and failed to do so four times already, and apparently, he's not intimidated by the heated race.

Tim Strube

Daily Trojan

To say the least, the Democrats aren't jumping for joy over the news. The last few times he's tried to make a run, Democrats cried waterfalls over his siphoning votes away from their candidates, namely Al Gore in 2000. Nader himself said it was the Democrats' fault their candidate failed to establish a platform that could nix the Republicans' chances.

The Democrats are already on the offensive. John Pearce, the director of ralph-dontrun.com, said on the website, "We continue to strongly believe that any third party candidacy in the U.S. two-party system has the inevitable effect of helping elect those most hostile to one's agenda. In this case, that means helping elect Republicans."

Pearce and others hope a Sen. Barack Obama nomination will make Nader more invisible than he was in 2004, thereby staking the claim that a Hillary Clinton-led Democratic party

would falter to the Republicans as a result of yet another Nader intrusion.

As Pearce suggests, only the power of Obama can prevail in November, and only he can guide our country in the right direction.

But the fact that someone would suggest that it's "Two party or Bust" is rather upsetting, as if there were only two degrees of understanding in politics; that for every election, it's one or the other.

It's your choice between two candidates whose overall outlook is, at the end of the day, only marginally different.

It's John Jackson or Jack Johnson. Disagree with both? Then tough shit, you're out of luck.

Nader was never siphoning votes. He was giving people what they wanted: a candidate who agrees with their politics.

Americans shouldn't have to compromise their political integrity simply because the candidates operate on a narrow ideological base. The progressive community demands real change to turn this country around and a candidate that embodies that mentality.

In our current political atmosphere, change is not easy to come by. It is more than just a word that a candidate can use to get his supporters riled up at a rally.

John Nichols of The Nation

explained, "Nader is running for the same reason he has run in the past: Because the likely nominees of the two major parties do not begin to meet the standards that might reasonably be asked of progressive contenders in 21st-century America."

I'll admit, rather reluctantly, that I voted for Nader in 2004. I was young and easily duped by what I thought were the possibilities of American democracy. All it takes is one vote, right?

His stark progressivism seduced me only four years ago and he's slowly starting to do it again.

In the simplest matter of understanding, he's like Ron Paul minus the radical libertarianism. He's slightly tamer than Dr. No but still remains radically different from his political counterparts.

His platform revolves around deconstructing the debilitating control of corporatism.

In compliance with philosophers such as Leo Tolstoy, he believes rampant corporatism is simply a form of under-the-table fascism, where the public's interests are continually subverted by the needs of the market.

It's most likely too late, however, for Nader, and his chances at the Oval Office certainly fall under the "slim to none" category.

Paul's grassroots campaign (which

has undoubtedly failed to get him a Republican bid despite its strength) was brewing for well over a year. He had a surprisingly effective marketing team that knew how to spread the word through e-outlets and motivate youngins from across the nation to spout "Ron Paul '08!" like it was their job.

But, perhaps Nader is in the game for the same reasons as Paul — to spice things up a bit, to bring to the forefront issues that would otherwise escape the askew perspectives of American politics and our unchecked media machine.

As Nichols suggests, Nader is "quite rational in his awareness that he will not be sworn in as president on Jan. 20, 2009." He's there on principle.

While I probably won't vote for Nader again, his participation in the race is a righteous personal journey that's unfolded since his first presidential bid in 1992. A crusade, if you will, to show that progressives can still have a say in our country's affairs.

This column first appeared in the Feb. 26 issue of the Daily Trojan, the daily campus newspaper of the University of Southern California

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get the help you need

My name is Tara Gilbride, and I would like to share a secret with you in recognition of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week. I have an eating disorder.

Now I would like to share another secret: I am not alone. An estimated 25 percent of college-aged women are affected by some form of disordered eating. This means that here at Notre Dame, approximately 1,000 women are affected. The problem with this statistic is these women are not getting help. And eating disorders carry a stigma.

Despite being a disease, people operate under the assumption that eating disorders are not serious problems and believe that they can overcome an eating disorder without the help of a doctor or counselor. No one should have to go through the pain of an eating disorder alone.

Notre Dame has an amazing group of professional counselors, doctors and nutritionists who are fully equipped to help people deal with eating disorders. It takes a lot of courage to ask for help in treating an eating disorder, but I promise it could change your life or the life of someone you know and love.

In honor of National Eating Disorder Awareness week, I am asking you to seek help if you are one of the many women or men on this campus suffering from this disease. I sought help, and it may have saved my life. It could do the same for you.

Tara Gilbride
sophomore
Lewis Hall
Feb. 25

Offensive comic strip demeans women

Last I checked, The Observer was "an independent newspaper serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's." Yet, The Observer staff forces its audience to turn against itself several times a year. I know Viewpoint has been pretty dull lately. In fact, it rarely stirs an exciting debate — which perhaps speaks to the actual intellectual vigor of its audience — but publishing a truly offensive comic that disparages against women and 2,000 of the students you supposedly "serve" should not be your fall-back for increasing readership.

The "midterms" comic published on Monday actually hurts the opposite group that it intends to. It makes Notre Dame students look like arrogant bullies. How pathetic that a university the size of Notre Dame feels the need to pick on a small liberal arts college that even US News and World Report's rankings would not place in the same category. The fact that SMC is a women's college makes Notre Dame look even worse — and sexist. The saddest part of all of this for me is that SMC students make up part of The Observer staff. I can't believe any self-respecting Saint Mary's woman would

allow this completely unwanted, uncalled for and offensive material to be a part of what they represent.

I love Notre Dame. Some of my closest friends are ND students. Stop making them look ignorant and arrogant. Notre Dame is a big fish in a little pond: South Bend. Outside of South Bend there are much bigger ponds that ND would feel much smaller in. Remember that and stop trying to instigate a debate that isn't even valid and has been beaten into the ground. Not to mention one that I truly believe the majority of this community does not want to have.

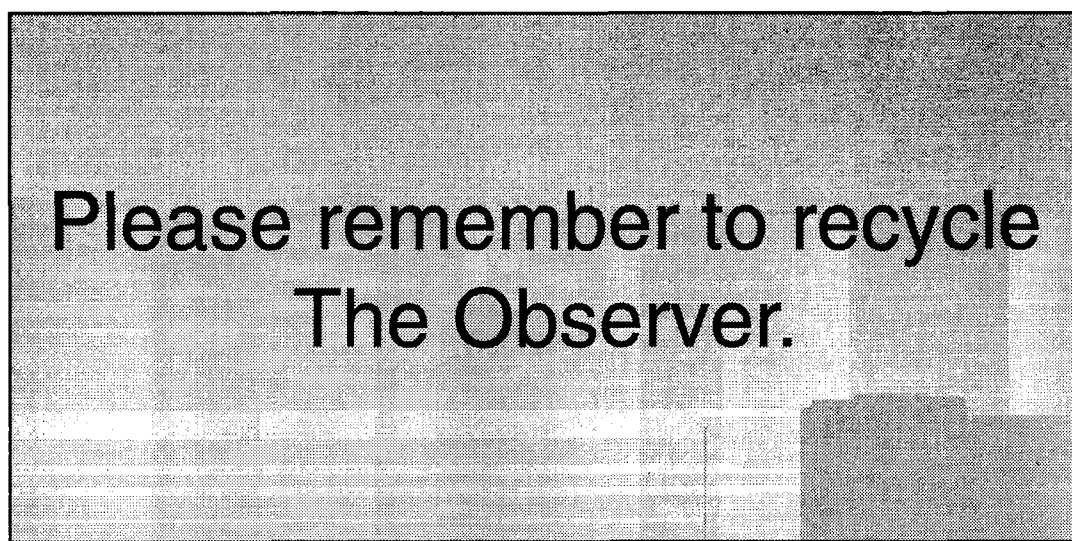
If The Observer's mission is to serve the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, then I suggest it start promoting the shared and unique aspects of both schools that we are all proud of, and stop encouraging material that turns this community against itself.

Liz Froehlke
junior
Holy Cross Hall
Feb. 26

End the chant

Dear Notre Dame student body:
While attending the Syracuse game this weekend, I came to the realization that we desperately need to end the "suck it" cheer debate — and the cheer altogether. I don't find it morally reprehensible, or even disrespectful to the opponent. ... I just think it's stupid. The last time I uttered the phrase "suck it," I was watching pro wrestling in seventh grade. I could be wrong, but I believe we're more clever than this.

Ryan Sarb
senior
off campus
Feb. 25



Scene's Top Video Picks

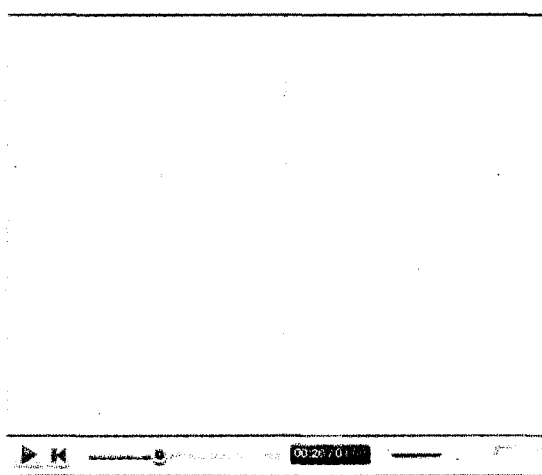


JJ Ross' Dunk



Judging from the crowd's reaction, apparently JJ does this two or three times a game.

Apple Soundtrack



Someone with too much time on their hands makes a song using the computer presets from a Mac. Way better than you would imagine.

Papelbon Learns Spanish!



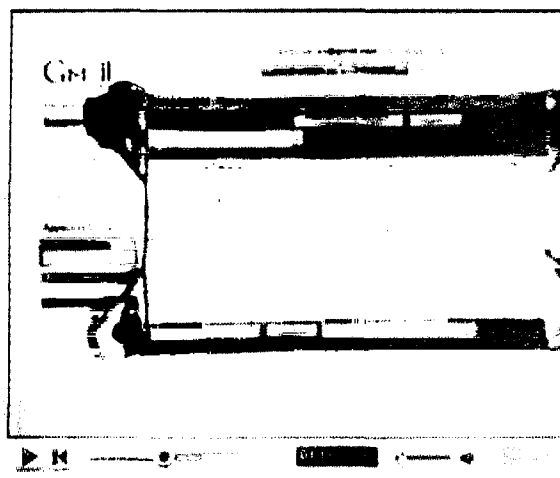
The man catch pitch, and we know the man can dance — but it appears he can't speak Spanish all too well.

Parkour Soccer



Even if you aren't a fan of the beautiful game, you will admire the skill of these guys passing the ball back and forth — while doing front hand springs ... on a bridge.

Gmail Painting



Ever thought about painting your dorm room to look like a giant mural of Google's Gmail? Just in case, you should watch this.

Star Wars According to a 3-Year-Old



In case the mysteries of the galaxy far, far away are just a little too confusing, you can have them explained to you by this 3-year-old girl.

BRITISH SEA POWER'S latest lacks emotion

By MYCHAL STANLEY
Scene Writer

With the title of its latest album, British Sea Power asks the world a simple question: "Do You Like Rock Music?" Well, British Sea Power, most people do. But they might not be so sure if they like your rock music.

See, rock music is supposed to be more than just the music. It's a state of mind. It's a way of life. It's an attitude. Everyone knows that, but British Sea Power seems to have forgotten that when it made one of the most boring and derivative rock albums in recent memory.

Well, it's all right to be a little derivative. Every good act is borrowing from someone else. Even The Beatles made their share of covers, and the Fab Five sure didn't invent the genre. They just fit it to themselves — made it their own — and by doing so, they made it better.

This is not trying to say that British Sea Power should be The Beatles. But honestly, what's the point in trying your hand at an hon-

est rock album if you're not going to inject your own personality and emotion into ideas that you stole from other acts?

In this album, there are echoes of The Arcade Fire, U2, The Pixies, among others. And that's OK! Really, it is. These are great bands, and any band worth its weight in salt water would be honored even to be mentioned in the same sentence as these bands.

But the problem here is that the sounds are stolen from these bands are not changed at all. BSP doesn't apply them to a new aesthetic. They don't give them better arrangements. They don't treat them well in your hands, care for them, and nourish them. No, in BSP's hands, these stolen sounds die because they have no heart.

Don't get mad. This is not saying BSP doesn't play them well. In fact, BSP is a very technically proficient band. All the instruments are played well. The production is solid. It all sounds fine, but it's just all so empty — so cold.

Take the song "A Trip Out," for example. This song was everything this album could be: short, punchy and fast paced. It's a fist-pumper to be sure. And it's a good rock song. But instead BSP buries it in the middle of the album, and starts out with what sounds like an Arcade Fire demo tape and a bloated, formless, shapeless blob of a song that tries so many rock song clichés, that it just breaks down under the weight.

BSP's lead singer

sounds like he's just snoring through the lyrics. The lyrics might not be very exciting to begin with, but at least he could have injected some due energy into the words. It's pret-

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ty sad when the album's lone instrumental piece, "The Great Skua," is one of the more exciting songs on the album, but nothing one couldn't get from any Explosions in the Sky song.

If BSP had reached far with this album and failed, it would have been something to talk about. They would have tried. They would have attempted greatness. Instead, BSP tried to make a modest rock album — and modestly failed. That is somehow more crushing than anything else.

So, yes, British Sea Power, people do like rock music. Just not yours. Not yet. But they haven't given up on BSP yet. Maybe by the next album's release, BSP will have gone to the Wizard and asked for a heart. That would do wonders for their music.

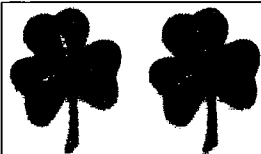
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Do You Like Rock Music?

British Sea Power

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NBA

Marion's big night helps Heat snap 11-game skid

Turkoglu chips in 17 points in the fourth quarter to seal win over Nets; Howard picks up 50th double-double of season

Associated Press

MIAMI — For one night, it all worked. Half-court alley-oop passes, 3-pointers in transition, even the occasional lucky bounce off the glass.

The Miami Heat still have the worst record in the NBA.

But they looked like the league's worst team Tuesday night.

Shawn Marion scored 24 points on 10-of-14 shooting, Udonis Haslem added 17 and the Heat used a huge third quarter to beat the Sacramento Kings 107-86 and snap an 11-game losing streak.

"I know we've had it in us," a visibly relieved Heat coach Pat Riley said. "I don't know where it's been. But tonight, we played extremely well. We just played a complete game for 48 minutes.

"I feel like a mosquito in a nudist colony," Riley added. "I know what to do. I just don't know where to start."

Dwyane Wade finished with 15 points and nine assists for the Heat, who won for just the second time in their last 28 games — and did so in style, with their largest margin of the season.

Miami held Sacramento to 10 percent shooting (2-for-20) in the third quarter, a Heat franchise record. The Heat held a 31-11 edge in that period, the first time in more than a year Miami outscored a foe by at least 20 points in a quarter, and went on to become the final NBA team this season to reach the 10-victory mark.

"That was our best third quarter in two years running since the championship year," Wade said. "That's what you like to see, especially coming out at halftime, putting a team away and really showing that we wanted the game."

Spencer Hawes scored 16 points, while Ron Artest and Kevin Martin each finished with 14 for the Kings, whose starters were outscored 80-48 by Miami's first five.

Sacramento missed its first 14 shots of the third quarter, not getting anything to fall until Quincy Douby's jumper with 2:37 left in the period.

By then, Miami was in full control.

"That probably is about the worst we've played all year," Kings coach Reggie Theus said. "The guys were not focused on what they were trying to do. I just thought it was a bad effort

on our part."

Miami's franchise-record streak of 125 straight sellouts ended; there were 357 unsold tickets.

The Heat couldn't have complained about much else.

Mark Blount finished with 14 points and nine rebounds, Earl Barron and Ricky Davis each scored 11, while Jason Williams added 10 points. Williams matched Wade with a game-high nine assists for Miami, which won for the first time since trading Shaquille O'Neal to Phoenix earlier this month.

The Heat started the third quarter on a wild 25-4 run, capped by Wade's three-point play. He got hit by Brad Miller on a drive, the ball teetered on the rim and eventually dropped through.

All of Sacramento's scoring during that 9-minute stretch came on free throws by Artest.

"Wow. Wow," Artest said, when asked about the third quarter. "They came out and took that third quarter in the first couple of minutes. Usually when you do that, you've got a good chance to win the game."

Indeed, it was a rare easy night for Miami, which enjoyed a 20-point lead only one other time this season. The Heat led Charlotte by as many as 29 points on Nov. 27 in a 110-90 victory.

Sacramento still has slim playoff hopes in the loaded West, but has dropped two straight and will need an epic run to catch the top eight teams in that half of the league. It led by seven points late in the first quarter, and seemed poised to do what just about everyone else does against Miami.

This time, though, the Heat had resolve.

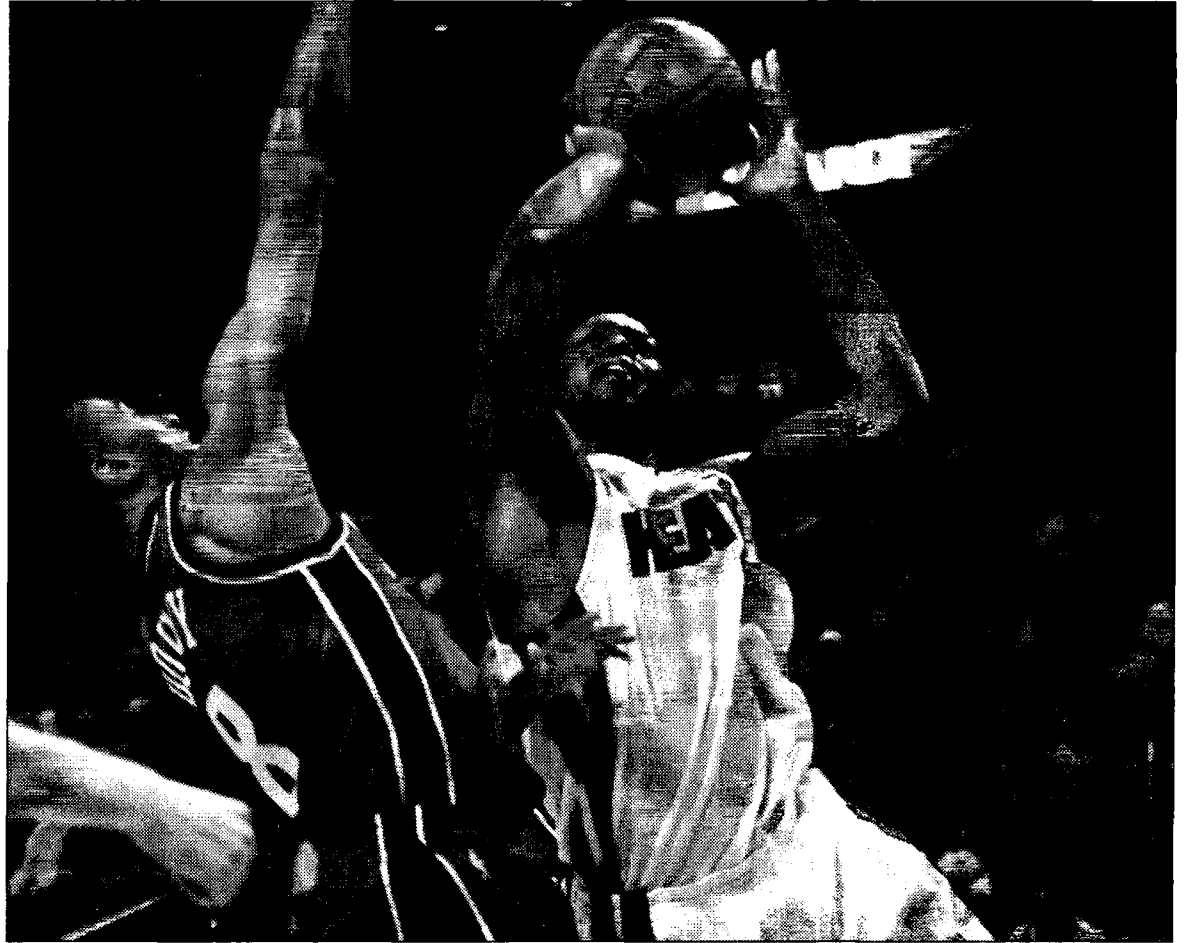
Haslem had nine points in the second quarter as Miami began building a lead, while Marion, Wade and Williams all scored late in the half to help the Heat take a 56-48 edge, their largest to that point. And after halftime, they were never challenged.

"It feels good to get this first one," Marion said. "Now let's try to string a few of them along."

Magic 102, Nets 92

With the game on the line in the fourth quarter, the Orlando Magic have no problem getting the ball to Hedo Turkoglu.

The 6-foot-10 forward has been money for the Magic in crunch time all season. He put on



Heat guard Dwyane Wade drives to the basket against Kings guard Quincy Douby in a 107-86 Miami victory Tuesday. The win ended an 11-game Heat losing streak.

another show Tuesday night, scoring 17 of his 25 points in the final quarter in decision over the New Jersey Nets.

"We have great confidence in him," coach Stan Van Gundy said. "He gets the opportunities and he comes through when we have put the ball in his hands in those situations."

Turkoglu was almost perfect in the final 12 minutes. He hit all four of his shots from the field, including two 3-pointers, and 7 of 8 free throws. He also had two rebounds, an assist and a steal playing the entire quarter.

"When the time came, I was ready and did my part," said Turkoglu, who said Rashard Lewis kept the Magic in the game in the third quarter by scoring 11 of his 25 points. "I'm glad I did it and we got a W."

Slam dunk champion Dwight Howard had his 50th double-double of the season (17 points, 10 rebounds) as Orlando ran its streak of 100-point games to nine in winning its third straight game.

"He's our go-to guy," Howard said of the forward he teasingly calls "Catfish." "We have total

confidence in him. He hits a lot of tough shots in the fourth quarter to win games for us."

Vince Carter had 26 points and Richard Jefferson 20 for New Jersey, which is 2-2 since trading star point guard Jason Kidd to Dallas in an eight-player deal on Feb. 19.

Trailing 81-78 after Kidd's replacement, Marcus Williams, hit a 3-pointer with 6:13 to go, Turkoglu took off, like he has all season in the fourth quarter.

Coming into the game, Turkoglu had scored 10 or more points in the fourth quarter 12 times. He made his 13th look easy.

Turkoglu hit an open 3-pointer to tie the game at 81 with 5:18 to go. With the score tied at 83, Turkoglu scored uncontested when the Nets' defense fell asleep, added a fading, rainbow 3-pointer and two free throws for a 90-83 lead with 2:55 to play.

"When you have a couple going in, you always feel hot," Turkoglu said. "By the way, that wasn't a fadeaway 3. That was my normal 3. It was a tough shot though. Like I said, it always feels good and you always think it's the

right shot."

Carter scored on a jumper to get New Jersey within five points, but Howard, Turkoglu and Keith Bogans combined for four free throws to push the lead to 94-85.

"We have played through him in the fourth quarter because he has proven this year he is a clutch player," said Keyon Dooling, who added 14 points along with Maurice Evans. "So we ride him in the fourth quarter, because not only can he score, but he can create shots for other people. He's a unique player. He's 6-10 and can shoot the ball, handle it, pass it and post up. He's one of the most versatile players in the league and everybody is seeing it now."

Josh Boone had 12 points and 11 rebounds for New Jersey, which gave up 32 fourth-quarter points in seeing its four-game winning streak at home snapped.

"They made plays down the stretch, a bunch of guys," Jefferson said. "I felt like we could have executed a little bit better, but they are a good team. They are a team that has experienced players, and they showed it down the stretch."

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NCAA Women's Basketball Associated Press Poll

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| 1 | Connecticut | 1232 | 1 |
| 2 | North Carolina | 1170 | 2 |
| 3 | Tennessee | 1116 | 3 |
| 4 | Rutgers | 1084 | 5 |
| 5 | Maryland | 1076 | 4 |
| 6 | LSU | 1023 | 6 |
| 7 | Stanford | 996 | 7 |
| 8 | Baylor | 883 | 9 |
| 9 | California | 812 | 8 |
| 10 | Oklahoma | 784 | 11 |
| 11 | Old Dominion | 751 | 10 |
| 12 | Duke | 702 | 12 |
| 13 | West Virginia | 677 | 13 |
| 14 | NOTRE DAME | 559 | 14 |
| 15 | George Washington | 489 | 17 |
| 16 | Utah | 462 | 18 |
| 17 | Oklahoma State | 407 | 16 |
| 18 | Ohio State | 324 | 20 |
| 19 | Texas-El Paso | 321 | 19 |
| 20 | Texas A&M | 305 | 21 |
| 21 | Kansas State | 299 | 15 |
| 22 | Georgia | 178 | 24 |
| 23 | Vanderbilt | 150 | 25 |
| 24 | Wyoming | 94 | NR |
| 25 | Marist | 82 | NR |

NCAA Women's Basketball Coaches' Poll

| | team | points | previous |
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| 1 | Connecticut | 771 | 1 |
| 2 | North Carolina | 734 | 2 |
| 3 | Tennessee | 698 | 3 |
| 4 | Rutgers | 680 | 4 |
| 5 | Maryland | 657 | 5 |
| 6 | LSU | 618 | 6 |
| 7 | Stanford | 612 | 7 |
| 8 | Baylor | 544 | 9 |
| 9 | California | 529 | 8 |
| 10 | Oklahoma | 480 | 10 |
| 11 | Duke | 444 | 11 |
| 11 | Old Dominion | 444 | 12 |
| 13 | West Virginia | 382 | 13 |
| 14 | NOTRE DAME | 355 | 14 |
| 15 | George Washington | 291 | 16 |
| 15 | Utah | 291 | 18 |
| 17 | Kansas State | 255 | 15 |
| 18 | Texas A&M | 241 | 19 |
| 19 | Oklahoma State | 226 | 17 |
| 20 | Georgia | 154 | 22 |
| 21 | Marist | 126 | 23 |
| 22 | Ohio State | 119 | 20 |
| 23 | Texas-El Paso | 94 | 25 |
| 24 | Vanderbilt | 78 | NR |
| 25 | Wyoming | 45 | NR |

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| 2 | Miami | 19-6-1 | 27-6-1 |
| 3 | Michigan State | 17-6-3 | 21-9-5 |
| 4 | NOTRE DAME | 14-8-4 | 21-11-4 |
| 5 | Bowling Green | 13-13-0 | 16-16-0 |
| 5 | Northern Michigan | 12-12-2 | 15-16-3 |
| 5 | Ferris State | 11-11-4 | 14-13-5 |
| 5 | Nebraska-Omaha | 11-13-4 | 14-16-4 |
| 9 | Alaska | 8-16-4 | 8-19-5 |
| 10 | Ohio State | 7-16-3 | 11-21-4 |
| 10 | Lake Superior | 6-15-5 | 8-18-6 |
| 12 | Western Michigan | 3-21-2 | 7-24-3 |

NBA



Houston Rockets center Yao Ming will miss the rest of the season because of a stress fracture in his left foot. The Rockets had won 12 straight games before the team announced Ming's status.

Rockets lose Ming for remainder of season

Associated Press

HOUSTON — All-Star center Yao Ming is out for the season with a stress fracture in his left foot, a stunning blow to the surging Houston Rockets.

General manager Daryl Morey made the announcement Tuesday, hours before the Rockets put their 12-game winning streak on the line against the Washington Wizards.

Yao was having a terrific season, averaging 22 points and 10.8 rebounds per game.

"It is not an injury we feel he can play with," Rockets team doctor Tom Clanton said. "I've made the recommendation that it

be treated surgically and we are working with him to get other opinions just to be certain that that is indeed what should be done."

If Yao chooses surgery, Clanton said, it would involve placing screws across the bone to hold it together. The second option would be to treat it with a cast and crutches. Both options involve a healing time of about four months.

Clanton would not say when Yao could play again, but said he doesn't expect the center to miss the Beijing Olympics in August.

Morey told the team before Tuesday's shootaround, and added he doesn't believe the injury

compromises Houston's playoff hopes. The Rockets were 36-20 entering Tuesday's game.

"We've been playing exceptional ball and Yao's been a huge part of that," Morey said. "We feel very confident about our playoff push. We've managed to step up and play well without Yao in the past and coaches and players feel confident that we're going to continue to play well and make the playoffs this year."

Morey acknowledged that it was difficult news to receive when the team has been playing so well.

"It's a pretty big swing from a high to a low, with how we were playing,"

Morey said. "We feel like our supporting cast is superior to when we played without Yao in the past. We remain ready for the challenge ahead."

Clanton said there was no specific event that led to the injury, but rather an "accumulation of stresses on the bone. Yao first experienced soreness and pain in his ankle before the All-Star game and tests were done Monday when the situation didn't improve."

This is Yao's fourth major injury in the last two years. He missed 32 games last season with a fracture in his right leg and 21 games in late 2006 with a toe infection that required surgery.

IN BRIEF

Clemens looking to move beyond drug discussions

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Roger Clemens arrived at the Houston Astros' minor league clubhouse on Tuesday and walked straight to a fenced-in bullpen to greet his oldest son, Koby, a catcher in the Astros' system.

He snapped at a photographer who started clicking pictures.

"This isn't a zoo!" Clemens barked. The seven-time Cy Young Award winner was calmer a few minutes later, but refused to answer questions about the Mitchell Report or a possible criminal investigation into his denials of steroid use.

"Everything's been said that needs to be said on that," Clemens said. "We're moving forward. It's baseball time."

Clemens thinks the public is tired of hearing about performance-enhancing drugs in the sport. He sure is.

De La Hoya announces plan to retire, albeit slowly

CARSON, Calif. — Oscar De La Hoya plans to fight three times this year, then retire.

"I'm at that stage of my career now where I can't take it further," the 35-year-old De La Hoya said Tuesday. "I can't go on for the next two years, three years. It's just time to hang up the gloves."

"This is the year." De La Hoya was speaking with a small group of reporters after a news conference to discuss his May 3 bout against Steve Forbes, a runner-up on television's "Tournament of Contenders."

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A former champion in five weight classes and one of boxing's most rec-

ognizable fighters, De La Hoya wants to meet Floyd Mayweather Jr. in a September rematch of their bout last May. Mayweather won by split decision.

Glove wizard Vizquel to miss four to six weeks

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — San Francisco probably will be without Omar Vizquel's sparkling defense at shortstop on opening day.

Vizquel will have arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Wednesday and is expected to miss four to six weeks. The 11-time Gold Glove shortstop, who turns 41 in April, tested his knee Tuesday but said the pain was too much to handle.

"My knee was feeling good," Vizquel said. "I wanted to give it a hard shot in order to make a decision. It didn't work. I felt a little pop when I was running. That's what I wanted to see — to see if I could sustain the pain, and I couldn't."

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NFL

Pats' Colvin among newest cuts

New York Jets cut three former starters; Vikings trade Williamson

Associated Press

Linebacker Roosevelt Colvin, who played on two Super Bowl-winning New England teams but was plagued by injuries throughout his time with the Patriots, was released by the team Tuesday.

Colvin, who went out with a foot injury after 11 games last season, was signed as a free agent from Chicago in 2003. He missed 14 games in 2003, then played all 16 games the next three seasons, registering 20 sacks in those seasons.

The Patriots also cut linebacker Oscar Lua, who missed all of 2007 with a knee injury after being drafted in the seventh round last April.

With the free-agent deadline three days away, several teams cut players to create more cap room.

Wide receiver Eddie Kennison was released by Kansas City after seven seasons there. The 35-year-old Kennison was the Chiefs' top wide receiver for most of that time, but was limited last season by hamstring and shoulder injuries to only eight games, catching 13 passes for 101 yards.

He had 1,000-yard receiving seasons in 2004 and 2005, joining Carlos Carson as the only players in Chiefs history to accomplish that feat.

Washington released dis-

appointing receiver Brandon Lloyd, who had only 25 catches in two seasons with the team. The Redskins traded two draft picks to the San Francisco 49ers for Lloyd before the 2006 season, then signed him to a long-term contract that included \$10 million in guaranteed money.

The New York Jets released three former starters: WR Justin McCareins, CB Andre Dyson and G Adrien Clarke.

McCareins, acquired in 2004 in a trade with Tennessee, never developed into an impact receiver. In four seasons in New York, he had 141 catches for 2,062 and seven touchdowns. He saw limited action last season, catching just 19 passes for 232 yards.

Dyson, signed as a free agent from Seattle in 2006, had five interceptions in two seasons with the Jets, but just one in nine games last year as a backup. He started every game at left cornerback until he was injured in Week 15 of the 2006 season, and was then replaced by rookie Darrelle Revis in 2007.

Dyson, bothered by a foot injury throughout training camp, was inactive for six games and didn't play in the Jets' last five games.

Clarke struggled as the replacement for Pete Kendall, starting 14 games at left guard

last season. He may have sealed his fate when he was beaten by Richard Seymour on Kellen Clemens' first pass against New England in Week 14. Eugene Wilson intercepted the ball for a touchdown, and the quarterback missed the rest of the game and the following week with a rib injury. Clarke was inactive the last two games.

In a deal that won't be official until the start of the trade/free agency season at midnight Feb. 29, Minnesota agreed to send disappointing receiver Troy Williamson to Jacksonville for a sixth-round pick, according to someone familiar with the trade. Williamson was the seventh overall pick in the 2005 draft.

San Francisco re-signed linebacker Roderick Green shortly before the veteran pass-rusher would have become an unrestricted free agent. Green spent parts of the last two seasons with the 49ers.

Cincinnati re-signed receiver Antonio Chatman and defensive end Jonathan Fanene. Chatman agreed to a two-year deal rather than become an unrestricted free agent. He had 19 catches with one touchdown in 2007 and averaged 5.2 yards on 18 punt returns.

Fanene got a three-year deal. The fourth-year player appeared in 14 games and had six tackles and one sack.

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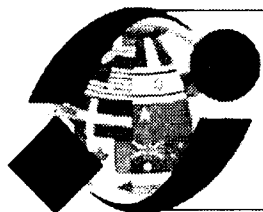
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Indiana holds on for narrow victory over Buckeyes

Hoosiers beat Ohio State for first home win under interim head coach Dan Dakich; freshman guard finishes with 17 points

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Dan Dakich thinks Indiana basketball should be about the players. One day soon, it might be again.

Not yet. The Hoosiers' high-profile coaching change again overshadowed basketball Tuesday night, and Indiana fans showed Dakich with a victory stroll after No. 12 Indiana beat Ohio State 72-69 — even though Dakich didn't think he deserved it.

"This isn't about my stamp or anything like that," he said afterward. "This is about these players and what they had in front of them before last Friday."

At stake for the Hoosiers (24-4, 13-2 Big Ten) is their first possible outright Big Ten title since 1993, a high seed in the NCAA tournament and, of course, a sentimental finish for former coach Kelvin Sampson, who resigned amid NCAA allegations of five major rules infractions on Friday.

Dakich was chosen his interim successor and after avoiding a potential player boycott Saturday, won at Northwestern.

But after 410 career games as an assistant coach on the Indiana bench for Sampson and Bob Knight, Dakich found him-

self in new territory Tuesday night. He was greeted with a standing ovation when he walked onto the floor and heard loud cheers when public address announcer Chuck Crabb called his name during pregame introductions.

It was a stark contrast to the torrent of boos Sampson heard during the previous three games at Assembly Hall, and changes were evident all around.

Kent Benson, a star on Indiana's undefeated national championship team in 1976, made his first appearance of the season after promising not to come back to Assembly Hall until Sampson was gone.

"They made the right decision getting rid of Sampson," Benson said. "He should have never been here in the first place and now we can move ahead with the integrity and character that Indiana basketball is all about."

Little changed on the court, though.

Armon Bassett scored 23 points, hitting four 3-pointers to lead Indiana. Eric Gordon, the Big Ten's top scorer, finished with 17 points and six rebounds despite shooting just 4-of-16. D.J. White added 16 points and eight rebounds despite fighting cramps and Indiana won its fourth straight, all coming since the university released the

NCAA report on Feb. 13.

Several players again wore the initials "KS" on their sneakers, yet the crowd was filled with images of the tumult that has rocked this storied program over the past two weeks.

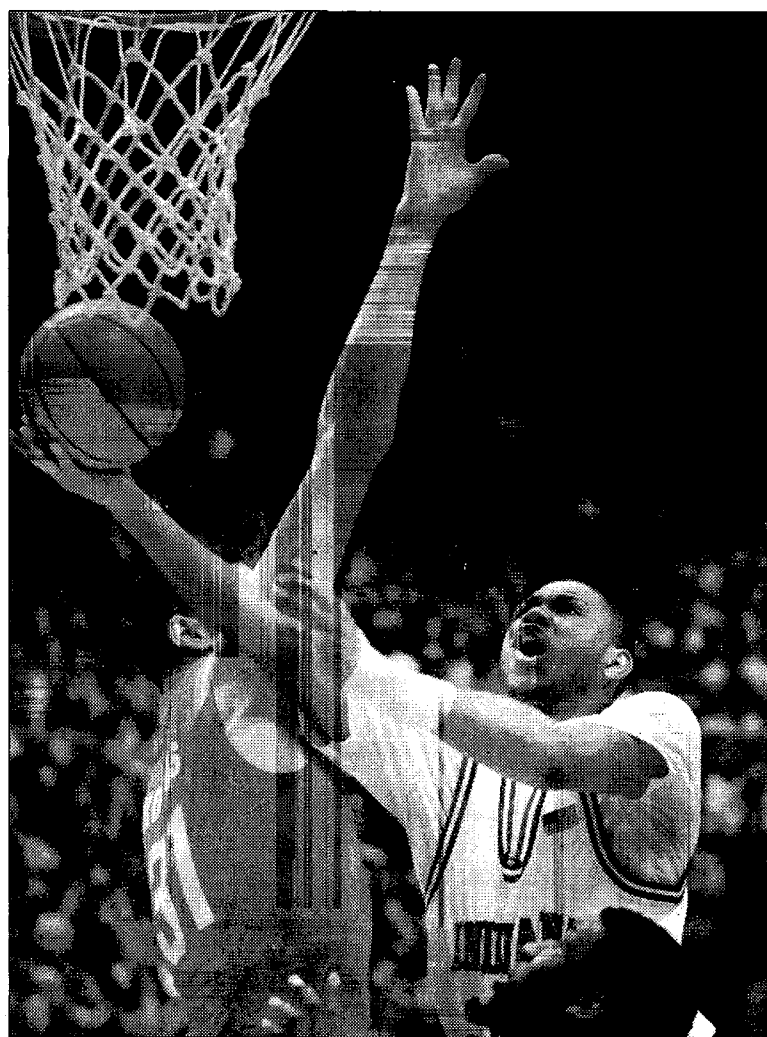
One fan waved a sign that read "Dan Dakich 4 Prez." Others held placards that read "KS" and "If you ain't cheating, you ain't trying." A woman even got caught looking ahead, voicing her opinion for Dakich's successor by waving a sign in front of Ohio State's Thad Matta near the end of the halftime break. It read "What's The Matta? Hire Thad."

After enduring the circus-like environment of the past two weeks, the Hoosiers just wanted to play basketball.

"We love coach Sampson and we wish he was out there with us," Bassett said. "But we're right up there at the top of the Big Ten and we can't do nothing but get used to it."

The Buckeyes made that very clear in Tuesday night's physical slugfest.

Kosta Koufos scored 21 points, Evan Turner had 13 and Jamar Butler and Othello Hunter each had 12, not quite enough to pull the upset. Ohio State (17-11, 8-7) has now lost three straight and five-of-seven, but fought back from a dismal opening to nearly pull the upset.



Indiana guard Eric Gordon puts up a shot past Buckeye center Kosta Koufos in a 72-69 Hoosier win Tuesday.

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NHL

Penguins beat Islanders despite allowing 52 shots

Pittsburgh now 1 point behind Devils for Eastern Conference lead; Bruins' Thomas gets second shut-out of season

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — If the Pittsburgh Penguins can win when giving up 52 shots, just think how good they'll be when Sidney Crosby and Marian Hossa are passing the puck to each other.

On the day the Penguins won the trade deadline sweepstakes and acquired Hossa from Atlanta to play with Sid the Kid, Ty Conklin stole the show.

Conklin made an eye-popping, career-best 50 saves Tuesday night in the Penguins' 4-2 victory over the New York Islanders.

"Sometimes shot clocks aren't indicative of the game necessarily," a humble Conklin said.

Evgeni Malkin and Jeff Taffe scored first-period goals for trade-depleted Pittsburgh, and Conklin did the rest. Since coming up in December after Marc-Andre Fleury injured an ankle, Conklin has gone 17-4-5.

Pittsburgh jumped over Ottawa and is just one point behind New Jersey for the lead in the Eastern Conference and Atlantic Division.

"I haven't seen a goalie steal a game like that this year," Penguins defenseman Ryan Whitney said. "He is probably our MVP since Sid went out, he and Malkin. It's not something we want to make a habit of though."

Just hours after the Penguins made the biggest splash by acquiring Hossa for forwards Colby Armstrong and Erik Christensen, Pittsburgh pulled out a win despite being outshot 52-21.

Frans Nielsen scored on Conklin in the second period to get the Islanders within 2-1. Trent Hunter hit the crossbar less than 2 minutes into the third, and New York dropped its second straight following a six-game winning streak.

"We thought if we keep pressuring them, we'd score some goals and take over the game, and we didn't do that," forward Miroslav Satan said. "It just wasn't our day. We just have to remember what we did for six games in a row."

Pittsburgh went 2-for-4 on the power play, compared to 1-for-9 for New York, on the outside of the Eastern playoff race.

"I'm not really sure we played our best game," Conklin said. "We got some breaks, a couple of crossbars, and a couple of good chances they missed, too."

Jordan Staal scored during a delayed-penalty call with 7:05 remaining to restore Pittsburgh's two-goal lead, and Connor James — just up from the minors — made it 4-1 with 3:02 left on his first NHL goal.

The Penguins played two men short until James and Nathan Smith arrived in the second period. The bench got even shorter after Ryan Malone broke a skate and Rob Scuderi hurt a finger.

"It was like pickup hockey," coach Michel Therrien said. "Who is fresh goes on the ice."

Ruslan Fedotenko's power-play goal brought the Islanders to 4-2.

Hossa and defenseman Hal Gill, acquired from Toronto, are expected to play Thursday when the Penguins visit Boston. Once captain Crosby returns from a high ankle sprain and joins Hossa on a line, the Penguins will possess one of the NHL's

most potent offenses.

"It's a privilege for us to get help like that and we're going to be ready to play well and make a long run," Whitney said. "We're a good team, but we just got a lot better."

The Islanders dominated the Penguins in the first period, yet were down 2-0. New York registered a season-best 23 shots and gave up six.

The Penguins grabbed the lead 10:50 in and they did it with their second shot, both coming on the same shift. Malkin got to a rebound of Petr Sykora's drive and carried the puck behind the net and out the left side.

He drifted backward into the left circle and snapped off a shot while gliding that beat Rick DiPietro. It was Malkin's 36th goal and his 13th in 18 games since Crosby was injured on Jan. 18.

Taffe doubled the lead during

a 5-on-3 power play with 2:08 remaining in the first. He has four goals on the season, two in three games.

New York couldn't do anything with four power plays in the first period and three more in the second. Multiple odd-man rushes produced little against Conklin on the choppy ice.

Bruins 4, Senators 0

Boston Bruins general manager Peter Chiarelli kept his team together at the trading deadline, and then he told the players why.

"He said he believed in this team," said Bruins forward David Krejci, who scored his first NHL goal on Tuesday night to back Tim Thomas's second shutout of the season and help Boston beat the Ottawa Senators. "He said we have good chemistry on the ice, and that's why he didn't make any trades."

Ottawa acquired Blackhawks

forward Martin Lapointe at the deadline, sending a sixth-round draft pick to Chicago. Lapointe was not yet with the Senators on Tuesday, when they could have used some more offense.

Ottawa, which leads the NHL with 210 goals, was shut out for the second consecutive game; it had not gone two games without scoring since November 2000. The Senators have won just twice in their last eight games to fall into second place in the East after leading the conference for much of the season.

"We're deep into frustration right now," coach John Paddock said. "We have to move the puck better, and we're not winning any battles."

Thomas, who was pulled from his last outing after giving up four goals on the first 12 shots on Thursday, made 22 saves to lead Boston to its fourth straight win.

"It was nice for me to come back with a strong game," Thomas said. "Important for me, but important for the team to keep the streak rolling."

Zdeno Chara scored twice, including an empty-netter, and Shawn Thornton also scored for the Bruins, who took the ice shortly after Chiarelli held on to his young players and said, "I have confidence in this team."

"This is a group of guys that has done a lot to try to grow as a team, and grow into their roles," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "We've got a good mix of young and old. We've built some good chemistry."

Martin Gerber made 25 saves for the Senators, who also had a pre-game talk amid speculation that more changes are in store.

"We had a good meeting," Paddock said. "I don't know if there's any reason to shake it up."

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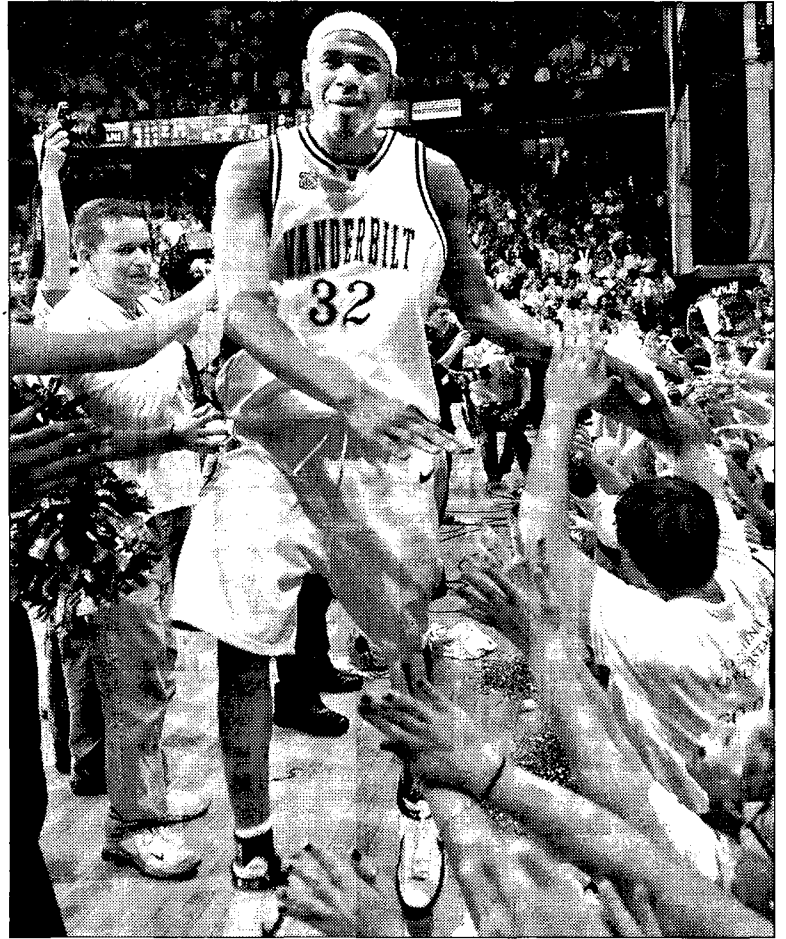
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Vandy upsets UT, win streak now at 7

Commodores 18-of-18 at home this season



Vanderbilt forward Shan Foster celebrates with the home crowd as he walks off the court after the Commodores' 72-69 win Tuesday.

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Volunteers found out being No. 1 can be tougher than beating No. 1.

Shan Foster scored 32 points and No. 18 Vanderbilt knocked off Tennessee 72-69 on Tuesday night — a day after the Vols moved into the top spot in the rankings for the first time in school history.

The Vols (25-3, 11-2 Southeastern Conference) beat then-No. 1 Memphis on Saturday night 66-62 on the western edge of Tennessee for their ninth straight victory to earn that spot themselves, then had to travel back to the middle part of the state to defend their top ranking for the first time.

Vanderbilt (24-4, 9-4) has hosted the No. 1 team nine times in its 56 years at Memorial Gym, and the Commodores improved to 6-3 overall in those games with victories in the past four, including then-No. 1 Florida last year. The Commodores also now have won all 18 home games this season and 31 of their last 32.

Jermaine Beal added 17 points and Alex Gordon 11 as Vanderbilt won its seventh straight. The Dores moved into a tie with Kentucky for second in the SEC East, a mere game behind the Vols with three games to play.

Chris Lofton led Tennessee with 25 points. Tyler Smith, playing with the flu, had 11 points and a career-high 17 rebounds.

The Commodores celebrated by high-fiving classmates as they walked and skipped between the student section and the campus officers keeping them off the court.

These rivals separated by less than 200 miles hadn't played in Nashville with both ranked since 1968. Vandy won that game also.

This time, the Commodores had a sellout crowd making it even louder than what the Vols faced from a bigger group in Memphis' FedExForum. In Memorial, sound just rolls off the cinder block walls and back onto the floor, and one sign summed up the Vols' fate: "Enjoy Second Place Next Week."

The combination of the travel and quick turnaround left the Vols exhausted, and it showed in the first half as they hit only eight of 34 shots, too often shooting away from beyond the 3-point line where they hit only 5-of-17. They finished 20-of-61.

Wayne Chism, who had 18 points and 18 rebounds when Tennessee beat Vandy in Knoxville 80-60 last month, had four points and four rebounds.

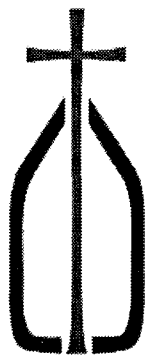
Vanderbilt led 31-28 at the break after nearly blowing a 14-point lead in the opening half. The teams swapped the lead four times with three ties before Alan Metcalfe's 3-pointer broke a 43-all tie with 14:20 left, and Vandy never trailed again.

Tennessee stayed close enough to keep sending Vandy to the free throw line and pulled within 72-69 on Chism's dunk with 7.5 seconds.

But Ross Neltner got the ball past the Vols' pressing defense, Foster threw it upcourt to Keegan Bell. The Vols fouled him with 1.8 seconds left, and he missed both attempts. But a late throw at the basket went deep into the seats after the buzzer.

Vanderbilt nearly ran Tennessee out of the gym in the opening minutes by scoring 10 of the first 13 points and jumping out 23-9 on A.J. Ogilvy's dunk with 10:36 left in the first half. Then they went cold, finishing by hitting only two of their final 12 shots. They went nearly seven minutes between field goals before Foster hit his fourth 3 with 3:57 to go.

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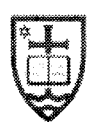
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Bulls

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help us win, we are not in any way a one man team."

Sophomore Erica Williamson has taken over in the face of injuries. The 6-foot-4 center is averaging .477 from the field with 4.6 rebounds per game. Williamson led the Irish off the boards against DePaul with eight.

"I'm really happy with the way she's become a presence in the game at both ends of the floor," McGraw said.

"Defensively, you don't know if she's gonna block the shot or take the charge which makes it a lot harder for the offense.... She's playing the best basketball of her career."

Even with players like Williamson leading the Irish at both ends, McGraw isn't underestimating South Florida. Senior guard Shantia

Grace is a threat from both inside and outside the arc, averaging .373 from the field and .408 for 3-pointers.

"I thought she was a really good player last year but she was kind of overshadowed with [Jessica] Dickson.... Now she's really come into her own, she's playing really well," McGraw said.

But McGraw said she feels her defense is strong enough to handle Grace. After struggling early on with their defense, the Irish have improved dramatically over the last month. They are likely to look to even further improve their defense.

"We are really looking for these last three games to kind of get better at some things," McGraw said. "We're happy with the defense and now we can take up with the offense a little bit more."

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"We're happy with our defense and now we can take up with the offense a little bit more."

Muffet McGraw
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Belles beat Olivet in MIAA tourney

By GRIFFIN DASSATI
Sports Writer

A five-point lead wasn't good enough for Saint Mary's Tuesday.

The Belles went into the locker room with a 25-20 lead over Olivet in the first round of the MIAA tournament, and ended with a 71-62 win. The Comets held the Belles to 33.3 percent shooting from the field in the first half.

The Belles emerged from the locker room hungry for a win. But Belles coach Jenn Henley said the talk in the locker room didn't go much beyond basic strategy.

"The biggest thing was that we wanted to get into the paint to score," Henley said. "We wanted to execute our two man game and get to the foul line as much as we could because that's what we've been doing all season."

The Belles came out on fire in the second half, jumping out to a 16-2 run fueled by three straight three-pointers by junior guards Katie Rashid and Meghan Conaty and senior guard Alison Kessler.

The run put the game all but out of reach for the Comets, who didn't get within

single digits of Saint Mary's until there were 55 seconds left in the game. The Belles succeeded in getting to the paint — the team shot 51.9 percent from the field in the second half and went 4-10 from 3-point range.

Kessler again led the Belles in scoring with 23 points to bring her season total to 520, breaking her own single-season scoring record of 497, set last year. Rashid and sophomore forward Anna Kamrath each tallied 10, and junior forward Erin Newsom scored eight and grabbed 10 points and rebounds.

Saint Mary's will face undefeated Hope on Thursday, the No. 1 team in the Division III Coaches' Poll. The Belles most recently lost to Hope 82-73 on Jan. 26. Despite the loss, Henley said the team is looking forward to the game.

"I thought we played them well at home, but that was so long ago," she said. "They're still the No. 1 one team in the country and they're still undefeated, so we have our hands full. But, I like how we're playing and I think it's anyone's game."

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VeNard

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Irish coach Jeff Jackson before he was hired. It didn't take long for VeNard to make an impression on his future coach.

"It was interesting because he had real, real long hair," Jackson said. "But he's just a model citizen, and I could tell that from my first official meeting with him as a coach."

VeNard played in 29 of the team's 36 games in Jackson's first year as coach — missing the first three due to a stress fracture — and participated in only 17 the next season.

Jackson said injuries were always the main reason VeNard was not starting.

"By the time he got back, somebody else had been playing real well," Jackson said. "So it was hard for him to get back in the lineup. It wasn't a matter of him not playing well."

So far this season, VeNard has played in every game for the Irish. He credited his new-found durability to an extra 10 pounds he added in the off-season, bulking him up to 198 pounds.

"This year I came in much heavier and more in shape than I ever have," VeNard said. "I think the extra weight definitely helped me."

Also, VeNard has been putting the puck in the net more than ever before — notching five goals on the season after only scoring two career goals in his first three seasons.

"He's got a deceptive shot," Jackson said. "Sometimes he's erratic, but he can shoot the puck."

VeNard said his offensive production is about luck, rather than skill.

"I was just going out there, putting my head down and shooting as hard as I can," VeNard said. "I think it might be more or less out of luck. I don't think about scoring goals when I go out there, but it sure has been fun."

Fellow senior Brock

Sheahan said VeNard's main role is not as a sniper, but as a leader.

"He's done a really great job showing guys how to be a great guy on and off the ice," Sheahan said.

Jackson echoed Sheahan, saying the senior was a great role model for younger teammates.

"He's just a level-headed young man," Jackson said.

VeNard's leadership abilities extend off the ice. He is president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, a group that serves as a liaison between the administration and student-athletes.

"It's actually really important and it's a great honor for

him," Sheahan said. "He's always honest for making sure we're out in the community."

VeNard's executive role, however, doesn't make him immune from a good locker room ribbing.

"It's always fun to give him a hard time about it, calling him 'Prez' or 'El Presidente,' that kind of stuff," Sheahan said. "It's always fun giving it to him."

Faced with the task of rallying a team that has suffered from poor play in recent weeks, VeNard is optimistic about upcoming games.

"We never faced this type of adversity last year," VeNard said. "My message to the guys is to just stay positive. Stay positive with each other and stay positive with yourselves."

As VeNard's experience at Notre Dame shows, positive thinking can pay off.

"[VeNard] has gone through some really tough times here that other players might not be able to deal with, dealing with injury after injury," Sheahan said. "He's shown that he's a very good defenseman and I'm very impressed with what he's done."

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Ruth

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said. "And instead of getting nothing for [Fedorov], they got a good hockey player."

The Russian center, who won the Hart Memorial Trophy for the NHL's most valuable player in 1994, has 469 goals and 663 assists in his career. He is fourth in points, goals and assists in Detroit history.

The Capitals currently sit in 11th place in the Eastern Conference and are five points behind the Philadelphia Flyers, who occupy the final playoff spot. The Blue Jackets are in a similar position in the Western Conference, sitting at 11th overall and five points behind the final playoff berth.

The Capitals drafted Ruth (6-foot, 201 pounds) in the second round (46th overall) of the June 2007 Entry Draft. Prior to the draft, Central Scouting ranked Ruth as the No. 11 draft-eligible North American and 32nd among all North American skaters.

Jackson said there was a good chance that Don Boyd, the Blue Jackets' director of player personnel, was on hand at last weekend's Notre Dame-Ohio State series because Boyd's son, Peter, is a freshman forward for the Buckeyes.

Fedorov left the Red Wings in 2003 for Anaheim. He played two seasons there before moving to Columbus in 2005.

Fedorov was drafted by Detroit in 1989 while he played for the Red Army club team in Moscow. He defected from the Soviet Union at the Goodwill Games in Seattle in 1990 and caught a plane to Detroit.

Ruth has one goal and two assists in 31 games this season and a plus-13 rating. Last season, he was an alternate captain for the under-18 U.S. national team.

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shot," Hillesland said.

Notre Dame leads the league in rebounding margin (+4.8 in conference play) and total rebounds with 43.6 per game, and forward Luke Harangody is first in conference with 11.9 boards per game. Even though Syracuse, who's second in rebounding margin, out-rebounded Notre Dame 51-33 on Sunday, the Irish aren't worried performances like that will be a trend. The team has worked to correct the problems they had against the Orange.

"When we get beat on the boards, I think the guys on the perimeter — myself, Ryan, [point guard] Tory [Jackson] — we lose our guys because [boxing out is] really not a priority for us but it should be," McAlarney said. "But when we're really boxing out and everyone is boxing out their own guys that's when we out-rebound teams and that helps out our big guys a lot."

Few would have guessed the Irish would lead the Big East in rebounding, considering the Irish don't have a skyscraper in the middle like Georgetown's Roy Hibbert or Connecticut's Hasheem Thabeet and they play a lot of 2-3 or 1-2-2 zones — defenses that make it harder to box out the opponent.

"It's something we enforce in practice when we're in zone, to block the guy out in your area," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "It's easier said than done sometimes in zone. I think also sometimes you can be too worried about block outs. It's a balance point and a fine line."

But Brey said boxing out isn't always the best way to grab rebounds.

"Sometimes you just need to go get the ball. Harangody and Kurz, Hillesland — they can just go get the ball sometimes," he said.

Once Kurz or Harangody grab a defensive board, they're looking right away for Jackson who'll take off down the floor. Hillesland, meanwhile, has the quickness and the ball handling ability to take it the length of the floor himself. But when both Jackson and Hillesland are dribbling in transition, they try to get an open look for McAlarney before the defense can get set to guard him.

"That's the No. 1 priority when I'm pushing the ball is I try to get Kyle easy looks because he shoots such a high percentage and its such a weapon that when we're in transition I try to find him for an open look," Hillesland said. "Whenever I get the ball, he knows [I'm looking for him] because he sprints down the line and tries to spot up at the elbow-extended or the wing."

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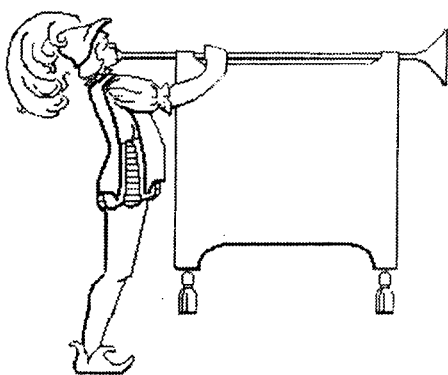
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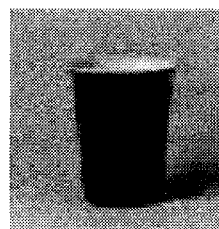
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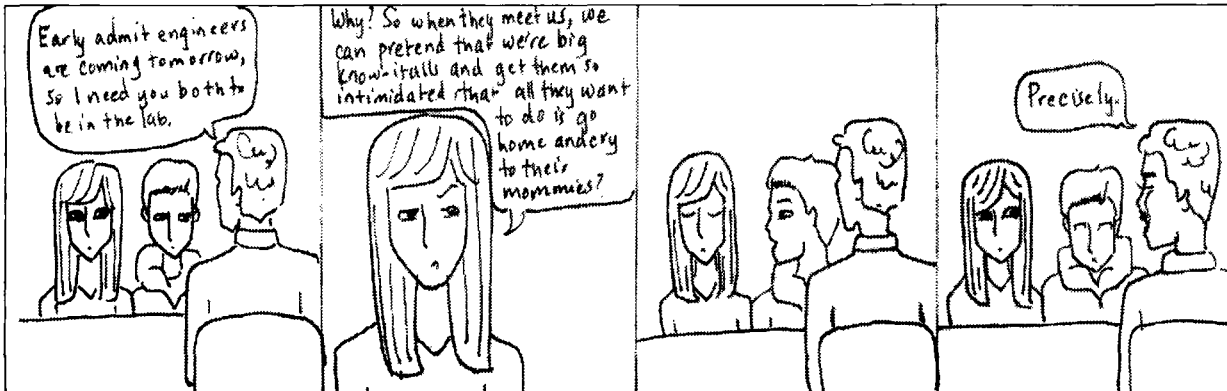
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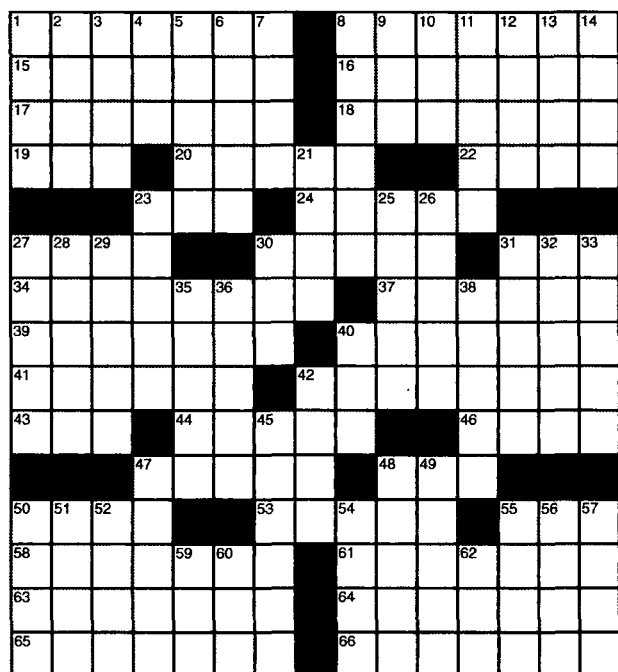
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| Learns | 41 Brute | Down |
| 1958 sci-fi classic starring Steve McQueen | 42 --- | 1 Pivoting razor |
| 5 Jose Cuervo, for one | 43 Altoids holder | 2 Existed |
| 5 --- | 44 Saint of dancers | 3 1/64 of a checkerboard, maybe: Abbr. |
| 7 Director Ivan | 46 Once, in old times | 4 So last year |
| 8 Most monstrous | 47 Letters before gimels | 5 Country singer with the 1997 triple platinum hit "How Do I Live" |
| 9 Taylor, Wilson or Harding | 48 "The Guiding Light" ailer | 6 Fill in the ___ (a hint to this puzzle's theme) |
| 10 Rear--- | 50 Very | 7 Ocean liner? |
| 2 Book in the Book of Mormon | 53 Jazz's Peterson | 8 "Oy, vey!" cause |
| 3 "That's all I ___" | 55 It may be said while crossing the fingers | 9 Show of affection |
| 4 Rice dish | 58 1984 film with the tagline "It's 4 a.m., do you know where your car is?" | 10 Film developing order: Abbr. |
| 7 Place for a houseplant | 61 A deadly sin | 11 Give a rundown |
| 10 Column of boxes on a questionnaire | 63 Of tremendous fervor | 12 It may be on a property |
| 1 Defendants, legally | 64 --- | 13 Bone: It. |
| 4 Prize | 65 Holiday meals | 14 Red and black, perhaps |
| 7 --- | | 21 Flexible blade |
| 9 Supporters of the arts | | 23 Startle |
| | | 25 Classic camera |
| | | 26 Org. |
| | | 27 Parade honoree, briefly |
| | | 28 Tabriz native |
| | | 29 Admit |
| | | 30 '04, '08 and others |
| | | 31 Not so well done |
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| | | 33 Explanatory phrase |
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| 38 St. ___ (common hospital name) | 49 Some fasteners and stars | 56 Frozen drink brand |
| 40 Class of '08 in '08, e.g. | 51 Toolbar heading | 57 Former first lady |
| 42 Ornery sort | 52 Boom | 59 "O patria ___" ("Aida" aria) |
| 45 Risqué beachwear | 54 Famous Mama | 60 "So ...?" |
| 47 Sauce | 55 What each completed pair of theme answers in this puzzle is | 62 Dietary std. |
| 48 Venae ___ (major blood vessels) | | |

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you don't agree with what's going on or you have better solutions, speak up. Help will be offered if you ask for it so don't let your ego stop you from accepting what's available. Money will come from an unusual source. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't worry about the things you can't change. Emotional matters will leave you confused about your future. A powerful step in a direction that will help you secure your own financial position is what you should be pursuing. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can excel in business or any other activity you get involved in if you are aggressive and demanding with your suggestions. A contract or offer will turn out to be more inviting than expected. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Spice up your looks and give yourself a pep talk and you will raise your confidence and morale. Getting involved in events or activities will enable you to change your direction. Emotional issues will stand in your way. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't take what others say to heart. Chances are good some of the people around you are taking their bad day out on you. Be fun and charming and refuse to give in to complaining and poor-me attitudes. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Follow through with your plans, especially if they have anything to do with socializing, networking or making money. A change in someone you are close to may make you rethink the relationship. If you make a move too soon, it may cost you later on. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be unique, imaginative and a little daring and you will surprise everyone around you. Praise will be yours for doing things your way and not giving in to pressure. A little celebration will be in order. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let your emotions take over. If you get upset over little things, you will lose ground with the people you want to impress. A love problem is likely to arise if you have been neglectful. Change your routine a little. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you are too quick to make a decision or take action, you will end up confused and will give the impression that you really aren't sure what you are doing. Protect your reputation. Less will be more in the end. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a leadership position. An emotional matter can be cleared up if you are precise regarding your demands. There is money to be made and a secure and stable lifestyle to gain by taking action. Don't waffle now. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be lead astray. You may not like what's going on around you but it's better to know the truth and deal with matters head-on. By staying strong, you can manipulate whatever situation you face. Don't show emotion. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A secret regarding a contract or money matter is apparent. Ask questions and you will be able to find out where you stand. Anger and jealousy must be put to rest and if that means making an apology, do so quickly. 5 stars

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HOCKEY

Young and old

Injury-free VeNard leads on and off the ice

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

It may have taken Dan VeNard three years to find a regular spot in the Irish lineup, but now that he has, he's making his presence known.

After being shuffled in and out of the lineup, mainly due to injuries, the senior defenseman from Vernon Hills, Ill., has finally found a regular spot on the Notre Dame blueline.

"I guess I just stayed out the way of people," VeNard joked.

After the first 11 games of his freshman season, VeNard was sidelined with a separated shoulder that would cost him seven games; another shoulder injury later in the season would put him out for six more.

VeNard was one of the players on the panel interviewing

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HALEY BEAUPRE/The Observer
Irish senior Dan VeNard moves the puck up the ice during Notre Dame's 2-2 tie with Ohio State Feb. 23.



HALEY BEAUPRE/The Observer
Irish defenseman Teddy Ruth checks an Ohio State player on Feb. 23.

Washington Capitals trade freshman Ruth

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Washington Capitals traded their rights for Notre Dame freshman defenseman Teddy Ruth to the Columbus Blue Jackets in exchange for Sergei Fedorov.

The deal came shortly before Tuesday's trade deadline for the National Hockey League.

Fedorov, a 17-year NHL veteran who won three Stanley Cups as one of the iconic players of the Detroit Red Wings in the 1990s, was in the final year of a five-year, \$40 million contract with the Blue Jackets. He will be an unrestricted free agent next season.

"[The Blue Jackets are] trading for a good prospect, and they're trying to build their organization," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Offensive boards help K-Mac set 3-point record

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Kyle McAlarney broke a Notre Dame record by draining nine 3-pointers in Sunday's 94-87 win over Syracuse, but the record would have remained intact if not for a little help from junior forward Zach

Hillesland on the offensive glass.

In the second half against the Orange, Hillesland grabbed two offensive rebounds, and each time he did, he passed to McAlarney who found an open spot beyond the arc against Syracuse's scrambling zone defense.

It might have seemed like

luck that McAlarney, who is hitting 46 percent of his 3-pointers this year, was open after an offensive rebound, but in fact, the Irish work on finding their shooters after an offensive rebound because it's a prime opportunity for them to get an open look.

"Every time we get an offensive rebound, Coach Brey is

yelling at me, or he's yelling at [forwards] Rob [Kurz], or Ryan [Ayers] or whoever to spot up," McAlarney said. "As a shooter you get held and people don't leave you all game so you have to find ways to get shots and one of the best ways to get shots is broken plays and offensive rebounds like that."

Once a shot goes up, the

defense looks skyward and loses track of shooters like McAlarney.

"The defense is kind of a little stirred up as it is, and sometimes we have trouble getting Kyle open looks, so when we get an offensive board, it's a good time to get Kyle an open

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish return home to face South Florida after three-game trip

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Muffet McGraw's nerves might be thanking the Irish, but her appetite isn't.

The unsteady Irish in 2007 gave McGraw enough stress to fill up on chocolate and steak without gaining weight. This year, sitting at 21-6 going into the Big East tournament, McGraw must eat salad to keep her figure.

No. 14 Notre Dame returns home today to take on South Florida in the first of three games before the start of the Big East tournament. The Irish look to finish their season 3-0 on their final run, securing a bye in the first round of the tournament.

"It's really important for us to finish strong," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "Right now we've got a bye and we're in control of our destiny, we have to win out to

keep that bye.

"Mathematically we might not have to, but that's what we want to do. Two wins will do it but that's not gonna be good enough for us."

The Irish enter tonight's match after going 2-1 on a three-game road trip. Notre Dame defeated Syracuse and DePaul 79-67 and 66-64, respectively, and fell to No. 5 Rutgers 57-51.

But McGraw isn't too worried about the loss to the Scarlet Knights.

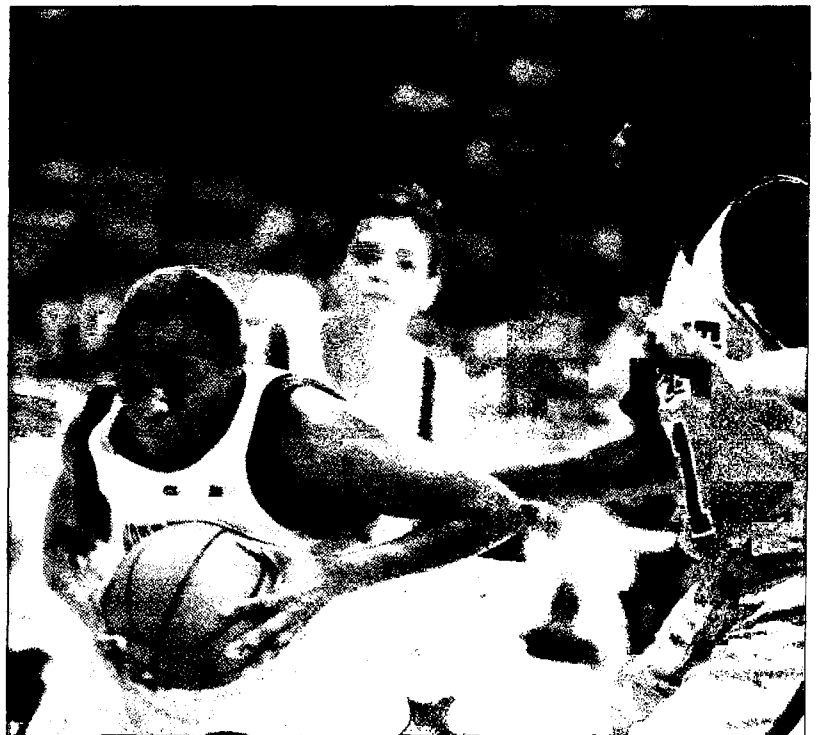
"I'm so proud of this team and of what we've accomplished because last year we had three road games in a row — against ranked teams — and went 0-3," McGraw said. "And we had the same situation this year, and we go 2-1, and we played really well at Rutgers."

The Irish take on the Bulls with a much smaller bench than they had at the start of the season. Freshman

Devereaux Peters is out for the rest of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament and freshman Becca Bruszewski underwent surgery for a broken hand. McGraw said Bruszewski's surgery went well but said she is likely to sit out the rest of the week.

Multiple injuries haven't slowed Notre Dame's success. McGraw noted that the Irish are a well-balanced team this year — especially compared to last year. Toward the end of 2007, the Irish often relied on then-junior Charel Allen to come up big, but this year, everyone is stepping up.

"I feel like we're light years ahead of where we were last year," McGraw said. "We're playing with a lot of confidence, we're getting great production from a lot of people. It's amazing how everybody's doing something to



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer
Irish guard Tulyah Gaines drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 81-66 win over Pittsburgh Feb. 10.

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