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'College Gameday' draws fans, students to JACC

Approximately 4,500 people fill Joyce Center to cheer on Irish against Connecticut; ESPN hosts pre-game show on campus



ESPN announcers Rece Davis, Hubert Davis, Digger Phelps and Bobby Knight discuss college basketball news in the Joyce Center.

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

By SAM WERNER
News Writer

Eight hours before tip-off of Saturday night's basketball game against Connecticut, an estimated 4,500 people filled the Joyce Center to witness ESPN's morning pre-game show "College Gameday."

School officials estimated 3,700 students, many of whom had camped out the night before in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse, attended the event.

"It was a real exciting experience that showcased the school well," junior Dallas Frey said. "The

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Enthusiastic Irish fans hold up signs during the College Gameday show Saturday. The Irish fell to UConn 69-61.

Seminarians compete in Midwest tourney

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Eleven seminarians from Old College and Moreau Seminary took a trip this weekend to Mundelein Seminary, north of Chicago, to compete in the eighth annual basketball tournament between nine Midwest seminarians called the "Mundelein Seminary Shootout."

The team won three out of four games, and ended up winning the consolation bracket of the tournament.

Sophomore and seminarian candidate Mike Palmer said the weekend is not just about basketball, but is also a chance to get to know other

seminarians.

"All the seminaries we play against are from the Midwest region ... and it's really great to have meals and socials together with other seminarians," Palmer said. "It's great to have brotherhood with other [seminarians] and just fun to play some basketball. We are there to compete but to have fun as well."

The 11 seminarians along with their supporters left for the tournament Friday and competed Friday and Saturday.

Palmer said the team usually includes seminarians both from Old College and Moreau Seminary, but this

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Photo Courtesy of Mike Palmer

The Moreau Seminary team forms a prayer circle at center court following its semifinal win in the Mundelein Seminary Shootout.

College to perform Monologues

SMC shows fifth annual production

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

For the fifth year in a row, Saint Mary's College will present "SMC Monologues," a production based off Eve Ensler's "Vagina Monologues," but containing stories written by Saint Mary's students.

Ensler's production brings women's sexuality to the forefront, and the "SMC Monologues" intend to do the same.

"Students have wanted to facilitate discussion about topics relevant to women's sexuality because of the many students' commitment to the goal of raising awareness about issues related to sexual assault," said Catherine Pittman, Saint Mary's psychology professor and advisor to the SMC Monologues.

Each story is submitted anonymously, and could be about anything from sexuality to what it means to be a Saint Mary's woman.

"At Saint Mary's College, we encourage women to speak up, to write, to be bold and adventurous and that's what the "SMC Monologues" is all about," Pittman said.

The "SMC Monologues" allow Saint Mary's women to

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Club attracts members, fosters entrepreneurship

Society has grown from five to 150 students from all majors, backgrounds

By ALYSSA MORONES
News Writer

When Notre Dame junior political science major Jaime Urquijo, attended his first Entrepreneurship Society meeting as a freshman, the club was comprised of barely more than five students. Just two years later, club meetings have an average attendance of over 150 students and the club continues to work to bring in more students of all majors.

Notre Dame's Entrepreneurship Society was

founded by Notre Dame senior and club co-president Mark Bennett during his sophomore year.

His first step was to write a 32-page mission statement.

"It was a little raw," Bennett said, "and not all of it worked."

In spite of the club's initial rough start, Bennett continued to recruit talented and passionate students to help realize his dreams for the club's future.

"Entrepreneurial leadership is a noble pursuit," Bennett said. "It can change lives and

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Art exhibit features six faculty members

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Although the art galleries in the Moreau Art Center and the Student Center at Saint Mary's usually feature art by professional, contemporary artists or students throughout the course of the academic year, faculty members get the chance to show their talent once every four years.

The faculty art exhibit will be exhibited in the Sister Rosaire and Little Theatre Galleries until Feb. 27.

This exhibition features work from six members of the art department: Julie Tourtillotte, Bill Sandusky, Kelly Harrington,

Sandra Ginter, Sheilah Wilson, and Marcia Rickard.

Rickard is not a professional artist. Her art is based on the experience she gained while on a trip to Sri Lanka with other faculty members during a ceasefire in 2004.

"We visited women's groups, orphanages, schools, etc. in both rebel and government territory," Rickard said. "There is heavy in fighting in Sri Lanka now and news reports are sketchy, but clearly there are many killed and many refugees — probably some women that we met. My piece in the show is for them."

Unlike Rickard, Harrington has been an artist for as long as

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INSIDE COLUMN

Yo-Yo Ma and the Fun List

I checked Yo-Yo Ma off my list a week ago, but now I've got to put him back on.

One of the many perks of witnessing the swearing-in of the 44th president last Tuesday was getting to see the world-renown cellist play live in a quartet.

The sounds of Ma's cello, of Itzhak Perlman's violin, Gabriela Montero's piano and Anthony McGill's clarinet floated from the U. S. Capitol building to my spot standing across the Reflecting Pool last Tuesday. The John Williams piece, "Air and Simple Gifts," was the most beautiful composition I had ever heard live.

Or so I thought. Two days after I returned from Washington, the New York Times published a story revealing that the elegant notes I had heard were not traveling from the strings of Yo-Yo Ma's cello to my ears.

Due to forecasts of cold weather on the day of the inauguration, the quartet had made a recording of their performance two days earlier at the Marine Barracks in Washington. They decided to use the recording on the day of the ceremony because the musicians feared intonation problems and cracked instruments or strings.

The quartet played along with the recording, but only those near them could hear the live music.

I heard only the recording. So Yo-Yo Ma goes back on my list, the inventory of fun things I want to do before I die.

Checking off Yo-Yo Ma would have been huge. He's performing at a concert hall near my hometown in March, but tickets are already sold out. So he'll probably be on the list for a while:

- u See Yo-Yo Ma perform. Live.
- u Scuba dive
- u Run a marathon.
- u Complete a crossword puzzle. Without using the Internet.
- u Do a triathlon.
- u Write a book.
- u Beat the Graduate School team at Late Night Olympics water polo.
- u Swim with dolphins.
- u Call into Delilah's radio show with a true story of love and loss and a song request.
- u Be an extra in a movie.
- u Hike the Great Wall of China.
- u Live in a foreign country.
- u Plant/maintain a garden.
- u Sew something that I could plausibly wear.
- u Go to an inaugural ball. A real one.
- u Surf.
- u Have a cocktail with Maureen Dowd.
- u Go to Australia's Outback
- u Celebrate New Year's in Times Square
- u See the pyramids in Egypt.
- u Win trivia night at Legends.
- u Visit the Oval Office.
- u Meet the Dancing Matt guy from the YouTube videos.
- u Win an organized ping pong competition.
- u Bike to work.
- u Beat my brother at chess.
- u Tan.
- u Be someone's Missed Connection on Craigslist.
- u Finish a work night at The Observer before midnight.

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

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the article titled "220 ND students attend protest" in the Jan. 23 edition of The Observer said the final prayer was offered by Washington Archbishop Donald Wuerl. The prayer was actually offered by Washington Auxiliary Bishop Barry C. Knestout. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE X-GAMES EVENT, AND WHY?



Eric Owens

sophomore
Dillon

"I like skiing because the wipeouts are sweet."



Jimmy Champlin

senior
Sorin

"Tobogganing, because it's the every man sport."



Ryan Belock

sophomore
Alumni

"Half-pipe skiing because of the aerial acrobatics."



Kim Weisenberger

freshman
Howard

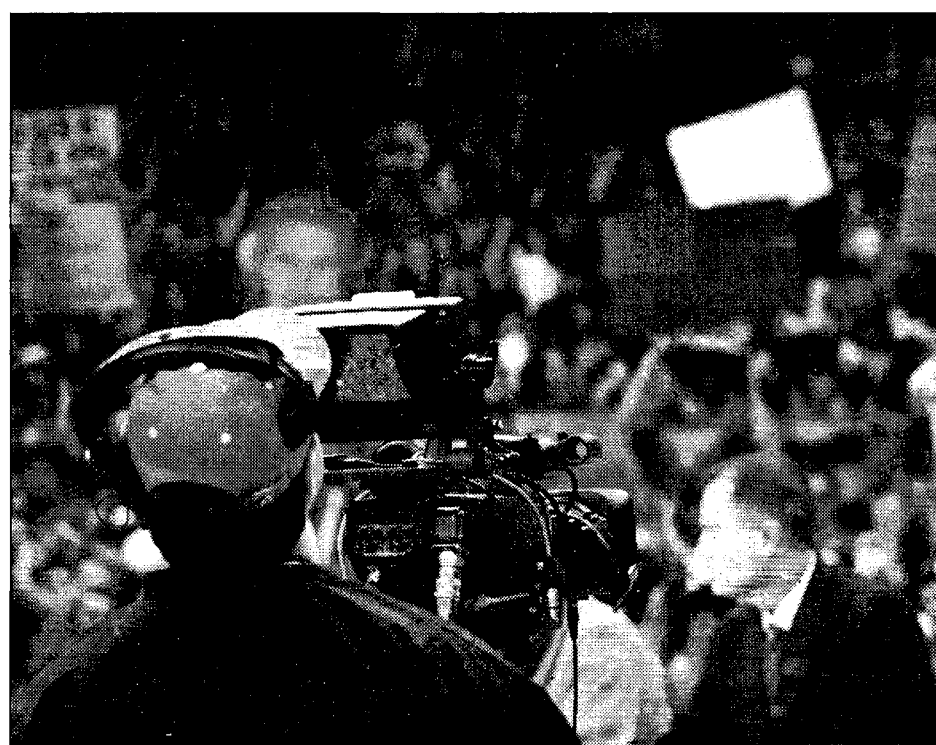
"Snowboarding, because the tricks are cool."



Jonathan Perez

freshman
Fisher

"I like the nordic skiing."



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

A cameraman takes in the scene at ESPN College GameDay Saturday in the Joyce Center. Thousands of people turned out to get their 15 minutes of fame and watch the Irish take on the Huskies.

OFFBEAT

Boy, 14, impersonates policeman on patrol

CHICAGO — A 14-year-old aspiring police officer donned a uniform, walked into a Chicago police station and managed to get an assignment — patrolling in a squad car for five hours before he was detected, police said Sunday.

The boy did not have a gun, never issued any tickets and didn't drive the squad car, Deputy Superintendent Daniel Dugan said.

Assistant Superintendent James

Jackson said the ruse was discovered only after the boy's patrol with an actual officer ended Saturday. Officers noticed his uniform lacked a star that is part of the regulation uniform.

Police said they were investigating how the deception went undetected for so long in what they described as a serious security breach.

Woman arrested for overdue book

INDEPENDENCE, Iowa — An Iowa woman has been arrested because

she failed to return a library book.

Thirty-nine-year-old Shelly Koontz was arrested Thursday night on a fifth-degree theft charge. She is accused of keeping "The Freedom Writers Diary," which she checked out from the public library in nearby Jesup in April.

Police say the book — which is about a high school teacher's effort to inspire students to write — is valued at \$13.95.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Most Reverend Archbishop Angelo Amato will give a lecture titled "Catholicism and Secularism in Contemporary Europe" today at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Winter Career and Internship Fair will be held Wednesday from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The event is free and open to students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

Student government and the Off Campus Council are hosting an information session Wednesday on alcohol, partying and the law from 8-9:15 p.m. in room 101 of DeBartolo Hall. The event is free.

The Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honorary Fraternity is sponsoring a blood drive Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in room 217 of Cushing Hall.

The film "Baghdad High" will be screened Friday at 9:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. This is a free but ticketed event. Call the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800 to reserve tickets.

RecSports and the Department of Athletics will host Late Night Olympics XXIII Saturday from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday. Events will be held in the Joyce Center (through Gate 3) and Rolfs Aquatic Center. Money raised will go to St. Joe County Special Olympics.

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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Gameday

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turnout by the student body was definitely the most surprising part for me."

Students began filing into the Joyce arena from the Fieldhouse at 9 a.m., and the general public was admitted at 10 a.m. Numerous ESPN personalities commented on the size and enthusiasm of the Notre Dame student body. Students also said they could feel the excitement in the air.

"We have great school spirit, probably the best in the country, but maybe some people on the basketball side didn't know that," Frey said. "And I think that myself and a lot of Notre Dame students took pride in the fact that we looked good and we had so many people out there for the Saturday morning show."

Junior Doug Hummon said Saturday's festivities made the day feel more like a home football game than basketball game.

"It was electric, really," he said. "The atmosphere was great. I've never seen that kind of support outside of football."

When the show started at 11 a.m., hosts Rece Davis, Bob Knight, Jay Bilas, Hubert Davis and former Irish basketball coach Digger Phelps discussed college basketball news from around the country and previewed Saturday's slate of games. The crowd cheered for Phelps and booed the Duke graduate Bilas who earlier in the week said the Joyce was not an intimidating venue to play in as an opposing team. Phelps also played the part of cheerleader, revving up the crowd starting several cheers.



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

A crowded student section cheers on the men's basketball team Saturday in their game against University of Connecticut.

"It was fun having Digger [Phelps] pumping everyone up," Hummon said.

The student body also responded to the analysts' on-air comments. When one of them suggested that North Carolina forward Tyler Hansbrough might be the toughest player in college basketball, the crowd responded with boos and a chant of "Harangody," in support of Notre Dame center Luke Harangody.

Fans were also allowed to make signs to hold up behind the hosts during the show. Some signs were pro-Irish, such as one that said "McAlarney's Shooting School Open for Business," but many were anti-Connecticut. One such sign said, "Thabeet = Gody's Pre-dinner Snack," in reference to Connecticut center Hasheem Thabeet, who months ago said that Harangody was "not that tough."

Frey said his favorite sign was one that said "Fighting for 46," which referred to the Irish home winning streak that ended at 45 on Saturday night.

"Even though it ended at 45, I think our team was fighting for

46, and the fans were certainly fighting for 46," Frey said.

Towards the end of the show, a Notre Dame student was given the chance to win \$17,500 from State Farm on a half-court shot. Unfortunately, the shot fell short of the hoop.

Students said that Gameday's presence on campus only amplified the excitement for what was already a big-time match-up.

"It increased the atmosphere by getting people exciting earlier in the day and really building it up and hyping it up as much as possible," Frey said. "Even 20 to 25 minutes before tip-off when we were chanting 'Let's go, Irish', it seemed like we were at a fever pitch and ready to go."

Even though the Irish lost, 69-61, in Saturday night's game, students said they would still look back on the Gameday experience with fond memories.

"I mean it does matter that we lost," sophomore Kelly Pierson said. "But I'll still remember it as a good experience."

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share their experiences.

Students are able not only to write a story to be presented in the performance, but are also able to portray the characters in the monologues.

Pittman said.

"In the 'SMC Monologues,' we ask women who are members

of the Saint Mary's College community to share their own experiences," she said.

"For the last four years, women on our campus have created and performed our own monologues. It is a powerful

approach to addressing the topic of women's sexuality."

New monologues are submitted each year for the performance.

"We want the issues discussed in the SMC Monologues to be current, compelling and of concern

to the campus community," Pittman said.

One goal of the monologues is to provide a chance for women to share private issues, and discover that many others have shared some of these experiences.

"Sometimes it is difficult for women to share their concerns, and as a result, women often believe they are alone in their questions or concerns," Pittman said.

"When women take the risk to share their experiences, they are often surprised at the number of people who have had similar experiences or who want to provide support and concern."

Women interested in performing the SMC Monologues can contact

Becki Faunce at rfaunc01@saintmarys.edu. The performance will be held in February, although no specific date had been set yet.

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year there were 10 players from Old College and only one from Moreau Seminary.

"...this year we had lost many of our older players to ordination or ministry, so every player except one on this year's team was from Old College," he said.

The team's only loss was its second game against St. Meinrad Seminary from St. Meinrad, Ind., which bumped the Moreau Seminary team to the consolation bracket.

Palmer said that having a young team this year made it more difficult to compete against other teams in the tournament.

"This year we knew it was going to be hard because our team was pretty much all undergrads, and a lot of the teams had graduate seminarians," Palmer said.

The Moreau Seminary Team defeated the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary from Peoria, Ill. in its final round, winning the consolation bracket.

Last year, the Moreau Seminary team placed second in the Seminary Shootout overall, Palmer said.

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Mike Palmer
sophomore



Photo Courtesy of Mike Palmer

Sophomore Thomas Haan, left, runs the offense for the Moreau Seminary against Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in its final game.

ings, and bring a few more seminarians on the team. Our overall goal is to play better, but still have fun," he said.

The Moreau Seminary team has competed in the tournament since it began eight years ago, and won the tournament in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

The host of the tournament, the Mundelein Seminary Lakers, won this year's shootout overall.

Palmer said the seminarians practiced in preparation for the tournament in the months leading up to the competition.

"Usually we start practicing a couple months in advance ... we practice at Moreau Seminary gym," he said.

Palmer said the team's starting lineup included junior Kevin Wack, senior Thomas Haan, junior Tim Mouton, sophomore Bob Dunsmuir and graduate seminarian Nick Senz.

Moreau seminarian Mike Seidl coached this year's team.

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she can remember. Her series of acrylic paintings is titled "Motherhood: A Reality Check." Her paintings, a result of a Saint Mary's Faculty Research Grant Harrington received in 2007, represent the fears and vulnerabilities that mothers experience.

"My main message, I suppose, is that it is okay for mothers to feel and express emotions other than contentedness and joy in raising children," Harrington said.

"It is my hope that my work expresses experiences that are universal even if not spoken of, and therefore, acceptable in the everyday physical and emotional life of a mom."

Kelly Harrington
SMC art professor

Ginter is another member of the faculty whose art is featured in the exhibition.

"My work deals with the ideas of youth, growth and the bonds that surface from both," Ginter said. Symbolic color and form suggests play, but also seriousness, hinting at innocence, but also a sterile oddity.

This is not the first time Julie Tourtillotte, who teaches

fibers, drawing, video and silkscreen, has had her art exhibited on campus. This year, Tourtillotte is exhibiting prints that combine silkscreen with digital inkjets that were inspired by Wallace Stevens' poem, "13 Ways of Looking at a Blackbird."

Sandusky and Wilson are the other two members of the faculty exhibited in the gallery.

Sandusky's art is in two disciplines, both painting and printmaking. Wilson's part of the exhibit displays her photography.

Another faculty art exhibition is opening tomorrow in Hammes Gallery titled "My Tomorrowland is an Empty Space," that features artwork created by Krista Hoefle.

There are three disciplines displayed in this exhibit: Sculpture-Installation, Video, and Electronic Media.

"During my research leave, I investigated electronic methods of making sound, light, video, and programmatically-based objects," Hoefle said, "so a predominate number of pieces in my exhibition feature some technological component."

The two galleries are free and open to the public until February 27.


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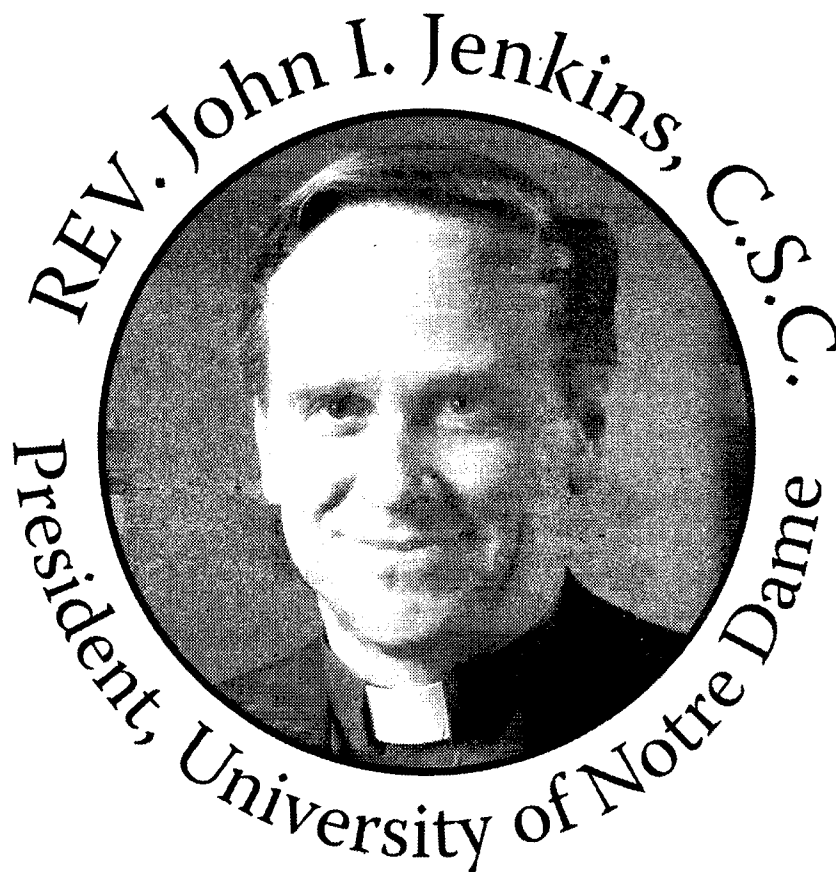
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Drugs found in Indian stream

PATANCHERU — When researchers analyzed vials of treated wastewater taken from a plant where about 90 Indian drug factories dump their residues, they were shocked. Enough of a single, powerful antibiotic was being spewed into one stream each day to treat every person in a city of 90,000.

And it wasn't just ciprofloxacin being detected. The supposedly cleaned water was a floating medicine cabinet — a soup of 21 different active pharmaceutical ingredients, used in generics for treatment of hypertension, heart disease, chronic liver ailments, depression, gonorrhea, ulcers and other ailments. Half of the drugs measured at the highest levels of pharmaceuticals ever detected in the environment, researchers say.

Ten killed in Turkish avalanche

ANKARA — An avalanche slammed into a group of Turkish hikers on a trip to a remote mountain plateau on Sunday, dragging them more than 1,640 feet (500 meters) into a valley and fatally burying 10.

The members of a skiing and mountaineering club were taking part in an annual winter sports celebration on 7,200-foot (2,200-meter) Mount Zigana. Seventeen were hiking single-file when the avalanche swept into them.

"We looked up and there was nowhere to run. The snow took us and dragged us along," 61-year-old Kasim Keles told reporters from his hospital bed.

"The snow dragged me down into a valley before it stopped," Keles said. "My right hand was stuck beneath me, with my left hand I cleared my face; I began to breathe and called for help." Hamas seized control of Gaza from Fatah by force in 2007 and Fatah set up a rival Palestinian gov-

Blagojevich will not participate in trial

Illinois governor is aware of impending conviction but refuses to resign

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — If there's such a thing as a "normal" impeachment trial, the one that starts Monday in Illinois doesn't qualify.

The defendant, Gov. Rod Blagojevich, won't participate. He'll be talking to Whoopi Goldberg and Larry King instead of facing the state Senate. And while the Democrat acknowledges his conviction is certain, he refuses to resign.

Blagojevich (pronounced blah-GOY'-uh-vich) complains that the trial rules are unfair, but he and his lawyers didn't try to influence the rules as they were written or afterward.

After weeks of near-silence, Blagojevich has begun an energetic public relations campaign, comparing himself to the hero of a Frank Capra movie and a cowboy being lynched for a crime he didn't commit.

He told NBC's "Today" that when he was arrested on federal corruption charges, he took solace from thinking of other jailed leaders — Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi.

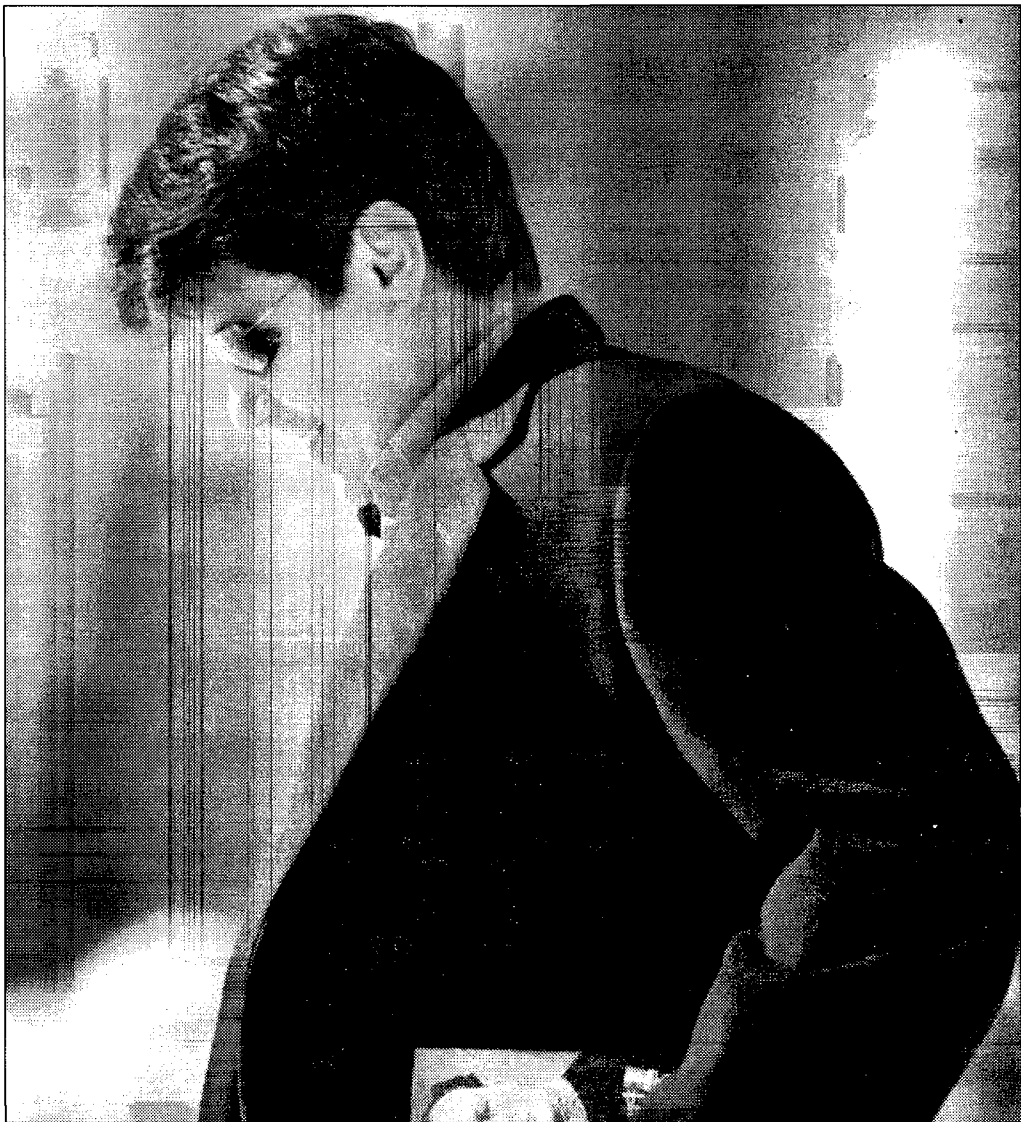
He also said his 5-year-old daughter, Annie, has asked whether he'll still be governor on her birthday in April.

"If I were a betting man, I'd say I probably won't be," Blagojevich said, according to a transcript released Sunday. "I think the fix is in and ... they've decided essentially to do a hanging without even a fair trial."

The full "Today" interview will air Monday, the same day the impeachment trial starts and Blagojevich is scheduled to appear on "Good Morning, America," "The View" and "Larry King Live."

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said Sunday that Blagojevich should be defending himself at the trial because the extra media attention won't impress the state senators who will be judging him.

"Barbara Walters is not on his jury," Durbin said, refer-



Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, carrying a biography of Winston Churchill, leaves his home in Chicago on Sunday. The governor's trial starts today. AP

NATIONAL NEWS

Pennsylvania fires destroy 15 homes

COATESVILLE — The latest in a string of suspicious fires in this Philadelphia suburb tore through a block of row houses, damaging 15 homes, leaving several dozen people homeless and prompting city officials to declare a state of emergency.

At least 30 arsons have been reported since the beginning of 2008, about half of them in the last three weeks. Police said the blazes may be part of a gang initiation, but there was no clear information who was committing the crimes or why.

The latest fire was reported late Saturday at the rear of one house and quickly spread to adjacent homes in the Chester County community.

"This is an arson, no question about it," City Manager Harry Walker said Sunday.

Portland Mayor refuses to resign

PORTLAND — The mayor of Portland, Ore., told city commissioners Sunday he will not resign despite calls for him to do so after he admitted he lied and asked a teenager to lie about their sexual relationship.

Mayor Sam Adams publicly apologized this past week for lying early in his campaign about the relationship with an 18-year-old man in 2005.

City Commissioner Randy Leonard told The Associated Press that Adams left him a phone message Sunday morning saying he had decided to remain in office.

LOCAL NEWS

Man run over by his own truck

GREENTOWN — Indiana State Police say a rural Greentown man died after he was run over by his own unoccupied truck.

Police say 78-year-old Bradley L. Tate had parked his pickup truck in his driveway about 50 miles north of Indianapolis and crossed the road to get his mail Saturday afternoon.

The unoccupied truck then rolled backward across the road toward Tate. Police say he tried to stop the truck, but it rolled over him and dragged him about 15 feet before coming to rest in a field.

ring to "View" co-host.

Legal experts see little benefit to Blagojevich from boycotting the trial while refusing to resign. The decision means he'll still be leaving office soon, but only after proceedings guaranteed to put him in a bad light.

Senators, and thus the public, will hear details of the criminal charges against Blagojevich. They're likely to hear recordings that allegedly reveal the governor talking about signing legislation in exchange for campaign contributions. And in addition to simply removing Blagojevich, the Senate could vote to bar him from ever again holding public office in Illinois.

"This man mystifies me," said Ann Lousin, a professor at Chicago's John Marshall Law School.

The governor's decision to cling to office also surprises Dean Pagani, former chief of staff to Connecticut Gov. John Rowland, who resigned in 2004 rather than be impeached.

The stain of being convicted and removed from office would be far greater for Blagojevich than the stain of resigning, Pagani said. A resignation would allow Blagojevich to claim he stepped aside for the good of the state, not because he was judged unfit to hold office.

"It's unfortunate for the

state," Pagani said. "Whether you like it or not, when a governor is in this kind of situation, everything grinds to a halt. There's only one issue the capitol building can deal with, and that's impeachment."

Resignation might even help Blagojevich with jurors in any future criminal trial, said one expert.

"If I were his lawyer, I would say, 'Why don't you make yourself a little less offensive to people? Why not make yourself a little more sympathetic?'" said Leonard Cavise, a law professor at DePaul University.

Yet Blagojevich says that's not an option.

ISRAEL

Gaza campaign seen as temporary success

Associated Press

SDEROT — Sderot's open-air market is bustling for the first time in a month, thanks to newfound quiet following Israel's punishing offensive in the Gaza Strip.

Many residents of this rocket-scarred town say they see the operation against Hamas as a long-overdue military success — but also believe the good times will be short-lived.

"There is no victory here, only quiet," said Eli Asayag, 55.

Sderot is less than a mile from Gaza, a frequent target for the homemade rockets from militants there over the

past eight years. Thousands have exploded in this town of 20,000, traumatizing residents and damaging many houses and businesses. Six people have been killed and a few dozen wounded.

The satisfaction here with the Israeli military's performance is coupled with the despair of continuing to live in the shadow of violence. People see the recent offensive as a corrective after the inconclusive, frustrating war against Hezbollah guerrillas in 2006, and a stirring example of national unity.

But they also see it as a successful round in a match many expect will continue indefinitely.

"If this brings us a half-year of quiet

or a year, it's good. If it brings us 10 years, it's great. But we never forget that Gaza will always be our neighbor, and as long as Hamas is in control there, we will be in danger," said David Buskila, the town's mayor.

Hagit Didi, a mother of three, left Sderot six months ago because of the rocket fire, relocating to the nearby town of Netivot — only to find herself in danger there when the range of Hamas rockets increased.

"There won't be quiet here for long. How can you defeat people like this?" she said. Her 8-year-old son has grown up with the rockets and has never slept anywhere but with her in her bed, Didi said.

Club

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change the world."

He does not like to refer to it as a business club. Instead, the club aims to instill in its member an entrepreneurial mentality.

"We try to encourage non-business majors to join," Urquijo said. "We're looking for a diverse group of students with very different ideas and backgrounds. Anybody can be an entrepreneur."

The club's leaders are looking to surpass Stanford and Oxford's Entrepreneurial Societies, both of which have more than 3,000 members.

"We can learn from Oxford and Stanford, even just their recruiting structure," said sophomore Dominic Fanelli, who is in charge of recruitment for the club.

Fanelli and other club members continue to recruit new members with their "road show," where they present the Entrepreneurship Society to various Notre Dame lecture classes.

The club currently undertakes between 40 and 50 projects and events per year. These include social entrepreneurial projects, such as their consulting and service projects, where club members give their opinions and advice to local entrepreneurs. This gives students the opportunity to get basic hands on experience.

The society is hoping to launch a national magazine called "Type-E."

"This would be used as a tool for students to write and share their perspective and would be a valuable tool for employers who want to know about our generation," Bennett said.

Club members are given a chance to participate in Case Bowl, where groups research and give a presentation on a certain company. Freshman Kevin Ortenzio was one of this year's participants.

"There are talented students

here who compete better than I do," Ortenzio said. "It's that competitive atmosphere that drove me to become a part of this club."

Along with various projects, the club's leaders arranged CEO dinners and keynote speakers to present the society with a short presentation and allow for questions. One of these speakers was Tom Suddes, a Notre Dame alumnus who has founded 19 companies and raised over a billion dollars for non-profit organizations.

"We hope that these presentations are inspiring," Bennett said. "They show the students that the people who accomplish remarkable things are normal people who lived a very similar lifestyle to them in college."

The club's leaders hope to give students experiences they wouldn't usually have — to give them the chance to meet people and make contacts and, by allowing students of varying majors to work together, to expose them to new perspectives.

"Really our biggest focus is education," Urquijo said. "Giving students the opportunity to work in groups and with South Bend entrepreneurs."

Co-presidents Bennett and Urquijo knew their efforts had paid off when Notre Dame's Entrepreneurship Society was offered membership to the Entrepreneurship Society, the premier inter-collegiate entrepreneurship network whose other members include Brown, Columbia, and Harvard.

"That's when we knew we'd arrived," Bennett said. "It was the elite asking us to join them."

Bennett and Urquijo hope that through the Entrepreneurship Society, they can convey their sense of idealist entrepreneurship.

"We're working very hard to instill the same vision in others," Urquijo said, "to pass it along to the next group of leaders."

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Lawmakers: casinos can help budgets

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The developer pitching the \$450 million Atlanta project, Dan O'Leary, estimates \$300 million a year in revenues would be funneled to the state, helping to pay for a popular lottery-funded scholarship that provides in-state college tuition for students with "B" averages.

Even Hawaii, which along with Utah is one of two states without a lottery or other form of legalized gambling, may consider a change. Aides to Gov. Linda Lingle, long an opponent of gambling, say she is open to discussing it as a way to close the state's growing budget gap.

Gambling proponents are quick to tout its bells and whistles: a \$54 billion annual industry that employs more than 350,000 people, with most state gambling revenues coming from lotteries, racetracks and betting devices such as slot and video poker machines. Twelve states reap tax money from full-fledged casinos, and

23 others have casinos on Native American reservations, which generally do not pay taxes to states.

But while advocates argue that casinos will help attract jobs and revitalize downtrodden areas, religious groups and other critics fear gambling has a disproportionately negative impact on lower-income people, and does not provide long-term economic growth.

They point to research that shows casinos attract crime, foster gambling addiction problems and divert money from other businesses.

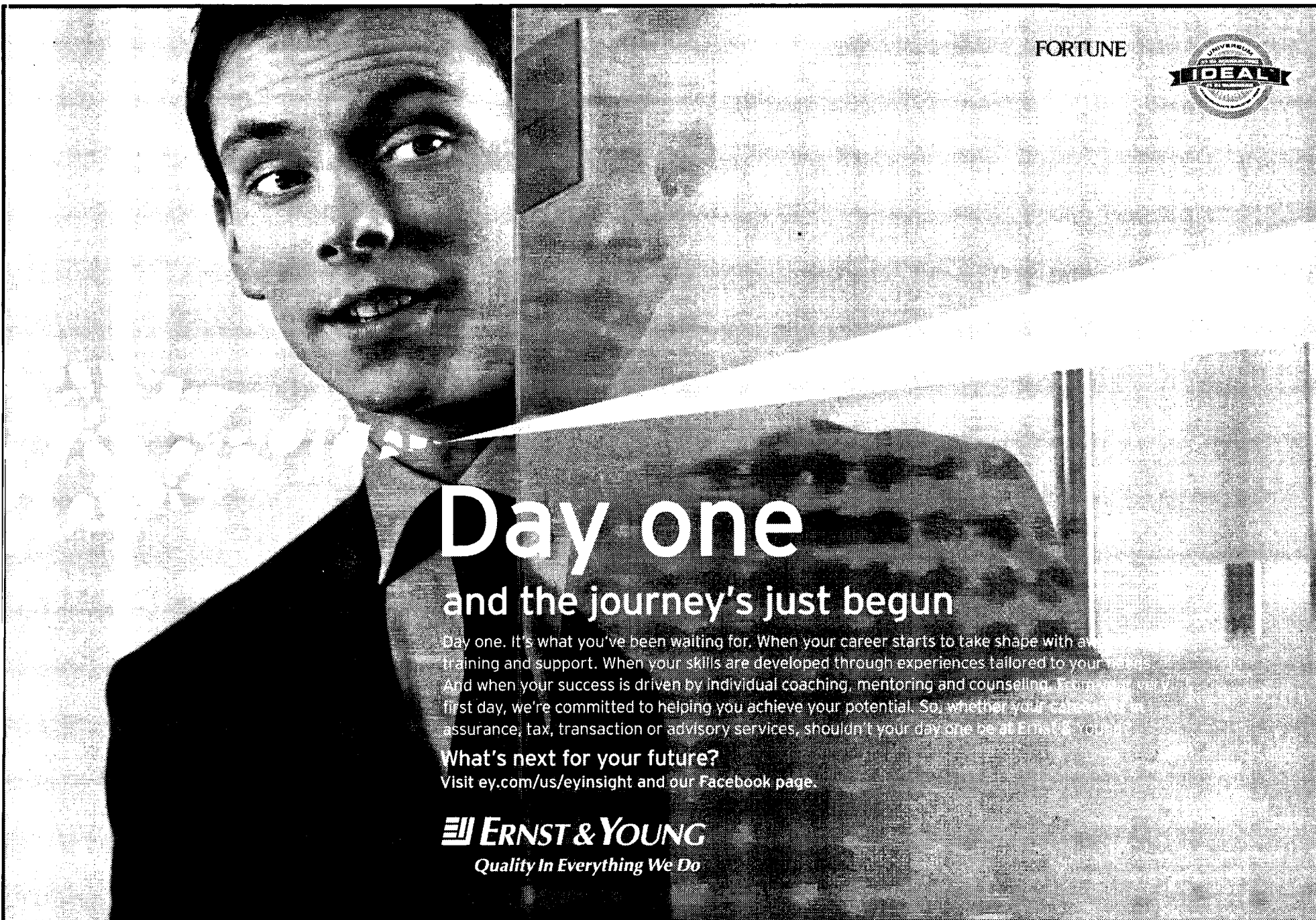
"We've got gambling in 48 states, and you'd think if it worked, you wouldn't have budget problems or education problems," said Tom Gray, a field director for StopPredatoryGambling.org.


Many of the gambling proposals seek to expand footholds in states that already allow limited gambling.

Kentucky's House speaker had proposed allowing video gambling terminals at the state's racetracks, and legislators in New Hampshire, New York and Texas are seeing proposals this year to allow similar gambling terminals at their tracks. Casino advocates plan to push for casino-style gambling in hurricane-ravaged Galveston, Texas, as well.

Lawmakers in other states are talking about reversing hard-fought crusades to tighten restrictions on gambling.

Nine years after South Carolina lawmakers outlawed video poker, state Sen. Robert Ford is fighting to make it legal again. Since July, lawmakers have cut roughly \$1 billion from the state's budget to address revenue shortfalls.



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Governors seek concessions from unions

COLUMBUS — Governors across the nation are seeking significant concessions from public employee unions in hopes of helping to balance their teetering budgets during the economic downturn.

From Maryland to California, Ohio to Hawaii, governors have asked or ordered state workers to accept furloughs, salary reductions, truncated workweeks or benefit cuts. They say the concessions are a better alternative to further job losses in the face of record-breaking unemployment.

Unions argue their members shouldn't be singled out and are even more vital in hard times — securing neighborhoods and prisons, educating children and providing social services to growing numbers of citizens.

In hard-hit Ohio, Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland has been a friend of the unions. But as the state's budget woes have intensified, he is asking unionized state employees to consider a 5 percent pay cut, a 35-hour workweek and the elimination of paid personal days and holidays, to save the state hundreds of millions of dollars.

Hudson River plane hit a soft body

WASHINGTON — A visual inspection of the battered, dented left engine of the US Airways jetliner that ditched in the Hudson River found no evidence of organic matter, but there are signs the plane hit a soft body, federal investigators say.

This engine and the right engine, which remained attached to the Airbus A-320 after the Jan. 15 ditching, will be shipped to their manufacturer, CFM International, in Cincinnati for thorough examination by safety board investigators. Both engines will be completely torn down to examine damage, and advanced equipment will be used to search for organic material not apparent during visual inspection.

The pilot reported the plane hit a flock of birds shortly after takeoff from LaGuardia Airport which shut down both his jets.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators said Saturday they visually examined the left engine after it was finally pulled 65 feet from the river bottom but saw no evidence of organic material.

Lobbyists skirt Obama's earmark ban

Interest groups finding ways to avoid ban, continue giving money to projects

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's ban on earmarks in the \$825 billion economic stimulus bill doesn't mean interest groups, lobbyists and lawmakers won't be able to funnel money to pet projects.

They're just working around it — and perhaps inadvertently making the process more secretive.

The projects run the gamut: a Metrolink station that needs building in Placentia, Calif.; a stretch of beach in Sandy Hook, N.J., that could really use some more sand; a water park in Miami.

There are thousands of projects like those that once would have been gotten money upfront but now are left to scramble for dollars at the back end of the process as "ready to go" jobs eligible for the stimulus plan.

The result, as The Associated Press learned in interviews with more than a dozen lawmakers, lobbyists and state and local officials, is a shadowy lobbying effort that may make it difficult to discern how hundreds of billions in federal money will be parceled out.

"No earmarks" isn't a game-ender," said Peter Buffa, former mayor of Costa Mesa, Calif. "It just means there's a different way of going about making sure the funding is there."

It won't be in legislative language that overtly sets aside money for them. That's the infamous practice known as earmarking, which Obama and Democratic congressional leaders have agreed to nix for the massive stimulus package, expected to come up for a House vote this week.

Instead, the money will be doled out according to arcane formulas spelled out in the bill and in some cases based on the decisions of Obama administration officials, governors and state and local agencies that will choose the projects.

Keith Ashdown, chief investigator of the watchdog group "Taxpayers For Common Sense," stands in the doorway at the group's office in Washington on Friday.

"Somebody's going to earmark it somewhere," said Howard Marlowe, a consultant for a coalition working to preserve beaches.

Lobbyists are hard at work figuring out ways to grab a share of the money for their clients, but the new rules mean they're doing so indirectly — and sometimes in ways that are impossible to track.

Congressional earmarks have had a bad name since the 2004 scandal that sent superlobbyist Jack Abramoff to prison and

earned the congressional spending committees a new nickname: "The Favor Factory."

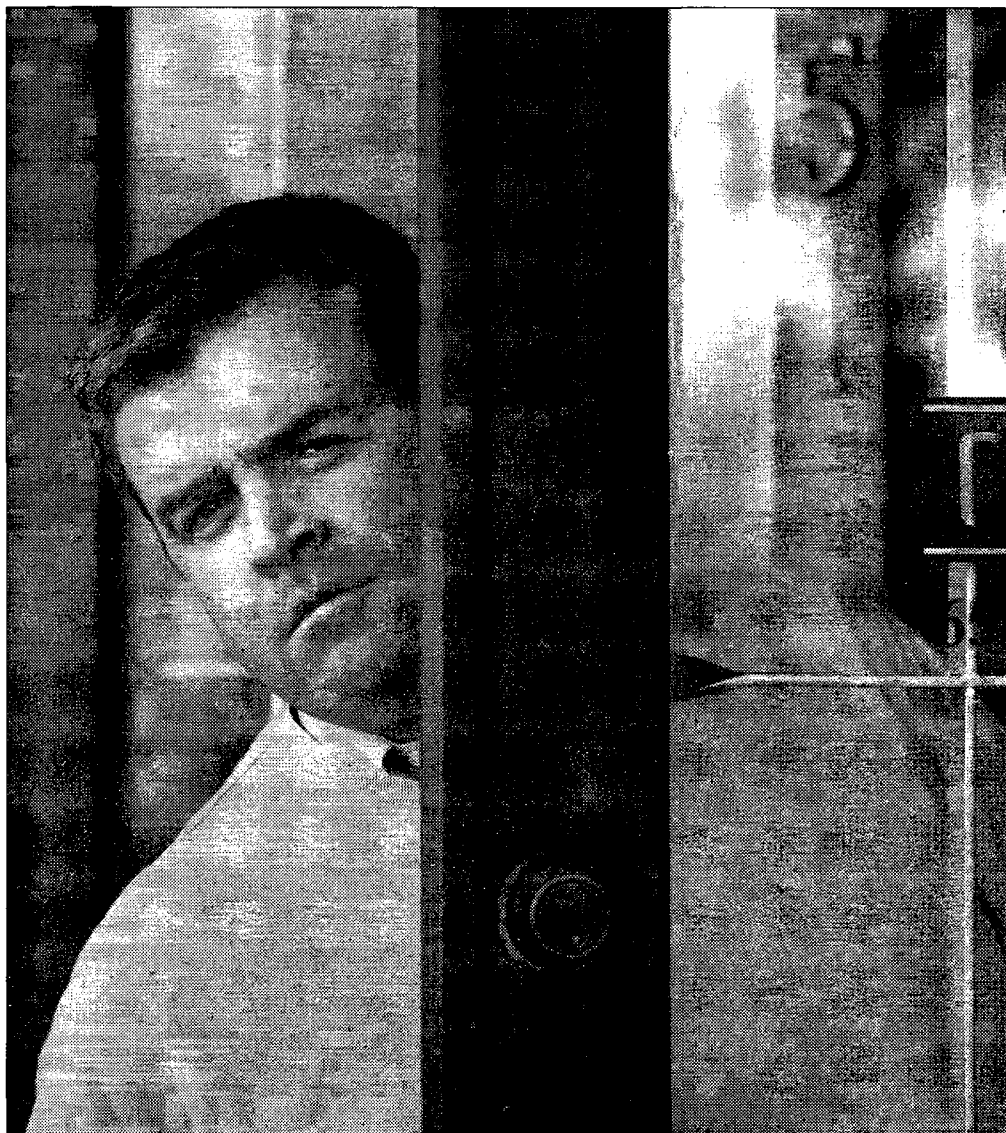
Obama, who campaigned promising a more transparent and accountable government, is advocating a system that will eventually let the public track exactly where stimulus money goes through an Internet-powered search engine. In addition, Democratic lawmakers have devised an elaborate oversight system, including a new board to review how the money is spent.

But none of that will happen until after the bill becomes law. Even critics of

the earmarks system acknowledge that specifying projects upfront offers some measure of transparency.

"We hate earmarks, but at least it's a way of tracking where influence is had," said Keith Ashdown of the watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense. "There is a challenge now that projects will be added behind closed doors without a paper trail."

Indeed, some lawmakers hearing from local groups say they're doing their own lobbying of governors and state and local officials who could have say-so over the funds.



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Does post-partisanship mean the end of liberal arts?

Change, having come to Washington, now seems poised to redraw the academic landscape as well, and humanities scholars are worrying once again about the future of their discipline.

Last Monday, Stanley Fish of the New York Times argued that higher education, driven by popular and administrative demand, is shifting irrevocably toward giving students useful, work-applicable skills and away from the "determined inutility" of the humanities. The very next day, newly-minted President Barack Obama promised to "transform our schools and colleges and universities to meet the demands of a new age." And since then, graduate students and untenured faculty in the humanities began a new bout of soul-searching, wondering whether the life of the mind that they had signed up to live would be around by the time they reached their own professional maturity.

Publishing and rebutting pre-mortems of humanistic scholarship has almost become its own academic field. Critics on all sides suggest that scholars in the humanities are incapable of communicating the relevance of their work to anyone outside of their field, that the American public is as too anti-intellectual to understand the humanities' value or that the liberal arts are simply incapable of being defined in terms of public significance. Whether or not Fish and company have overestimated the decline of the humanities (probably) and whether or not the liberal arts will ever return to their pre-modern prominence (probably not), what is clear is that they are in dire need of a better PR campaign.



Darryl Campbell

Speak Up,
Please

In his inaugural address, President Obama talked about the nation's need not just for a new physical infrastructure, but also a new digital one. Maybe the humanities need a similar electronic shot in the arm. No matter how irrelevant to most people's lives the most esoteric branches of physics, astronomy, math and so on are, their practitioners can still generate a lot more excitement — measured in terms of media attention, research dollars and general academic influence — than all but the most famous philosophers or literary critics. Despite their shared potential for "inutility," however, the humanities have not been anywhere near as innovative as the hard sciences in the past few decades, especially when it comes to integrating technology and computers with their research.

Take the field of history, for example. Outside of their own field, borrowing from, and claiming to understand, other liberal arts — most notably literary theory and postmodernism in the 1960s and beyond. Beyond that, historians will occasionally double-dip in social science fields such as archaeology, anthropology, or medicine, with varying degrees of success and sensitivity depending on the particular area of study. By and large, however, historians and scientists refuse to learn the particulars of each others' fields and are content to claim mutual unintelligibility. When it comes to technology, their record is even worse. As early as the 1950s, several prominent historians predicted that future generations of historians would need to know programming in addition to the traditional tools of historical inquiry. Since then, while scientists have developed or adapted programs and programming languages from MATLAB to the uncountable thousands of proprietary ones for their own projects, historians have not shown very many signs of technological life. At most they simply

use, or lend their expertise to, projects developed by libraries, companies and foundations, such as JSTOR, EndNote or Google Books.

In short, historians opted for the path of least resistance, taking the linguistic but not the scientific (or computational) turn, and by doing so have decided that they would simply benefit from, but not help advance, the Information Age. Instead of trying to use and develop technology on their own, they wait for others to develop technology and point out its usefulness to the academy. Instead of expanding the horizons of their field outside of the humanities, they hold the disciplinary line. And so they continue to practice their craft in the same way that they have since the nineteenth century, even though the public no longer holds nineteenth century academic interests or nineteenth century expectations for its intellectual community. The price they are paying is apathy among the public, the academy at large and you, their students (and except for majors, how many among you would say that you would prioritize your humanities requirements above all your other classes?).

It may very well be the case that the humanities are in danger of total obscurity, and certainly purely humanistic studies are not ever going to be as privileged as they once were. But the problem is not that scholars of liberal arts are any less relevant than some scientific fields; it is simply that they alone in the academy have refused to reinvent their disciplines and restate their appeal for the 21st century in any significant way. Until they do so, the humanities may as well accept their reputation as an academic dinosaur.

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"The past empowers the present,
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leading to this present mark
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Mary Catherine Bateson
cultural anthropologist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dangers of denying fair trial

With regard to Nathan Furtado's Jan. 23 letter titled "Objectivity, please," I agree with his main point that "objectivity is a cornerstone of journalistic integrity" and that The Observer should strive for it. However, I cannot agree with another, more subtle point made in his letter, in which he worries about "the dangers of providing unrepentant terrorists with civilian trials."

I cannot imagine that he has been reading objective journalism if he actually believes a statement like that. Under the Constitution, all citizens are granted the right of habeas corpus, which means the right to a fair trial. This was said by Thomas Jefferson to be "[one of the] essential principles of our government." And yet, since the beginning of the "War on Terror," we have denied this right to assumed enemy combatants. There is no proof needed to imprison these individuals and they do not have the right to an attorney or trial.

Mr. Furtado, if you are so sure that everyone in Guantanamo Bay is guilty of terrorism, why are you unwilling to grant them a trial to which we as citizens have the right? Surely the courts will prove them guilty as well. The truth is that while a number of the prisoners in Gitmo are terrorists, others are not. Many are only guilty of being Arab and in the wrong place at the wrong time. I think it would be disingenuous for us to call America "the land of the free" if we were to continue to leave the freedom of these individuals up to the discretion of an anonymous few.

"The dangers" that Furtado associates with extending our rights to those we hold captive in Cuba pale in comparison to the dangers that will arise if we do not, such as the risk of dishonoring the document that gives our country integrity and moral grounding. In his inaugural address, President Obama stated that "we reject as false the choice between our safety and our ideals," which he corroborated by signing the order to close Guantanamo Bay. I hope that Mr. Furtado may also see that those two objectives do not have to be mutually exclusive.

Lucy Geglio
sophomore
Farley Hall
Jan. 23

Our big-eyed, bushy-tailed

The winter months are well upon the students of Notre Dame. Snow falls incessantly, faces disappear under mounds of scarves and campus squirrels run rampant. Some of my peers have suggested that the squirrels are simply poor, lost students; mutated victims of punishment via mysterious experiments in the depths of the radiation building. Some more astute science majors, however, can see the root of the problem: a classic case of an ecosystem imbalance. Overrun with noisy, hormonal class-goers, the squirrels have turned to violent revolt in an attempt to reclaim their ground. Joggers are attacked, muffins are stolen and nuts are thrown in the path of innocent wanderers in these daily acts of aggression. Some more desperate members of the squirrel cause have resorted to suicide missions, hurling themselves beneath the wheels of unsuspecting bicyclists. These acts of aggression are alarming and cannot stand. As a strictly entrepreneurial strategy, I know that souvenir squirrels would sell faster than monogrammed Snuggles. I fear, however, that such an exploitation of a group of creatures would only further disrupt their communities and increase their anger.

The best and only solution to our problem is to work with nature, not against it. Students: Take action now to amend the DuLac dorm room pet clause to include not only "non-carnivorous fish," but "locally displaced squirrel refugees" as well. Squirrels need homes, too.

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Jan. 22

Uphold Constitution

Here at Notre Dame, it is currently rather unfashionable to express an opinion on subjects other than football, hot girls or pop cultural phenomena such as "J*zz in my Pants." Being at heart a timid young man, overly susceptible to peer pressure, I am naturally inclined to censor myself on a great number of just such socially unacceptable subjects. Further, my reputation as an easygoing man-about-town with a weakness for the fairer sex is at stake. Why compromise my carefully constructed persona by revealing myself to have thoughts and interests deeper than getting drunk and hooking up with girls on the weekends?

Unfortunately, a letter one Nathan Furtado wrote to The Observer has so offended the part of my brain that is responsible for thinking that I cannot help revealing myself to have political opinions. I know that expressing such opinions is about as attractive to girls as a piece of spinach lodged between the front teeth. Therefore, I must respectfully request that any hot girls, or girls in which I have a prurient interest, stop reading this letter. Immediately.

Mr. Furtado, the indirect denial of the existence of innocents at Guantanamo by speaking of the "unrepentant terrorists" lodged there represents more spin than the most biased liberal media outlet could possibly offer. Unless you've been living under a rock, you cannot be unaware that: a) Guantanamo has innocents, and b) we've been torturing them. And unlike controversies over whether the tax rate on the top tax bracket should be 35 percent or 39.6 percent, the question of whether or not torturing a few innocent people is okay is not open to debate. By the way, the reason people call Barack Obama a socialist? He favors 39.6 percent. And what exactly are "the dangers of providing unrepentant terrorists with civilian trials"? Even the Nazis got habeas corpus. No matter which way you slice it, holding terrorists publicly accountable for their crimes is a hell of a lot better than torturing them.

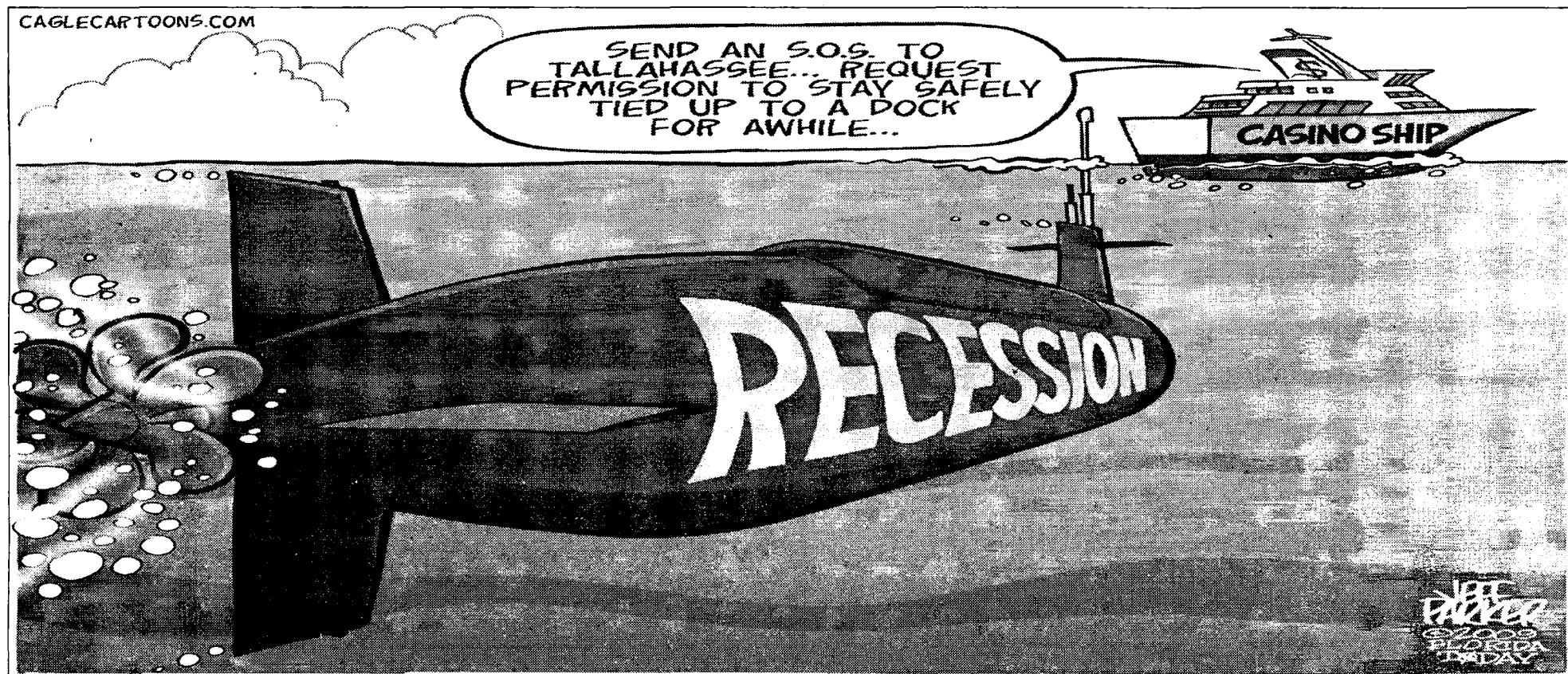
I find it hard to believe that we find ourselves in such a state of emergency that we can cavalierly dispense with the basic civil rights in the Constitution; I haven't exactly seen any bombs dropping over the Sears Tower or the Dome. And before you tell me that it was the Bush administration's hard-line stance on torture that has prevented further terrorist attacks, I fail to see why people who are not afraid of death would be deterred by the threat of a little waterboarding, a few electrified nipple clamps, or (gasp!) watching books get flushed down toilets.

The real partisans here, Mr. Furtado, are not the law professors who applauded the closing of what represents at the very least the worst publicity the US has received since Vietnam. They are people like you who, through spin and distortion, handwave away or outright deny cold, sober facts like the existence of tortured innocents in Guantanamo, global warming and evolution. Married to their theories of the way the world should work, they fail to take into account the way the world does work; and the sorry state of our economy and reputation at home and abroad is what we have to show for it.

That's the end of my rant. I implore my harder-partying peers, who find themselves unencumbered with the baggage of an intellectual life when chatting up the carefully bronzed women of this campus, not to judge me too harshly; and I sincerely hope that the girls can overlook my transgression of propriety and continue to see me as an easygoing, devil-may-care sex object.

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sophomore
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SZYMON RYZNER
Scene Writer

The nominations for this year's Academy Awards emerged last week and it seems that the criticism surrounding the selections is significantly more present than in recent years past. Best Picture nominations went to many deserving films, albeit films that everyone expected to garner nominations. Films such as "Milk" or "Frost/Nixon" could be nominated for Oscars simply because of their trailers, historical dramas, great performances, and successful directors. What the academy needs is to reinvigorate the film fan, to reform the interest in movies that seems to be on a decline.

In spite of its flaws, "Benjamin Button" was put together extremely well. The artistic aspect of the film was excellent, and the technology used to make Brad Pitt age in reverse was stunning. "Benjamin Button" was also the most nominated film, and it gained nominations in every major category. Instead of stroking the collective ego of the academy community they should reward the films that teach, the actors that emote, directors who look outside of the standard awards scope and produce a film that is unique, memorable, and challenges the audience. "Slumdog Millionaire" and "Milk" are the only films that were nominated this year that brought something different and new to the table. The remaining nominees are a film about the holocaust, "The Reader," a love story drama, "Benjamin Button," and a historical drama, "Frost/Nixon." No doubt all films of quality, but not films of substance, or of lasting significance.

The films that left out of any contention were "The Dark Knight," "The Wrestler," and "Gran Torino." Take "The Dark Knight," a film that was taken very seriously publicly, was hailed by critics, and, above all, surpassed every expectation and elevated the superhero genre. Still, there were no nominations for the director, Christopher Nolan, who masterfully crafted this epic contribution, no doubt a film that will be talked about for years to come. Despite memorable performances, the only significant nomination for the film was a supporting actor nod to Heath Ledger. Heath Ledger was a good third of the film, if not half, and yet he is only given a supporting actor nomination.

"The Wrestler" was snubbed too. The director, Darren Aronofsky ("Requiem for a Dream," "The Fountain,") took a chance casting Mickey Rourke. It wasn't going to be the box office smash it could have been if Nicholas Cage had remained in the role, but it was meant to be a comeback film for the motivated and talented Mickey Rourke. It was a labor of love and this is obvious, but apparently not obvious to the academy, which only nominated Rourke for best actor but left the film and director out of contention. The academy also managed to over look the films musical merits, which are found in the original song by Bruce Springsteen written for the film.

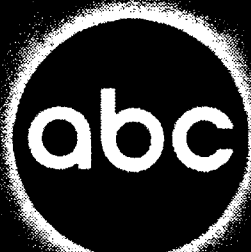
"Gran Torino," Clint Eastwood's latest attempt was also obviously a labor of love for the actor/director. Despite a weak supporting cast, Eastwood was able to carry the film, and he was both entertaining and crafted an emotional tale of gang violence and family. He did not receive any nominations for his memorable performance despite the popularity among fans and critics alike.

As there are many snubs, there are also charming revelations and perhaps even hope for the Academy within some of their other nominations. Robert Downey Jr., controversially played an actor who changed the color of his skin to effectively portray a black Vietnam War officer. It's both entertaining and enlightening that Downey garnered a nomination for this very silly role. Though the nomination is nothing more than a novelty, it shows that perhaps the academy isn't simply a collection of out of touch retirees.

The academy needs to branch out. It needs to reward those who innovate, those who craft with love, and those for who are simply joyful in fulfilling their film industry dreams. The purpose of a film should not be to collect various awards. A film should be made to entertain, to be enjoyed, to teach and to provide the artists of this world with a way to share their talent. The Academy Awards should reward those who achieve these goals, who go above and beyond great filmmaking. It should reward those who truly love their work. It should recognize those who realize that creating reels of cinematic brilliance is the only reward necessary.

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FROST NIXON

captures history & captivates audiences

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

"Frost/Nixon" deserves its Oscar nomination for Best Picture. The Academy Awards have for the most part become associated with rewarding 'serious' films, but "Frost/Nixon" delivers on all levels, producing not only an introspective into a particular moment in time, but also some wonderful performances, entertaining characters, and an understated commentary on how we view history. "Frost/Nixon" tells the story of the 1977 interviews between David Frost (Michael Sheen) and President Nixon (Frank Langella). Frost is a mostly disrespected British talk show host who tempts Nixon into his first post-Watergate interview with a \$600,000 appearance fee. He pays this out of his own pocket, since the networks didn't trust him to take on Nixon, famous for his stonewalling and political savvy, without supervision. Frost and his team of researchers seek to draw the apology out of Nixon that never came after his resignation as president. Nixon is hoping to recover and reestablish himself on the political scene. The film focuses in on these two men, capturing their strengths and their insecurities. Nixon is painted as a man who is intelligent and genuinely concerned, but arrogant and incapable at interacting socially with people. Frost, on the other hand, is a social butterfly and ladies man who can't quite leap the hurdle and become respected. In a way, this interview is the last chance for both men. The actors excelled in their roles, which they first developed for the stage play, also titled "Frost/Nixon." Frank Langella, now nominated for Best Actor, is amazing as Nixon, capturing not only the man's physical characteristics but his personality. Langella has the challenging task of portraying this smart, confident man at the lowest moment in his life, adrift and unsure of what to do with himself.

Depending on taste, American audiences will recognize Michael Sheen from either "The Queen" or the Underworld series. Michael Sheen is both blessed and cursed to frequently be placed next to dynamite actors, like Langella and Helen Mirren. He excels in his roles,

but has the disadvantage of being forgotten in the rush. As David Frost, he has to contain Frost's natural extravagance in a way that is both true and relatable to the audience, and does so successfully. "Frost/Nixon" is also a quiet commentary on how we view history, especially for those of us who weren't alive in the 1970s to see the initial interviews. It is a film based off of a play based on a set of interviews between two people doing their best to spin the results in their favor. Peter Morgan, who wrote the original play and adapted it for film, has made a career out of capturing the spirit of historical events, even if they are not wholly accurate. Writing the scripts for films such as "The Queen," "The Last King of Scotland," "The Other Boleyn Girl," and "The Deal," he has learned to package and dramatize real life events. Throughout the film, the characters talk about how the audience will perceive the interviews and how important it is that the people involved not only understand the history of what actually happened, but how to use television and the power of the perfect close-up. It's a statement of how history is captured and produced for us to consume at many levels.

Frost/Nixon

Directed by: Ron Howard

Starring : Frank Langella, Michael Sheen, Kevin Bacon, Sam Rockwell, Matthew Macfadyen, Oliver Platt



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Between the Buns: Fair Fare

By J.J. REES
Scene Writer

Three years ago, a good friend of mine was given a gift certificate for Between the Buns, just east of campus on 23. Besides "I can't believe you've never been there," I hadn't heard much of the sports bar closest to campus. We watched away games from our futons, our parents took us to Rocco's and Parisi's, and three years went by without using the gift certificate. In Spring 2008, my friend left Notre Dame with a diploma and the still-unused gift certificate. But last week, I finally paid Between the Buns an overdue visit, and I found out exactly why a gift certificate is great for a student looking for a straightforward sports bar.

My (new) friend and I were quickly seated at the worst seat in the whole place — a badly lit corner booth. Our complaints were immediately quelled with the discovery of our booth's flat-screen TV, solving the problem of watching Tigers-Royals games once and for all. Really, the only game on TV was a rerun of the last night's Blues-Blackhawks game. Technically, we could have watched Step by Step reruns, but I was already under fire from our waitress for asking way too many questions for a non-critic, sports bar-goer. Our seating area was not too crowded, besides the walls of pennants, jerseys and memorabilia, with enough pictures to keep any sports die-hards interested and satisfied.

Our waitress easily convinced us to take advantage of the night's drink special: \$3 Miller, Coors and Killian's on Thursday nights. I should mention that the deal is misleading; \$3 got us each an enormous 32-ounce mug of beer, volumetrically giving even the 'Backer a run for its money. In fact, a lot of things at Between the Buns reminded me of the Linebacker: a smattering of townie clientele, excellent daily specials, easygoing, local employees, and even an 80's rock soundtrack to boot.

We started with nachos and the most popular appetizer, chicken strips with "Original" Barbecue sauce. These starters were nothing special, and I was more impressed by the nachos' chicken than the strips

themselves, although the BBQ sauce brought redemptive flavor to the dish. The nachos with guacamole and salsa were fine but forgettable — only for those in a nachos mood. The kitchen stepped itself up a bit for the entrées: a pulled pork sandwich with Cajun BBQ and the Ryne Sandburger (ha, ha). The sandwich delivered, with big pieces of tender pork and a soft hoagie bun. My biggest pet peeve about Cajun flavoring is when cooks add just pepper (give the culture some credit!), but this was avoided in a runny but otherwise well-done BBQ sauce. The burger, with sautéed onions, mushrooms, Monterey Jack and cheddar cheeses, was big enough and good enough to count as a solid sports bar burger. It won't win any awards, but it won't disappoint many customers. The fries weren't quite hot enough, but still managed to please. I admit that although I have decent experience with cooking and dining, I am definitely a novice critic. I was reminded of this by last week's blunder — ordering dessert. I figured if I was going to be writing a review, I should sample all courses, and the chocolate cake seemed simple enough. I could tell that our waitress was joking when she said it would go well with beer, but I had no idea how serious her sarcasm was. I knew I would either be pleasantly surprised, or reinforce an already evident rule. There was nothing wrong with the dish, but suffice it to say that I ate dessert at a sports bar so you don't have to.

Despite its few shortcomings, the restaurant's best feature is that it supplies the regular bar food that it promises. The many daily food and drink specials will please everyone at least some of the time. It would be reasonable for two people to eat a full dinner with drinks for \$30, as long as they find an agreeable special. Odds are that anyone going to Between the Buns knows and will get what they want out of the sports bar, and the various specials and entertainment are an added bonus to the consistent fare.

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1803 South
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Prices:
Moderately
Cheap
10 words or less:
Sports bar,
solid
standard
fare,
excellent
specials
Overall: 2.5/4

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NBA

Celtics rout struggling Mavericks to extend win streak

Los Angeles back to full strength with return of Farmar, get easy victory over Western Conference foe San Antonio

Associated Press

BOSTON — Paul Pierce, reached over and gave Kevin Garnett a hearty slap on the back as they laughed off the suggestion that now, with virtually everything going right, would be a good time to buy a lottery ticket.

"I've got a lottery ticket already," Pierce said after watching Garnett score 23 points and help shut down Dirk Nowitzki to lead Boston to its eighth straight win, 124-100 over the Dallas Mavericks. "That's my man. I knew him when he had a jean jacket."

Reserve Eddie House also scored 23 — including seven 3-pointers — and Ray Allen scored 20 of his 23 points in the first half as the Celtics opened a 27-point lead and coasted to their sixth straight double-digit victory.

Since a 2-7 slump that was the worst of the new Big Three era, the defending NBA champions have won eight in a row by an average of 16.2 points — almost two points a game better than their margin of victory in the franchise-record 19-game winning streak earlier this season.

"I just think we're playing together," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "In the 19-game winning streak, we were winning games but in my opinion we weren't playing Celtics basketball the way we established last year."

Jason Terry scored 27 for the Mavericks, who have won just three of their last nine games. Nowitzki had 18, but the Dallas 7-footer shot 4-for-17 from the field and had the ignominy of having his shot blocked by the 6-foot-1 House in the second quarter.

House made seven of his first nine tries from 3-point range and finished 7-for-11, prompting his teammates to campaign for him to be invited to the 3-point shooting contest at the All-Star game.

"I think he needs to go," Pierce said, though Allen was 4-for-5 from 3-point range and is second in the league with 112 3-pointers made. "He (House) is one of the quickest triggers in the league, as well as one of the most accurate. It would be nice to have a representative of the team, if Ray doesn't do it."

Rajon Rondo had 13 points

and 14 assists for the Celtics, who shot 65 percent in the first half; their 74 first-half points were a season high for them and the most allowed in any half for Dallas. The Mavericks were wrapping up a four-game, seven-day road trip with a matinee against the defending champs, and they looked like it.

"I don't know if that's the toughest scenario you could have, but it's close," Rivers said. "And we were just making everything."

But coach Rick Carlisle said he thought his players were ready.

"I thought they were really looking forward to the game," he said. "Boston was great, and we needed to be better. We haven't come across a team that plays this effective defensively."

Boston led by 15 after one quarter by 12 with 9:10 left in the second before scoring 15 straight points — and 21 of 26 — to take a 64-33 lead.

Dallas cut the deficit back to 27 points and Nowitzki was going up for a layup when House stripped him of the ball under the basket and started a fast break that ended with Allen feeding Garnett for a crowd-pleasing alley-oop.

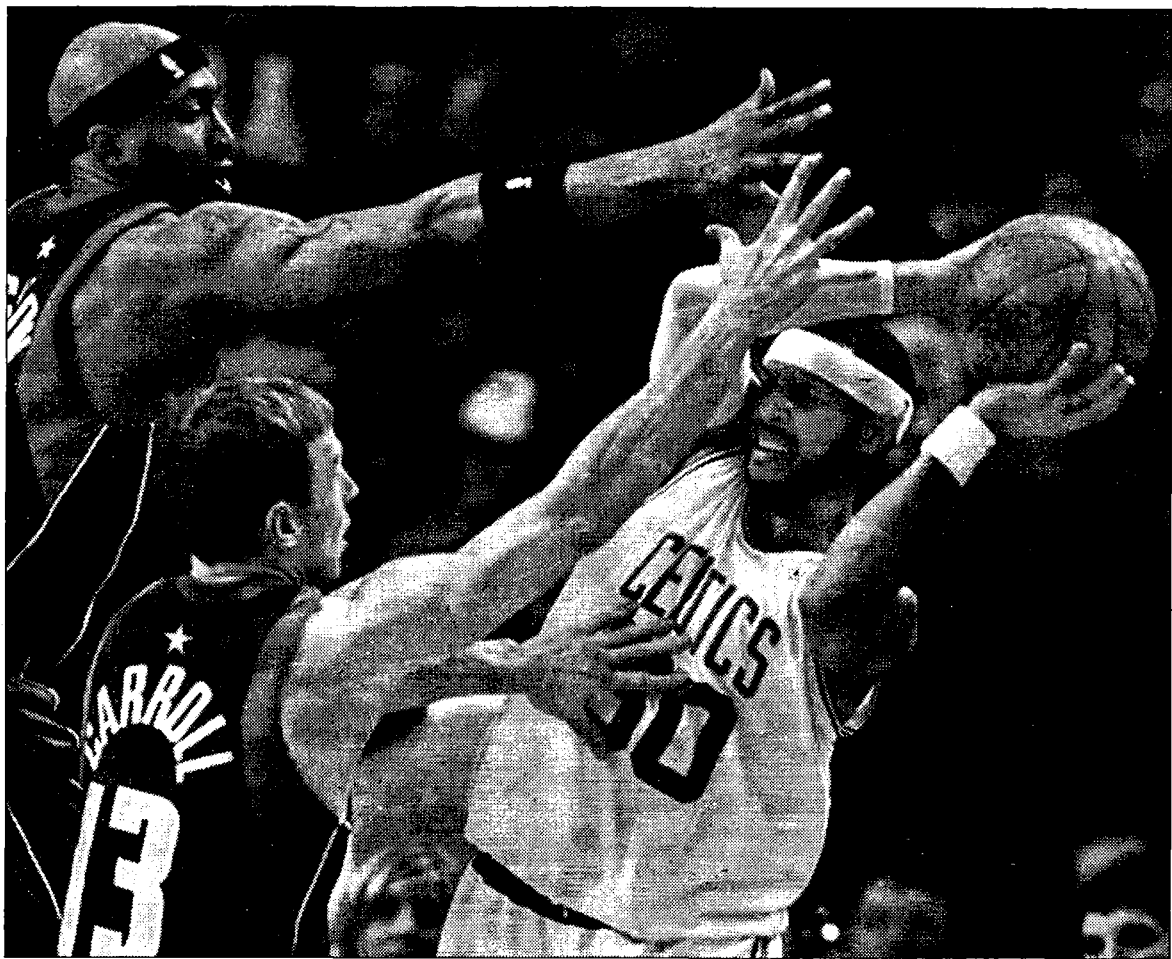
The Celtics hit 100 points with 50 seconds left in the third quarter. Garnett and Paul Pierce, who scored eight points, came out with 3:17 left in the third quarter, and all of the Boston starters sat out the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter got chippy with one double-technical on Leon Powe and James Singleton, and another that was called on the Mavericks bench. Although TV cameras focused on owner Mark Cuban, who was complaining, the technical was apparently against assistant coach Mario Elie.

Lakers 99, Spurs 85

After a month of playing short-handed, the Los Angeles Lakers are back to full strength. If Sunday is an accurate indication, that means trouble for every other NBA team.

Kobe Bryant scored 22 points before sitting out the fourth quarter, Pau Gasol added 16 points, five rebounds and four assists, and the Lakers beat the San Antonio Spurs in a matchup of the Western Conference's best teams that turned out to be



Boston's Eddie House, right, looks for an opening around around Dallas's James Singleton and Matt Carroll, center, in the second half of the Celtics' 124-100 win over the Mavericks Sunday.

a mismatch.

The win was the fourth straight and 14th in 17 games for the Lakers (35-8), whose .814 winning percentage is the best in the NBA although the defending champion Boston Celtics (37-9) lead them by a half-game in the overall standings by virtue of their 124-100 victory over Dallas earlier Sunday.

Backup point guard Jordan Farmar returned after missing 18 games because of an injured left knee, and scored 14 points. Luke Walton played in his third game after missing nine with an injured foot, and Lamar Odom (knee) and Sasha Vujacic (back spasms) were also sidelined for brief periods.

"We missed him a lot. He makes our second unit go, he's the motor," Bryant said of Farmar, who shot 5-of-7 including 2-of-3 from 3-point range. "Now that he's back, everybody falls into their natural positions and we are back clicking on all cylinders."

Reserve Trevor Ariza scored 17 points to match his season

high and Andrew Bynum had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers. Gasol was the only Los Angeles starter to play in the final period.

"A lot. Big," coach Phil Jackson replied when asked how important Farmar's return was to the Lakers. "It helps us a lot. Jordan obviously has attributes — the speed and the quickness. Those are things that we missed, that tempo change in our game."

Farmar wasn't expected to play until Tuesday night against Charlotte or during the Lakers' upcoming five-game road trip that begins Friday night in Minnesota.

"I've been feeling better for about a week now," he said. "I still had to go through a process to make sure I was OK. No pain, no swelling — it felt normal. I have been watching these guys play and I expect to be playing like this all the time. That's how I am; I work hard and I'm disappointed when it doesn't happen."

Jackson said before the game that Farmar was on the active

list, but he wasn't sure he'd play the third-year pro.

"I was in his ear the whole time on the bench," Farmar said with a smile. "He would have had to deal with that the whole game."

Farmar entered the game late in the first quarter and played almost seven minutes in his first action since Dec. 19. He returned late in the third period and played another 10½ minutes.

Tony Parker had 19 points and six assists and Tim Duncan added 15 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs (29-14), who lost for just the fourth time in 18 games. Neither played in the fourth quarter.

"We didn't play very smart in the first half, gave them 15 minutes of bonus and ended up being down six," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That was the tale of the first half: just too many mental mistakes, foul-wise. In the second half, we spotted them two quick 3s with bad rotations and never caught up after that. The game was over at that point."

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Five days since you laughed at me

Saying get that together come back and see me.

Three days since the living room

I realized it's all my fault, but couldn't tell you

Yesterday you'd forgiven me

But it'll still be two days till I say I'm sorry

Hold it now and watch the hoodwink
As I make you stop, think
You'll think you're looking at aquaman
I summon fish to the dish, although I like the chalet swiss
I like the sushi cause its never touched a frying pan
Hot like wasabi when I bust rhymes
Big like leann rimes
Because im all about value
Bert kaempfers got the mad hits
You try to match wits
You try to hold me but I bust through
Gonna make a break and take a fake
Id like a stinkin achin shake
I like vanilla, its the finest of the flavors
Gotta see the show, cause then youll know
The vertigo is gonna grow
Cause its so dangerous, you'll have to sign a waiver

How can I help it if I think you're funny when you're mad

Trying hard not to smile though I feel bad

I'm the kind of guy who laughs at a funeral

Cant understand what I mean?

Well, you soon will

I have a tendency to wear my mind on my sleeve

I have a history of taking off my shirt

Its been one week since you looked at me

Threw your arms in the air and said you're crazy

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Division I Women's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	points	record
1	Connecticut	1125	17-0
2	North Carolina	1080	17-0
3	Oklahoma	1018	14-2
4	Duke	958	15-1
5	Baylor	948	15-1
6	Auburn	895	18-0
7	Louisville	867	18-1
8	California	780	14-2
9	Texas A&M	745	14-2
10	Tennessee	686	14-3
11	Stanford	673	13-4
12	Maryland	622	15-3
13	NOTRE DAME	601	15-2
14	Texas	553	14-3
15	Florida	445	17-2
16	Virginia	442	14-3
17	Vanderbilt	407	14-4
18	Kansas State	366	15-1
19	Ohio State	361	14-3
20	Marist	205	17-1
21	Rutgers	182	10-5
22	Florida State	143	16-4
23	New Mexico	106	14-2
23	Oklahoma State	101	12-4
25	Pittsburgh	75	12-4

Division I Men's Indoor Track and Field Preseason Rankings

	team	points
1	Oregon	132
2	Arizona State	130
3	Arkansas	129
4	Florida	126
5	Florida State	104
6	Texas A&M	102
7	Texas	82
8	LSU	79
9	Louisville	73
10	BYU	71
11	Kentucky	69
12	Texas Tech	67
13	UNI	65
14	Baylor	59
15	Nebraska	56
16	South Carolina	55
17	Michigan	54
18	Kansas State	52
19	Arizona	51
20	Georgia	49
21	Georgetown	48
22	Boise State	47
23	Missouri	42
24	UCLA	41
25	Stanford	40

Women's USFCA College Fencing Coaches' Poll

	team	points
1	Penn State	10
2	NOTRE DAME	9
3	Ohio State	8
4	Columbia-Barnard	7
5	Harvard	6
6	Northwestern	5
7	Princeton	4
8	Temple	3
9	Penn	2
10	Duke	1

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Louisville at Connecticut
7:30 p.m., ESPN2

NCAA Men's Basketball

Oklahoma at Oklahoma State
9:00 p.m., ESPN

MLB



New York Yankees GM Brian Cashman, left, talks with then-Yankees manager Joe Torre during batting practice. Torre takes some harsh swings at Alex Rodriguez, Cashman, and the Yankees in a book due out early next month.

Torre takes swings at Yanks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Torre takes some harsh swings at Alex Rodriguez, Brian Cashman and the New York Yankees in a book due out early next month, according to New York newspaper reports.

"The Yankee Years" reveals that Rodriguez was called "A-Fraud" by his teammates and the star slugger developed an obsession with short-stop Derek Jeter, the New York Post and the Daily News reported Sunday.

Torre, who managed

the Yankees from 1996-2007 before taking over the Los Angeles Dodgers last season, also says he was betrayed by Cashman, New York's longtime general manager, the Daily News reported on its Web site.

Torre had a hot-and-cold relationship with Yankees ownership, including George Steinbrenner, but Cashman was thought to be a consistent ally. The GM did not immediately return a phone message from The Associated Press.

The book, co-authored by Sports Illustrated's Tom Verducci, is due out

Feb. 3 and is being published by Doubleday. It is not a first-person account but instead a third-person narrative by Verducci based on dozens of interviews with Yankees players and employees, ESPN.com reported, citing an unidentified source.

In the book, Torre also says Steinbrenner learned the manager had prostate cancer (during spring training 1999) before Torre even had a chance to inform him.

Torre guided the Yankees to the postseason in all 12 years as

manager and won four World Series titles from 1996-2000. But he was offered a one-year contract with a pay cut after the 2007 season, following New York's third straight first-round playoff exit.

Torre turned down the proposal, saying he felt insulted by the offer of bonuses based on post-season performance. He soon agreed to a three-year contract with the Dodgers and led them to the NL championship series last year before they were eliminated by the Philadelphia Phillies, who went on to win the World Series.

IN BRIEF

Seton Hall stuns No. 12 Georgetown 65-60

NEWARK, N.J. — Seton Hall celebrated its first Big East victory of the season on the same day it honored its team that almost won it all 20 years ago.

"We talked for a couple of days with the kids about carving a piece of the pie for themselves," Pirates coach Bobby Gonzalez said of the hoopla surrounding the return of the 1988-89 team that lost to Michigan in overtime in the national championship game. "We felt we could get one."

They did by gutting out a 65-60 victory over No. 12 Georgetown on Sunday to snap a six-game losing streak.

"We scratched and clawed and fought and made it a blood-and-guts possession game. We were desperate for it and pulled it out," Gonzalez said. "The '89 team brought some magic to the building and gave us a great atmosphere."

The reunion certainly didn't bring any long-range shooting success to either team.

Federer through to Aussie quarterfinals

MELBOURNE, Australia — Two sets down. A 6-foot-5 Tomas Berdych ripping forehand winners and powerful serves down at him, keeping him on the defensive.

Roger Federer's campaign to equal Pete Sampras' record 14 Grand Slam singles titles was in serious jeopardy in the fourth round Sunday at the Australian Open.

On the court where women's No. 1 Jelena Jankovic was knocked out in the day's opening match and No. 3 Dinara Safina had to save match points before advancing, Federer also appeared in trouble.

Not in his mind. "I wasn't thinking of losing, that's for sure," Federer said after reaching the quarterfinals with a 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 win. "The finish line was still very far for Tomas. I knew that."

"He pushed me to the limit. You've got to hang in there, there's no other solution."

Mathew wins Brazil Cup tournament by 5 strokes

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Catriona Matthew, the 39-year-old Scot five months pregnant with her second child, won the inaugural HSBC LPGA Brazil Cup by five shots over Kristy McPherson of the United States on Sunday.

Matthew had a 3-under 69 on the second day of the 36-hole exhibition tournament to finish at 6-under 138 at the Itanhangá Golf Club. McPherson was 1-under after shooting a 72.

"When you play well you don't feel tired," Matthew said. "Maybe tomorrow I will feel it a bit."

She started her final round with a birdie at the first hole and a bogey on the second, but built her lead with birdies on Nos. 5, 6 and 14.

McPherson had four birdies and four bogeys in her round, with two of the bogeys coming on par-5s.

Angela Park finished third in front of her home fans after a 75 left her nine shots back.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish complete sweep at Shamrock Invitational

Squad defeats three teams on senior day

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

In commanding fashion Notre Dame took full advantage of swimming at home to sweep Michigan State, Denver and West Virginia this weekend at the fourth annual Shamrock Invitational. Wins of 259.5-106.5, 233-131 and 265.5-97.5, respectively raised the No. 24 Irish to an overall record of 6-2 for the dual meet season.

"We had three good schools coming into the Rolfs Aquatic center this weekend," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "In the end, we were tough, and that was the difference."

Notre Dame started strong with an impressive win in the 200 medley Relay, winning in 1:43.91. Junior Maggie Behrens led the crew along with sophomores Samantha Maxwell, Kellyn Kuhlke and Amywren Miller.

"The relays performed very well this weekend, especially the medleys," Barnes said. "It is a good indicator that we are having multiple outstanding individual performances."

Building on the team's earlier success, sophomore Katie Casey edged out Michigan State's Becca Ebner in the 100 fly for a win in 56.19. The standout sophomore and defending Big East champion in the 200 fly won that event as well in commanding fashion, holding off the field after a fast start for a time of 2:03.00.

In the 800 free relay, Sophomore Lauren Sylvester swam the Irish to an early lead. Junior Zeina Shanata and freshman Amy Prestinario held the lead for junior Megan Farrell to close out the victory in 7:30.04.

Farrell also held off a tough field in the 200 free and won with a touch at 1:51.39.

National swimmer of the week, Samantha Maxwell continued her individual success at the Invite. In the 100 breast, a speedy finish gave Maxwell the win over Denver's Emily Kuhr in 1:03.13. She also opened up a quick lead in the 200 breast and continued to pull away for one more win.

Sophomore Heidi Grossman and junior Natalie Stitt took the top two spots in the one-meter dive with scores of 280.70 and 273.20.

"We are getting into the time of the season when details become more and more important with the championship run. It is important to focus in the individuals as parts of the whole," Barnes said. "Right now coaching each girl individually will lead to the most successful postseason possible."

The team's four seniors, Lucy Hirt, Claire Hutchinson, Christina Riggins and Casey Wagner, were honored by their teammates with the dominating wins in their last ever home meet.

"It was important for the team to help our seniors out with these wins," Barnes said. "For the seniors it was emotional having their last home meet, but they didn't let it affect the way they treated the competition."

The Irish are now focused on their final dual meet at Michigan on Feb. 7. The meet will be the final tune-up for Notre Dame's swimmers and divers before the difficult task of winning their 13th consecutive Big East Championship in Indianapolis Feb. 18-21.

"In the end we were tough, and that was the difference."

Brian Barnes
Irish coach

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Men, women win at home

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

In their first scored meet of the year, both Notre Dame track teams scored 181 points, and both took first place. The other schools men's and women's teams also posted identical marks as Michigan State took second, Wisconsin third and Marquette placed fourth. Friday's Notre Dame Invitational saw many Irish athletes qualify for the Big East Championships in less than a month.

In the men's 800-meter race, five Irish qualified for the Big East Championships, led by junior Jack Howard, who finished third in the race with a time of 1:50.84, and junior Jim Notwell, finishing fourth in 1:51.99.

Five more Notre Dame athletes qualified for the conference Championships in the men's weight throw. Sophomore Greg Davis took

fourth, and freshmen Mitchell Gormley's throw earned him fifth, with distances of 16.93 meters and 16.78 meters, respectively.

The Irish men qualified four individuals in the 1600-meter run as senior Dan Clark finished second with a time of 4:07.63. Freshmen Jordan Carlson crossed the line right behind him in third with a time of 4:08.63.

The Irish men middle distance runners performed just as well, qualifying four runners. Freshmen Jordan Rincon won the 400-meter dash with a time of 47.65 and Alex Korenstra finished sixth in 49.69. Senior Bill Buzaid and junior Balazs Molnar took third and fourth in the 500-meters, in times of 1:03.45 and 1:04.58, respectively.

The all around success for the Irish men's team promises a bright future.

"The meet showed we really are a complete team this year," Buzaid said. "I'm not saying there aren't outstand-

ing individual performances on the team this year. There are great athletes. We have a real balanced team and it will be exciting to go to the Big East Championships and see what we can do as a team."

The Irish women were led by a brilliant performance by junior Joanna Schultz. Schultz took third in the 60-meters, first in the 200-meters, and first in the 400-meters, qualifying in both the 200-meters and the 400-meters.

Senior Mary Saxer continued her strong season as she followed her qualifying pole vaults of last week with a strong performance in the long jump. Her second place jump of 5.57 meters earned her a slot at the Big East Championships as well.

The Irish teams look to continue with such building success next week at the Indiana Relays.

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NFL

Browns hire Kokinis as new GM

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Baltimore pro personnel director George Kokinis has been hired as Cleveland's general manager, reuniting him with new Browns coach and close friend Eric Mangini.

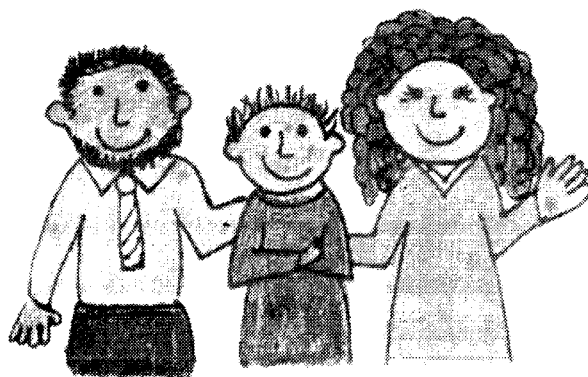
Kokinis, who began his NFL career as an intern in

the Browns' operations department in 1991, was hand-picked by Mangini, who recommended him during his first interview with Browns owner Randy Lerner on Dec. 30. Mangini took over as Cleveland's coach on Jan. 7, just one week after he was fired following three seasons with the New York

Jets.

Determined to match a coach and GM who can work well together after the Romeo Crennel-Phil Savage relationship failed, Lerner is teaming up a pair of friends who shared an apartment when they first broke into the league and have remained tight.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish win one, lose one in Virginia

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 30 Irish earned a 7-0 victory over the Tribe of William and Mary on Saturday, and then dropped a 7-0 decision against No. 5 Virginia on Sunday.

After dropping their season opener last Sunday to Pepperdine, the Irish were able to bounce back on Saturday and earn their first victory of the season.

"I think our guys are handling the loss to Pepperdine as well as can be expected," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We could not have played any harder and we certainly left everything out on the court. Certainly we were in a position to win it in a couple of matches, but that is the nature of competitive sports."

A year ago, the Irish dropped their match to William and Mary. Bayliss noted that this was not one of the team's best matches.

However, a year later the team looked dominant earning singles wins from, senior Brett Helgeson, sophomores Stephen Havens and Dan Stahl and freshmen Casey Watt, Sam Keeton and Niall Fitzgerald.

"Each of our guys had some shortcomings which are correctable," Bayliss said. "For example, both

Casey [Watt] and Stephen [Havens] needed to be more aggressive and get to the net more often, so we need to provide them patterns to facilitate this for them."

For the second straight match, Keeton started at No. 5 singles, while Fitzgerald made his dual-match season debut for the Irish winning in a tiebreaker third set.

The Irish swept the doubles point, when No. 37 Helgeson, and Tyler Davis, defeated the No. 52 team in the nation. Havens and Watt teamed up at No. 2 doubles for their victory, and Fitzgerald and sophomore Matt Johnson earned the doubles sweep at three doubles.

In Sunday's match that began with doubles, Johnson and Fitzgerald dropped their No. 3 doubles match to Lee Singer and Drew Courtney by a score of 8-2.

Virginia was able to claim the doubles point with a victory by its No. 3 ranked doubles team of Sanam Singh and Huston Barrick over Helgeson and Davis by a score of 8-4.

Havens and Watt took an early 3-2 lead over No. 27 Dominic Inglot and Michael Shabaz, but were not able to

hold on falling by a final of 8-7 (9-7).

"Michael Shabaz hits as clean a ball as you see anywhere," Bayliss said. "Sanam Singh is also a great ball striker. Throw in Huston

Barrick's serve-and-volley game and you have a very strong returning nucleus with which to contend."

At No. 1 singles Helgeson

matched up against Inglot who is ranked No. 43. After falling behind early, Helgeson was never able to recover falling 4-6, 7-5, 10-7.

No. 24 Singh was able to defeat Havens at No. 2 singles 6-1, 6-0, while No. 112 Stahl fell to No. 11 Shabaz by a score of 6-1, 6-2.

Watt was faced with No. 68 Barrick at No. 4 singles losing 6-4, 6-2. No. 109 Singer defeated Fitzgerald and No. 5 singles, while sophomore David Anderson dropped his match at No. 6 singles by the same score.

The Irish will next play host to No. 11 Florida State on Wednesday.

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Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

FENCING

Squads post two wins each in NY

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Making good on his promise earlier in the week that the team would be ready for its intercollegiate opener, head coach Janusz Bednarski and the Irish fencing team emerged victorious at the St. John's University Duals and the New York University Invitational.

The men and women fencers combined to post a 4-0 record as they opened their seasons at the SJU Duals in Jamaica, New York. The No.1 Irish men rolled past No. 4 Columbia 17-10, followed by a decisive victory over No. 9 St. John's 18-9.

The Irish were equally successful on the women's side as the No. 2 women cruised by No. 4 Columbia-Barnard 18-9, before defeating St. John's by a margin of 18-9.

Led by freshman foiler Enzo Castellani, who amassed five victories in his Irish debut, the men's win over St. John's was the 1,200th in program history. Senior Bill Thanhouer and sophomore Avery Zuck each went 2-0 in the sabre division as they piloted the Irish to a 6-3 mark in the weapon.

Highly touted freshman Courtney Hurley kicked off her Notre Dame career with six

wins on the day in the epee. Older sister Kelley Hurley and Ewa Nelip each posted 3-0 marks, while Hayley Reese led the women in the foil.

The fencers carried momentum from Saturday's impressive performance into the NYU Invitational.

The women's team finished Sunday with a record of 3-2 and an overall record of 5-2 against an impressive field.

The lady fighters were anchored by sophomore Eileen Hassett and senior Adrienne Nott, posting 10 sabre wins and eight foil wins respectively.

Competing against the best squads in the country, the men's team lived up to its pre-season ranking by finishing 5-0 on the day for a perfect 7-0 start to the season.

Crossing sabers against NYU (21-6), No. 3 Ohio State (15-12), Stevens Tech (22-5), Columbia (15-12), and Yale (23-4), the young core once again carried the men to victory.

Continuing his hot streak, Zuck led the way for the men with a 9-1 mark on the day in the men's sabre. Sophomores Jacob Osborne and Andrew Seroff each had seven wins in the epee weapon.

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for that. But it only got that far, because everybody stepped up big time, which made this a giant step for our team."

Coach Welsh was pleased with the team's strong effort, which he viewed as excellent preparation for the Big East Conference Championships in February.

"In terms of preparation, we told the team that we couldn't imagine a better preparation for a conference championship than to have a three-session meet over every event in the conference championship come down to the last event. So we think win, win, win all the way along."

Notre Dame recorded three additional first place finishes

on Saturday prior to its thrilling win in the grand finale. Wood fought off Denver senior Daniel Vollmer in the final lap of the 100 backstroke to seal the win with a time of 50.94.

Sophomore Andrew Deters also found himself in a close race in the 1650 freestyle, defeating Denver freshman Clayton Myers by eight-tenths of a second in a race where the top two finishers came in nearly 20 seconds ahead of the rest of the field. Sophomore Michael Sullivan

had Notre Dame's fourth win of the day, finishing over two seconds ahead of the field in the 200 backstroke, while Wood and sophomore Christopher Wills finished third and fourth, respectively.

In Friday night's opening session, the Irish recorded three

wins in six events. In the first event of the night, the Irish team of Lytle, Hoffman, senior Danny Lukus, and junior David Anderson took first place honors in the 200 freestyle relay. Lytle finished first once again in the 50 freestyle with a time of 20.86 while freshman Kevin Rahill finished second with a season best time of 21.06.

Notre Dame continued its string of impressive diving performances, as senior Michael Bulfin, sophomore Eric Lex, and junior Caleb Dunnichay finished in the top three spots. Bulfin broke his own school record on the one-meter board in his final dive at home.

Notre Dame returns to action with a friendly swim against Saint Mary's and Olivet on February 7 at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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"... We couldn't imagine a better preparation for a conference championship."

Tim Welsh
Irish coach

Trine

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Olivet on Saturday to improve to 5-4.

With 7:47 left in the first half senior Katie Rashid hit a tie-breaking layup to put the Belles on top for good. Going into the locker room at the half the Belles maintained a 36-31 lead.

The Thunder fought throughout the second half but were never able to pull within a basket of the Belles.

Junior Anna Kamrath proved to be a big force down the stretch scoring 10 of her 13 points in the second half to put Trine away.

Freshman Patsy Mahoney also pulled her weight chipping in with 12 points.

Seniors Erin Newsom and Nicole Beier led all scorers with fifteen points each.

"I think we see all the conference teams as big rivals," Newsom said. "Some schools

are seen as tougher teams to beat like Hope and Calvin, but we go into every game with the attitude that we need to play our best in order to win, regardless of the team we're put up against."

Saint Mary's opened its conference schedule with a win over Trine in December and since then have only lost to Albion in MIAA play.

While the Belles can't get their revenge against Albion until Valentine's Day, they will begin looking ahead to this week's games, that includes Calvin, and their arch rivals in the conference Hope College.

Hope is currently ranked eighth in the Div. III standings with a record of 12-1, their only loss coming to the Belles back on Jan. 3.

The Belles put their two-game winnings streak against Calvin on the line Wednesday night, followed by a showdown with Hope on Saturday.

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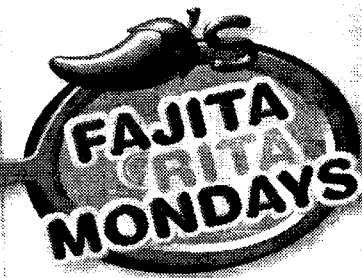
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4-2 in the Big East, and has lost two of its last three games. Villanova improved to 11-8 and 3-2 in conference play and beat its first ranked team of the season.

Wildcats senior forward Laura Kurz led the Wildcats with 16 points and was one of four Wildcats to hit four 3-point shots in the game. Senior forward Lisa Karcic and junior guard Maria Getty each had eight points.

Junior guard Ashley Barlow scored 11 points and senior guard Lindsay Schrader had nine, but the Irish offense largely fell flat Saturday. The team shot 32.7 percent from field goal range (and 25 percent in the first half) and made only 63.6 percent of its free throws.

"Free throws are mostly concentration and focus," McGraw said. "That's disappointing that we missed eight free throws, especially when it's such a small margin of victory."

Villanova, in contrast, made 9-of-11 foul shots.

Schrader shot 3-of-11 from the field and no Irish player made more than three field goals. Freshman forward Erica Solomon did grab a career-high 10 rebounds in addition to her five points.

This game marked Notre Dame's lowest point total of the season. Its previous low was 62, in wins over LSU and Purdue.

Notre Dame put together a 9-0 run to pull within a point of the Wildcats, who never trailed, and made the score 38-37 Villanova with 8:54 remaining in the game. Villanova senior guard Siobhan O'Connor's six

points in two minutes helped the Wildcats extend their lead to eight, but the Irish started another run, capped by a Lechlitner 3-pointer, to make the score 49-48 with 2:56 remaining.

But Notre Dame didn't score again. Kurz made a layup and two free throws, the Irish couldn't convert an offensive rebound into points and Lechlitner turned the ball over down five with 28 seconds left.

Getty sank two foul shots to extend the lead to seven and seal the game.

"I always feel like we got a great shot and we missed it," McGraw said of the offensive rebound.

"You have no control over whether the ball goes in or not. The control is the hard work you do to get it. What deflated us was they went down to the other end and got a layup."

Both Lechlitner and sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski got in foul trouble in the second half. Lechlitner

was called for her fourth foul with 6:49 left in the game, and Bruszewski played with four fouls since the 9:22 mark.

Notre Dame trailed by two halfway through the first half, but two 3-pointers and a jumper extended Villanova's lead to 21-11 with 7:38 left in the half. Notre Dame started scoring again in the final five minutes of the half, when junior center Erica Williamson sank two layup and Barlow hit two free throws.

Karcic and Kurz, however, wouldn't let the Irish close the gap, and a string of fouls against Notre Dame in the final minutes squashed any hopes of a run. Notre Dame trailed 30-20 at the break.

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going to salvage a victory like it did when Luke Harangody stole the ball in the waning moments of regulation in an overtime win over Providence. After Walker's basket there was just a chilling silence, a silence almost as cold as Notre Dame was from the field.

The Irish shot just 25-for-76 (32.9 percent) for the night. Take away Harangody's 10-for-23, 24-point performance and Tyrone Nash's four field goals when the game was practically over, and Notre Dame shot just 11-for-49 (22.4 percent).

Irish coach Mike Brey said Connecticut's tall, physical presence in the form of 7-foot-3 Hasheem Thabeet and Jeff Adrien, who finished with 12 points and 19 rebounds, forced Notre Dame to rely on its shooting, which wasn't there Saturday. And when a team shoots like the Irish did Saturday, they stand little chance of beating the Huskies.

"Defensively they're tricky because they're the big guy back there kind of changes things," Brey said, referring to Thabeet. "You're moving a little bit differently with him in there."

Harangody was Notre Dame's one constant on the offensive end. In addition to his 24 points, Harangody had 15 rebounds, battling against Thabeet in the low post. Harangody found ways to score against Thabeet, whether by reverse layup, hook shots or stepping outside to hit two 3s.

Notre Dame's defense kept

the game close. The Irish did an admirable job of containing a bigger, quicker Connecticut team for most of the game.

The Huskies shot just 40 percent from the floor.

"Forty percent field goal percentage defense — that gave us a chance," Brey said. "We were hanging around the whole time, that gave us a chance. Jamming up the lane, helping our big guys coming down, giving up jump shots."

But Notre Dame's offense, or lack thereof, proved to be the difference, especially during a second half stretch where the Irish failed to score a field goal for 6:34. A Luke Zeller jumper snapped the drought with 2:20 left in the game, but by then Notre Dame was too far behind to mount a significant comeback.

"I thought we got some clean, really good jump-shot looks," Brey said. "It was hard to get anything in the paint against them. That's no different than anybody in this league playing

them, when you have to live outside that paint, you really do have to shoot it well. When we've beaten them with that size, we shot the hell out of the ball, but tonight we needed some more."

A number of times in the second half, Notre Dame was on the verge of putting together a large run to take the lead, as it had so many times during the

win streak. All the ingredients were on the table — good defensive play, a rabid crowd — but one was missing: the dagger three-pointer. In the past, such runs included a basket like this from guard Kyle McAlarney or forward Ryan Ayers, baskets that would put

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Kyle McAlarney
Irish senior

Notre Dame ahead, keep the fans on their feet and cause opposing coaches to call a timeout. On Saturday, the opportunities were there, the shots just didn't fall.

"I had some great looks that I think if I had knocked them down would've definitely changed the climate of the game," McAlarney said.

McAlarney finished the game 3-for-15 from the field, Ayers was 1-for-10. Forward Zach Hillesland finished 1-for-5 for two points.

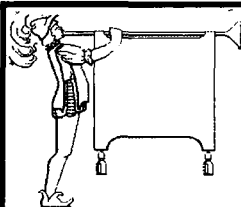
Notre Dame has no time for sulking, as it tips off against Marquette tonight at 7 p.m. The Golden Eagles are undefeated in Big East play and have basically the same team that defeated Notre Dame in two of three matchups last season.

Jerome Dyson led all Connecticut scorers with 15 points. Thabeet finished with nine points, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots.

Note:

◆ Brey said in his post-game press conference that he'd like to use both Nash, who finished with eight points in two minutes, and Carleton Scott a little more against Marquette. He also said a starting lineup change is not out of the question for tonight's game.

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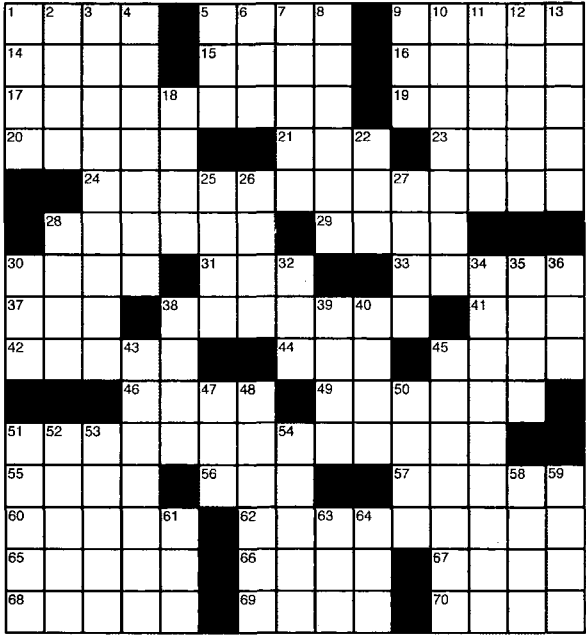
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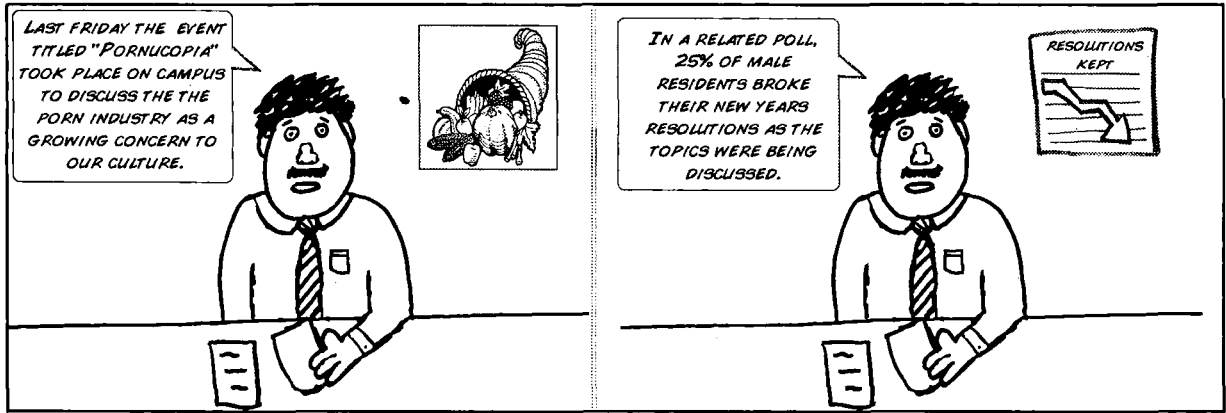
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): If things aren't going your way, remove yourself from whatever situation you are in before you are trapped into doing something you don't want to do. Follow your own path and don't sell yourself short. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There will be just as many people on your side as opposed today. You will have to choose your friends and allies based on what you know for sure, not what you assume. Don't wait for help. Hesitation will be your downfall. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let your heart rule your head. Use your intuitive guidance to lead you to the people who can benefit you the most. Anyone who is negative will slow you down. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus on relationships and what they mean to you. It's time to put an end to anyone or anything holding you back. Once you do, consider a way to size down or cut your costs to ease stress. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Dream a little about your past and you will be inclined to touch base with someone who enriched your life years ago. A short trip down memory lane will lead to an excursion that will help you shape the years ahead of you. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plan out a healthier lifestyle that will help make you happier and more efficient and will improve your relationships with others. It's doing something about your shortcomings that will count. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you have been wasting time talking and not doing, step up the pace and find a way to motivate and inspire yourself to get busy before someone complains about your idleness. Contribute to whatever group, family or organization you belong to if you want to have a voice. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You need to plan something special for yourself and someone you love. For too long, you have neglected your responsibilities and, if you don't act now, it may be too late. It only takes a little effort to please someone who loves you. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have skills that you probably haven't put to good use for some time. Recall the things you enjoyed doing way back when and turn your talents into something that can be of service to others now. Use your imagination, innovation and inspiration. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money and opportunities are heading your way from an unusual source. Be open to unique and unfamiliar ideas. An investment can bring big dividends and security in the future. A contract with someone special will put your mind at ease. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll attract attention with your ideas and your humanitarian outlook. Combine your strengths and you will come up with a unique service that will help others and will make life better for you and your loved ones. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may find your loyalty split between two groups -- those you want to help and who can help you and those who aspire to do something unusual and creative but not necessarily sound or profitable. Think carefully about your future. Focus on what brings the highest returns. ★★★★★

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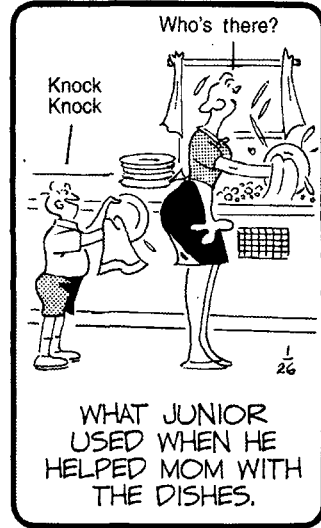
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

No more streaking

Brey loses first game at home since 2006 at the hands of UConn

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

With 3:15 remaining in the game, Connecticut's Kemba Walker drained a 3-pointer to give Connecticut a 12-point lead. A sudden hush came over the crowd at the Joyce Center as the basket all but confirmed the sobering fact that Notre Dame's 45-game home winning streak was about to end Saturday.

A few minutes later, Connecticut left Notre Dame with a 69-61 win.

There was no late run as there was to save last year's game against Pittsburgh, and no quick-thinking play was

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Connecticut junior Jerome Dyson skies over Irish guard Tory Jackson for two of his 15 points in the Huskies' 69-61 win over Notre Dame Saturday night in the Joyce Center.

IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles win again over Thunder

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

For the second time in a little more than a month the Belles defeated the Thunder of Trine University Saturday. The 69-58 win moved Saint Mary's to 8-1 at the top of the MIAA Conference.

The win keeps Saint Mary's tied for first place in the conference with Hope also having one loss.

"In this league you can't overlook anyone," Belles coach Jen Henley said. "Records and standings never truly indicate the strength of a team."

The loss dropped Trine to 4-5 in conference play, which puts them in sixth place in the conference after Adrian defeated

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish start season right with big win over the Buckeyes

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

A good start to a season does not insure a good finish, but it does bode well. In their season opener on Sunday, No. 17 Notre Dame defeated No. 32 Ohio State 6-1 at Ohio State.

The Irish wanted to open the season with a victory to build some momentum and to over-

come any initial mental blocks.

The match opened with doubles play. The nation's number one-ranked doubles pair, Notre Dame's own senior Kelcy Tefft and freshmen Kristy Frilling, won 8-3. The pair has only been playing together since this fall, yet obviously show great promise.

"The two of us gelled really well from the beginning," Tefft said. "I'm excited because I

think we will only improve as the semester continues."

The Irish split the two remaining doubles matches with the Buckeyes. Junior Colleen Rielley and freshmen Shannon Matthews earned an 8-2 victory, while Juniors Cosmina Ciobanu and Kali Krisik suffered an 8-6 defeat.

As for the singles, the Irish performed very well across the board. Matthews won easily, 6-

3, 6-2. Krisik did so as well with scores of 6-2, 7-5. Sophomore Kristin Rafael won handily in the four-spot, 6-1, 6-3.

Tefft prevailed 6-1, 6-3, and finally Frilling fought to a 7-5, 3-6, 1-0 (10-6) triumph.

The sole Buckeyes point came as Rielley was defeated by Ohio State's Angela DiPastina 6-2, 6-3.

"I was really excited for

Kristin Rafael," Tefft said. "She won fairly easily at four, so I was really excited about that. If we get her winning consistently it will really help our team as a whole."

The 1-0 Irish now have a week off before they travel to take on Pepperdine on Saturday.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Villanova pulls off upset

3-point shooting leads underdog Wildcats past favored ND team

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

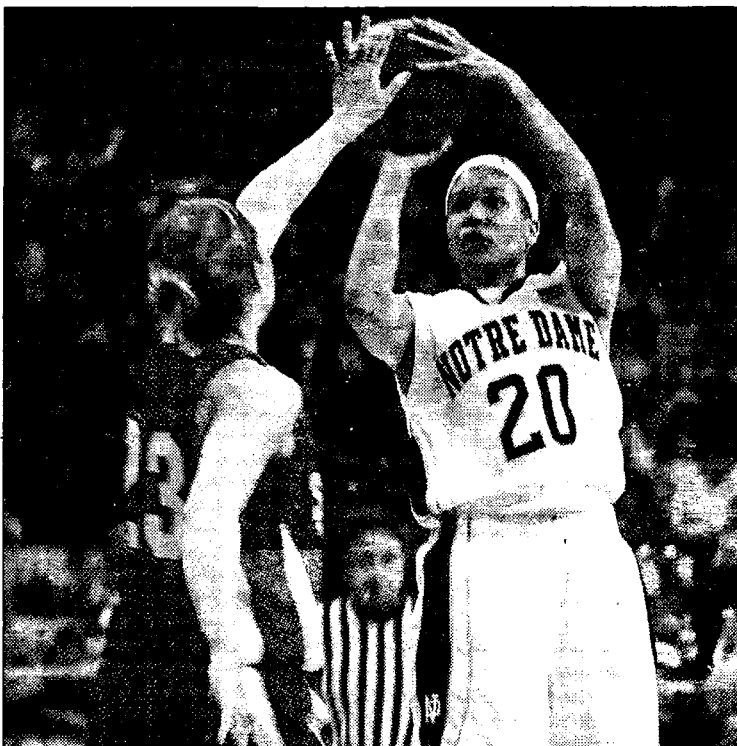
Villanova's three 3-pointers in the first four minutes established a trend: the Wildcats would shoot threes until they were stopped.

They kept making them, and their long-range shooting upset No. 13 Notre Dame, 55-48, Saturday at The Pavilion in Villanova, Pa. Villanova shot 37 percent from 3-point range and finished with 10 threes in the game.

"That's their game," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "I actually thought we did a decent job holding them to 55 points."

Notre Dame dropped to 15-3,

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Irish senior Ashley Barlow pulls up for a jump shot in Notre Dame's 70-67 win over St. John's Jan. 17 at home.

IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

MEN'S SWIMMING

ND doubles win total in final meet at home

Seniors lead the way as team sweeps at the Shamrock Invitational

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team doubled its win total for the season with a sweep in the Shamrock Invitational at the Rolfs Aquatic Center this weekend.

The Irish improved to 6-6 on the season with wins over Denver, Michigan State and West Virginia.

The wins were a big lift for the Notre Dame squad, which had yet to earn a win in 2009 entering the weekend.

"The meet tonight was extremely good for the team," Irish coach Tim Welsh said

after the final session on Saturday night.

Although the Irish defeated both the Spartans and Mountaineers by more than 90 points, the Irish needed four victories in their last two sessions to seal a 10 point win over Denver. The clincher came when the Notre Dame relay team of senior Jeff Wood, juniors John Lytle and Andrew Hoffman, and sophomore Joshua Nosal finished first in the 400 freestyle relay, out-touching Denver by just over half a second.

"What we've been looking for all season is a meet where we could take a giant step and these three sessions have helped us do that. We talked during today's break about how the meet would come down to the last relay, so we prepared

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