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ND works with city to revitalize community

Off-campus projects add 'vibrancy,' help to tighten link between University and South Bend residents

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the second installment of a three-part series examining the development projects occurring near Notre Dame's campus.

The University's collaboration with South Bend to develop the neighborhoods near campus will bring a vibrancy to the community that can potentially reap benefits for students and faculty, according to Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves.

Affleck-Graves said the success of the Notre Dame community is dependent on a strong community outside the University.

The three projects Notre Dame is investing in — the Eddy Street Commons, Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Project and Innovation Park — attempt to better the community, which in turn will benefit the

University, he said.

"All three are important projects for us because they will tighten the link between the University and the community," Affleck-Graves said. "For the University to really succeed, we need to be in a vibrant community."

Greg Hakanen, director of asset management and real estate development, said the construction of the Eddy Street Commons is a step in the right direction toward revitalizing the neighborhood around campus.

The Commons presents faculty with a living option close to campus, and students will be able to enjoy a variety of restaurants and shops, he said.

"Notre Dame has never really had a commercial district, that some would call it a college town, with an easy walking distance to campus, so that was kind of a vacuum," Hakanen said.

Eddy Street Commons has apartments, con-

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JESS LEE/The Observer

The home pictured above was remodeled with a 'traditional look' as part of The Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Project.

Panel examines effect of Obama campaign

Group focuses on diversity and increased civic engagement in 2008 election season



PAT GOVENY/The Observer

Students, faculty and staff gathered in the Coleman-Morse Lounge for a discussion on President Obama's campaign Wednesday.

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

A panel of students, faculty, and staff discussed the impacts that President Barack Obama's campaign had on unifying the diverse American population Wednesday evening in the Coleman-Morse Center Lounge.

Members of the Notre Dame community gathered to eat dinner and listen to the discussion, which was titled "Obama's Impact on Diversity, Inclusion and Civic Engagement: Now and Beyond."

Shades of Ebony, the Africana Studies Department, and the Black Alumni of Notre Dame hosted the discussion, which lasted approximately an hour.

The panel consisted of six members of the Notre Dame community ranging in ethnicities, ages, and religious affiliations.

Members included Carmen Orozco-Acosta, a political science graduate student, Cecilia Lucero, the assistant director of undergraduate research, Jasmin Simmons, a sophomore majoring in Spanish and

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HEI hotel workers ask for support

Employees fight for right to unionize

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

Three hotel workers and a union organizer urged Notre Dame students to support the rights of HEI Hotels and Resorts workers to unionize at an event hosted by the Coalition for Economic Justice in the Dooley Room of LaFortune Wednesday.

Maria Vivanco, 24, an organizer with Unite Here Local 2, a San Francisco chapter of the union, urged students to campaign for better working conditions for hotel employees.

"You guys are among the privileged that have that [college] education, so we really want you to use your degree and your education as a tool to make change," she said.

The Coalition, a division of the Progressive Student Alliance, first hosted workers from HEI's Le Meridien Hotel in San Francisco last November.

One of the workers who spoke, Michael Archeta, was fired from his position as a cook after a Nov. 11 Observer article about the event was discovered by the hotel management, Vivanco said.

The workers came to Notre Dame to speak Wednesday and last November because the University is one of several colleges that invests

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Course researches college-aged health

By JENN METZ
News Editor

At yesterday's Health and Wellness Fair, students tested out "drunk goggles," entered in raffles and helped a class of 25 students begin a new clinical trial.

The clinical research course — NDash For Better Health — is the first of its kind at Notre Dame. The students, under the guidance of semi-retired cardiologist Dr. Vince Friedewald, are conducting a study on college-aged blood pressure.

Senior Erin Wash, a biochemistry major who plans on attending medical school after Notre Dame, has had experience doing research

in the past. After hearing of Friedewald's plans for the study, she helped plan the course with him in the fall to launch in the spring.

"Together we put the skeleton of the study together," she said.

Designed with an emphasis on increasing undergraduate research, the study's goal is to measure the blood pressures of between 800 and 1,000 undergraduate students by the end of the Spring semester.

The figure, Wash said, will ensure the statement about the study is representative of the entire undergraduate population at Notre Dame.

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JESS LEE/The Observer

Senior Allison Hickey, left, practices taking junior Amy Leisenfielt's blood pressure in class last week.

INSIDE COLUMN

Academy
anticipation

I get excited about the Academy Awards. Possibly not the most macho admission, but it's the truth. And this year's awards contain a number of interesting nominees that will make the ceremony fascinating, never mind the fact that Hugh Jackman is hosting.

Where'd that come from?
Used to be funny people would run the show, the better to entertain the masses: Steve Martin, Billy Crystal, Chris Rock, Jon Stewart, Ellen DeGeneres. Where'd Hugh Jackman come from?

But we can't judge before we see. He may exude charm and charisma and connect with the audience better than all of the above. At the very least, his physique in a tux and hint of an Australian accent will entertain the females.

Here's what has me excited this year:
Up for Best Picture, we have "Slumdog Millionaire," a movie with no well-known actors (at least in America) that still captivates the audience. Half of the movie follows young Indian kids who don't speak English, yet the cinematography and Indian music (two songs are up for Best Song) move the film along at a rapid pace.

We also have "Titanic's" Jack and Kate 11 years down the road when the relationship forged in the heat (or cold) of the tragedy starts to fade, in "Revolutionary Road." Jack gets uppity with Kate, Kate's not having it ... whatever the case may be.

All the good things I heard about Mickey Rourke in "The Wrestler" couldn't describe his performance. I judge movies by how they affect me after I see them. "The Wrestler" stuck around in my head. A movie about a washed-up wrestler in New Jersey, and I couldn't get rid of it.

Side note: Marisa Tomei, who plays a stripper in the movie, still looks real good at age 44.

My biggest beef with the Oscars is usually that they omit comedy movies and focus on serious, ponderous movies I don't want to see. Not this year, because Robert Downey Jr. got a nomination for his role as Kirk Lazarus/Lincoln Osiris in "Tropic Thunder." Bout time. He reminded me of a cross of Daniel Day-Lewis with Stifler: unbelievably funny.

It's a shame, though, that he has no chance of winning, because he's up against Heath Ledger and the Joker. The Joker was the first villain in a movie I believed. Every other villain wears tailored suits and has billions of dollars for world domination while his minions protect him from every possible harm. Ledger's portrayal of the character made me believe that someone out there could actually do the things he did. And despite the fact that he carved people's faces with knives and thoughtlessly slaughtered innocent people, at times I felt like I was rooting for him.


If he doesn't win Sunday, the Academy and I are gonna have problems.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Bill Brink at wbrink@nd.edu

Sports Editor


Bill Brink

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S STIMULUS PACKAGE?




Erich Wolz
sophomore
Fisher

"I thin it's a lot of extra spending we don't need."




Lucy Lavelly
sophomore
Holy Cross

"I make love, not war — we should all go back to Woodstock."




Graysen Petersen-Fitts
sophomore
Dillon

"That seems like an awfully personal question."




Hannah Ha
sophomore
Welsh Fam

"I don't know, but first, I'd cut a hole in the box."



Jimmy Mitchell
senior
O'Neill

"It's good as long as it saves the polar bears."



JESS LEE/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame community enjoy events, including hula hoop contests, massages and relaxation tests at the Recsports Health Fair at ROLFS.

OFFBEAT

Man caught sans pants trying to escape robbery
PENSACOLA — Authorities said a burglary suspect was literally caught with his pants down while trying to run away. A deputy responded to an alarm at a convenient store early Tuesday morning and reported seeing a 37-year-old man exiting through a smashed-out front door while carrying several packs of cigarettes. Deputies said the man tried to flee, but the handfuls of cigarettes prevented him from holding up his pants, which fell down and tripped him before he could make it out of the parking lot. The man was charged with criminal mischief, burglary, theft and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was being held on \$12,000 bail.

Store owner robs own establishment
METAIRIE, La. — Deputies said they didn't have to look far to find the person who stole thousands of dollars worth of heating and air conditioning equipment. They say the thief was right behind the counter. According to a Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office arrest report, a 44-year-old man, who manages an appliance part store, may have made off with about \$203,000 worth of inventory. On Jan. 9, the manager filed a theft report indicating that 70 rolls of 50-foot copper sheets were missing from his inventory. The report said that further investigation by the company revealed that the manager had been entering the store after hours using his personal alarm code. Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Class of 2012 presents "Frosh Four Square" tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. in Stepan Center. The event is free to participate, and \$5 for a T-shirt.

The Lecture "Ethical Dimensions of Data Mining" will be presented as part of Ethics Week 2009. The lecture will be given by Professor Barry Keating of the Mendoza College of Business today from 12:30 to 1:30. All presentations will be in the Giovannini Commons area, Mendoza College of Business.




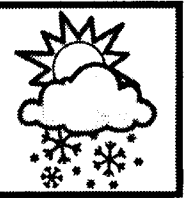

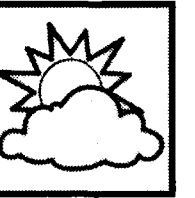
The lecture "Knocking Down the Walls: The Fight for Latino Cultural Equity in NYC" will be given as part of the Institute for Latino Studies' (ILS) spring lecture series titled "Caribbean Flights: From the First Colonial Cities in America to Metropolis U.S.A." today at 4 p.m. in 212 McKenna Hall. It is co-sponsored by Notre Dame's Henkels Lecture Series, Graduate School, College of Arts and Letters Office of Undergraduate Studies, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, and Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.

David Walker, the president and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, will speak Friday from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The event is part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series. It is free and open to the public.

"Peace and Reconciliation in Uganda," featuring Archbishop John Baptist Odama who has played a prominent role in resolving the conflict in Uganda, will be held on Friday at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

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

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CORRECTIONS

A caption on the front page of the Wed., Feb. 18 edition of The Observer misspelled the name of a student studying in the CSLC. The student pictured is Hayley Mohr.

The Observer regrets this error.

Lecture explores gender in pop culture

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

The Men Against Violence club sponsored a lecture entitled "That's What HE Said: Images of Modern Masculinity" in the Hesburgh Library's Carey Auditorium on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The event, which featured a viewing of an episode of the popular television show "The Office," as well as a panel discussion, explored the topic of how masculinity is portrayed in popular culture.

The first panelist, Dr. Augustin Fuentes, a professor of Anthropology at Notre Dame, discussed gender roles within "The Office."

He said that the sitcom worked well because the male-female dichotomy present within the episodes is so embedded in society's understanding of gender.

However, in real life, gender roles are much more subtle, Fuentes said. There is overlap in how people act, and no one can be placed solely into one gender category.

Dr. Eileen Hunt Bottig, the director for the Gender Studies Program, spoke about the metaphors for unsuccessful romantic relationships present

on the show.

She mentioned a plot line where a character tried to live her relationship with another character by a contract. Bottig said this is not the way that a true, loving relationship works, and that the storyline showed the errors involved with this way of life.

"It forces us to contemplate what's wrong about [the relationships present on the show]," Bottig said.

Dr. Mark Gunty, a Notre Dame sociology professor, said how relatable the show's characters are. However, Gunty said all of the characters are caricatures of various archetypes of people.

"These are caricatures, and there is some truth in the types, but the representations of whole persons is almost uniformly missing," Gunty said.

Gunty said that even though viewers of "The Office" can relate to various aspects of each character, they are two-dimensional. People in real life are much more complex than any character in "The Office."

Dr. Cathleen Kaveny, a John P. Murphy professor of Law, spoke about the boyish behavior present on "The Office."

She said that Michael Scott, one of the main characters, often engages in behavior that is like a child.

"What does it mean to be a grown-up?" Kaveny said.

She listed five characteristics necessary for successful adulthood: Self-control, awareness of other people's boundaries, sense of one's own boundaries, understanding of what is appropriate in a given situation, and ability to relate to other people's needs.

Dr. John Cavadini, the chair of the Theology department, said "The Office" presents a great sense of irony and also reveals the flaws in the traditional structure of masculine identity.

"The Office" is a place where the women are just as likely to be your boss as they are to be damsels in distress," Cavadini said.

Cavadini also discussed the illusion of manliness present on the show, citing examples of how each character's masculinity is undermined in some way.

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professor of Sociology

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Dr. Eileen Hunt Bottig
director of
Gender Studies

Health

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The blood pressure measurements collected, along with the answers to questionnaires, will be analyzed and published.

In order to ensure the study is well received in the professional medical research community, Wash said the group has made sure its research is sound.

"Everything about our study, down to the type of equipment to how we take the blood pressure, is very precise," she said.

The NDash group is considering a number of health conditions related to high blood pressure in the study.

"We're definitely interested in hypertension," Wash said. "This age group is really absent in the literature — the research is lacking in blood pressure in young adults."

All 25 students — mostly juniors and seniors interested in pursuing a career in clinical research — in the course "had a chance to give their input about the study" before it launched at the Fair, Wash said.

She said there has been a lot of work done on the rise in childhood obesity and diabetes in older adults, but the middle age group — college students — have been neglected in the research.

The NDash study, named for the Dash Diet, a program designed to help lower blood pressure, aims to find what factors lead to a risk for hypertension in college-aged young adults and what lifestyle changes can be made to help lower blood pressure.

The study is being conducted

on a purely volunteer basis, Wash said. Currently, students are taking the blood pressures once per participant, "but if anyone wants a follow up we'll take the blood pressure a second or third time," she said.

Over the next six weeks, NDash will be setting up in the communal spaces in all 28 residence halls, making it "very convenient for all students to participate," Wash said.

"It takes less than 10 minutes to participate," she said.

The study's questionnaire is confidential and anonymous and asks the participant's age, height, weight, habits, and family and personal medical histories. The answers will help the students running the study analyze their data.

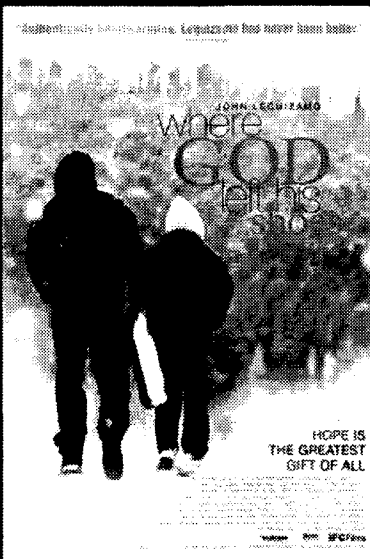
"We'll look at the group of students who have a parent with diabetes and see if there's a significant difference in their blood pressures [compared to other students]," Wash said.

From the outset of the study, participants are given a number that cannot be tied back to their identity, as for all analysis purposes the students will not use any identifiable information, Wash said.

Wash estimated about 50 students participated at the NDash booth at the Health and Wellness Fair, which was held in the Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center.

The course's Web site — <http://sites.google.com/site/ndash> spring2009/Home — lists the dates the students will be at each residence hall to take measurements as well as contact information and other links related to the study.

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Where God Left His Shoes (2008) Directed by Salvatore Stabile

NR, 100 minutes

Where God Left His Shoes is the story of Frank (John Leguizamo), Angela (Leonor Varela), and their two children. When they are evicted from their New York City apartment, they have no choice but to move into a homeless shelter. After a few difficult months, good news comes their way on Christmas Eve: a nearby housing project has an apartment available immediately-however, Frank needs a job on the books in order to qualify. While the rest of the city prepares for Christmas, Frank and his ten-year-old stepson, Justin, roam the cold streets of New York trying to find a job by day's end. *Where God Left His Shoes* is the story of a family that refuses to break apart during the darkest time of their lives and discovers that they will survive as long as they have each other.

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STUDENT SENATE

Group ponders 'Fighting for Footlongs'

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

The bulk of Wednesday's Student Senate meeting was dedicated to a discussion of whether or not student government should get involved in a fight for \$5 footlongs at the Subway in LaFortune.

A Facebook group dedicated to obtaining the sandwiches in the Huddle has amassed over 1,500 members and inspired student government to add this cause to its agenda.

Student body president Bob Reish said Grant Schmidt, student body vice president, met with the creator of the "Fighting for Footlongs" Facebook group and has scheduled meetings with Jim LaBella, the general manager of the Huddle, and Dave Prentkowski, the director of Notre Dame Food Services. Schmidt was not present at the meeting, but Reish invited the senators to voice concerns Schmidt should convey in these meetings happening later in the week.

O'Neill Hall senator Kevin Kimberly said this issue is a priority for students because Subway is the most popular food venue in the Huddle.

"I feel like there is such a

focus on Subway because the other options are unappealing, like Sbarro and Burger King," he said. "There's always a constant line at Subway."

However, Walsh Hall senator Julie Zorb said many of the girls in her dorm say they are not interested in \$5 footlongs.

"Girls in Walsh say they don't care because they won't eat that large of a sandwich," she said.

Zorb also said she has heard people complain that students care too much about sandwich prices.

Reish then asked senators if they think this is an issue student government should discuss. He questioned whether it is too minor of an issue for student government, but he said the huge support the Facebook group has indicates it is an important concern of the student body.

It's important for student government to promote social responsibility, but you guys were elected as senators to represent the students in your hall. This is what you're elected to do — take student concerns to a higher level.

Devin Fee
Campus Technology
Committee chair

students rally in large numbers to support \$5 footlongs, while more significant issues — like the revised sexual assault policy that was recently passed by student government — go unnoticed.

"I would like to call us all to a higher standard," she said.

Sarah Rodts, Student Outreach Committee chair, said

student government should listen to the concerns of students, even if they are about Subway sandwiches, but she said she hopes attention will also be paid to more important issues.

"I ask that just as much attention be paid to things like the sexual assault policy," she said.

Despite these concerns, Campus Technology Committee chair Devin Fee said arguing against working for \$5 footlongs because of a lack of attention paid to sexual assault is not logical.

"It's important for student government to promote social responsibility, but you guys were elected as senators to represent the students in your hall," he said. "This is what you're elected to do — take student concerns to a higher level."

Fee said many students have an unfavorable perception of student government because they believe it does not accomplish anything.

He said aiding the fight for footlongs would improve this perception.

"We need as much good press as we can get," he said.

In other Senate news:

♦ Student Senate unanimously passed an amendment to continue the Campus Technology Committee. This year, the committee helped obtain printers for every residence hall, put a printer in Jordan Hall and worked on the switch from Webmail to Gmail as the University's official e-mail domain, according to Campus Technology Committee chair Devin Fee.

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Board of Trustees
visiting College

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Trustees arrived on campus Wednesday afternoon and will hold several meetings that will conclude on Friday. The Board of Trustees visits four times each year meeting in October, February, April and June.

One unique aspect of the visits is the amount of student participation with the Board. Many students are allowed to actively work with the Board to better life at the College.

Senior Courtney Parry is the student trustee for the 2008-2009 school year and serves with the Board.

"Each year on senior is chosen to serve on the Board in this role," she said. "As such, I attend all Board meetings and have full voting privileges on the Board. I also must maintain confidentiality of Board sessions."

Parry also said that the Board typically meets "to discuss issues pertaining to the College. Board members are essentially fiduciaries of the College and seek to promote its best interests. The Board balances coordinating the College's short, mid-term, and long-term goals."

Like Parry, several other students are able to participate in Board meetings. Student body president, Mickey Gruscinski sits on the Student Life Committee and represents the Board of Governance (BOG).

"I am honored to interact with the Board as a member of Board of Governance," Gruscinski said. "As Student Body President, I am honored to sit on certain commit-

tees, and this happens to be one of them. I will be attending the Student Life Committee meeting. I will give feedback from the students to the Board members."

Many different organizations at the College have representatives attending meetings with the Board of Trustees.

Adriana Rodriguez, a junior at the College and President of the Student Diversity Board (SDB) attended the meetings.

"As President of the Student Diversity Board, I am a voting member of the Board of Trustees Enrollment Management Committee," she said. "This committee reviews any issues that influence or affect enrollment and retention at Saint Mary's College. The committee discusses these issues and determines courses of action or suggested ideas."

Maura Clughert, Residence Hall Association president is another participant in the Board of Trustees.

"I will be giving student input and opinions to the topics discussed at this meeting, especially how these topics affect the Residence Halls on Saint Mary's College campus," she said.

Sarah Falvey, student body vice president is also one of the students who sits on the board.

"I sit on the Education Committee of the Board of Trustees. Since I handle the academic side of student life, my role on this committee is to provide student insight," she said.

The Board will visit Saint Mary's again in April for more discussion.

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in HEI. The company receives nearly \$1.2 billion from endowments at schools including Notre Dame, the University of Chicago, Harvard, Princeton and Yale.

In a letter to be delivered to University President Fr. John Jenkins Thursday, the members of the Coalition mention Archeta and urge Jenkins to cease Notre Dame's business relations with HEI until the company "respects the dignity of [its] workers."

Members of the Coalition for Economic Justice began campaigning last fall for the University to divest from HEI by presenting a letter to Jenkins.

The Observer reported in November that Jenkins praised the University's social investment policy in a response letter to the Coalition, and encouraged the group to meet with Scott Malpass, Notre Dame's Chief Investment Officer.

In the letter, the Coalition writes that Malpass "has been extremely receptive, and we hope to continue dialogue with him."

The letter again urges divestment:

"It is important that our University stands in solidarity with HEI's workers, especially in these difficult economic times," the letter says. "We must encourage those

with whom we do business to engage in practices that uphold the dignity of workers."

Vivanco said Unite Here is working to get Le Grand Meridien Hotel in San Francisco to agree to a card check agreement, or "basically an opportunity for the workers to have union representation."

The difficult economy makes the task even harder, Vivanco said, and Unite Here knows that there are bound to be layoffs, and they cannot "pull off miracles."

"We are here to organize workers and provide the tools for you to fight for your future," she said.

Greg August, 47, a banquet services worker with Le Meridien in San Francisco, said he wants a union at the hotel primarily for job security and health care.

"That is why we are fighting for union rights," he said. "Because we are going to be covered, under our collective bargaining rights, with health care benefits."

Ana Flores, 50, is a housekeeper at the same hotel. She said she has worked as a housekeeper for 20 years, and said she has to work hard to feed her family.

"The thing is, without a union, we have nothing," she said. "If they sell the hotel tomorrow, I will be on the street. I will be homeless. I have no hope, except the union and you guys that are trying to help us."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Stanford Banks refuse depositors

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua — Panicky depositors were turned away from Stanford International Bank and some of its Latin American affiliates Wednesday, unable to withdraw their money after U.S. regulators accused Texas financier R. Allen Stanford of perpetrating an \$8 billion fraud against his companies' investors.

Some customers arrived in Antigua by private jet and were driven up the lushly landscaped driveway of the bank's headquarters, only to be told that all assets have been frozen pending an investigation by Antiguan banking regulators.

Gaza Strip's borders remain closed

JERUSALEM — Israel declared Wednesday that it will not open the Gaza Strip's blockaded borders until Hamas militants free a captured Israeli soldier, dealing a blow to Egyptian efforts to broker a long-term cease-fire.

The decision was condemned by Hamas, which is desperate for border crossings to be opened in order to start repairing destruction from Israel's military offensive in the coastal territory last month.

In parallel, the prime minister of the rival Palestinian government in the West Bank announced plans to stream reconstruction money directly to the people of Gaza. That would effectively sideline the Hamas administration in Gaza.

Gaza's borders have been sealed by Israel and Egypt since the Islamic militants of Hamas violently seized control of the territory nearly two years ago, driving out supporters of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

NATIONAL NEWS

Chimpanzee attacks friend of owner

STAMFORD, Conn. — As authorities considered criminal charges, the woman whose 200-pound domesticated chimpanzee went berserk and mauled a friend backtracked Wednesday on whether she gave the animal the anti-anxiety drug Xanax.

Sandra Herold told The Associated Press on Wednesday that she never gave the drug to her 14-year-old chimp, Travis, who was shot dead by Stamford police Monday after he grievously wounded Herold's friend Charla Nash.

Police have said they are looking into the possibility of criminal charges. A pet owner who knew or should have known that an animal was a danger to others can be held criminally responsible.

Smoker's widow wins lawsuit

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Philip Morris was ordered by a jury Wednesday to pay \$8 million in damages to the widow of a smoker who died of lung cancer in a case that could set a standard for some 8,000 similar Florida lawsuits.

The six jurors deliberated over two days before returning the award for Elaine Hess, 63, whose husband Stuart Hess died in 1997 at age 55 after decades as a chain smoker.

LOCAL NEWS

Immigration crackdown approved

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill that would revoke the business licenses of companies that repeatedly hire illegal workers won unanimous support from a Senate committee Wednesday.

The committee took the unusual step of holding three separate meetings on the proposal — listening to supporters and opponents — before taking a vote.

Sen. Mike Delph, R-Carmel, supports legislation to punish companies hiring illegal workers. He noted that the legislation saves the toughest punishments for companies that knowingly and repeatedly hire illegal workers. "It's a safety factor," said Sen. Jim Arnold, D-LaPorte.

U.S. economy will worsen in 2009

Federal officials estimate a bleaker future than predicted in November '08

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve warned Wednesday that the nation's crippled economy is even worse than thought and predicted it would deteriorate throughout 2009, with no sign that the housing market will stabilize.

The Fed's bleak estimates indicated that unemployment could climb as high as 8.8 percent this year and that the economy would contract for a full calendar year for the first time since 1991.

The central bank's latest projections came hours after a separate report showed that new home construction and applications for future projects both fell to record lows last month.

Still, some economists saw a silver lining in the otherwise dismal housing report: Scaled-back building should reduce the number of unsold homes and contribute to an eventual housing recovery.

The reports raise the stakes for the plan President Barack Obama announced Wednesday to curb foreclosures and ease the broader U.S. housing slump that sent the economy into recession.

The Fed's latest forecast says the unemployment rate will climb to between 8.5 and 8.8 percent this year. The old prediction, issued in mid-November, estimated that the jobless rate would rise to between 7.1 and 7.6 percent.

Many private economists believe the current 7.6 percent jobless rate — the highest in more than 16 years — will hit at least 9 percent by early next year even with the \$787 billion stimulus package signed into law Tuesday by Obama.

The Fed also believes the economy will contract this year between 0.5 and 1.3 percent. The old forecast said the economy could shrink by 0.2 percent or expand by 1.1 percent.

The last time the economy registered a contraction for a full year was in 1991, by 0.2 percent. If the Fed's new predictions prove correct, it



Job seekers stand in line searching for employment at a National Careers Fair job fair in New York City Wednesday. The Federal Reserve expects the rate of unemployment to increase between 8.5 and 8.8 percent this year.

would mark the weakest showing since a 1.9 percent drop in 1982, when the country had suffered through a severe recession.

The grim outlook represents the growing toll of the worst housing, credit and financial crises since the 1930s. All of those negative forces have plunged the nation into a recession, now in its second year.

"Given the strength of the forces currently weighing on the economy," Fed officials "generally expected that the recovery would be unusually gradual and prolonged," according to documents on the Fed's updated economic outlook.

In another sign of the troubled economy, production at

the nation's factories, mines and utilities fell 1.8 percent last month, more than economists expected. That figure, the third monthly drop in a row, was dragged down by a 23 percent drop in production at auto plants and their suppliers.

Meanwhile, construction of new homes and apartments plummeted 16.8 percent in January from the previous month, the Commerce Department said, falling to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 466,000 units, a record low. Analysts expected a pace of 530,000 housing units.

Building permits, a measure of future activity, also sank to a record low pace of 521,000 units in January, a

4.8 percent drop from the prior month.

"Conditions in the market for new homes have not been this bad since the 1930s, and they continue to worsen," said Patrick Newport, an economist at IHS Global Insight in Lexington, Mass. He predicted that housing starts would remain depressed for months to come.

But other economists saw some glimmers of hope in the report. The sharp cuts in new home building should help reduce inventories of unsold homes, which reached record levels last year, and stabilize home prices, which have been battered by a flood of foreclosed homes on the market.

Nonprofits see increase in volunteers

Associated Press

BOSTON — Meghan McCloskey heard the call to service when she was in college, applying to the Peace Corps during her senior year. That call only got louder as she realized her shrinking job options in the faltering economy.

"Just having some sort of security for two years and not going through the job application process every two months and internships until someone wants to pay you is good," said McCloskey, 23, an administrative assistant who completed the Peace Corps application process and is awaiting her country placement. "It's

a good way to gain a lot of experience in a short amount of time and after the job I have now, I don't know if I could find another job in the economy."

Volunteer organizations such as the Peace Corps and Teach for America say the floundering economy and President Barack Obama's call for service have led to a major increase in applications.

Teach for America received a record 14,000 applications by November, an almost 50 percent increase over the previous year. And Peace Corps applications rose 16 percent from fiscal year 2007 to 2008, with a big spike registered around

the time of Obama's inauguration.

As a former community organizer, Obama advocated public service throughout his campaign and encouraged Americans to spend Martin Luther King Jr. Day volunteering. Obama's administration also has several initiatives promoting service, including expanding the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps.

When applying to Peace Corps, most college graduates speak first about their desire to serve. But they also learn a foreign language and gain valuable international experience that can further their future careers, organization spokeswoman Laura Lartigue said.

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psychology, Spencer Howard, a senior political science major and president of the College Democrats, Naunihal Singh, a political science professor, and Lois Jackson, a former student and assistant VP & counsel and concurrent assistant professor at the Law School.

Erdina Francil, president of Shades of Ebony, who moderated the discussion, began the panel by expressing the reason for the event being held.

"We are here today because Black History Month isn't an event for only African Americans to celebrate," she said. "It should be a time to celebrate diversity and come together as a country."

She then addressed the panelists for the first time, asking why they became involved in the campaign with Obama.

Lucero said she was previously hesitant to join in any political activity, but said this election was more personal than any other in her lifetime.

"This election really hit home, I wanted my family to know where my views stood," Lucero said.

Howard, unlike Lucero, has been highly active in politics for many years. He said he wanted to get involved in order to break the stereotype that young people are not politically active.

"We started a PAC [Political Action Committee] called the Northern Indiana College Democrats, which apparently was the first student-run campaign office in the country,"

Howard said.

Francil then posed the question of why there were different types of people involved during this campaign, and how inclusion and civic engagement affected this involvement.

Addressing the diversity of the president's family tree, Singh offered the explanation that Obama is a universal candidate who fits all peoples' backgrounds in a number of different ways.

Howard said Obama has a way of transcending boundaries and a way of showing all that he respects their views.

When asked how the campaign caused them to think differently about inclusion and civic engagement, the panelists responded that while the country has a long way to go in conquering the issue of racism, large strides were made.

Simmons said progress was made but the country is not yet perfect.

"It has taken a long time to get this far," she said. "But we still have a long way to go."

Many of the members of the panel had campaigned door-to-door for Obama, and when asked if people said anything shocking or offensive at the doorsteps, all agreed that while there were a few extreme cases, overall, people were inviting and polite.

"There were a large number of people that were able to talk about the issue of diversity and the election," Orozco-Acosta said.

Orozco-Acosta also said the groups that were created during the campaign must continue meeting and creating and

attaining new goals to help the success of the presidency.

Francil asked the panel how the newly-elected president will change the country, and what still needs to be done to bridge the racial gap.

"This election comes at a great time because it is not so much black and white, there are people of all races and colors that are starving right now," Simmons said. "People don't feel the need to affiliate with their race because we all want the same things at the end of the day."

The panel also discussed what needs to be done to promote diversity on campus.

Jackson said that it is important to encourage dialogue.

"No one is naive enough to think that America's problem with diversity are over now that we have elected an African-American president," she said. "Students need to be proactive and push their agenda by deciding what actions they want to take."

The discussion concluded with questions from the audience.

One subject talked about was the diversity sessions that are included in all contemporary topics classes that are mandatory for first-year students.

Members of the audience and the panel voiced their concern that students in attendance at these sessions were not engaged enough. They also said that they hoped to find a way to increase interest and participation in those discussions.

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dos and houses, but Hakanen stressed that it is geared toward families and professionals in the area, not students.

"It is absolutely not targeted towards student housing," he said. "One problem we were trying to address was when four, five or six students live in a rental house next to a family. That often doesn't work out so well."

While students generally will not be renting apartments in Eddy Street Commons, they will finally have stores and eateries within walking distance of campus, Hakanen said.

Hakanen said there will be two upscale restaurants, an Irish pub and an oyster house, and several fast, casual eateries. The casual cafes will provide quick food without waiters, but they are a step above fast food restaurants, he said.

There will also be several retail stores, an electronic store and an extension of the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

The names of the specific stores and eateries will be released when the contracts are finalized, he said.

Affleck-Graves said the Eddy Street Commons will create "more of an urban living environment," which can potentially draw people to the University.

The Commons are also in walking distance of the northeast neighborhood, where the University owns many lots it uses to construct traditional-looking houses for University faculty, Affleck Graves said.

Affleck-Graves said the University, in conjunction with the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Group (NNRG), a grassroots community organization, rebuilds decrepit houses and develops empty lots in the

area in the hopes of establishing a traditional neighborhood for both Notre Dame faculty and members of the community who are not affiliated with the University.

"People see that it's nice to live in a neighborhood where the homes have a very traditional look," he said. "We control the design of the home so they look like they've been there a long time."

The project allows the University to give professors housing options close to campus in a nice neighborhood, Affleck-Graves said.

"A lot of faculty want to live close to the University, and it's nice we can offer them something," he said.

While Eddy Street Commons and the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Project offer students and faculty dining, entertainment and living options, Innovation Park will benefit them in another way.

Although Innovation Park is independent from Notre Dame, President and CEO David Brenner said the park will have many internship opportunities for students interested in research, and University faculty will be able to extend their academic research into the business world.

"There will be an incredible array of ways to engage Notre Dame's research, giving faculty and students a much stronger sense of what is expected in the marketplace for their ideas," he said.

Brenner said students with internships would be able to walk to the Park after class and work with start-up businesses as well as large, established companies.

The third part of this series will look at how these projects affect the South Bend community and its role in the projects' development.

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Recognize Excellence

Nominations sought for two awards that recognize excellence in teaching and advising.

Dockweiler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising

Student, faculty and staff nominations are sought to identify faculty or professional staff members whose involvement with undergraduates inspires students to reach their academic and career goals. Nominees may be members of the academic advising and career counseling staffs or members of the faculty and staff who:

- Facilitate learning outside the classroom
- Serve as mentors or role models
- Encourage student participation in fellowships, internships, undergraduate research and post-graduate opportunities
- Cultivate relationships with organizations that recruit Notre Dame graduates

Nominations are due Tuesday, March 3. Three faculty or staff will be chosen.

Submit online nominations at provostawards.nd.edu.

The Joyce Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Student and faculty nominations are sought to identify faculty who:

- Create environments that stimulate significant student learning
- Elevate students to a new level of intellectual engagement
- Foster students' ability to express themselves effectively within the discipline

Nominations due by Tuesday, March 3. Nineteen recipients will be selected.

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IN BRIEF

UBS faces \$780 million in fines

WASHINGTON — Banking giant UBS has agreed to pay \$780 million and turn over once-secret Swiss banking records to settle allegations it conspired to defraud the U.S. government of taxes owed by thousands of American clients.

As part of the deal struck in federal court in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., UBS has made the unprecedented step of agreeing to immediately turn over to the U.S. government account information for U.S. customers of the bank's cross-border business.

In doing so, federal authorities have struck a big crack in Switzerland's vaunted bank secrecy laws.

UBS will pay \$780 million in fines, penalties, interest and restitution for conspiring to create sham accounts to hide the assets of U.S. clients from the U.S. government.

Obama aims to save homeowners

MESA, Ariz. — President Barack Obama threw a \$75 billion lifeline to millions of Americans on the brink of foreclosure Wednesday, declaring an urgent need for drastic action — not only to save their homes but to keep the housing crisis "from wreaking even greater havoc" on the broader national economy.

The lending plan, a full \$25 billion bigger than the administration had been suggesting, aims to prevent as many as 9 million homeowners from being evicted and to stabilize housing markets that are at the center of the ever-worsening U.S. recession.

Government support pledged to mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is being doubled as well, to \$400 billion, as part of an effort to encourage them to refinance loans that are 'under water' — those in which homes' market values have sunk below the amount the owners still owe.

"All of us are paying a price for this home mortgage crisis, and all of us will pay an even steeper price if we allow this crisis to continue to deepen," Obama said.

The new president, focusing closely on the economy, in his first month in office, rolled out the housing program one day after he was in Denver to sign his \$787 billion emergency stimulus plan to revive the rest of the economy. And his administration is just now going over fresh requests for multiple billions in bailout cash from ailing automakers.

L.A. regulates billboard advertising

Public outcry prompts city officials to reevaluate 'supergraphics' regulations

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — David Allan works in advertising — literally. The six-story building where the chiropractor works is draped in it.

"It's awful, it's ridiculous," he said of the massive vinyl banner promoting TV shrink Dr. Phil McGraw that obscures his view of the scenic Santa Monica Mountains.

Such supergraphics and digital signs are among the new generation of public ads infuriating critics across the country who say the "billboard blight" distracts drivers, hurts the look of streets and could hinder access by rescue crews.

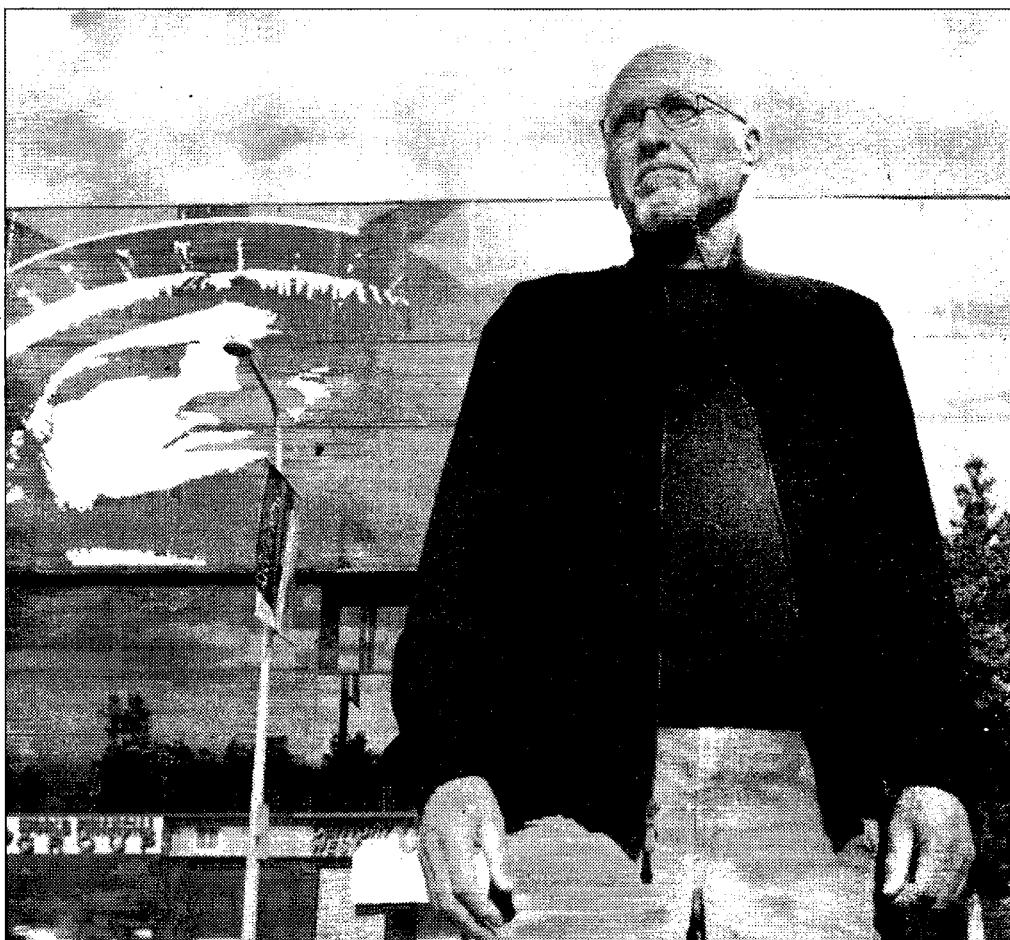
Kevin Fry, president of the Washington-based anti-billboard group Scenic America, said Los Angeles has the worst billboard problem in the country.

The proliferation has prompted officials to impose a moratorium on new ads as the city considers new regulations aimed at reducing the number of billboards, limiting their size and increasing penalties against those who flout the rules. Past efforts largely collapsed after court challenges by the billboard industry.

The new regulations would also ban digital billboards in most parts of the city. The Planning Commission is scheduled to consider the rules on Thursday.

Meanwhile, misdemeanor charges have been filed against firms suspected of violating the city moratorium on new supergraphic and digital billboards.

"The billboard industry in the city is clearly out of control," said Planning Commission member Mike Woo, who teaches urban planning at the University of Southern



Dennis Hathaway founded the Coalition to End Billboard Blight to protest "supergraphics." This group believes the "billboard blight" distracts drivers and could hinder rescue crews.

California.

"It's like junk mail or junk phone calls, except this is changing the public environment in very visible ways," he said.

Advertisers counter that new billboard technologies help businesses reach consumers in an age when TiVo users can skip through commercials and newspaper ads are reaching fewer readers.

They insist that safety fears are exaggerated and stress that courts have repeatedly sided with their right to advertise.

"As far as any kind of health and safety issues are concerned, that's a ruse by the city" to circumvent the court rulings, said Barry Rush, managing partner of World Wide Rush LLC,

the firm behind the Dr. Phil ad.

"The last thing I'd ever want to do is endanger somebody," he said.

Advertisers can pay more than \$8,000 for a standard billboard on a busy Los Angeles thoroughfare, compared to \$110,000 for a prominent supergraphic, said Megan Weiss, a strategist with The Phelps Group marketing agency.

The spread of billboards also has sparked increasingly vocal opposition in cities such as Cleveland, San Antonio and Omaha, Neb. Community groups in New York also are objecting as outdoor ads spread deeper into Manhattan from Times Square.

In Los Angeles, opponents point to a four-

story office building in West Los Angeles draped with an ad for the film "Watchmen" and a provocative series of ads for American Apparel in residential Echo Park as some of the most disruptive billboards.

They note that enforcement has traditionally been lax and attitudes toward ads have been permissive in the city where the Hollywood sign was erected decades ago as a way to promote a housing tract.

The most recent round of billboard opposition crystallized two years ago when major outdoor advertising companies reached a series of court settlements with the city that activists viewed as a giveaway to the billboard industry.

Stimulus is affecting financial aid

Associated Press

Johnny's a middle-class student who worked hard to get good grades and a high SAT score. Jane's record isn't as good, but her family is low-income, and without help she might not be able to go to college at all.

Who should be first in line for help from the government to pay for college?

It's a debate that hits hot-button questions about fairness and opportunity, and lately, many experts think the middle class has been winning.

But the economic meltdown could be shifting the playing field, as the government and colleges themselves are forced to focus on helping the neediest students and try to head off a wave of dropouts.

Some experts think that could prove one of the few beneficial outcomes of

the downturn.

"For a long time, the discussion was about the middle-income squeeze — wealthy people could pay for (college), poor people were getting grants, people in the middle were having a hard time," said Vanderbilt University education professor William Doyle. While ideally college would be cheaper for everyone, he said, the research is clear that "the most efficient way to spend the money is to focus on the margins, people who wouldn't otherwise go."

Over the last decade, nearly every state has started or expanded politically popular "merit aid" programs that reward students with high SAT scores or GPAs, even those whose families could afford college costs.

Colleges have done the same with their own money, dangling financial aid to attract students who will improve the college's ranking and reputation.

But sometimes that means well-off students get both a free ride and a new ride (when their parents reward a scholarship by using the college fund to buy them a car).

The federal stimulus package President Obama signed into law Tuesday, however, was notably focused on helping the poorest families through college, with the largest increase ever to the Pell Grant program, which mostly supports students from families earning under \$30,000 a year.

Merit-based aid, meanwhile, has taken a hit in several states. New Jersey recently imposed tougher standards and cut back on its Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship. Michigan may have to reduce its Promise scholarship. Nevada has already moved money out of a program that gave as much as \$10,000 to top high school graduates.

ICE pressured to meet quotas

Immigration and Customs Enforcement behind on 1,000 arrests per team goal

Associated Press

LANGLEY PARK — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents arrested 24 Hispanics at a convenience store in Baltimore two years ago after their supervisor told them to “bring more bodies” because they were behind their annual quota of 1,000 arrests per team, according to an ICE report released Wednesday.

The immigration rights group CASA de Maryland, which has accused ICE of racial profiling in the 2007 raid, released the agency’s internal investigation report and said it shows that the agents acted improperly.

The report contradicts some sworn declarations made by ICE agents involved in the sweep, prompting the agency’s Acting Assistant Secretary John Torres to ask for an investigation into inconsistencies, ICE spokeswoman Ernestine Fobbs said Wednesday. Meanwhile, CASA officials have called on Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to review the agency’s enforcement policies.

“Government agents should not be in the business of judging peo-

ple based on the color of their skin, clothing and employment, which is what seems to have occurred here,” the Rev. Simon Bautista Betances, vice president of CASA’s board of directors said Wednesday.

CASA officials have charged that ICE agents ignored blacks and whites at the 7-Eleven store as they rounded up all of the Hispanics, even crossing the street to detain Hispanics waiting at a bus stop.

Soon after the raid, Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) asked for an investigation into whether the ICE officers racially profiled the people they arrested. ICE’s internal probe found the allegations to be unsubstantiated, Fobbs said.

“I have confidence that the new Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano will fairly address this and other immigration issues,” Mikulski said in an e-mailed statement in response to Wednesday’s report.

Of the 24 men arrested in the raid, one proved that he was in the country legally, 19 were deported or voluntarily returned to their native countries and four remain in immigration proceedings, said Justin Cox, an attorney with CASA

representing some of the men.

The ICE agents involved in the raid are part of the agency’s fugitive operations program, which tracks down violent criminals living in the country illegally. Agency records from the program show that beginning in 2004, the teams were assigned to arrest at least 125 fugitive immigrants. In 2006, each team’s quota was increased to 1,000 fugitive arrests.

“Our current enforcement of the immigration policy based on quotas lead to the separation of families and civil rights violations,” said Gustavo Torres, CASA’s executive director. “The evidence speaks for itself.”

The debate over the raid centers on whether the agents had probably cause to detain the men or whether agents targeted them simply because they were Hispanic.

In sworn declarations, some officers said they stopped at the 7-Eleven to take a break after several hours of arresting fugitive immigrants in neighboring counties. When the agents arrived, they said Hispanic day laborers surrounded their vehicles asking for work and, when questioned, admitted they were in the country unlawfully.

Soldier pleads guilty to assault

Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL — An Army staff sergeant who was facing a murder charge in the death of an Iraqi detainee pleaded guilty to assault on Wednesday and received more than a year’s confinement.

Staff Sgt. Hal M. Warner was sentenced to 17 months’ confinement, had his rank reduced to private and was given a bad conduct discharge. He pleaded guilty to charges of assault, maltreatment of a subordinate and making a false statement.

Another soldier, 1st Lt. Michael Behenna of Edmond, Okla., faces trial next week on a murder charge in the death of detainee Ali Mansour Mohammed in May 2008. Prosecutors say Behenna shot Mohammed, then used and incendiary grenade to burn the detainee’s body.

Warner admitted Wednesday to standing on the detainee’s legs while he was defenseless during the assault then days later helping strip Mohammed naked and leaving him in the desert.

Prosecutors say Behenna later shot the detainee.

As part of his plea agreement, Warner agreed to testify in any future cases related to the incident. One of Warner’s attorneys, Capt. Pete Madrinan, said Warner will testify next week at Behenna’s trial.

Both men were assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, based at the sprawling military post on the Kentucky-Tennessee line.

Capt. Meghan Poirier, one of the prosecutors, told judge Col. Theodore Dixon that Warner humiliated Mohammed in the days leading up to his death and that the actions hurt the military’s efforts to win over the Iraqi people.

“Staff Sgt. Warner knew what he was doing,” Poirier said. “He knew he was doing it to a person at his mercy.”

Madrinan said Warner’s long service record earned him a second chance.

“On one occasion, on his third tour in Iraq, Sgt. Warner lost sight of what he’s supposed to do,” Madrinan said.

Geronimo’s kin sue Skull and Bones over remains

Associated Press

HARTFORD — Geronimo’s descendants have sued Skull and Bones — the secret society at Yale University linked to presidents and other powerful figures — claiming that its members stole the remains of the legendary Apache leader decades ago and have kept them ever since.

The federal lawsuit filed in Washington on Tuesday — the 100th anniversary of Geronimo’s death — also names the university and the federal government.

Geronimo’s great-grandson Harlyn Geronimo said his family believes Skull and Bones members took some of the remains in 1918 from a burial plot in Fort Sill, Okla., to keep in its New Haven clubhouse, a crypt. The alleged graverobbing is a long-standing legend that gained some validity in recent years with the discovery of a letter from a club member that described the theft.

“I believe strongly from my heart that his spirit was never released,” Harlyn Geronimo said.

Both Presidents Bush, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry and many others in powerful government and industry positions are members of the society, which is not affiliated with the university.

After years of famously fighting the U.S. and Mexican armies, Geronimo and 35 warriors surrendered to Gen. Nelson A. Miles near the Arizona-New Mexico border in 1886. Geronimo was eventually sent to Fort Sill and died at the Army outpost of pneumonia in 1909.

According to lore, members of Skull and Bones — including former President George W. Bush’s grandfather, Prescott Bush — dug up his grave when a group of Army volunteers from Yale were stationed at the fort during World War I, taking his skull and some of his bones.

Harlyn Geronimo, 61, wants those remains and any held by the federal government turned over to the family so they can be

reburied near the Indian leader’s birthplace in southern New Mexico’s Gila Wilderness.

Their lawsuit also names President Barack Obama, Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Army Secretary Pete Geren as defendants.

“I want them to understand we mean business,” said Harlyn Geronimo, who lives in New Mexico. “We’re very serious. We’re tired of waiting and we’re coming after them.”

Neither members of Skull and Bones, who closely guard their secrecy, nor the Russell Trust Association, the organization’s business arm for tax purposes, could not be reached for comment.

Justice Department spokesman Andrew Ames said the government will “review the complaint and respond in court at the appropriate time.”

Fort Sill spokeswoman Nancy Elliot declined to discuss the lawsuit, but said officials have always maintained there is no evidence supporting the descendants’ claims.

Yale officials declined to comment Wednesday, saying they had not yet seen the lawsuit. Spokesman Tom Conroy noted the Skull and Bones crypt is not on Yale property.

Membership into Skull and Bones marks the elite of the elite at the Ivy League school. Only 15 Yale seniors are asked to join each year.

Members swear an oath of secrecy about the group and its strange rituals, which include devotion to the number “322” and initiation rites such as confessing sexual secrets and kissing a skull. The atmosphere makes Skull and Bones favorite fodder for conspiracy theorists.

Its most enduring story is the one concerning Geronimo’s remains, and in 2005, Yale historian Marc Wortman discovered a letter written in 1918 from one Skull and Bones member to another that seemed to lend validity to the tale.

The letter, sent to F. Trubee Davison by Winter Mead, said

Geronimo’s skull and other remains were taken from the leader’s burial site, along with several pieces of tack for a horse.

“The skull of the worthy Geronimo the Terrible, exhumed from its tomb at Fort Sill by your club and Knight Haffuer, is now safe inside the T — together with its well worn femurs, bit and saddle horn,” Mead wrote.

Wortman, however, has said he is skeptical the bones are actually Geronimo’s.

Geronimo’s descendants say in their lawsuit that they want to uncover any information that people know, but have been keeping to themselves.

“To assure that all existing remains of Geronimo and funer-

ary objects are recovered by Geronimo’s linear descendants, the Order of Skull and Bones and Yale University must account for any such articles that are or have been in their possession, or on their property, and persons with knowledge must provide any facts known to them concerning the claims,” the descendants’ lawsuit says.

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Man shoots self while in church

Associated Press

GARDEN GROVE — A man shot and killed himself in front of a cross inside televangelist Robert H. Schuller's Crystal Cathedral on Wednesday as a nearby volunteer told a group of visitors about the church's suicide-prevention program, police and church officials said.

The man handed a note and his driver's license to two ushers, walked to the cross and then shot himself in the head as he appeared to be praying, Senior Pastor Juan Carlos Ortiz said.

The Orange County coroner's office identified the man as Steve Smick, 48. Church spokesman Mike Nason said there was no record of Smick being a member at the cathedral.

Betty Spicer, a volunteer usher at the famous sanctuary, said she greeted Smick when he entered. She said he handed her a folded note with two cards inside as the man told her: "You may want this."

Spicer said he then walked to the foot of the cross. She and Yvette Manson, another volunteer, said they thought Smick was praying when they heard a pop.

The man used a semiautomatic handgun, said police Lt. Dennis Ellsworth.

A tourist, one in a group of several visitors from Canada, told Manson the man had shot himself.

"I didn't realize it. I thought he was praying," Spicer said.

Manson said she "had just finished telling them about our intervention hotline that we have — suicide prevention on the fifth floor — and all of a sudden I heard this pop, a loud pop, it almost sounded like a firecracker," she said.

Spicer said one of Smick's cards was a driver's license, and that the note mentioned a pickup truck in the parking lot.

Cathedral spokesman John Charles said none of the tourists was injured.

The glass-walled, 10,000-member megachurch in Orange County is home to the "Hour of Power" broadcast, an evangelism staple aired internationally for more than three decades. Thousands visit the cathedral to see where the broadcast is filmed before a live congregation.

It was not immediately clear where Schuller was at the time of the shooting.

Afterward, police could be seen through the cathedral's glass doors investigating the scene and taking photographs before the body was removed. They also searched his pickup truck, Ellsworth said.

There have been two other shootings at the church in recent years.

In December 2004, Crystal Cathedral Orchestra conductor Johnnie Carl, 57, killed himself at the complex after a standoff that began when he opened fire in offices before a Christmas pageant. He had been hospitalized for severe depression.

Facebook backtracks after protests

Web site rethinks new terms of service, seeks to reassure users

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In an about-face following a torrent of online protests, Facebook is backing off a change in its user policies while it figures how best to resolve questions like who controls the information shared on the social networking site.

The site, which boasts 175 million users from around the world, had quietly updated its terms of use — its governing document — a couple of weeks ago. The changes sparked an uproar after popular consumer rights advocacy blog Consumerist.com pointed them out Sunday, in a post titled "Facebook's New Terms Of Service: 'We Can Do Anything We Want With Your Content. Forever.'"

Facebook has since sought to reassure its users — tens of thousands of whom had joined protest groups on the site — that this is not the case. And on Wednesday morning, users who logged on to Facebook were greeted by a message saying that the site is reverting to its previous terms of use policies while it resolves the issues raised.

Facebook spelled out, in plain English rather than the legalese that prompted the protests, that it "doesn't claim rights to any of your photos or other content. We need a license in order to help you share information with your friends, but we don't claim to own your information."

Tens of thousands of users joined protest groups on Facebook, saying the new terms grant the site the ability to control their information forever, even after they cancel their accounts.

This prompted a clarification from Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's founder, who told users in a blog post Monday that "on Facebook, people own their information and control who they share it with."

Zuckerberg, who started Facebook while still in college, also acknowledged that a "lot of the language in our terms is overly formal and protective of the rights we need to provide this service to you."

But this wasn't enough to

quell user protests, and the site also created a group called "Facebook Bill of Rights and Responsibilities," designed to let users give input on Facebook's terms of use.

It also apologized for what it called "the confusion around these issues."

"We never intended to claim ownership over people's content even though that's

what it seems like to many people," read a post from Facebook on the bill of rights page.

The latest controversy was not the first between the rapidly growing site and its users over its five-year history.

In late 2007, a tracking tool called "Beacon" caught users off-guard by broadcasting information about their shopping habits and activities at other Web sites. After initially defending the practice, Facebook ultimately allowed users to turn Beacon off. A redesign of the site last year also prompted thousands to protest, but in that case Facebook kept its new look.

Palo Alto, Calif.-based Facebook is privately held. Microsoft Corp. bought a 1.6 percent stake in the company in 2007 for \$240 million as part of a broader advertising partnership.

"We never intended to claim ownership over people's content even though that's what it seems like to many people."

Mark Zuckerberg
Facebook founder

"We need a license in order to help you share information with your friends, but we don't claim to own your information."

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Phelps scandal is reefer madness

In 2004, Michael Phelps was arrested for drunk driving. He struck a plea bargain, served 18 months' probation, and was able to move on with minimal damage to his athletic career. Phelps bounced back from the controversy in the most impressive manner imaginable, winning a record eight gold medals in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and returning home as a national hero. A few weeks ago, however, the star swimmer once again found himself under scrutiny after a photograph surfaced showing him using a bong at a party in South Carolina. This time, Phelps did not escape unscathed. USA Swimming issued him a three-month suspension, the Kellogg Company dropped him as a spokesman, and the Richland County, South Carolina, Sheriff's Department arrested eight individuals who were at the party with Phelps, though the swimmer himself will not face charges.

Some commentators have been quick to denounce Phelps's behavior, but it's worth taking a step back to consider the situation. Every year, well over 10,000 Americans are killed in alcohol-related accidents, yet Phelps escaped his drunken driving conviction with a measly \$250 fine, no jail time, and the public's forgiveness. Marijuana, in contrast, is relatively harmless, but Phelps has faced widespread scorn for his use of the drug. There is clearly a sort of peculiar logic at work here. Phelps's actions are being judged not on the basis of any objective moral criteria, but rather on an arbitrary standard set by the federal government. Rather than castigate one of our country's greatest athletes for engaging in an activity tried by Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Al Gore, Sarah Palin, Clarence Thomas, and roughly 70 million other Americans, we should ask ourselves why we continue to harass peaceful citizens for making the private and harmless decision to smoke pot.

The so-called "war on drugs" is one of the most misguided and pernicious endeavors ever undertaken by the feder-

al government. For decades, the U.S. has devoted billions of dollars to a futile and destructive effort to eliminate the production, sale, and use of a variety of substances which it deems insalubrious. While failing to fulfill its stated objectives, the war on drugs has brought about the deaths of innocent Americans, drained the U.S. treasury, eroded Constitutional checks on the federal government's powers, blocked patients' access to valuable medical treatments, catalyzed the militarization of domestic police forces, and created a black market that keeps violent criminals in business.

Serious discussion of our nation's drug laws remains all too rare, but in recent years, notable thinkers from across the political spectrum have begun to acknowledge the failure of the drug war. The late conservative icon William F. Buckley and his magazine, National Review, were consistent supporters of drug legalization, and even President Obama has indicated that he supports some reform of drug laws, though he has yet to end the federal government's unconstitutional raids on medical marijuana dispensaries authorized by state laws. The notion that drug use is a major source of crime and social decay in the United States has been thoroughly discredited. A candid review of the history of drug use in this country reveals that even so-called "hard drugs" were once legal and produced few ill social effects. Marijuana, in particular, is not addictive and has not been shown to cause any serious health problems.

Drug prohibition has created a black market, resulting in the emergence of organized crime and violence. In their efforts to combat drug use and distribution, local police have adopted increasingly deadly equipment and tactics, all too frequently leading to the deaths of innocent bystanders and persons wrongly targeted in drug raids. Furthermore, the federal war on drugs blatantly violates the U.S. Constitution, which grants the federal government no authority to prosecute the use and intrastate sale of drugs. The Department of Justice has gone so far as to attempt to wholly over-

ride state laws, refusing to allow states to legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes. As Justice Clarence Thomas warned in his dissenting opinion in *Gonzales v. Raich*, the federal government's prosecution of the war on drugs threatens to dissolve the Constitution's most basic checks on federal power.

The most basic problem with drug prohibition, though, is that it represents an attempt to suppress peaceful, harmless behavior through the coercive apparatus of the state. Government exists to protect our individual rights, not to protect us from ourselves or to tell us how to run our lives. You may find marijuana use distasteful, but you have no right to dictate to your neighbor what he may do within the confines of his home. Alcohol use frequently leads to deadly traffic accidents, addiction, serious health problems, and broken families, yet the state still recognizes our fundamental right to consume alcohol in a responsible manner, provided that we do not harm others as a result. Why, then, should marijuana, a far less dangerous drug, be illegal? Michael Phelps's predicament serves as a potent reminder of the destructive consequences of our nation's senseless drug policies.

We don't have to sit silently and watch the drug war continue to wreck havoc on the lives of innocent citizens. We should hold President Obama accountable to his promise to end federal raids on medical marijuana dispensaries and ask Congress to begin reforming federal drug laws. And the next time you feel like a bowl of Corn Flakes, remember that the Kellogg Company decided to drag Michael Phelps's name through the mud rather than take a stand against unjust laws. Cheerios might suddenly sound a bit more appetizing.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All love that has not friendship for its base, is like a mansion built upon sand."

Ella Wheeler Wilcox
author

Get ready, get set

In Brazil Carnaval starts on Saturday, and in New Orleans, the Mardi Gras celebrations began back in January. Here in South Bend most Mardi Gras celebrations will simply begin and end this Tuesday night.

OK, sorry if I've underestimated your party planning; maybe you're starting earlier than that, but let's just say that in the next five days many people will be taking their pre-Lent preparations quite seriously. Maybe you'll eat up any lingering Valentine's candy that might still be available; you might indulge in a few extra desserts or snacks or whatever you plan to give up for Lent; perhaps you'll set the TiVo so you can at least go back later and watch those favorite shows you'll miss as the screen remains dark.

At least six centuries ago, Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday," probably originated out of practical purposes. Christians could not take part in the already prevalent pagan festivals and celebrations that fell during Lent, marking the coming of

spring in the vernal equinox, so they substituted a pre-Lenten celebration. Further, the list of food items one could not eat during Lent was extensive, and in a world that did not yet include detailed knowledge of food storage or safety, much less controlled refrigeration, it just didn't make sense to let perishables hang around for six weeks when you couldn't eat them.

Even the Church participates in this kind of "get it out of your system" feasting before Lent begins. This last Sunday before Lent, often called "Alleluia Sunday," gives the alleluia the Mardi Gras clean-out-your-cupboard treatment, fitting in extra alleluias whenever possible throughout the Mass. Singing alleluia then becomes off-limits in liturgies from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil, when it will return with the pomp and celebration of a celebrity on the red carpet.

Each of these pre-Lenten customs has become a way we take a deep breath before we dive in to the austerity and solemnity of Lent. Much like dipping your toe in the cold water before taking the actual jump, we seem to need a "Get ready, get set, go!" moment before Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of the

season.

Why? Well, on the one hand, Lent can feel like it lasts forever. If, right from the beginning of Lent, we're wishing for it to be over so that we can get back to our chocolate or our Starbucks, we've certainly missed the point. When we abstain from certain foods, or "give something up," we've connected to an ancient and venerable custom dating back as many as 1700 years, but the purpose behind the sacrifice has never been to give something up just to prove that we can manage it for forty short days.

And 40 days is nothing, really. In the grand scheme of things, even over the scope of your life, or of 2009, 40 days is the blink of an eye. Why not look at it in a new way: as a moment to begin? As just enough time to get something started? In the earliest centuries of the Church, only adults who wanted to become Christian participated in the season of Lent as their final preparation for baptism at the Easter Vigil. Later, already-baptized Christians joined in, year after year, as a sign of recognition that the path toward holiness is a lifelong adventure, and sometimes a struggle. That's quite different than a finite,

40-day endurance test, the conclusion of which we anxiously await so that we can say, "Whew! That's over!" If we're truly ready to dive in to the season, each Lent could become a step along the road to holiness, to a life for each of us that looks more and more like the life Jesus desires for you and for me.

It's time to get into the spirit of Lent. Take a deep breath and make your preparations. Clean out the cupboards of your heart and mind and ask God, who is "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love," to guide you through these 40 wonderful days of opportunity, days in which through prayer and self-discipline and offering you'll be ready for the new life awaiting at Easter. You just might find yourself saying, "Whew! That was a great start!"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A clear misunderstanding

It is my sincerest hope that every Philosophy professor on campus keep a copy of Steven DeLaurentis' Feb. 18th letter "A Christian Acceptance." It will certainly provide them several slides if they ever desire to teach logical fallacies. He invokes the same tired, irrelevant arguments used by rabble-rousing, anti-Catholic pedagogues without the energy or evidence to muster a substantial response.

He begins with a one-two ad-hominem-strawman argument — Brad Duffy's irrelevant mistake in identifying the "Queer Film Festival" as a "play" — which somehow demonstrates that Brad Duffy intended to "attack the imminent Vagina Monologues" instead, as if this had anything to do with the actual content of Brad Duffy's letter. It doesn't.

He then gives us a convenient laundry list of the dark times in the Church's history, even recently, and somehow he leaps from the idea that members of the Catholic Church — even Popes — have committed grave sins, to the idea that somehow the Church's teachings aren't valid, or aren't infallible. Infallibility and Impeccability are two completely different things — no one has ever said the Pope won't sin. Christ didn't promise us a perfect Church with a hierarchy of haloed men. Instead, he made our first Pope Peter, a man who denied Him three times and cut off a soldier's ear in anger. It would be foolish and absurd to claim that the Church has never acted unjustly, to whitewash the mistakes of the men who claim to act on Her behalf. But the actions of the Church's members — Mr. DeLaurentis', mine, B16's — are not the same thing as the teachings of the

Magisterium. These teachings cannot be dismissed so easily. He then tells us that Christ accepted prostitutes — and by extension, all sinners — lovingly. But this is a fallacy of composition — accepting a prostitute isn't the same as accepting prostitution. Those sinners came to Christ repentant, not flaunting their sin. He accepted a prostitute who washed His feet with her tears (Luke 7:38) not who attempted to turn a trick on him.

He completely decontextualizes Deut. 25:11-12 as an example of an unchristian passage, just before telling us that condemnations of homosexuality must be taken in context, and that the Gospels don't record Christ condemning homosexuality. But the Gospels don't record a lot of things — "Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." (John 21:25) which is precisely why the Pauline epistles are so important. The Church exists precisely to provide the sort of contemporary context Mr. DeLaurentis calls for, the context he demands. But more importantly, if he claims to be Catholic or even Christian but doesn't believe "sacred Scripture" is a reliable guide, then what remains?

In closing, we don't need to "balance the Catholic nature of this institution" with anything. Catholic is a designation from which everything else should flow, not one against which everything else must balance.

Tommy Maranges
freshman
St. Edward's Hall
Feb. 18

Catholic teachings

Brad Duffy claims that "there is nothing 'anti-gay' about Notre Dame." Really? Last spring approximately 3,000 students, faculty and staff signed a petition to include "sexual orientation" in Notre Dame's Non-Discrimination clause.

Apparently this outpouring of support from almost half the student body did not merit an official response. Year after year Notre Dame rejects the Gay-Straight Alliance's application for club recognition, further isolating gay and lesbian students from the Notre Dame community. The active elimination of the Film Festival is just one of the many indications of the university's attitude toward members of its own family.

Notre Dame's treatment of gay and lesbian students is embarrassing for a university that prides itself on its Catholic character and family atmosphere. We regret that Brad Duffy so deeply misunderstands the nature of Catholic teachings on homosexuality.

The Catholic Church does not condemn gays. Catholic teaching characterizes homosexual acts as "disordered," just as it condemns all sexual acts outside of marriage. Regarding treatment of gays, the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that they "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity," and that

"every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided" (2358).

Brad Duffy states that "Notre Dame cannot allow its mission to be shaped by those determined to demoralize it." We don't want to demoralize Notre Dame's mission. We want to ensure that it lives up to its mission of being a university that espouses Catholic beliefs, which include the acceptance and respect of gay/lesbian students.

This university is our home too, and it saddens us that it continually alienates part of its community that only asks for respect and support. Therefore, while you might consider our views "radical," we do not. Neither do 3,000 students who recognize that there are areas in which Notre Dame needs to be improved. It is time for Notre Dame to live up to the Catholic teachings so central to our University's identity.

Bridget Flores
sophomore
Welsh Family Hall
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freshman
Walsh Hall
Feb. 18

That's bologna

Dear John Traub, We'd like to thank you for raising awareness about the tragic injustice that's occurring on Notre Dame's campus. We appreciate your willingness to take a stand for \$5 footlongs.

The speed at which you organized 1,549 students to support your cause is truly an accomplishment. Students haven't been shaken from their apathy like this since Recker's stopped making cheese fries.

As front page Observer news, this can finally take the spotlight away from trivial issues like recycling and sexual assault and focus it where it belongs: the price of a 12-inch meatball sub. Thanks for ensuring patrons get to keep the \$1.99 in Flexpoints that is rightfully theirs. With the total savings, you could pay the workers who made your sandwich a living wage!

We wish you success in rescuing Mr. Hinckley from the dreaded dining hall -

that certainly deserves more efforts than rescuing South Bend's homeless shelters from closing due to the economic crisis. We understand; NDH's lemon caper chicken can be as bitter as the South Bend winter. Sustainability, discrimination based on sexual orientation, violence in the Congo — save those issues for the vegans who wear tie-dye, because you, Mr. Traub, have found an issue with which the burger-eating, madras-wearing domer can identify. ... We're glad that Notre Dame students finally feel passionately about an issue. But the fact that the issue happens to be sandwiches? That's bologna. Get it?

Michelle Byrne
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CHRISTIAN FINNEGAN
COMING TO LEGENDS

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By DECLAN SULLIVAN
Scene Writer

On Saturday, standup comedian Christian Finnegan will be performing at Legends at 10 p.m. A regular on VH1's "Best Week Ever" and the "I Love the ..." series, Finnegan is most famous for being "Chad," the sole Caucasian roommate in the Real World sketch on "Chappelle's Show." He is also a regular on Comedy Central's standup comedian shows like "Premium Blend" and he has had his own half an hour special on Comedy Central Presents.

Comedy Central also sponsored Finnegan's national college tour in the first half of 2007. The "Two for Flinching Tour" was done to support his 2006 comedy CD of the same name. Even at the age of 35, Finnegan is still viewed as an up-and-comer in the comedy world and definitely a name to watch in the future.

Finnegan's material is relatively clean for a comedian these days (not overtly sexual or graphic, but not PG-13 either) and it relies mostly on observational humor, a.k.a. girlfriend jokes, quirks of certain areas, childhood memories, etc. His CD is very entertaining — a welcome relief from the Dane Cook imitator albums that have been flooding the market — and he excels as a live performer.

His delivery does not pretend to be anything special, but his facial expressions and onstage demeanor greatly enhance the punch lines to his less funny material.

The best way to describe Finnegan is that he's just likeable and his endearing manner makes him an audience favorite, which helps even his weaker jokes to still go over well.

Admission to Finnegan's performance is free with a Notre Dame or Saint Mary's student ID.

Christian Finnegan at Legends Saturday 10 p.m. Admission: Free

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By J.J. REES
Scene Writer

The city of Mazatlán, Mexico lies 1,700 miles southwest of Notre Dame. Much closer is Mazatlán Authentic Mexican Restaurant; located just past Bethel College — an easy four-mile, 10-minute drive on McKinley. Along with La Esperanza, the local Hacienda chain and the Colorado-based chain Chipotle, Mazatlán is one of the few Mexican restaurants around South Bend, and it makes a stand as one of the area's finest.

Mazatlán's menu is astonishingly simple to comprehend, even to the staunchest Hispanophobe. A glossary of terms in the menu simply explains foods like enchiladas and burritos. And with Philly Cheese Steak-inspired dishes, almost anyone is sure to find something that appeals to them.

The fresh warm chips and homemade red salsa are brought to the table immediately. This excellent combination is a good start as an appetizer, but the quick eater might be surprised at how spicy the salsa is. That being said, diners with a taste

for twang will enjoy the unlimited teaser.

Something barely mentioned on the menu yet completely worth trying is the horchata. This sweetened rice-based beverage has the appearance of milk and has the slightly creamy cooling qualities of milk, especially after the salsa. But the similarities end there. Mazatlán's horchata, ordered by the pitcher, has a taste of hazelnut and cinnamon that will surely be unique to most American-bred palates. Mazatlán also offers drink specials on well-liked margaritas and tequilas.

Almost all appetizers are miniature versions of entrées, but this can help diners get a broader experience out of their visit. The quesadillas are almost big enough for a light meal. Although they make marvelous leftovers, it would be hard not to finish these juicy chicken numbers. Pairing these with the red salsa can add a kick to the tender cheesy flavor of the quesadillas.

When the entrées come, most diners will be ready to try something a bit new. The enchiladas are done well, but their blandness is somewhat of a let down after the spiciness of the chips and salsa and the savoriness of the chicken quesadillas. The pork carnitas, paired excellently with rice, are surpris-

ingly tender — enough to shred with a fork — and have a remarkable hint of smoked flavor. For those not willing to change it up, the quesadillas, especially the cheesy 12-inch Larissa's Quesadilla, are solid choices. All meals are generously portioned, and one of the best parts of Mazatlán is the leftovers.

To the first-time diners, the horchata is a must. Mazatlán's many daily lunch and dinner offer enough variety for any level diner to try something at least a little bit new. With

lunch specials under \$5 and "combination dinners" under \$7, Mazatlán won't stretch many wallets. Appealingly non-American, the restaurant is absolutely a good investment for those looking to branch out from dining hall taquitos and lobsterish quesadillas.

Mazatlán offers attractive Mexican food. As for the "authentic" in the title, they won't be fooling any Mexicans, but the food is certainly a good alternative for Michiana. Thinking back on it, some of the restaurant's best offerings were based on cheese, a Midwestern staple. Of course, the pleasant staff doesn't speak with Hispanic/Minnesotan fusion accents, but the faded green and orange walls do certainly convey a warming blandness native to the Midwest. Even the style of décor, albeit Mexican-inspired, has a flair of your friend from Wisconsin's mom's house. Mazatlán accepts its Midwesternness and seems even to embrace it to their advantage.

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WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

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Karen Lykes, 7:30 p.m., Leighton Concert Hall

Not many people can claim they've performed in the United States, Europe, Japan and Central America, but one woman who is known for her sensational mezzo-soprano voice can attribute all those accomplishments to her name. Karen Lykes, the associate professor of voice at the University of Cincinnati, will make a visit to Notre Dame's campus this evening for a special performance lasting just under an hour and a half. Students of this notable professor and performer have been nominated for the Grammy Award for Best Classical Vocal Performance and the Tony Award for Outstanding Actor and Actress in a Musical. Don't miss the opportunity to let her voice tickle your senses as she takes you on an epic journey from the Baroque period to contemporary masterpieces.



Comedy Hypnotist Daniel James, 9 p.m., Washington Hall

Having been a hypnotist for almost 30 years, Daniel James knows a thing or two about the business. He's performed at over 400 schools and universities, multiple nightclubs and on numerous cruise ships. His shows have been heralded as "hilarious" and "incredible," and are sure to not only stun audiences, but also keep them entertained as they roar with laughter. Known for breaking activity attendance records at the schools he goes to, his show is sure to be a sellout. Make sure to pile in early before Washington Hall fills up and you miss this free chance to witness the extraordinary hypnotic talent of Daniel James.

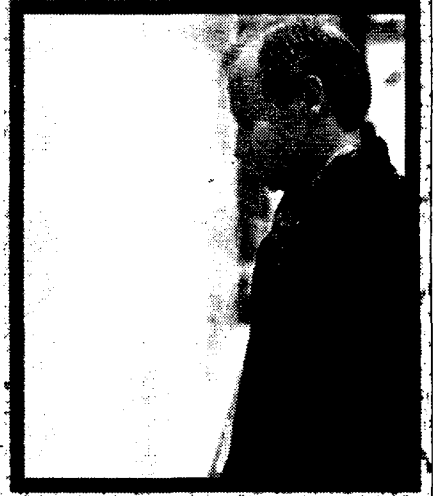
'The Boy in the Striped Pajamas' (2008), 6:30 p.m., Browning Cinema

As part of the "New Perspectives in Holocaust Films" theme for this weekend's movies in the Browning Cinema, "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" tells the tale of two young children who become best friends through the barbed wire fence of a concentration camp. Bruno is the son of a wealthy German commandant, while Shmuel is a Jewish child forced to work for the Nazi regime. Unbeknownst to the children, Shmuel's home is the extermination camp Auschwitz. Though Bruno is forbidden from venturing to the "farm" behind his house, he secretly visits the boy who becomes his one true friend. These two boys' fates become intertwined when, upon learning that he'll be moving away, Bruno sneaks over to visit Shmuel one last time, an event that quickly turns tragic as the cruelty of the Nazi regime is revealed.



'One Day You Will Understand' (2007), 3 p.m., Browning Cinema

Another film that falls in line with the Holocaust theme this weekend, "One Day You Will Understand" is a tale set in 1987 during the trial of Lyon's Gestapo head Klaus Barbie. While the trial takes place, a French man grows more and more intrigued and tries to piece together his family's history and involvement in World War II. His mother suspiciously shies away from providing him with details so he must resort to shuffling through photographs, letters and memorabilia and documents left behind by his father. He is quick to make judgments about his family's involvement, but eventually learns that things aren't always as they seem.



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Dining Hall Dish

By **MICHELLE FORDICE**
Assistant Scene Editor

Happy Thursday everyone. Today the Dining Hall Dish offers an entrée and a dessert for your enjoyment (and of course a quick tip). Hopefully it will fuel you through one more week as we draw closer to midterms. Can you believe it? The semester moves fast. It will move even faster if you're eating well and keeping your body and your taste buds happy. Keep thinking up new ways to put a twist on the dining halls' offerings.

This week's recipes:

Couscous Wrap

This wrap was inspired by one I had at a café. Using couscous as a filling puts a great twist on the wrap idea. I added black olives, spinach and feta cheese, but you can use the couscous base for just about anything. Just keep it fresh.

1. Fill a bowl with couscous (If there is no couscous, brown rice makes a good substitute.)
2. Add black olives, spinach and feta cheese.
3. Squeeze lemon onto the couscous and mix.
4. Pour onto a tortilla and wrap it up.
5. Grill in the panini maker until it is nice and brown.

Dessert Waffle

This is take on a waffle is certainly indulgent and is probably best shared among a group of friends. Find some buddies and load it up with some sweet deliciousness. Thanks to Kristen Drahos for creating this dessert.

1. Make yourself a good waffle.
2. Move quickly (you want to keep the waffle a little warm) and top with every kind of ice cream available in the dining hall (or at least those you like). Don't forget to search both sides.
3. Add your favorite toppings: sprinkles, whipped cream, nuts and syrup. Dig

in.

Quick Tip

When you're going for quick, sometimes it's best to just go simple. And there is nothing wrong with breakfast for dinner. Make yourself some toast, but use a condiment you've ignored for awhile, whether it's cream cheese, apple butter, peanut butter or honey. Or, if you're tired of toast, go for a bagel or an English muffin. Have some fruit on the side (or even put it on top).

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.

NBA

Hornets rout Magic behind Paul's double-double

Kidd, Wright lead Mavericks to victory over Nets nearly a year after being traded from New Jersey to Dallas

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Chris Paul had 36 points and 10 assists, and the New Orleans Hornets handed the Orlando Magic their worst loss of the season, 117-85 on Wednesday night.

Rasual Butler added 15 points, and David West had 14 for the Hornets, who've won their first two games following the All-Star break.

Rashard Lewis had 17 points, and J.J. Redick 14 for Orlando, which shot poorly from the field and free-throw line. Dwight Howard had 12 points and was a non-factor for most of the last three quarters, when he scored only two points.

Orlando's previous worst loss was by 19 points to Boston on Dec. 1. Having won in overtime against Charlotte on Tuesday night, the Magic looked flat in New Orleans, shooting 37 percent (26-of-70) and trailing by double digits most of the game.

New Orleans outscored Orlando 44-18 in the paint and outrebounded the Magic 46-35.

Orlando was as close as 58-50 after Hedo Turkoglu's 3 early in the third quarter, but the Hornets seemed unfazed. Minutes later, West's driving scoop ignited an 8-0 run that

included six points from Paul, the last on a soft jumper set up by a weaving dribble across the lane.

Butler added a pair of 3s later in the quarter and Paul another jumper as New Orleans built its lead back up to 86-62 heading into the final period. New Orleans' lead only grew from there as all 12 Hornets who dressed ended up with at least two points.

Reserves Melvin Ely and Devin Brown each finished with 11 points, Peja Stojakovic had 10 and the Hornets shot 58 percent (46-of-79).

After Howard had 44 points, 19 rebounds and eight blocks a night earlier, the big worry for New Orleans was what Orlando's superstar center would do against Hilton Armstrong, Sean Marks and Ely, who'd been reserves before Tyson Chandler injured his left ankle in January. The 7-foot-1 Chandler, the Hornets' best interior defender and rebounder, was then traded to Oklahoma City on Tuesday in a deal that ended up being rescinded Wednesday night because he failed a physical.

Although Howard was solid early on, those worries began to fade when it became apparent

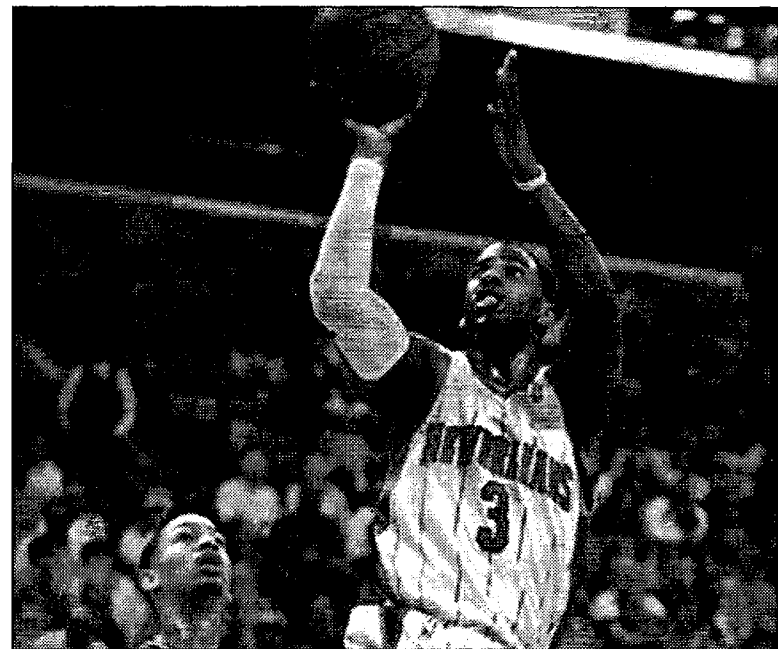
that Paul's advantage over the likes of Anthony Johnson and Tyron Lue would more than compensate.

New Orleans raced to a 17-6 lead, with Paul scoring 12 of those points and assisting on Stojakovic's transition jumper.

Late in the first quarter, Paul had 16 points, three assists and four rebounds, compared to 14 points, four assists and three rebounds for the entire Orlando team. At that point, New Orleans had made 13 of its first 17 shots and led 33-14.

Other than Howard, who had 10 points in the opening quarter — six on free throws — Orlando had trouble making shots. From late in the first quarter until several minutes into the second, Orlando was mired in a 1-of-17 shooting slump, dropping the Magic to 5-of-25 (20 percent) overall to that point.

New Orleans' lead got as big as 41-21 before the first of Redick's three 3's in the period. Orlando made five of six 3-point attempts in the latter half of the period, but could not reduce its deficit much because of Paul's continued onslaught, which included a 3 of his own and a fast break layup that he started with a steal and ended with



Hornets guard Chris Paul shoots during the first half of New Orleans' 117-85 win over Orlando Wednesday night.

hesitation dribble as he drove to the hoop.

Paul ended up with 26 points by halftime, at which point New Orleans led 56-43.

Dallas 113, New Jersey 98

Jason Kidd and Antoine Wright celebrated the first anniversary of their trade from the New Jersey Nets a day early Wednesday night, leading the Dallas Mavericks to victory over their former team.

Kidd opened the game with three early 3-pointers and scored 23 points, one shy of his season high. He also had 10 assists and a quick-handed steal against Devin Harris — the youngster he was dealt for — during the game-breaking third quarter.

Wright was a big reason for that surge, hitting three 3-pointers and scoring 13 of his 20 points in the period.

The Mavericks improved to 7-2 since Kidd was put in charge of the offense. This one was especially impressive as four starters cracked 20 points, and all five were in double figures. Josh Howard had 24 points and 10 rebounds, Dirk Nowitzki had 23 points and nine rebounds, and Erick Dampier scored 10.

New Jersey lost its fourth straight, all by at least 15 points.

Playing for the first time since a tough loss to Boston six days ago, Dallas trailed 55-52 at halftime. A few minutes later, a go-

ahead jumper by Josh Howard started a 15-1 spurt that turned this game into a rout. The Mavs ended up scoring 40 points in the third quarter, their most in any quarter all season.

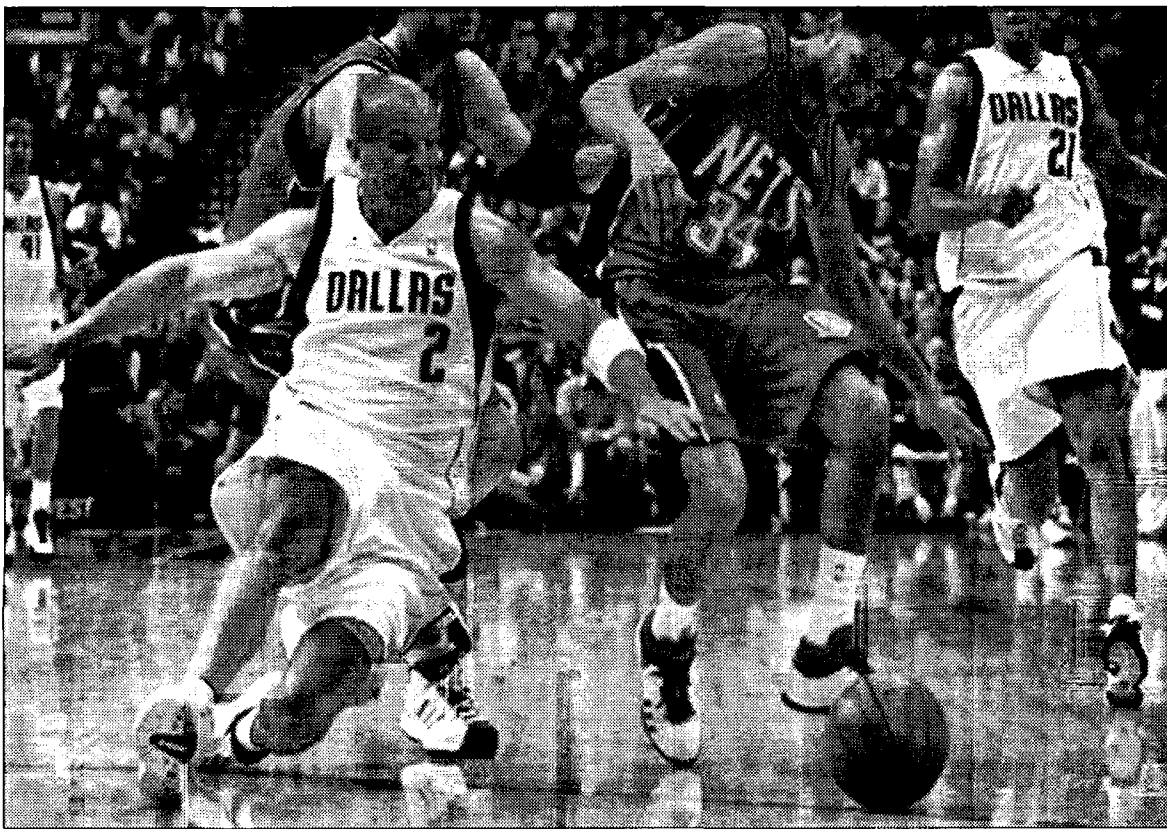
Thursday is the first anniversary of the swap that sent Kidd and Wright to Dallas for Harris, Trenton Hassell and others.

Harris scored 41 points in a 24-point victory over the Mavs earlier this season and was only a few days removed from his first All-Star appearance, but he didn't have the same zing this time. He went more than 20 minutes before scoring and finished with 18 points on 5-of-18 shooting. Hassell started but didn't score in 20 minutes, missing his only shot.

Vince Carter started 6-of-8, but missed his last 10 shots, failing to score in the second half. He finished with 15 points. Brook Lopez had 16 points and Jarvis Hayes scored 15 on 6-of-6 shooting. Keyon Dooling scored 14.

The game opened with the Nets inviting Kidd to shoot. On one play, Carter started chasing a pass into the corner, realized it was Kidd, then shook his head and went back into the lane. Kidd wished a 3-pointer, then another soon after. He didn't have a point in the second quarter, but Nowitzki scored 16 in the period, after being shut out in the first.

Kidd and Howard each scored 11 points in the third quarter.



Mavericks guard Jason Kidd, left, chases a loose ball against Nets guard Devin Harris during the second half of Dallas' 113-98 win over New Jersey Wednesday night. Kidd scored 23 points.

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Rejected Observer questions of the day:

Both of my sisters are going to New Orleans for Mardi Gras this weekend. I will be here for JPW as a sophomore. Is that fair?

On a scale of 1-10, how much do you miss Rob Kurz?

Will the Oceanic Six succeed in getting Locke's body back to the Island?

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NCAA Men's Basketball AP Top 25 Rankings

	team	record	points
1	Connecticut (66)	24-2	1794
2	Oklahoma (4)	25-1	1709
3	North Carolina (2)	23-2	1676
4	Pittsburgh	24-2	1589
5	Memphis	22-3	1465
6	Michigan State	20-5	1443
7	Louisville	19-5	1280
8	Wake Forest	19-4	1217
9	Duke	20-5	1048
10	Marquette	21-4	1045
11	Missouri	22-4	1041
12	Villanova	20-5	983
13	Clemson	21-4	939
14	Arizona State	20-5	830
15	Kansas	20-5	651
16	Xavier	21-4	646
17	Gonzaga	19-5	599
18	Illinois	21-5	589
19	Purdue	20-6	582
20	UCLA	19-6	473
21	Butler	22-3	373
22	Washington	19-6	334
23	LSU	21-4	294
24	Syracuse	19-7	207
25	Dayton	23-3	194

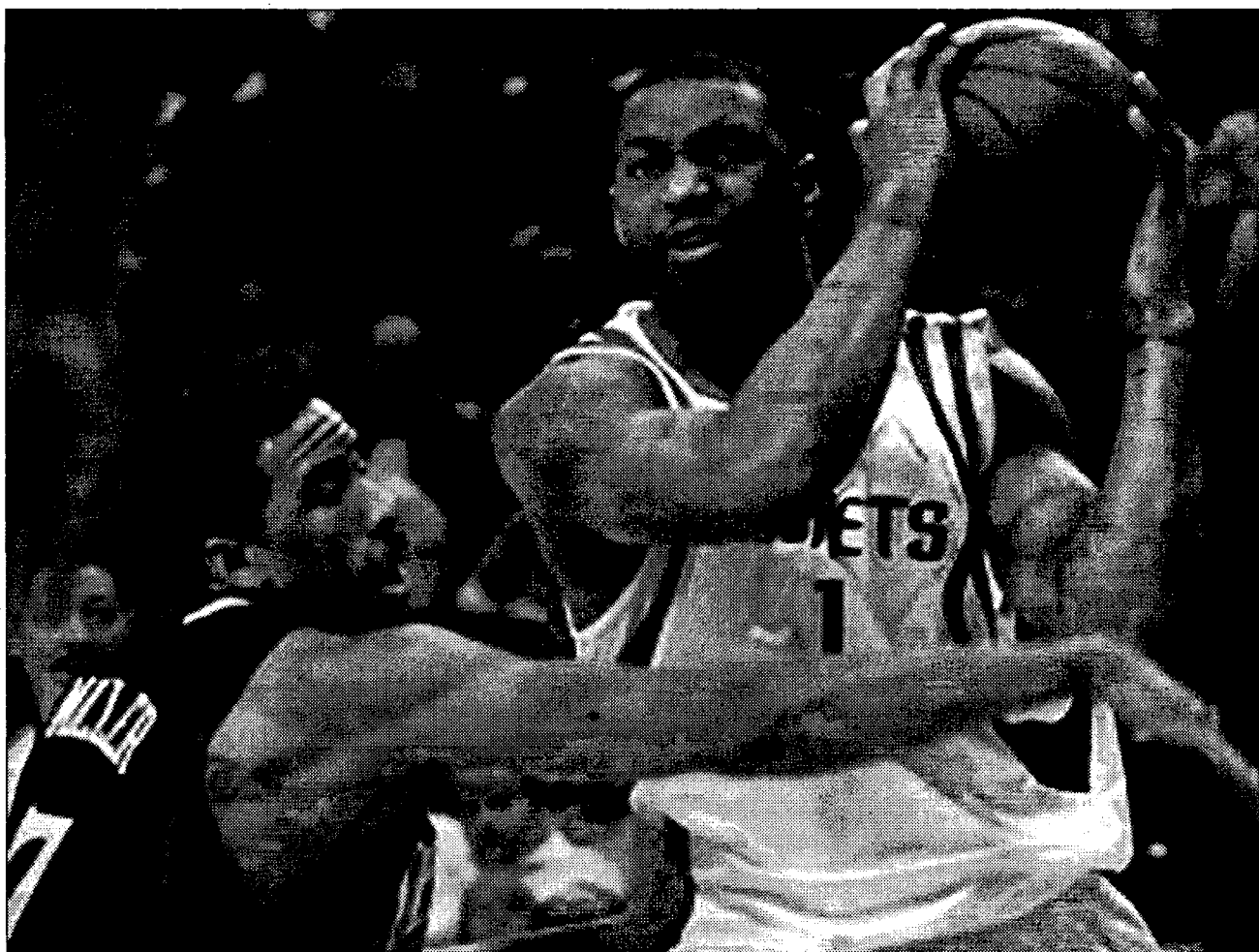
Men's Baseball Preseason USA Today/ESPN Poll

	team	points
1	LSU (14)	738
2	North Carolina (12)	737
3	Rice (1)	673
4	Georgia	680
5	Texas A&M (2)	590
6	Stanford (1)	576
7	Arizona State	533
8	Cal State Fullerton	507
9	Florida State	500
9	Texas	500
11	Ole Miss	431
12	Georgia Tech	327
13	Oklahoma State	321
14	Miami, FL	320
15	San Diego	304
16	Louisville	292
17	Baylor	269
18	UC Irvine	262
19	Fresno State (1)	247
20	Missouri	224
21	Pepperdine	166
22	UCLA	140
23	Florida	112
24	Costal Carolina	102
25	Clemson	80

Nike/Inside Lacrosse Men's Lacrosse Media Poll

	team	record
1	Virginia (12)	1-0
2	Syracuse (2)	1-0
3	Maryland	2-0
4	Johns Hopkins	0-0
5	North Carolina	2-0
6	Cornell	0-0
7	Duke	1-0
8	Georgetown	0-0
9	Navy	2-0
10	NOTRE DAME	1-0
11	UMBC	1-0
12	Princeton	0-0

NBA



Houston Rockets guard Tracy McGrady, right, announced that he would have surgery on his knee, ending his chance of a return this season. McGrady has missed 85 games since joining Houston before the 2004-2005 season.

Rockets' McGrady out for season

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Rockets star Tracy McGrady will have surgery on his left knee and miss the rest of the season.

The star forward said on his Web site Wednesday that the pain has been persistent and he will have microfracture surgery. He's confident he'll return next season.

McGrady is Houston's third-leading scorer. He had arthroscopic surgery in May and has missed 18 games this season because of his sore knee. He also missed one game with a sprained ankle. He said before the All-Star break he wanted to consult with doctors before

deciding on the best course of treatment on his knee.

ESPN.com first reported that McGrady was out for the season after the Rockets beat the Nets on Tuesday night.

Rockets spokesman Nelson Luis said McGrady met with a doctor in New York on Tuesday and had another out-of-state doctor's appointment scheduled Wednesday. McGrady said he would have the surgery "immediately."

"It has been extremely frustrating dealing with the knee injury this season," McGrady said. "It's been tough on me both physically and mentally and while we've come to this conclu-

sion after much deliberation, we truly feel this is best for both me and the Rockets in the long term."

Houston coach Rick Adelman lashed out at McGrady after practice on Wednesday for not informing the team of his intentions. Adelman said he only learned that McGrady was out for the season when he read it in a newspaper in the morning.

"There should be a protocol, there should be a procedure where we have a chance to sit down and talk about the situation and not be announced in the press," Adelman said. "I don't know why that happened, why he did that. Certainly, that is

not the way things should be handled."

Some of the Rockets said they also found out through the media, but Ron Artest said the news came as no surprise.

"Everybody pretty much knew he was going through some tough times right now in his career," said Artest, who's started the last two games in McGrady's place. "I knew it was pretty severe for him not to be able to practice and play."

The Rockets have won their last two games without McGrady and 13 of 19 without him this season. Houston is 33-21 overall this season and in fifth place in the Western Conference.

IN BRIEF

Patriots' Brady remains on schedule for knee rehab

BOSTON — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady says his recovery from knee surgery remains on schedule and he doesn't see any reason he won't be ready for the 2009 opener.

But Brady stopped short of predicting when exactly he'll return to the field. "I'm feeling great. I'm feeling really good. Everything is progressing just as I expected," said Brady told reporters Wednesday at a charity event.

"It's just a matter of getting to that time," Brady said. "I wish it was right around the corner. I wish it was here now. It's not, but the competitor in me has to sit back and wait and continue to work and try to get stronger."

Brady spoke during a visit to the Boys and Girls Club in Allston to provide 1,000 laptop computers as part of his work with the Patriots Charitable Foundation and the One Laptop Per Child program.

Carolina's Peppers eyeing possible trade to Dallas

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Julius Peppers still wants out of Carolina, but he'll only agree to be traded to four teams, further complicating the Panthers' efforts to get compensation for the four-time Pro Bowl defensive end.

On the eve of the deadline to place the franchise tag on Peppers, a person close to the player said Wednesday that the impending free agent wants to play for Dallas or three other unnamed teams, two of them in the NFC.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the list wasn't supposed to be made public, said Peppers wouldn't agree on a trade to any other team, which would limit the Panthers since Peppers would likely have to sign a new contract with that new team before a trade could be executed.

Red Sox owner renews call for MLB salary cap

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Boston Red Sox owner John Henry renewed his call for a salary cap on Wednesday after an offseason in which the New York Yankees added three free agents for \$423.5 million.

Or, as Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said, "the Yankees have spent like the U.S. Congress."

And while Boston's chief rival opens a new \$1.5 billion Yankee Stadium on April 3, Lucchino said Fenway Park, built in 1912, should be around for another 50 years.

More immediately, the Red Sox owners are troubled by the wide disparity in team payrolls that they say limits competitive balance in baseball — even though Boston had the second-highest payroll at the end of last season.

A salary cap, Lucchino said, is "as inevitable as tomorrow."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Penn State gets ugly win at Illinois

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Talor Battle made four free throws in the final 16 seconds to lead Penn State to an ugly 38-33 win over No. 18 Illinois on Wednesday night.

Battle finished with 11 points for the Nittany Lions (19-8, 8-6 Big Ten), who committed 13 turnovers and made just 28 percent of their shots.

The Illini (21-6, 9-5) were no better, shooting 30 percent (15-for-50) and committing 15 turnovers. Chester Frazier and Trent Meacham had seven points each to lead Illinois, which did not shoot any free

throws — marking the first time a team didn't have an attempt in a game at the 46-year-old Assembly Hall.

The teams combined for the lowest-scoring game in NCAA Division I since Dec. 14, 2005, when Monmouth beat Princeton 41-21.

Neither team scored until Illinois forward Mike Davis' jumper more than 4 minutes into the game.

About 10 minutes in, both teams were still in single digits while shooting a combined 5-for-26 from the field. Shots fell short, sailed long and found enough rim to roll and bounce harmlessly — and frustratingly — away.

During one 20-minute

stretch, Penn State made just three of its 26 shots. Ultimately, the Nittany Lions closed with a 14-2 run, erasing the 31-24 lead Illinois opened up with 6:17 left.

Battle, the only player the score in double figures, had six points during that run.

Illinois used a 13-4 run that spanned 11 minutes around halftime to take a 19-17 lead about 3 minutes into the second half. The run was fueled, as much as anything, by Penn State's eight turnovers during that stretch.

The Illini opened the gap to 29-20 with just over 10 minutes left.

MLB

Griffey set to return to Seattle

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Ken Griffey Jr. has decided to return to the Seattle Mariners.

The Mariners announced the move Wednesday night. The 39-year-old star's contract is for one year and believed to be worth \$2 million in base salary, plus incentives.

Earlier in the day, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press that an apparent agreement with the Atlanta

Braves had fallen through. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the Mariners had yet to announce the deal.

Griffey is fifth on baseball's career home run list with 611.

Atlanta appeared to be Griffey's choice on Tuesday for the same reason the former Mariners star left Seattle in 2000: geography. The Braves' spring training camp is about a 20-minute drive from the Griffey family home in Orlando, Fla., and Atlanta is about an hour away by plane.

Griffey asked for a trade from the Mariners in 1999 to be closer to home. He eventually got one just before the 2000 season, to Cincinnati.

But after conflicting reports about where the aging star would settle, Griffey ultimately chose to follow through on his proclamation two years ago when he came to Seattle while playing with the Reds — that he wanted to finish his career as a Mariner.

The Mariners have a job as designated hitter and perhaps in left field waiting for him for 2009. The Braves were offering a possible platoon in the outfield — plus that cherished proximity to home. Seattle had been trying to add a power hitter, and specifically a designated hitter, for months. They were believed to be pursuing Bobby Abreu and Adam Dunn until last week, when Abreu signed with the Los Angeles Angels and Dunn agreed to a deal with the Washington Nationals. Seattle also talked to the agent for free agent Garret Anderson.

The Mariners prefer a left-handed bat because the dimensions of pitcher-friendly Safeco Field are shortest in right field.

The configuration fits the left-handed Griffey so well, the Mariners presented him with a framed photo of their stadium before a Reds-Mariners game in 2007, with the words "The House that Griffey Built" across the top. Griffey played just half a season in it before getting the trade he demanded to Cincinnati in 2000.

That was months after he rejected Seattle's offer for \$148 million over eight years.

Yet the fans in Seattle still love "Junior," who would give an instant jolt to what appears to be a long rebuilding season.

He made his first opening day start with the Mariners as a 19-year-old in 1989. He stayed 10 more years before the trade to Cincinnati. He has been hampered by injuries since and had arthroscopic knee surgery following the 2008 season, the last half of which he spent with the White Sox.

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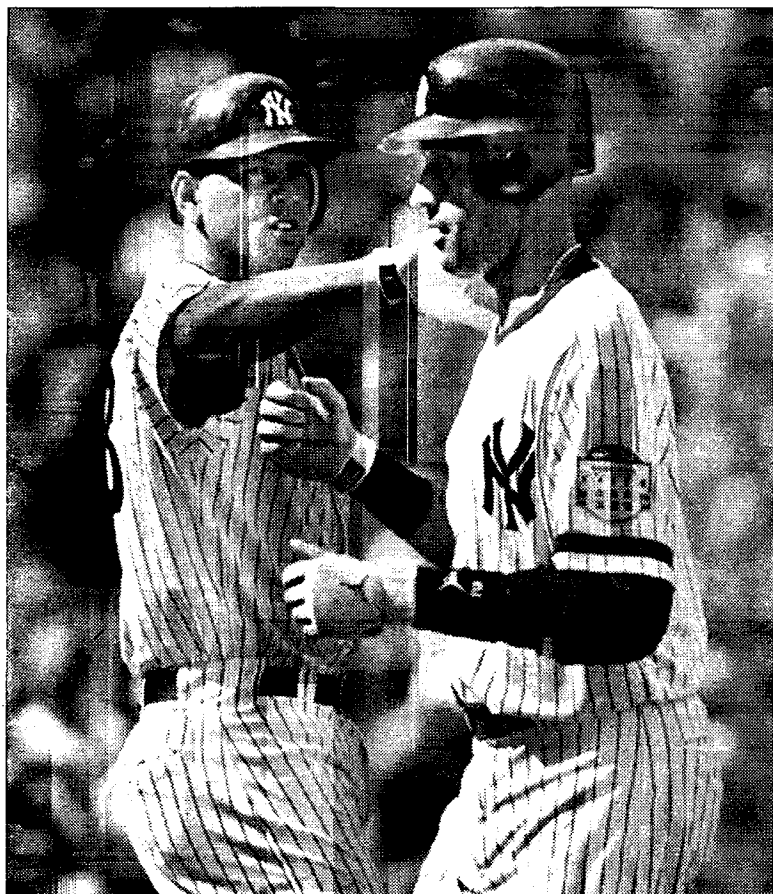
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MLB

Jeter backs A-Rod in steroid case



Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, right, is congratulated by teammate Alex Rodriguez after hitting a solo home run in September 2008.

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Derek Jeter played it right down the middle with Alex Rodriguez: Didn't like what he did, time to move on.

A day after Rodriguez tried to explain his use of performance-enhancing drugs, Jeter responded.

"We're here to support him through it," the Yankees captain said Wednesday. "I don't condone what he did. We don't condone what he did. And Alex doesn't condone what he did. And I think at this point now it's our jobs to try to help him be as comfortable as he can on the field and try to move past this."

With all the focus on A-Rod, Jeter bristled at those who continue to group all players together.

"One thing that is irritating and it really upsets me a lot is when you hear everybody say, 'It was the steroid era. Everybody was doing it.' You know, that's not true. Everybody was not doing it," he said.

"I think it sends the wrong message to fans, to baseball fans; I think it sends the wrong message to kids, saying that everybody was doing it, because that's just not the truth," he said. "I understand there's a lot of people who are big-name players that have come out and allegedly done this and done that, but everybody wasn't doing it."

Jeter's plea to acknowledge the clean players came after an opening workout in which photographers and cameras tailed behind Rodriguez for two hours at New York's spring training complex. Manager Joe Girardi said A-Rod's talent automatically makes him a focal point.

"It would be hard to say that to Michael Jordan when he walked into the stadium, 'Don't be the center of attention,'" Girardi said.

A-Rod was the last of 60-plus Yankees to take the field, sprinting from the right-field corner. Some of the 1,600 or so fans gathered under a near-cloudless sky at Steinbrenner Field cheered when they saw No. 13. A few yelled out encouraging words. Not a single boo or insult was heard.

Rodriguez reported for spring training on Tuesday and held a 32-minute news conference, his first since Sport Illustrated reported on its Web site Feb. 7 that he was on a list of 104 players who tested positive for steroids during baseball's anonymous 2003 survey.

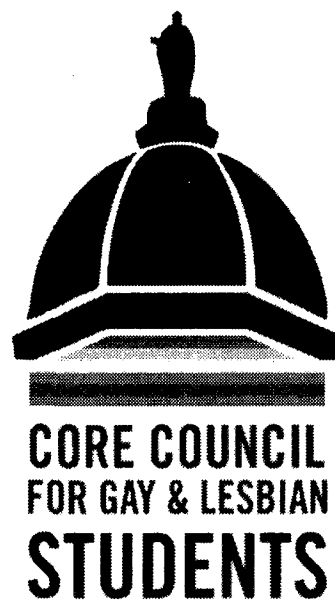
Rodriguez had admitted to ESPN on Feb. 9 that he used banned substances while playing for Texas from 2001-03, and he expanded on his story during his news conference. He claimed a cousin — whom he would not identify — repeatedly injected him during those years with a mysterious substance from the Dominican Republic called "boli."

Catcher Jorge Posada, seated in the front row Tuesday along with Jeter, Andy Pettitte and Mariano Rivera, felt for Rodriguez when the star third baseman took a 37-second pause before thanking teammates.

"He just got emotional. I think everybody in that room knew what he was going through at that point. It's tough to look at your teammates in the eye, and tell them, you know, 'I'm sorry,'" Posada said.

Posada left midway through the news conference because he had to take his family to the airport. More than 20 players attended, and most stayed until the end.

"I think that he'll be good," said Pettitte, who had a similar confessional news conference last year. "I think he'll be able to put it behind him. I know we're all hoping and pulling for it, that's for sure."



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Kings trade Miller, Salmons to Bulls

Associated Press

The Chicago Bulls acquired center Brad Miller and John Salmons from the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday for four players, including forwards Drew Gooden and Andres Nocioni.

Sacramento also got Michael Ruffin and Cedric Simmons in the deal, but immediately traded Ruffin to the Portland Trail Blazers for forward Ike Diogu and cash. The Kings then waived guard Quincy Douby and veteran Sam Cassell, acquired on Tuesday from Boston, to make room for their new players.

The Bulls gave up some salary flexibility to acquire Miller, a two-time All-Star who played 105 games with the Bulls early in his career. Although he hasn't played since Jan. 30 because of a hip injury, Miller — who's averaging 11.9 points and 8.0 rebounds — showed flashes of his best game earlier in the season.

Salmons, a versatile swingman and Sacramento's second-leading scorer with 18.3 points, also could be a prominent contributor in Chicago. The disappointing Bulls apparently are still committed to chasing a playoff berth despite starting the day seven games below .500.

"You always hate to lose good guys and good players, and that's difficult, but we're adding two guys that we like a lot," Bulls coach Vinny Del Negro said before the team's game at Milwaukee. "I think we're adding two really good pieces that we're excited about, and hopefully we can get them here soon and get them acclimated as soon as possible."

The trade clears more than \$13 million in salary cap room next season for the Kings, the NBA's worst team. Among the four players acquired by the Kings, only Nocioni has a contract that stretches into next season.

In the midst of a thorough franchise upheaval, the Kings didn't hesitate to part with Miller, their longest-tenured player and one of the few links left to Sacramento's run of eight straight playoff berths earlier in the decade. The 32-year-old Miller joined the Kings in 2003 and spent 5½ years as their starting center when he wasn't slowed by injuries.

"I'm definitely excited for the opportunity to go home and go to a team that I've already played for," said Miller, an Indiana native. "I have a lot of friends and family back there. The Bulls are right on the verge of getting into the playoffs, and winning is something very important to me right now."

Although Miller provides a combination of defensive size and outside shooting ability, the Bulls might get an even bigger lift from Salmons, who's having a quietly outstanding year with 4.2 rebounds and 3.7 assists in addition to his steady scoring.

The Bulls didn't learn they had lost four teammates until the team bus pulled away from Chicago for the short trip to Milwaukee. While forward Luol Deng seemed dismayed by the trade of Nocioni, his good friend, other Bulls were excited by the move, with Ben Gordon saying it shows the franchise's commit-

ment to a playoff run.

"I like him a lot," Gordon said. "He's a great passer, has a great feel for the game, and I think he can make it a lot easier for guys."

Nocioni, the two-time Argentine Olympian, averaged 10.4 points and 4.2 rebounds for the Bulls this season. He has three years and \$21 million left on his deal.

Sacramento might be interested in re-signing Gooden, a Northern California native who has been pursued by the club several times in recent years. He's averaging 13.1 points and 8.6 rebounds, but hasn't played since Jan. 19 because of a groin injury.

Kings interim coach Kenny Natt was excited to land Gooden after they worked together in Cleveland earlier in their careers.

"We grew as a team, and it was a very similar situation to this," Natt said. "We both know what it's like to struggle. He's a versatile guy at the (power forward) spot. He can score in the post, score on the perimeter and pass the ball. He's a legitimate double-double guy."

The Kings returned from the All-Star break with a home game against Atlanta on Wednesday night.

Portland moved Diogu, an underachieving power forward, to acquire Ruffin, who hasn't played this season while recovering from a sprained left ankle and an Achilles' tendon injury. Ruffin practiced with the Bulls last week, however.

The Blazers also gained a \$3 million trade exception to be used within the year.

Diogu, who joins his fourth NBA team, has barely played since the Blazers acquired him in a trade with Indiana last summer.

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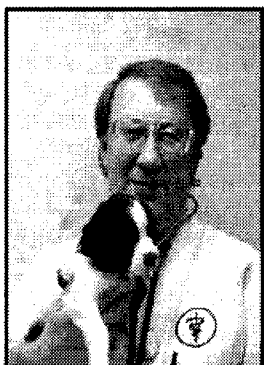
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NBA

Telfair scores 30 as T-Wolves top Heat

Associated Press

MIAMI — Sebastian Telfair's career night wrecked Jermaine O'Neal's first night.

Telfair had a career-high 30 points and eight assists, Ryan Gomes added 20 points, and the Minnesota Timberwolves spoiled O'Neal's debut in Miami by hitting a season-high 14 3-pointers and beating the Heat 111-104 on Wednesday night.

Minnesota blew an 11-point lead with 10 minutes remaining, but recovered in time largely thanks to Telfair, who hit a 3-pointer with 1:26 left for a four-point lead — and the Timberwolves held on to snap a five-game slide.

"I had everything going for me out there tonight," Telfair said. "Some nights are like that."

Dwyane Wade finished with 37 points and 12 assists for Miami. Udonis Haslem added 17 points for the Heat, and O'Neal — who sustained a right eye injury in the third quarter and missed 13 minutes before returning late — had 13 in his first game since being acquired from Toronto last week.

"I would not have scripted this for my first game," said O'Neal, who still had some blurred vision after the game.

"Absolutely not."

Mario Chalmers scored 12 points for Miami, including a 3-pointer with 2:28 left to give Miami a 99-97 lead.

The Heat wouldn't be on top again.

Randy Foye took a pass from Telfair and hit a 3 on the next Minnesota trip. Telfair added with another shot from beyond the arc 30 seconds later, and that essentially sealed it for the Timberwolves — who outrebounded Miami by a staggering 49-24 margin.

"I don't think we impacted them defensively the entire game," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "They absolutely annihilated us on the backboard."

O'Neal only had one rebound, and wasn't thrilled with himself about that.

"I don't care if I'm on only one leg," he said. "I should never grab only one rebound."

Kevin Love had 16 points and nine rebounds for Minnesota. Foye had 14 points for the Timberwolves, who also got seven points, nine rebounds and nine assists from Mike Miller and 10 rebounds off the bench from Brian Cardinal.

Minnesota tried to throw the knockout blows — two of them — in the third quarter.

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Wildcats

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Notre Dame most recently downed previously-undefeated Michigan State, 6-1, Sunday in East Lansing, Mich., which Bayliss said had been a tough place for the Spartans' opponents of late.

One key for the Irish this season has been their doubles play.

"Our doubles has held up pretty well so far," Bayliss said. "For us to make a significant dent on the national scene we will need to lock down our lower positions because I thought our depth was going to be our strength."

Notre Dame has eight underclassmen — three freshmen and five sophomores — in its top nine lineup slots, which has led to some inconsistency.

"We knew that we were throwing them into the deep end, hoping that they would swim, and we have been pretty competitive," Bayliss said. "Maturity has been a key and the competitive spirit our younger guys have displayed has been remarkable at times. That having been said, we need to make some improvements in areas where the heat of battle has exposed a few things we need to do better if we expect to keep improving."

It appears the Irish have begun that improvement, as Notre Dame rides a four-game win streak heading into today's 4 p.m. match against Northwestern.

The Irish will hit the road Saturday for a 12 p.m. start at Ohio State, one of the nation's top teams.

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Day One

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said. "But we have to keep this up for seven sessions in a row."

The women's 800 relay team of senior Christa Riggins, junior Megan Farrell, sophomore Lauren Sylvester and freshman Amy Prestinario beat the second-place Louisville team by nearly four seconds.

The Irish also took first in the 200 medley relay, but by a much closer margin — .03 seconds, again over Louisville. The team of freshman Colleen Fotsch and sophomores Samantha Maxwell, Kellyn Kuhlke and Amywren Miller had a qualifying time that was a

half-second slower than Louisville's, but the winning Irish time set another school record.

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Brian Barnes
Irish women's coach

Competition continues at 10 a.m. Thursday, as the men try for their third title in four years and the women attempt to lock up their 13th consecutive conference championship.

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Purdue

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and senior Katie Potts won 8-4. The top-ranked duo of Tefft and freshmen Kristy Frilling then swept the doubles point with an 8-7 victory.

Despite the fact that all the doubles matches ended in Irish victories, the team was far from satisfied.

"All of our doubles teams didn't play as well as we should have," Tefft said. "All of our matches were closer than we would have liked them to be."

Tefft said the key to the dominating performance was forgetting Sunday's loss to Northwestern in the National Indoor Semifinals.

"I think we just let that go," Tefft said. "All of the matches there show where we stood, both in singles and doubles, and what we needed to do. Today,

we came out and took care of business."

At the onset of singles play, Notre Dame separated itself from the team that lost to Northwestern, and certainly from the Purdue squad it faced.

Matthews led the effort, earning a victory 6-0, 6-1 at No. 5 singles. Frilling followed her lead, prevailing 6-1, 6-1, and Tefft continued the trend, winning 6-1, 6-0.

Potts defeated her opponent in her first singles

match of the season, 6-1, 6-2. Sophomore Kristin Rafael provided the Irish with a 6-0 lead by winning 7-5, 6-2, and finally, in the only match that went to three sets, Ciobanu prevailed 4-6, 6-3, 10-6.

Notre Dame will travel to Utah to face both Brigham Young and Utah over the weekend.

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Loss

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them a little credit, too," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a press conference after the game.

Irish senior shooting guard Kyle McAlarney scored seven points on 3-of-4 shooting in the first six minutes as Notre Dame built its 10-point edge. But West Virginia closed the gap quickly and cut the deficit to four with 9:45 left in the first half.

The Mountaineers ended the period with a 6-0 run to take a 42-40 at halftime.

West Virginia never trailed after intermission. With 16:03 left, Irish junior Luke Harangody knocked down two free throws to cut his team's deficit to three, but Notre Dame never got closer than that.

Harangody finished with a game-high 26 points but McAlarney, who netted 12 points, was the only other Irish player to score in double figures.

"We kept digging, we gave ourselves a chance to come back," Brey said. "We had some great looks here in the second half. I thought we'd score a little bit more in the second half the way we

scored in the first half, but they're long and athletic and they're kind of hard to keep off the board."

Mountaineers guard Alex Ruoff led West Virginia with 24 points, including four 3-pointers. Ruoff nailed a baseline jumper with just over 12 minutes left to give the Mountaineers a 12-point lead.

"He gave them confidence," Brey said.

"When we had him finally missing a few, we couldn't clean up the backboard and get a rebound. He's one of the better players, a first-team all-league guy, and he's one of the guys that's making them go right now — a very confident player."

After holding their own under the basket against Louisville and South Florida, the Irish were outrebounded 40-28 against West Virginia. The Mountaineers edged Notre Dame 16-6 in second-chance points. On one possession early in the second half, West Virginia grabbed four

offensive rebounds before finally scoring. The home team also had 15 points off turnovers to Notre Dame's eight.

"They hurt us on the backboard," Brey said. "That was the real issue, not being able to control the backboard as good as we did at home, and that kind of cost us."

The Mountaineers built a 17-point lead with less than a minute left and sent the Irish packing.

Notre Dame will head to Providence Saturday. The Friars also went down Wednesday, losing 94-76 to Louisville.

A season after going 14-4 in conference play, the Irish

must win four of their final five games to finish their Big East slate with a .500 record.

"You can't hang your head, and this group won't," Brey said. "They'll keep competing and battling."

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has it a little tougher — it faces UConn in addition to the Cardinals.

Still in the hunt:

**DePaul (20-7, 8-5),
No. 22 Notre Dame (18-6, 7-5)**

The Blue Demons beat Syracuse, 87-79, Tuesday and have the week off to prepare for South Florida on Feb. 24. After that, they face Marquette and Cincinnati, so they have a chance to win out and snag a top-four spot.

Notre Dame heads into the Huskies' den this weekend, but after that the Irish face Syracuse, Providence and West Virginia, all winnable games. Should the two teams finish tied, Notre Dame holds the tiebreaker thanks to two wins over DePaul this season.

Right in the middle:

**Rutgers (16-10, 7-6),
Marquette (16-11, 7-6),
Georgetown (6-7, 16-10),
South Florida (18-8, 5-7)**

South Florida lost to the Irish Tuesday but played well enough to win in the first half. Junior guard Janae Stokes hit four 3-pointers in the half. The Bulls still have to travel to DePaul and Villanova on the road before the conference tournament.

Rutgers and Marquette both picked up wins Tuesday, Marquette over Cincinnati and Rutgers over Seton Hall. The Golden Eagles have easy games against St. John's and Providence before finishing

against DePaul and Louisville. The Scarlet Knights have three winnable games before ending the season against UConn.

Georgetown helped itself stay in contention by beating West Virginia in overtime Wednesday. It faces Syracuse and Villanova before finishing against Seton Hall.

The homogenous bottom grouping:

**Syracuse (15-10, 4-8),
West Virginia (14-11, 3-9),
St. John's (15-10, 3-9),
Providence (9-16, 3-9),
Cincinnati (13-13, 3-10),
Seton Hall (15-12, 3-11)**

These teams are all around the same area. Syracuse has a shot at climbing into the top-eight and receiving a bye, but it would need to win out (against Georgetown, Notre Dame, West Virginia and Providence) to have a legitimate shot.

Since every team makes the tournament, these teams have a chance to put together a run once they get to Hartford. Syracuse, West Virginia and St. John's have decent non-conference records, so a few wins and a win or two in the conference tournament could get them NCAA consideration.

Cincinnati, Providence, West Virginia and Seton Hall didn't help their causes by losing Tuesday.

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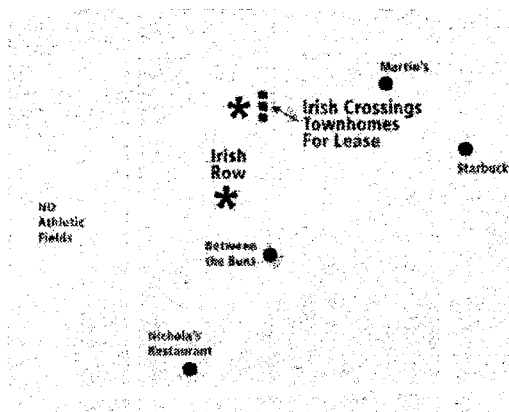
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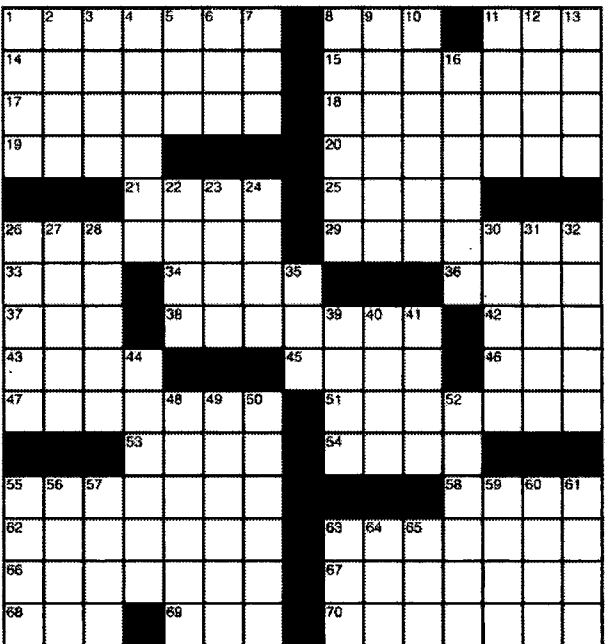
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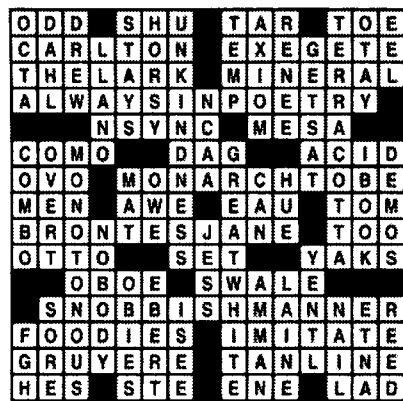
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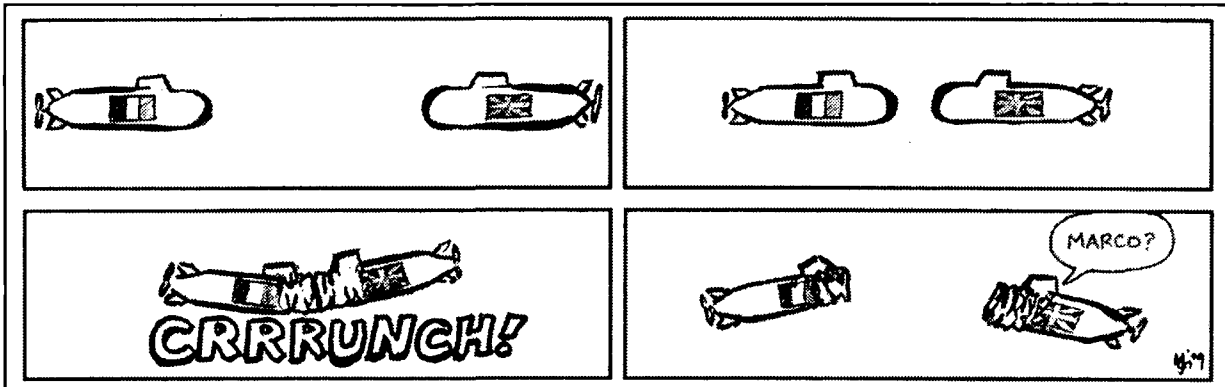
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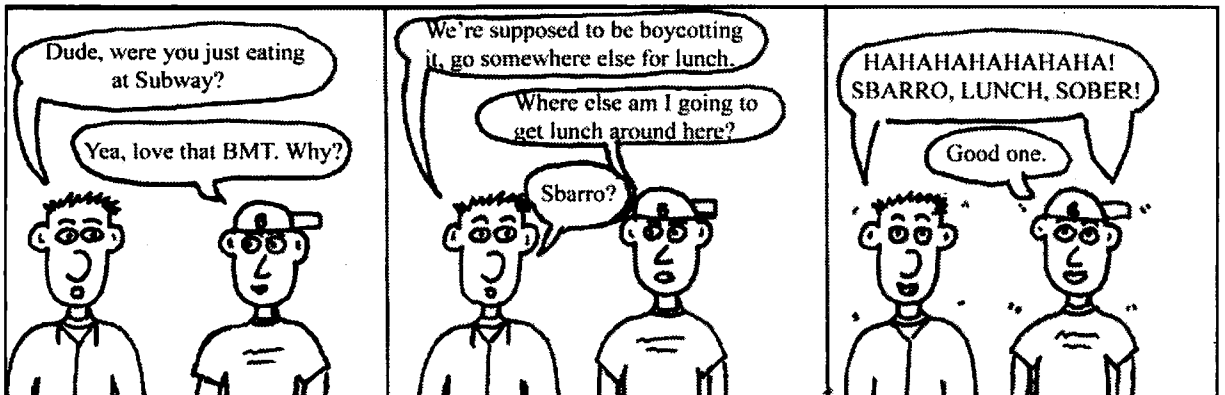
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Happy Birthday: Not everyone has as innovative and original a mind as you. Open up about your ideas and plans. You are the one to make reforms and to standardize what's going on in your community. Your numbers are 4, 10, 18, 24, 29, 43, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Promote love and good times. The encounters you have had with different people you've helped out will be honored now, so do not hesitate to ask for help or to share your plans. An unexpected surprise will cause alterations. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It's no one's business what you are doing with whom and, by being vocal, you will invite opposition. Don't make promises without knowing what you will get in return. A professional change will be dependent on the decisions you make now. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make the changes that will help you get ahead. You can be a leader who makes a difference so don't hold back. If someone questions you, address that person and continue confidently down the path you have chosen. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may have to be more creative with your money but that doesn't mean you should invest in some fast-cash scheme. Don't fear trying something new or pushing for advancement. Utilize your skills to the fullest. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have what it takes to sway people to think the same way you do. If you can form a group, you will be a driving force, accomplishing what you set out to do. A partnership could unravel your plans. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep your emotions out of your decision-making if you don't want to make a mistake. Hard work, lots of detail and not letting others meddle will determine the outcome of whatever you are trying to achieve. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have positioned yourself well so don't let anyone cause you to question your choices. A unique approach to life, love and creativity will bring others to your side, giving you the strength to follow through with your plans. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Criticism will discourage you and can be avoided if you are diligent and perfect what you are pursuing. It's not worth the risk of losing the confidence of someone who can help you in the future. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have to take action based on what you feel is right, not what someone else is telling you. Have faith in who you are and what you can do. An imaginative approach to some of your old projects can turn things around drastically now. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Taking chances is for amateurs who don't know how to play the game. You can stay in control by keeping things as stable, simple and safe as possible. Change will come when the time is right. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will build strength of character by pursuing things that are good for you -- like a fitness regime and healthy diet. Learning will lead to a whole new world of prosperity and increased self-esteem. Show confidence in all that you do. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It's time to venture into talks with someone who can contribute to what you are working on. A past partnership that was shaky or ended on bad terms needs to be reestablished in order to finish what you began. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are outgoing, kind and willing to help the underdog. You are a thinker and a doer. You are unafraid to venture into unfamiliar territory.

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JUMBLE

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer here: [] A [] (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BOOTY HAVEN OUTLAW OXYGEN
Answer: Where he went when he stopped drinking -- ON THE WAGON

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sliding down the mountain

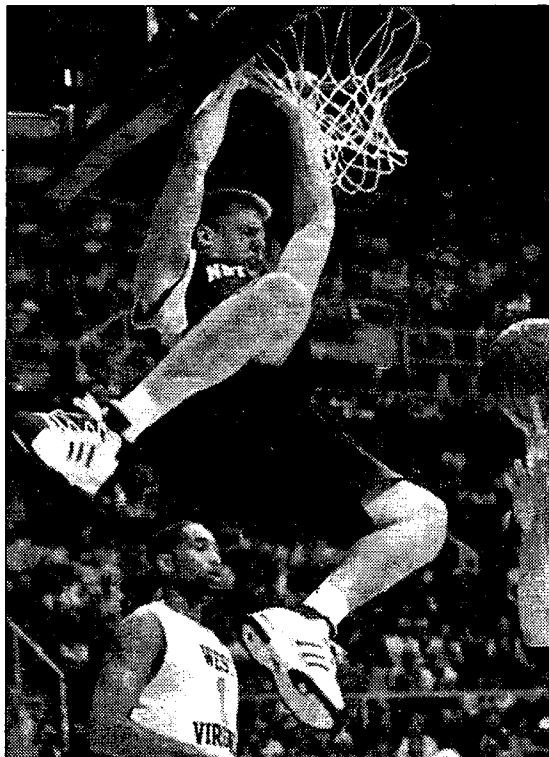
Notre Dame falls at West Virginia as NCAA hopes dwindle

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

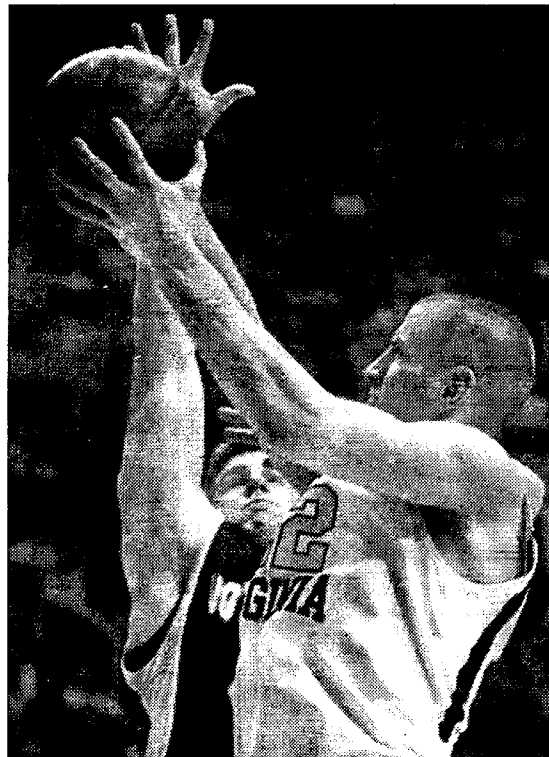
On Wednesday night at West Virginia, Notre Dame came out playing like it had in back-to-back wins over Louisville and South Florida. Unfortunately for the Irish, they couldn't keep it up.

After Notre Dame (14-11, 5-8 Big East) jumped out to a 16-6 lead and forced West Virginia coach Bob Huggins to call two timeouts early in the first half, the Mountaineers (18-8, 7-6) stormed back and eventually secured a 79-68 win on their home floor.

"We couldn't get into a rhythm, and I think their defense, you've got to give



Left, junior forward Luke Harangody finishes a dunk during Notre Dame's 79-68 loss at West Virginia Wednesday. Right, the Mountaineers' Alex Ruoff drives past Harangody.



MEN'S TENNIS

Unbeaten Wildcats set to visit

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

No. 25 Notre Dame will host an undefeated Northwestern team today that Irish coach Bobby Bayliss called one of the most improved in the country.

"They are off to a great start at 10-0 and have terrific depth," Bayliss said. "I expect a great challenge. We have played a more difficult schedule to date than they, and I hope that gives us a slight edge in the close matches because they have dominated most of their early opponents."

"They have several players who really make you earn what you get and they play good doubles."

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ND SWIMMING

Men's and women's teams lead Big East Championships

By MIKE GOTIMER and MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writers

Both Notre Dame's men's and women's teams posted record-setting performances in the 800-yard free relay to earn the lead after one day of competition at the Big East Championships in Indianapolis.

The men's relay team set a school and conference record with a time of 6:27.19, and the women's relay team did the same with a time of 7:13.51. With 137 points, the men lead Pittsburgh by four points, while the women, with 80 points, have a 12-point edge over Louisville headed into the second day of the four-day meet.

The men's relay team was

deadlocked with Louisville after the first leg, but senior Danny Lutkus swam a strong second leg to give the Irish a sizeable lead. Sophomore Steven Brus and junior MacKenzie LeBlanc closed out the race for Notre Dame.

The Irish divers, led by senior captain Michael Bulfin, claimed second through fifth place in the 1-meter diving event. The event came down

to the final dive, but Pittsburgh's Alex Volovetski, who won the event by a score of 373.15-367.60, narrowly edged out Bulfin for first. Junior Caleb Dunnichay earned all-conference honors with his third-place finish, while sophomores Wes Villafor and Eric Lex rounded out the top five.

The men finished competition with a sixth-place finish

in the 200 medley relay. The team of senior Jeff Wood, sophomore Joe Raycroft, junior Andrew Hoffman and sophomore Joshua Nosal finished with a time of 1:30.25. Louisville earned top honors with a meet-record time of 1:25.85.

"This was a great session for us," men's coach Tim Welsh

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Boilers no match for Irish

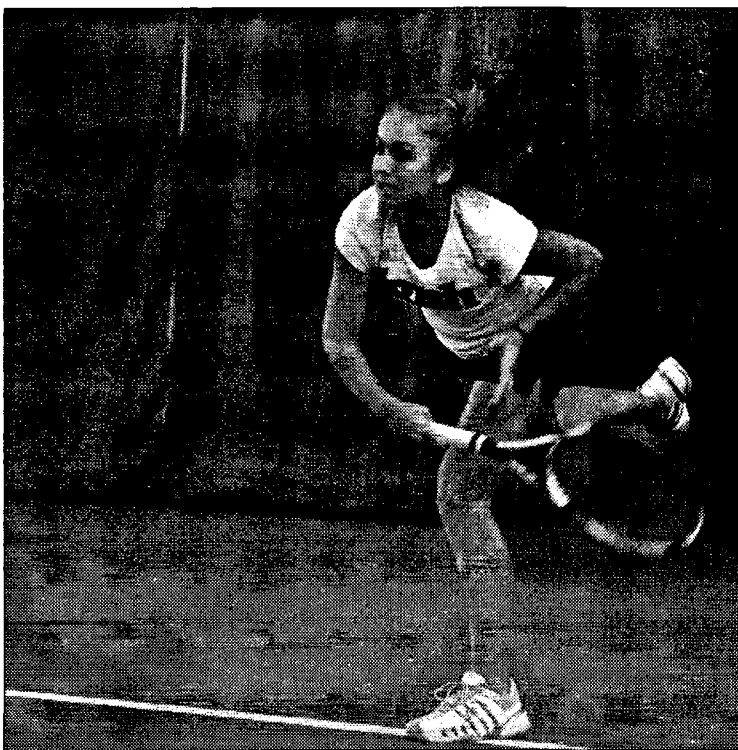
Squad sweeps Purdue after suffering first loss of season Sunday

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

No. 14 Notre Dame shut out Purdue Wednesday and improve to 7-1, erasing the memory of a tough defeat to top-ranked Northwestern Sunday.

"We were excited to get all the matches today, our first 7-0 this year," senior Kelcy Tefft said. "Usually there is a girl or two that doesn't perform very well that day, or a girl or two on the other team who plays very well that day."

The Irish put pressure on Purdue from the start, as freshmen Shannon Matthews and junior Colleen Rielley won 8-5 and junior Cosmina Ciobanu



Junior Cosmina Ciobanu finishes a shot during Notre Dame's win over Michigan on Feb. 6.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ANALYSIS

ND still in the hunt for a first-round bye

Four games left, time to shine.

No. 24 Notre Dame did so Tuesday against South Florida, at least in the second half. The Irish outscored the Bulls 42-27 after the break and won 86-79

in Tampa. But they'll have to man up, figuratively, against all-world Connecticut Sunday.

Ten teams were in conference action Wednesday, and some boosted their hopes while others moved themselves further from contention.

Stone-cold lock:
No. 1 Connecticut (26-0, 12-0 Big East)

Nothing to say here. UConn will win the Big East and the NCAA Tournament unless either Oklahoma or Auburn has

itself a game in the championship.

Also going bye-bye:
No. 8 Louisville (24-3, 11-2),
No. 19 Pittsburgh (19-5, 9-3),
Villanova (17-9, 9-3)

The Cardinals won 89-60 at home over St. John's Tuesday, and their two-loss conference record has them in good position heading into the conference tournament. As long as senior forward Angel McCoughtry keeps up her performance (23 points, 9.3 rebounds, 4.9 steals per game), Louisville will be in good shape.

Pittsburgh beat Villanova Wednesday night, 70-54, to move into a tie for third in the conference. The Panthers still play Louisville, but finish against Cincinnati, West Virginia and Providence. Nova

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