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Burdick and Schmidt to compete in run-off

No ticket reaches a majority, so a winner is not determined; top two vote-getters will face off again Thursday



ALISON AMBROSE/The Observer
Top, from left to right, Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez, bottom, Grant Schmidt and Cynthia Weber.

By JENN METZ
News Editor

The Election Committee of the Judicial Council announced the tickets Grant Schmidt-Cynthia Weber and Laura Burdick-Derek Sanchez will advance to a run-off election for the offices of student body president and vice president Monday.

In order to determine a winner, one ticket must receive more than 50 percent of the total vote, George Chamberlain, president of the Judicial Council, said.

Four thousand, five hundred and nine students participated in Monday's election, which ran from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on-line. Students were directed via

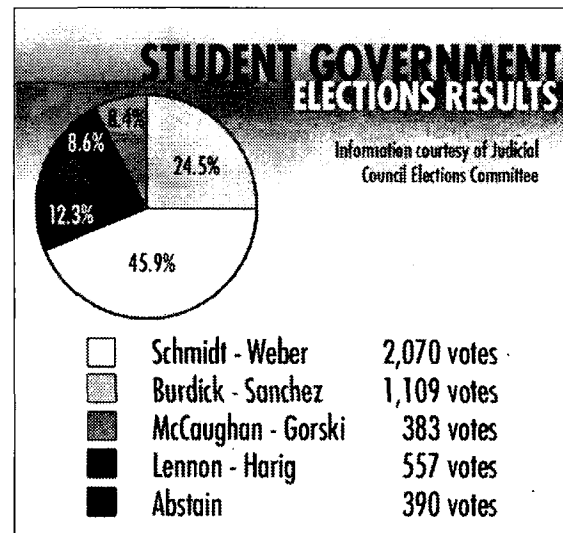
three e-mail messages sent out by the Judicial Council to a Web site where they entered their netID and password to vote.

The number of students who voted in the election was "the largest turnout ever," Marcello Perez, vice president of the Judicial Council Elections Committee, told the four tickets, who were assembled in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune to hear the results.

Four thousand, five hundred and nine votes cast is approximately 54 percent of the undergraduate student body based on the enrollment numbers from fall 2008.

The Schmidt-Weber ticket

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Pictured above are the election results. Schmidt-Weber failed to win a majority.

Obama lands in South Bend, drives to Elkhart

Air Force One lands as a crowd gathers to watch



JESSICA LEE/The Observer
President Barack Obama disembarks from Air Force One at the South Bend Regional Airport on Monday morning.

For College Dems, motorcade will be a day to remember

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Professors at Notre Dame have probably heard a wide range of excuses for why their students did not show up for class.

Driving in a presidential motorcade most likely isn't one of them, but for eight Notre Dame students it's an excuse they can use in class tomorrow.

Spencer Howard, the president of the Notre Dame College Democrats, used a few words over and over again to describe Monday's experience, most notably: "amazing" and "exciting."

"It was a very proud moment for me," he said.

The students who volunteered in the motorcade were able to spend a few minutes with President Barack Obama after his hour-long town hall meeting in Elkhart, Ind., to discuss the stimulus package. They waited by their cars while he spoke.

Taking a picture with the president was "the

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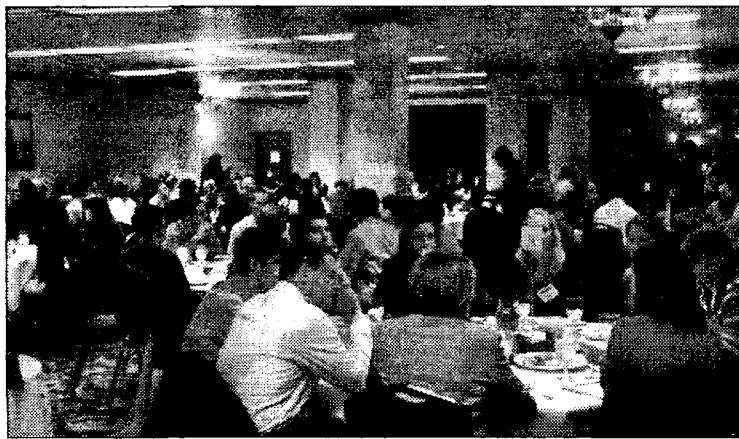
Green Summit sparks new ideas

Second annual conference recommends ways to make ND greener

By AARON STEINER
Assistant News Editor

Making faculty pay for parking spots, creating a "cap and trade" system for print quotas and eliminating plastic bottles in Waddick's were among the ideas suggested at Notre Dame's second annual Green Summit Monday evening in McKenna Hall.

University administrators, faculty, staff and students attended the event, organized by various groups on campus including GreenND and the Office of



PAT COVENY/The Observer
Administrators, students, faculty, and staff gathered Monday in McKenna Hall to discuss ways to make the campus greener.

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Spring transfer students adjust to campus life

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Eight new students enrolled at Notre Dame for this semester, while Saint Mary's added 15 students as spring transfers.

The Notre Dame Office of Admissions received 80 applications for spring, which was a "fairly standard number," according to Catherine Linn, admissions counselor and transfer admissions coordinator at the University.

Typically, the University receives between 75 and 100 applicants, she said.

Of the 80 applicants, 14 were offered admission to Notre Dame and eight accepted. All transfer students that enrolled at the University in the spring are second-semester sophomores, Linn said. Seven of the students entered the College of Arts and Letters, while one joined the College of Science.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Fashion at ND. Or not.

My dear fellow students, I am going to be honest with you. As you walk to class, I am judging you purely based on what you're wearing. Sit down and talk for me for five minutes and I promise I'll let it pass. But until then I am going to indulge my vapid side and silently laugh. As such, I thought I would use my time in the Inside Column to highlight some of the worst Notre Dame has to offer.

Ugg Boots. Yes girls, I've been told they are ever so comfortable. I don't care much. They widen your foot to gigantic proportions, hit that odd place on your leg that will make most girls shorter and bottom heavy, and really, can't we try a bit harder? Stand out from 50 percent of the girls on campus and wander into a shoe department during a sale. Find yourself something in leather with a bit more point to the toe. Perhaps a bit of heel? I promise they aren't the uncomfortable monstrosities you think they are. (Yes, I know just every once in awhile it snows here. Then you are free to wear whatever you like to make it across campus without spread eagling across the ground. I have worn my beloved heels a bit too far into winter and did just that in front of DeBartolo. To those of you that witnessed it, I hope it was gloriously entertaining.)

Stuffing your pants into your boots. Sometimes it's pouring rain or sleet, and for the sake of not having to sit through hours of class with wet pants, I understand that this is entirely practical (and I've done it.) And on those women with legs up to my armpits (which it is possible you could be) it can work. But if you are anything like me, it just makes you look shorter. Your legs do so much for you on a day to day basis, taking you from place to place, don't turn them into stumps. (I've broken this rule on a couple of occasions, but I have repented. Follow me into the light.)

Crocs. Repeat after me: A wedge of plastic does not make a shoe. Save them for your garden. We aren't even going to consider the ones with fur.

Sweatpants. Despite their deceiving suffix, sweatpants are not really pants. They are pants that have given up on life and are going to live in their parent's basement. Real pants don't take any longer to put on, I promise.

Columbia/North Face Jackets. These wouldn't be so bad if so many people didn't wear them. But think about this. Go to the Columbia Sportswear of North Face Web sites and look at their promotional pictures. Are you: A. Climbing a mountain? B. Skiing? C. Walking across campus? If the answer is not A or B, please try a pea-coat, a trench coat, a walking coat, or something with a military edge. Anything.

Leggings. Buy pants. For all that is good in the world, pack it in and buy pants.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Michelle Fordice at mfordice@nd.edu.

Michelle Fordice
Scene Writer

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT?



Angela Carothers
senior
Badin

"Relocate to California?"



Brian Dolinar
junior
Stegfried

"Declare an end to the game."



Ariella Phillips
freshman
McGlenn

"Mandate nap time!"



Johanna Kirsch
junior
McGlenn

"Abolish student government."



Stevie Biddle
freshman
Fisher

"Legalize pet squirrels."



PAT COVENY/The Observer

Korean poet Kim Hyesoon speaks on the "Women in International Literary Cultures" panel at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium on Monday.

IN BRIEF

Valentine's Day Candy Heart-grams will be sold in LaFortune today, Wednesday and Thursday. The hearts cost \$1 per package and will be delivered on Friday.

The Glass Club is having a sale of some of their products — etched glassware, jewelry, stained glass and fused glass, in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. It will take place Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Brazilian Carnival will take place Friday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in South Dining Hall. The event will include music and dance by Chicago Samba, a costume contest, samba lessons and door prizes.

The Freshman Class Council is hosting Lovefest on Friday at 9 p.m. The event will take place in Casey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library and will include free candy from the South Bend Chocolate Factory and musical performers from the Freshman class. Tickets are \$5 and will benefit the American Heart Association.

The annual **Edith Stein Project** will take place throughout the day this Friday. The conference will address women's issues which will include speakers, a Mass, meals. Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students are invited free of charge, but must register at <https://marketplace.nd.edu/ce/index.cfm>.

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

OFFBEAT

Police find 22 dogs in station wagon with owner

POTTSBORO, Texas — North Texas authorities seized 22 dogs found crammed inside a station wagon with their owner. The owner locked the car doors and refused to come out when a constable tried to serve her a warrant for the seizure of the dogs early Monday, said SPCA spokeswoman Maura Davies.

Two puppies and 20 dogs were taken to a shelter until a judge decides who gets custody, the SPCA said. A hearing on the custody of the animals is set

for Feb. 16 in Denison.

The dogs were in the car along with a pot of water, blankets and waste.

The owner does not face charges, Grayson County constable Michael Putman said. She was not coherent and the SPCA said it has contacted Adult Protective Services about the woman.

German police chase zebras through the streets

BERLIN — These fugitives were wearing stripes even before they were caught.

Police in the southern Germany city of Augsburg said they had to chase four

circus zebras through the streets after they escaped from their handlers.

Police spokesman Robert Goeppel said one of the escapees gave itself up to by passers-by as it wandered the city streets. The other three were eventually corralled in a paddock on the outskirts of town.

Goeppel said there were no injuries, either to humans or zebras, during Monday's chase. He said it was the first time "anything like this has happened here."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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

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CORRECTIONS

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

SMC student VP revises constitution

Leaders discuss extending Student Center's operating hours, elections for next year

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Saint Mary's student body vice president Sarah Falvey has been working on revising the Student Government Constitution since the fall and announced that her team has completed one draft at Monday night's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting. The Constitution will be presented to BOG once the revisions are complete.

Falvey and student body president Mickey Gruscinski are also in the first steps of extending the operating hours of the Student Center. They are looking at the Student Center hours at other, similar-sized colleges, Gruscinski said. "Looking up what other colleges

have for Student Center hours, most are opened just as late as us if not later," she said.

Currently, the Student Center is open until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Residence Hall Association president Maura Clougherty announced that Saint Mary's hosted the Indiana Residence Hall Organization Conference (IRHOC) over the weekend. This year's conference was the largest ever.

Senior Katie McInerney won the IRHOC Directorship award, and Clougherty and McInerney won a four-year service plan award, she announced.

Kathy Chlebda, a member of the Class of 2011, won the first-year experience award.

Chlebda was diagnosed with

lymphoma in August 2006 and relapsed in January 2008. She took a leave of absence from the College after her first semester in Fall 2007.

Her story was documented by junior Taylor Flaherty.

"We are excited for Taylor and especially for Kathy and we are excited to share this with her," Clougherty said.

In other BOG news:

◆Student Activities Board (SAB) coordinator Michele Peterson said SAB will be going to the National Association for Campus Activities this weekend. They'll be previewing new comedians, musicians and entertainers to possibly bring to Saint Mary's.

◆Elections commissioner Francesca Johnson said that

Student Body President and Vice president platforms have been turned in and a Meet the Candidates even will take place this Wednesday and 6 p.m. in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall.

◆Sophomore Parents weekend starts this Friday night with a silent auction from 5-7 p.m., sophomore class president Meg Griffin said. Saturday there will be Bingo during the day, a Mass at 4 p.m. and dinner the Waterford Estates Lodge at 7 p.m.

◆Freshman class president Nicole Gans announced that the Class of 2012 will have a their freshman dance at the Hilton Garden Inn on April 18.

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Women Writers festival in progress

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The University is hosting its second annual Women's Writer's Conference this week, with events taking place through Wednesday morning.

The conference, entitled "Global Women Writers Now," will be held in the Hesburgh Center. It is co-hosted by Notre Dame's English Department and Creative Writing Program.

The interdisciplinary festival kicked off with an open-mic night for students on Sunday from 7-9 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center ballroom.

On Monday, the conference featured a panel discussion, "Women in International Literary Cultures: Korea and Mexico." The panel consisted of Kim Hyesoon, a prominent Korean writer, and Laura Solórzano, an emerging Mexican poet and editor.

Two translators, Don Mee Choi and Jen Hofer, poets and anthologists of contemporary women's Korean and Mexican writing, respectively, also were present.

Hyesoon has published seven volumes of poetry since 1981, teaches poetry at the Seoul Institute and has won many prominent Korean awards. Choi has worked as Hyesoon's translator and will publish her first book next year.

Hyesoon spoke about the history of Koreans, including a description of the myth of the first Korean. She also discussed the role of women in Korean myths. A woman's primary purpose in such stories was to give birth to a son; they then disappeared from the story completely. However, in stories involving shamans' rituals, women played a more prominent role.

Hyesoon also described the various types of Korean poetry, those written by upper-class men in traditional Chinese script and poems created by women that told of daily life in Korea that were passed down orally. She also discussed the roles that such poetry played in society and the influence they had on her own work.

Solórzano has published three books and currently teaches writing in Guadalajara, Mexico. Hofer is the translator of a large amount of prominent Mexican poetry.

Solórzano discussed her book of poetry, "Lobo de Labio," which translates in English as "Lip Wolf." She described the book as "an experiment in language."

"Lobo de Labio" has been published four separate times since Solórzano wrote it. Today, the Global Women Writers Now festival is offering a trilingual reading by Hyesoon and Solórzano, with readings taking place in Korean, Spanish, and English. The reading takes place at 5 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

Tomorrow, a roundtable discussion, "Translation: Politics and Practice," will take place in room C103 of the Hesburgh Center. The discussion is a chance for students, faculty, and translators to share opinions and ideas with one another.

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Octuplets mom treated at a Beverly Hills clinic

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The mother of octuplets was implanted with those embryos at a Beverly Hills fertility clinic run by a well-known — and controversial — specialist who pioneered a method of implantation.

Dr. Michael Kamrava's name emerged Monday as a result of an interview aired Monday on NBC with Nadya Suleman, who gave birth to eight babies Jan. 26.

Over the past two weeks, the identity of Suleman's fertility doctor has been a source of great mystery because of ques-

tions over the ethics of implanting numerous embryos in a woman who already had six children.

Kamrava, 57, would not comment on the issue, but told reporters outside his clinic on Rodeo Drive that he had granted an interview to one of the television networks. When asked to provide more detail, he said, "Watch the news."

Without identifying the doctor, the Medical Board of California said last week it was looking into the Suleman case to see if there was a "violation of the standard of care." The medical board said Monday it has not taken any dis-

ciplinary action against Kamrava in the past.

In the NBC interview, Suleman did not identify her doctor by name, but said that she went to the West Coast IVF Clinic in Beverly Hills — of which Kamrava is director — and that all 14 of her children were conceived with help from the same doctor. In 2006, Los Angeles TV station KTLA ran a story on infertility that showed Kamrava treating Suleman and discussing embryo implantation.

Kamrava graduated from the University of Illinois and went to medical school at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland,

according to state records and his Web site.

Some fertility specialists said Kamrava is a controversial figure in the field.

"He's tried some novel techniques and some of those methods have been controversial," said Dr. John Jain, founder of Santa Monica Fertility Specialists.

Jain criticized the decision to implant so many embryos, saying: "I do think that this doctor really stepped outside the guidelines in a very extreme manner, and as such, put both the mother and children at extra high risk of disability and even death."

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SMC hosts Indiana residence hall conference over weekend

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's hosted the Indiana Residence Hall Organization Conference (IRHOC) this past Friday and Saturday. Minus a few minor glitches with a few of the programs, the conference went well, said Residence Hall Association president Maura Clougherty. Visiting students responded well to the Saint Mary's programs.

"I heard a lot of positive feed-

back from the programs Saint Mary's put on," Clougherty said. Saint Mary's Diversity Student Leadership Conference and the "Sex Talk with SMC" were the two programs hosted by Saint Mary's with the most students in attendance.

Some of the presentations hosted by other universities included "Ice, Ice Breaker," "Diversi-beads," and "Dress for Success."

Clougherty said she found information at one of the presentations applicable to her duties as RHA president.

"[The presentation] was put on by [Indiana University] and was entitled 'Oh No! Not Another Boring Meeting,'" Clougherty said. "I found this helpful since I run the RHA meetings; I learned ways to make our meetings more interactive."

The programs were not the only learning that went along with the conference. The experience of planning the conference also taught those involved, Clougherty said.

"This experience of planning the conference helped me a

lot," she said. "I want to go into event planning so I really learned how to work with different people. I also learned a lot of ways to better run and manage my RHA board."

In addition to receiving new information and experience with planning the event, Saint Mary's RHA members received several awards at the closing awards ceremony on Saturday night. Katie McNerny, RHA secretary, won a "Directorship Pin."

McNerny and McClougherty both received "Four Year

Service" pins from the IRHOC honoring their four years of service involved in RHA and Hall Council during their four years and Saint Mary's. Kathy Chlebda received the "First Year Experience" award.

Chlebda was diagnosed with lymphoma in August 2006 and had a relapse in Jan. 2007. She is a member of the Class of 2011, but took a leave of absence from the College after her first semester in Fall 2007.

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Landing

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States of America" emblazoned on its side, landed at 11:11 a.m.

Air Force One taxied around the runway before coming to a stop beside a set of stairs several hundred yards away from the terminal.

President Barack Obama exited the plane and descended the stairs, pausing briefly to wave to the members of the media gathered at the stair's base.

Kathy Liggett, 56, of Mishawaka, Ind., stood next to the train tracks outside the station with a sign that read "Hope" on one side and "President Obama, you give Indiana hope," on the other. Indiana wasn't spelled out, but instead was represented by a drawing of the state, colored in with blue marker. Liggett said it was to show that Indiana, which had been a reliably red, or Republican-leaning, state for the

past several decades, turned blue in November in support for Obama.

"I wanted to make sure people were here to welcome Obama and show our appreciation for his return to Indiana," Liggett said.

Liggett, who has a son who is an Iraq war veteran, said she spoke to Obama about mental health screenings for all veterans when he was campaigning at the 4-H Fairgrounds in St. Joseph County.

Obama traveled to Indiana Monday to make a pitch for his approximately \$838 billion economic stimulus plan, which is currently awaiting a final vote by the U.S. Senate. Obama chose the nearby town of Elkhart, Ind. as the site to make the case for the passage of the bill because the area has been especially hard hit by the economic recession.

Over the course of an hour, Obama delivered remarks and then answered questions to people gathered in Elkhart's Concord High School gymnasium.

"It's good to be back in Indiana,"

Obama said, to loud applause. "The last event we had of the campaign was in Indiana, and the first time that I'm traveling outside of the White House to talk about the economy is back in Indiana."

Elkhart and the surrounding area has been hit hard by the economic crisis, Obama said, with the unemployment rate at 15 percent, compared to 4.7 percent last year.

Obama said he still remembered the stories of people he met from Northern Indiana from when he campaigned in Elkhart six months ago.

"I promised you back then that if elected, I would do everything I could to help this community recover," he said. "And that's why I've come back to today, because I intend to keep my promise."

In his remarks, Obama described the bill before Congress and how it would help the economy recover. The proposal would create or save three to four million jobs over two years, Obama said, and will also provide tax relief for 95 percent of American workers.

In Indiana, he said, the plan will create or save 80,000 jobs for the next two years. Obama said the workers in these jobs would rebuild and repair roads like U.S. 31, which passes by Notre Dame.

Obama said the plan also includes investment in clean alternative sources of energy, tax relief for small businesses, student tax credits and expanded unemployment benefits.

Delaying passage of the bill will

bring "deepening disaster," Obama said, as he urged Congress to pass the bill with alacrity.

"Broadly speaking, it has the right priorities to create jobs that will jumpstart our economy and transform this economy for the 21st century," he said.

Obama took questions on the recovery plan from the audience for more than 30 minutes, addressing topics such as how the plan would help Hoosiers specifically, how schools would be improved, how the bill would encourage "green" jobs and whether he would have a beer with conservative talk show host Sean Hannity. As Obama took questions, a woman wearing a "Notre Dame football" sweatshirt sat in the screenshot behind him.

Air Force One flew over Notre Dame on its way back to Washington, D.C. at 2:45 p.m. Monday, turning sharply south as it passed east over DeBartolo Quad.

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"I promised you back then that if elected, I would do everything I could to help this community recover."

Barack Obama
U.S. President

Run-off

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received a total of 2,070 votes, equaling 45.9 percent, to the Burdick-Sanchez ticket's 1109 votes, or 24.5 percent.

The other two tickets in the election — James McCaughan-Tom Gorski and Luke Lennon-Charlie Harig — received 383 votes, or 8.4 percent, and 557 votes, or 12.3 percent, respectively.

Three hundred ninety, or 8.6 percent, of the students who chose to participate in the election, voted to abstain.

Each ticket carried its presidential candidate's residence hall: Schmidt, who lives in Knott Hall, received 107 votes from the dormitory; Burdick received 86 Cavanaugh votes, McCaughan received 85 Siegfried votes and Lennon received 132 Zahm votes.

Perez told the Burdick-Sanchez and Schmidt-Weber tickets the run-off election procedure will mirror that of the regular election. The tickets will not receive any funding in addition to their initial 200 dollars for the days of campaigning ahead; the candidates are not permitted to campaign past midnight the night before the run-off election.

Any new posters put up by the candidates must carry

Student Activities Office and Election Committee approval stamps.

Schmidt and Weber told The Observer they were pleased with the results of Monday's election.

"We're excited, but we still have work to do and people to talk to," Schmidt said.

They said they were both happy with the overall student body turnout in the election, which shows a real interest in student government.

"Most people care about what we're doing, and that's what you want to see," Schmidt said. "The participation and interest of students supporting [the election] attests to what anyone can do in the future."

Schmidt, who participated in a run-off election last year with current student body president Bob Reish, said their campaign "didn't take the run-off lightly."

"This is a new ball game," he said. "We need to keep the support we already have and have three more days to explain ourselves to those we haven't convinced."

He said their campaign will most likely be focusing on face-to-face conversations, explaining the feasibility of their ideas, with fellow students in the days before the run-off election instead of adding more posters to dormitory hallways.

"We hope to have just as much voter turnout next time," Weber said.

Burdick and Sanchez said Monday's results were "expected."

"With four tickets running, a run off is not surprising," Burdick told The Observer. "With Grant already in office, we didn't expect to come in and sweep it, but I think we're happy with where we are."

Over the weekend, the Burdick-Sanchez campaign posted new posters, called "The Spectator," that addressed a few of their platform initiatives.

"We felt like we needed something to counteract the fact that we didn't get The Observer or Scholastic endorsement, so we made our own endorsement," Sanchez said.

He said an endorsement "gives another ticket an advantage, and we wanted to set the record straight on that."

Burdick said the response to the posters was positive, and people thought they were "clever." "When people went to vote, that was the last name they saw," she said.

Sanchez said he hopes the student body sees "we're also a legitimate set of candidates which I really hope gets highlighted."

"It will be interesting to see how it plays out," he said.

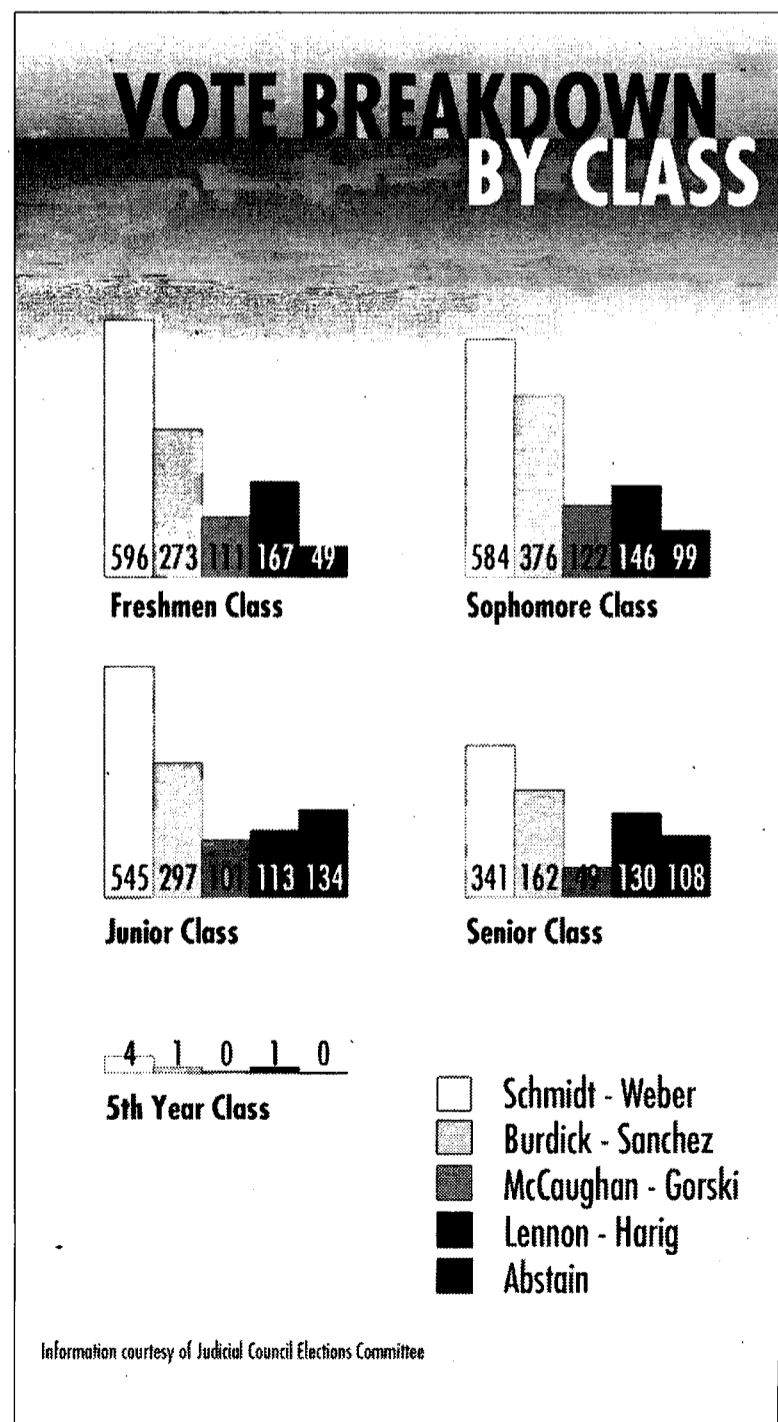
A moderated run-off debate featuring both tickets will take place Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Main Lobby of LaFortune. Run-off elections will take place between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday.

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"We need to keep the support we already have and have three more days to explain ourselves to those we haven't convinced."

Grant Schmidt,
candidate for student
body president



Pictured above is the vote breakdown by class. Schmidt-Weber won the most votes from each.

WORLD & NATION

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Controversial bishop removed

BUENOS AIRES — The bishop whose rehabilitation by the Vatican sparked outrage because of his denials of the Holocaust has been removed as the head of an Argentine seminary, his superiors said Monday.

The ultraconservative Society of St. Pius X, which is trying to reconcile with the Vatican, announced it had dismissed British Bishop Richard Williamson as director of the La Reja seminary and distanced itself from his views.

Williamson's views about the Holocaust created an uproar last month when Pope Benedict XVI lifted his excommunication and that of three other bishops consecrated by the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre.

Lefebvre founded the Society of St. Pius X in 1969 in opposition to the liberalizing reforms of the Second Vatican Council, particularly its outreach to Jews.

Sparks start fire at Chinese hotel

BEIJING — The burning shell of an unfinished, 44-story luxury hotel lit the night sky over downtown Beijing on Monday after being showered with sparks from fireworks set off during China's biggest holiday.

Flames surged up one side of the hotel and sent off huge plumes of black smoke, showering the ground with embers as police held back crowds of onlookers.

There were no reports of deaths or injuries.

Beijing usually tightly restricts the use of fireworks downtown, but waives the rules each year during the Lunar New Year holiday. Monday was the final day for fireworks, marking the first full moon since the Lunar New Year, and massive barrages exploded in open spaces throughout the city.

NATIONAL NEWS

Former mayor may face jail time

WASHINGTON — Prosecutors asked a federal judge Monday to send former Washington mayor Marion Barry to jail for failing to file his tax returns for the eighth time in nine years.

In a motion filed in U.S. District Court, Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Zeno said Barry, who's also a current District of Columbia Council member did not file his taxes in 2007, violating his probation for previous tax offenses.

Barry, 72, was given three years of probation in 2006 after pleading guilty to misdemeanor charges for failing to file his tax returns from 1999 to 2004. As part of a plea bargain, he agreed to file future federal and local tax returns annually.

Judge suspended after DUI

HARTFORD, Conn. — A judge charged with drunken driving and videotaped using racial slurs while arguing with police officers was suspended without pay Monday for 240 days by a judicial review panel.

Superior Court Judge E. Curtissa Cofield, who was confirmed as Connecticut's first black female judge in 1991, apologized to the state Judicial Review Council.

"I regret that my actions may have tarnished the institution that I love," she said. "I've embarrassed and humiliated my family and loved ones, and disappointed my friends."

LOCAL NEWS

Senate limits property tax bills

INDIANAPOLIS — The Republican-controlled Senate has approved a proposal to put limits on property tax bills into the Indiana constitution.

The proposal passed on a 34-16 vote and now moves to the Democrat-controlled House. If the measure clears both chambers this year or next, voters would decide in 2010 whether to amend the caps into the constitution.

Democratic House Speaker Patrick Bauer of South Bend has suggested lawmakers wait until next year to consider the resolution so they know more about the financial hit local governments may take from the caps.

Obama urges approval of stimulus

President uses first prime-time news conference to warn of possible catastrophe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama pressed Congress Monday night to urgently approve a massive economic recovery bill, using the first prime-time news conference of his presidency to warn that a failure to act "could turn a crisis into a catastrophe."

With the nation falling deeper into a long and painful recession, Obama defended his program against Republican criticism that it is loaded with pork-barrel spending and will not create jobs.

"The plan is not perfect," the president said, addressing the nation from the East Room of the White House. "No plan is. I can't tell you for sure that everything in this plan will work exactly as we hope, but I can tell you with complete confidence that a failure to act will only deepen this crisis as well as the pain felt by millions of Americans."

When the stimulus bill passed the House, not a single Republican voted for it. On Monday an \$838 billion version of the legislation cleared a crucial test vote in the Senate by a 61-36 margin, with all but three Republican senators opposing it.

Obama said the federal government was the only power that could save the nation at a time of crisis, with huge spending outlays and tax cuts that he contended could save or create up to 4 million jobs.

"At this particular moment, with the private sector so weakened by this recession, the federal government is the only entity left with the resources to jolt our economy back to life," Obama said.

Rejecting criticism, he said that 90 percent of the jobs created by the plan would be in the private sector, rebuilding crumbling roads, bridges and other aging infrastructure.



President Barack Obama speaks in the East Room of the White House on Monday evening during his first prime-time television news conference.

"The plan that ultimately emerges from Congress must be big enough and bold enough to meet the size of the economic challenge we face right now," Obama said.

Again and again, he stressed that the economy is in dire straits.

"This is not your ordinary, run of the mill recession," he said. Obama said the United States aims to avoid the kind of economic pain that Japan endured in the 1990s — the "lost decade" when that nation showed no economic growth.

"My bottom line is to make sure that we are saving or creating 4 million jobs," he said, and that homeowners facing foreclo-

sure receive some relief.

While Obama stressed the economy in the opening minutes of the news conference, he also faced questions on foreign policy, and was asked how his administration would deal with Iran, a nation accused by the United States of supporting terrorism and pursuing nuclear weapons.

The president said his administration was reviewing its policy toward Iran "looking at places where we can have constructive dialogue." He also said it was time for Iran to change its behavior.

"My expectation is in the coming months we will be looking for openings that can be created where we can be sitting across the

table face to face," Obama said.

He said that Iran must understand that funding terrorist organizations and pursuing nuclear weapons are unacceptable.

On the economy, Obama took a swipe at Republicans for criticizing the stimulus bill as wasteful. He pointed out that he inherited the current economic crisis and a doubling of the national debt from eight years of the Bush administration.

Yet, he also acknowledged that some components of the bill would not create jobs, as GOP critics have complained. While such spending plans might be worthy, he said, "those programs should be out of this."

AUSTRALIA

Death toll rises in Australian wildfire

Associated Press

WHITTLESEA — Disaster teams found charred bodies on roadsides and in crashed cars — grim signs of the futile attempt to flee raging wildfires fed by 60 mph winds, record heat and drought that caught even fire-savvy Australians by surprise.

As the death toll rose Tuesday to 173 in Australia's worst wildfire disaster, suspicions that some of the 400 blazes were caused by arson led police to declare crime scenes in some of the incinerated towns, Victoria police said.

The fires near Melbourne in southeastern Australia destroyed more than 750 homes, left 5,000 people homeless, and burned 1,100

square miles of land, the Victoria Country Fire Service said.

Whole forests were reduced to leafless, charred trunks. Farmland was in ashes.

The scale of the disaster shocked a nation that endures deadly firestorms every few years. Officials said panic and the freight-train speed of the walls of flames probably accounted for the unusually high death toll.

"It was very quick and ferocious and took everyone by surprise," said Jack Barber, who with his wife, a neighbor, six cats and a dog sought refuge with five other people on a cricket field surrounded by trees in Kinglake.

"All around us was 100-foot flames ringing the oval, and we ran

where the wind wasn't. It was swirling all over the place," he said. "For three hours, we dodged the wind."

Firefighters battled more than a dozen blazes that burned out of control across Victoria state, although conditions were much cooler than Saturday. Forecasters said temperatures would rise later this week, posing a risk of flare-ups.

Blazes have been burning for weeks across several states in southern Australia, common for time of year. But the worst drought in a century in the south had left forests extra dry, and Saturday's temperature was 117 degrees, the relative humidity was 7 percent, and the wind was gusting to 50 mph.

Transfers

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As stated on the Office of Admissions Web site, transfer students to the University may not come into the College of Business or the School of Architecture. Linn said the Office "does not foresee a change in this policy."

Linn said the University requires that all transfer students complete at least one full academic year at another institution, but "most often, spring transfer students have spent three semesters at another school."

All eight students received on-campus housing, she said.

Saint Mary's Office of Admissions received 32 applications for spring and 14 enrolled, Sue Ushela, assistant director of admissions and transfer coordina-

tor at the College, said.

The majority of the 14 are first- or second-semester sophomores, she said, but there are also second-semester freshmen on the list.

Saint Mary's evaluates transfer applicants on the qualifications that the student has completed two consecutive semesters of transferable college work. The applicant must have earned a 3.0 grade point average, Ushela said.

All spring transfer students at Saint Mary's received on-campus housing, she said.

The transfer students at both schools took part in orientation programs to help the

transition to their new campuses, the admissions counselors said.

The theme for Transfer Orientation this spring was "Destination ND" at the University, Linn said.

Students arrived on campus Jan. 11 to move into their new residence halls. That afternoon, Transfer-O began, led by a committee of eight current students who had previously transferred to Notre Dame.

"The committee did a wonderful job of welcoming the new students and their families to campus," Linn said.

The Orientation featured separate discussion panels

"They learned about ways to get involved on campus and found where to get support during their transition to Notre Dame."

Catherine Linn
admissions counselor
and admissions
coordinator

Following the information fair, the students met with their academic deans and signed up for classes.

That evening, the students, along with students who had previously transferred to the University, attended a dinner in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Ushela said the transfer students at the College attended an orientation that introduced them to the campus as well as to "key people," like representatives from Residence Life, Athletics, Security, Student Affairs and Academic Advising.

"We try to touch base with all the key components on campus," she said. The orientation for transfer students allows students to be "aware of where to go and who to talk to if they have questions."

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Sustainability.

GreeND President and Office of Sustainability intern Colleen Kelly said the event drew a larger, different crowd this year.

"I think that the conversation was also different this year," she said.

Kelly said themes like recycling, conservation and sustainability have gained a more "visible presence" on campus since last year, all of which has changed the direction of discussion.

Last year, the summit sparked some criticism and basic suggestions about greening Notre Dame's campus, and this year's discussion was "building on a base that we've created," Kelly said.

"We're able to go [further]," she said, going "out of the recycling box."

The nearly 200 participants were divided up into 20 groups.

Discussions at each table lasted for over an hour, with representatives from each group presenting a summary of suggestions and comments.

The Office of Sustainability will summarize the suggestions and comments generated at the summit, Kelly said. The information will then be communicated to the relevant departments, who will be charged with addressing each idea or criticism.

Kelly said she was especially struck by the repeated discussion about increased education and communication about sustainability on campus.

Other suggestions focused on printing and paper usage, simple ways to decrease energy consumption, and using competition as an incentive to adopt sustainable practices and decrease consumption of resources.

Many tables discussed the fact that it is difficult to track energy and other consumption because of the centralized nature of University operations. It's currently not possible to know which

departments, buildings or colleges are spending more, groups said.

"We need incentives, and I think the competition things are great ... but in the end the thing that really makes a difference is money," said Joan Brennecke, professor of engineering.

Brennecke said her table said that accounting for consumption of individual departments would "really make a difference."

"I think in the end this is the main way we're going to see real change here," she said.

Amy Coughlin, director of project management for Business Operations, said her table focused on methods of changing behavior.

She suggested a few ways to change behavior regarding recycling.

for students and their parents, where the committee answered questions "ranging from dorm activities to class sign up to student life in the spring on campus," she said.

The transfer students and their families celebrated a welcome Mass in the Log Cabin Chapel said by Fr. Greg Green. At the Mass, the students received Notre Dame medals, blessed by University President Fr. John Jenkins, Linn said. The Mass was followed by "Dinner in the Dome."

The new students attended an information fair Jan. 13 with "a number of different offices on campus," Linn said, naming Campus Ministry, RecSports, Campus Security and Financial Aid as examples.

"They learned about ways to get involved on campus and found where to get support during their transition to Notre Dame," she said.

"Instead of just putting out recycling bins ... we would take away individual trash cans," she said, and move them to a central location. At the least, she said, it would prove "an interesting experiment."

Jim Mazurek, Director of the Office of Sustainability, said his table, made up of Office of Information Technology staff, decided that things that "hurt you financially" could also be incentives to change behavior.

Specifically, his table discussed implementing the Pharos printing system — which is a pay per use system — in all departments. Currently, only printers designated for student use make use of the pay per use system.

"Could you imagine that system rolled out for all of us across cam-

pus?" he asked.

Other suggestions included eliminating trays in the dining halls, working with vendors to monitor consumption, and increasing the number of courses related to sustainability and environmental concerns.

Kelly said that discussions were "collaborative," and she hopes that groups from all areas and levels of the University will continue to work together.

"We've been really lucky to have established relationships with the administration from the beginning," Kelly said. In addition, groups like GreeND have strong relationships with students, and the Office of Sustainability good relationships with faculty and staff, she said.

"That kind of collaboration has been the main reason we've been able to succeed," Kelly said.

"I don't think sustainability is going anywhere at Notre Dame but forward."

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Joan Brennecke
professor of engineering

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highlight of the day," Howard said. The students took a group picture with Obama, but Howard, who volunteered for the president's "Get Out the Vote" campaign in the fall, was lucky enough to get an individual photo with the president.

"These students did a lot for the campaign," he said. "It was a fun opportunity for the people who worked really hard last fall."

The commander-in-chief joked around with the kids from Notre Dame — "he's a very friendly guy, a really genuine person," Howard said.

"He came up to the Notre Dame students and joked about one of our new recruits from the football team who went to his high school," Howard said, pausing for a moment.

"He's a good guy," he said.

White House events staff members contacted Howard late Friday afternoon asking him to put together a small group of volunteers to drive in the motorcade. All volunteers went through a Secret Service background check, "and everybody passed," Howard said.

The drivers — Howard included — dressed in "standard business attire" and drove large 15-passenger vans. Though his experience driving a vehicle of that size was

limited, Howard had no problem maneuvering down the blocked-off streets on the route from South Bend Regional Airport to Concord High School in Elkhart.

"It was pretty easy to stay in line and keep up," he said with a laugh.

Howard drove one of the support cars, which followed behind Secret Service and protection vehicles. Among his passengers: David Axelrod, senior adviser to the president; Valerie Jarrett, senior adviser to the president; and Robert Gibbs, White House Press Secretary.

It was a thrill, he said, to drive in car with and put faces to the names he sees so frequently in print.

"They've done some big things in politics and for the government, it's cool to be even their chauffeur, especially for someone like me who is constantly reading about politics," Howard said. "Getting the chance to see the people you read about is pretty cool."

Axelrod, whose name is on many of the e-mails sent by the Obama campaign, and now, administration, is working to "keep people motivated and involved in the system," Howard said.

"He can't just forget about keeping in touch with the people after the election."

The Obama staff in Howard's car didn't talk to their driver much — they were busy e-mailing and on the phone.

"It was kind of funny, and very

typical of the people you imagine in the government, constantly communicating," he said.

When Howard joined the College Democrats his sophomore year after transferring to the University, he never thought he would end up driving in the president's motorcade.

"I joined because its something I believe in, I'm doing it to build friendships and work on something that I'm passionate about," he said. "Not many people get a change to meet the president — it's just gravy at this point."

Though his day began at 7:30 a.m. when he left his house for the airport and he didn't return home until after 4:00 p.m., Howard said every minute of his experience was worth it.

"It was a privilege," he said. "One of the best moments of the day: seeing Obama disembarking Air Force One."

"We've all seen it on T.V.," he said, "but you're actually there to see him walk off the plane. Everybody our age can remember seeing President Clinton or President Bush walk out of the plane, but actually seeing Obama is a pretty amazing thing."

Senior Rafael Diaz, another member of the College Democrats who volunteered as a driver, said even though he had seen Obama before at a rally, Monday's experience was a little different.

"Then he was walking by and people were reaching out and trying to clutch at his hand," he said. "This time ... I was star struck, we took the picture, I got the handshake."

When Howard called his fellow Obama campaign volunteer Friday night and asked him "randomly" what he was doing Monday morning, Diaz said first didn't realize what he was saying "yes" to doing.

"I didn't know we would be part of the president's motorcade," he said.

"The people along the side of the road were waving, and there were crowds of people when we entered the town," Diaz said. "It was really impressive. We passed schools, and you could see the faces of the kids in the windows, who had probably been waiting a long time to glimpse the limo ... it was really special."

The people of Elkhart are "really hurting right now," Howard said, "and [Obama] wanted to reach out

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Rafael Diaz
member of the College
Democrats

to them."

The town hall meeting format of Monday's event was like "home turf" for the president, who's "not exactly a Washington insider," Howard said.

"He's happy to be out and across the United States and actually having a change to speak with the people," he said. "He's very comfortable explaining his ideas ... he's willing to do it, and he's happy to do it."

Being asked to assist in the event — the president's farthest trip from Washington, D.C. since taking office in January — isn't something you say "no" to, Howard said.

Howard used an example from the television series "The West Wing" to illustrate his point. In the show's second season, the character Ainsley Haynes, a conservative spokesperson, accepts a position in the White House Counsel's Office for the Bartlet administration after being told by the Chief of Staff, quite plainly, she serves at the pleasure of the president.

Though perhaps not on the same scale, the sentiment, for Howard, is the same.

"When you have the opportunity to serve the president, you just say yes," he said. "Class comes next on the priority list."

As for his professors, Howard said "hopefully they won't hold it against me."

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Stocks

Dow Jones	8,270.87	-9.72
Up: 2,085	Same: 122	Down: 1,667
Composite Volume: 1,385,281,998		
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NASDAQ	1,591.56	-0.15
NYSE	5,479.88	+4.60
S&P 500	869.89	+1.29
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	8,097.38	+128.35
FTSE 100 (London)	4,307.61	15.71

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
BK OF AMERICA (BAC)	+12.40	+0.76	6.89
SPDR S&P 500 (SPY)	+0.14	+0.12	87.10
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO (GE)	+13.87	+1.54	12.64
CITIGROUP INC (C)	+1.02	+0.04	3.95

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	+1.61	+0.048	3.027
13-WEEK BILL	+1.85	0.000	0.280
30-YEAR BOND	+0.62	+0.023	3.706
5-YEAR NOTE	+2.42	+0.047	1.992

Commodities

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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-21.50	892.80
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.28	78.88

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IN BRIEF

Obama hits prime-time airwaves

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama pushed for his emergency economic stimulus with an urgent one-two punch Monday, addressing the nation in the first prime-time news conference of his presidency after taking his campaign directly to recession victims in hard-hit Indiana.

"Doing nothing is not an option," Obama warned during a town hall meeting in Elkhart, Ind., where unemployment has passed 15 percent.

Speedy passage of legislation to pump federal money into the crippled economy, once seemingly assured with bipartisan support, has become a much heavier lift and a major test of Obama's young presidency.

The White House is calculating that numbers like these, combined with Obama's drumbeat from the White House, will win the day.

Agreement reached with Madoff

WASHINGTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday announced an agreement with disgraced money manager Bernard Madoff that could eventually force him to pay a civil fine and return money raised from investors.

The partial judgment, which renders permanent a preliminary injunction that froze Madoff's assets after his arrest in December, must be approved by the judge overseeing the case in federal court in Manhattan.

The civil proceeding is separate from the criminal case against the prominent Wall Street figure, who is accused of bilking \$50 billion from investors in what may be the largest Ponzi scheme in history. Madoff was arrested on Dec. 11 after allegedly confessing to his sons that he had stolen from investors for years.

Federal prosecutors have asked a judge to revoke the bail of Madoff, who has been confined to his Manhattan penthouse under house arrest. Madoff, who has not been indicted, is widely expected to eventually enter into a criminal deal with prosecutors in which he would plead guilty in exchange for some form of leniency.

Senate advances economic stimulus

\$838 billion bill moves toward passage despite strong Republican opposition

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An \$838 billion economic stimulus bill backed by the White House narrowly advanced in the Senate on Monday over strong Republican opposition, and Democratic leaders vowed to deliver the emergency legislation for President Barack Obama's signature within a few days.

The vote was 61-36, one more than the 60 needed to move the measure toward Senate passage on Tuesday. That in turn, will set the stage for possibly contentious negotiations with the House on a final compromise on legislation the president says is desperately needed to tackle the worst economic crisis in more than a generation.

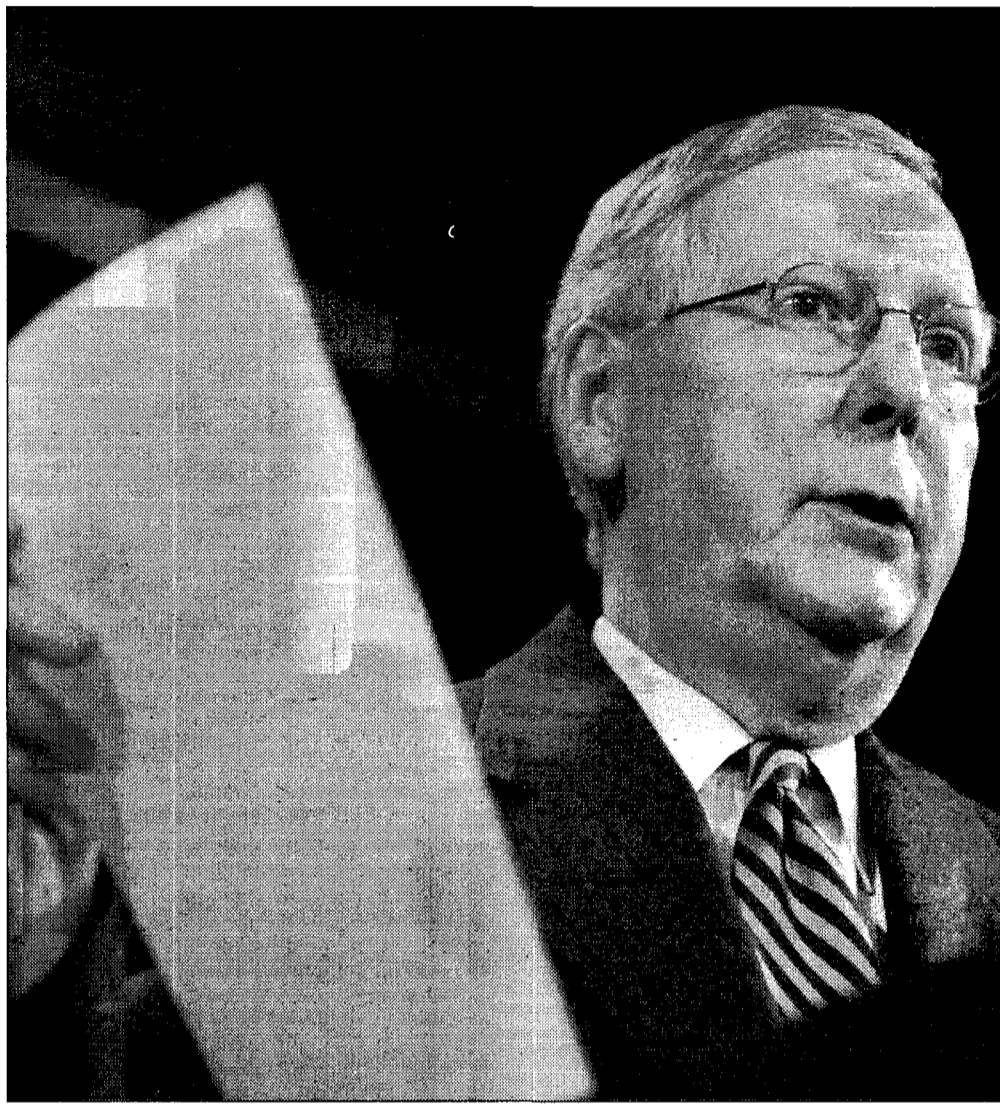
The Senate vote occurred as the Obama administration moved ahead on another key component of its economic recovery plan. Officials said Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner would outline rules on Tuesday for \$350 billion in bailout funds designed to help the financial industry as well as homeowners facing foreclosure.

Monday's vote was close but scarcely in doubt once the White House and Democratic leaders agreed to trim about \$100 billion on Friday.

As a result, Republican Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania broke ranks to cast their votes to advance the bill.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., battling a brain tumor, made his first appearance in the Capitol since suffering a seizure on Inauguration Day, and he joined all other Democrats in support of the measure.

"There is no reason we can't do this by the end of the week," said Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. As House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said, he



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. speaks during a news conference on the economic stimulus legislation.

declared he was prepared to hold the Senate in session into the Presidents Day weekend if necessary, and cautioned Republicans not to try and delay final progress.

He said passage would mark "the first step on the long road to recovery."

Moments before the vote, the Congressional Budget Office issued a new estimate that put the cost at \$838 billion, an increase from the \$827 billion figure from last week. Ironically, the agency said provisions in the bill intended to limit bonuses to executives at firms receiving federal bailout money would result

in lower tax revenues for the government.

"This bill has the votes to pass. We know that," conceded Sen. John Thune, a South Dakota Republican who has spoken daily in the Senate against the legislation.

As if to underscore its prospects for passage, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a prominent and powerful business group, issued a statement calling on the Senate to advance the measure.

Even so, in the hours before Monday's vote, Republican opponents attacked it as too costly and unlikely to have the desired

effect on the economy. "This is a spending bill, not a stimulus bill," said Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn.

Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., ridiculed the bill. "The emperor has no clothes! Somebody has to say it. I'm referring to this additional bailout, this spending bill that spends everything we've got on nothing we are sure about."

All 36 votes in opposition were cast by Republicans.

The two remaining versions of the legislation are relatively close in size — \$838 billion in the Senate and \$819 billion in the House, and are similar in many respects.

SEC's Thomsen leaving position

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The top cop at the Securities and Exchange Commission is leaving the government less than a week after receiving an angry dressing-down before Congress over the agency's failure to detect a massive alleged fraud scheme.

The SEC said Monday that Linda Thomsen is leaving to pursue opportunities in the private sector, but did not provide further details. She has been the agency's enforcement director since May 2005, under two previous SEC chairmen.

Mary Schapiro late last month became SEC chairman, and it's not unusual for new heads of the agency to replace the enforcement director. But Thomsen became a

lightning rod for criticism over the SEC's failure to detect the stunning \$50 billion Ponzi scheme allegedly run by money manager Bernard Madoff, despite red flags raised to the agency staff by outsiders over the course of a decade. The announcement of her departure came a few days after Schapiro outlined new actions intended to strengthen and streamline the agency's enforcement efforts.

Thomsen was front and center at a Feb. 4 hearing by a House subcommittee investigating the Madoff affair and the enforcement breakdown at the SEC. She was put on the defensive by lawmakers and forced to defend the SEC's position that she and other officials couldn't publicly discuss details of the matter because of an ongoing investiga-

tion by the agency's inspector general.

A replacement for Thomsen wasn't named. Speculation centered on Robert Khuzami, a former federal prosecutor who is managing director and general counsel of investment firm Deutsche Bank.

Khuzami didn't immediately return a telephone call to his office Monday. SEC spokesman John Nester declined to comment.

Thomsen, who was the first woman to hold the chief enforcement job at the SEC, had been deputy enforcement director before taking the top spot. As enforcement director, she led the SEC investigation of fallen energy giant Enron Corp., which began in late 2001, and a number of other high-profile cases.

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Bengal mission bouts

"We are being overrun by rats that have come into the jungle and hills because of the flowers and seeds/fruits of the bamboo. They are destroying the crops of the people. And a group of 41 elephants has destroyed crops, banana trees and homes in a number of villages. And now is the time of drought. The people are suffering a lot, with very little food (surviving on wild roots and new bamboo plants as their daily food), and they cannot afford the school fees for their children. They come to us everyday asking money for food and treatment or medicine. I am sorry for telling you the present situation of our people, but as a pastor I think and feel for them and I just needed to share with someone."



Charles E. Rice

Right or Wrong

Those lines, in a recent letter from Fr. Robi Gomes, CSC, to Fr. Tom Smith, CSC, tell you more about the need for Bengal Bouts than I ever could. Since 1931 the Bouts have become the largest single contributor to the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. Now the relation has moved to a new level. Last summer, Boxing Club president Mark Weber, boxers Tomas Castillo, Patrick Martin, Leo Rubinkowski, Mike Lee and Patrick Ryan raised money to go to Bangladesh with Professor William Donaruma and cinematographer John Klein, '06. They made a film, "Strong Bodies Fight," depicting the realities of the missions. The premiere will be on campus on the Navy weekend in November. See www.strongbodiesfight.org. A student service project in Bangladesh may result from the effort. More about the film and project in a later column.

Since 1854, Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters have labored in Bangladesh, especially among the tribal people in remote areas. Of the 140 priests and brothers and the 70 sisters now in Bangladesh, all but 19 are Bangladeshi. The country has more than 140 million people in an area the size of Wisconsin. 89.7 percent are Muslims, 9.2 percent are

Hindus, with the rest Buddhists, Christians and others. The nationwide per capita income is \$1400, but the ultra-poor served by Holy Cross have far less. When you go to a basketball game at the JACC and drop \$3.50 for some ice cream creation, you will spend what would feed a family of four among those ultra poor for almost a week. In 2008, the Bouts contributed more than \$50,000 to the missions, a comparatively huge sum.

The needs are pressing. Fr. Alex Rabanol, CSC, in St. George's Parish in remote Mariannagar, has 50 children, grades one through five, and two teachers in his boarding school. The children have no money and they board because they live far away. Fr. Alex needs money to feed those kids.

Corpus Christi Parish is in Mymensingh diocese, a hilly area where the water is putrid for at least half of the year. Fr. Shusanto Gomes, CSC, needs at least 50 tube wells, at a total cost of \$3,500, to relieve the disease caused by the bad water.

Fatima Rani Parish in Bandarban is in a very poor and remote, forested area. Holy Cross has served it since 1957. The priests always carry medicines to treat the many adults and children afflicted with malaria and dysentery. They also have the rat and elephant problems described above by Fr. Gomes, the pastor. He needs about \$4,000 for a badly needed dispensary.

The list of needs could go on and on. The Bengal Bouts are literally a lifesaving operation. The program is run by the boxers themselves, under the supervision of Rich O'Leary and Jimmy Rogers of RecSports. The captains are Mark Weber, Mike Lee, Kris Perez, Dan Rodgers, Leo Rubinkowski, Diego Villalba, Brian de Splinter, Patrick Burns and Chris Cugliari. Tom Suddes, Chicago attorney Terry Johnson and University pilot Pat Farrell are the head coaches. The assistant coaches include Sweet C. Robinson of the Buchanan Police Department, Mike Hurley, former boxers Ryan Rans, Chip Farrell, Thad Naquin, Judge Roland Chamblee, and Father Brian Daley.

Dr. Jim Moriarty oversees the medical and safety program which has prevented serious injury for 78 years. Emergency Medical Technician Terri Engel attends every sparring session along with EMTs Erica Daley, Sean Bradley and Steve

Serbalik, along with Bonnie Chow, Bert Williams and Myisha Eatmon of RecSports whose official title, on their T-shirts, is (no kidding) "professional rescuers."

The real indispensables, however, are the managers, Kelly Garvy, Katherine Johnson, Ashley Mensch, Catherine Cooney, and Meghan Rolfs. They not only keep impeccable sparring, advertising, equipment and other records. They are the brains of the outfit, day to day. Without them, things would grind to a halt. And they know why they do it. "The work is challenging, the people are great," said Ashley Mensch, "but most important, we are doing something real for people who need it."

On Jan. 13, more than 300 athletic (some might say masochistic) young men began their final training for the Bouts. Probably half will survive the training imposed, not offered, by volunteer coach Tom Suddes, a Columbus developer, who matches his victims push-up for push-up. Why do the boxers do this? One reason is to get in shape and experience the challenge of stepping into the ring, alone, and putting yourself on the line. But the other reason, as any of us involved with the boxers can guarantee, is that they really want to "give back," to help the poor on those missions.

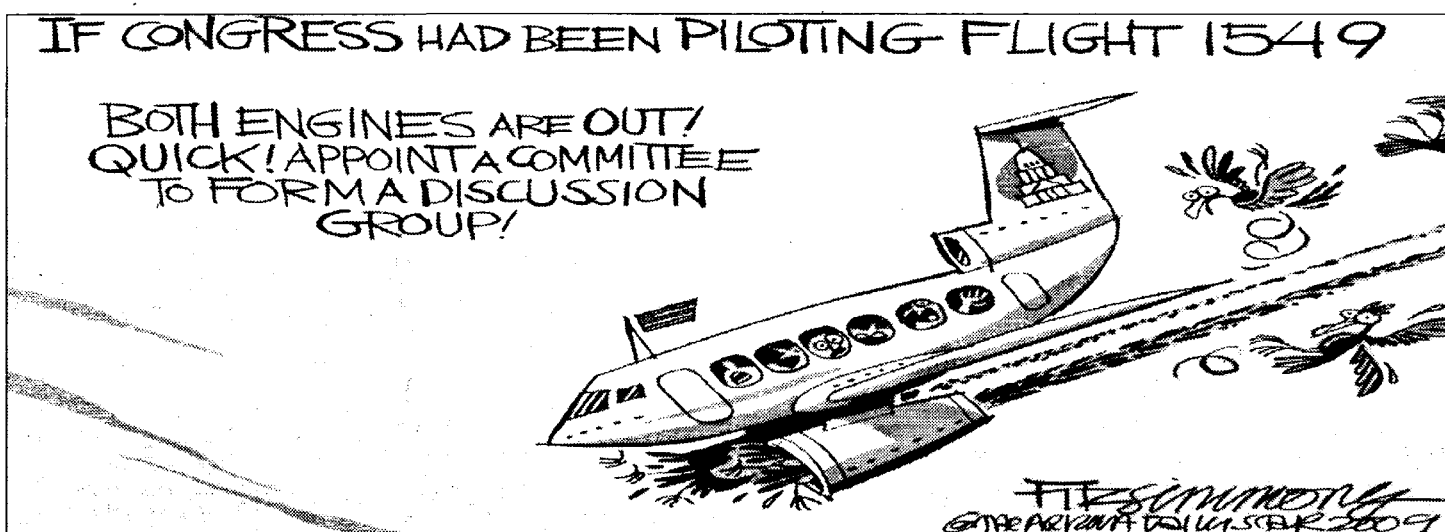
The Bouts will be in four sessions at the Joyce Center: Preliminaries on Sunday, Feb. 15th at 5 p.m.; Quarterfinals on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 6:00 p.m.; Semifinals on Tuesday, Feb. 24th at 6:30 p.m.; and Finals on Saturday, Feb. 28th at 7:00 p.m. General admission is \$5 for the first three sessions and \$7 for the Finals. The all-season General Admission pass is \$10.

"The Bengal Bouts," said Fr. Tom Smith, CSC, director of the Holy Cross Mission Center, "are a vital support as our Holy Cross community seeks to show God's love and compassion to the hungry and sick, and offers hope through education efforts throughout Bangladesh." Beyond that, the Bouts are fun to watch. If you go once, you'll be hooked. Please support them.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Preach not to others what they should eat, but eat as becomes you, and be silent."

Epictetus
Roman slave and Stoic philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proper channels

Pope John Paul II bestowed upon the Knights of Columbus the title of "the strong right arm of the Church" and the Notre Dame Knights are proud to do our part in defending the Church and the Holy Father. However, all statements made on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Council 1477 must be approved before publication by the Council's officers and board of trustees. As the statement published yesterday was not approved through the proper channels. We would like to clarify that the Viewpoint was not an official statement by the Knights of Columbus Council 1477 and should not be regarded as such. It is not the Council's position that people who question the Pope's leadership do not belong at this university; rather, we affirm that any discussion regarding the Pope's decisions should be carried on with the respect due the Successor of St. Peter.

Jim Redden
junior
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Feb. 9

Tradition never graduates

It seems the administration has lost its way. This year, we have witnessed an unprecedented change in student life at Notre Dame. The Dillon Pep Rally: canceled. The Alumni Wake: canceled. The Fisher Zoo: canceled. And to be sure, something as controversial as the Keenan Revue is next on the list of things to go (although if this year is any indication, it will just become more and more subdued until it is hardly recognizable).

Student life, and more specifically, dorm life, is one of the great things that sets Notre Dame apart as an institution, and a big reason why so many alumni are attached to this place: the phenomenal experience they had as undergraduates. But in their chase after the Ivy League, and ever higher rankings in U.S. News, the administration seems to have forgotten this important aspect of Notre Dame. We are not Harvard or Yale, we're better, and the reason is that at Notre Dame, there is more to life than just great academics. But with the way things are going, it seems Fr. Poorman and the rest of ResLife's ideal campus would be dorm rooms housing students with their noses in their books, never seeing one another, much less socializing. That's not the Notre Dame that I wanted to go to when I applied here.

Hand in hand with dorm life goes dorm tradition, without which, the dorms are just buildings like they are at most other schools, some of them with flat screen TV's (Duncan), and others with tap water that is unsafe to drink (Fisher). All of those events that have been canceled this year are an enormous part of that tradition, a part of which you remember fondly years from now. When you take away that tradition, you take away what makes student life here great. The saying "tradition never graduates," is true. Tradition just gets banned by ResLife.

Trey Griffith
sophomore
Fisher
Feb. 9

Cocoa Krispies

Since moving from Keenan to Duncan, the number of times I've visited North Dining Hall can be counted without the use of toes. This is mostly because of location. I enjoy the superior pasta stir fry and fajitas at North, the layout and atmosphere at South, and generally just eat at whichever is closest. I never realized how little reason there is to go to North Quad until I moved south. However, this past Thursday, I found myself in the Library (rare in itself) and decided to head over to North for dinner. It was nearly 8:00 so I didn't have to deal with the massive dinner crowds, and after getting penne with tomato alfredo at the pasta bar I went for some milk. Much to my surprise, right next to the milk dispenser was the single most amazing breakfast delicacy ever created: Kellogg's Cocoa Krispies.

When did this happen? They certainly weren't there last semester, and they have yet to show up in the now incredibly inferior South Dining Hall. I don't want to hear from you non-purists that go for Cocoa Pebbles and Cocoa Puffs. Cocoa Krispies are the real deal. They don't get soggy quickly and the taste is unbeatable. It feels so good when they hit your lips! Anyway, I filled two bowls and was suddenly in a Got Milk commercial (all 4 dispensers out of skim — drawback to 8:00 dining). I settled for 2% and had one of the best dinners yet at Notre Dame. I appreciate the cereal survey administered every year, and I hope this inequality of cereal distribution can be corrected.

On a related note, they have Crispex in the lines at NDH but not at Grab & Go, and they have it at Grab & Go at SDH but not in the lines. What's up with that!? On an unrelated note, the tray carousel at SDH should run in the other direction. Counter-current systems are more efficient. P.S. — my girlfriend, Sara Lewis, wishes everyone to know she's not at all concerned about cereal equality. Thank you.

Noah Franske
junior
Duncan
Feb. 8

A defense of criticism

In Monday's viewpoint, it was asserted that criticizing the Pope is "ridiculously and offensively arrogant." It was stated the college students do not have the right to question the authority of the Catholic Church. This opinion could not be any more wrong or dangerous. If you take a group of 18-22 year olds who are making the transition from home life to real life, and tell them never to question or criticize, you create the kind of stagnant mind that this nation and world definitely does not need right now. I understand that, as a Knight of Columbus and fervent Catholic, Mr. Metzger feels the need to defend Pope Benedict, but I will never understand and never support anybody who tells an entire university that they should blindly accept what they are told. If the students of Notre Dame fear to question authority, how are they supposed to make a difference?

We are told that we are all unique and capable of doing great things, but anybody who pushes against the status quo is instantly chastised. This can not be allowed to happen. If it is a loss of faith that you fear: don't. If people are allowed to question their faith, and decide it is the correct path for them, their faith will become stronger in the end just by the act of questioning. If they decide on a different path, well, at least they were able to find their sense of self. And isn't that ultimately what the college experience should be about? We are not only on a search for knowledge, but a search for identity. That identity may not please everybody, but a school with an intellectual reputation as great as Notre Dame's should not be bothered by that. If you are unwilling to accept criticism and different beliefs, perhaps this isn't the university for you.

Tim Ryan
freshman
Keenan
Feb. 9

"Defense" intellectually offensive

I consider myself a devout Catholic. I go to Mass every week, try to follow the teachings of the Church, and confess my sins when I err in this effort. I was, however, deeply disturbed by the article entitled, "A defense of the Pope", by Lee Metzger, which appeared in Monday's issue of the observer. Mr. Metzger's article was a blatant ad hominem attack that did more to damage the stance of those who support the Church than to edify it. Rather than addressing the arguments made by those who are disappointed in the Pope's judgment, Mr. Metzger fell back on the age-old argument of, "Yeah, well you're stupid." In the article, he implies that because the Pope has more experience and education than the students here at Notre Dame, his position must be correct, and the students' position must be incorrect. But while the Pope's experience and education certainly makes him more likely to be correct, it does not, in and of itself, prove his point. Certainly sometimes even the wisest men can be wrong, and even the fool sometimes speaks sense. The individual's education and reputation have no bearing on the merits of his or her argument. Mr. Metzger also seems to imply that he is somehow entitled to make these ad hominem attacks, or at least speak from a position of relative authority, because he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. While the Knights are a great organization and fulfill an important role, I doubt that when you are inducted into the Knights you magically gain some kind of deeper insight into matters of faith. If Mr. Metzger and his fellow Knights really wish to "defend our Church and her leaders", I wish them well in their endeavor, but I would encourage them to address the arguments of those who attack the Church, rather than simply saying "shame on you."

Christopher White
sophomore
Dillon
Feb. 9

Write a letter to the editor!



Turtle Island Quartet Blends Classical, Jazz Traditions

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By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

On Sunday, students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will have the chance to see a performance by one of the most versatile groups in contemporary classical music.

The Turtle Island String Quartet, who won a Grammy last year for their crossover album "A Love Supreme," will arrive at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Feb. 15th for an afternoon of genre-bending string stylings. The group is scheduled to appear with jazz pianist and songwriter Cyrus Chestnut to perform their "Icons" program.

Yo-Yo Ma has called the Quartet "a unified voice that truly breaks new ground," and the quartet's Web site quotes the St. Louis Post-Dispatch as saying, "It must have been like this when Beethoven was taking Vienna by storm — the exhilaration of seeing the future of classical music unfold before your eyes and ears."

No doubt listeners in the Leighton Concert Hall will enjoy the afternoon's touring program, which is set to excite audiences with its multifaceted approach. "Icons" was designed by the Quartet as the latest in a series of cross-genre musical ventures, and will reinterpret both classic and contemporary pieces. "Icons" will blend the music of Brahms' piano quintet with strains of gospel, while bluegrass influences like Flatt and

Scruggs and Bill Monroe will intersect with names like John Coltrane, Miles Davis and Duke Ellington.

Founded in 1985, the Turtle Island Quartet has grown in fame and prestige over the years for its ability to blend, refashion and revolutionize chamber music for strings. The group consists of four members: David Balakrishnan on the violin, Mads Tolling on the violin, Jeremy Kittle on the viola and Mark Summer on the cello. It was Balakrishnan who first conceived of the Quartet while earning his master's at Antioch University West. Eventually, the group would expand from its humble university roots to become one of the most high profile string quartets in American classical music today.

The "Icons" program is only one example of the Quartet's ability to cross and blend different genres while retaining its classical core. The group has experimented with music styles as diverse as Indian and Latin American, and has experimented with swing, funk, rhythm and blues, folk, hip-hop and more. They have also made multiple albums with various labels, and their film, radio and television credits include Garrison Keillor's "Prairie Home Companion" for National Public Radio. Even the name of the Quartet, "Turtle Island," draws from diverse influences — the image derives from a creation myth commonly found in Native American folklore.

Students interested in exploring

more of the Turtle Island Quartet's music can explore any of their more than a dozen recorded albums. Highlights include "A Love Supreme" (2008), which takes a raucous, energetic approach to the music of John Coltrane, and "4+Four" (2006), the group's first recording with the Telarc label. "4+Four" ranges from European Jazz to the Beatles, and is a collaborative effort between the Turtle Island Quartet and the Ying Quartet.

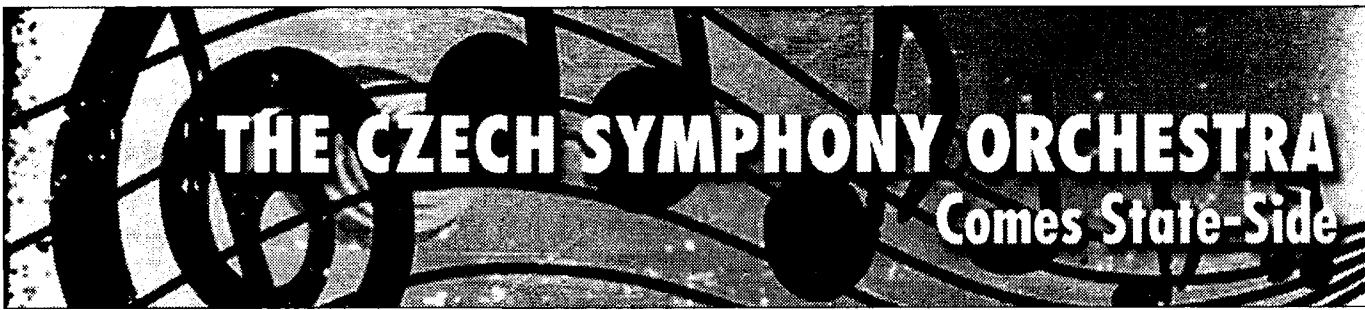
The afternoon's additional performer, Cyrus Chestnut, is a high-profile American jazz artist in his own right. An alumnus of Boston's prestigious Berklee College of Music, Chestnut has toured with such artists as Wynton Marsalis and the Betty Carter Trio. Chestnut has also recorded or performed with a variety of contemporary jazz, pop, R&B and gospel artists, including Bette Midler, Isaac Hayes, Chick Corea, Dizzy Gillespie and others. Interested listeners can check out Chestnut's first album, 2006's "Genuine Chestnut," or his 2007 album "Cyrus Plays Elvis" before the show.

"Icons" will take place on Sunday, Feb. 15th at 2:00 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall. Tickets cost \$38, \$30 for faculty and staff, \$29 for seniors and \$15 for all students. For more information, visit performingarts.nd.edu.

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By EMILY LeSTRANGE
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Don't be surprised if you hear orchestral music ringing throughout campus this weekend; Czechoslovakian music is taking South Bend by storm.

On Wednesday night, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will host a performance of the world-renown Czech Symphony Orchestra. Although highly influenced by the works of Czechoslovakian composers, the Orchestra's repertoire also includes works by Beethoven and Mozart.

Since 1954, the Czech Symphony Orchestra has been one of the most prominent symphony orchestras in the world. At the peak of the era of Communism, the Czechoslovakian government prevented the Orchestra from touring foreign countries, particularly those that stood against the principles of communistic countries. The birth of the Czech Republic in 1993 and the end of communism allowed the group the freedom to perform as they please. Since then, the Orchestra has found success touring in many countries, including Europe, the U.S., Japan, and Taiwan.

The Orchestra performs many pieces by 18th century Czechoslovakian composer Leoš Janáček. Janáček, famous for pioneering new patterns of chord spacing, was very influential in the lives

of Bedrich Smetana and Antonín Dvorák, two other Czechoslovakian composers showcased by the Orchestra. However, while the Czechoslovakian heritage is highly influential to the Orchestra, it does not prevent the musicians from exploring the works of other composers.

One of the most famous performances the Orchestra has given was in 2006 at the Rudolfinum Hall in Prague. Prague was also home to the Orchestra's performance in the Contemporary Musical Festival during the same year. Other notable showings include various international festivals in Australia, the Netherlands, and Italy. This year the Orchestra's 2009 American Tour includes four-weeks worth of performances in California, Massachusetts, and Florida in addition to the Orchestra's appearance at Notre Dame, a standard stop on the tour.

The Czech Symphony Orchestra is led by Maestro Theodore Kuchar. Kuchar has been the Artistic Director and Musical Conductor of the Orchestra for the last 15 years. Best known for his role in recording over 90 discs of orchestral music in the last decade, Kuchar recently assumed his role as conductor during the Orchestra's performance of Smetana's work in a three-disc recorded special. As put by Classics Today, "Theodore Kuchar is an extremely exciting and talented con-

ductor, and his take-no-prisoners approach works very well in this colorful music." Kuchar also holds the title of Principal Conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra of the Ukraine, and has frequently been a guest conductor of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra.

World-renowned violinist Jennifer Frautschi will also be present Wednesday night. In 2008, Frautschi toured with the European Concert Hall Organization in the Rising Stars series, debuting in forums including London's Wigmore Hall and the Salzburg Mozarteum. As "The Chicago Tribune" wrote in a recent article, "the young violinist Jennifer Frautschi is molding a career with smart interpretations of both warhorses and rarities."

As listed on the DeBartolo Performing Arts Website, the performance of the Orchestra will include many violinist pieces, including Smetana's "Ma Vlast" and other works by Felix Mendelssohn and Antonín Dvořák. The performance also includes a short intermission.

The Czech Symphony Orchestra can be seen on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall. Ticketed admission is required. Tickets are \$48 for general admission, \$38 for faculty/staff, and \$15 for students.

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TOP FIVE ALBUMS TO ANTICIPATE IN 2009

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By JAMES DuBRAY
Scene Writer

Great Lake Swimmers: Lost Channels (MARCH 31, NETWERK)

What's Known:

A 12-song track list is on the band's website and Stereogum is previewing one of the record's tunes.

Why Care?:

This little known group of bearded Canadians produces a style of melodic folk reminiscent of Neil Young and early Mark Kozelek, aka Red House Painters.



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Golden Bloom: TBA (SUMMER, UNSIGNED)

What's Known:

Notable friend of Guster, Shawn Fogel, will team up with a new group of buds and have a record out by this summer. After rifling through hundreds of mailed-in singles and albums, a "Spin Magazine" intern really liked an indie pop song called "Doomsday Devices." A well-compensated "Spin Magazine" staff writer took the assist and featured Golden Bloom in a piece highlighting little known bands.

Why Care?:

Unsigned bands barely exist anymore outside of college bars and high school garages. Plus, "Doomsday Devices" is quite good.

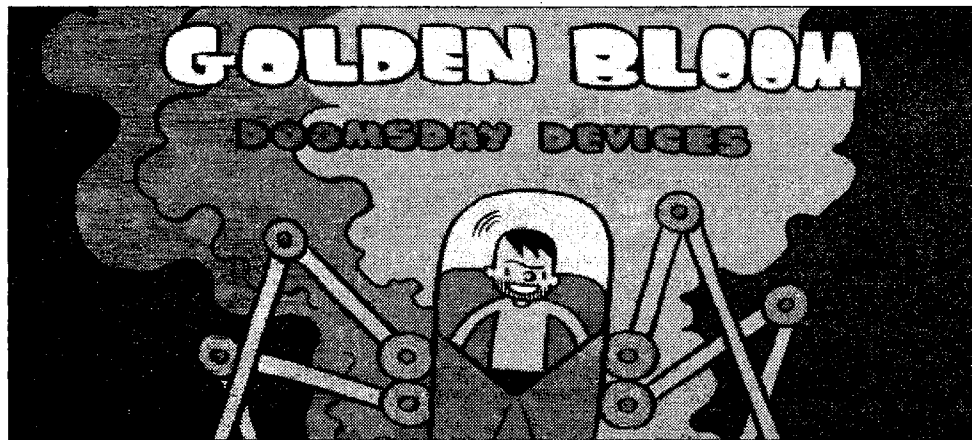


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The Decemberists: Hazards of Love (MARCH 24TH, CAPITOL)

What's Known:

The aborted rock-opera's first song is all over the web. The 17-song track list has already been released. Also, the group's wordsmith frontman, Meloy, has been dishing all sorts of dirt on Twitter.



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Wilco: TBA (SPRING, NONESUCH)

What's Known:

America's rock band once again returns to using the studio as an instrument to construct their seventh album to date and second with the current lineup. "The Colbert Report" debuted "Wilco The Song."

Why Care?:

Possible album tracks "Everlasting Everything" and "You and I" sound like they could belong on "Planet Waves," while "Wilco The Song" is the best pop song the group has produced since "Heavy Metal Drummer."



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Band of Horses: TBA (TBA, SUB POP)

What's Known:

Well, nothing, except that the band's in the studio and will have an LP out in '09. Ben Bridwell and the boys gave fans a nice surprise on their Myspace page. Milwaukee blogger Muzzle of Bees caught the hint and word spread.

Why Care?:

2007's "Cease To Begin" was a late-year surprise which ended up on just about everyone's best-of list. If the new album is anywhere as good as the one before it, look for Band Of Horses to make an even bigger splash in critical circles.



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Why Care?:

Meloy has described the album as an "amalgamation" of Krautrock and the British Folk Revival with a pinch of stoner metal thrown into the mix. If that doesn't sound mind-blowing enough, on the album's opening track, "The Rake's Song," the nerdy frontman uses the adjective "divest" to describe a husband getting rid of his new wife and children by slaughtering them.



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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UNC sinks Duke behind second half surge

Maryland knocks off Boston College on the road for seventh consecutive time with narrow four-point victory

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Eighth-ranked North Carolina looked as bad as it possibly could in a first half that coach Sylvia Hatchell could hardly stand to watch. Making matters worse, it was coming against the Tar Heels' fiercest rival.

"It was like a nightmare," Hatchell said.

Fortunately, Rashanda McCants helped the Tar Heels finally start looking like themselves again.

The senior scored 19 of her 22 points in the second half to help North Carolina beat No. 4 Duke 75-60 on Monday night, continuing the Tar Heels' recent dominance in the series.

Jessica Breland added 14 points and a career-high 23 rebounds for the Tar Heels (21-3, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who trailed by 12 points in a first-half performance filled with missed shots and turnovers. But North Carolina got back in it with a spurt just before halftime, then shot 64 percent and scored 50 points after the break against one of the ACC's top defenses.

North Carolina also took a 54-38 rebounding advantage against the Blue Devils (19-3, 7-2), who shot just 30 percent for the game.

"I told them, 'Keep the tempo up, keep pushing it,'" Hatchell said of her halftime speech. "And we did. It played into our favor. It's not always pretty, but it's exciting. And it's fun."

McCants sparked the offensive turnaround, hitting 8 of 9 shots after the break after going just 1-for-4 in the first half.

"I'm a senior. I'm supposed to wake up," McCants said. "I kind of put everything on my back and I credit my teammates for getting me easy baskets."

The Tar Heels have won nine of the past 11 meetings after losing 12 straight in the series from 2000-04. North Carolina won all three meetings by double figures last year, including an 82-51 rout in Chapel Hill to end the regular season and hand Duke its worst loss in 15 years.

Unlike last season, Duke didn't look afraid of North Carolina's trapping pressure defense or its transition attack. Instead, the Blue Devils used an opportunistic defense to slow the Tar Heels while keeping control of the tempo early. The problem was the Blue Devils couldn't fully take advantage of the Tar Heels'

early offensive struggles or build a big enough lead to weather an inevitable run.

And once McCants got going, North Carolina finally resembled the team that has ranked among the nation's best.

The Blue Devils had allowed opponents to average 55 points per game on 34 percent shooting. North Carolina finished at 46 percent, a season-high for a Duke opponent.

"It's frustrating when you pride yourselves on defense," Duke senior Abby Waner said. "We say we're a defensive team, then we give up that many points in the second half. That's absurd."

McCants scored seven points during a 12-2 run that pushed the Tar Heels ahead for good. With the score tied at 46, she started the run with a pair of layups in transition, then helped break Duke's press and assisted on Breland's layup before scoring off a feed from Breland two possessions later.

Then, after a 3-pointer from She'la White, McCants buried a 3-pointer over Waner from in front of North Carolina's bench to beat the shot clock and give North Carolina a 61-51 lead with 4:47 left.

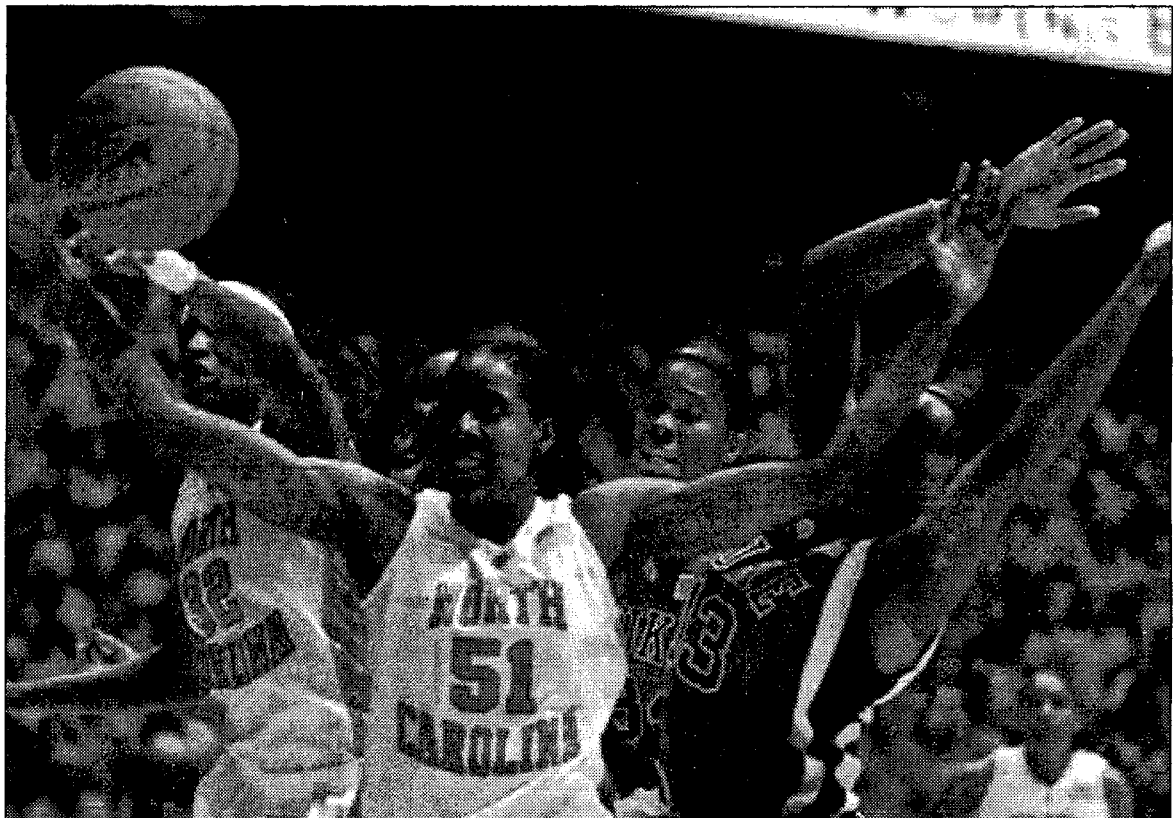
The Tar Heels also helped themselves by taking better care of the ball. North Carolina committed 20 turnovers in the first half — its fourth straight game with at least 20 — but had nine after halftime with several coming after the Tar Heels had built a double-digit lead.

McCants was the only player on either team to have much success on offense, though Cetera DeGraffenreid had a strong second half and finished with 15 points. Breland shot just 5-for-14, though she finished with five blocks and six steals in 37 minutes. It was the most rebounds by a Tar Heel player since Charlotte Smith had 23 in the 1994 NCAA championship game.

"Coach Hatchell asked for 15," Breland said. "With 15 minutes left on the clock, I was like, 'OK, I've got 15 more minutes to rebound.'"

Duke had things going its way early, holding the league's top scoring offense to 13 points in the first 16 1/2 minutes. But the Tar Heels closed the first half with a 12-2 spurt that ended when White made a high-arching floater over Chante Black just before the horn to cut Duke's lead to 27-25 by halftime.

Then, trailing 38-31, North Carolina pushed ahead with a



North Carolina's Jessica Breland, center, fights off Duke's Karima Christmas, right, during their game in Chapel Hill, N.C., on Monday night. The Tar Heels knocked off the Blue Devils 75-60.

15-3 spurt and took its first lead at 40-39 on DeGraffenreid's three-point play with 13:32 left.

"The reality is we still had the (halftime) lead," Duke coach Joanne P. McCallie said. "There's absolutely no excuse for our performance in the second half. I mean, none whatsoever."

Black scored 13 points to lead Duke but missed 11 of 15 shots while facing constant double teams inside. Waner added 12 points for the Blue Devils.

Maryland 85, Boston College 81

Let the other tourists check out the U.S. Constitution and walk the Freedom Trail. Brenda Frese and the Maryland basketball team have their own list of favorite sites in Boston.

There's the new Boston Garden, where the Terrapins won the 2006 NCAA championship. And Boston College, where they improved their record against the Eagles to 7-0 on Monday night with a victory.

"Boston is my favorite place to come," said Kristi Toliver, who scored 19 points with seven assists, picking up a loose ball and hitting a 3-pointer with the shot clock winding down in the final minute. "I wish we could play here every game."

Toliver finished 5-for-11 from 3-point range — Maryland shot 56 percent from beyond the arc

as a team — and Marissa Coleman added 23 points, seven rebounds, and five assists as the Terps (19-4, 7-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their third straight game.

Corey Rusin scored 21, Carolyn-Swords added 19, and Jaclyn Thoman had 13 points and 10 assists for Boston College (17-7, 5-4 ACC). The Eagles, who hadn't lost consecutive games all season, have now dropped three in a row — all of them to Top 15-ranked teams.

The Eagles play unranked Miami on Monday before No. 8 North Carolina next Thursday, followed by No. 17 Virginia and then Maryland again.

"It's tough, and we knew it would be tough," BC coach Sylvia Crawley said. "Our expectations are very high, and we don't make any excuses, but these are tough games."

Nothing has been tougher than Maryland, which has never lost to BC and has also shut down Boston University, Harvard, and Massachusetts. Although the Terps did lose to Holy Cross in Worcester in the first round of the 1991 NCAA tournament, they beat North Carolina and Duke at the new Boston Garden in '06 to win their only national title.

"I don't ever want to forget that," said Frese, who missed last year's trip to BC because she was pregnant with twins and doctors told her not to

travel. "Every time we come back here, it always brings back great memories. 'We've had some really good luck and a lot of success, so of course we're going to love it.'"

Boston College trailed 76-73, with the ball and just under three minutes left, when Mickel Picco pulled up for a foul line jumper that could have made it a one-point game. The shot hit the rim, Demauria Liles grabbed the rebound and at the other end took the feed under the basket from Toliver for a layup that made it 78-73.

Rusin's free throws cut it to three points with 1:11 left before Maryland worked the clock and then almost coughed it up. The loose ball rolled toward the top of the key, where Toliver grabbed it and put up a 3-pointer.

BC led 34-29 on Picco's 3-pointer with 6:05 left in the first half before Maryland scored the next 11 points. Toliver hit a 3-pointer, then Lynetta Kizer scored on a layup to tie it, drawing a foul and converting the three-point play.

Toliver hit a jumper and then added another 3-pointer to give Maryland a 40-34 lead with 3:17 to play in the half, and the Terps made it eight points before Rusin's 3-pointer made it 46-41 at the break.

With 10 minutes left in the second half, Maryland held BC scoreless for 5:07 while extending its lead to 12 points, 76-64.

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NCAA Men's Basketball AP Top 25

team	points	record
1 Connecticut (67)	1,795	22-1
2 Oklahoma (3)	1,710	23-1
3 North Carolina (2)	1,672	21-2
4 Pittsburgh	1,583	21-2
5 Louisville	1,423	18-4
6 Duke	1,350	20-3
7 Wake Forest	1,242	18-3
8 Memphis	1,237	20-3
9 Michigan State	1,214	19-4
10 Marquette	1,137	20-3
11 UCLA	1,131	19-4
12 Clemson	1,097	19-3
13 Villanova	989	19-4
14 Xavier	893	20-3
15 Butler	762	21-2
16 Kansas	751	19-4
17 Missouri	395	20-4
18 Arizona State	389	18-5
19 Gonzaga	361	17-5
20 Purdue	353	17-6
21 Utah State	317	23-1
22 Illinois	303	19-5
23 Syracuse	280	18-6
24 Ohio State	216	17-5
25 Florida State	182	18-5

NCAA Men's Basketball USA Today Top 25

team	points	record
1 Connecticut (30)	774	22-1
2 Oklahoma (1)	735	23-1
3 North Carolina	711	21-2
4 Pittsburgh	689	21-2
5 Duke	604	20-3
6 UCLA	554	19-4
7 Louisville	553	18-4
8 Wake Forest	541	18-3
9 Michigan State	521	19-4
10 Memphis	486	20-3
11 Clemson	456	19-3
12 Marquette	446	20-3
13 Villanova	416	19-4
14 Xavier	375	20-3
15 Butler	346	21-2
16 Kansas	300	19-4
17 Utah State	258	23-1
18 Arizona State	214	18-5
19 Missouri	162	20-4
20 Illinois	143	19-5
21 Gonzaga	124	17-5
22 Syracuse	115	18-6
23 Purdue	114	17-6
24 Washington	86	17-6
25 Florida State	62	18-5

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team	record	points
1 NOTRE DAME	15-4-3	36
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3 Michigan	15-7-0	30
4 Ohio State	11-8-3	28
5 Alaska	10-9-5	28
6 Nebraska - Omaha	8-9-7	26
7 Ferris State	8-9-5	23
8 Northern Michigan	8-10-4	23
9 Lake Superior	6-10-6	19
10 Western Michigan	5-11-6	18
11 Michigan State	2-14-3	15
12 Bowling Green	6-15-1	13

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NHL

Sharks at Bruins
7:00 p.m., Versus

MLB



During an ESPN exclusive interview with Peter Gammons on Monday, Alex Rodriguez admits to having used steroids for his first three seasons with the Texas Rangers, beginning in 2001. In 2003, Rodriguez won the AL MVP.

A-Rod admits to steroid use in Texas

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez admitted Monday to using banned drugs, the biggest name yet to acknowledge he couldn't resist the temptation to juice up during baseball's Steroids Era.

The All-Star third baseman said in an interview with ESPN that he used steroids with the Texas Rangers for three years, from 2001-03, in an attempt to justify his status as the game's highest-paid player after signing a 10-year, \$252 million contract.

"Back then it was a different culture," Rodriguez said. "It was very loose. I was young. I was stupid. I was naive, and I wanted to prove

to everyone that, you know, I was worth, you know — and being one of the greatest players of all time."

He said he quit after 2003, his first of three AL MVP seasons, because "I've proved to myself and to everyone that I don't need any of that." He was traded to the New York Yankees before the 2004 season.

The admission came two days after Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site that Rodriguez was among 104 names on a list of players who tested positive for steroids in 2003, when testing was intended to determine the extent of steroid use in baseball. The results weren't subject to discipline and were

supposed to remain anonymous.

Rodriguez said he alone was to blame but then accused one of the Sports Illustrated reporters who broke the story of collecting "nonense."

"When I arrived in Texas in 2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day," Rodriguez said.

"And I did take a banned substance and, you know, for that I'm very sorry and deeply regretful. And although it was the culture back then and Major League Baseball overall was very — I

just feel that — You know, I'm just sorry. I'm sorry for that time. I'm sorry to fans. I'm sorry for my fans in Texas. It wasn't until then that I ever thought about substance of any kind."

Rangers owner Tom Hicks said the admission caught him by surprise.

"I feel personally betrayed. I feel deceived by Alex," Hicks said in a conference call. "He assured me that he had far too much respect for his own body to ever do that to himself. ... I certainly don't believe that if he's now admitting that he started using when he came to the Texas Rangers, why should I believe that it didn't start before he came to the Texas Rangers?"

IN BRIEF

Timberwolves devastated as Jefferson undergoes surgery

MINNEAPOLIS — All the progress the Minnesota Timberwolves have made in the new year came to a crashing halt Monday.

Star center Al Jefferson, the cornerstone of the franchise's rebuilding plan who has emerged as one of the best post players in the league, will miss the rest of the season with a torn ACL in his right knee.

It was the most devastating news possible for a team that finally seemed to be turning the corner after a horrendous first season and a half in the post-Kevin Garnett Era.

"Of course we're all a little upset and a little down," forward Ryan Gomes said. "Our guy, our captain, our superstar, is going to be missing for the remainder of our season. Of course our spirits are down."

Coach Kevin McHale said Jefferson will likely have surgery to repair the injury in the next week to 10 days.

Vonn wins second gold at the world championships

VAL D'ISERE, France — Lindsey Vonn was so nervous she was out of control.

A snowstorm in the French Alps forced the postponement of the one race she wanted to win more than any other — the downhill at the world championships — and she needed someone to calm her. Thomas Vonn, her husband and former U.S. ski racer, did just that.

She won the downhill for her second gold at these championships, giving her four victories in her last five races. Vonn became the second American woman to win two golds at a worlds. Andrea Mead Lawrence won the slalom and giant slalom at the 1952 Oslo Olympics, which doubled as the worlds.

In the men's race, Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal won the super-combi. Julien Lizeroux of France was second, 0.90 behind, and Natko Zrnjic-Dim of Croatia was third, 1.58 back.

Pavlovic sprains ankle in home loss to Lakers

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Cavaliers starting guard Sasha Pavlovic could miss up to six weeks with a sprained right ankle, another injury setback for a team which had won all 23 of its home games until Sunday.

Pavlovic sustained a high ankle sprain at the end of the first quarter Sunday in Cleveland's 101-91 home loss to the Los Angeles Lakers, with NBA's best record at 41-9.

An MRI taken Monday revealed the extent of the injury. The Cavaliers estimated Pavlovic will be out for a minimum of four weeks and possibly six.

The 6-foot-7 Pavlovic is averaging 4.9 points and 16 minutes per game for the Cavs. He was starting for injured guard Delonte West, who has been out since early January with a broken right wrist.

NHL

Clemmensen records shutout in Devils victory

Parise's two goals lifts New Jersey to a 3-0 victory over New York; Rangers handed season-high fifth straight loss

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Scott Clemmensen made 27 saves in posting his first NHL shutout in nearly five years, and Zach Parise scored twice to lift the New Jersey Devils to a 3-0 victory Monday night over the skidding New York Rangers.

The Rangers have dropped a season-high five straight.

Clemmensen, who has 23 wins in place of injured regular Martin Brodeur, wasn't severely tested as he earned his third career shutout and first in 58 games — dating to March 26, 2004, at Atlanta.

His time in the Devils net could be ending soon as Brodeur skated Monday and is close to returning to action. Brodeur has missed 44 games due to a biceps tendon injury sustained earlier this season.

Clemmensen held the Rangers off during five fruitless power plays, including two that were shortened by New York penalties. The Rangers are 0-4-1 in their past five games and are sliding closer to the postseason cutoff line in the Eastern Conference. They are closer to that than they are to the Devils, who lead them by eight points in the Atlantic Division.

Bobby Holik had the first goal, and Parise scored his 32nd this season into an empty net for the Devils, who had lost two consecutive at home.

Henrik Lundqvist was solid

but not good enough. He stopped 28 shots after sitting out Friday night's 10-2 loss at Dallas with the flu.

The Devils took a 1-0 lead 8 minutes into the second period when a pair of former Rangers teamed up. Brendan Shanahan, playing against New York for the first time since he signed with New Jersey last month, fed a pass in front that was shoved between Lundqvist's pads by Holik.

Shanahan spent the previous two seasons with the Rangers and wanted to return, but he grew tired of waiting for New York to clear salary cap space and offer him a contract. Once he opened negotiations with other teams, the Devils brought him back to the club that made him the No. 2 overall pick in the 1987 NHL draft.

Holik, also in the first season of his second stint with the Devils, was with the Rangers for two seasons before his contract was bought out by New York after the NHL lockout ended in 2005.

Just 22 seconds after Holik's tiebreaking goal, New York's Brandon Dubinsky was sent off for holding to give New Jersey its second power play. Parise needed just over a minute to make it count.

Devils captain Jamie Langenbrunner kept the puck in New York's zone by stopping it on the blue line, and fired a shot at Lundqvist. The



Devils goaltender Scott Clemmensen makes a save against the New York Rangers during their game in Newark, N.J., Monday night. Clemmensen recorded a shutout in New Jersey's 3-0 victory.

puck hit traffic in front, and Travis Zajac shoved it to his left to Parise, who steered in a shot. He has three goals in three games and seven in 10. Parise is tied for third in the NHL in goals.

The Rangers, who failed on their first four advantages — all handed out in the first period — then burned their

timeout to try to settle things down. They entered the final period down by two goals for the second straight game after generating only 16 total shots in the first two periods.

New York was trying to bounce back from Friday's rout when backup goalie Steve Valiquette was beaten for six goals in the third peri-

od. It was the first time the Rangers allowed 10 goals in 16 years.

The bigger problem against the Devils, as has been for much of the season, was the Rangers' lack of offense. They have scored only five times during their skid and are averaging under two goals over the past 12 games.

NFL

Steelers unaware of Roethlisberger's injury

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers have no knowledge that Ben Roethlisberger played the Super Bowl with two broken ribs, as the quarterback told a Web site.

According to SI.com, Roethlisberger said his fractured ribs did not show up on X-rays taken before he led the Steelers to a 27-23 win over Arizona on Feb. 1, but were revealed only during a MRI test he had last week.

"Luckily, in the game, I didn't take any big hits to make 'em hurt," Roethlisberger told SI.com. "But I knew all along there was something wrong. There wouldn't have been anything that could have been done about fractured ribs anyway. It was just suck it up and play."

Roethlisberger did not miss any practices before the Super Bowl, although a pool report from the Wednesday practice said he attempted during the middle of the workout to stretch his torso. He missed one practice during the off week before the Super Bowl because of what the team said was a back injury.

"There's not a whole lot to

say," Steelers spokesman Dave Lockett said Monday. "Ben was fine to go. He was cleared to play. He didn't miss any (practice) time. There was no doubt he was going to play."

The Steelers said it would have been difficult for Roethlisberger to play any better than he did in leading the decisive 78-yard drive that ended with a precisely thrown 6-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Holmes with 35 seconds remaining. Several plays before, Roethlisberger — leading his sixth game-winning drive of the season — hit Holmes on a 40-yard completion.

Roethlisberger did not mention any possible injury during post-game interviews.

It is uncertain if the validity of Roethlisberger's claim will be proven.

NFL teams do not routinely require players to undergo MRI or other medical tests during the offseason, and Roethlisberger isn't due back in Pittsburgh until offseason workouts begin in April. By then, any problem that occurred before or during the Super Bowl might not show up in tests.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Young's performance lifts Pitt over WVU

No. 4 Pitt wins fourth consecutive game despite minimal contribution from star center DaJuan Blair

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Both of No. 4 Pittsburgh's losses came after physical center DeJuan Blair got into foul trouble. When Blair was pulled with less than five minutes gone after drawing two fouls against West Virginia, the Mountaineers were more than encouraged.

Sorry, false alarm. Even with Blair sitting out for all but 16 minutes, the Panthers seized the lead with a late first-half run Monday night and went on to beat the Mountaineers 70-59 behind Sam Young's 20 points and an overwhelming advantage in rebounding.

Young followed up a 22-point game in Pitt's 79-67 win at West Virginia two weeks ago, making seven of 12 shots and adding seven rebounds. Levance Fields had 13 points and seven assists to help the Panthers (22-2, 9-2 in Big East) win their fourth in a row and sixth in seven games.

Alex Ruoff scored 17 points and Devin Ebanks 16, but the Mountaineers (16-8, 5-6) lost their sixth in seven games against ranked Big East teams — mostly because they were outrebounded 39-23 as their own top two scorers got into foul trouble. Ruoff fouled out with 7:18 to play and Da'Sean Butler, averaging 17.8 points, was held to 4 points in 18 minutes.

"It was a strange game — their best two players were in foul trouble and two of our best were in foul trouble," Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said, referring to Blair and Jermaine Dixon. "But we played

through it."

The Panthers didn't do that in losing earlier to Louisville and Villanova, but Blair's foul woes proved insignificant in a fourth consecutive home win over West Virginia.

"That was one of our goals to get him and Young in foul trouble, that's what happened in their losses, Blair's gotten in foul trouble," Ruoff said. "We did that, but we didn't do a good job of taking advantage of it, plus me and Da'Sean did a terrible job of getting in foul trouble ourselves."

The 6-foot-7 Blair was coming off a 32-point, 14-rebound game against DePaul on Saturday and was averaging 24.3 points and 14.7 rebounds in his previous three, but didn't score until getting Pitt's first two baskets of the second half. He finished with eight points and nine rebounds in 16 minutes.

Pittsburgh, known for its defense and not its offense, scored 90 points or more in succession against DePaul, Robert Morris and Notre Dame. That wasn't going to happen against West Virginia, which came in leading the Big East with a 61 points per game defensive average, yet the Panthers maintained double-digit leads during most of the final 10 minutes.

West Virginia also shot poorly, going 21-of-52 (40.4 percent) in its seventh loss in nine games against ranked opponents.

"DeJuan Blair didn't play much in the first half and we're still down 5 (at the half) because Ruoff and Butler didn't play," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said.

"We can't get outrebounded by 16."

West Virginia opened a four-point lead shortly after Blair went out, but a Young-led 13-3 run helped the Panthers make it 29-22 lead with 1:12 remaining before halftime.

In the second half, the Panthers pushed their lead to 15 points with a 10-1 run that occurred even as Blair was pulled after drawing a technical foul for protesting an offensive foul call with Pitt up 52-40.

Ruoff made one of the two free throws but West Virginia couldn't score on the ensuing possession after the technical and Fields came back with a left-handed layoff and two free throws the next two times Pitt had the ball.

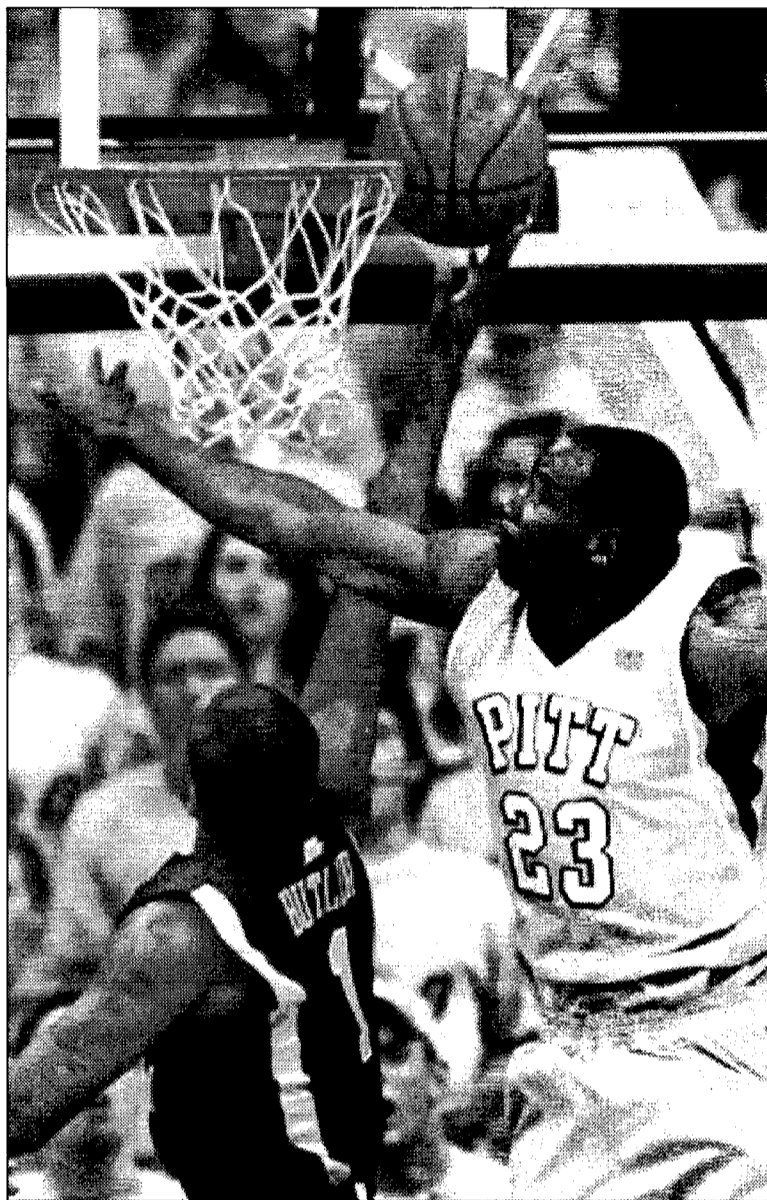
"Levance controlled the game with his penetration," Dixon said.

Blair's technical, and his foul problems, could have hurt Pitt in a closer game.

"Obviously, we expect a lot from DeJuan, but Sam stepped up his scoring," Fields said. "We definitely didn't want to lose him (Blair). But I don't think you have to worry about him losing his head a lot. I don't expect him to do it again."

Dixon wasn't pleased with Blair's technical but didn't criticize him, saying, "Obviously, that's one of those things you don't want to have happen and he's got to learn from it."

Pitt, 15-0 at home this season, swept the basketball version of the Backyard Brawl for the second time in three seasons despite making only 4 of 13 from 3-point range.



Pittsburgh's Sam Young, right, defends West Virginia's Da'Sean Butler in the first half of their game Monday night.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

UT's Kiffin guilty of recruiting violations

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee notified the NCAA it found a Southeastern Conference coach committing recruiting violations — the Volunteers' own Lane Kiffin.

Kiffin was reprimanded by SEC commissioner Mike Slive on Thursday for falsely accusing Florida's Urban Meyer of a recruiting violation.

In letters to the NCAA and SEC, the Tennessee athletic department said the secondary violations occurred in January. One violation occurred when nine prospects on an official visit to the school participated in a mock press conference at Neyland Stadium's media center.

Another violation occurred when a fog machine was used as a recruit entered the field at Neyland Stadium during his official visit on Jan. 9.

Under NCAA recruiting rules, schools are prohibited from simulating a game experience for recruits during official visits.

Tennessee issued letters of admonishment to Kiffin and recruiting coordinator Ed Orgeron and provided the staff with a review of NCAA recruiting

policies. Neither the NCAA nor the SEC has issued any punishment.

"They understand that they must ask questions of the compliance office about anything 'creative' regarding campus visits," the Jan. 26 letter said.

The violations were first reported Monday by The Knoxville News Sentinel.

Tennessee's coaching staff believed the mock press conference was allowed because it was not done in public. They thought the use of the fog machine was allowed after seeing it used at other universities.

Kiffin, who was introduced as Tennessee's new coach on Dec. 1, said Meyer broke recruiting rules by phoning wide receiver prospect Nu'Keese Richardson as he was making his official visit to Tennessee. Doing so would not constitute a violation of either NCAA or SEC rules.

South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier questioned whether Kiffin broke rules by contacting a recruit before being cleared by the NCAA to do so. Kiffin assured fans that he had been notified by the NCAA that he was cleared before making his first phone call.

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NBA

Bobcats hammer lowly Clippers

Hornets fall to Mayo, Grizzlies without top three players

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Walk into the Charlotte Bobcats' locker room and there are seven stalls with white stickers covering the names of the previous occupants.

The newest addition to coach Larry Brown's ever-changing roster made a first impression worthy of a permanent name plate.

Vladimir Radmanovic, buried on the bench with the Lakers, scored 13 points and hit three fourth-quarter 3-pointers in his Charlotte debut Monday night, helping turn a close game into a rout in the Bobcats' 94-73 win over the road-weary Los Angeles Clippers.

"Another guy who can hit shots," point guard Raymond Felton said. "That's going to help our offense, no question."

Emeka Okafor had 19 points and 16 rebounds for the undermanned Bobcats, who were missing starters Gerald Wallace (rib, lung) and Raja Bell (groin).

So two days after he was acquired for underachieving Adam Morrison and reserve Shannon Brown, Radmanovic was pressed into action without the benefit of a practice with his new teammates.

The 23rd player to suit up for Charlotte this season — an NBA-high — showed versatility with four rebounds and provided the Bobcats with outside shooting the struggling Morrison didn't provide.

He fired up an early air ball, but eventually got comfortable in the fourth quarter. After Baron Davis' jumper cut Charlotte's lead to 67-63, Radmanovic hit two long jumpers in a 15-2 run. He added another 3 to put Charlotte ahead 88-70 with 4 minutes left to secure the end of the Bobcats' five-game losing streak.

"It was definitely nice to be out there and help my team win," said Radmanovic, who had fallen out of favor with Lakers coach Phil Jackson and asked to be moved. "Luckily, I got back into rhythm in the second half."

Zach Randolph had 20 points and 10 rebounds and Eric Gordon scored 17 for the Clippers, who fizzled in the fourth quarter in the finale of a seven-game road trip.

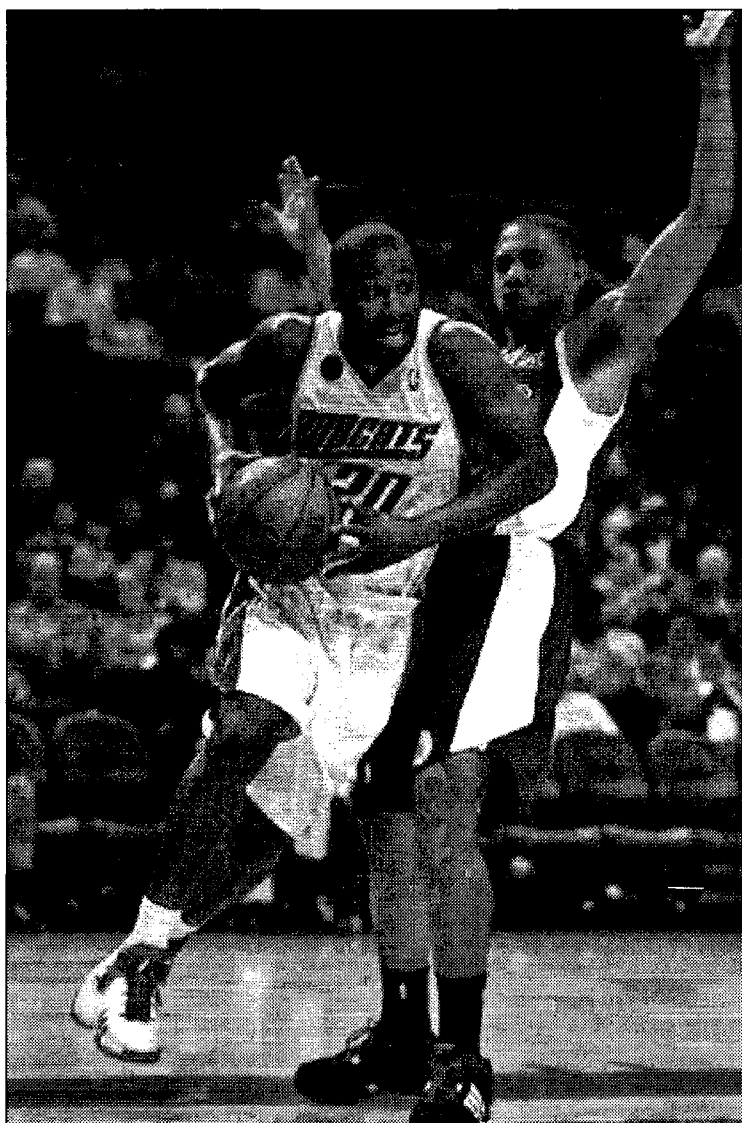
"The last game of a trip, I've been around a long time, I know how these games can be tough," center Marcus Camby said. "Especially right before the All-Star break, you tend to lose a little focus. Your mind is elsewhere."

The Clippers had dropped 11 straight on the road before Randolph combined for 60 points in consecutive blowout wins over Memphis and Atlanta. But the Clippers were outscored 27-12 in the fourth quarter, with Randolph getting little help.

Al Thornton shot 3-for-13, Camby 3-for-8 and Davis 1-for-7 in his return to Charlotte, where he began his NBA career with the Hornets.

"We didn't attack and play at the level we've been playing at the last two games," Davis said. "I thought our offense got complacent and stagnant."

And the Clippers couldn't take



Bobcats guard Raymond Felton, left, drives against Clippers guard Eric Gordon during their game in Charlotte Monday night.

advantage of a team forced to use odd lineups compounded by the absence of forward Juwan Howard, whose sore toe flared up following Sunday's loss to Miami.

Brown started DeSagana Diop at center and moved Okafor to power forward. Radmanovic, who wasn't sure he'd play before the game, checked in late in the first quarter and initially appeared lost.

Less than a minute later, the small crowd began to stir as Sean May took off his warmups and jogged to the scorer's table. The injury-plagued former first-round pick hadn't played since Dec. 11 because Brown demanded that he lose weight.

"Sean May!" one fan near the court shouted in amazement.

May played only seven minutes and didn't score, but Radmanovic recovered from an ugly beginning to help the Bobcats up front. He hit five of 10 shots and was 3-of-5 from 3-point range.

"I really think Vladimir is going to help this team a lot," said Boris Diaw, who had 15 points and nine assists. "He really knows the game and is a great shooter."

Memphis 85, New Orleans 80

O.J. Mayo had 22 points and a career-high 16 rebounds for his first double-double, while Mike Conley scored 18 and handed out eight assists to lead the Memphis Grizzlies to a victory over the short-handed New Orleans Hornets on Monday night.

Hakim Warrick had 15 points and a season-high 14 rebounds, while Marc Gasol added 10 points and 10 rebounds for Memphis, which has won two straight and four of its last five.

Peja Stojakovic scored 23 points to lead the Hornets, who were without their top three players in Chris Paul, Tyson Chandler and David West. Paul and Chandler were out with injuries, while West was suspended for the game after his flagrant foul against Minnesota's Mike Miller on Sunday.

Antonio Daniels and James Posey each scored 11 points as New Orleans struggled from the field, connecting on only 29.5 percent of its shots.

Memphis also dominated the boards, outrebounding the Hornets 64-38, including 20 off the offensive glass contributing to 23-8 advantage in second-chance points.

The Hornets weren't the only ones short-handed, though. Memphis was missing second-leading scorer Rudy Gay with a left hip flexor, along with starting rookie forward Darrell Arthur (family reasons) and reserve point guard Kyle Lowry (ankle sprain).

The Grizzlies, who led by 12 in the second half, still held an 11-point lead late in the third. But the Hornets put together a 13-2 run spanning the third and fourth quarters to pull even at 66 on Rasual Butler's 3-pointer.

But a 3-pointer and a free throw from Conley, then nine straight Memphis points by Mayo allowed Memphis to take the lead it never relinquished.

The Grizzlies opened the second half with an 11-2 run to take its first double-digit lead at 51-41, as the Hornets' shooting dropped under 30 percent.

Stojakovic was doing everything he could to keep the Hornets in the game early in the second half, scoring New Orleans' first seven points in the third period.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish struggle in tough conditions

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame got off to rough start Monday in the Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge, shooting a 46-over-par first round. That score puts them in 14th place out of 16 teams.

The No. 25 Irish trail five teams that are ranked lower than they are, including host school Ohio State and unranked Baylor. Arizona State, ranked No. 3 in the country, leads the pack, followed by No. 2 USC and the No. 1 team in the country, UCLA. The Irish trail the first place Sun Devils by 25 strokes.

The weather was a factor Monday in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., with strong winds and rain throughout the day, making it difficult for anyone to achieve a good score. Juliana Murcia, a golfer for Arizona State, is the only player

who shot under par for the day.

The best round of the day for the Irish was scored by sophomore So-Hyun Park, who shot a nine-over 80 on the par-71 course, good enough to earn her a tie for 28th place. She finished the day with a birdie, four bogeys and three double bogeys.

Also scoring for the Irish were freshman Becca Huffer, who shot an 11-over 82, senior Lisa Maunu, who was one stroke higher with a 12-over 83, and junior Annie Brophy, whose 14-over 85 was fourth on the team. Sophomore Katie Conway was two strokes behind Brophy, shooting a 16-over 87, so her score was not counted for the Irish.

Notre Dame will shoot another 18 holes Tuesday before finishing the tournament Wednesday.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Late Mizzou shot shocks Jayhawks

Taylor's jumper with 1.3 seconds seals victory

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Zaire Taylor hit a 10-footer from just outside the lane with 1.3 seconds to go, capping No. 17 Missouri's comeback from a 14-point halftime deficit in a 62-60 victory over No. 16 Kansas on Monday night.

DeMarre Carroll had 22 points and seven rebounds for the Tigers (21-4, 8-2 Big 12), who won their 16th in a row at home against a bitter border rival that had beaten them five straight times. Fans from a raucous sellout crowd of 15,061 mobbed the floor after Cole Aldrich's desperation shot banged off the backboard at the buzzer as he was being knocked to the floor.

Aldrich had 15 rebounds, five blocked shots and eight points for Kansas (19-5, 8-1), which entered with an eight-game winning streak and as one of only six Division I schools unbeaten in conference play. Tyshawn Taylor added 11 points but leading scorer Sherron Collins was held to nine points, nine below his average, on 4-for-13 shooting.

Missouri called timeout after Mario Little's basket from the baseline tied it with 29 seconds to go, then used almost all the time before Taylor popped free for his second winning shot in three games. Taylor, who finished with only seven points, also got the go-ahead basket in a

victory at Texas on Wednesday.

Missouri has won eight of nine, a run that enabled them to crack the Top 25 for the second time this season. The Tigers lasted only one week the first time after getting blown out by Illinois in St. Louis on Dec. 23.

Kansas dominated on the boards, outrebounding Missouri 48-28, but was undone by a season-worst 27 turnovers — six more than the previous high.

The turnover count helped Missouri win despite season-worst 36.4 percent shooting. The Tigers dug themselves a hole in the first half by shooting only 24 percent.

Kansas led 30-16 at the half, ignoring the pre-game atmosphere that featured Missouri mascot Truman the Tiger being lowered from the rafters in a harness, a throwback to a stunt the school used before every game at the old Hearnes Center. The Jayhawks seized control despite 36-percent shooting, including 2-for-12 from 3-point range and Collins' 2-for-8 start, mostly because they dominated on the boards with a 30-15 advantage.

Missouri's first-half scoring was a season low, two points fewer than in the Big 12 opener at Nebraska, with the frustration capped when freshman Marcus Denmon blew a pair of free throws with 8.7 seconds to go.

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round, putting them at No. 12 overall.

Leading the Irish this season is senior attack Jillian Byers, who enters the 2009 season first all-time in goals (179), third in points (225) and seventh in assists (46) at Notre Dame. However, Byers isn't new to the position of team leader. She is the first Irish player to ever score 50 or more goals in a season three times and also have 66 or more points in a season in three consecutive years.

She had the most goals (67) and points (81) on the Irish squad at the end of the 2008 season, ranking her No. 14 for points and tied for seventh in goals in the nation. Byers also holds the school record for 52 draw controls and was a unanimous selection for the third year in a row on the preseason all-Big East team. The senior has also been a selection on the all-IWLCA second team and a unanimous selection on the first team all-Big East each of her past three seasons.

Joining Byers as a unanimous selection on the preseason all-Big East team is sophomore midfielder Shaylyn Blaney who completed her freshman season fourth on the team in scoring with 43 goals and had 52 points and nine assists. Blaney had the sec-

ond-most goals and points for a Notre Dame freshman, falling to Byers' 54 and 78 in 2006.

She was chosen as a first team IWLCA all-West/Midwest Regional selection and took second team all-Big East honors last season. She was selected to the Big East all-tournament team after scoring a career-high five goals in the loss to Georgetown for the championship.

The Irish have a third preseason all-Big East selection, senior defender Shannon Burke. Burke wrapped up her junior season as a selection on the second team IWLCA all-West/Midwest regional team, and a Big East defensive player of the week, finishing fourth in the conference with 1.56 caused turnovers per game.

She contributed offensively and defensively for the Irish with career highs in goals (8), assists (3) and points (11) offensively, while going second on the team for ground balls (33), second in draw controls (51) and led the team in caused turnovers (32) defensively.

Notre Dame faces tough competition from the start, playing four-time defending champion No. 1 Northwestern in their home opener on Feb. 20, and adding Louisville and Cincinnati to its Big East schedule.

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MLB

Fehr: players had no prior warning of tests

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Fehr denied allegations that his No. 2 official gave players advance notice of drug tests and defended the baseball players' union against criticism that records of the anonymous survey should have been destroyed in 2003.

Questions about the 2003 testing intensified after Sports Illustrated reported last weekend that Alex Rodriguez was one of 104 players who tested positive that year. Rodriguez admitted Monday to using banned drugs.

Fehr, the Major League Baseball Players Association's executive director, said there was just an eight-day span between the initial receipt of the test results and notice that a federal grand jury was seeking them as part of the BALCO investigation into performance-enhancing drugs.

Fehr said the union first received test results on Nov. 11, 2003, that the results were finalized two days later and that players were notified the following day, a Friday.

"Promptly thereafter, the first steps were taken to begin the process of destruction of the testing materials and records," Fehr said. "On Nov. 19, however, we learned that the govern-

ment had issued a subpoena. Upon learning this, we concluded, of course, that it would be improper to proceed with the destruction of the materials."


The union negotiated with federal prosecutors in San Francisco until the following spring and pledged not to destroy the records. The union moved in April to quash the subpoena, and federal investigators obtained a search warrant and seized records from Comprehensive Drug Testing and samples from Quest Diagnostics.

Although the search warrant sought records of 10 players, the government found a spreadsheet with a list of 104 players who had tested positive; it then obtained additional search warrants and seized all records.

The case has been in the courts every since.


The union said the seizure of the wider group of records was illegal under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, and that the government had the right to only the records and samples of the 10 players.

Three U.S. District Judges agreed with the union in August and October 2004. The government appealed, arguing that because the records were on the same computer, it had a "plain view" right to all the materials.



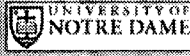
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Big East

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everyone else. But there is a battle for the No. 4 spot in the conference, which will give a team two byes in the conference tournament. The top eight get a bye, the top four get two. Here are the standings:

The best: No. 1 Connecticut (23-0, 9-0)

No competition, period. The Huskies blow teams out of the water. They lead the conference in scoring (86.6 ppg), field goal percentage (51.9) and assists (21.5 per game). They beat then-No. 2 North Carolina by 30 in Chapel Hill and Louisville 93-65 on Jan. 26. In their most recent game Saturday, they beat Marquette, in Milwaukee, 83-49. They play St. John's, Pittsburgh and Providence before the Irish visit them, and it's conceivable they could go undefeated through the conference tournament the way they're playing. Sophomore forward Maya Moore is fourth in the Big East in scoring with 19.9 points per game.

The really good: No. 10 Louisville (21-3, 8-2), No. 19 Pittsburgh (17-4, 7-2)

The Cardinals were 15-1 in their last 16 games before they lost to West Virginia 79-70 at home Saturday. Losing to the team in last place in the conference at home shows they're beatable — but they're still dangerous. Senior forward Angel McCoughtry is second in the Big East in scoring, averaging 22.5 points per game.

The Panthers have won six straight games and beat the Irish by 12 on Feb. 3. Senior guard Shavonte Zellous leads the conference in scoring and is third in the nation with 24 points per game. The Panthers face Rutgers tonight.

The pretty solid: Villanova (15-8, 7-2), No. 22 Notre Dame (17-5, 6-4), No. 25 DePaul (18-6, 6-4)

The Wildcats have also won six straight and most recently beat Seton Hall on the road Saturday. They face Marquette and DePaul before traveling to Pittsburgh. Senior forward Laura Kurz is fifth in the Big East in scoring with 18 points per game.

Notre Dame has lost four of its last seven, but after Louisville and Connecticut, the rest of its conference schedule is favorable. Notre Dame plays South Florida, Providence, Syracuse and West Virginia, all in the hot-

tom half of the conference. Those four teams have 11 conference wins among them.

DePaul just lost a close game to the Irish in the Joyce Center, which ended the Blue Demons' five-game win streak. They face Seton Hall Wednesday. It will be these three teams comprising the fight for the second bye.

The middle: Rutgers (13-8, 5-5), Marquette (13-10, 4-5) and South Florida (4-6, 17-7)

Talk about a slip. Rutgers has lost three of its last five (although it did beat Notre Dame at home in that stretch) and needed double-overtime to take down Georgetown Saturday. The Scarlet Knights have junior guard Epiphanny Prince, who is third in the conference with 20.5 points per game, as well as 6-foot-4 senior center Kia Vaughn. It's tough to count them out yet.

The Golden Eagles had a little slip of their own, losing four of their last six. Senior guard Krystal Ellis recently became the school's all-time leading scorer. Villanova comes to town tonight.

Four of six is the popular trend, because South Florida's lost four of its last six games as well. The Bulls beat Syracuse 88-79 Sunday and had five players in double figures. They're still within range of that last bye.

The halfway decent: St. John's (15-7, 3-6), Cincinnati (13-9, 3-6), Providence (9-13, 3-6), Seton Hall (15-8, 3-7)

The Red Storm just beat Cincinnati Sunday, but they face Connecticut, who they haven't beaten since 1993, on Wednesday. Providence also beat the Bearcats, in double-overtime, on Feb. 3. Since every team makes the conference tournament this year, any of these teams could make a run, but making the NCAA Tournament will be tough with their conference records.

The pretty bad: Syracuse (14-9, 3-7), Georgetown (13-10, 3-7), West Virginia (13-9, 2-7)

These teams don't have much of a chance to making a run. They will have to get past UConn, Louisville or Pittsburgh to get to the conference tournament semifinal or final, which they'll need for tournament consideration. They have a chance to reaching the second round, because the top teams won't have played yet, but they won't get much farther than that.

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Champs

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Defensively, Tim Lang's six rebounds and two blocks paced O'Neill, but it was not enough to hold off the Manorites. In the final minutes, Morrissey's free-throw shooting sealed the victory. Nichols and Andersen

combined to go 7-for-8 from the line as the clock wound down. Andersen finished with 19 points and five rebounds, Nichols had 19 and three boards.

"We got there in the end," Morrissey senior Daniel Reimer said. "We got back to the JACC and took care of business."

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Starters

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The Irish ended the regular season tied for first in the Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) with Denver and Ohio State, with each team sharing an identical 5-1 record. Notre Dame then defeated Quinnipiac and Ohio State in the inaugural GWLL tournament to become conference champions.

The GWLL earned unprecedented success last season, with three teams qualifying for the 16-team NCAA Tournament field for the first time ever. The Buckeyes and Irish advanced to the tournament quarterfinals, also the first time two teams from the conference had made the final eight.

The Irish defense, which ranked No. 5 nationally

last season, will be led by all-conference senior Regis McDermott. The defenseman started all 17 games last season and helped Notre Dame hold opponents to 7.04 goals per game.

On offense, the Irish will look to another all-conference selection, senior attack Ryan Hoff. The captain will be looking for his third straight 40-goal season after leading Notre Dame with 41 last year.

The Irish offense returns three of the top four scorers from last year's team, which was ranked No. 5 nationally with 12.09 goals per game. Junior Grant Krebs netted 26 goals, second on the team, and senior Duncan Swezey tallied 22.

Joining McDermott as captains for 2009 are seniors Peter Christman, Scott Rodgers and Davey Malera.

Christman, a midfielder, started every game for the

Irish last season and recorded career highs in goals, assists, and points. The senior netted several key goals for Notre Dame in 2008, scoring the winning goals against Albany and in overtime over Colgate in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Rodgers will be looking to fill the shoes of graduated All-American goalkeeper Joey Kemp. The Wantagh, N.Y. native has played in seven career games and carries a 5.73 goals-against average.

The Irish face a tough schedule that includes four NCAA Tournament teams from last season — Loyola, Ohio State, Denver, and North Carolina.

Notre Dame begins its season Saturday against Loyola in Atlanta. The Irish open at home Feb. 28 against Dartmouth.

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'Rocks

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movements of McGlenn. A Shamrock guard obtained a crucial rebound, and scored from the field, making it a five-point game in McGlenn's favor.

The Weasels began to foul with only seconds left, were unable to score, and the Shamrocks claimed the season's title.

"Our team morale is great; we're all really close and play all the sports in Pasquerilla West together," Weasels junior forward Molly Bruno said. "Even the coaches are some of

our best friends."

The Weasels concluded their season with an undefeated record in the regular season and a large point differential, but McGlenn dominated the second half and were able to claim this season as their own.

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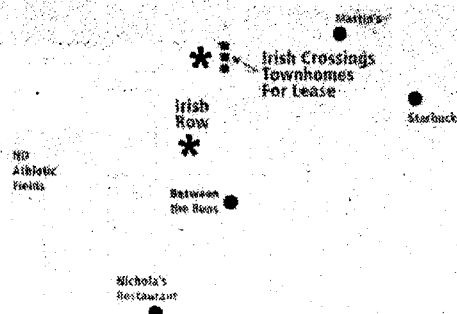
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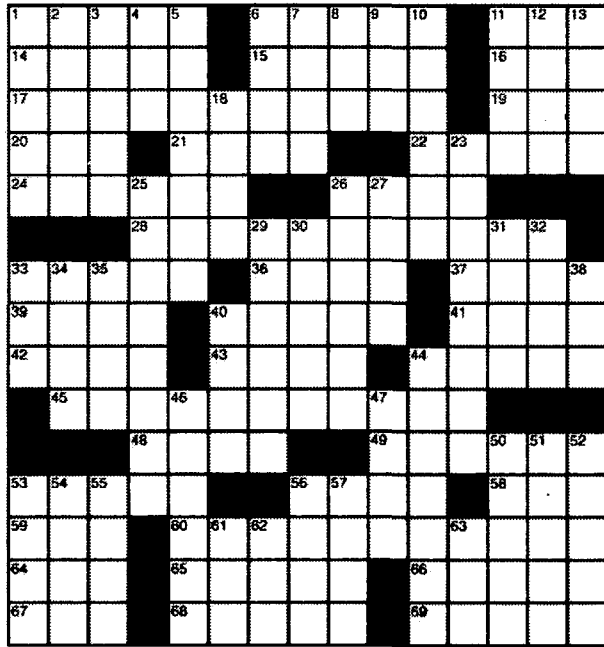
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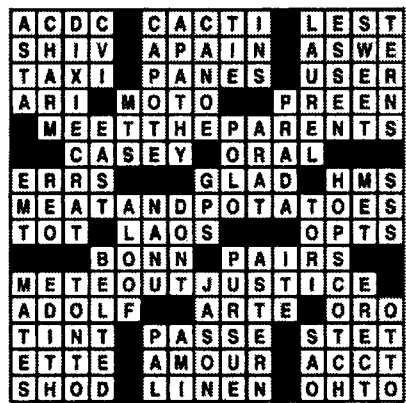


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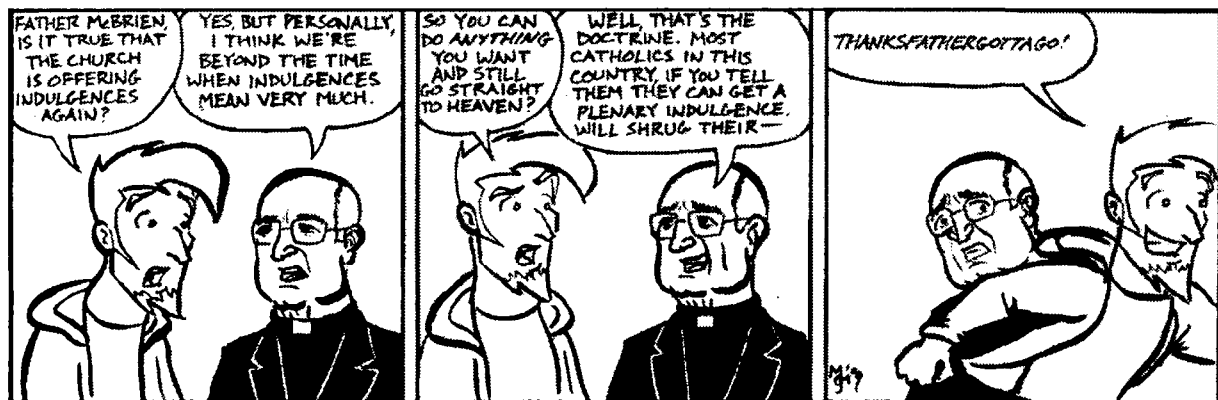
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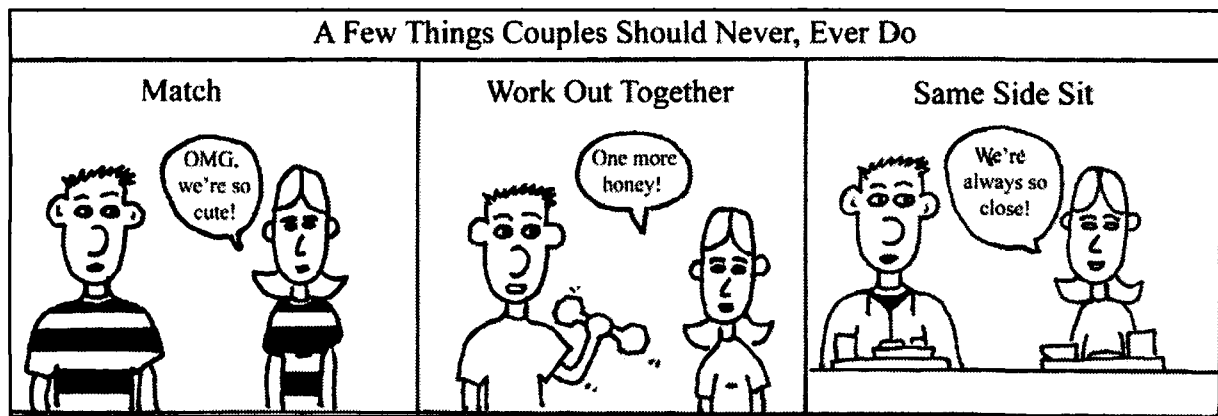
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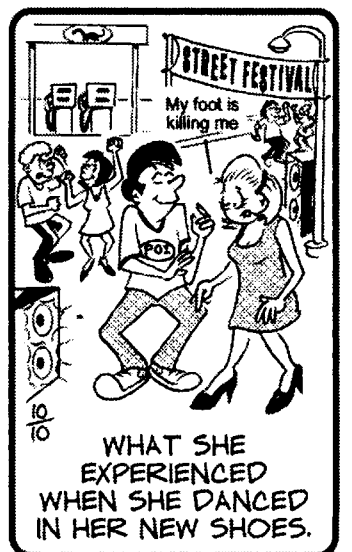
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MEN'S INTERHALL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Title defense: Manorites defeat O'Neill, win championship

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

O'Neill senior captain Alex Klupchak scored 17 of his game-high 24 points in the second half, but was unable to rally the Mob past Morrissey Monday night in the Joyce Center. The Men's Interhall Basketball A-League Championship went to the

defending champ Manorites, who won 69-62.

"We came wanting to defend the title," senior captain Carl Andersen said. "It's really nice for all the seniors to end their careers with this win."

Pacing Morrissey were the strong efforts of Anderson and sophomore point guard Aaron Nichols. Andersen dropped 14 in the first half, driving his team to a 35-28 lead at the

break.

"We had a lot of fun, it's a great experience to play on the real JACC floor," Klupchak said. "They're a good team, we missed some open looks and they made big plays down the stretch."

The first half displayed the quick, intense play that brought both teams to the big dance — both teams combined to force 14 forced turnovers. The Mob

started quickly, gaining a 11-5 lead in the opening minutes, but missed shots on open looks would plague them, as Morrissey cleaned up on the glass, allowing O'Neill just two offensive rebounds for the half.

Coming out of the locker room at half down seven, solid play from Klupchak and freshmen Garrett Quinn kept the game close, bringing O'Neill's deficit to three. Nichols, howev-

er, who scored only seven points in the first half, came up with a 12-point effort in the second to hold off the Mob. Quinn would finish with 11 points and four rebounds.

"I thought we got some clutch baskets, and hit some clutch free throws," Andersen said. "We made big shots when we had to inside and out."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Playing to rest

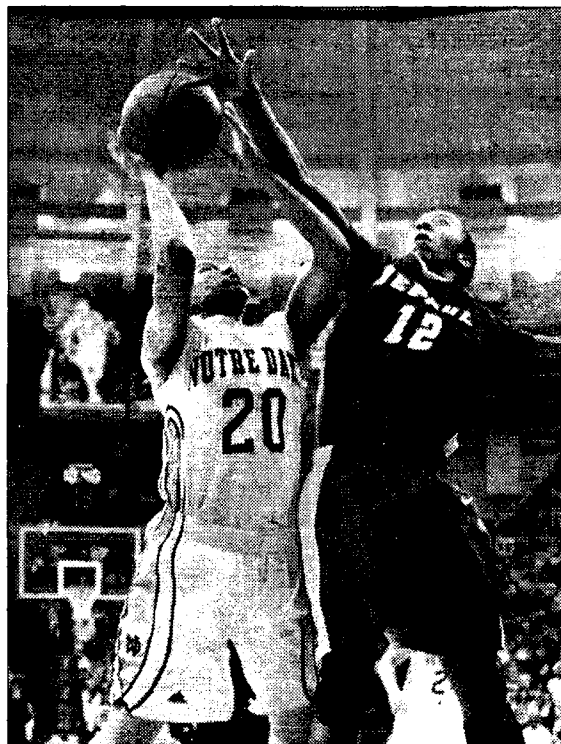
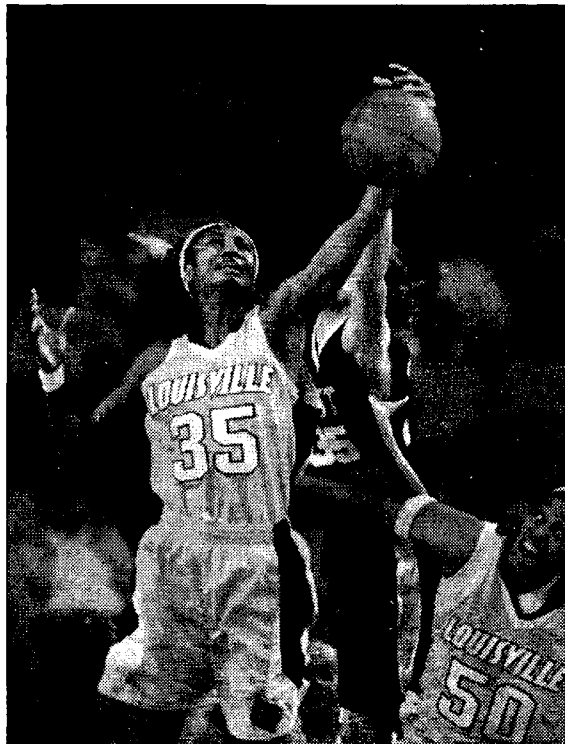
ND still has a chance at two Big East byes

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's close win over DePaul Sunday came in a timely fashion, because two of the next three teams it faces will put the heat on the Irish.

The Fighting Irish had lost four of six heading into Sunday's win and better hope they can create momentum. Angel McCoughtry and No. 10 Louisville come to the Joyce Center Wednesday, and on Feb. 22 Notre Dame travels to Storrs to throw its best at undefeated No. 1 Connecticut.

At this point in the Big East (and in the country, for that matter) it's Connecticut and



Left, Cardinals senior forward Angel McCoughtry rebounds against West Virginia Saturday. Right, Irish junior guard Ashley Barlow shoots during Notre Dame's 62-59 win over DePaul Sunday.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

New faces ready for season

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

With many pieces still in place from a conference championship and NCAA Tournament berth last year, the Irish bring high hopes into 2009. After playing the toughest defense in team history, Notre Dame will try to use its mix of talent and experience to make another championship run this season.

The Irish return five starters from a strong 14-3 campaign in 2008. The 14 wins tied a program record, and Notre Dame advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Tough shoes for team to fill

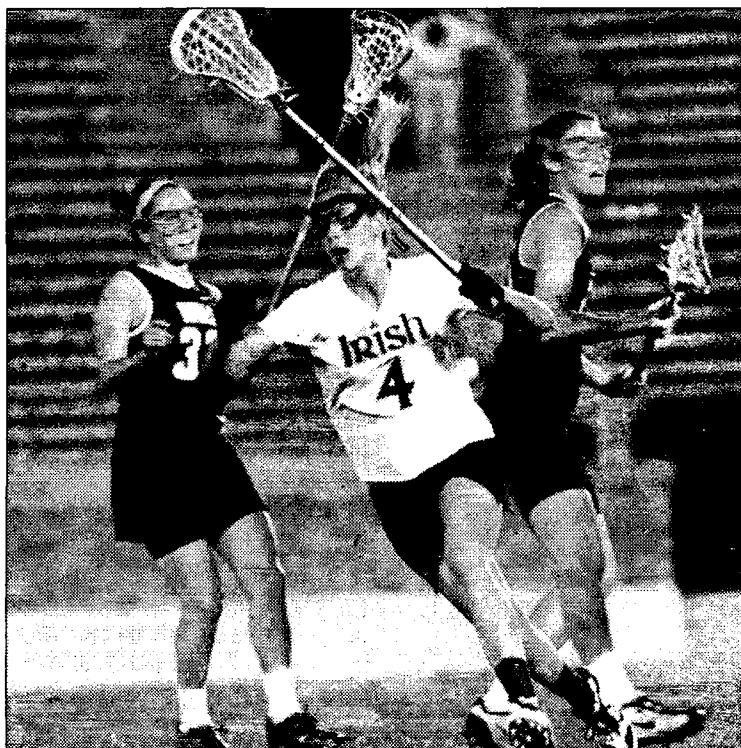
Irish start play Saturday after an historic 2008 season

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame is ready to take another shot at the national title this spring as it takes on Duquesne in Pittsburgh Saturday.

The Irish had a history-making 2008 season with a record of 12-7, 4-1 in the Big East. They finished second in the Big East as they fell 15-14 in triple overtime to the Georgetown Hoyas. Notre Dame came back and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the fourth time in the program's history, but its season was cut short by a 15-7 loss to defending champion Northwestern in the

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Senior midfield/attack Jillian Byers runs during a game against Canisius in 2008. The Irish start their season Saturday.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Second-half surge gives Shamrocks title

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

McGlenn claimed a 41-33 victory over Pasquerilla West after a stellar second half Monday night in the women's Interhall championship game.

From tip-off and an early 3-pointer, Pasquerilla West took over the first half, and maintained a lead it kept well into the second half.

"In my opinion, we were definitely the better skilled team, but McGlenn was very aggressive," Pasquerilla West junior guard Lindsey McMahon said. "They rebounded very well, and played as a team."

The tide of the game started to turn right at the half, as McGlenn's talented guard was fouled just as the buzzer went off and the scoreboard turned red. She made her shot but

missed the free throw, pushing the score to 16-13, still in Pasquerilla West's favor, but close enough to keep the Shamrock's hopes elevated, which changed the entire dynamic of the second half.

McGlenn brought a new offense to the court after half-time.

"I thought we were slow tonight though," McMahon said. "We never got into our rhythm, and our shots were just not falling at all."

McGlenn changed up its offensive strategy and the Pasquerilla West defense was unable to stay with them. With four minutes left in the second half, the Shamrocks were up 33-30 when a breakaway drive by Pasquerilla West's center gave the Weasels one last attempt to challenge the bold offensive

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