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Reish, Schmidt present to Trustees

Off-campus safety and security, community relations are prime focus of meeting

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Student government leaders met with the Student Affairs Committee of the University Board of Trustees to offer updates on key initiatives they presented in their fall meeting, with a specific focus on off-campus safety and security and the State of the Student Union.

Student body president Bob Reish, student body vice president Grant Schmidt and chief executive assistant Karen Koski offered a Power point presentation to the members of the Board with

an overview of their efforts toward accomplishing goals of better relationships between members of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities and informing students on how to be safe off campus.

"We're interested in making students more familiar with their off-campus surroundings and providing them with services to make them more comfortable off campus," Koski said.

The results of the student survey distributed in the fall showed students were unaware of resources available to guide them through a move off campus, she said.

"We need to address the unawareness factor and make sure people know where to find this information, who to call and how to access the Good Neighbor Guide created by student government," Koski said.

Reish listed the series of off-campus block parties held earlier in the year, a Winter Break safety forum, and the recent presentation titled on "How to Party Legally" as ways student government has reached out to address these concerns.

He said student government is working to keep the Good Neighbor Guide sustainable by adding other

resources, like a "Know Your Rights" guide.

One Trustee voiced the opinion that the Reish-Schmidt administration has focused a lot of effort on off-campus concerns. Reish said about 40 percent of their time is spent on these issues.

Another member of the Board asked about the Community Campus Action Coalition (CCAC) and student government's involvement with South Bend.

Reish, Schmidt and Koski described the events that took place on campus over

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Candidates campaign with sites

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

This year's student body president and vice president tickets are stretching their campaign budgets of \$200 per ticket as far as possible, with posters, inexpensive Web sites and visits to dorms.

Three of the tickets, juniors Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez, junior Grant Schmidt and sophomore Cynthia Weber, and junior James McCaughan and sophomore Tom Gorski, have Web sites devoted to their campaigns, burdicksanchez.com, giveaschmidt.com and schmidtandweber.com, and jamesandtommy.com, respectively.

Presidential candidate Grant Schmidt and running mate Cynthia Weber used the domain name "GiveASchmidt.com" to show they don't take themselves too seriously.

"Give a Schmidt' is kind of a funny pun, but it's a serious message too because we don't take ourselves too seriously, but we take the issues seriously," Weber said. "We take student safety seriously, we take philanthropy seriously, we take sexual assault seriously."

The Web site only cost \$10, but it is a major campaigning tool, Schmidt and Weber said.

"It's a complete invest-

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Ramblers brave cold to raise money

Siegfried Hall's 'Day of Man' benefits homeless

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Even though the temperature in South Bend dropped below freezing yesterday, approximately 150 Siegfried residents braved the frigid weather to spend the day wearing nothing but shorts and T-shirts.

They were participating in Siegfried's third annual "Day of Man" fundraiser, where Ramblers stand outside in inadequate clothing for the weather to raise money for South Bend's Center for the Homeless.

A group of students stood near the LaFortune Student Center, holding plastic cups and imploring passerby to donate money to the homeless shelter.

Participants could also be seen in dining halls and classroom buildings, carrying their plastic cups around and wearing shirts that said "Man Up" to explain that they were participating in the dorm event.

The project's coordinator, Robbie Bernardin, said that the fundraiser has raised about \$6,000 per year in past years.

Bernardin, now a senior, came up with the idea when he was a sophomore. He decided to walk from Siegfried Hall to Farley Hall to visit a friend while wearing only shorts and a T-shirt, and decided that the idea had potential to become a way to raise money for charity.

"It felt really manly and I felt we could make it into a dorm event and raise money," Bernardin said.

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Revue draws mixed reviews

Popular comedy show pushes limits with raunchy material

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

The annual Keenan Revue opened last night with the theme of "It's a bird, it's a plane... it's the Keenan Revue." But one might call the show super-sexual, or super-funny, rather than super-heroic.

Keenan Hall rector Fr. Daniel Nolan prefaced the show by asking those in attendance to behave themselves, but then said: "that might be hard to do when the strippers come on."

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Students act out a skit in the Keenan Revue at Thursday's show.

Welsh Fam presents 'DanceFest'

Eight Notre Dame, Saint Mary's dance groups will perform at Washington Hall

By LIZ LEFEBVRE
News Writer

This weekend, Washington Hall will be filled with variety of dancers performing everything from hip hop to ballet as Welsh Family Hall puts on one of its signature events, the Welsh Family DanceFest, this weekend.

The two evenings of performances feature different types of dance and eight groups from across Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. The groups performing include Dance Company of Notre Dame, Ballroom Dance Team, Swing Dance

Club, ND/SMC Irish Dance, Team Ballet Folklorico Azul y Oro, Troop ND, and First Class Steppers.

"One of the goals of the event is to showcase all the different types of dance. This year we have pieces from tap, jazz, modern, lyrical, Irish step dance, stepping, swing, ballroom, and traditional Hispanic dance," sophomore co-director Kaitlyn Maloney said.

In addition to the established campus dance groups, DanceFest also features six numbers that were choreographed

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Photo courtesy of Kaitlyn Maloney

Student performs at last year's "DanceFest." Welsh Family Hall will feature a variety of dances at Washington Hall this weekend.

INSIDE COLUMN

The clocks of ND

I love Notre Dame's campus. It's beautiful and rich with history of many generations of scholars. Nothing could be more gorgeous than an early autumn sunset shining its beautiful rays down on Notre Dame's old buildings, students frolicking on the quads, playing Frisbee or football.

Amanda Gray
News Wire Editor

However, I have a complaint to register with the community of Notre Dame. I know I'm not the only one with this complaint — it was actually a friend of mine that brought this situation up. It all started with a mention of, "Would you look at that?" Now it irritates me beyond belief, and I'm on a rampage.

All of the public clocks on Notre Dame campus are running slow by at least two to three minutes.

When I say public clocks, I mean the ones on the outside of O'Shag, Jordan Hall of Science, and the Basilica. Why are they running slow? Who knows? They've been that way as long as anyone can remember, according to the people that I've asked. Maybe this is something little and petty to be irritated by, but honestly, it makes life difficult.

What irritates me so much is that I will be walking into O'Shag, and I will look up to see the time, thinking, "Oh, look! I still have five minutes until class!"

Then I walk into class late, because that clock is running five minutes slow. Do you see how inconvenient that is? I'm sure I'm not the only one that has come across this problem. People have got to dislike walking into class, like, five minutes into the lecture, and all because of a clock that he or she assumed was on time. I'm also sure that the professors don't like it. Or, maybe I just need to relax. But I don't think I'm the only one who's annoyed by this. So, if everyone's in agreement with me on this, why don't we change it?

I just wonder one thing though, this entire time: who can I ask to fix those gosh-darn clocks? The building managers? The building staff? Some mythical Notre Dame time keeper? Is it even possible to change them?

So, I'm sending out a plea here: please, pretty please, just fix the clocks so that they're on time. I mean, having them running slow doesn't benefit anyone. You've got the power, whoever can change the clocks. If you just don't want them to be on time, for some odd reason or another, at least make them run fast. Then, at least students will be getting to class early, instead of late. I don't think that's too much to ask — anyone else with me?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Amanda Gray at agray3@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error in the Feb. 5 edition, an article titled "Revue to showcase Keenan Heroes," Melissa Buddie's name was misspelled. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ON-CAMPUS ACTIVITY?



Megan Flaherty
Freshman
Le Mans

"Visiting my nun. She is quite the little lady!"



Caitlin Asherl
Freshman
Le Mans

"Trivia night at Legends."



Meghan Curliss
Sophomore
Le Mans

"Notre Dame marching band!"



Colleen Trausch
Sophomore
Le Mans

"Hip-hop night at Legends."



Krista Kulwicki
Sophomore
Le Mans

"Notre Dame basketball games for sure!"



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Two Saint Mary's students sell tickets to the annual Dance Marathon, which will take place April 3-4. The Dance Marathon will last 12 hours, beginning at 8 p.m. and ending at 8 a.m. the next morning.

IN BRIEF

There will be a lecture titled "Did Catholic Social Teaching incite a racial Revolution? The Rwandan Catholic Church, 1956-1959" at 12 p.m. today in 104 Hesburgh Center. Jay Carney, a PhD candidate in Church History at Catholic University, will deliver the lecture. The event, sponsored by the Africa Working Group, is free and open to the public.

Keenan Hall's annual comedy show "The Keenan Revue" will take place tonight and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's College.

The Browning Cinema will present the film "Children of Men," directed by Alfonso Cuaron, at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased at performingarts.nd.edu or by calling 574-631-2800.

L.A. Theatre Works presents "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial" Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play is based on original transcripts of the famous 1925 Tennessee v. John Scopes "Monkey Trial," which challenged the newly passed Tennessee legislature's "Butler Act" banning the teaching of evolution in the state's public schools. Purchase tickets online, visit or call the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

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

OFFBEAT

Man poses as police officer to stop people littering

GARDINER, Maine — Whoever he is, this litterbug vigilante doesn't like to see people flicking cigarette butts from their car windows. Police are looking for a man who posed as a state trooper and stopped a woman in Gardiner who allegedly tossed a spent cigarette from her car window.

Police said the man was driving a red pickup truck with a dash-mounted flashing blue light when he stopped the woman and told her he was an off-duty state trooper.

Police said the impersonator never threatened the woman. He told the woman he had stopped her because she threw a cigarette butt out the window in Augusta. He neither asked for nor showed any identification.

More than 40 firefighters rescue horse from icy pond

NEWPORT, Ky. — Pencil the walking horse is back at home after being rescued from an icy pond in northern Kentucky where he was stuck for more than an hour. The Kentucky Enquirer reported that it took near-

ly 40 firefighters, including members of the Northern Kentucky Large Animal Rescue Team, to get the horse out Wednesday.

Pencil's owner, Doug Oldiges, said the horse might have gone to the pond looking for water to drink because the heater on his water trough had stopped working.

Oldiges said a veterinarian will monitor Pencil to make sure the horse has no continuing effects from the incident.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 38 LOW 33	HIGH 20 LOW 10	HIGH 51 LOW 26	HIGH 35 LOW 22	HIGH 35 LOW 34	HIGH 48 LOW 40

MBA's to host diversity conference

By AARON STEINER
Assistant News Editor

Nationally recognized diversity experts will meet with Notre Dame students and faculty, as well as alumni and local business leaders, this weekend to discuss issues related to diversity in the workplace in the second annual MBA Diversity Conference.

The conference, beginning today and running throughout the day Saturday, is organized by MBA students and is titled "Balancing Diversity: Celebrating Our Differences While Achieving a Common Goal."

Pat Perrella, senior associate director for Career Development in the MBA program, said the program began last year, spurred by several MBA students.

Perrella, who said Diversity Conferences are common at business schools around the country, said the conferences serve as a means to "learn about what's going on [in diversity], and to network."

The conference is also an opportunity "to ensure that our students at all levels are exposed to this," he said.

"If they're going to be a good business leader, they

will understand the importance of diversity," Perrella said.

Ashley Clark, a second-year MBA student and co-coordinator of the conference, said recent events have made the conference even more relevant.

"I think it's a really interesting time with out new president, and all that's happening ... everything that we're learning about diversity and the global marketplace," she said.

The conferences will allow participants, especially students, to discuss diversity "more than we do on a daily basis in our classes," she said.

Perrella said the conference kicks off with a reception in the Notre Dame Stadium Press Box Friday evening.

Saturday's events include three keynote speakers, networking opportunities and several panel discussions, he said.

Clark said she is especially looking forward to hearing from Wendy Lewis, senior vice president of diversity for Major League Baseball.

"I'm really interested to hear her perspective as a black female working for a national sports organization," Clark said.

Other speakers include John Cruzat Jr., the national diversity specialist for USA Swimming, and Lisa Gutierrez, executive director of global diversity at Cummins Inc., a Columbus, Ind., company that is serving as the primary sponsor of the conference.

University administrators Frances Shavers, chief of staff and special assistant to the University president, and Dr. Don Pope-Davis, University vice president and associate provost, will also participate in the events, along with a number of local business leaders and Notre Dame alumni.

Clark said registration for the event is closed and 140 attendees are expected, including MBA students and a number of undergraduates from all areas of study.

Clark said she hopes the event gives participants "a different perspective" and gives students, especially, an opportunity to "not be afraid to ask questions" about diversity.

"I just hope that people learn something and understand something a little better," she said.

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SMC to confer with Indiana colleges

By MEGAN LONEY
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About 115 students from 10 Indiana schools will come to Saint Mary's this weekend to share ideas about what works and what doesn't on college campuses.

Saint Mary's last hosted the annual Indiana Residence Hall Organization Conference (IRHO) in 1995.

Senior Maura Clougherty, president of Saint Mary's Residence Hall Association (RHA), said the timing is perfect for Saint Mary's to host the conference.

"We have been wanting to get more involved in IRHO the past few years, and it is a great chance to show off our beautiful campus," Clougherty said. "With the addition of Spes Unica Hall and the Hilton Garden Inn here on campus, it is a perfect place to have a conference."

The conference, entitled, "Will You Be My Leader?," includes an opening ceremony on Friday night with the keynote speaker, Patrick Daniel, the Director of Student Involvement, and a roll call in which the schools introduce themselves through a skit, song or dance. Later that night, there will be a performance by Bell-acapella, a movie showing and an opportunity to play Nintendo Wii, Clougherty said.

On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the delegates will attend several programs that are meant for schools to share ideas about improving life on campus. Some of the programs that Saint Mary's will be presenting are "How to Manage Time as a Student

Leader," "How to run an Effective Meeting" and "How to bring Dance Marathon to your campus." Saturday will end with a banquet dinner, where awards will be distributed, and a dance, she said.

This year, the conference will be slightly different than previous years, as more schools are involved.

"This year's conference is one of the largest of the past five years," RHA secretary Katie McInerney said. "We believe this may have to do with location because typically the conferences are held in central or southern Indiana, so the new location has drawn at least two new schools to the conference."

The housing situation will also be different due to the fact that Saint Mary's is a women's college.

"This is also the first time the conference has housed delegates in a hotel," McInerney said. "Typically, the students sleep on a floor somewhere on campus, but due to the number of students attending the conference and the fact that Saint Mary's College is an all-women's college, we will be housing them in the Hilton Garden Inn."

McInerney said this conference presents an opportunity for the delegates to interact with those from other schools.

"I am looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new people," McInerney said. "These conferences only happen so often, and you meet such fun great people at them and then you have to wait a year to see them again."

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Paper offers insight into new species

ND researchers explore importance of creation of organisms

Special to The Observer

This year marks both the bicentennial of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his seminal work, "On the Origin of Species." Just in time for the Darwin observances, a new paper appearing today in the journal *Science* by a team led by Notre Dame researchers Andrew Forbes, Thomas Powell and Jeffrey Feder offers important insights into how new species come to be.

"This study is important because it shows how biodiversity itself can be a major generator of biodiversity," Feder said. "As new species form, they can create new opportunities for others to take advantage of, which, in turn, can lead to a chain reaction of ever more new species."

In the paper, Forbes, Powell, Feder and colleagues demonstrate that the parasitic wasp *Diachasma alloeum* is evolving into a new incipient species as a result of specializing on the *Rhagoletis* fruit flies that they attack. These *Rhagoletis* flies are themselves actively diversifying and forming new species.

For the flies, the process begins with a shift to a new host plant. *Rhagoletis pomonella* flies originally attacked the fruit of hawthorn trees. But about 150 years ago, a portion of the hawthorn fly population shifted and began to feed on apples. In ecologically adapting to apples as a new host plant, apple flies are becoming genetically distinct and reproductively isolated from hawthorn flies. The apple race of *Rhagoletis* flies is now a major pest of apples in the United States and is the proverbial "worm in the apple."

Every new opportunity opens a world for others, however. The Notre Dame researchers show that the *Diachasma* wasp that parasitizes *Rhagoletis* has also shifted to use the fly larvae that feed within the apple as a new food resource. Indeed, the wasp has evolved many of the same types of ecological adaptations to live on flies in apples that the apple fly evolved before it.

And so it goes, with the formation of one new species planting the seed that germinates in the beginning of another.

But in a plot twist, the apple wasp's ancestors

appear to have come from a *Rhagoletis* fly infesting blueberries rather than hawthorns — one turn does not always lead directly to another.

"The idea that there are 'speciation cascades' operating in nature has important applications not only for understanding the process of speciation, but also for theories concerning how biodiversity reforms following mass extinction events, for why certain groups of organisms with certain lifestyles may be more diverse than others, and for why certain areas of biotic regions may have more life forms than others," Feder said.

Where Darwin once traveled to the Galapagos Islands and sleuthed to other far-flung places in pursuit of the origins of species, the research on the apple fly and the apple wasp reveals that important clues to solving his ultimate "mystery of mysteries" can be found all around us, happening right before our eyes in our own back yards.

Other researchers participating in the study are Lukasz L. Stelinski from the University of Florida and James J. Smith from Michigan State University.

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the last year where members of the community and students interacted, like the Fall Festival, which brought children from local elementary schools and their families to North Quad around Halloween.

A trustee commented on the difference between serving in the community and for the community.

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**Trustee
Student Activities
Committee**

"It sounds a little self-serving to say we do so much for the community," the Trustee said.

Another Trustee said it shouldn't sound like the students' efforts in the community are just a service project, which sounds "patronizing."

The three student government leaders also elaborated on their accomplishments

in terms of campus technology, the University's sexual assault policy, intercollegiate networking.

Schmidt described the collaborative effort behind the change from WebMail to Google Mail, or G-Mail, at the beginning of this academic year. Switching to Google's services have allowed students access to many applications, like Google Documents and Calendar, he said, which can be used to share information and coordinate schedules.

Many of the Reish-Schmidt initiatives this year have been results of the student survey from the fall semester, Koski told the Board.

One of these initiatives, she said, is the Gender Issues Committee's work on the sexual assault policy, which resulted in a resolution recommending its review that passed unanimously in the Student

Senate.

The theme of the Reish-Schmidt campaign, "Bridging the Gap," extends to connecting Notre Dame's student government with peer institutions, Reish said.

He informed the members of the Board of his work toward creating a working relationship with other student governments.

Through his networking efforts, Reish said Notre Dame's student government now has a way to "gather and discuss ideas going on" at the campuses of other colleges.

He said the group of communicating student governments is utilizing Google Groups as an on-line forum for discussion, "which is just another example of how Google is affecting our lives."

An intercollegiate symposium, scheduled for March, will provide Notre Dame's student government with "unique interpersonal connection and relationships" with the handful of schools that have committed to participating, Reish said.

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"It just kind of took off from there."

Siegfried residents have varied reasons for participating, but many underdress simply to feel a sense of pride by helping others.

Sophomore Bobby Schafer said that he decided to participate in the event because he wanted to help raise money for a worthy cause.

"It seemed like a good cause, and everyone always tells me I don't wear enough layers."

**Bobby Schafer
sophomore**

"It seemed like a good cause, and everyone always

tells me I don't wear enough layers," Schafer said. "So why not do it for the homeless?"

This is Schafer's second year participating in Day of Man, and he said that knowing he is doing a good deed makes it easier to tolerate the cold weather.

"I'm very happy about my decision," Schafer said. "The cold is more bearable when

you have a reason to endure it."

Schafer said that he thinks that it is easier to get donations when students passing by see how much of a sacrifice Siegfried residents are making.

"The pity factor gets a lot of donations," Schafer said. "We also remind them that any donation at all is welcome, no matter how small."

In the past, Day of Man has received coverage from local news stations and has even been featured in BusinessWeek magazine, in a piece about innovative college philanthropy.

Bernardin said that the reason the fundraiser received so much press is because many people have never seen anything else like it.

"It's unique," Bernardin said. "It's something no one else has ever done before."

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And the audience didn't have to wait long for that to happen.

In the opening act, entitled "Cum On Feel The Noise," a group of males came on stage and stripped down to their boxers, dancing to the song "Cum On Feel The Noise," by Quiet Riot.

Wiggling, rubbing and thrusting their way around the stage, the dancers set the tone for the rest of the show, in which there was minimal pants wearing, sexual humor and more guy-on-guy grinding than will ever be seen again at Notre Dame.

The acts focused on poking fun at various aspects of Notre Dame life, including Hip Hop Night at Legends, Melissa Buddie, the growing losses of Notre Dame Men's Basketball team and the non-existent Dillon Pep Rally.

Keenan Revue director Danny Wheeland, said this year, they tried to give the audience something different that they wouldn't expect.

"I'd say we've rested some of the older stereotypes like the [Breen-Phillips] jokes, the Saint Mary's jokes and [we're] branching out into some newer directions

because ... some of those jokes have kind of gotten stale," Wheeland said.

One alternate direction included poking fun at the hook-up culture at Notre Dame. Christian Gonzalez and Tanner Ryan sang "Hook-Up Story," sung to the tune of Taylor Swift's "Love Story."

"Have another drink, we'll make it out of this mess. It's a hook-up story. Baby, just say yes," they sang.

Later in the song they sang, "He put his beer down and pulled out a ring and said, 'Marry me, Pangborn girl. I don't even know your name. But I went to Jared's and picked out a ring.'"

Senior Patrick Braganes commented on the chemistry between the two male singers, one masquerading as a girl.

"I very much enjoyed the hook-up story. I liked the musical aspect of it and the chemistry really played out on stage. There were definitely sparks," he said.

The men of Keenan ignored societal taboos and political correctness, poking fun at anything and anyone, ranging from the secret bathroom lives of girls to

people in vegetative states. But even more prevalent than off-color jokes was sexual humor.

One act gave examples of sexually explicit pick up lines, like "Do you have a keg in your pants? Because I'd really like to tap that."

The risqué material was not well-received by all students however.

"I don't think I've ever seen anything more raunchy ... I couldn't watch most of it," senior Kristen Drahos said.

She said the pick-up lines were one of the more "raunchy" parts of the show, along with an act where the Keenan men re-enact the first gay couple to have sex at Notre Dame.

The audience alternated from responding with uproarious laughter to flat-out shock.

Freshman Kelsey Gallagher said she was surprised the explicit content of the show was approved, but she said she still enjoyed it and found it comical.

"A lot of the jokes were very sexual," Gallagher said. "[But] obviously you laugh about stuff. I thought it was really funny."

"It's a bird, it's a plane ... It's the Keenan Revue" will take place again tonight and tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the St. Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium.

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**Kelsey Gallagher
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**Patrick Braganes
senior**

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ment," Schmidt said. "We have to figure out a way to get the word out. It's a way to promote our campaign and inform people, a way of getting people interested in student government."

For other tickets, the Web site is even more crucial to their campaign. McCaughan and Gorski struggled to get posters approved and are relying on their Web site for publicity.

"We're still working on getting signs approved, so technology is the only thing we have, besides talking to people," Gorski said.

McCaughan and Gorski were able to save money with a free domain name.

"We've spent nothing on [advertising]. It was a free Web host," Gorski said.

All three tickets used easy-to-remember domain names. Sanchez credits last year's Reish and Schmidt team for coming up with a catchy campaign website.

"We tried to use a url that's easy to remember," Sanchez said. "The guys last year were the first ones to go the 'dot-com' route."

The tickets are enthusiastic about their Web sites, which they see as major campaigning tools.

"The Web site is a good opportunity for students to see the character of your

campaign and what you're bringing to student government," Sanchez said.

"It's a great, easy way for students to find out more about our platform," Gorski said.

Schmidt and Weber used a laptop to demonstrate the unique features of their Web site.

"It's very interactive, with videos, lots of images. We tried to make it as eye-catching as possible. We're really trying to sell our ideas to the students," Weber said.

"People might say, 'Oh, look how much time they put into their Web site.' Let that be evidence of how much time and effort we would put in as student body president and vice president," Weber said.

The three tickets also have Facebook groups and have been campaigning door-to-door in dorms.

"The Facebook group is pretty standard," Sanchez said. "Our posters and going to dorms have been pretty successful."

Currently, the Schmidt and Weber Facebook group has 644 members, the Burdick and Sanchez group has 292 members, and McCaughan and Gorski's group has 277 members. The fourth ticket, Luke Lennon and Charles Harig, two Zahm freshmen, were unavailable for comment. Their group has 141 members.

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**Cynthia Weber
Vice presidential
candidate**

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Germany tries to search for Heim

BERLIN — Germany will seek Egypt's permission to search for the body of top Nazi war criminal Aribert Heim after new information indicated the Austrian concentration camp doctor died in Cairo years ago, investigators said Thursday.

Heim, accused of carrying out gruesome experiments and murdering hundreds of Jews, has been pursued by German investigators for decades. Now it appears he lived in Egypt under an Arab name, learned Arabic and converted to Islam.

"He died in 1992, said Tarek Abdel-Moneim el Rifai, the son of Heim's dentist in Cairo. "I didn't know that he was a doctor and that he is the most wanted Nazi war criminal."

El Rifai said he didn't know Heim by his real name and that his family used to refer to him as "the German man."

War coming to an end in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — The Sri Lankan government is poised to crush the Tamil Tiger rebels and end a quarter-century civil war that has killed tens of thousands. But it still faces a major challenge beyond the battlefield: resolving the ethnic conflict that fueled the uprising.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa has consistently expressed support for a deal to give the ethnic Tamil minority on this South Asian island nation more say in a government long dominated by the Sinhalese majority.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Shackled murder suspect escapes

PHILADELPHIA — A private prison transportation company lost an attempted-murder suspect somewhere between Florida and Pennsylvania, leading to a search for the cuffed and shackled inmate and drawing complaints that such companies are poorly regulated.

The discovery Thursday was at least the second escape in six months involving an inmate being moved by Prisoner Transportation Services of America LLC. Still, industry critics said the major issue is not escapes, but mistreatment of inmates and poor traveling conditions.

Authorities searched for the suspect who escaped late Wednesday or early Thursday while en route from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Octuplets' mom avoids the press

WHITTIER, Calif. — Reporters from all over the map have camped outside her doorstep and surrounded the hospital where she gave birth to eight healthy babies last week, but people still don't know much about Nadya Suleman. That's about to change.

After managing to avoid reporters as she left the hospital Thursday morning, Suleman headed for her first interview, with Ann Curry of NBC's "Today" show. One of the octuplets mother's hastily hired publicists said she is staying at "an undisclosed location" while she considers offers including possible book and TV deals.

LOCAL NEWS

Principal grazed by gun shot

GARY, Ind. — Police say a Gary high school principal was grazed in the shoulder by a bullet as she was riding in a car with her husband and grandchild.

Gary Police Commander Richard Allen says Wallace High School principal Lucille Upshaw was driving the car Wednesday night and had stopped at an intersection before she and her husband heard several gun shots, one of which shattered the rear window of their car.

Allen says police don't believe the car was the intended target.

FBI finds new leads in Tylenol case

Man linked to deadly 1982 poisonings may be convicted 26 years after the crime

Associated Press

BOSTON — James W. Lewis has a habit of getting into trouble. And a knack for getting out of it, too.

He was charged with killing and dismembering a man in Kansas City, Mo., in 1978, but the case was thrown out. He was jailed on rape charges decades later in Massachusetts, but went free when the victim refused to testify.

And while authorities in Chicago have long suspected Lewis was responsible for the deadly 1982 Tylenol poisonings, the only thing they ever pinned on him was an extortion attempt against the maker of the pain reliever. No one was ever charged in the seven cyanide deaths.

Now the FBI says there are new leads in the Tylenol case and on Wednesday seized a computer and boxes of files from Lewis' Boston-area home. The mysterious and sudden flurry of activity has raised hopes of a long-awaited break in the sensational 26-year-old case.

"Up until yesterday, I thought this would never be solved in my lifetime or ever," said Jack Eliason, whose sister, Mary McFarland, a 31-year-old mother, died after swallowing poisoned Tylenol.

Exactly why investigators have suddenly taken so much interest in the self-proclaimed "Tylenol Man" is unclear, but the FBI cited advances in forensic technology, along with publicity and tips that came in around the 25th anniversary of the crime in 2007.

Authorities have refused to release any further details of the investigation, including the whereabouts of Lewis, who is in his early 60s.

In a space of three days beginning Sept. 29, 1982, seven people who took cyanide-laced Tylenol in Chicago and four suburbs



Investigators watch a man linked to the 1982 Tylenol poisonings in Cambridge, Mass., Wednesday.

died. That triggered a national scare and a huge recall, and eventually led to the widespread adoption of tamperproof packaging for over-the-counter drugs.

Caught after a nationwide manhunt in late 1982, Lewis gave investigators a detailed account of how the killer might have done it, and eventually admitted sending a letter demanding \$1 million from the manufacturer of Tylenol to "stop the killing."

But he said he was only trying to exploit the crisis, and denied he had anything to do with the deaths. He was convicted of extortion in 1983 and spent 12 years in prison, getting out in 1995.

Police Commander

Kenneth Galinski of the Chicago suburb of Arlington Heights, where three of the victims swallowed the lethal Tylenol capsules, said Thursday he is "cautiously optimistic" investigators have made a breakthrough, but would not elaborate.

Lewis's life both before and after his prison sentence is full of strange and disturbing twists.

Police said that he was arrested in 1973 and 1974 for fighting with his stepfather and spent time in mental institutions.

In 1978 he was accused of dismembering a 72-year-old man who had hired him as an accountant. The charges were eventually dismissed because the cause of death was not

determined and some evidence had been illegally obtained. Lewis denied killing the man.

He and his wife, Leann, moved to the Chicago area in the early 1980s, their activities shrouded in secrecy. Authorities said Lewis was chameleon-like in his ability to change his identity, using at least 18 names and posing as a freelance writer, real estate salesman, computer assistant and importer of Indian tapestries.

He was apparently haunted by the death of his daughter, who had Down syndrome and died at age 5 during heart surgery, and sometimes carried a recording of her voice, according to the FBI.

IRAQ

Support shown for al-Maliki in election

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's allies swept to victory over Shiite religious parties during last weekend's provincial elections in Iraq — a rousing endorsement of his crackdown on extremists, according to official results released Thursday.

The impressive showing, which must be certified by international and Iraqi observers, places al-Maliki in a strong position before parliamentary elections late this year and could bolster U.S. confidence that it can begin withdrawing more of its 140,000 troops.

The results were a major blow to Iraq's biggest Shiite religious party — the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council — which trailed in every Shiite province

including its base in the holy city of Najaf.

Still, the margin of victory in a number of Shiite provinces was narrow, indicating the prime minister's supporters will have to cut deals with their rivals in order to govern.

And al-Maliki's Coalition of the State of Law gained little traction in Sunni areas, suggesting that sectarian divisions still play a major role in Iraqi politics. Al-Maliki is himself a Shiite from a religious party but his bloc ran on a platform against sectarianism.

Some Western diplomats believe al-Maliki's biggest problem now will be fending off challenges from fellow Shiites as well as Sunnis and Kurds — who all underestimated him two years ago but now have a strong

vested interest in curbing his power.

The elections, for ruling councils in 14 of the 18 provinces, were the first nationwide balloting since December 2005 and went off peacefully. But a suicide bomber struck Thursday in an ethnically tense northern town, killing 14 people, according to U.S. and Iraqi officials.

The election commission must apportion seats on provincial councils based on the percentages of the vote won by each party, a process that could take weeks. Council members in turn elect the provincial governors.

Al-Maliki's biggest victories came in Baghdad and Basra, Iraq's second largest city, where voters rewarded him for last spring's offensive crushing Shiite militias that had ruled the streets for years.

Dance

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specifically for this show. The DanceFest dancers auditioned in September and having been practicing once a week since then for this event.

The numbers highlight a wide variety of talents, as some dancers have almost 20 years of experience, while many of the campus groups welcome beginners.

"DanceFest provides a great opportunity for people who have danced in the past to continue dancing at college," said senior Lauren Nolan, one of the DanceFest choreographers.

Providing this chance for dancers on campus was one of

the main reasons why DanceFest was created. "The idea for the show was initiated by a Welsh Family resident six years ago who realized there was no single outlet for all the dance groups on campus to come together and perform," Maloney said.

Nolan noted the importance of promoting different cultural dances through DanceFest.

"This is an event for students that explores different types of dance. Students can increase their cultural awareness about dance by seeing styles they may not have encountered before," she said.

Maloney is excited to see the result of the hard work and dedication of all the DanceFest members this weekend. "Planning and directing a show is so much

more work than I had ever imagined," Maloney said. "But it's been so worth it. I've met a lot of talented people and learned so much about both event planning and the technical aspects of theater. I can't wait to see the finished product," she said.

The performances will take place Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$4 at the door.

This year, all the proceeds from DanceFest will benefit La Casa De Amistad, a youth and adult center located on the west side of South Bend, which addresses the needs of South Bend area Hispanics through organized activities and support.

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Car bomb leaves man without eye

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK — Federal agents investigating a car bombing that critically injured a state medical board official focused Thursday on a tire the victim reportedly was trying to move from his driveway just before the blast.

Dr. Trent P. Pierce, 54, remained in critical condition at a hospital Thursday, a day after the bomb blew up in West Memphis as he prepared to leave for work. The chairman of the Arkansas State Medical Board lost his left eye in the blast, suffered burns and was pelted with shrapnel.

Pierce "is conscious and responding," board member Joseph Beck told colleagues Thursday at their previously scheduled meeting in Little Rock. "I know our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Pierce and his family."

Dr. Scott Ferguson, a family friend, said Pierce's family told him a tire had been left in the way of Pierce's hybrid Lexus sport-utility vehicle Wednesday. Ferguson said Pierce apparently leaned down to move the tire out of the way just before the explosion.

Austin Banks, a senior special agent with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said investigators want to learn more about the tire.

"This is a lead we're going to follow up on," he said.

Ferguson said that on Thursday afternoon, Pierce could move his fingers and toes on command, as well as bend his knee. He also said said doc-

tors examined Pierce's right eye and believe he will be able to see out of it again.

Pierce can't talk to detectives because doctors have placed an oxygen tube in his throat, Ferguson said. Pierce was expected to undergo surgery again Friday to repair a broken wrist and insert a plate there. Previous operations cleared away shrapnel blasted into his neck and abdomen.

There's been a "remarkable change since they've done the cleaning and the debris removing in the burn areas," Ferguson said. "Yesterday, everything just looked charred and gone. Today, when they cleared everything away, you could see clean, healthy skin underneath."

Pierce's colleagues on the medical board attempted to carry on business as normal at Thursday's meeting, even as ATF agents pulled them out for interviews and Little Rock police guarded the building.

ATF agents poured over the panel's disciplinary records, paying close attention to its split decisions. As a habit, Pierce cast a deciding vote only when the board's 12 other members couldn't resolve cases. Agents also wanted to look at lawsuits involving the family physician, most of which have been settled.

Beck questioned whether a board decision played any part in the bombing.

"Any time a person's professional license is at stake, emotions run high, but that's been going on for years with this board," the Little Rock doctor said. "This was something atypical and terrible."

SRI LANKA

As war ends, ethnic tensions remain

Associated Press

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"The military machine is in full action ... in the political arena there is no movement at all," said independent lawmaker Mano Ganesan, who is Tamil. "The causes that led to the creation of Tamil nationalism, and from Tamil nationalism to Tamil extremism, and from Tamil extremism to Tamil terrorism, they very much exist today."

The ethnic conflict traces back to Sri Lanka's independence from Britain 61 years ago, when the mainly Buddhist Sinhalese took power after decades of what they saw as British favoritism toward the mainly Hindu Tamils.

In the ensuing years, successive governments dominated by the Sinhalese pushed policies favoring their language and community and marginalizing

Tamils. By the 1970s, a patchwork of rival Tamil political and militant groups began calling for a separate state in the historic Tamil heartlands of the north and east, which they called Eelam.

War broke out in 1983 when Tamil Tiger guerrillas killed 13 soldiers in an ambush and Sinhalese mobs retaliated with anti-Tamil riots that human rights groups say killed as many as 2,000 people.

Thousands of Tamils joined the rebels, known formally as the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Tens of thousands of others fled abroad, creating a Tamil diaspora that has been a rich source of funding for the rebels.

The Tamil community accounts for about 18 percent of Sri Lanka's 20 million people, and Sinhalese comprise about 74 percent. Most of the rest are Muslims.

The government says that once it finishes off the rebels it will be willing to devolve some power to the provinces, giving Tamils, with large populations in the north and east, a significant say in local affairs.

It also promises a big influx of economic aid for development in the north.

"With increasing prosperity the temptation to take up a gun and go to the jungle might be less," Foreign Secretary Palitha Kohona said. "We also feel that once the back of the LTTE is broken completely, the violence that we see in the country will gradually fade away."

But many Tamils retain deep suspicions of the government, exacerbated by reported statements from politicians and military leaders about maintaining the

Sinhalese, Buddhist nature of the country.

Recent reports of large casualties among 250,000 Tamil civilians trapped in the remaining war zone have intensified those suspicions.

At their height, the rebels controlled a shadow state in the north with its own flag, police force and courts.

But government troops broke through the front lines a few months ago, routed the rebels from all their major strongholds and boxed them into a sliver of coast. The rebel group is on the verge of being destroyed as a conventional force, and its dream of establishing Eelam is in tatters.



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IN BRIEF

Retailers face layoffs as sales decline

WASHINGTON — More people sought unemployment benefits than expected last week and laid-off workers found it harder to land new jobs as the economy struggled to show signs of life.

Sour economic indicators Thursday also plagued the retail industry: Weak factory orders were reported for December and sales declines last month for many major stores raised concerns about the industry's health.

Productivity rose sharply in the final months of the year, the government said — but only because layoffs cut the number of hours worked more than output fell.

"Business owners have gone into lockdown mode in what is turning out to be the worst economic environment since the early 1980s," said Tim Quinlan, economic analyst at Wachovia.

Some stations switch to digital Feb. 17

NEW YORK — Television viewers who use antennas and were expecting a few more months to prepare for digital TV may not have much time left before their sets go dark: Many stations still plan to drop analog broadcasts in less than two weeks.

When Congress postponed the mandatory transition to digital TV until June, it also gave stations the option to stick to the originally scheduled date of Feb. 17.

That means the shutdown of analog signals, which broadcasters had hoped would happen at nearly the same time nationwide, could now unfold in a confusing patchwork of different schedules.

Lawmakers wanted to address concerns that many households that receive TV signals through an antenna are not prepared for the switch. They were also mindful that a government fund has run out of money to subsidize digital converter boxes for older TVs.

Dozens of stations around the country now say they are going to take advantage of the option to drop analog broadcasts this month.

Many others are on the fence. The total number is likely to be in the hundreds, a substantial chunk and maybe even a majority of the country's 1,796 full-power TV stations.

Bailout plan to be unveiled Monday

Treasury secretary to deliver outline of new economic stimulus package

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and other top officials are putting the finishing touches on a plan to overhaul the government's \$700 billion financial rescue program.

A Treasury official said Geithner will deliver a speech on Monday outlining the new plan.

But Treasury officials would not comment on reports Thursday that changes were being considered to the current accounting standard that requires banks to carry assets such as mortgage-backed securities on their books at fair value, a process known as "mark to market."

Critics of this process contend that it has made the current financial crisis worse by forcing banks to slash the value of assets that are currently depressed because of market conditions. Treasury officials said the administration's plan was not yet complete and would be revealed in Geithner's speech in Washington next week.

Some key lawmakers are examining alternatives to the current rules on marking down bank assets as a possible way to address the banking crisis.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said Thursday in an interview that he wanted to consider the possibility of doing something other than mark-to-market during times when "you get into a pro-cyclical environment and things are spiraling down ... but I haven't endorsed anything yet."

Meanwhile, real estate lobbyists were pressing the government to spend billions to temporarily subsidize lower mortgage rates. They were looking to Geithner's announcement Monday in hopes that some of the financial rescue



Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner finishes a meeting for the first time as chairman of President Obama's Working Group on Financial Markets on Thursday.

money would be used to reduce mortgage rates and prevent foreclosures.

The Federal Reserve has been buying up mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae for a month. Before rising a bit in recent weeks, mortgage rates had plunged since the Fed announced the creation of the \$500 billion program late last year.

"They can last year expand on it to bring the rates down further," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist with the National Association of Realtors.

Geithner met Thursday with Federal Reserve

Chairman Ben Bernanke and other officials who serve on the President's Working Group on Financial Markets. The group was formed in the wake of the 1987 stock market crash with the goal of better coordinating the government's response to market crises.

The administration's overhaul of the controversial \$700 billion bailout plan is expected to provide support to banks to deal with some of the toxic assets that are now weighing down their balance sheets and keeping them from resuming more normal lending.

Geithner said the overhaul of the rescue program

was aimed at improving the effort to get credit flowing again and to support the Obama stimulus plan being debated in Congress.

The working group also will devote time to discussing the reforms needed to ensure that the current financial crisis, the worst to hit the country in seven decades, is not repeated, he said.

"We also want to use this opportunity to begin the process of shaping a consensus reform of our financial system so that neither the U.S. economy or the global financial system ever ... again faces a crisis of this magnitude," Geithner said.

January sales report a 4.8 percent fall

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shoppers passed by the jewelry counter in January, delayed buying their favorite perfume and even skimped on buying clothes for their growing kids. If they looked at status handbags, they put them back on the shelf and walked away.

The dismal January sales that retailers reported Thursday foreshadow a cold spring as consumers worry about massive layoffs and their dwindling retirement funds. Bigger-than-expected declines crossed the spectrum from Gap Inc. to luxury retailer Saks and the Children's Place. Others, like Macy's and Limited Brands Inc., did better than forecast but still saw sales drops.

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, was among the outliers, reporting sales gains that beat Wall Street's forecast.

The discounter has benefited from consumers' focus on necessities like groceries and on finding cheaper options for other items.

"Consumers have only one focus today and that is survival," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group. "They only want to buy the things they have to have."

What's clear, he says, is that nothing these days is recession proof — even makeup. Estee Lauder Cos. reported a 30 percent drop in fiscal second-quarter profits as shoppers cut their spending on makeup, skincare and perfume. Chief Operating Officer Fabrizio Freda said he has noticed consumers are delaying purchases, especially in fragrances.

January sales at established stores fell 1.6 percent, according to the International Council of Shopping

Centers-Goldman Sachs tally — not as bad as expected but still the fourth consecutive monthly decline. The index was helped by the better-than-expected results from Wal-Mart, which accounts for just over half the index. Excluding Wal-Mart, sales fell 4.8 percent. The tally is based on same-store sales, or sales at stores open at least a year.

While January is the least important month of a retailer's sales calendar, the figures confirm how weak consumer spending is. Merchants couldn't even count on the usual post-holiday gift from shoppers redeeming holiday gift cards. Sales of gift card sales were down because shoppers were focusing on deals, or just not buying. And with the economy deteriorating, the ICSC's chief economist Michael P. Niemira expects sales to keep falling through at least spring.

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VATICAN CITY

Church demands Bishop recant views

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican, bowing to the growing furor over Pope Benedict XVI's decision to accept a return to the church of a prelate who denied the Holocaust, made a dramatic turnaround Wednesday and demanded the bishop recant.

The Vatican sought to distance the pope from the controversy by saying he did not know about British Bishop Richard Williamson's views when he agreed to lift his excommunication last month.

In the surprisingly public spat, some leading cardinals in Germany and at the Vatican blamed unidentified aides for not fully briefing the pope.

The controversy provided a rare look at the cracks in the Vatican's facade of unity and raised questions about the advice the pope receives and his access to information. Papal aides say Benedict, a former university professor and theologian, receives a daily news summary and occasionally watches television.

The statement was issued by the Vatican's Secretariat of State a day after German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged the pope to make a clearer rejection of Holocaust denials. Top German church officials, Jewish groups and the head of the U.S. bishops conference also condemned Williamson.

In a sign of just how much the Vatican had misread the public mood, the secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, was quoted Tuesday as saying he considered the matter "closed" after Benedict issued a lengthy denunciation of Holocaust deniers last week.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, said he took Benedict at his word that he didn't know about Williamson's views, but said he couldn't believe Vatican aides didn't do more research to better inform the pope.

"This was absolutely a matter that was bungled at the highest levels of the Vatican," Hier said. "If they Googled the name 'Bishop Williamson,' they'd find out he was a Holocaust denier. This did not require advanced research at the Vatican Library or Oxford."

"Everybody knows he's an anti-Semite," since Williamson has been vocal about his views, making speeches and publishing a blog, Hier said. "The other Holocaust deniers are rabid, anti-Semites who can't claim any legitimacy. But when a person calls himself bishop and he was invited back into the Catholic Church by none other than the pope, he brings with him an aura of legitimacy. And that legitimacy stains the pope. So the pope today finally made the right decision, that (Williamson) must recant."

Williamson was shown on Swedish state television just days before the lifting of his excommunication was announced on Jan. 24, acknowledging his view that "there was not one Jew killed by the gas chambers" during World War II.

He said historical evidence "is hugely against 6 million Jews

having been deliberately gassed in gas chambers as a deliberate policy of Adolf Hitler."

Williamson subsequently apologized to the pope for having stirred controversy, but he did not repudiate his comments, in which he also said only 200,000 to 300,000 Jews were killed by the Nazis and none were gassed.

"Germany has paid out billions and billions of deutschmarks and now euros because the Germans have a guilt complex about their having gassed 6 million Jews. Well, I don't think 6 million Jews were gassed," he said.

The controversy threatened to mar Benedict's strong record in building Catholic-Jewish relations, which included visits to the Nazi Auschwitz death camp in Poland and synagogues in Germany and the United States.

Jewish leaders welcomed the Vatican's move Wednesday.

"Had all this been expressed at the outset, we could have avoided the unnecessary damage and distress," Rabbi David Rosen, international director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee, said in an e-mail following Wednesday's statement.

Williamson and three other bishops were excommunicated in 1988 after they were consecrated by the late ultraconservative Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre without papal consent.

Lefebvre founded the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X in 1969, which opposes the liberalizing reforms of the Second Vatican Council, including its outreach to Jews.

The Holy See said when it announced the rehabilitation of the bishops that removing the excommunication did not mean the Vatican shared Williamson's views.

In the statement Wednesday, the Vatican said that while Williamson's excommunication had been lifted, he still had no canonical function in the church because he was consecrated illegitimately by Lefebvre.

"Bishop Williamson, in order to be admitted to episcopal functions within the church, will have to take his distance, in an absolutely unequivocal and public fashion, from his position on the Shoah, which the Holy Father was not aware of when the excommunication was lifted," the statement said. Shoah is the Hebrew word for the Holocaust.

In addition to its demand of Williamson, the Vatican said the society as a whole must fully recognize the teachings of Vatican II and all the popes who came during and after it in order to have a legitimate canonical function in the church.

Jewish groups praised the Vatican statement, saying it satisfied their key demand. "This was the sign the Jewish world has been waiting for," said Ronald Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress.

Elan Steinberg, vice president of the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and their Descendants, thanked Merkel for her "righteous comments" and said the process of healing the "deep wound that this crisis caused to the Catholic-Jewish dialogue" could now begin.

FEMA recalls kits with peanut butter

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Nearly 168,000 emergency meal kits sent to Kentucky in the wake of an ice storm had been recalled more than two weeks earlier because some contained peanut butter that could have been contaminated by salmonella, federal officials said Thursday.

An apparent communication breakdown among federal officials allowed the kits to be sent to Kentucky to help feed hundreds of thousands of people left without power at the height of last week's storm. The storm also swept through Arkansas, but federal officials don't believe people there got the meal kits affected by the recall.

People were warned Thursday not to eat the peanut butter packets. No illnesses have been reported and recalls were ordered out of "an abundance of caution," said Jay Blanton, a spokesman for Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear.

The company that distributed the peanut butter packets used in the meals recalled them last month because of the salmonella outbreak suspected of sickening at least 575 people, eight of whom died. A Blakely, Ga., peanut-processing plant that produces a fraction of U.S. peanut products is being investigated in the outbreak.

The company that packaged the meals, Red Cloud Foods Inc., sent a memo dated Jan. 19 to the arm of the Department of Defense responsible for getting them to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. But FEMA said it didn't learn of the recall until Wednesday night, more than two weeks later.

Beshear had eaten some of the peanut butter while touring storm damage and said Thursday he felt "pretty good."

But people still in shelters because of the storm weren't so positive.

"You look forward to them helping and they're handing out things that are making it worse," said Rebecca Schmelz, who was at a shelter in downtown Greenville with her 6-month-old and 6-year-old sons.

She said her family had eaten several emergency meals but she did not believe any contained the peanut butter packets shown on a FEMA flier warning people about possible salmonella.

"I'm glad that my kids don't eat peanut butter, that's for sure," she said.

The kits, which contained entrees, cookies, chips and sometimes peanut butter packets, were assembled in September for relief efforts after Hurricane Ike, said Bob Harrison, chairman of South Elgin, Ill.-based Red Cloud Foods Inc.

Harrison said Red Cloud learned of the peanut butter recall and notified the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, an arm of the Department of Defense that supplies meals to FEMA, that it was recalling about 530,000 meals. Dennis Gauci, spokesman for the Defense Logistics Agency, which oversees the supply center, could not say when the recall notice was received from Red Cloud or when FEMA was

notified.

FEMA spokeswoman Alexandra Kirin said the Food and Drug Administration notified it about 10 days ago that a different company had been added to the list of recalled products that might contain contaminated peanut butter. FEMA went through all of its prepared meals and found fewer than 10,000 made by that company. They were removed so disaster victims wouldn't get them.

On Wednesday, the FDA told FEMA that a new company, Red Cloud, had been added to the recall list. Red Cloud told FEMA it had notified the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia in January.

As of Thursday evening, FEMA did not know why Defense Supply Center Philadelphia did not tell it about that notification.

"So we need to find out about that," said Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

She said FEMA was telling people to throw away the packets and the meals would be replaced by Friday. She did not know if the new batch would include peanut butter products.

FDA spokeswoman Stephanie Kwisnek said Thursday the agency could not answer questions from The Associated Press about the FEMA meals.

Kirin said 167,900 of the Red Cloud meals were distributed in Kentucky. It wasn't clear what happened to the rest of the 530,000 and whether any had been distributed to victims of Hurricane Ike or other disasters.

According to an internal briefing document Thursday morning, FEMA had delivered 959,000 meals to Kentucky in the aftermath of the ice storm, with 490,000 more on the way over the next few days. Arkansas received 468,864, and no more were expected.

Kentucky National Guard Chief Warrant Officer Connie Vick said emergency meals containing peanut butter had likely been distributed to nearly two dozen counties there.

Meals with the suspect peanut butter were found at Nelson Creek Missionary Baptist Church in western Kentucky, but only one had been taken and it wasn't eaten.

Nelson Creek Volunteer Fire Chief Terry Peveler said his wife, Michaelle, had planned to eat a meal that included peanut butter but didn't because her boss bought pizza. He said he wasn't angry at FEMA.

"If they hadn't handed them out, a lot of people would be starving," he said.

The salmonella outbreak has led to questions about Peanut Corp. of America and its Georgia plant operated. Authorities say Peanut Corp. shipped peanut butter, paste and other products that had tested positive for salmonella. The company retested, got a negative reading, and shipped the products. A criminal investigation is under way. The Lynchburg, Va.-based company denies any wrongdoing and said Wednesday that the Blakely plant received regular visits and inspections from state and federal authorities in 2008.

COLOMBIA

Political hostage released

Associated Press

BOGOTA — The last known politician held hostage by Colombia's main leftist insurgency was airlifted to freedom Thursday after six years in captivity.

Provincial lawmaker Sigifredo Lopez was the sixth and latest hostage released this week by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia in what the rebels said was a unilateral act aimed at starting talks on an exchange of hostages for imprisoned guerrillas.

At a news conference, Lopez firmly blamed the FARC for the deaths of all 11 colleagues who were abducted with him in April 2002. He said he survived because he had been separated from the other prisoners previously as punishment for arguing with a rebel guard.

"My companions never deserved to die the way they did," the 45-year-old lawmaker told reporters in the provincial capital of Valle del Cauca. "The FARC massacred them on June 18, at 11:30 in the morning, of 2007."

The FARC said at the time only that the lawmakers died under confusing circumstances involving an unidentified military group, and that Lopez survived because he was being held in a different location. The Colombian government blamed the FARC for

the deaths.

After being isolated from the group, Lopez said he could hear short bursts of gunfire and then the sustained firing of automatic weapons. Days later, he learned from a radio broadcast that his colleagues had been killed. He said the rebels did not explain why they were killed.

With Lopez's liberation, the FARC have released the last politician on a list of prominent hostages it published in October. The FARC says it still holds about 20 police and military officials.

International Red Cross spokesman Yves Heller confirmed that Lopez was handed over Thursday by the FARC to a humanitarian mission led by the Red Cross and an opposition senator.

Descending from a helicopter in the western city of Cali immediately after his liberation, a tearful Lopez embraced his wife, Patricia Nieto, and full-grown sons Lucas and Sergio.

Clad in a dark shirt and wearing a small wooden cross around his neck, Lopez lifted his right hand in triumph and wept. "I'm well, I'm well. Thank you," he told a cluster of reporters.

Previously this week, the FARC released three police officers, a soldier and the former governor of the southern state of Meta, Alan Jara.

Leftist intellectuals hope the goodwill gestures will prod the government to open a dialogue that might end the FARC's 45-year-old insurgency.

But President Alvaro Uribe has resisted. His U.S.-backed military has dealt the FARC a series of crippling blows in recent months.

Uribe has called the releases attention-grabbing antics staged by the rebels to deceive Colombians. He and foreign governments have urged the FARC to renounce kidnapping and free all its hostages.

Opposition Sen. Piedra Cordoba, who led the recovery missions, said earlier Thursday that she sent a message to a member of the FARC's top leadership asking for the rebels to soften their demands to help facilitate a prisoner exchange.

The wife of one of the dead lawmakers originally kidnapped with Lopez said there are mixed feelings about the latest hostage release.

"Not all the 12 have been able to return, only one," Consuelo Mesa told Caracol radio.

In July, Colombian military agents posing as members of a humanitarian mission spirited to safety U.S. captives Marc Gonsalves, Tom Howes and Keith Stansell, along with French-Colombian politician Ingrid Betancourt.

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Recruiting in an iPod world

This week has been a hectic one. First, the Pittsburgh Steelers mastered the art of winning the ultimate football game in the Super Bowl. Then, Punxsutawney Phil cursed us once more with another six weeks of winter weather. Later we steam-rolled through college football's national signing day which blessed Notre Dame with at least one impact player from the nation's top five recruits. Tragically, the third and sixth ranked college basketball teams gasped through 27-point losses. Tomorrow, the week culminates when "Equus" closes off Broadway signaling the departure of Daniel Radcliffe, a.k.a. Harry Potter, back across the Atlantic. What on the surface appears to be a chaotic week, is in fact, the norm in the iPod world.



Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Interestingly, the events of this week intertwine to explain the nuances college coaches must master to successfully recruit and instruct players so that they perform as winners during competition. Why does a lowly Syracuse football team beat Notre Dame on its home field? How can the mighty Duke basketball team suffer its worst loss in 15 years and second worst loss ever by 27 points? How can Notre Dame's basketball team fall completely out of the top 25 teams from a perch among the top ten?

Radio personality Anita Marks of Baltimore's "The Fan" sports radio commented this week on University of Maryland basketball coach Gary Williams' harsh treatment of his players. Marks said, "Today's athletes are more sensitive and want to be respected. But to be honest, the coaches who were tough on me during the heat of battle got the most out

of me."

Are athletes today sensitive as Marks suggests or are they spoiled, unfocused and too dependent upon technological devices? Steelers wide receiver and Super Bowl MVP Antonio Holmes mentioned that he had more than 200 text messages after the Steelers advanced to the Super Bowl. Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was almost literally attached to his digital recorder from the time he exited the plane in Tampa to the end of the victory parade in Pittsburgh. How did they overcome our iPod world experiences like elementary school competitions where nobody won and everyone played an equal share of the game to playing the NFL's toughest schedule and claiming the Lombardi Trophy? They focused, concentrated, performed according to game plan and maintained a mental toughness.

The Broadhurst Theatre on 44th Street offers unique seating in a balcony around the stage. From a reverse angle, patrons watch what the rest of the audience cannot. During many scenes in "Equus," the teenage Radcliffe sits atop a box with his back to the main audience representing his confinement in a hospital room. Only the two dozen stage seat occupants see his boredom as he picks off the box's paint with his fingernails. As the play concludes its run this weekend, the box exhibits gaping scars where Radcliffe has removed paint over the past few months. If only the author could have written an iPod into the script.

Whether it is Duke basketball players, Notre Dame football players or the Arizona Cardinals defensive players who committed several personal foul penalties during the Super Bowl, successful coaches need to recognize the consequences of our iPod world. The lesson to recall is one best dramatized two decades ago in the Tom Cruise film, "All the Right Moves." The small town Pennsylvania football

star is instructed on how to defend a particular pass in practice drill after drill. However, during the big rivalry game, Cruise decides to attempt an interception rather than make the tackle according to the coaching plan in practice. Of course he misses, and his team loses because of his mental collapse.

College football's signing day this week demonstrated more of a courtship than a recruitment. Winning in the college ranks today requires a coach to be half game tactician and half psychologist to focus and mentally prepare players for each opponent. Last season, Alabama's football team only collapsed in their bowl game with 16 freshmen and 9 seniors as regular starters. Having scored atop Wednesday's football recruitment class, their proven mental toughness and focus will keep Alabama among the elite programs nationally.

Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward sums up the element he attributes for a successful athlete by saying, "Hats off to our scouts. They do a lot of diligence as far as looking over the draft picks, making sure they're great character guys. That's the one thing about Pittsburgh, you won't find too many character issues about the guys they draft."

Whether the key is character or concentration, coaches may eventually decide to convey game plans through podcasts to assure themselves that their players are focused on game day.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The great thing about democracy is that it gives every voter a chance to do something stupid."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is a common delusion that you make things better by talking about them."

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The taste of disappointment

Last Sunday, millions of Americans tuned in to NBC for the biggest television event of the year: the Super Bowl. While the game was certainly exciting (at least during the final quarter), many people were more excited about the commercials that aired during the game. For me, the most exciting moment of Super Bowl Sunday did not include Larry Fitzgerald or Antonio Holmes, but rather the revelation that on Tuesday Denny's would be serving free Grand Slam breakfasts.



Bob Kessler
House of Stix

This announcement made me more excited than I had been in weeks. My life was getting really repetitive as I had made the critical error of going to Finnegans for three nights in a row that weekend. [note: no matter what happens, never go to the same bar for three nights in a row. Two nights is borderline acceptable if you are with different people, but on the third night, you are better off just going to sleep early, or even drinking by yourself].

Needless to say I was in a rut, and the excitement of this Grand Slam gave me

something to look forward to in the middle of a week was shaping up to be incredibly dull (it's not like I am celebrating a birthday soon or anything). In fact, the last time a grand slam made me this excited was when Aramis Ramirez hit one in the first inning of game four of the 2003 NLCS, and we all know how that turned out.

I mean, what other grand slams could excite me more? Sure we are half way to a PaddySlam in the world of golf, and Rafael Nadal is now merely a U.S. Open win away from the much coveted Career Golden Slam, but could golf tournaments and tennis matches excite me nearly as much as the taste of two golden pancakes, two grease covered eggs, two strips of crisp bacon, and a pair of perfectly formed sausage links? I don't think so. If God crafted the perfect meal to feed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, it was probably a Denny's Grand Slam. On Tuesday morning, I would be getting this satisfaction — for free.

Or so I thought . . .
 When Monday afternoon came I was hit with the shocking news that the Denny's on 31 was nowhere to be found. Apparently it had closed its doors in December. This news was like finding out that Santa Claus didn't exist, only worse. In the pantheon of bad news that I have received in the past couple months; this

was worse than finding out Zach Hillesland was returning to the starting lineup this week, but not as horrifying as my discovery that the UPS whiteboard commercials are actually animated and not really a whiteboard.

At first, I was in disbelief. How could such a perfectly situated Denny's close its doors? This was a prime location. It was less than a mile from a tollway stop and also near several colleges where students would want to eat great even late. Although I doubt many Saint Mary's girls frequent Denny's as I can't picture a side salad being very good if it is smothered in grease like all Denny's food has to be (I kid because I love ladies).

As my roommate quickly convinced me that we could not drive to the nearest Denny's in Michigan City before our early class on Tuesday, I came to the realization that I would not be savoring what I consider to be the best Grand Slam of all the Grand Slams any time soon. In fact, as a consolation, we decided to go to McDonald's on Tuesday morning for some Deluxe Big Breakfasts. However, this was disastrous as I soon realized how inferior the Deluxe Big Breakfast is to the Grand Slam in the long line of incredibly greasy breakfasts.

In case you are not familiar with them, the Deluxe Big Breakfast is inferior

because it has no choice of eggs, no bacon, a vastly mediocre sausage patty, and a biscuit. I can sort of understand biscuits and gravy for breakfast as being a southern thing, but if I wanted just a plain biscuit with my breakfast, I would have gone to KFC. The biscuit is as out of place in the Deluxe Big Breakfast as the Marvin Harrison READ poster is on the main floor of the library.

As I sat there eating my deluxe big breakfast, I couldn't help but wonder how much better the Grand Slam would have been when it hit me that I would have gotten the Grand Slam for free. I had paid \$8 for my breakfast, McCafe Mocha, and extra hash brown. At Denny's I would have paid a couple bucks for some hot tea, and been done with it. My disappointment was at an all time high. I tasted disappointment that morning, and it tasted like Deluxe Big Breakfast.

But then, out of nowhere, that taste was quenched the next day, when we got Manti Te'o, and I completely forgot about the Grand Slam that wasn't.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Joke is on you

The annual student government election is going to take place next Monday on February 9th (seniors can vote in this election!). I know a lot of people do not vote, abstain from voting, vote for whom they know, think the whole thing is silly, or maybe worst of all, think the student government election is actually important.

No matter which one of those groups you might associate yourself with, it is not only in your best interest but the best interest of the entire student body that you cast your vote for Zahm Freshmen Luke Lennox and Charlie Harig. I was expecting a few funny jokes from the annual Zahm Freshmen running for office, but was pleasantly surprised at the debate on Wednesday when they absolutely dominated the other tickets in every aspect of the entire event. The Zahm Freshmen ticket was hilarious, and at some points, fairly inappropriate but never waning. The Notre Dame student body runs the risk of encouraging perennially dissatisfying student government monarchy "lifers" into being the norm if we don't elect this ticket of Zahm Freshmen. It's not that student government doesn't do anything, it's just that they don't do anything we really care about that much. Student government is good at setting up task forces, sending out surveys, and taking "No" for an answer from the administration. I honestly believe these Zahm Freshmen are exactly what the student body needs and what the administration deserves. We should make it the norm that we elect the funniest candidates until someone comes along with worthwhile ideas instead of electing serious candidates until a ticket is funny enough to be elected. I under-

stand that the people in student government have to work "with" the administration, but student government's loyalty should remain faithfully with the students regardless of the circumstance. It is time we elect a couple of people who might be thrown out of office, but absolutely under no circumstances will forsake their obligation to the student body.

Luke Lennox and Charlie Harig are the men for the job and will replace the penny loafers of the Reish-Schmidt era with a pair of clown shoes so big it will be difficult for any ticket in the future to fill them whether they are serious or not. Student government has not been "of the students for the students," but rather has been "of the student government for the student government." Whether or not you vote for Luke and Charlie in this student government election, which, in the scheme of things is almost totally inconsequential, sooner or later the joke is on you. The important things in life you can probably count on one hand: health, family, friends, a sense of worth . . . Notre Dame student government. So let's come together as a student body and refuse to put in place that well-oiled cog that will allow student government and the administration to continue churning away together on the most inane ideas just because they are sanitized and safe. Instead, let's throw Lennon-Harig wrench right in the middle of the resume building political machine that is Notre Dame student government and watch the sparks fly.

Bill Ehrlich
 senior
 off-campus
 Feb. 6

Pope deserves a break

This letter is in response to Andrew Nesi's column on Pope Benedict XVI's re-communication (he was right, it's a good word) of Bishop Richard Williamson ("A Papal Fallacy", Viewpoint Feb. 5). In this column, Mr. Nesi bemoans the amnesty the Vatican has shown to Williamson, a certifiable nut-job who holds such lovely tenets as male chauvinism, gender discrimination, and good old-fashioned ignorance.

Mr. Nesi, the pope has been forced to handle a very tricky situation. It is clear from his responses that the view from the windows of the Vatican may not be all that great, I will grant you that. He has long been criticized as "out-of-touch" with the rest of the world. But really, isn't that the point of the Papacy? I wasn't aware that the term "Holy See" referred to seeing the world and the world only; the bishop of Rome must act with the heavenly kingdom in mind. I understand that Benedict has said some incendiary things. But the Church is not in the business of telling people what they want to hear; it is in the business of telling people what they need to hear "in order for the salvation of souls." Controversial teachings are not made for the sole purpose of getting free press; if the Church speaks truth, and it pricks my conscience, maybe my conscience is out of line. And readers, please don't turn this into a "Who says the Church is the ultimate authority?" debate. I personally believe in the ability of the Church as a whole (the pope "in union with the college of bishops," remember?) to make sound moral doctrines and conclusions. Like I said earlier, Pope Benedict had a lot of forethought to consider.

First and foremost, the Catholic Church has a schism on its hands. The Society of Pius X espouses some very flawed notions, including dissent over the Second Vatican Council and the authenticity of the modern Mass (because these people are right, but all the bishops in the world

in the 70's must be wrong). Williamson in particular holds some seriously flawed beliefs. As was remarked in an article on Wednesday ("Professor defends pope on disputed bishop issue," Feb. 4), it would be much better to have wayward clergy under the vigilance — and discipline — of Rome. And reinstating a bishop with controversial views does not an approbation make.

Furthermore, in case you weren't aware, there is a serious shortage of priests in the world. According to Cleveland-based futurechurch.org, the number of priests in England has fallen over 20 percent in the last 30 years. Half of the current priests are over age 60. On this side of the pond, the number of American priests has fallen 23 percent since 1965, while the number of yearly ordinations has been cut in half. In that same time, the number of priest-less parishes has nearly sextupled. This is a crisis situation, folks.

I understand that Williamson is a terrible figure for the Church to embrace, but really, our dear Vatican has been forced into a corner. For the reason above and a number of others more befitting an actual article than a letter to the editor, the Church decided to extend an olive branch to these four priests while distancing itself from their radical beliefs. So Mr. Nesi, if you really want to ensure that radical priests don't end up speaking from lecterns on Sundays, maybe you should become a priest yourself. It's a shame that the religious vocation has fallen by the wayside in many modern Catholic families. If the Church had more candidates to choose from, aren't as incredibly controversial as Richard Williamson.

Kyle Tennant
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Thank you

Dear Lourdes ("To Notre Dame women, Feb". 4), Thank goodness you said it so I don't have to. All the best, Samantha.

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Tilly and the Wall this week at Legends

By PATRICK GRIFFIN
Scene Writer

How does watching a musical group from the small-scale music scene of Omaha, Neb., that is missing a fundamental instrument, and that recently appeared on "Sesame Street" sound as an idea for a Saturday night activity? Before entirely writing off Legends of Notre Dame's latest performer, try and get to know Tilly and the Wall. Named after a popular children's book by Leo Lionni, the band is much more than child's play.

When Tilly and the Wall take the stage on Saturday night at Legends Nightclub, you may assume that a vital part of the band's setup is missing. However, rest assured that once the show starts, you will be pleasantly surprised with the bands minor shortcoming. Tilly and the Wall does not have a drummer in their lineup.

Instead, member Jamie Pressnall accounts for the majority of the group's percussion arrangements with her feet; she is a tap dancer. This unique feature may be lost on recorded tracks, fading into the background of songs as a monotonous, yet driving, beat. However, the distinctive substitute is sure to be noticed on stage.

The indie group's journey began in 2001. The band's members united after the liquidation of several groups, most notably, folk artist Conor Oberst's Park Ave., in the Omaha area. The

final ensemble includes the previously mentioned Pressnall (then Jamie Williams), her future husband, guitarist and vocalist Derek Pressnall, vocalist and bassist Neely Jenkins, keyboardist Nick White, and lead vocalist Kianna Alarid. Since Tilly and the Wall's conception, the band has released three full-length albums, all of which were recorded under Conor Oberst's label Team Love Records.

"Wild Like Children," the band's first full-length album, was released in 2004. The album launched Tilly and the Wall onto the indie music scene and earned the band the opportunity to tour with acclaimed artists like Bright Eyes, Rilo Kiley, and Of Montreal.

Tilly and the Wall's follow-up to "Wild Like Children" was entitled "Bottoms of Barrels," and was released in May of 2006. While tracks such as "Bad Education" and "Rainbows in the Dark" garnered notable Internet traffic, the band was busy appearing on the Late Show with David Letterman, touring with folk sweetheart Jenny Lewis, and performing at the 2007 Coachella Music Festival.

Tilly and the Wall's latest effort, "o," has afforded the group the most

acclaim to date. The singles "Beat Control" and "Alligator Skin" have received considerable recognition among indie music fans, and the album's release even sparked an exclusive PBS television performance

on the popular children's show "Sesame Street." In 2008, Tilly and the Wall performed their own modern rendition of the ABCs. The unique performance featured the participation of young "Sesame Street" fans, as the band stomped in time while wearing colorful clothing.

Though the band is still on the rise, Tilly and the Wall will surprise you with a toy box hunk of simple and memorable guitar hooks, cheery bass, techno beats, and interactive percussion.

The group's vocals, led by Alarid, call to mind the sweepingly smooth style of Jenny Lewis and the innocent bounciness of Feist. All of the band's elements fold together nicely to make a sound that may be better to see than to hear.

The Tilly and the Wall concert is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students free of charge. The show begins Saturday night at 10 p.m. at Legends.

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Jamie Pressnall accounts for the majority of the group's percussion arrangements with her feet; she is a tap dancer.



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The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial

By MARTHA KARAM
Scene Writer

Witness both journalists and monkeys in court this weekend at LA Theatre Works: "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trail," where "If evolution wins, Christianity goes."

Based directly on transcripts of "Tennessee vs. John Scopes," "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trail" will be showing Friday through Sunday at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center as part of the Visiting Artists series.

Started in 1974, LA Theatre Works' goal is to "enrich the cultural life of our national community." Even though an eight-day long case from the 1920s may seem uninteresting to a college student, LA Theatre Works makes it their goal to entice an interest in theatre within people throughout the country.

Funded by Californian businesses and various alliances of art since 1984, LA Theatre Works has also worked in Los Angeles with students at County Juvenile Court Schools, after-school programs, and public schools to give at-risk children a creative, productive outlet.

The play's historical background is accurate and succinct. The eight-day trail in a sweltering courtroom has its most enthralling moments of the entire case condensed into a single play.

The play stars Emmy Award-winning Ed Asner (Santa in "Elf," best known for his turn as Lou Grant on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," and its spinoff, "Lou Grant") and John Heard ("Home

Alone," "Battlestar Galactica," "CSI: Miami"). Asner plays William Jennings Bryan, the prosecutor and former United States Secretary of State, and Heard plays the defendant's representative, Clarence Darrow.

In 1925, the Butler Act passed in Tennessee legislature, which stated "it shall be unlawful for any teacher in the public schools of the state to teach any theory that denies the story of the Divine Creation of man taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals."

After the passage of this act, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) persuaded a local General Science teacher, John Scopes, to teach information based on Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of Species."

Ultimately, Scopes was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of \$100. "Time Magazine" depicted the trial as "the fantastic cross between a circus and a holy war." Though the buzz of controversy about evolution is almost extinct in our generation, "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trail" suggests topics that were new to America in the 1920s but are still applicable to our generation.

The play is not just about a court

case, it is about the loosening of morals of youth in the 1920s and the resistance of the previous generation to adapt to new ideas after the First World War. The crazed exaggerations of the over 200 journalists at the trial, the exploiting and mocking of biological ideas, and antiquated practices of propaganda and yellow journalism can entertain an audience of any generation.

The journalistic twists of the backwards "hillbillies" of Tennessee exposes a conflict of ideas between Fundamentalism and Modernism in the 1920's. "The Great Monkey Trail" personifies this same conflict through Bryan and Darrow's characters and the people caught in the schism of ideas through Scopes himself.

At the Friday and Saturday performances, Anthropology professor Agustin Fuentes is giving a "pre-performance" discussion one hour before curtain at 6 p.m.

Even if you are not interested in controversy, the 1920s, or respectable acting, this play will enthrall the entire audience with the reenacted chaos of that scorching summer courtroom 80 years ago. Tickets are available online or at the performance.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION



Laura Burdick *president* vice president Derek Sanchez

Who They Are

Burdick, a junior who lives in Cavanaugh, is a biology major. Sanchez is a political science and Spanish double major with a minor in Latino studies. He currently lives in Duncan Hall, but lived for two years in Carroll Hall. Burdick and Sanchez served as Hall Presidents Council athletic co-chairs.

In Their Words

u**Top Priority:** Loan forgiveness for students pursuing careers in public service.

u**First Priority:** "Safety First" campaign.

In Our Words

u**Best Idea:** The Burdick-Sanchez idea for a loan forgiveness program for students who commit to public service after graduation.

u**Worst Idea:** "Safety First" covers a broad range of topics that haven't really been explained in detail.

u**Most Feasible Idea:** Expanding the Gold Rush program.

u**Least Feasible Idea:** "Safety First" is an umbrella for topics dealing with many facets of student life and is too broad to be practical.

u**Fun Facts:** When Burdick was a little girl, her family sang her the Notre Dame Fight Song at bedtime. Burdick and Sanchez met by being randomly seated near each other freshman year at football games. Sanchez's band, "Vote For Us," won second place at Notre Dame's Battle of the Bands.



u**Notable Quote:** "We're not strictly student government." — Sanchez, on his ticket's extracurricular activities at Notre Dame.

Bottom Line

Burdick and Sanchez are obviously in tune with the wishes of the student body, and their experience in one part of student government has provided them with the resources to put research into their platform initiatives. Though it is admirable to "leave holes" in a platform to allow for student input, the main Burdick-Sanchez weakness is that there are too many gaps. Some of their initiatives are too broad to be feasible. The pair is likeable and professional and will most likely connect with sizeable portion of the student body, especially with their off-campus blog idea modeled off of NDToday.com. Sanchez is by far the most sincere of the candidates.

Luke Lennon *president* vice president Charlie Harig

Who They Are:

Lennon and Harig are freshman roommates in Zahm. Lennon is pursuing a pre-med degree and Harig is an engineering major.

In Their Words

u**Top Priority:** Increasing the population of beautiful women on campus.

u**First Priority:** A parade.

In Our Words

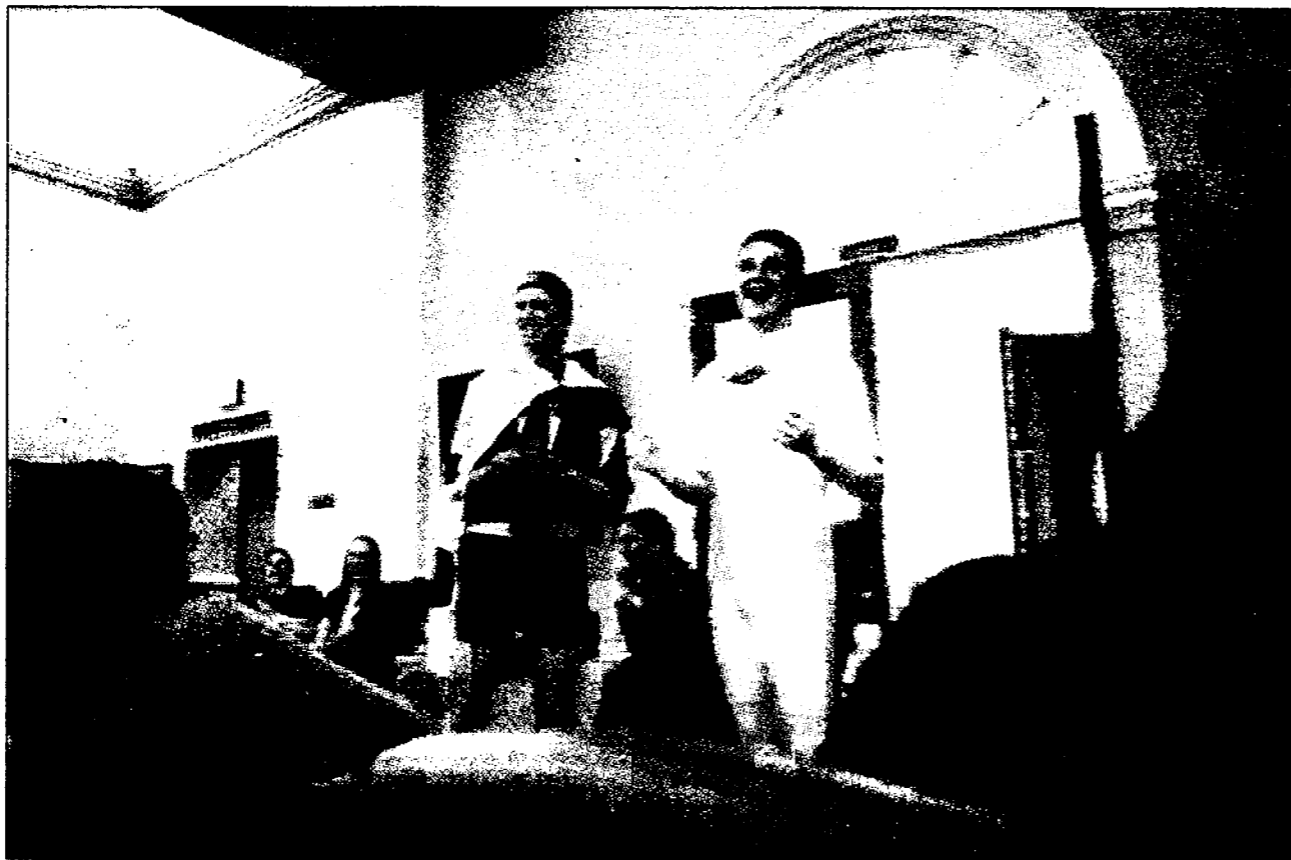
u**Best Idea:** none
u**Worst Idea:** Naming one of their initiatives after a policy enacted during a regrettable part of American history.

u**Most Feasible Idea:** none

u**Least Feasible Idea:** Expanding the idea of buying out Charlie Weis' contract to apply to any member of the University community that you think should leave, such as that professor you don't like, the rector who is on your case, or that kid in the front of class who always raises his hand.

u**Fun Facts:** According to Lennon and Harig, they were drafted by the Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings, respectively, out of high school, but turned the NFL teams down. "We can never be rivals," Lennon said. Lennon is the grandson of Alumni Association executive director Chuck Lennon, who stopped by LaFortune Wednesday evening to witness his progeny strip to a skintight suit and dance to the hit Beyoncé song, "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)."

u**Notable Quote:** "On the morning after election day, we want to be that mistake." — Harig, before Lennon led the student government debate audience in a cheer of "That mistake."

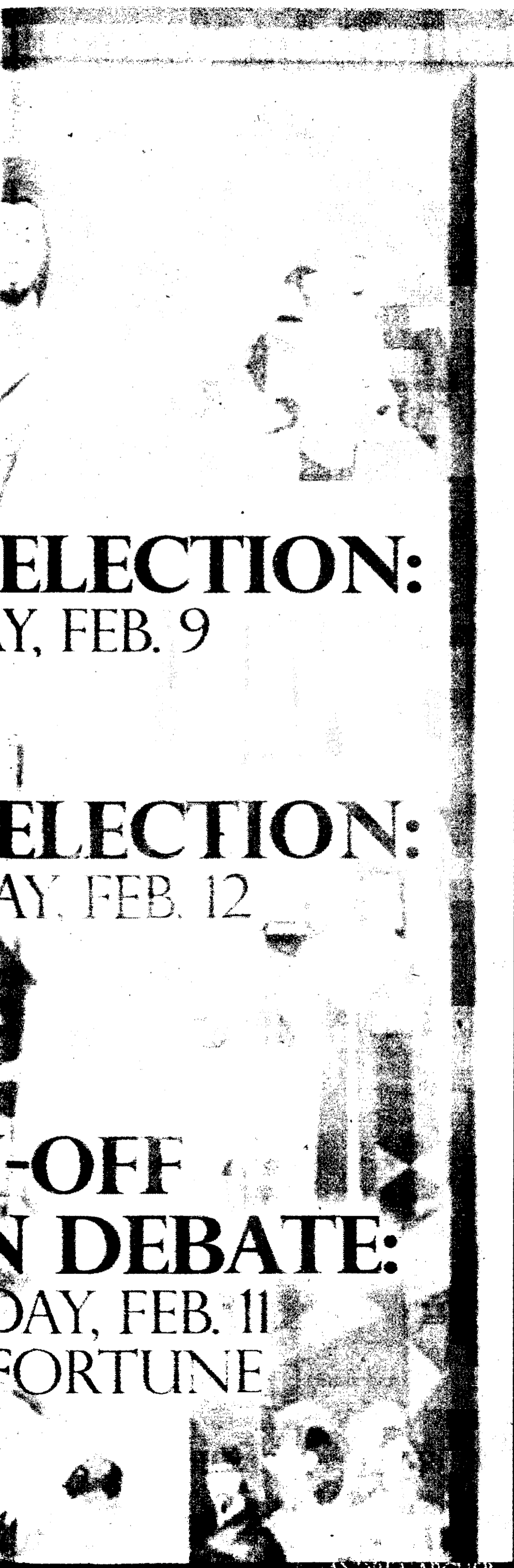


Bottom Line

This pair of freshman is probably the best ticket Zahm has run in the past couple of years — they are wonderful public speakers and know how to captivate an audience. However, their ideas range from the completely absurd to the slightly offensive. Lennon and Harig have no real plans for student government, though if they win, they promise an inaugural parade. Though you might be entertained by their dancing and costumes, the possibility of having Lennon and Harig in office for their choice term limit — infinity — is frightening.

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James McCaughan *president* vice president Tom Gorski

Who They Are

McCaughan is a junior history and economics double major who lives in Siegfried with his running mate, Gorski, an IT management major.

In Their Words

uTop and First Priority: McCaughan and Gorski list creating an environment for students and alumni to enjoy the "advantages and pleasures of the University without worrying about tickets or ResLives."

In Our Words

uBest Idea: Bringing Interhall laser tag to campus.

uWorst Idea: A complete overhaul of the police and University disciplinary policy toward students.

uMost Feasible Idea: The pair's smaller ideas — like mint toothpicks in the dining halls to mint toothpicks — are their most practical.

uLeast Feasible Idea: McCaughan and Gorski plan to ask for a University commitment to eliminating the use of evidence that is illegally obtained in cases against students. The student government is one voice among many discussing the issue of rights and it would be hard for one administration to get the University to revamp its policies.

uFun Facts: Both McCaughan and Gorski were interviewed by WNDU at Notre Dame football games. Gorski is the younger brother of a former Notre Dame quarterback, Dan Gorski.

uNotable Quote: "The University was fixing something that wasn't broken." — McCaughan, about the



University's behavior related to tailgating arrests and citations.

Bottom Line

While McCaughan and Gorski seem to have a good idea of what the student body is concerned about — particularly their safety and rights on home football weekends. Their ideas are very lofty but haven't been researched enough to be feasible. They wish to move the student government offices down to the first floor of LaFortune to make the institution more accessible to students. Their smaller initiatives have borderline joke status, or are so minor that they would not better the state of student life on campus. Their lack of experience in student government could be a hindrance in the follow-through on some of their grander ideas.

Grant Schmidt *president* vice president Cynthia Weber

Who They Are:

Schmidt, the current student body vice president, is a junior from Knott Hall with a double major in political science and economics. Weber, the current sophomore class council president, is a sophomore from Pasquerilla West majoring in theology and possibly pursuing a second major in political science.

In Their Words

uTop Priority: Schmidt and Weber plan to direct their efforts toward the creation of a textbook ISBN database that will allow students to find their books at cheaper prices. The pair believes students seek alternative locations to purchase their books because of the requisite Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore markup on textbooks and the limited availability of used materials.

uFirst Priority: "Hot Grab 'n' Go options." Schmidt and Weber have already made the appropriate contacts to get hot items — like soups or Easy Mac — to the Grab 'n' Go menu, as well as placing microwaves and toasters for students to use. The initiative is "already set to go," Schmidt said.

In Our Words

uBest Idea: The creation and sale of taxi ticket booklets, where one ticket will be worth the flat rate of \$2 with the participating companies.

uWorst Idea: Schmidt and Weber list diversifying the Notre Dame applicant pool as one of their platform initiatives, which seems to overstep the limits of student government.

uMost Feasible Idea: The creation of a textbook ISBN database with the assistance of professors.



uLeast Feasible Idea: Working with Notre Dame Security Police to change the security gate policy.

uFun Facts: Schmidt boasts being able to de-shell 20 sunflower seeds with his mouth in one minute. He also went to high school with Derek Sanchez, one of his opponents. Weber is an avid guitar player and is very knowledgeable of various name brands of the instrument.

uNotable Quote: "Our biggest flaw is that people think that we take [student government] way too seriously." — Schmidt

Bottom Line

Schmidt and Weber's experience in student government speaks for itself. They have already demonstrated significant research into their long list of platform initiatives and have already established the appropriate contacts within the University administration necessary to begin to realize their promises immediately upon taking office. Though some of their ideas are very ambitious, if they are able to accomplish three or four of their long list of goals, Schmidt and Weber will have contributed a great deal to student life at Notre Dame.

The Observer endorses Schmidt-Weber ticket

After reviewing the platforms of the four tickets running for Notre Dame's student body president and vice president, the Editorial Board of The Observer feels Grant Schmidt and Cynthia Weber, with their institutional knowledge and years of involvement with student government, are best equipped for the positions.

Their experience, ideas and established relationship with University officials make Schmidt-Weber the ideal choice for student body president and vice president. They have demonstrated extensive research into their platform initiatives and are prepared to make an impact immediately upon taking office.

Schmidt and Weber have outlined several worthwhile plans to improve student life, including a two-tier taxi

reform campaign, geared at making transportation to and from campus safer and more convenient for students and continuing the current administration's efforts to increase positive interaction between Notre Dame students and the members of the South Bend community.

The creation of a "Know Your Rights" document, especially in light of the Colfax Ave. arrests and circumstances in which students dealt with law enforcement over the past academic year, is a relevant and beneficial service to their constituents.

Other issues the Schmidt-Weber ticket are prepared to tackle are "subverting the monopoly" the Hammes Notre

Dame Bookstore has on textbooks and the implementation of a Good Samaritan policy.

Schmidt and Weber are in tune with the greater student body's wishes from the overarching issue of off-campus safety to the long-awaited arrival of Easy Mac to Grab 'n' Go.

The ticket's slogan — "Rounding the Bend" —

implies continuity with the body of work accomplished by the Reish-Schmidt administration. And that's a good thing.

If Bob Reish's presidency has done anything, it has increased student interest in its governing body. The current administration has given students a voice in discussions of hot-button issues. Notre Dame has seen a jump in attendance at

student government-sponsored events, like the Last Lecture series, which Schmidt and Weber plan to continue.

Their closest competition, Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez, have demonstrated a clear understanding of student wants and have left a portion of their platform open to student input.

Burdick and Sanchez are sincere in their promises, but perhaps haven't put enough research into all of their proposals to ensure their feasibility. They have already made contributions to student government and are two people that will represent the students well, regardless of their title next year.

James McCaughan and Tom Gorski are straddling the joke ticket/serious ticket fence. On the serious side, they propose to change policies regarding

students' interaction with law enforcement and disciplinary bodies on campus. Those issues, however, require dutiful research and planning, and will not be resolved in only one term.

Luke Lennon and Charlie Harig are just another pair of Zahm freshmen parading around in tight clothing for a laugh. They've served their purpose: entertaining the student body during campaign season.

Though Schmidt and Weber have received criticism for taking their positions too seriously, it is their seriousness and their dedication that will get the job done. They have the potential and the drive necessary to affect change.

The Observer endorses Schmidt-Weber for student body president and vice president.

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Burdick & Sanchez

Their campaign features an off-campus blog that will inform students about their neighborhoods.

They want to revamp the Gold Rush program to increase student attendance at non-major sporting events.

One of their major platform initiatives is titled "Safety First," a broad campaign that involves many aspects of student life, including security off campus and safe tailgating at home football games.

Burdick and Sanchez run on their image as the everyday Notre Dame students. Though they have experience in student government, they also are involved in other groups and clubs and interact with many different members of the student body.



Lennon & Harig

They don't address this issue in their platform.

They want to start affirmative action for beautiful women, offering scholarships for those who receive a perfect '10' on an NDToday.com-like Web site. They also want to reduce sticking of salad bowls in North Dining Hall.

Their initiatives, including a program of indentured servitude, may make campus less safe for certain students.

Lennon and Harig are two Zahm freshmen who have ambitions of ruling student government for infinity. They know how to entertain a crowd and based their campaign on individual conversations with fellow students.



McCaughan & Gorski

They include reaching out to the community and bettering students' reputation off campus by working to publicize the good students do, like volunteering or fundraising.

They want to move the student government offices to the first floor of LaFortune to make them more accessible. They want to add laser tag as an interhall sport.

Their campaign is focused heavily on changing University disciplinary policies and alerting students of their rights off campus. They also want to reevaluate football gameday procedures.

McCaughan and Gorski seem like typical Notre Dame guys who want less restrictions and more fun.



Schmidt & Weber

Their campaign seeks to continue the efforts made by the Reish-Schmidt administration to work with members of the South Bend community and give Notre Dame a better name.

They want to collaborate with professors to compile a list of ISBN numbers so students can find their books at lower prices. They also have prepared a list of initiatives that are ready to go, like hot options in Grab 'n' Go.

Many of their initiatives aim to increase student safety, both on and off campus, like establishing a taxi driver identification system and providing students with information about their rights.

Though the Reish-Schmidt administration has opened up the student government offices to their constituents, Schmidt and Weber might seem less approachable than the other candidates.

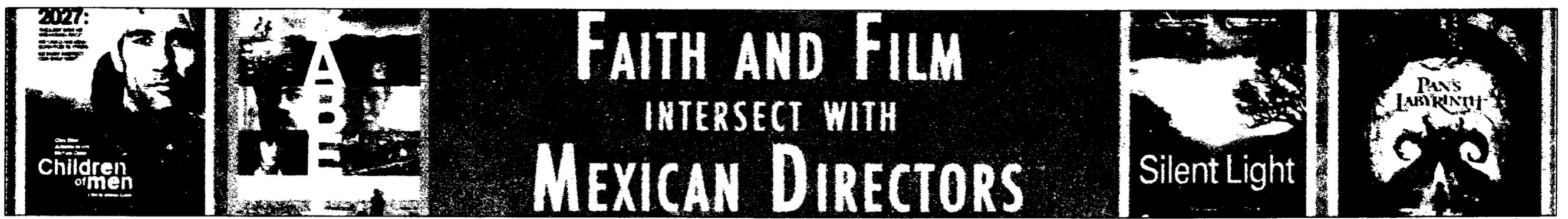
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By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

One of the hallmarks of scholarship at Notre Dame is the task of finding crossroads between faith and wider culture. This weekend, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center is showcasing one such conversation: The Faiths and Faith Weekend 2009.

Co-sponsored by the Film, Television and Theatre Department, the Department of Theology and the Institute for Latino Studies, the Faiths and Faith Weekend will focus on a series of films that feature varying religious components and themes. The event is also unique in its focus on Mexican cinema. Subtitled "Contemporary Catholic Filmmakers from Mexico," the weekend's featured directors include Guillermo del Toro ("The Orphanage"), Alfonso Cuarón ("Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"), Carlos Reygadas and Alejandro González Iñárritu.

Tickets for the films are \$6 for the general public, \$5 for faculty and staff, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for students. All films will be shown in the Browning Cinema.

Children of Men

(2006) dir. Alfonso Cuarón
Friday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Rated R, 109 minutes

A futuristic saga with a pro-life twist, "Children of Men" takes place in 2027, in a dystopian United Kingdom where human beings can no longer have children on their own. After two decades of infertility, modern man has maybe a century left to survive.

Clive Owen stars as Theo Faron, a former activist who must transport Kee (Claire-Hope Ashitey), an African immigrant woman who has miraculously become pregnant.

The film also delves into complex

issues of immigration; the British government, one of the last functioning political structures in the film's time of societal upheaval and collapse, has been prosecuting waves of immigrants who have taken up residence in the besieged country. Faron's task of protecting Kee becomes a symbol for the interconnectedness of men, and children of men, in an increasingly difficult world. Critics have also described the film as a companion piece to Cuarón's "Y tu mamá también."

Pan's Labyrinth

(2006), dir. Guillermo del Toro

Friday, Feb. 6 at 9:30 p.m. Rated R, 112 minutes

"Pan's Labyrinth" tells the story of Ofelia, a young girl caught between the brutalities of the Spanish Civil War and the engrossing world of her imagination. Where the film becomes complex, violent and arguably most beautiful is when the two worlds begin to intersect, and eventually collide.

With the backdrop of a conflict between Captain Vidal (Sergi Lopez I Ayats), Ofelia's stepfather and a leader in the Franquist regime, and the Spanish Maquis, guerrilla fighters in the surro-undings of forests, Ofelia (Ivana Baquero) discovers an old, abandoned labyrinth on the grounds of a country estate. Soon, a mysterious faun (Doug Jones) begins to appear to her, one who grows increasingly angrier and more authoritarian. How del Toro resolves these two storylines is a profound tragedy, well deserving of the critical acclaim the film received.

Del Toro is known within the media as one of the "Three Amigos," or the Cineastas in Spanish, a trio of Mexican directors that also includes Cuarón and

Alejandro González Iñárritu. Other high-profile films in his repertoire include "Hellboy," its sequel, "Hellboy 2: The Golden Army" and "Blade II." In April 2008, he was announced as director of Peter Jackson's future adaptation of J. R. R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit."

Silent Light

(2008), dir. Carlos Reygadas

Saturday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. Rated R, 136 minutes

"Silent Light" is an unconventional story of where love, religion and culture can intersect. Filmed in Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua, a city in northern Mexico, "Silent Light" tells the story of a married Mennonite man who falls

in love with another woman. Much of the dialogue is in Plautdietsch, which is spoken by Russian Mennonites.

Reygadas is well-known for his frequent use of nonprofessional actors in his films, and "Silent Light" proves no exception. Most of the film's actors are members of Mennonite communities in Canada, Mexico and Germany, lending the film an intriguing international flavor.

Babel

(2006), dir. Alejandro González Iñárritu

Saturday, Feb. 7 at 9:30 p.m. Rated R, 143 minutes

"Babel," starring Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett, is a multi-narrative film whose interwoven storylines jump from Morocco, to Japan, to the United States and finally to Mexico. Its complex portrayal of international relations and cultural conflict originally garnered the film seven Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director.

Films and Faith Weekend will focus on a series of films that feature varying religious components and themes.



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Pitt and Blanchett star as Susan and Richard Jones, a couple traveling from San Diego. When Susan is hit by an errant bullet while riding a bus, the incident reverberates on a terse and dramatic global scale.

The film is considered to be the third and final in González Iñárritu's "Death Trilogy." The trilogy also includes "Amores perros" (2000) and "21 Grams" (2003), which stars Sean Penn, Benicio del Toro and Naomi Watts.

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**STUDENT FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS
HEAT UP
'The Feve'**

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By JESS LEE
Scene Writer

The former best-kept secret of the Thursday night student Mecca, Club Fever, is the fact that you can get in for free...or almost.

Owned by the same proprietor as Club Fever, the Backstage Grill and its downstairs addition, the Green Room, have the potential to be as valuable to the late-night scene as the better-known Taco Bell, Nick's Patio and Reckers. Both the Green Room and the Backstage Grill, however, have something for its patrons that the aforementioned do not — direct access to Club Fever.

As per the Web site, the Backstage Grill got its name because it is located directly behind the stage at Fever (you do the math for how the Green Room got its name), but more importantly, this means you can bypass the line and the four dollar cover to the club simply by eating at either economical venue and showing your receipt at the door. In short, you could potentially dine at the Backstage Grill before it closes at 10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, or eat at The

Green Room until it closes at 2 pm Wednesday-Saturday and enter the club for some post-dining entertainment.

The Green Room, a dark pool lounge (offering shuffleboard as an added bonus), is actually the basement of Club Fever. The Backstage Grill is a roomy and unexpectedly clean venue with tables and more intimate retro high-backed leather booths. The open view of the kitchen complements, rather than distracts from, the sports bar atmosphere complete with four flat-screen TVs. The service is excellent with a staff that is conversational and welcoming to Notre Dame students. Given the fact that \$5 all-inclusive meal specials (cheeseburger and fries or a calzone and side-salad with a soft drink) are available exclusively to students on Thursdays, the managers of the grill know good business when they see it.

Both restaurants offer standard bar items such as domestic drafts at reasonable prices (\$2-4) and variations on the burger (\$6-8), but the Backstage Grill offers a more international smorgasbord of entrees. For those interested in lighter fare, the grill offers entrees such as the sesame-encrusted yellow-fin, the "Bistro Filet," and a chili-lime tilapia.

For those 21 and older, the bar has a standard full bar with twelve different beers on draft and thirty bottled beers. Of the draft beers, Shinerbock is exclusive in the state of Indiana to the Backstage Grill/Green Room, as it is not sold north of the Mason-Dixon Line (unless you're friends with the owner of the microbrewery).

The Backstage Grill specializes in its handmade pizzas and calzones. Ranging between the very carnivore-friendly "The Big Pig," composed of pulled pork, pepperoni, ham, sausage and cheese enveloped with marinara sauce in a handmade crust, and the "Granny Smith," which sounds more like a dessert than an entree, the calzones are all similar in that they are all delicious and reasonably priced at \$7. Similarly, the pizzas are all hand-made daily with fresh ingredients.

However, an added bonus for the pizza purists in the world is the fact that pizzas are available at The Backstage Grill until 4 a.m. on Thursdays.

In short, the Backstage Grill/Green Room is the best find for the Thursday night student clubber's budget since tax returns.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

No. 9 Xavier extends streak to 11 with win over Temple

Wolverines rout Nittany Lions 71-51 in Big 10 play; two players score 20 as Vanderbilt holds off Alabama

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — B.J. Raymond scored 24 points and led a 3-point barrage that swept No. 9 Xavier to its 11th straight win Thursday night, an 83-74 victory over Temple that kept the Musketeers perfect atop the Atlantic 10.

Facing a defense geared to take away the inside, Xavier (20-2, 8-0) made most of its big shots from way outside. Raymond went 5-of-7 from behind the arc during his fourth straight 20-point game, and freshman Brad Redford made four 3s as Xavier went 11-of-18 overall.

Temple (12-9, 4-3) was looking for a bookend Top 10 upset — the Owls knocked off No. 8 Tennessee in December. They couldn't come close as Xavier made sure the conference's top scorer got few open shots. Donte Christmas had only 12 points on 6-of-16 shooting.

Christmas leads the conference in scoring for the third straight season, averaging 20.5 points per game. Raymond stuck with him in Xavier's man-to-man defense, making sure he didn't get an open shot. Christmas missed his first four attempts — one an air ball — against the tight coverage.

Someone else would have to come up with a big game to keep Temple in it. Surprisingly, Sergio Olmos was the one to do it.

The 7-foot center didn't even attempt a shot in Temple's 74-65 win over Richmond on Saturday. He made hook shots and jumpers while scoring 10 points in the first half, which ended with Xavier ahead 38-34. Olmos and Lavoy Allen scored 18 of Temple's first 20 points while Xavier chased Christmas around the court.

Xavier is one of the nation's best at getting the ball inside and drawing fouls, so Temple took away the pass inside, leaving the perimeter open. The Musketeers took advantage by going 7-for-11 from behind the arc in the first half, with Raymond hitting four 3s.

In a one-minute span, Raymond and Redford combined on three 3s.

Raymond hit another 3 during a 10-point run that put the Musketeers in control 52-39 with 13 minutes left.

Reserve forward Jamel McLean had five rebounds, a putback and a free throw during the spurt.

Olmos and Lavoy couldn't keep up their first-half pace, and things got grim for the Owls when Christmas picked up his fourth foul with 11:48 to go. Consecutive 3s by Redford pushed the lead to 17 points midway through the half. Temple never got closer than nine points the rest of the way.

Xavier point guard Terrell Holloway sprained his left foot during an 82-80 win over Massachusetts on Saturday, leaving his availability in doubt. He started and moved well, but was ineffective — finishing with five turnovers and was 0-for-4 from the field.

Michigan 71, Penn State 51

Manny Harris scored 28 points as Michigan beat Penn St. for a key Big Ten victory on Thursday night.

Harris, who was ejected from Saturday's loss at Purdue, helped Michigan (15-8, 5-6 Big Ten) win for just the second time in six games.

The loss ended Penn State's winning streak at four games — their longest conference run since 1996. The Nittany Lions (17-6, 6-4) are now 1-14 at Crisler Arena.

Stu Douglass added 13 points for the Wolverines. Jamelle Cornley led Penn State with 25, but their high-scoring guard combination of Stanley Pringle and Talor Battle combined for just 16 on 6-for-29 shooting.

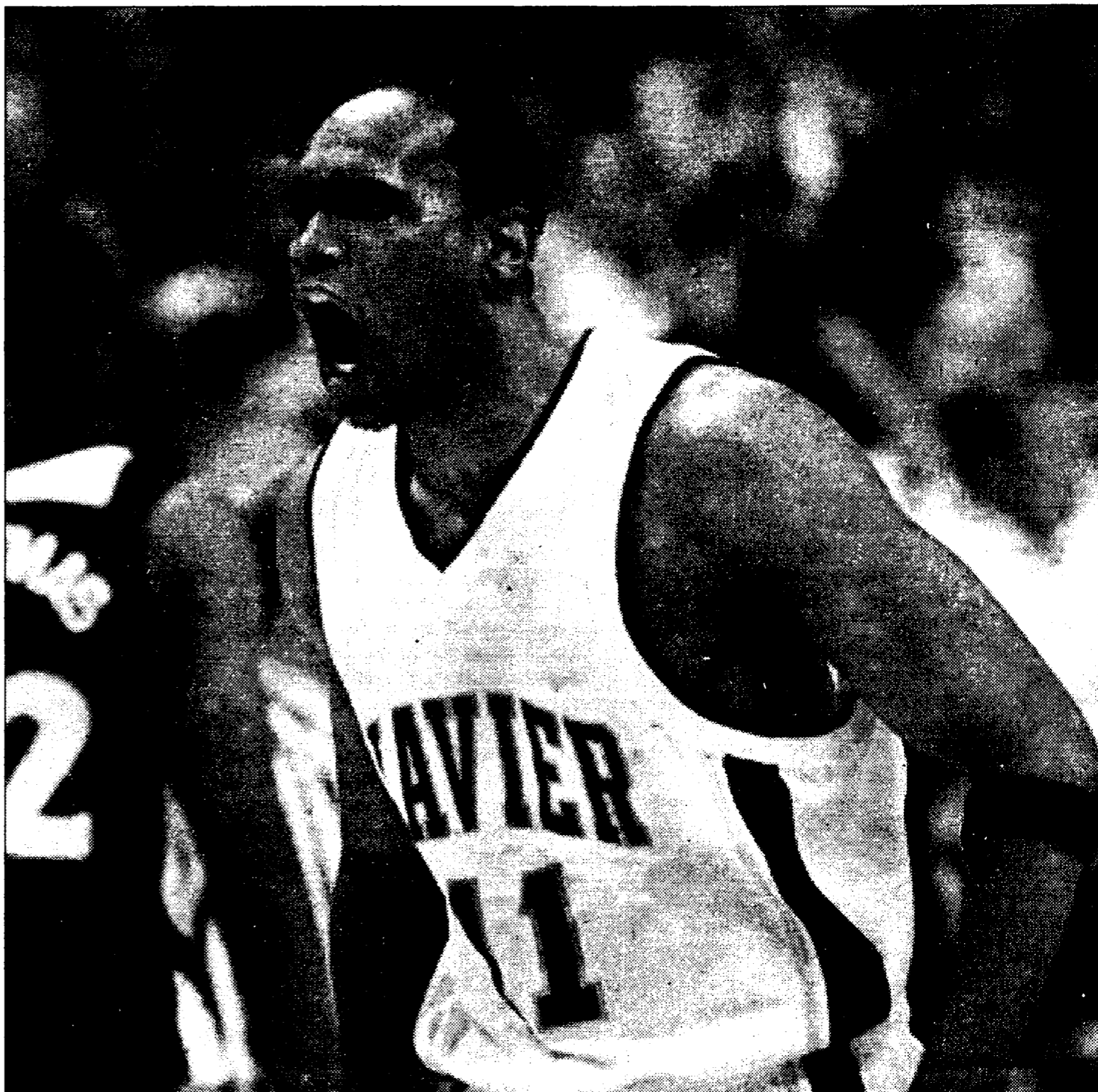
Penn State led 31-29 at the half, thanks to 15 points from Cornley, but Michigan rallied after the intermission. Sims and Harris combined for 13 points in a 16-3 run that put the Wolverines ahead 45-36 with 10:15 to go.

The Wolverines held Penn State to 20 second-half points.

Vanderbilt 79, Alabama 74

Jermaine Beal and A.J. Ogilvy scored 20 points each to lead Vanderbilt to a Southeastern Conference win over Alabama on Thursday night.

The Crimson Tide (13-9, 3-5), who led 43-36 at halftime, took a 49-45 lead on an Alonzo Gee basket with 16:37 to play. Vanderbilt (14-8, 3-5) then went on a 17-2 run to



Xavier's B.J. Raymond reacts after scoring a basket in the second half of the Musketeers' 83-74 win over Temple Thursday.

take a 62-51 lead with 9:12 left on a 3-pointer by Beal.

Beal connected on another 3 with 7 minutes to play, giving the Commodores a 70-59 lead. But Alabama cut the margin to 76-74 on an Andrew Steele 3-pointer with 3:09 remaining. Beal hit two free throws with 17.4 seconds left, and Ogilvy added another with 6.4 seconds remaining to seal the win.

Ogilvy also had 12 rebounds and Jeffery Taylor added 11 points for Vanderbilt.

Anthony Brock scored 15 points and JaMychal Green added 12 points and 10 rebounds for Alabama.

Davidson 75, UNC-Greensboro 54

Stephen Curry scored 29 points and Davidson beat North Carolina-Greensboro on Thursday night to move within one win of matching

the longest league winning streak in Southern Conference history.

The nation's leading scorer, Curry had 18 points at halftime and hit the 20-point mark for the eighth straight game.

Steve Rossiter had 14 points and 13 rebounds, and Andrew Lovedale added 12 points and 10 boards for the Wildcats (20-3, 13-0).

They clinched their fifth straight 20-win season and claimed their 43rd straight victory in SoCon play — the longest active streak of its kind in Division I. With a win against the College of Charleston on Saturday night, they will tie the league record set by Jerry West-led West Virginia from 1956-60.

Ben Stywall scored 13 points to lead UNC Greensboro (3-18, 2-10), which lost its sixth straight.

Florida State 62, Georgia Tech 58

Toney Douglas shook off a poor shooting night and scored eight of his game-high 21 points in the final 5:09 as cold-shooting Florida State rallied for a victory over Georgia Tech on Thursday night.

Douglas, the Atlantic Coast Conference's leading scorer in league games, put the Seminoles ahead to stay at 48-46 with a floating jumper just inside the free-throw lane with 5:09 left.

Florida State (17-5, 4-3) hit seven of eight free throws, four by Uche Echefu, in the final 41.5 seconds to stave off the Yellow Jackets.

Georgia Tech (10-11, 1-7) was led by Zachery Peacock's 16 points, while Gani Lawal came up with his 14th double-double of the season with 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Yellow Jackets.

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NCAA Men's Baseball USA Today Preseason Poll

team	points
1 LSU (14)	738
2 North Carolina (12)	737
3 Rice (1)	673
4 Georgia	600
5 Texas A&M (2)	590
6 Stanford (1)	576
7 Arizona State	533
8 CS Fullerton	507
9 Florida State	500
9 Texas	500
11 Ole Miss	431
12 Georgia Tech	327
13 Oklahoma State	321
14 Miami (FL)	320
15 San Diego	304
16 Louisville	292
17 Baylor	269
18 UC Irvine	262
19 Fresno State (1)	247
20 Missouri	224
21 Pepperdine	156
22 UCLA	140
23 Florida	112
24 Coastal Carolina	102
25 Clemson	80

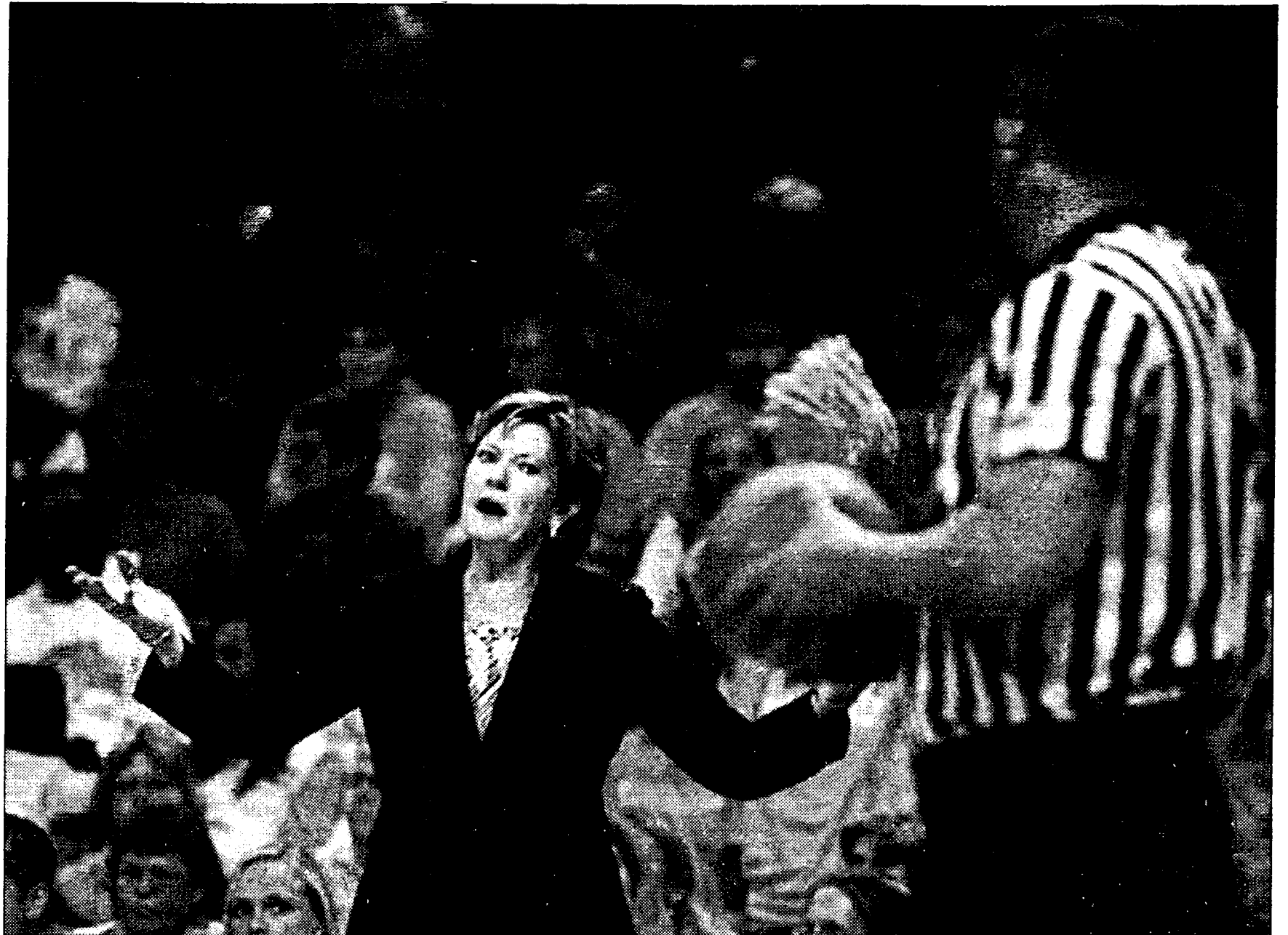
NCAA Men's Hockey USCHO.com/CBS Poll

team	points	record
1 Boston Univ. (33)	983	19-5-1
2 NOTRE DAME (17)	967	20-4-3
3 Northeastern	826	17-6-2
4 Michigan	781	19-9-0
5 Cornell	751	14-3-4
6 Denver	741	16-8-3
7 Vermont	724	14-6-4
8 Miami (FL)	664	16-8-4
9 Minnesota	608	12-7-5
10 Princeton	548	15-6-0
11 New Hampshire	466	12-8-4
12 Boston College	410	11-8-4
13 North Dakota	399	16-11-3
14 Yale	360	15-5-1
15 Ohio State	319	17-8-3
16 Wisconsin	237	14-11-3
17 Minnesota-Duluth	229	14-8-6
18 Colorado College	194	13-9-6
19 Dartmouth	77	11-7-3
20 St. Lawrence	56	14-10-2
21 St. Cloud State	53	13-13-2
22 Minnesota State	47	13-13-3
23 RIT	21	16-9-1
24 Alaska	15	12-10-6
25 Air Force	11	17-7-2

NCAA Swimming CSCAA Rankings

Men	Women
1 Texas	Georgia
2 Stanford	Stanford
3 Michigan	Texas
4 Arizona	Arizona
5 Auburn	Florida
6 California	Auburn
7 Indiana	Tennessee
8 Florida	Texas A&M
9 Ohio State	California
10 Tennessee	Minnesota

NCAA BASKETBALL



Tennessee coach Pat Summitt gestures to an official during the second half of a game against Oklahoma in Oklahoma City on Monday. Summitt's win against Georgia on Thursday was her 1,000th career victory.

Vols' Summitt reaches 1,000 wins

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — In this season of lowered expectations for Tennessee, Pat Summitt still reached unprecedented heights: 1,000 victories.

Summitt became the first Division I basketball coach — man or woman — to win 1,000 career games Thursday night as her 12th-ranked Lady Vols beat Georgia 73-43. It was their second chance in four days at giving their coach her latest and one of her greatest milestones.

These baby Lady Vols (17-4), roster, seven freshmen on the roster, are nothing like the squads that brought Summitt

her seventh and eighth national championships in the previous two seasons. This is an inexperienced group that had Summitt joking about whether they would even be up to the task of winning the 17 games she needed to reach 1,000 this season.

"It's a hard number to even comprehend," Summitt said.

"It's a time to reflect on a number of things, the administration saying yes to women's basketball and giving us an opportunity to play on the biggest stage in the women's game. I appreciate that."

The landmark win came on the court named for Summitt, who just keeps racking up achievements for others to

chase. All the fans in the arena began standing with about a minute left, and they clapped to "Rocky Top" as orange and white streamers fell from the ceiling.

Summitt gave Georgia coach Andy Landers a hug on the sideline.

The Lady Vols were given T-shirts with the number 1,000 on the front, which they pulled on before a celebration on court with Summitt.

Tennessee fans missed the celebration Jan. 29, 2006, when Summitt won her 900th game in Nashville. She won her first game at home, and Nos. 300, 800 and 880 — the one that pushed her past Dean Smith for most wins by a Division I coach — came at

home. The night she passed Smith, Tennessee renamed the court for Summitt.

One fan confident of the win flashed 1,000 on a sign behind the bench as photos of Summitt over her 35 seasons flashed on the videoboard during timeouts.

Summitt had former Tennessee football coach Phillip Fulmer cheering her from a luxury suite with men's basketball coach Bruce Pearl also on hand, even though he kept his shirt on with no body paint this time. Billy Moore, who coached Summitt in the 1976 Olympics, and Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive also were in the stands.

IN BRIEF

Former Cowboy Glenn picked up on drug charges

IRVING, Tex. — Former Dallas Cowboys receiver Terry Glenn was arrested on public intoxication and marijuana possession charges after appearing disoriented at a hotel, police said Thursday.

The Jan. 25 arrest came after a call of a suspicious person who was wandering the hallways checking door handles, said Irving police Officer David Tull.

After determining Glenn was "intoxicated or disoriented," officers arrested him on a public intoxication charge, Tull said. A subsequent search turned up a small amount of marijuana, leading to a misdemeanor charge of possessing less than 2 ounces of the drug.

Tull said Glenn was released on bond the morning after the arrest. Glenn also had outstanding traffic warrants in the Dallas-Fort Worth suburb of Roanoke.

Shoulder surgery ends Sixers' Brand's season

PHILADELPHIA, Penn. — Elton Brand has four more years to prove to Philadelphia he was no \$80 million bust.

Brand's comeback from a separated right shoulder is over and the two-time All-Star power forward will have season-ending surgery on Monday. All the Sixers got in the first of a five-year, \$80 million contract from the player they expected to help win them a round or two in the Eastern Conference playoffs was 13.8 points and 8.8 rebounds in only 29 games.

"It's the most disappointed I've ever been in my career," Brand said on Thursday. "This was supposed to be special. This was supposed to be winning, supposed to be fun. Management believed in me. I'm still not going to let them down."

The Sixers playoff push — they were the seventh seed entering Thursday — now goes on without Brand.

Sheets considering elbow surgery after deal goes bad

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Free agent right-hander Ben Sheets could be headed for elbow surgery after contract negotiations with the Texas Rangers fell through because of the injury.

Texas had been discussing a two-year deal with Sheets, the NL starter in the All-Star game last season, a person familiar with the talks said Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity because the deal never was finalized.

A physical revealed that the torn flexor tendon Sheets sustained last season apparently has not healed, the person said.

Sheets struggled with a sore elbow down the stretch last season for Milwaukee and didn't pitch in the playoffs. He said then that he had torn a flexor tendon near his right elbow, but insisted that he just needed to rest his ailing arm during the offseason.

Brewers assistant general manager Gord Ash declined to comment Thursday.

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MLB

Judge to throw out key evidence in Bonds steroids probe

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Prosecutors trying to prove Barry Bonds lied when he denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs suffered a setback Thursday, with a federal judge saying she might toss some of the strongest evidence against the home-run king.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston said her "preliminary thoughts" were to exclude from trial three 2000-2001 positive drug tests that prosecutors say belong to Bonds unless there is a direct link that the urine samples came from the former San

Francisco Giants slugger.

"If there's no testimony to establish that, I don't think any of them work," Illston said.

The only person who can do that seems to be Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, who spent more than a year behind bars for refusing to speak to a federal grand jury investigating Bonds. And Anderson's attorney, Mark Geragos, has said his client will not testify against Bonds at the trial, scheduled to start March 2.

Without someone to authenticate that the test results were from Bonds' urine, Illston said claims that the tests were Bonds' were "classic hearsay."

Based on the same logic, Illston said she likely also would exclude a doping calendar and other papers seized by federal investigators at Anderson's home.

She was inclined, however, to allow a recorded conversation between Anderson and Bonds' former personal assistant Steve Hoskins in which they discuss injecting steroids. Hoskins rejected the steroids without Anderson's knowledge.

Illston will issue a formal decision on the evidence discussed Thursday at a later date. She also will hold a separate hearing on whether to allow testimony from expert doctors the government hopes would persuade a jury that changes in Bonds' body were due to steroid use.

According to court documents, Bonds tested positive on three separate occasions in 2000 and 2001 for the steroid methenolone in urine samples; he also tested positive two of those three times for the steroid nandrolone.

The three positive drug tests — seized during a 2003 raid of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, the headquarters of a large-scale sports doping ring — are a key part of the government's effort to prove Bonds lied when he told a grand jury that year he never knowingly took performance-enhancing drugs.

The judge and the lawyers didn't discuss a fourth positive steroids test seized in 2004 from a lab used by Major League Baseball to test its players in 2003.

The difference between that test and the three positive tests from 2000-2001 is there's no need to authenticate them.

Prosecutors said former

BALCO executive James Valente is prepared to testify that Anderson handed him the three biological samples and told him they belonged to Bonds. But the judge said Valente's testimony was not enough to link the sample and Bonds.

Victor Conte, BALCO's founder, has always maintained that Bonds' biological samples were tested "down and dirty" and unreliable.

"These alleged Bonds test results and records not only lack a chain of custody and contain inaccuracies, but they also involve people with no formal training," Conte said in an e-mail Wednesday. "This causes uncertainty and creates doubt regarding the validity of this testing and record keeping evidence."

Without those three positive tests, the government's next-best evidence is Hoskins' recording of Anderson discussing undetectable steroids.

Hoskins said he made the secret clubhouse recording in front of Bonds' locker in March 2003. Hoskins said he was trying to obtain evidence to show Bonds' skeptical father Bobby Bonds, a former Major Leaguer who died of cancer in August 2003, that his son was using steroids.

Bonds' attorneys offered the judge a more sinister motivation for Hoskins to make the recording without Anderson's knowledge: blackmail. Bonds told the FBI shortly after the recording was made that Hoskins was stealing from him by forging his autograph on Bonds' memorabilia.

"He wanted to get some protection from the investigation that he knew was coming," Bonds' attorney, Dennis Riordan, said. The FBI dropped

its brief investigation of Hoskins soon after without charging him with any crimes.

First indicted in November 2007, Bonds pleaded not guilty for a third time Thursday after the government revised the charges to fix legal technicalities. He now faces 10 counts of making false statements to a grand jury, plus an obstruction of justice charge.

If convicted, Bonds faces a sentence between probation and two years in prison.

If her preliminary thoughts stand, the government's case against Bonds will suffer a significant blow — but not a fatal one, legal analysts said.

"It hurts, but the government still has quite a bit of other evidence," Golden Gate University law professor Peter Keane said.

The judge plans to hold a separate court hearing to determine whether the prosecution can call to the witness stand Dr. Larry Bowers, the medical director of the United States Anti-Doping Agency. Bonds' attorneys argue that the science of steroid effects is inconclusive.

Prosecutors said in court papers that Bonds "will testify that steroid users develop such symptoms as increased muscle mass, shrunken testicles, acne on the upper back, moodiness, and an erratic sexual drive."

The prosecutors said they also will call "witnesses close to Bonds who will testify that Bonds exhibited some or all of these symptoms between approximately 1998 and 2003."

Keane said that physical side effects that Bonds appears to have experienced — such as sudden head growth — is still part of the government's case.

"The main evidence against Barry is his body," Keane said. "That's the whole ballgame."

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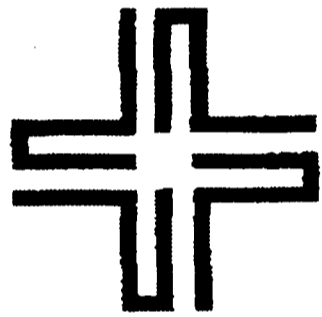
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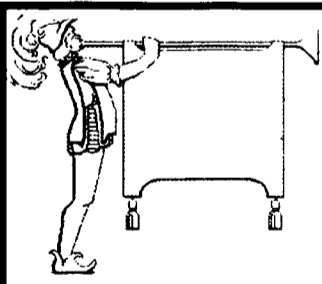
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OLYMPICS

USA Swimming suspends Phelps

Associated Press

Michael Phelps was suspended from competition for three months by USA Swimming, the latest fallout from a photo that showed the Olympic great inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

The sport's national governing body also cut off its financial support to Phelps during the same three-month period, effective Thursday.

"This is not a situation where any anti-doping rule was violated, but we decided to send a strong message to Michael because he disappointed so many people, particularly the hundreds of thousands of USA Swimming member kids who look up to him

as the colorado-based federation said in a statement.

"Michael has voluntarily accepted this reprimand and has committed to earn back our trust."

Phelps won a record eight gold medals in Beijing and returned to America as one of the world's most acclaimed athletes. Now he's enduring a wave of bad news in the wake of the photo, published Sunday by News of the World, a British tabloid.

Earlier Thursday, cereal and snack maker Kellogg Co. announced it wouldn't renew its sponsorship contract with Phelps, saying his behavior is "not consis-

tent with the image of Kellogg." The swimmer appeared on the company's cereal boxes after his Olympic triumph.

Phelps has acknowledged "regrettable" behavior and "bad judgment." He didn't dispute the authenticity of the photo, reportedly taken at a house party while Phelps was visiting Columbia, S.C., in November during an extended break from training.

The 23-year-old has resumed training in his hometown of Baltimore, but his plans to return to competitive swimming will have to be put on hold. Phelps had been planning to compete in early March at a Grand Prix meet in Austin, Texas.

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NFL

New England tags Cassel as franchise quarterback

Associated Press

BOSTON — The New England Patriots placed the franchise tag on Matt Cassel on Thursday, making it tougher for other teams to sign the free agent quarterback.

The Patriots might keep him if they have doubts that Tom Brady will be ready for the start of next season after sustaining a serious knee injury in the 2008 opener. If they are confident Brady will be ready, they could trade Cassel rather than pay him the \$14.65 million offer for 2009 in the franchise designation.

Cassel had a breakout season in 2008, starting 15 games after starting none the seven previous seasons—four with Southern California as backup to Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart, and three after New England drafted him in the seventh round in 2005.

For now, he remains a free agent, but the Patriots can match any offer made by another team or allow him to sign with that team in exchange for two first-round draft picks. The franchise tag value is the average of the top five paid NFL players at a particular position.

If and when Cassel signs the one-year designation, he will be under contract to the Patriots and could be dealt.

"Matt has been a pleasure and last season in particular, when his years of hard work and commitment resulted in a most impressive performance," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said in a statement. "We look

forward to working with Matt again in 2009."

David Dunn, Cassel's agent, did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Cassel's stock soared after he took over for Brady and helped the Patriots to an 11-5 record, but New England missed the playoffs.

Brady, who led the Patriots to an unbeaten regular season in 2007 and their fourth Super Bowl in eight years, went to the turf midway through the first quarter on Sept. 7 after being hit in the backfield by Kansas City safety Bernard Pollard. The two-time Super Bowl MVP had started 128 games and was replaced by Cassel, who helped the Patriots to a 17-10 win.

Brady underwent surgery for torn ligaments on Oct. 6, then had follow-up surgery to treat a postoperative infection.

On Jan. 21, he said in an interview that his rehabilitation was "going really well," but he did not offer a timetable for a return to the field. He made his comments on Toronto sports radio station The Fan 590. Brady was not asked during the interview if he expected to be ready for training camp or the start of the regular season.

Teams are allowed to place the franchise tag on one player per season. Without it, Cassel would have become an unrestricted free agent Feb. 27 and been able to sign with any team without compensation to the Patriots. The period in which a team can designate a franchise player is Feb. 5-19.

Last season, Cassel finished with 327 completions in 516



Patriots quarterback Matt Cassel calls a play during a Sept. 14 game against the New York Jets. New England tagged Cassel as a franchise player Thursday.

attempts (63.4 percent) for 3,693 yards, 21 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. The yardage was the fourth most in the AFC and the completion percentage was the third best in team history.

If the Patriots keep Brady and Cassel, they would have two quarterbacks taking up nearly 25 percent of the team's salary cap of \$123 million for 2009. Brady's cap charge will be \$14.62 million, although his actual salary for the year is \$5 million with a \$3 million bonus

for making the roster.

Cassel is the fifth player in Patriots history to be designated a franchise player. The others were kicker Adam Vinatieri in 2002 and 2005, defensive back Tebucky Jones in 2003 and cornerback Asante Samuel in 2007. The Patriots waived until the last day to place the tag on all but Samuel, doing it six days earlier.

In 2002, the Patriots lifted the tag after they reached a multiyear agreement with

Vinatieri. But he played under the tag in 2005, then left as a free agent for Indianapolis. In 2003, the Patriots traded Jones to New Orleans for three draft picks.

In 2007, Samuel held out of training camp until the Patriots agreed not to apply the tag to him again in 2008 if he played in 60 percent of the defensive snaps or they won 12 games. Both conditions were met and he left after that season for Philadelphia as a free agent.

NCAA FOOTBALL

SEC reprimands Tenn. coach for Florida comments

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Lane Kiffin's first game against Florida just got much more interesting.

The new Tennessee coach was reprimanded by the Southeastern Conference and issued an apology on Thursday for falsely accusing Florida's Urban Meyer of a recruiting violation.

Earlier in the day, Kiffin told fans at a breakfast celebrating UT's recruiting class that Meyer violated rules by phoning Nu'Keese Richardson while the wide receiver prospect was on an official visit at

Tennessee.

"I love the fact that Urban had to cheat and still didn't get him," Kiffin said, according to a WVLT-TV report.

NCAA and Southeastern Conference officials said it is not against recruiting rules to contact a recruit while they are on an official visit to another school.

Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley rushed to his coach's defense, delivering a quick and harsh response to Kiffin's statement and called for him to apologize.

"It is obvious that coach Kiffin doesn't know that there is not a rule precluding phone

contact with a prospect during an official visit on another campus during a contact period," Foley said in a statement.

"His allegations are inappropriate, out of line and, most importantly, totally false. It is completely unfair to Urban Meyer, our coaching staff, our football program and our institution," he said.

SEC reprimander Mike Slive then reprimanded Kiffin for publicly criticizing Meyer, which is against the league's code of ethics.

That led to Kiffin's apology. "In my enthusiasm for our recruiting class, I made some statements that were meant

solely to excite those at the breakfast," Kiffin said. "I apologize to commissioner Mike Slive and the SEC, including Florida (athletic director) Jeremy Foley and coach Urban Meyer. My comments were not intended to offend anyone at the University of Florida."

Kiffin's first game against Meyer's defending national champion Gators is Sept. 19 in Gainesville, Fla. The Florida-Tennessee rivalry, dominated by the Gators since Meyer's arrival four years ago, is always heated. But Kiffin's comments will undoubtedly be remembered by Florida and its fans when Tennessee comes to

town next season, and become a storyline in the lead up to the game.

Florida is 4-0 against Tennessee under Meyer.

Richardson, a Pahokee, Fla., native, signed with the Volunteers on Tuesday, despite having committed in May to the Gators. Another prospect committed to Florida, athlete Marsalis Teague, also signed with the Vols.

Kiffin was hired by Tennessee in November to replace Phillip Fulmer, after being fired four weeks into the NFL season by the Oakland Raiders. It is his first job as head coach of a college team.

Irish weekly sports schedule

Fri. 2/6
#14 Women's Tennis vs. Michigan @ 4 pm
**Track
Meyo Invitational
@ 5 pm**

Sat. 2/7
Track @ 8:00 am
**#1 Fencing
Notre Dame Duals
All Day**

Sun. 2/8
#24 Men's Tennis vs. Duke @ 12 & Toledo @ 6
#16 W. Basketball vs. DePaul @ 2 pm
#1 Fencing - All Day


ND TRACK & FIELD

Squads set to host Meyo Invitational

By JAMES MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will host the 22nd annual Meyo Invitational this Friday and Saturday in its last home meet before the Big East championships.

Known as one of the premier winter meets in the country, this year's Meyo Invitational will include ranked squads like No. 11 Louisville and No. 15 Michigan. The meet will feature the Meyo Mile and, for the second year, the Ryan Shay 3000-meter run, in honor of the former Irish standout who died suddenly during the Olympics Trials in New York City on Nov. 3, 2007.

Freshmen Kelly Lynch and Joe Miller, and sophomore Paul Springer will represent the Irish in that race, and senior Dan Clark will run the

Meyo Mile.

The meet's schedule is such that the highest level of competition will take place Saturday afternoon, as unseeded entries are reserved for Friday and Saturday morning.

The event, which is to be held in the Loftus Center, will begin with the long jump at 5 p.m. Friday. The meet's first running event, the women's 5000-m, is set for 6 p.m.

Saturday's events will begin at 9 a.m. with the women's 3000-m. The Meyo Mile will start at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, and the Ryan Shay run is scheduled for 4:05 p.m.

Next on the Irish schedule is the Windsor Team Challenge in Windsor, Ontario, followed by the Big East championships Feb. 21-22 in New York City.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish to end season against UM

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

No. 25 Notre Dame will host Michigan Saturday in its final tuneup before the Big East championships in Indianapolis on Feb. 18-21.

"Michigan has a really great program and they are really competitive," senior Claire Hutchinson said. "We're going to have to go into the meet with a really aggressive approach."

Hutchinson, who swims the 500-yard-freestyle, 400-individual medley and 200-fly events, will be approaching the meet against Michigan a little differently than previous meets.

"The format [of this meet] is more favorable for sprinters and we're not competing in

two of my main events," Hutchinson said. "So, I'll have to swim some events that I don't normally swim during the season, which is always a challenge."

Though the Wolverines (3-6) are unranked, they just recently dropped from the top 25 rankings and should provide a stiff test for the Irish (6-2).

The last time Notre Dame competed was almost two weeks ago at the Shamrock Invitational, when the Irish hosted Michigan State, Denver and West Virginia.

In that meet, sophomore Samantha Maxwell took first in the 200-breaststroke and fellow sophomore Katie Kasey took first in the 200-butterfly. The 400- and 200-freestyle relay team, consisting of Megan Farrell,

Zeina Shanata, Amy Prestinario and Amywren Miller, also won both of their events.

Though these freestyle relays have been Notre Dame's stronghold for the duration of the season, Michigan also boasts a strong relay lineup. Four more Shamrock Invitational events were first places awarded to the Irish.

With the Big East championships quickly approaching, the Irish have already begun to change their practice routine.

"[We] have started resting for Big East," Hutchinson said. "Our yardage has gone down, and we've started to focus more on our speed and technique in practice."

Saturday's meet concludes the regular season for both the Irish and the Wolverines.

"It is a great last chance to race before the end of the season," Hutchinson said.

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Senior

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tar Heels defeat Virginia Tech, look ahead to Duke

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Rashanda McCants and eighth-ranked North Carolina have little to worry about offensively as they prepare to face their fiercest rival next week.

As for defense, well, coach Sylvia Hatchell will have plenty for her team to work on in practice.

McCants scored 23 points to help the Tar Heels beat Virginia Tech 93-77 on Thursday night, sending them into Monday's matchup with fourth-ranked Duke on a three-game winning streak.

Jessica Breland added 20 points for the Tar Heels (20-3, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who earned a 20-win season for the eighth straight year.

North Carolina seems to have bounced back from a three-game losing streak that began with a 30-point loss against top-ranked Connecticut in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup last month. North Carolina shot 57 percent, led by 16 points at halftime and never let the margin slip below double digits from there.

That's not to say the Tar Heels were at their sharpest. They didn't protect the bas-

ketball particularly well and had several defensive lapses to frustrate Hatchell, allowing the struggling Hokies (11-12, 1-7) to hang around much of the way.

"We just weren't communicating and we just had the wrong people on players," Hatchell said. "But also in some of our rotations in our traps, we were getting really out of sync. We didn't have people rotating and covering like they were supposed to."

Ultimately, it didn't matter all that much against Virginia Tech, which never seriously threatened to pull the upset. North Carolina has won nine straight in the series and 12 of 14 meetings overall, with Virginia Tech's last win coming 25 years ago.

McCants led the offense by hitting her first nine shots, starting with a 6-for-6 effort in the first half.

"My teammates contributed by getting me easy shots and I just went with it," McCants said. "I felt I was hot. I was just trying to keep myself from thinking (about staying perfect) and stay in the zone."

McCants finally missed a contested jumper from the top of the key with about 5 minutes left, then missed a turnaround a few minutes



Teammates congratulate North Carolina's Jessica Breland, left rear, after a shot in the second half of the Tar Heels' 93-77 win over Virginia Tech Thursday.

later before leaving with her third 20-point game of the season.

"She's big enough to be a post and agile enough to be a guard," Hokies coach Beth Dunkenberger said. "She had

pretty clean looks at it, but she certainly was on. Her jumper looked pretty smooth and we didn't have anybody who could stop her."

Breland finished with 11 rebounds, while Italee Lucas

backed them by continuing her recent scoring surge. After scoring a career-high 27, followed by 19 in the past two games, Lucas went 7-for-16 from the field to go with eight assists and four steals.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

SMC, Olivet join ND for exhibition

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The Irish will have their final meet of the regular season Saturday, matching up with Olivet and Saint Mary's at Rolfs Aquatic Center before attempting to defend their Big East title next week.

The meet will be the final tuneup for Notre Dame, which travels to Indianapolis Feb. 18-21 for the Big East championships.

The meet will also be the second consecutive at home for the Irish after sweeping three teams at last week's Shamrock Invitational. Notre Dame picked up victories over West Virginia, Denver and Michigan State after winning four events in the final two sessions of the meet.

"In terms of preparation, we told the team we couldn't imagine a better preparation for the conference championships than

to have a three-session meet over every event in the conference championship come down to the last event," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "Everybody stepped up big time, which made this a giant step for our team."

Notre Dame junior freestyler John Lytle said the Irish have been steadily preparing for the conference championships in practice.

"We have started to taper down the yardage and intensity," Lytle said. "We're relying on the countless hours of practice and countless yards we have logged over fall semester and Christmas break as we begin to rest for the biggest meet of the year."

The friendly meet and final step of preparation for Notre Dame will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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NHL

Kings end Capitals' three-game win streak

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alex Ovechkin was in no mood to celebrate his 200th NHL goal and first against the Los Angeles Kings.

A baseball cap pulled down over his eyes as his Capitals lost to the Kings 5-4 Thursday night, the usually exuberant Ovechkin instead wanted to discuss what he and coach Bruce Boudreau both described as a lackluster performance that ended Washington's three-game winning streak.

"We didn't play well for two periods, and they just used our mistakes," Ovechkin said, his voice a low monotone. "I don't want to talk about my personal stats today."

Anze Kopitar's two goals and assist helped the Kings recover after allowing Washington's Alexander Semin to score only 15 seconds in. Los Angeles went on to win for the fifth time in six games.

"The first period wasn't pretty, but the second period was downright ugly," Boudreau said, adding moments later: "They've beaten us twice and we're a better team than them."

The Southeast Division-leading Capitals entered the night second in the Eastern Conference, while the Kings came in two points out of last place in the West.

Plus, Washington was 21-3-1 at home, and was backed by a sellout crowd of 18,277.

"Maybe we were giving them too much respect in the beginning," Kopitar said. "But after we picked up our game, I think we played pretty good."

It was, after all, the Kings who took leads of 3-1 and 5-3 and held on. And it was the Kings who scored on a 5-on-3 power play and added a short-handed

goal.

Washington has allowed a power-play goal in 13 consecutive games, and a short-handed goal in two straight.

"I don't know what's happening with us, but after (Semin's) goal, we just stopped playing," Ovechkin said. "Didn't play our system. We didn't finish checks. We didn't shoot the puck. We didn't play our game."

Los Angeles was one of only two opponents — San Jose is the other — against whom he never had scored.

But Ovechkin unassisted with about 9½ minutes left, pulling Washington within 4-3. It was Ovechkin's league-high 37th goal this season and made him one of four NHL players to reach 200 career goals in four seasons, joining Wayne Gretzky, Mike Bossy and Mario Lemieux.

Kyle Calder scored with 1:33 left to give the Kings a 5-3 lead. Brooks Laich scored for Washington with 1:06 remaining to make it a one-goal game again, but the Kings held on.

"Very exciting there at the end of the game," Kings coach Terry Murray said.

Jonathan Quick withstood quite a barrage in the third period: The Capitals took 22 shots, only one fewer than in the first two periods combined.

"In the third period, I thought we had a little more energy than them," Boudreau said.

The second period featured three goals in a span of 1½ minutes.

Kopitar broke a 1-1 tie with a goal 13 seconds into the period. Up against the boards, Alexander Frolov sent the puck ahead to Kopitar, who shot it over Jose Theodore's right shoulder for his second of the game and 14th this season. Los Angeles made it 3-1 less than a minute later with its short-

NBA

Lakers edge Celtics in overtime

Trio of Sixers each post double-doubles in win

Associated Press

BOSTON — Ray Allen was still on the floor, knocked on his back, when the Los Angeles Lakers began hugging and chest-bumping under the 2008 NBA Championship banner that was earned at their expense.

"I wish we would have come here last year with this kind of attitude," said Pau Gasol, who scored 24 points with 14 rebounds Thursday night to lead the Lakers to a 110-109 overtime victory over Boston.

"Nobody backed down," he added. "We were as physical as anybody."

In a rematch of an NBA finals in which the Celtics outmuscled the Lakers to the title, Lamar Odom made a pair of free throws with 16 seconds left in overtime and Los Angeles held on with physical defense against Paul Pierce and Allen that prevented either All-Star from getting off a clean shot.

The loss snapped the Celtics' 12-game winning streak and dropped them to 0-2 against the best in the West. Boston trails the Lakers by percentage points for the best overall record in the NBA, and would lose a tiebreaker for home court advantage in the finals — if they both make it back.

"It would be great," Pierce said.

Kevin Garnett banged his fist on the table in agreement, and then interjected a reminder that seemed to be intended for the locker room across the hall: "We're the champs, man."

Kobe Bryant scored 26 points with 10 rebounds to help the Lakers take a five-game winning streak into Sunday's game against Cleveland. L.A. also snapped Boston's 19-game winning streak on Christmas Day and sent the Celtics into a 2-7 skid that is the worst stretch of the New Big Three era.

"These games are tough, and they're emotional games, and then you play the next night," said Celtics coach Doc Rivers, whose team plays the New York Knicks on Friday night. "We'll try to muster it up and see what we have."

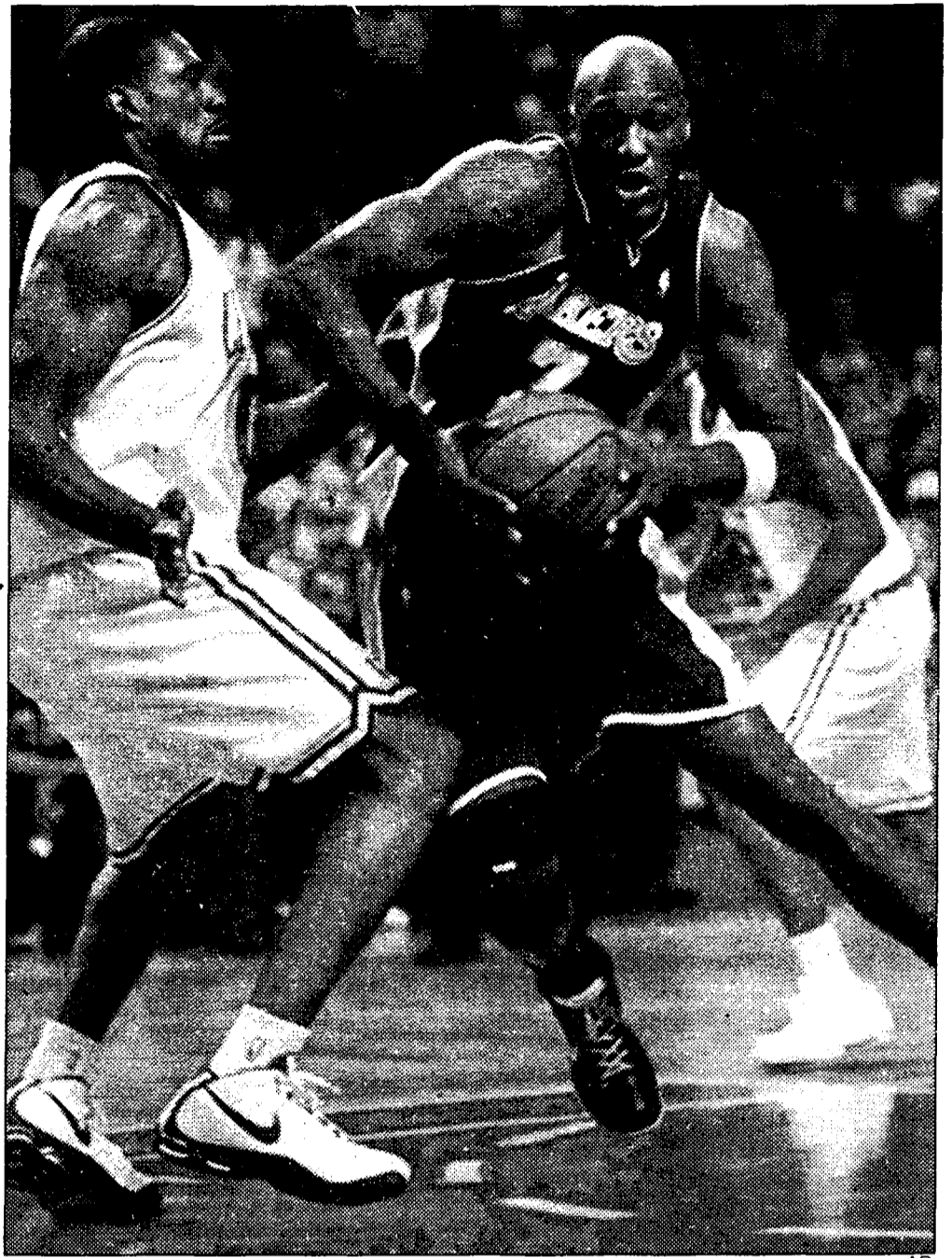
Pierce scored 21, and Allen had 22, but they both missed off-balance shots in the final seconds. Allen was knocked to the court at the buzzer while Boston fans clamored for a foul call, but none came.

Rajon Rondo scored 16 with 12 assists.

It was the Lakers' first visit to Boston since a 131-92 embarrassment in Game 6 of the NBA finals that clinched the Celtics' unprecedented 17th league championship. L.A. got a small measure of revenge on Christmas, but even then Boston played a more physical game.

"Coming down the streets, staying at the same hotel, I was up last night thinking about the game — wondering how my teammates would respond. It all came back," Bryant said. "Enough is enough. We were able to match their physical play."

There were two double-technical — one of them after Bryant and Rondo were push-



Lakers forward Lamar Odom drives past Celtics forward Leon Poe during Los Angeles' overtime win in Boston Thursday.

ing and finger-pointing in the third — and enough shoving to pass for a playoff game, but both teams were tired when it ended. Garnett, who missed the previous two games with the flu, scored 16 before fouling out with 4:22 left in the fourth quarter.

Bryant, who scored 61 and 36 in his previous two games, hit three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, the last with 1:30 left in regulation and 1:30 left in overtime to make it 101-100 — the Lakers' first lead of the half. But after Pierce made one of two free throws with 30 seconds left, Bryant tried to shoot over Pierce again and banged it off the rim.

After a timeout with 7.7 seconds left, Pierce dribbled the clock down before Bryant poked the ball away. Eddie House got it and put up a side-wind, one-handed 3-point attempt at the buzzer that wasn't close.

Bryant missed his last five shots of the game.

76ers 99, Pacers 94

Now that Elton Brand is out for the season, Andre Miller and Andre Iguodala are ready to take charge of Philadelphia's playoff push.

Securing a victory with defensive stops during the stretch instead of enduring a massive fourth-quarter meltdown is a nice first step.

Samuel Dalembert had 18 points and 20 rebounds, and Miller and Iguodala also had double-doubles to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a win over the Indiana Pacers on Thursday night.

"We really needed that game," coach Tony DiLeo said.

The Sixers needed any kind of lift after a disastrous week that included losing in two of the most agonizing ways any team can lose. The big blow came hours before the game: Boston—their five-year, \$80 million power forward—will

have season-ending surgery on his right shoulder Monday.

"We have to rally around each other and go out there and pick up our play on both ends of the floor," said guard Willie Green, who had 23 points.

More games like this one will help. All five starters reached double-digits in scoring by the fourth quarter and Philadelphia held off the pesky Pacers to avoid a third straight fourth-quarter collapse.

Miller had 13 points and 12 assists, while Iguodala had 20 points and 11 assists to help the Sixers snap a two-game losing streak.

"We can make it work, we just have to make it work," Iguodala said. "It's as simple as that."

The Sixers wanted a strong showing on their seven-game homestand to throw them in the thick of the Eastern Conference playoff race. They opened with a win, then lost in two of the most agonizing ways any team can lose. They missed their final 18 shots from the floor and coughed up a fourth-quarter lead in a loss against New Jersey. Then they led the entire fourth against the NBA-best Celtics until Ray Allen won it with a 3-pointer with five-tenths of a second left.

Philadelphia nearly blew it again against Indiana.

The Sixers opened the fourth with an 11-point lead and watched it quickly whittle away. Troy Murphy scored on a driving layup and Mike Dunleavy followed with a 3-pointer to pull Indiana within two.

Dalembert, though, went up strong under the basket for a basket and Miller added a layup to make it a six-point game and give the Sixers some breathing room down the stretch. The often-erratic Dalembert abused Indiana down low and was only two rebounds shy of his career high.

Bayliss

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were against top-20 teams and we beat a really good Texas Tech team in Tulsa on Sunday."

Freshmen Casey Watt and Sam Keeton have come up big for the Irish in their two victories, as Keeton is unbeaten (5-0) in singles play.

"Sam has been great so far, but this was not unexpected," Bayliss said. "He has the ability to take the ball early and take away his opponent's time, so that has made him difficult for teams to prepare for. Being a lefty is always an advantage and he is learning how to maximize that with each match."

In Sunday's opener, the Irish will try for a repeat of last year's matchup with Duke in Durham, N.C., when Notre Dame snuck by the Blue Devils 4-3.

Sophomore David Anderson won the clinching match for the Irish last season, earning a victory at No. 5 singles. Anderson has broken the lineup once this season with a loss to No. 108 Drew Courtney of Virginia.

"Each of us has lost a key player from last year's squads," Bayliss said. "However both teams have added strong freshmen ... I expect this match to go down to the wire."

In addition to new players, the Blue Devils also have a new coach in Ramsey Smith, a former Duke player. Smith's father, Stan, was former world No. 1 and a Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion.

On Sunday evening, Notre Dame will again try to beat a squad for the second straight year. Last season, the Irish were able to defeat Toledo 7-0.

Bayliss said that if any of his players are extended in the Duke match, he has more than capable replacements waiting in the wings.

Bayliss also said that the team has been playing well, but that there is a difference between playing well and finding a way to win.

After hosting these two matches, the Irish will travel to Michigan State on Feb. 14 for a 12 p.m. match in East Lansing, Mich.

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Buckeyes

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Saturday. They scored four times in the first 10 minutes of the game.

"We're going to have to be patient. We're going to have to defend well because they're a very good offensive team," Jackson said. "They've got the most goals scored in the conference. From a statistical standpoint, this team is of the same caliber as a Michigan or a Miami."

The Buckeyes have been

"From a statistical standpoint, [Ohio State] is of the same caliber as a Michigan or a Miami."

Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

tough in their own rink this year with only two losses in Value City Arena. The Irish, however, have had no trouble dealing with life on the road. Notre Dame has not lost an away game since its season opener against Denver — a 10-0-1 streak.

"We've just got to play our game," Condra said. "This year they've got a highly-skilled team and we've just got to play them like we should."

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UCLA

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as the Irish. In just over a week, the Bruins have beaten California, Stanford and USC by at least 15 points each.

Meanwhile, the Irish have not won since a Jan. 10 match against Seton Hall. The Irish landed in Los Angeles Thursday and might be better-suited than the Bruins for Saturday's 10 a.m. Pacific time start, 1 p.m. Eastern.

Still, the Irish will need to play much better than they have in order to topple UCLA.

This game was widely-hyped at the beginning of the season but now Notre Dame appears to be an obvious underdog.

The Irish scoring was more balanced Wednesday against Cincinnati as Ryan Ayers came off the bench to drop 14 points and Zach Hillesland chipped in 11. But Notre Dame could not get defensive stops down the stretch as Bearcats guards Deonta Vaughn and Larry Davis torched them for 34 and 21 points, respectively.

The UCLA backcourt of sen-

ior Darren Collison and freshman Jrue Holiday figures to present just as much of a challenge to Notre Dame's defense.

"We've got to be able to play defense, get rebounds and stop teams from putting up 90 on us," Hillesland told the Associated Press after Wednesday's game.

Underneath the basket, Irish junior Luke Harangody will battle Bruins forward Nicola Dragovich and center Alfred Aboya. Harangody is averaging 25.3 points and 13.2

rebounds per game while carrying the Irish in virtually every recent contest.

The Irish will probably need more of a team effort against the Bruins. Notre Dame's starting backcourt of Tory Jackson and Kyle McAlarney will try to rebound after shooting a combined 6-of-22 from the field against Cincinnati.

The matchup against UCLA will be Notre Dame's final non-conference game of the regular season. After returning home, the Irish will play eight more Big East opponents.

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Zach Hillesland
senior forward

Pink

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nobody can find a bad word about her and that's really something to be said in the coaching fraternity."

And in her memory, the Irish are looking to sell-out against DePaul McGraw said. And a sell out home crowd could be just what the Irish need to break out of their current rut, having lost three of their last four games.

The match against the Blue Demons marks the beginning of the final stretch in the regular season.

"... [T]he last seven games of the season are really important for everybody and we're playing not as well as I would like right now, but we've got a lot of freshmen who are starting to hit the wall this time of the year," McGraw said. "So hopefully we'll be able to get together and have a strong finish."

Notre Dame last faced DePaul on Jan. 6 on the road. The Irish won 86-62. But even with that win under their belt, Notre Dame isn't counting on a win. Not even past injuries to stars Natasha Williams and Deirdra Williams has McGraw feeling certain.

"They're back to full strength now and I think they're playing great basketball," McGraw said. "I think they're one of the hottest teams in the conference,

along with Pittsburgh. I think those two teams are really coming on strong right now."

Naughton and DePaul step onto the court Sunday coming off a five-game conference winning streak. A large part of their success has come from the 3-point line. And with Notre Dame not exactly on their defensive game as of late, that could mean trouble for the Irish.

"I think rebounding is always going to be a problem for us, we always have to work on that," McGraw said. "Defensively, we've been a little more often down than I would like. We have to play better defensively, we've got to guard the 3-point line a little better, and certainly DePaul is going to challenge that. They're a great '3-point' shooting team."

McGraw and the Irish hope that guarding the 3-point line will help them secure another win against DePaul.

Notre Dame and DePaul square off at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Notes

◆ In honor of the pink zone, the Irish will be wearing pink jerseys.

◆ McGraw said \$25,000 has already been raised. If the game sells out, an additional \$10,000 will be donated toward breast cancer research.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

ND finally makes home debut

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

The Irish have already managed to qualify for the ITA National Indoor Championships — and they haven't yet played at home.

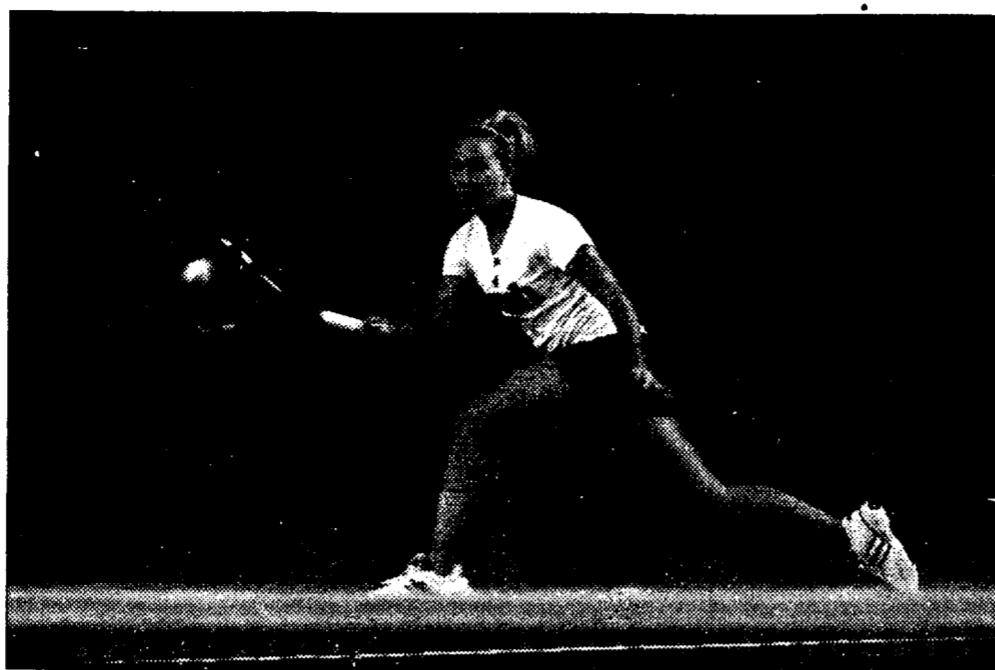
Notre Dame (3-0) will take on No. 18 Michigan in its home opener at 4 p.m. today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Notre Dame earned its slot in next weekend's Indoor Championships in Madison, Wis., by upsetting No. 14 Arkansas 4-1 last Sunday. The Razorbacks' sole point was won by the No. 2 singles player in the country. With this upset, Notre Dame moved up to No. 14 in the rankings.

Some of the Irish are indeed used to high rankings, as the doubles team of senior Kelcy Tefft and freshmen Kristy Frilling are currently ranked as the nation's top doubles team. The duo only appears to be getting stronger, as it won twice last weekend, including an 8-1 victory over the eighth-ranked Arkansas doubles team.

Following that performance, Frilling won the Big East women's tennis player of the week award.

Today, Notre Dame will try



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Senior Kelcy Tefft returns a shot during a match against Marquette last April 13.

to avenge the upset loss Michigan handed the Irish when the two squads met last year.

"Michigan is a really good team. They are very deep," senior Katie Potts said. "They are very comparable [to the team's we'll see at the Indoor Championships]. It should be a pretty tough match."

Having leaped into the top five of the rankings with the win over Arkansas, the Irish know next weekend will be filled with stiff competition.

"We are one of the bigger

underdogs to get to the tournament," Potts said. "A decisive win would be nice to head into the tournament with."

Before the team goes to Madison, though, it will look to dispatch Michigan — a Notre Dame rival in every sport.

"We are just excited to see how we match-up, not only with Michigan, but also with the teams in Madison," Potts said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles hit road again to face Alma

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

After just one home game followed a four-game road trip, Saint Mary's will hit the highway again this weekend to visit conference foe Alma Saturday at 3 p.m.

The Belles (12-8, 10-2 MIAA) took advantage of their home game with an 86-54 thrashing of Olivet Wednesday, and coach Jennifer Henley said the venue played a factor in her team's dominating performance.

"Anytime you play four games on the road, it's going to take a toll on you," said Henley, whose team trails first-place Hope by just half a game in the conference standings. "It was great being at home in front of our fans with Olivet. We certainly feed off of their energy."

The Belles, winners of four of five, will look to avoid an upset against Alma (7-12, 5-6 MIAA), a team that has won three of four.

"We are still focusing on taking one game at a time as we approach the tournament," Henley said. "With Alma, I feel

we have the height advantage with our inside game."

But Henley said Alma will present trouble because of its team speed.

"They have speed and will be able to run with us," she said. "Alma does a great job of playing a lot of different defenses to throw you off."

The Scots will have to try and stop Belles senior forward Erin Newsom, who leads Saint Mary's in both points (14 per game) and rebounds (eight per game).

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FENCING

New No. 1 to host competition

By CHRIS MASOUD
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For the first time this season, the Irish fencers will have a taste of what it means to be No. 1.

The top-ranked men (17-0) and No. 2 women (17-2) will host the Notre Dame Duals this weekend looking to continue their hot starts against some of the nation's top teams. The Irish are coming off an unprecedented performance at the Northwestern Duals last weekend, where both the men's and women's teams knocked off top-ranked Penn State.

"Teams are coming after fall work, and they are showing their cards," Irish

coach Janusz Bednarski said. "I told the fencers keep attention. We are in the middle of the race and just because we have a lead doesn't mean we are sure winners. They will attack us for sure."

This weekend's 14-team field will include No. 7 Stanford and the men's competitors from No. 3 Ohio State.

"We have to keep focus. Everyone is telling us 'Oh, you beat the No. 1 team, you beat the No. 2 team,' but that was just a preseason coaches' poll," Bednarski said. "Who knows how strong Stanford is? Now on the strip we will see who is really stronger."

But the biggest surprise of the season may be the rapid

adjustment of the talented cast of freshmen and sophomore fighters to the collegiate level.

"They are adjusting very quickly to the different type of competition, the different type of bouts because definitely it's a different system," Bednarski said. "Sometimes there are surprises from the intensity of the bouts, intensity between schools, and intensity of engagement. But I believe we will also be successful on this field."

The duals will take place in the Joyce Center beginning at 8 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday, with closing rounds starting at 5 p.m. and 3 p.m., respectively.

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middle of it," said Scioscia. "It's going to be a lot of fun to watch them, and it's an honor to be asked to come here."

Samardzija entertained the crowd with stories from his Notre Dame baseball and football career, and also discussed his past season with the Chicago Cubs. When asked about the Cubs' World Series drought, Samardzija denied any belief in the superstitions surrounding the club.

"I don't think any of the players think about a curse. Do you believe in curses? I don't," Samardzija said. "I'm sure everyone would rather be talking about X's and O's than fairytales."

The former dual-sport star has also recently given back to Notre Dame, establishing a scholarship in the name of his mother, who passed away when Samardzija was in high school. The Debora Samardzija Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a student who has suffered through the loss of a loved one while continuing to strive towards academic excellence.

Samardzija concluded his speech by making some predictions for the coming year, which included a College World Series berth for the Irish baseball team, a World Series title for the Cubs and a national championship for the Notre Dame football team.

He also parted with some final words for another two-

sport Irish star following in his footsteps — sophomore wide receiver and outfielder Golden Tate

"Golden, you might break all my receiving records, and that's cool. I wish you all the best, but you won't look as good doing it," Samardzija said.

Scioscia added advice he learned from his mother before embarking on his professional baseball career.

"She said, 'Michael, if you want to be a leader, the first person you have to lead is yourself,'" Scioscia said. "You have to remember to carry yourself and lead your first."

Athletic director Jack Swarbrick was also in attendance and made a short speech before introducing Irish coach Dave Schrage.

"I've been to a lot of sporting events all over the world — Super Bowls and Olympics," Swarbrick said. "But my favorite event of them all is the College World Series. And this year I plan on going back with my team."

Attendees listened to the speakers while enjoying a "ballpark style" dinner, and received season tickets, autographed photos of the speakers and a media guide.

The Irish will start the season on Feb. 20, traveling to Tampa, Fla., to play in the first annual Big East-Big Ten Challenge. Notre Dame's home opener will be March 17 against Ball State at Frank Eck Stadium.

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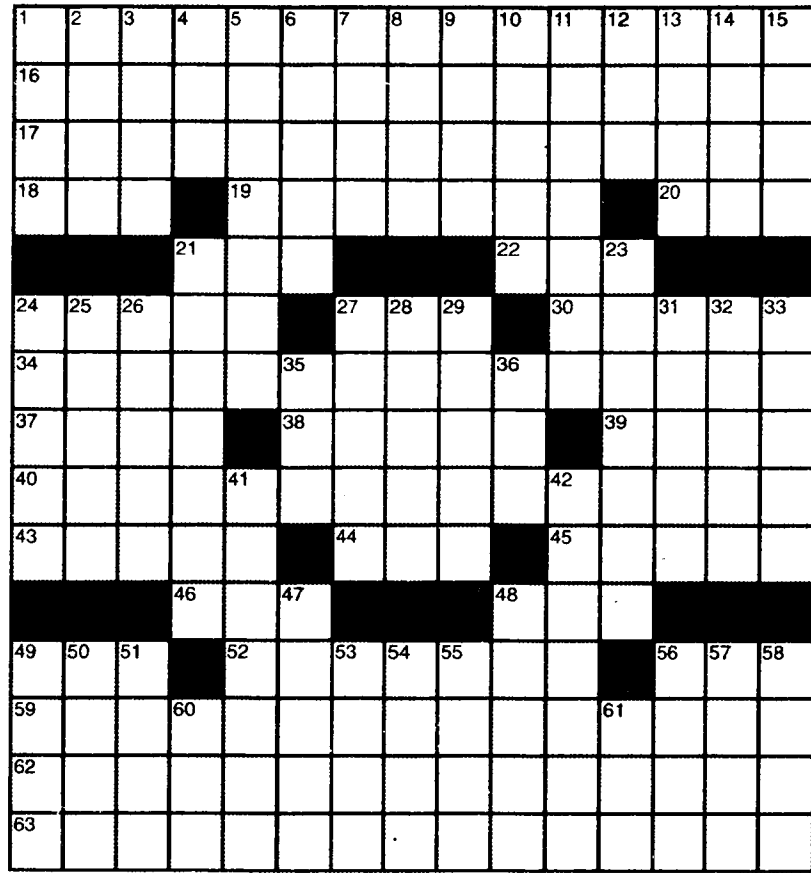
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 - Seventeen people, briefly
 - One whose deposits are often collected
 - Hit-making group?
 - Gazelle, at times
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 - Grounded
 - One way to kick a bad habit
 - It's a shore thing
 - Alice who wrote the short-story collection "Open Secrets"
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 - "... ye shall ... more vanity": Ezekiel 13:23
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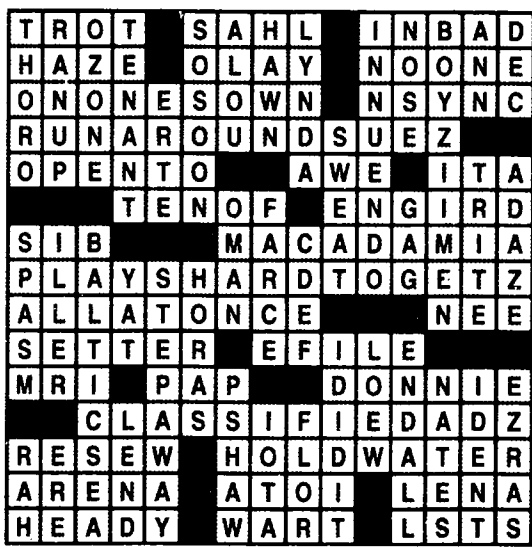


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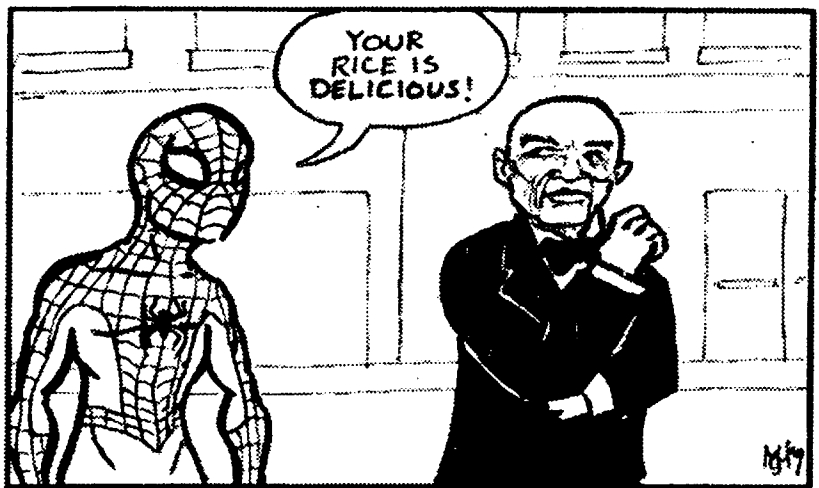
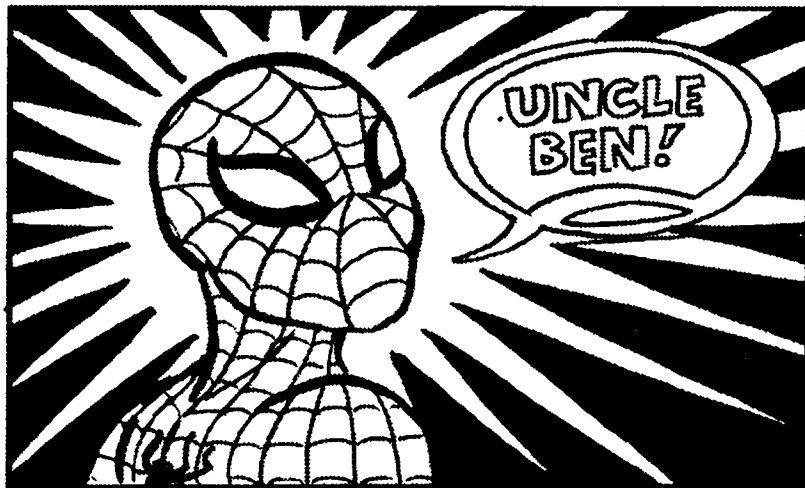
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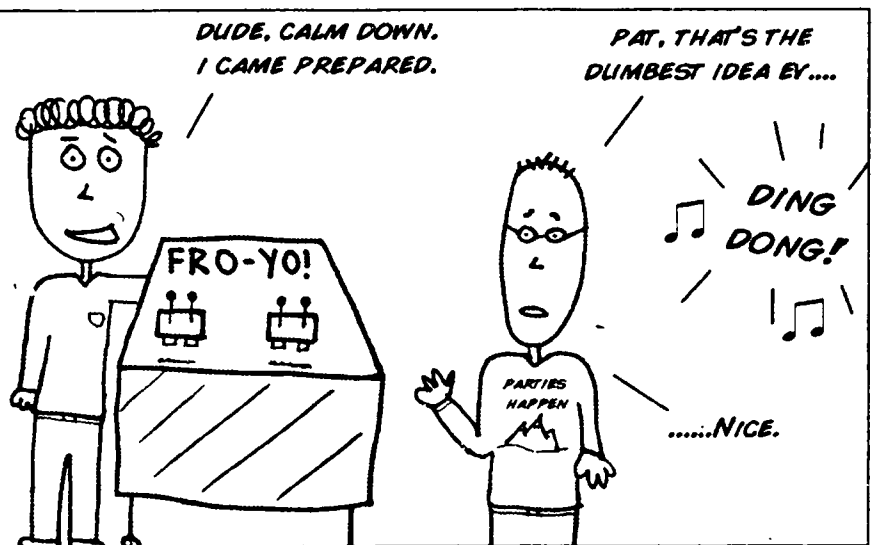
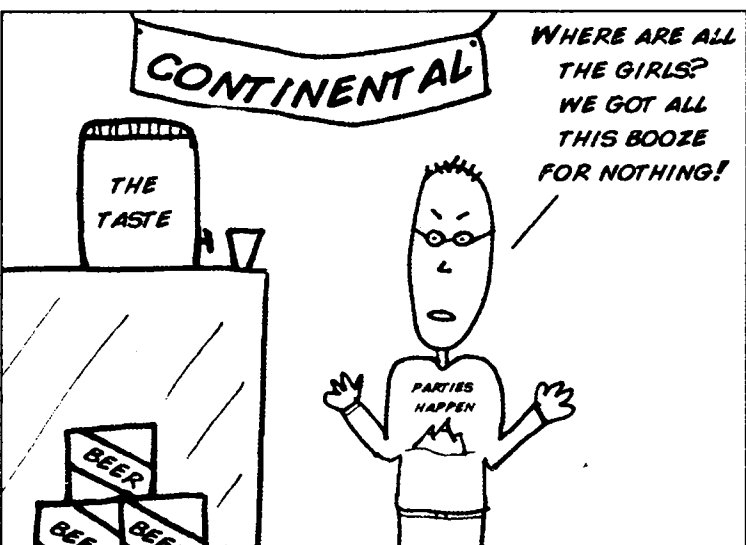
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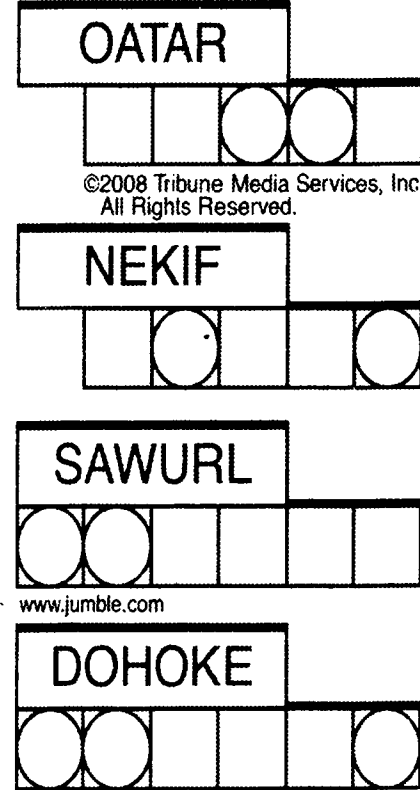
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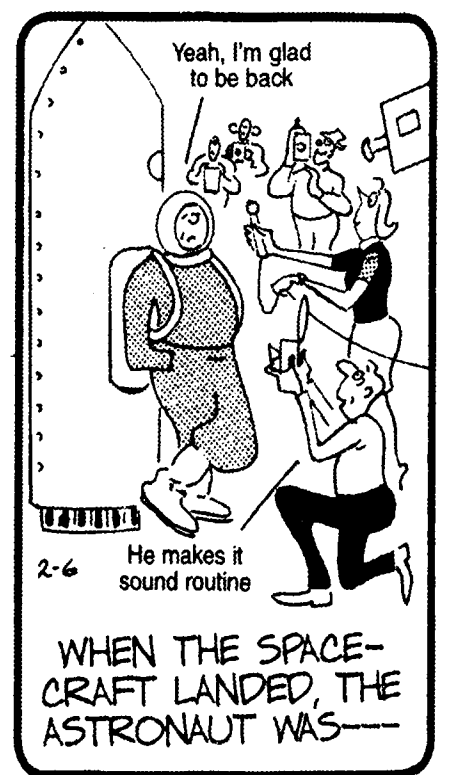
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ND BASKETBALL

Big East blues

Irish head west trying to stop six-game streak

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

Hopefully for the Irish, a respite from the cold Midwest weather is just what they need. Because really, as Notre Dame travels west to take on No. 12 UCLA Saturday, it seems like that's the only thing the team has going for it.

The Irish have lost six straight games for the first time since the 1993-94 season and could be all but out of NCAA Tournament contention with a few more losses.

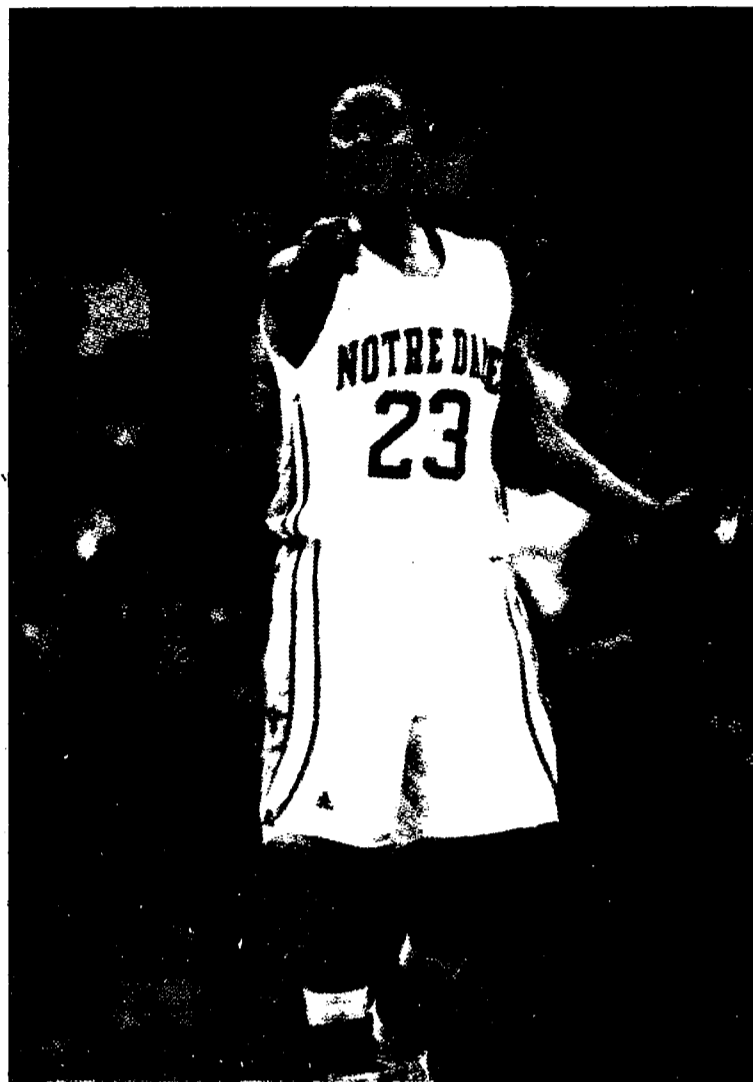
And a win will not come easily this weekend as Notre Dame heads into storied Pauley Pavilion to face the Bruins, who are 18-4 overall and 12-1 at home.

After winning four of its last five contests, UCLA looks to be headed in the opposite direction

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Left, junior guard Tory Jackson puts up a runner in the lane during Notre Dame's loss to Marquette on Jan. 26. Right, junior guard Melissa Lechitner runs the offense during an Irish loss to Rutgers on Jan. 27.



JESS LEE and IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Team looking to raise money, snap recent skid

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

The pink zone is nothing new to NCAA women's basketball, but this Sunday it's a little bit more significant.

It's the first time Notre Dame will step on the court to raise money for cancer awareness since the passing of North Carolina State's Kay Yow. The long time coach lost her battle with breast cancer on January 24.

"She's been an inspiration to everyone," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said of Yow. "Personally or not, she is somebody who has probably affected you in some way. I just think she has been a tremendous role model, she's an admirable person; everybody has tremendous respect for her. As people have said,

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HOCKEY

Squad looks to clinch CCHA tourney bye with win

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame winds down one of the toughest stretches of its season this weekend in Columbus, Ohio, as the Irish take on the high-flying Buckeyes.

No. 15 Ohio State (17-8-3, 10-7-3-3 CCHA) currently sits tied for the all important fourth place spot in the CCHA standings with 26 points. The top four teams in the league

receive an opening round bye in the playoffs.

With a win this weekend, the No. 2 Irish (20-4-3, 14-3-3-3 CCHA) can clinch one of those top four spots. Two wins would give the Irish 38 points in the league, putting them out of reach of all but three teams.

"We have to recognize the situation where we are for the playoffs," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "We want to claim home ice in the second round of the playoffs, and

we've got to win some games before we do that. At this point, every game is essential, and we can't let down until we achieve our objective."

The Buckeyes are eight points behind first-place Notre Dame with eight games left on the schedule. Ohio State needs to pull off a few upsets with No. 4 Michigan and No. 8 Miami still looming ahead.

The Irish are coming off their own showdown with Michigan last weekend. The

teams split an emotional home-and-home series with both teams winning on the road.

"It was an emotional weekend," senior captain Erik Condra said. "We've got to keep the tempo up. Just like Michigan, these guys are a strong team with a good offense, so we've been practicing at a high tempo and almost mirror the game we played at [Michigan's] Yost Arena."

The Buckeyes like to move

the puck quickly and have scored 100 goals so far this season with their fast-paced offense.

Notre Dame has slowed down its offensive production in the past few weeks. The team hasn't scored more than three goals in a game since Dec. 13 against Bowling Green. Ohio State put six past one of the CCHA's top goal-tenders, Chad Johnson, in a win over Alaska last

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MEN'S TENNIS

ND to host a pair Sunday

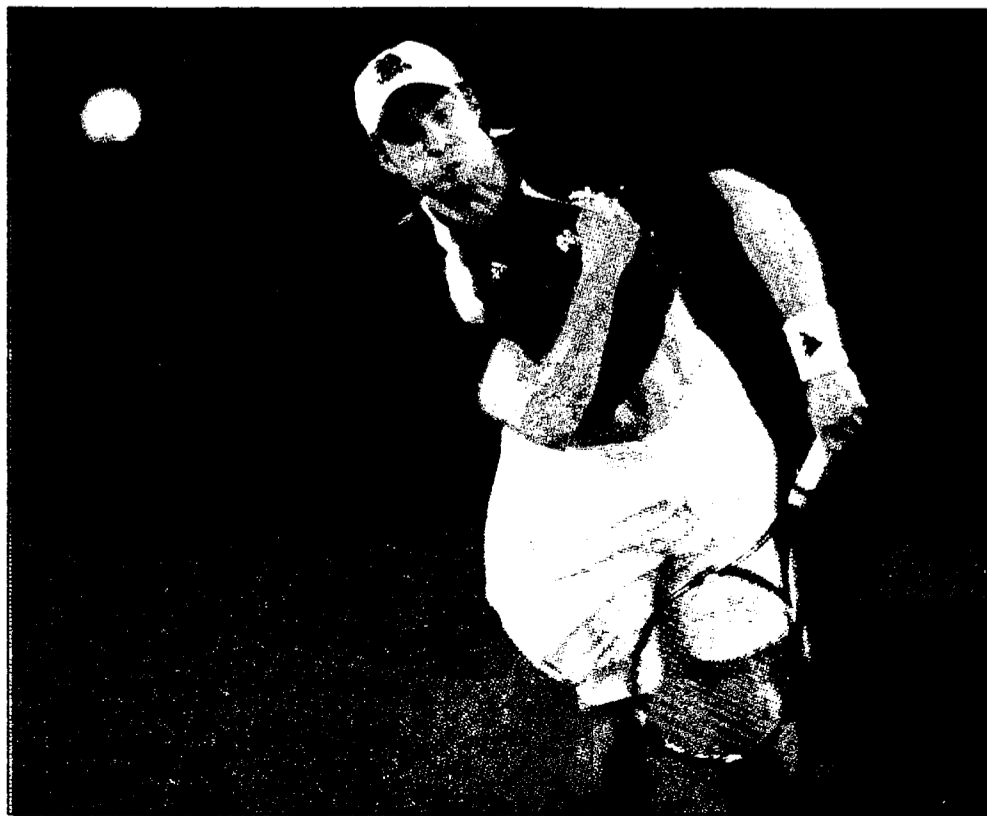
By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will host a pair of matches Sunday, taking on Duke at noon and Toledo at 6 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

No. 32 Notre Dame is coming off a weekend that saw it fall early at the ITA Nationals in Oklahoma to No. 12 Tulsa, and then rebound for a 4-0 victory over No. 20 Texas Tech.

"We have played pretty well thus far in our season," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Nobody is happy with a 2-4 record, but we certainly played the strongest six matches of the season nationally. Five of our matches

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Sophomore Tyler Davis finishes a shot during Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to Pepperdine on Jan. 16.

BASEBALL

Samardzija, Scioscia speak at annual dinner

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Just two weeks before the start of the season, appearances by former Irish star Jeff Samardzija and Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia helped build excitement for the coming year at Notre Dame's eighth annual Opening Night Dinner Thursday.

The major leaguers addressed a packed crowd in the Joyce Fieldhouse, sharing stories and advice from their playing and coaching careers. Samardzija and Scioscia also addressed the Irish team,

ranked No. 27 in the Collegiate Baseball preseason poll.

"I didn't expect to come back so early," said Samardzija, who graduated in 2006. "A lot of the guys here I played with, but it's good to come back and see them now that they're leaders of the team."

Scioscia, who managed the Angels to a World Series title in 2002, is a familiar face in South Bend. His son Matt is a sophomore catcher on the Irish team.

"Collegiate baseball in this country is booming, and Notre Dame is right in the

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