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Seeing the fruits of their labor

Bengal Bouts fighters make first trip to Bangladesh in program's 79-year history to witness what they fight for

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

For the first time in Bengal Bouts' history, five Notre Dame boxers set their gloves aside to witness first-hand what it is that they are really fighting for in poverty-stricken Bangladesh last summer.

The boxers' trip to Bangladesh provided the opportunity to experience how the money raised from the competition benefits people in the impoverished country, said senior and Bengal Bouts president Mark Weber.

"In our 79 years of service to Bangladesh, not a single boxer had ever actually set foot in the country," he said. "There were many reasons I felt this needed to change — as a student, I saw the potential to

provide a tremendous educational experience for our boxers; as the president of Bengal Bouts, I saw the opportunity to transform our connection with Bangladesh from a mere check into a real relationship."

Senior captain Leo Rubinkowski, senior Tomas Castillo, senior Patrick Martin and alumnus Patrick Ryan accompanied Weber on the trip.

Castillo said the trip was a chance to understand what he had been fighting while boxing at Notre Dame.

"I've been part of the Boxing Club for four years. It meant a lot to be able to box for a good cause, and I was interested in knowing what we really do and what goes on in

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Photo Courtesy of Mark Weber

Bengal Bouts president Mark Weber poses with children in Bangladesh. Weber and other fighters traveled to the country last summer.

Class council election results released

Soler to lead sophomores; senior ticket run-off Thursday

By AARON STEINER
Assistant News Editor

The senior class council and sophomore class council election results were announced Monday evening at 9 p.m., with a clear winner in the sophomore race and a run-off election result in the senior class council race.

Judicial Council Marcello Perez, vice president of the Judicial Council Elections Committee, announced the results of these two races after voting was held Monday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. online.

Senior class council

The three-way race for the senior class council resulted in a run-off election

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CLASS COUNCIL ELECTIONS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Senior Class Council

Tillett Ticket	444 votes	42.4 %
Kyrouac Ticket	332 votes	31.7 %
Harmon Ticket	166 votes	15.8 %
Abstain	104 votes	9.9 %

Junior Class Council

Pulte Ticket	611 votes	47.3 %
Kimberly Ticket	511 votes	39.5 %
Abstain	120 votes	9.3 %

Freshman Class Council

Soler Ticket	609 votes	55.5 %
Kelly Ticket	263 votes	23.9 %
Ruhling Ticket	148 votes	13.5 %
Abstain	76 votes	6.9 %

AARON STEINER/Observer Graphic

Alleged election violations plague junior class race

By AARON STEINER
Assistant News Editor

Four separate allegations of election violations were brought against the two tickets running for junior class council, Marcelo Perez, vice president of the Judicial Council Elections Committee, announced after a one-and-a-half hour meeting of the Executive Committee of Judicial Council ended at 1 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Neither ticket was disqualified, and a run-off election will take place Thursday because neither ticket garnered more than 50 percent of the vote necessary to claim a majority.

Both tickets were accused of the same violation, according to Perez, but neither was

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BP holds auction to raise funds

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

If you're looking for the opportunity to have meals with some of campus' most notable celebrities, including University President emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, Golden Tate and Jimmy Clausen, the Undertones and the Leprechaun, Breen-Phillips Hall has the event for you.

These dinners will be auctioned off at the 25th annual Meal Auction Wednesday night from 7:30-9:30 in LaFortune, co-commissioner of the Meal Auction Mary Beth Lee said.

All proceeds will go to the Meals on Wheels charity, Lee said.

Other celebrities being auctioned off for a dinner date include professor James McKenna, the trombone section of the band, University President emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy, members of the women's soccer team and vice president of student affairs Fr. Mark Poorman.

Bidding will start at \$5 per plate, but prices can go much higher, Lee said.

"I heard that a few years ago Brady Quinn went for \$500 a plate," she said.

Lee said the winner of a meal will dine with the celebrity at a time convenient for everyone's schedules during the semester.

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Tipoff event opens tournament registration

Bookstore Basketball's inaugural event includes games of Knockout, 'Horse' competition



Basketball players Zach Hillesland, left, and Ryan Ayers, right, provided commentary at the Bookstore Basketball tipoff event.

By SAM WERNER
News Writer

The opening round won't tip off for weeks, but the Bookstore Basketball season officially began last night with the inaugural Bookstore Basketball Tipoff.

Students participated in two games of Knockout, one game of Hot Spots and witnessed a competition of "Horse" fought among business professor Carl Ackerman, president emeritus

Father Edward "Monk" Malloy and former Irish basketball player Tom Timmermans as the participants.

"We found that this might be an interesting way to get people out and not just promote registration, but also through registration comes more money for Jumpball," Bookstore Basketball Commissioner Laura Wolbeck said.

Bookstore Basketball donates each year's proceeds to

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INSIDE COLUMN

Pondering
Pokemon

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the societal ramifications of a seemingly innocuous cultural phenomenon from our past: Pokémon.

You could tell a lot about someone by their choice of starting

Joey Kuhn

Scene Writer

Charmander, because it would evolve into a Charizard, a lean, ferocious, fire-breathing dragon. Who wouldn't want a Charizard? Charizard was hot. Charizard was sexy. Charizard was sleek, powerful, and utterly destructive. The second most popular choice was Squirtle, which looked too cute as a baby to win any battles, but eventually it would evolve into Blastoise, a tank of a turtle with huge water cannons on its back. In last place was Bulbasaur, which would become Venusaur, a clumsy-looking lout with a giant flower growing on its back.

The people who picked Charmanders were the kind with the competitive edge, the killer instinct, the drive to win. They were the Ferrari drivers, the supermodel wife-flaunters. Those who went with Squirtle were a little more temperate; they would be likely to drive something big and powerful but still somewhat practical, like a Toyota Land Cruiser. But who would choose Bulbasaur? Maybe they were not into brute force, preferring a good game of chess to rugby. Maybe they wanted more of a strategic challenge. Maybe they did it out of spite for the mainstream majority. Or maybe they just felt a special empathy with Bulbasaur because they knew how it felt to be picked last in gym class. They would be the ones to drive a beat-up old minivan, and if you criticized that minivan, they would defend it with all their heart. They possessed true compassion, true spunk, and true fire.

Alright, you got me. I picked Bulbasaur, and my Pokémon career consequently crashed and burned faster than the American economy. I justify myself, though, by telling myself that I stuck to the honorable tenets of peace and knowledge. When you are growing up, adults are always telling you to "treat others as you want to be treated" and trying to "instill a love of learning" in you. Pokémon similarly lures new players in with a seemingly mild motto: "Gotta catch 'em all!" The ostensible objective of the game is to collect specimens to fill out your Pokédex for research purposes. As the plotline progresses though, you find your Ash or Gary quickly losing sight of his scholarly ideals and sliding instead into the mere pursuit of power and glory. The de facto motto of the game is "Gotta beat 'em all!"

Pokémon may have indirectly caused the current crisis on Wall Street. No wait, that's not what I'm trying to say. I guess it's just that Pokémon can be seen as an indicator of many of the ills of our society. No ... that's not it either. Maybe I'm saying that almost anything can be (ridiculously) stretched into an extended metaphor for life? Nah, just forget it. I need to get back to Grand Theft Auto 4 anyway.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: AFTER WINNING AN OSCAR, WHO WOULD BE THE FIRST PERSON YOU WOULD THANK?



Blair Santaspirit

Junior
Off Campus

"Kit Kellener &
The Fesl
Family."



Erin Simon

Senior
Cavanaugh

"Oscar the
Grouch."



Bri Krafcik

Sophomore
McGlinn

"Brad Pitt."



Megan Fesl

Junior
Pasquerilla West

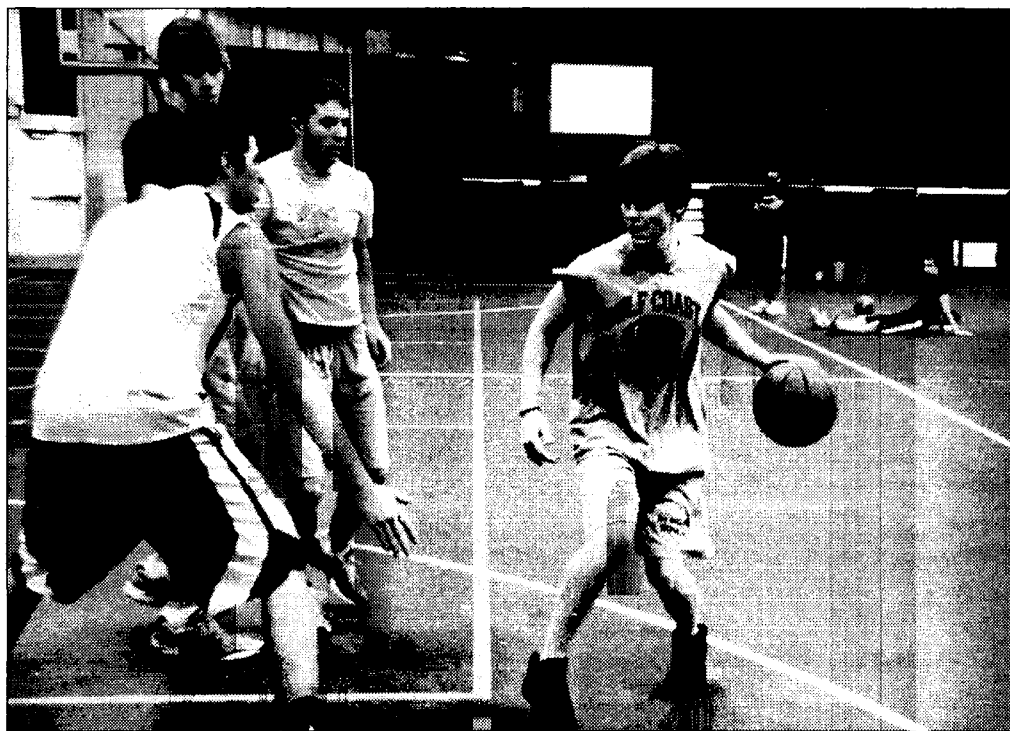
"Grandma
Elsie."



Claire Podgorski

Sophomore
Pangborn

"My mom."



THOMAS LA/The Observer

Keenan sophomore Justin Sablich drives to the basket in a dorm section basketball game on Monday night.

OFFBEAT

Man tries to steal customer's laptop

BRADENTON, Fla. — Sheriff's officers said a 19-year-old man snatched a Starbucks customer's laptop after being told he could not use it to check his Facebook account. According to officers, the man then grabbed the customer's laptop and ran out of the coffee shop, located in an outlet mall.

Two people in the parking lot tackled the man and held him there until a mall security guard arrived.

The victim got his laptop back and the man was charged Saturday with robbery by sudden snatching, a

felony.

Fish pedicures banned in Florida

TALLAHASSEE — A trendy pedicure with fish that nibble dead skin from the feet has been nipped in the bud. The Florida Board of Cosmetology has banned the procedure, even before it was known to be offered anywhere in the state. The board said salons had been inquiring about its legality and decided to preemptively strike.

The treatment is popular in Asia and has spread to some U.S. cities. A client sticks feet, hands or other

body parts in a bowl or pool, and the small fish chow down on soft decaying skin.

Magpies build nest in metal district

HONG KONG — Even the magpies are trying to blend in in the metal and concrete jungle that is Hong Kong. News reports said that a pair of common magpies built a nest on a tree in Hong Kong's Tuen Mun district using scrap metal twigs believed to have been collected from a nearby construction site.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Saint Mary's Dance Marathon is hosting "Charity Denim" today from 2 to 7 p.m. in the Student Center basement. Admission is \$1 and will benefit Riley Hospital for Children.

Semi-finals for Bengal Bouts will take place today starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Contact the Joyce Center ticket office for tickets.

Mass for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated Wednesday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Wendy Falk MacGregor, the Chief Marketing Officer for Feeding American and Lisa Jaworski, the Chief Executive Officer for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana will give a talk Wednesday titled "Hunger in America and South Bend: Responding to Unprecedented Demand" at 5 p.m. in 136 DeBartolo. All are welcome.

The 51st Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival will take place in Washington Hall from 7 to 11 p.m. Top college jazz bands will perform while being judged by five highly acclaimed jazz artists. Students at Notre Dame, St. Mary's and Holy Cross are admitted free of charge but must obtain tickets from the LaFortune Ticket Office.

Bengal Bouts finals take place Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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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Profs debate green economy

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Two University professors presented differing viewpoints on how environmental and economic issues are affecting the United States at a lecture Monday.

Engineering professor Frank Incropera spoke of taking measures to preserve the environment and the present fuel situation that affect the United States and the global community.

"In my mind, energy is as critical as an issue today as food and shelter," Incropera said.

Incropera said while mother countries in the world rely on renewable energy resources as a power source, the United States depends on non-renewable sources for 80 percent of its energy needs.

"These are finite resources," Incropera said. "At some point we are going to reach our peak productivity with each of the resources and then there will be a gradual decline."

Incropera said even those with an optimistic outlook on the fuel situation predict that oil production will decline in the year 2030. This makes the development and implementa-

tion of alternative energy sources increasingly important.

"At some point in the not-too-distant future, we're going to have to rely on other sources of energy," he said.

Incropera said it will be difficult to begin depending on other energy sources because the United States will be starting from such a small scale.

"Right now in this country, solar power accounts for less than one percent of our total energy, and wind power only accounts for about two percent," he said.

Incropera compared the American views on alternative energy sources to those of other countries.

"European countries that have invested in these alternative fuel technologies are at the cutting edge of this development," Incropera said.

In terms of economic growth, the United States is incredibly behind. When the time comes and we adapt to these new technologies, we're going to have to import everything."

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Frank Incropera
engineering professor

Economics professor Amitava Dutt took a different stance on the issue. Dutt is in favor of continued use of non-renewable resources because it is cheaper.

"There is the view among economists that believes that people should do whatever they think is best for them," Dutt said. If they feel like using cheap energy sources, then they should do it."

Dutt is confident in the success of the market system and said it will continue to work even if we run out of fossil fuels.

"If the non-renewable resources begin to run out, the price will go up and get so high that no one will buy them thereby forcing us into investing in alternative fuels," Dutt said.

Dutt also said that despite the good that can come from alternative fuel technologies, the cost might outweigh the possible positive outcomes that can arise.

"We know that technology can be created that can cut down on pollution, but you have to consider the cost," he said. "You have to consider the cost to society as a whole as well."

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Professor returns to SMC to share works

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

With the support of the English Department and the Center for Academic Innovation, professor and author Kirsten Sundberg Lunstrum returned to Saint Mary's to give students a sample of her fiction reading Monday.

Lunstrum, who previously taught in the College's English Department, read an excerpt titled "Familial Kindness" from her newly published short story collection "Swimming with Strangers" and an excerpt from the preface of the novel she has been working on for the past year.

Lunstrum, who is currently assistant professor of creative writing at Purchase College in New York, said she was glad to be back at Saint Mary's.

"I am very homesick for Saint Mary's often; it's a treat to be back," Lunstrum said.

Students listened intently as Lunstrum read excerpts from her short story about a woman whose daughter is getting married. In the story, her brother-in-law, whom she has not seen in 30 years, comes to visit.

A groan traveled through the audience when Lunstrum stopped the story short of the ending.

Lunstrum introduced her next reading, a preface of the novel she is currently writing, with a short summary of the story.

The novel, tentatively titled "Dangerous Girls," is a novel about a group of 13-year-old girls at an all-girl high school who have a crush on one of their teach-

ers, Mr. Ander, Lunstrum said.

She said she chose to write this novel in third-person plural voice from the point of view of other girls who have attended the same school and are passing the story of these particular girls to others.

The novel is a story of the relationship between the girls and the wife of their teacher. The wife is envious of the youth and their freedom, while the girls are fascinated with her because she is the ideal woman, Lunstrum said.

The setting for the novel is the Puget Sound in Linstrum's home state, Washington.

"No matter how much I try to write about other places, Washington keeps popping up into my stories," Lunstrum said.

"I tried writing about the Midwest, but I couldn't do it."

At the end of the fiction reading, Lunstrum answered questions posed by students and gave advice to aspiring writers.

"Read," she said. "I think you only come to writing if you love to read and you only become a better writer if you continue to read. While the work-

shop is essential for writers, I find that I learn the most from books."

She encouraged writers to persevere with their writing, even if it is a lengthy process.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

BOG considers beauty conference

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Senior communications major Emma Farrell asked the Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) for a co-sponsorship to help sponsor a female beauty conference at their meeting this week.

The conference, in its second year, will be held in the Student Center later this spring.

Farrell said she hopes the conference will "deepen the understanding of what being a woman means while trying to resist what makes a woman

seem to be."

In other BOG news:

◆Technology commissioner Deirdre Hayden said she will be meeting with the Information Technology department at the College to find out how much it would cost to put a printer in the Student Center.

◆Michele Peterson, the Student Activities Board (SAB) president, said SAB went to the National Association for Campus Activities conference in Nashville, Tenn. two weeks ago. She said the group brought back many new ideas to bring

to Saint Mary's. Peterson said the group was interested in ideas like a Def Jam poet and a magician.

◆Elections commissioner Francesca Johnson said that the final leg of elections is taking place next week. The elections for the Class of 2010 and 2011 boards will be Monday on PRISM. The "Meet the Candidates" event for the class boards will be tomorrow in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall.

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Bouts

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Bangladesh," Castillo said.

Additionally, Castillo said the trip paves the way for future boxers to visit Bangladesh and take an interest in Bengal Bouts' overall goals.

"It's important for the other guys to know what it is that we do. We're not just beating each other up; we actually have tangible results," he said. "It's really important to know that [Bengal Bouts] is part of something bigger."

A trip to Bangladesh had been in the works for a long time, but serious plans to organize a trip began last spring, Weber said.

"As a junior captain in 2007, I had become more familiar with the program and started seeing ways we could increase our impact," he said. "In the fall semester [of 2007], I began meeting with Holy Cross priests at the Missions Center in South Bend to discuss the possibility of making a trip to Bangladesh to shoot a mini-documentary story."

But over the next several

months, Weber said the project expanded to include a production crew to shoot the documentary and a larger mission to establish relationships within the country.

According to Weber, the expenses for the trip and documentary were made possible through generous contributions from Bengal Bouts alumni; however, the four boxers who traveled with him "made the personal decision to go on their own dime."

The five Bouts boxers traveled throughout Bangladesh for two weeks, he said.

"We traveled almost constantly, visiting dozens of Holy Cross schools and parishes, both urban and rural, around the country. Moving from the city of Dhaka to the tribal villages was like going to a completely different country," he said.

Today, Bengal Bouts is the largest single benefactor to the Holy Cross Mission in Bangladesh, Weber said. The money raised by the Bouts funds educational initiatives in rural Bangladesh. The region accounts for the poorest in the country.

Weber also said the Holy

Cross Mission has dozens of parishes and schools spread out in areas of need around the country to support the poor.

For Castillo, one of the highlights of the trip was having the chance to network in Bangladesh and meet the people whose lives have been improved through the Bouts, he said.

"We visited different villages far from the city [of Dhaka]. We talked to communities that actually receive the money [from Bengal Bouts]," Castillo said. "We also stayed with some of the Holy Cross brothers within the city of Dhaka and went to different sites that the Bouts support. We were making connections the with people there."

Weber said the trip also shed new light on the people of Bangladesh.

"On television, all you see is starvation, suffering and despair. You see weak people reaching out to you for help. But the people I saw were not despairing but hopeful, not weak but strong," he said. "It's not just about what we can do for them, it's about what we can do together with

them."

But Weber's dream to experience Bengal Bouts' impact in Bangladesh does not end as a journey across the world with a few of his boxing buddies.

Upon returning from the trip, Weber partnered with Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns to create a new International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP). The six-week ISSLP will be offered this summer to four boxers who will provide educational assistance in tribal villages with the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

The ISSLP will accomplish two objectives that Weber believes are part of the Bengal Bouts mission: allowing Notre Dame students to experience the Bangladesh missions, and donating human resources and monetary resources "to improve the quality of life in Bangladesh through education."

According to the Center for Social Concerns website, the program is only available to Notre Dame Boxing Club members and will begin in May 2009.

"Having witnessed the missions in Bangladesh, that once



Photo courtesy of Mark Weber

Former Bengal Bouts captain Pat Ryan gives a lift to a young boy in Bangladesh.

mysterious ideal is now manifested in real people, places and personalities. With new knowledge comes a new responsibility," Weber said.

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Auction

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and the celebrity will pay for the winner's meal.

According to Lee, certain celebrities, like Poorman and Hesburgh, are regulars to the Meal Auction. Poorman always hosts an "exciting" meal, she said.

"Last year, I think he took [the winners] to the football changing rooms," Lee said. "This year, he's taking people to the tunnels of South Quad."

Those who win a meal with Poorman will have the chance to see the tunnels underneath South Quad, and then dine in the Main Building.

The winners will also have the opportunity to "climb up the bell tower to ring the bells in the Basilica," Lee said.

Those who win a meal with the trombone section will enjoy a cookout at one of the band houses, according to Lee.

In addition to the live auction for meals, which will take place in the LaFortune Ballroom, a silent auction will take place in the Dooley Room of LaFortune, where people can bid on gift certificates and baskets.

Gift certificates will be offered to a variety of businesses, including Five Guys, Chick-Fil-A, Applebee's and Krispy Kreme.

"Every cent that we earn goes to Meals on Wheels," Lee said.

They chose to make donations to Meals on Wheels, according to Lee, because "it kind of fit with the whole theme of the meal auction."

"You bid on a meal with a celebrity and the money that you pay goes to a meal that somebody else will be using," she said.

Lee also said that because the auction will take place on Ash Wednesday, no food will be served out of respect for those who choose to fast.

"It really brings into the forefront that you are fasting and the money you are raising will go ... to people who don't have as much opportunity as us to get meals," Lee said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Report on tainted blood released

LONDON — The first extensive report into Britain's tainted blood scandal stopped short Monday of blaming individual doctors or companies for what is widely viewed as the National Health Service's worst treatment disaster.

House of Lords member Peter Archer's report called the scandal a "horrific human tragedy" but did not name any specific medical workers or pharmaceutical companies as being responsible for the deaths of around 2,000 hemophiliacs since the 1970s.

Authorities look for escaped convicts

ATHENS — The helicopter company offered "escapes ... to idyllic destinations." But this wasn't the kind of flight it had in mind.

For the second time in nearly three years, a notorious bank robber was lifted out of a prison where he was being held along with his Albanian accomplice in a rented chopper amid fire from prison guards. Within hours, hundreds of people had joined more than a dozen fan clubs on Facebook celebrating the pair.

Police launched a massive manhunt Monday for Vassilis Paleokostas — the robber hailed by some Greeks as a modern-day Robin Hood — and accomplice Alket Rizaj, throwing up roadblocks and checking the abandoned helicopter for fingerprints and DNA.

Police also announced the arrest of four prison guards and the helicopter pilot, who was found bound, gagged and with a hood over his head. The pilot said he had been hijacked by a man and a woman brandishing an assault rifle and a hand grenade.

NATIONAL NEWS

Justice Department seeks new ruling

RICHMOND — The Department of Justice on Monday asked a full appeals court to rule that the federal government has the power to hold sex offenders in custody indefinitely beyond the end of their prison terms.

The filing seeks the reversal of a three-judge panel's ruling last month that Congress overstepped its authority when it allowed civil commitment of "sexually dangerous" federal inmates. The panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that the law intrudes on police powers that the Constitution reserves for states, many of which have their own similar statutes.

In asking the full 4th Circuit to rehear the case, the government argues that it assumes responsibility for inmates in federal custody and should be allowed to "create civil commitment procedures for such persons to protect the public safety."

Priest found guilty of embezzlement

WEST PALM BEACH — A jury convicted a Florida priest on Monday of stealing from his church, but the panel found that he embezzled far less than the \$488,000 prosecutors charged.

The Rev. Francis Guinan, 66, was found guilty of second-degree grand theft of more than \$20,000 but less than \$100,000 after less than four hours of jury deliberations.

LOCAL NEWS

Recycling business under investigation

INDIANAPOLIS — More than 50 Indianapolis police officers will no longer be allowed to work off-duty at a metal recycling business that is under investigation in the alleged purchase of stolen scrap metal.

Raids on six Indianapolis OmniSource scrap yards Monday marked the culmination of a yearlong investigation.

"We were as surprised as anyone to learn of this," said OmniSource spokesman Ben Eisbart. "It's somewhat ironic because we have over the years cooperated with police to train officers in how to identify stolen scrap material."

Vatican names new archbishop in NY

Pope names Milwaukee archbishop Timothy Dolan as Egan's replacement

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The next Roman Catholic archbishop of New York is known as a gentle enforcer of Vatican teaching — a faithful servant of Rome who can disarm his critics with his self-deprecating wit, human touch and love of a good cigar.

Timothy M. Dolan, 59, was named by Pope Benedict XVI on Monday to what is perhaps the most influential post in American Catholicism. At a news conference, Dolan pledged "my life, my heart, my soul" to the 2.5 million parishioners of the archdiocese, the nation's second-largest after Los Angeles.

Dolan, currently the archbishop of Milwaukee, will succeed the retiring Cardinal Edward Egan, 76, who has led the Archdiocese of New York for nearly nine years. Dolan will be installed April 15.

"He's going to defend and promote church orthodoxy," said David Gibson, a former Vatican Radio journalist. "But he's a friendly guy who knows how to translate that into a real kind of pastoral presence."

Dolan said President Barack Obama called him Monday to offer his prayers, a gesture the archbishop called "extraordinarily gracious." Dolan mentioned the conversation during a visit to St. Joseph's Seminary in suburban Yonkers, and said he spoke briefly with Obama about the country's financial problems.

Born in St. Louis, Dolan began his path to the priesthood as a boy, setting up a play altar in his basement with cardboard boxes and sheets. He attended a seminary prep school in Missouri and was ordained in 1976. In 1985, he earned a doctorate in church history from Catholic University.

After working as a parish priest and professor, Dolan spent seven years as rector of the North American



Milwaukee archbishop Timothy Dolan speaks to reporters during a news conference on Monday afternoon. Dolan was named the next archbishop for the New York archdiocese.

College in Rome, considered the West Point for U.S. priests, where he had studied for his own ordination.

"He's a very gregarious, optimistic, hardworking person," said the Rev. Greg Apparel, pastor of the American church Santa Susanna in Rome, who knows Dolan from his years at the North American College. "He's very good at reaching out. I think his optimism and open nature will serve him well."

At the seminary in Rome, Dolan was known as a polished orator who wrote his sermons and notes in flowing cursive but rarely had to consult them. He walked the corridors talking to seminarians, and enjoyed Jamaican-made Macanudo cigars in his down time.

"He is utterly genuine,"

said the Rev. Paul Holmes, a Seton Hall University vice president who was chairman of preaching under Dolan at the Rome seminary from 1999 to 2000. "What you see is what you get."

Holmes remembers visiting Dolan at the archbishop's residence in Milwaukee in 2005, when Pope John Paul II was close to death. Dolan asked his guests whether they minded eating off TV trays in the living room so that they could watch the news.

"He wouldn't let ceremony stand in the way of human beings doing the most human things," Holmes said.

Like other bishops of his generation, Dolan is known as a defender of Catholic orthodoxy, affirming

church teaching against abortion and supporting the all-male celibate priesthood.

But he also "understands the way to lead people to a richer, fuller life in Christ is persuading them. So punishment, vindictiveness or pettiness of any sort is just not part of his nature," said the Rev. Steven Avella, a history professor at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

A year into Dolan's tenure in Milwaukee, about a quarter of his priests, including Avella, signed a public letter saying celibacy should be optional for future Catholic clergy. Dolan responded by upholding the teaching of the church, but also praised the priests as good men.

French teen killed in Cairo bombing

Associated Press

CAIRO — The French teenagers had finished a day touring Cairo's 650-year-old Khan el-Khalili bazaar, gathering in its main square to board a bus back to their hotel. Then the blast went off.

The explosion killed a 17-year-old girl with the group and wounded 24 other people, most of them fellow students. According to the government account released Monday, a bomb had been planted underneath a stone bench on which the girl was sitting.

The Sunday night blast was the first attack in three years targeting foreigners in Egypt, and it raised fears of a blow to the country's vital tourism

industry, which is already suffering from the global economic downturn.

The attack shocked the Paris suburb of Levallois-Perret, hometown of the more than 40 high school students who were on a tour of Egypt. "We are faced with a dreadful drama," the suburb's mayor Patrick Balkany told France's RTL radio on Monday.

The teens had spent the day wandering Khan el-Khalili's labyrinth of narrow alleys. The market is usually packed with tourists and Egyptians who buy trinkets from shops selling everything from belly dance outfits to pharaonic statues, or drink tea and smoke waterpipes at the numerous cafes.

At 6:45 p.m., the students gathered in the square in front of one of Cairo's most revered shrines, the Hussein mosque, one of the students told The Associated Press.

"That was the last thing, that was our meeting point," she said, speaking outside the hotel, her right leg bandaged from her thigh to her toe because of shrapnel wounds.

The bandage was stained by blood around the ankle and the tall, blond hopped on her good foot to get around. She declined to give her name or age to avoid publicity.

Pressed for details about the bombing, she said, "I have no idea, there was nothing but a boom and a light. I couldn't see anything."

Violation

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found guilty of that particular violation.

The ticket of Kevin Kimberly, Alexa Doyle, Dylan Fernandez and Rachel Roseberry had two additional allegations brought against them, and was found guilty of both violations, Perez said.

The allegations caused two special sessions of the Executive Committee of Judicial Council, one at 7 a.m. Monday, and another at 11:30 p.m. Monday.

Of the 1292 votes cast in the race, 120 voted to abstain, 511 voted for the ticket led by Kimberly, and 611 voted for the Caitlin Pulte, Henry Shine, Luke Stavole and Tim Castellini ticket.

The Pulte ticket received 47.3 percent of the vote, and the Kimberly ticket received 39.5 percent of the vote. The remaining votes were cast to abstain.

Perez said because the Kimberly ticket was found guilty of two election violations, the Executive Committee delivered a sanction against the ticket. Kimberly and his running mates will not be allowed to spend any remaining campaign money between now and the run-off. All tickets are restricted to spending \$75, which is provided for the election.

Perez said the sanction also included restriction of additional campaigning to word of mouth and the social networking Web site Facebook.com,

where the ticket has a group page titled "Kimberly-Doyle-Roseberry-Fernandez for Junior Class Council."

Perez said the ticket would not be allowed to use any other methods of online campaigning. Existing posters can remain posted, he said.

Perez told The Observer he was not aware if the ticket had funds leftover.

Perez said he could not reveal the nature of any of the violations or allegations, nor could he reveal who brought the allegations, according to guidelines set forth in the Student Constitution.

Additionally, Judicial Council president George Chamberlain said the information couldn't be released in order to protect the candidates.

"It's important that we protect the integrity of the candidates," he said. Revealing the nature of the violations or allegations could further damage the campaigns, he added.

The tickets were e-mailed of the decisions of the Executive Committee shortly after 1 a.m. The results of the election — which were sealed until the allegations were resolved — were then unsealed.

Perez e-mailed the results of the election to the tickets around 1:30 a.m. and notified them that the run-off would take place Thursday.

The run-off election will take place Thursday online from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Students will be notified of election procedures via e-mail.

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Tipoff

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Jumpball, a Jamaican charity that sponsors basketball clinics in underprivileged areas.

"It's a great charity," Wolbeck said. "And it promotes self-esteem and confidence in the young kids as well as basketball skills."

The first event of the night featured two open games of Knockout with a prize of free tournament registration for the winner. Senior Alex Klupchak won the first game, and junior Ryan Hornacek took second place. Klupchak said his team hasn't decided on a name, while Hornacek's squad will be called the "Monstars."

Ackerman, Malloy and Timmermans were up next for a game of "Horse." Despite several high-difficulty shot attempts, including one attempted off-the-wall header, Ackerman was eliminated first.

"[Malloy and Timmermans] are just fantastic players with a great basketball background and I just came out here to be a part of it," he said.

Timmermans won the matchup against Malloy by hitting a shot from behind the backboard. Despite the loss, Malloy said he was excited about the upcoming tournament.

"I've probably played in more Bookstore tournaments than anybody," he said. "At least I'm in the top-10."

Malloy said his favorite Bookstore Basketball memory is from a tournament during his time as president of the University. His team, "All the President's Men," was playing a first-round game against a team of his niece and her teammates. After letting his

niece steal the ball from him, Malloy said he grabbed her sweatshirt as she sprinted down the court. The picture was printed on the front page of The Observer.

"Nobody knew it was my niece, so it looked like I was mauling some co-ed student," Malloy said with a laugh.

The final contest of the night was a "Hot Spot" competition fought among about a dozen students for the prize of free tournament registration. Freshman Michael Jackson won the event, draining three straight three-pointers in the final seconds to secure victory.

"I wasn't even thinking," Jackson said. "Just look at the basket, shoot the ball and keep going."

The Tipoff event was hosted by Notre Dame basketball players Zach Hillesland and Ryan Ayers. They are undecided on whether they will participate in this year's tournament, even though they are eligible as seniors. Hillesland and Ayers said they have enjoyed watching coaches and former players compete in Bookstore games in past years.

"It's always fun watching the old guys get up and down a little bit," Ayers said.

Even as a player who has battled Big East heavyweights, Hillesland said he was impressed with the quality of play in the Bookstore Tournament.

"There's a lot of good talent from what I've seen," he said. "Especially towards the later rounds, the games are really exciting and entertaining."

Wolbeck said the Tipoff was a success and the Bookstore Basketball organization would try to build on it in upcoming years.

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Election

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scheduled for Thursday. With 1,046 current juniors voting, the tickets led by Chris Tillett and Kim Kyrouac garnered 42.4 percent and 31.7 percent of the votes respectively. Because neither ticket received more than 50 percent of the votes, a run-off election will be held Thursday.

The ticket of Christina Harmon, Arthur Kinsey, Jessica Bell and Kim Hamill received 166 votes, amounting to 15.8 percent of the vote. Tillett and his running mates Joy Hwang, Matt Molloy and Ellie Trousdale received 444 votes, and Kyrouac and running mates Jeff Lakusta, Jordan Schank and Kathleen Donahue received 332 votes. One-hundred four juniors, or nearly 10 percent, voted to abstain.

Kyrouac, the current junior class president, said she was not surprised by the run-off result.

"Especially with three tickets, we knew it was going to be competitive," she said.

Both tickets were pleased with the high turnout.

"We were happy to see that people got out there and voted for us, but obviously the election's not over yet," Tillett said.

Tillett said he needs to convince juniors that their ticket is the best for the class.

"The reason we decided to run and what we felt was that this year's junior class council kind of dropped the ball a little bit," Tillett said.

"We wanted to make sure that our senior year was as best as it could be so we decided to step

up and make sure that happens."

Kyrouac said her ticket has the know-how to make the most of the opportunity to serve as class leaders.

"With our combined experience, new ideas, and dedication to serve our class we hope our

ticket will come out on top," she said.

The run-off election will take place Thursday in the same manner as Monday's election.

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Chris Tillett
junior

Students will be instructed via e-mail to vote online between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Sophomore class council

Catherine Soler and her running mates Jay Kenney, Ben German and Shannon Crotty won the race for sophomore class council with 55.5 percent, amounting to 609 votes of the 1096 cast in the election.

The other two tickets in the race had 37.5 percent of the vote between them. The C.J. Kelly, Courtney Vargas, Katie Kelliher and Nick Schmidt ticket earned 263 votes, or 23.9 percent, and the Lauren Ruhling, Jay Mathes, Laura Philip and Carl Brophy ticket got 148 votes, or 13.5 percent.

Soler, currently a member of freshman class council, responded to concerns raised by competing tickets that the current freshman class council is a "clique."

"The clique is really a misconception," she said. "It's by now means exclusive or anything like that."

"One of our main goals is to increase the diversity on the council and hope that all who are interested in class council feel encouraged to apply," she said.

Soler said she was "happy" with the results.

"We are looking forward to following out the ideas on our platform," she said.

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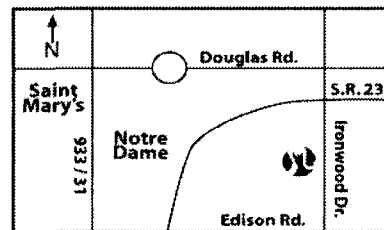
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IN BRIEF

President to slash budget deficit

WASHINGTON — Urging strict future restraint even as current spending soars, President Barack Obama pledged on Monday to dramatically slash the skyrocketing annual budget deficit as he started to dole out the record \$787 billion economic stimulus package he signed last week.

"If we confront this crisis without also confronting the deficits that helped cause it, we risk sinking into another crisis down the road," the president warned, promising to cut the yearly deficit in half by the end of his four-year term. "We cannot simply spend as we please and defer the consequences."

He said he would reinstitute a pay-as-you-go rule that calls for spending reductions to match increases and would shun what he said were the past few years' "casual dishonesty of hiding irresponsible spending with clever accounting tricks." He called the long-term solvency of Social Security "the single most pressing fiscal challenge we face by far" and said reforming health care, including burgeoning entitlement programs, was a huge priority.

Financier selected to assist Geithner

WASHINGTON — The White House selected a Wall Street financier on Monday to advise Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on the restructuring of General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC.

Steven Rattner, co-founder of Quadrangle Group LLC, will serve as counselor to Geithner, who is leading an auto industry task force charged with shaping the future of GM and Chrysler.

The White House said in a statement that Rattner would advise Geithner "on a variety of economic and financial matters, and will lead the Treasury's efforts with regard to the automobile sector."

Rattner had been a leading candidate to become the so-called "car czar." But President Barack Obama decided instead to create a task force led by Geithner and White House economic aide Larry Summers to review \$17.4 billion in federal loans to GM and Chrysler and their requests for billions more in aid.

Quadrangle Group said Monday that Rattner was leaving his role as managing principal of the firm to take the Treasury position.

Official predicts Locke as next pick

Washington governor likely Obama's third choice for Commerce secretary

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's likely third pick for Commerce secretary is former Washington Gov. Gary Locke, a senior administration official said Monday.

Locke, a Democrat, was the nation's first Chinese-American governor when he served two terms in the Washington statehouse from 1997 to 2005.

Obama's expected choice of Locke arose less than two weeks after his most recent pick, Republican Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, backed out. Just over a week after Obama named him and he accepted, Gregg cited "irresolvable conflicts" with the policies of the Democratic president.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the announcement has not yet been made.

Obama originally gave the post, which requires Senate confirmation, to New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson. He withdrew in January, before Obama took office, after the disclosure that a grand jury is investigating allegations of wrongdoing in the awarding of contracts in his state.

The Commerce post is typically not one of the more high-profile jobs in any administration. The head of the department oversees agencies responsible for the once-a-decade census, for oceans policy and for many aspects of international trade, among other things.

The administration recently took steps to assert greater White House control over the census. The outcome of the census has deep political implications, since congressional districts are drawn on the basis of population.

But in Obama's administration, the delay in getting a Commerce secretary has



Washington Gov. Gary Locke, the nation's first Chinese-American governor, is predicted to be President Barack Obama's next pick for Commerce secretary.

been top news in large part because it has been accompanied by other Cabinet troubles. He still does not have a Health and Human Services secretary, either. Former Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle withdrew his nomination for that post amid a tax controversy.

The loss of Gregg for the Commerce job also highlighted the difficulty Obama has had reaching out to Republicans. Gregg would have been one of three Republicans Obama had put in his Cabinet to emphasize his campaign pledge that he would be an agent of bipartisan change. Despite those and other

efforts, Obama drew hardly any GOP support for his main legislative priority, the stimulus package.

Locke, 59, was born into an immigrant family and lived in a Seattle public housing project until he was 6. He graduated from Yale University, which he attended with a combination of scholarships and financial aid, and Boston University Law School.

Locke was briefly linked to the scandal over foreign contributions to President Bill Clinton's 1996 campaign. In July 1998, he gave a deposition to the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight about his rela-

tionships with questioned Clinton donors. But the committee subsequently said the deposition produced no evidence that Locke knowingly accepted illegal campaign donations.

Locke denied any wrongdoing, and he subsequently returned some checks tied to people implicated in the fundraising scandal, including \$750 from John Huang. The former Commerce Department official was the Democratic Party's chief fund raiser for the Asian-American population in the 1996 elections, and he became one of the central figures in the national Democratic Party fundraising scandal.

Government expands bank ownership

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government on Monday moved toward dramatically expanding its ownership stakes in the nation's banks — with Citigroup, the struggling titan of the industry, apparently at the top of the list.

Wall Street responded as it has with the rollout of almost every other plan to fix the financial crisis, taking a big drop and sending the Dow Jones industrials to its lowest level in a dozen years.

The Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve and other banking regulators said they could convert the government's stock in the banks from preferred shares to common shares.

The strategy, which could be applied retroactively to banks that

received money in the first incarnation of the bailout, carries risks. But it avoids, at least for now, having to tap more taxpayer money or resort to full-fledged nationalization.

Citigroup Inc. — perhaps the biggest name in American banking — has approached the regulators about ways the government could help strengthen the bank, including the stock conversion plan, according to people familiar with the discussions. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak on behalf of the government or the company. A Citigroup spokesman declined comment.

The stock conversion could be available for other banks as well, the same sources said.

Regulators, reinforcing what the

White House has said, insisted that keeping banks private is a priority. But federal officials are walking a difficult line because the government could still have huge stakes in banks.

Citigroup already has received \$45 billion in bailout money, plus guarantees to cover losses on hundreds of billions of dollars in risky investments.

"What we are doing here is we're creeping our way toward nationalization," said Terry Connelly, dean of Golden Gate University's Agno School of Business in San Francisco.

The conversion plan would give the government greater flexibility in dealing with ailing banks. It would give the government voting shares, and therefore more say in a bank's operations.

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Catholics and euthanasia

Grandma has a problem. The Feds, it appears, are about to ration her health care. That could turn out her lights. The Obama stimulus package creates a new bureaucracy under a National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. [Secs. 3000-3018.] The Coordinator is mandated to develop an infrastructure that "reduces health care costs resulting from inefficiency [and] inappropriate care...." [Sec. 3001(b)(3).] Medicare currently pays for treatments that are safe and effective. The stimulus opens the door to a cost-effectiveness standard pursuant to guidelines set by the bureaucracy. Under such a standard the availability of care could turn on Grandma's age, her productivity, etc. The recession will intensify pressure to reduce medical spending on non-productive persons. In that game a 75 year-old woman seeking a substantial medical procedure will be a predictable loser.

A later column will discuss the stimulus in detail. For now, let's ask: If Grandma is denied a needed operation and is home in bed with no hope of recovery, can you put her out of her misery? If she is on a feeding tube, can you withdraw it? Suppose she wants to die? The stimulus provides an added reason to address these issues, but they already arise with patients of all ages who are incurable, incompetent, or both.

The legal and moral principles are clear. A competent adult has the legal right to refuse any and all medical treatment, including the right to refuse food and water whether naturally or artificially provided. If a patient is incompetent, the law permits withholding of treatment, including food and water, based on the patient's intent previously expressed in an advance directive or otherwise, or based on his health care agent's opinion that the patient would want such withdrawal or, in some states, that it would be in his best interest.

The moral principles are clearly presented in Catholic teaching. First, you never have the right intentionally to kill the patient. "[T]he direct and voluntary killing of an innocent human being is always gravely immoral." Evangelium Vitae (EV), 57. This includes euthanasia, "an act or omission which, of itself or by intention,

causes death in order to eliminate suffering." Catechism (CCC), 2277. The Catechism calls it "murder."

With respect to medical treatments, we have a duty to use all ordinary and proportionate means to preserve our own lives and the lives of those in our care. See CCC, 2276-79. "[M]edical procedures that are "burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary or disproportionate" are not morally obligatory. CCC, 2278.

The main issues involve palliative care and the withdrawal of nutrition and hydration. In *Vacco v. Quill*, in 1997, the Supreme Court said a State "may permit palliative care" of patients to relieve their pain, even though it "may have the foreseen but unintended 'double effect' of hastening the patient's death." According to Catholic teaching, palliative care may be so administered to relieve pain even though it hastens the unintended death of the patient. But it cannot be used with the intent to kill the patient. The law, however, cannot ordinarily determine whether the palliative care was given to relieve pain or to cause death. Where the family and caregivers agree that it is time for the patient to die, the administration of morphine or other palliatives can be a mode of homicide effectively beyond the reach of the law.

On nutrition and hydration, if a patient refuses food and water with the intent to die, it is a form of suicide which "is always as morally objectionable as murder." EV, 66.

In the Terri Schiavo case, Judge Greer ordered, and not merely authorized, Michael Schiavo to remove not only the feeding tube but all forms of "nutrition and hydration" from his wife. The only reason you heard about Terri Schiavo was because the family members disagreed. When the family and caregivers agree that the patient should die, he can be legally executed by withdrawal of food and water. There are no statistics but it is fair to assume that such executions are numerous and perhaps routine.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), with the approval of Pope Benedict XVI, issued a statement on August 1, 2007 (*L'Osservatore Romano* (English), Sept. 19, 2007) on "the nutrition and hydration of patients in ... a 'vegetative state.'" The principles apply to all patients in whatever condition. The CDF posed and answered two questions:

"First question: Is the administration of food and water (whether by natural or artificial means) to a patient in a 'vegetative state' morally obligatory except when

they cannot be assimilated by the patient's body or cannot be administered to the patient without causing significant physical discomfort?

"Response: Yes. The administration of food and water even by artificial means is, in principle, an ordinary and proportionate means of preserving life. It is therefore obligatory to the extent to which, and for as long as, it is shown to accomplish its proper finality, which is the hydration and nourishment of the patient. In this way suffering and death by starvation and dehydration are prevented.

"Second question: When nutrition and hydration are being supplied by artificial means to a patient in a 'permanent vegetative state' may they be discontinued when competent physicians judge with moral certainty that the patient will never recover consciousness?

"Response: No. A patient in a 'permanent vegetative state' is a person with fundamental human dignity and must, therefore, receive ordinary and proportionate care which includes, in principle, the administration of food and water even by artificial means."

A feeding tube is not intended to cure the cancer or other disease. Its purpose is nourishment and the prevention of suffering from hunger and thirst. Grandma's feeding tube may morally be removed only when she cannot assimilate the food and water or when it is disproportionately painful and the removal is intended only to relieve the pain, with the implicit intent to replace it as soon as it can be done without causing such pain. One could apparently also be justified in removing the tube in the closing minutes before death when the lack of food and water will not cause discomfort and will not contribute to the death, subject to the duty to put it back if the expected death does not occur. The fact Grandma is incurable or will never recover consciousness does not justify starving or dehydrating her to death. To remove a feeding tube with the intent to end Grandma's life is "murder." CCC, 2277.

Whatever President Obama does to ration health care, each of us ought to be aware of the principles that govern our own care and the care of those for whom we are responsible.

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"You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dude, where's my freedom?

Insulated in our Notre Dame bubble, we have been arguing over whether we should condemn Michael Phelps for taking bong rips, or if a boycott of Subway is more bologna than is fit to consume. However, I feel that we are missing out on a far more important story.

Geert Wilders, a freely and democratically elected member of Dutch parliament was invited to the British House of Lords to screen his controversial, anti-Islamic film *Fitna* (available on YouTube) and to discuss his views with his hosts. On February 11, Wilders was detained when his flight landed at Heathrow Airport and immediately sent back to the Netherlands due to a ban by the British Home Office, which claimed that his presence would "threaten community harmony and therefore public security in the U.K." Perhaps this view was reached in part after Lord Nazir

Ahmed, the only Muslim member of the House of Lords, threatened to mobilize 10,000 Muslims to prevent Wilders from entering the House. Ahmed quickly turned to the Pakistani press to promote this "victory for the Muslim community."

It seems strange that a victory for any community would come after a defeat for freedom of speech, about which he said, "Freedom of speech is alright so long as it doesn't come at my expense." In the words of Noam Chomsky, "If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all." Unsurprisingly, there has been no similar move to protect "community harmony" by stopping extremists who actually promise violence in the streets of London, and other European capitals, commonly chanting such fun phrases as: "Bomb, bomb (country of choice)" and

"USA you will pay, the mujaheddin are on their way." So much for the dialogue promised by multiculturalism and political-correctness.

European politicians have shown that not only are they too afraid to speak out on the increasing crisis around them, but that they would gladly trample such hallowed concepts as freedom of speech and expression to avoid upsetting an exploding Muslim electorate. The precedent set is a grim one indeed, but it is important to understand, as it just may enter this bubble of ours sooner than we think.

Jay Rowley
sophomore
Morrissey
Feb. 22

Responsible potheads

As a reader with an open mind, I'd like to voice some of the concerns that I have with Daniel Tostado's article "Reefer Madness' is insalubrious" (Feb. 20th). There seems to be a misconception between an individual that is irresponsible and an individual that is a pothead.

Let's clarify some issues: a father that can't quit smoking weed — irresponsible; a person that gets high — pothead; a friend that continually tries to rob a liquor store — irresponsible (and stupid); a person that smokes weed — pothead. This last one is a little confusing so try to stay with me: a person that develops 'amotivational syndrome' and loses interest in everyday activities because of a drug they are choosing to do — irresponsible; a person that goes to class, maintains healthy relationships, is active in sports, and chooses to smoke marijuana in their free time — a responsible pothead.

I know, it is difficult to comprehend such an oxymoronic statement — "A responsible pothead? Yeah right, get real." Careful though, we wouldn't want to form any prejudices. It would be wrong to categorize all potheads as drug addicts, criminals, and misfits. Potheads are people that like to smoke weed and get high. Sometimes they will even go to a movie, or out to eat. Maybe they will just sit around and watch T.V., or listen to music. Or (and I know this might be surprising) they

might even do something productive.

You see, just because a person is a pothead doesn't mean that they are going to fail out of school, let down their family, lose all their friends, and repeatedly try to rob a liquor store (or any other business venue for that matter). It might even be possible that a person who smokes grass could do something as extraordinary as be admitted to Notre Dame! Here we go again — "Haha, yeah right. Yeah right! Like their half-baked ideas and amotivation would meet the standards of this University!"

False. Some responsible people can do bizarre things like smoke weed and not be academically, socially, and physically impaired. Dare I say it? Yes. You even go to school with some of these people — and they are just as smart, suave, and spiritual as you are. Just like no one ever hears about the functioning alcoholic, no one ever hears about the functioning pothead, but they do exist. So, moving forward, let's refrain from using examples of irresponsible individuals as a standard to measure an entire group of people — now that's a half-baked idea.

Michael Hubert
freshman
Dillon
Feb. 16

Superpower showdown

In response to Jonathan Miller's Feb. 18th argument that telekinesis is irrefutably the superior superpower, I would like to submit my opinion that the ability to control time is far superior to any other power (including telekinesis). I feel that your portrayal of telekinesis is rather extreme. The greatest flaw of your argument is the magnitude of the powers described. Moving objects with your mind must require knowledge of each atom and what is connected to it. Your talk of moving objects (specifically, removing your foe's organs) begins to sound not like telekinesis and more like teleportation.

What I feel is the greatest flaw of your argument, however, is your omission of no doubt one of the greatest possible powers, time control. It may simply be your preference to move objects rather than stop time, but, just like telekinesis, time control can mimic other less worthy powers. Super speed can be mimicked by starting and stopping time rapidly while you move, strength by stopping time while you work out, and invisibility by simply stopping time while you perform whatever malicious deeds you like. As for taking down bad guys, the ability to stop time would also stop people in the middle of their motions. This would make epic battles between nemeses much less epic for you, but victory would no doubt be assured.

I know that every person is entitled to his opinion, and that the argument between all the superpowers will not be resolved by words; so, Jonathan, once we both get our wishes, I'll meet you out in Stepan Fields to settle this once and for all.

Oliver Chmell
freshman
Morrissey
Feb. 23

School of gossip

Somewhere along the way I actually learned the lesson we have all heard before: If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. And yet, we live in the age of JuicyCampus, or CollegeACB or whatever. And of letters of attack on one another in the form of letters to the editor. And of rumors.

I could write about the moral fiber I thought this university was made of, how its students would rise above these actions, how it breaks my heart to see bad things happen to good people. I could write about the sinful

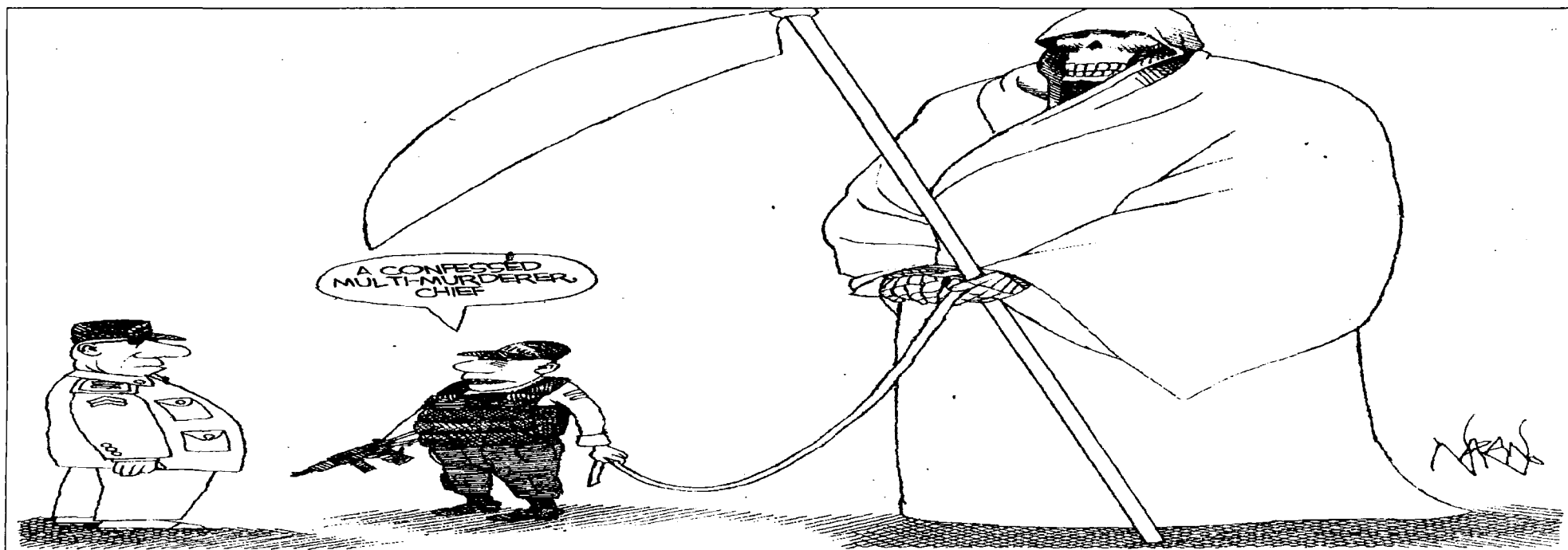
nature of slander (Lev. 19:16). Whatever works for you. Here's what has seemed to resonate among all people I have known, Domers, Catholics, agnostics, whatever.

Next time you have some awful thing to say about a person, without knowing them truly and deeply, think about that person hearing or reading those words. See that person huddled into a corner of his or her loft, crying. See that person holding the rope with which they plan on using to commit suicide. Because, that dramatic or not, do you want to risk your words being the ones

that pushed that person over the edge? So be nice to one another. Or at least be neutral. Think about where you heard things before you tell your roommate, best friend, and the kid who sits next to the kid who sits next to you.

Kyle Rocca
senior
off campus
Feb. 23

EDITORIAL CARTOON





"DOLLHOUSE" SHOWS PROMISE

By CAITLIN FERRARO

Scene Writer

This past Friday the 13th was about more than bad luck, black cats and saw-wielding killers. It was also the premiere of Joss Whedon's new science fiction series, Fox's "Dollhouse."

Whedon is best known as the creator of critically acclaimed sci-fi shows such as "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Angel" and "Firefly." Whedon created this new series, and also wrote and directed the first episode.

The premiere, entitled "Ghost," examined the Dollhouse, a secretive and illegal place where people can go to make their desires come true. The clients of the Dollhouse must have the right connections and enough money to hire "Actives," people who have been programmed to fulfill their needs.

These Actives seem to have been chosen to surrender their bodies and minds to the Dollhouse. The first minutes of the premiere introduce Echo (Eliza Dushku, "Buffy"), an "Active" who seems less than thrilled for her five-year stay in the Dollhouse.

The opening scene shows Echo being gently coerced by a character named Adelle DeWitt (Olivia Williams) to sign a contract that will take care of the 'consequences' for her actions.

We do know that Echo's real name is Caroline; unfortunately we do not know much else, including what actions got her to the Dollhouse in the first place, leaving viewers wondering what her backstory may be.

Echo can be imprinted with any personality, skill, or muscle memory to be whatever the clients want, including the perfect lover, a spy or an assassin. But when the job is done, their memory is wiped away and they forget everything.

However, something is 'wrong' with Echo. As the first episode progresses, it seems clear that she is remembering flashes of the other lives she has lived, and is increasingly curious about her real identity.

Echo's handler, Boyd Langton (Harry J. Lennix), seems to be conflicted about his role in the Dollhouse. As an ex-cop, he seems genuinely invested in her well being. Already in the premiere episode, he comes in conflict with the boss of the

Dollhouse, Adelle DeWitt. Fran Kranz and Amy Acker round out the important members of the Dollhouse as a memory-wiping technician and doctor for the Actives, respectively.

In a parallel storyline, FBI Agent Paul Ballard (Tahmoh Penikett, "Battlestar Galactica") has been assigned to uncover information on the super secretive and elite Dollhouse. Unfortunately, he is met with criticism from co-workers who think he is crazy and accuse him of imposing on other investigations. The episode alludes that his obsession with discovering the truth has destroyed his marriage, and may lead to the demise of his career.

Dushku is a great actress, and she is the core of the show. The birth of "Dollhouse" came out of a conversation Dushku had with Whedon about the level of range an actress needs to fill different roles. "Dollhouse" definitely offers Dushku the opportunity to demonstrate her range as she plays multiple personalities in a single episode.

There is also great potential for Langdon to be an interesting character. Viewers can feel his sense of compassion and a true understanding of right and wrong. The second episode of the show, "The Target," reveals how Langdon came to be a handler at the Dollhouse when an Active named Alpha went on the fritz and killed several people. It also further illustrates his bond with Echo.

The premiere of "Dollhouse" is a promising one, as it offers a balance of action and thought-provoking ethical questions. While the first half drags a bit, the second half of the episode picks up and shows great potential.

But for this show to work, viewers need more information. Who was Echo before the Dollhouse? Who is the naked man in the last five minutes of the episode, sitting among dead bodies and watching home videos of Echo before she became an active? And will his sending of Echo's photo to Agent Ballard in an enveloped marked 'keep looking' force a meeting between Echo and the rogue cop? We will have to wait until next Friday to find out.

"Dollhouse" airs on Fox Fridays at 9 p.m.

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JOSS WHEDON: THERE AND BACK AGAIN

By ELLIE HALL

Scene Writer

Joss Whedon's recent re-emergence into primetime after a five-year hiatus has intrigued television viewers. Why? This writer/director/producer has discovered the elusive balance between cult icon and culturally relevant, critically acclaimed creator.

The latest in a long line of television scribes, Joss Whedon has been described as the world's first third-generation TV writer (grandfather John Whedon wrote for earlier sitcoms, such as "The Donna Reed Show," and father Tom Whedon wrote for shows such as "The Golden Girls" and "The Electric Company"). A graduate of Wesleyan University, Whedon moved to Los Angeles after college and worked as a writer on "Roseanne" for several years, gaining a reputation as a talented script doctor for his side work on films like 1995's "Speed."

Whedon then conceived the idea for "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and wrote a screenplay based on it, but his creative differences with the film's director doomed the project to poor critical and audience reception upon its 1992 release.

After receiving an Oscar nomination for best screenplay as part of the "Toy Story" scriptwriting team, Whedon surprised Hollywood by turning away from movies and adapting "Buffy" into a successful television series. "Buffy" would enjoy a seven-year run and launch a spin-off, "Angel," which would run for five years.

In 2002, Whedon created a TV show set in the distant future, a "space western," which became the short-lived but much mourned "Firefly." Fox struggled with Whedon over the show's themes and direction, and the program was cancelled after 11 episodes despite overwhelming, organized fan support for the show.

Banking on this fan base and bitterly disappointed at the death of "Firefly," Whedon penned the script for a feature film based on the series. That film, "Serenity," was released in 2005.

Whedon went on to devote himself to side projects, such as the "Buffy" and "Angel" comic books, as well as a well-received arc writing for the "X-Men" comic book series, until "Buffy" alum Eliza Dushku convinced him to return to television.

Thus 2009's "Dollhouse" was born.

The Writers Guild of America (WGA) strike delayed the show's production and in his spare time, Whedon created the Internet musical, "Dr. Horrible's Singalong Blog." The short series premiered online in 2008 to critical interest and acclaim.

Fans of Whedon's work — known alternately as Whedonites, Whedonophiles, or Browncoats — have rightfully earned their place alongside the Trekkies and other fan bases. Whedonesque.com, the Joss Whedon weblog, keeps such diehard fans up to date with all developments in the "Whedonverse," and those who congregate at this site make up one of the most organized and powerful fan bases on the Internet.

In examining his 20-odd years as an Emmy-nominated television writer, certain themes emerge from Whedon's work. First, all Joss Whedon shows typically deal with themes of science fiction and the supernatural, and nearly always feature strong, empowered women. He is often considered one of the TV's foremost feminist writers. Whedon's quick, witty and stylized speech forms and their influence on modern slang have been the subject of academic study.

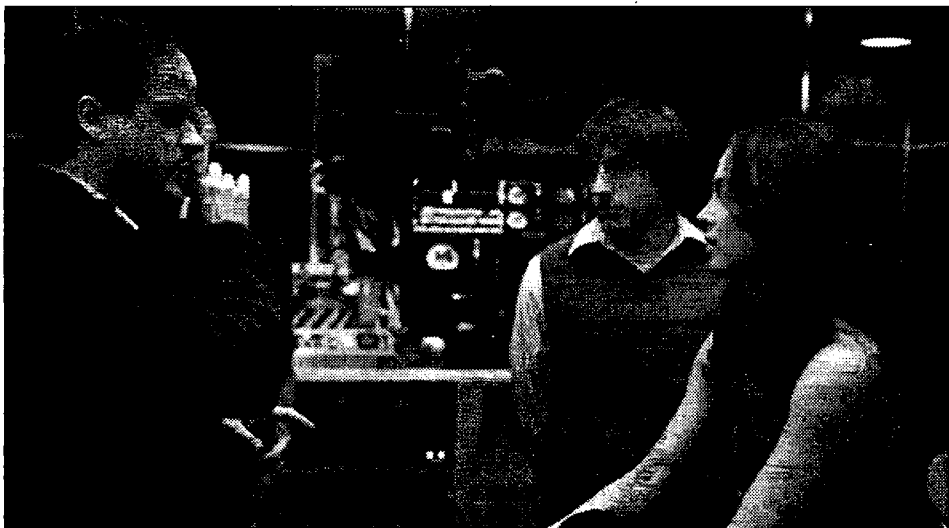
And, as any Whedonite will tell you, he is infamous for killing off beloved characters in order to keep plots interesting and audiences guessing.

Whedon's future in TV depends on the fate of "Dollhouse," his most recent project. If the show prospers, audiences may be treated to years of witty humor and captivating plot twists.

With "Dollhouse" struggling to attract an audience in its early weeks and rumors of problems with Fox, however, it seems Whedon will follow through on his threat to abandon the small screen for good. He has announced plans to develop online projects, such web series in the vein of "Dr. Horrible."

Tune in to "Dollhouse" on Fox at 9 p.m. Friday, or set your TiVos and DVRs to record the show. Whedon is one of the foremost creators of television programming today, and "Dollhouse" will be remembered long after shows like "America's Next Top Model" and "Dancing With the Stars" have faded from the airwaves.

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Joss Whedon, left, directs Fran Kranz and Eliza Dushku in an episode of "Dollhouse." The show airs on Fox Fridays at 9 p.m.



Writer-director Joss Whedon, third from left, poses with the cast of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." Whedon's latest television project is "Dollhouse."



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There is a great mother load of music out there. Everything exists. And because of the Internet, we can find it all, listen to it all, download it all and love it all. Literally millions of songs are at our fingertips, if not billions.

Stephanie DePrez

Assistant Scene Editor

From the highly ranked iTunes top-poppers to the crappy Garage Band upload on your cousin's music MySpace, music is being heard, interpreted, reinvented and produced at a rate so rapid there is no guarantee any artist will survive more than a few weeks, or months if they are lucky.

And if you miss an artist, too bad, because they're lost forever in the void of "Once Was Popular."

With so many options, it's daunting to go fishing for anything new. We cling to iTunes charts and the radio to tell us what's good, because we haven't got a snowball's chance in Miami at finding it ourselves. At least, this is the thought of the music muggle.

This means that even though the indie artist is free to write, record and produce their own full album, if they haven't got a way to market it to the masses, then their music is moot. It takes the music geek, the guru, to fish out new music, and then popularize it through blogs, file sharing, mixes and word of mouth. Then, radios begin to pick it up and the ears at Spin Magazine perk up minutes before it bursts onto the scene. They get one to three hits on iTunes, perhaps a full album of popularity, some placement in ads and on "Gossip Girl," and then begin to be dubbed "Known Music."

This is the kiss of death. No one really wants to listen to "Known Music." It isn't popular enough to be Taylor Swift-ing its way into the hands and iPods of the muggles, but it is no longer indie-chic, and therefore the music geeks and über nerds won't touch it. And then, three years later, it gets

dumped on Rolling Stone.

Every so often, a band fished from the obscurity of its MySpace page will strike a real chord — or at least one that sounds different — and it will gain a true following of diehards.

These are the bands that have staying power, the ones that, in the end, really matter.

The corporate system plucks unsuspecting youngsters from their festering musical obscurity, dresses them up, tells them they're rock stars and spoon feeds them to the music muggles through movies, television and the radio. They play huge release concerts at Virgin and are begged to put their name on a fashion label. The muggles eat it up. The gurus scoff.

The point, though, is that there is way too much music out there for all of this to matter. Even for most of it to matter.

Music has one major flaw: it requires time. You need three minutes to listen to a song. You need 45 minutes to appreciate an album. And the only way to find music is to listen to it. We simply cannot love that much music. There is a limit to what can be popular, because we can't listen to everything that "Should Be Popular." Even if every radio station everywhere never repeated a song, we wouldn't be able to get through it all.

No one would go for that anyway, because the beauty of music is falling in love with it, and a lot of times it isn't love at first sight. We need to sit with music, to live with it, to associate memories with it in order to claim it. And in the end, that's all we really want to do.

Muggle or guru, we want music that's our own.

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When independent artists' music is featured on television shows like the CW's "Gossip Girl," indie hipsters are often disappointed.



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Christian Finnegan — a comedian best known for his work on VH1's "Best Week Ever," stand-up specials on Comedy Central, and his role as "Chad," the lone white roommate on

Declan Sullivan

Scene Writer

"The Chappelle Show" skit "Mad Real World" — performed to a packed room

Friday night at Legends. Before going on stage, however, he gave 10 minutes of his time to a couple of plucky, freshman Observer reporters for a quick interview: I happened to be one of them.

He was sitting at a table talking to a friend, but when he saw us, he stood up and gave us a warm smile. We told him both our names, and immediately the butterflies went away. He was down-to-earth, and seemed as excited to be interviewed, as we were to interview him.

Shane, my fellow reporter, made the first move. "So, there's a question I've been dying to ask you," he said, using his best Dave Chappelle voice. "What's the square root of this apartment?"

Christian's attitude immediately changed from friendly to jokingly offended: "What am I supposed to say to that?"

Shane said he meant it only as an icebreaker, to which Finnegan responded, "I feel like we had a great rapport going, and then you go and use that icebreaker ... I feel like it created more ice between us." After berating us for a while longer, he paused and said, with the conviction of a man under oath, "but seriously, the answer is 14."

We soon began talking about his career as a comedian — what it's like to tell jokes for a living, have a special on "Comedy Central Presents," make a comedy album, etc. He said he felt extremely lucky about being able to do stand up for a living, but that it was not the most stable field of work.

"Really, you're always up and coming as a comedian," Finnegan said.

The life of a working comedian is apparently not as glamorous as many of us would think. The majority of comedians cannot make their living alone from stand-up: the day after his first Comedy Central special aired, Finnegan still had to go to work at his office job.

Once you make it as a comedian, however, it's still not easy. The majority of money does not come from TV appearances, but from touring.

"We're kind of like musicians," Finnegan said. "Most of [the money] comes from ticket sales." But even touring is not easy, especially for comedians.

Money is less abundant than it is for musicians, and the chance of bombing a show is a much, much higher. Finnegan, however, views bombing as good thing.

"If you're not bombing on a semi-regular basis, you're not trying hard enough as a comedian," he said.

Comedy is all about finding new material, and the only way to do that is to go out on a limb at times. Still, this doesn't make bombing any easier. Christian drew the allusion to "eating an unholy d*ck" before he remembered he was at a Catholic school, and promptly amended the statement to "a holy d*ck."

When asked about touring through colleges, Christian said he loved it. Although, he did say his material does have to be adjusted for college crowds.

"Different jokes apply to different crowds," he said, explaining he's not going to tell jokes about crappy jobs and marriage to a bunch of college kids.

Students have yet to experience the slower flow of life after school. "They bounce between elation and despair," Finnegan said, at least until graduation. "Then you realize that sort of nut-punch of life."

Different rooms also call for adjustments to the routine. For example, in southern cities like Atlanta or Houston,

Finnegan noted some confusion on the part of his audience.

"The audience will think I am gay for the first 30 seconds of a show," he said. He's not gay — he's married — and he isn't overly "feminine." But he noted that to his audiences, what's "manly in New York" is "gay" in a Texas comedy club.

Finnegan will, however, joke about this to win over the crowd. As a comedian, he prides himself

for being able to play in any room, and usually gets the audience on his side. It is this talent that has allowed him to get such diverse gigs as "The Chappelle Show" and "Best Week Ever."

At this point, the stage director came in;

Finnegan was on in 10 minutes, and we needed to wrap it up. He thanked us for coming, said he hoped he'd try to see us after the show, and gave us both handshakes.

Right before we left, however, there was one question I wanted to know: Who and what were the inspirations for his comedy?

Finnegan said he actually did not draw from other comedians that much. Instead, he was inspired more by genres of entertainment, like music. Even watching a friend's professional dance troupe would feed his muse.

For me, this last comment was a fascinating look into how a comedian creates his routine. It also explained some of the confusion on the part of his southern fans.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Knight suspended one game for comments

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Big 12 Conference suspended Texas Tech coach Pat Knight for one game on Monday for complaining about the officials after a loss to Texas A&M.

Knight received a technical foul in the second half of the 79-73 loss on Saturday for arguing a foul call and complained about the officials after the game to reporters, saying he didn't care what the Big 12 thought.

The son of Bob Knight, Pat Knight also was publicly reprimanded by the Big 12 earlier this month for being ejected after running onto the court twice to argue a foul call in a game against Nebraska.

Assistant coach Stew Robinson will replace Knight for Wednesday's game against Texas.

"I wasn't surprised because I broke a rule," Knight said during the Big 12 coaches teleconference on Monday. "I know the rules, but sometimes you have to lay on a grenade to get your point across."

In 6½ seasons at Texas Tech, Bob Knight received two public reprimands from

the Big 12 in 2007 for his actions following losses.

Pat Knight didn't show any of his father's fiery demeanor after taking over the team halfway through last season, choosing to remain calm in tight situations.

That has changed over the past few weeks. With his team struggling — 12-15 overall, 2-10 in conference — Knight has become frustrated with the officiating, leading to two outbursts in the past three weeks.

The first time came following a loss to Nebraska on Jan. 31.

Unhappy with a foul called on

Alan Voskuil, Knight was ejected for running onto the court to argue with the officials. A few moments later, he returned to the floor to continue arguing, leading to a public reprimand from the conference two days later.

Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe didn't give Knight a harsh penalty after that outburst because of his "past exemplary behavior." This time, Beebe said he was disappointed that Knight had committed a violation so soon after the first one.

"I was extremely lenient in that case and chose not to

"I know the rules but sometimes you have to lay on a grenade to get your point across."

Pat Knight
Red Raiders coach



Texas Tech coach Pat Knight shouts instructions during a game against Baylor in Waco, Texas on Feb. 6. Knight was suspended for one game on Monday for comments he made about officiating.

suspend Coach Knight," Beebe said in a written statement. "The nature and extent of his comments after the Texas A&M game, and his callous attitude in light of his commitment to me to abide by the rules, require a serious penalty."

Knight became increasingly frustrated with the officiating during Saturday's home loss to the rival Aggies, a physical game that

featured 56 combined fouls. He was hit with a technical foul in the second half for arguing a call against John Roberson and considered getting thrown out of the game to prove a point.

Knight thought better of it and instead decided to complain to the media after a game in which four of his players fouled out and his team was outshot 51-22 at the free-throw line.

"I was sitting there with my staff and the way things were going, I asked them if I needed to get thrown out of this game. We decided it was best not to do that twice," he said. "I already made my point once doing it that way, so the only way to make a point and get it out there was to bring it up in the press conference knowing that I was probably going to get fined or suspended."

MLB

Bonds' trainer summoned by judge in federal perjury trial

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' personal trainer was ordered Monday to appear before a federal judge and say whether he'll break his silence and testify at the slugger's perjury trial.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston summoned Greg Anderson for the unusual hearing, scheduled for Wednesday.

Anderson is considered a vital witness for the government as it tries to prove Bonds lied to a grand jury investigating steroid use by athletes. Prosecutors said the trainer can directly link Bonds to three positive drug tests and other evidence collected during a September

2003 raid at the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, which was at the center of the steroids probe.

The judge has barred prosecutors from showing the jury the test results because Anderson is refusing to testify. Anderson is alleged to have collected the urine samples for drug testing at the lab. Without his testimony confirming the collection, Illston has said there is no way to prove the samples belong to Bonds.

Similarly, the judge said calendars that prosecutors say chart Bonds' use of performance-enhancing drugs can't be introduced without Anderson's testimony that he created them.

Messages left Monday with

Anderson's attorney, Mark Geragos, were not immediately returned.

The trainer has already spent a year in prison on a contempt of court charge for refusing to testify about Bonds to a 2006 grand jury. He also declined to discuss his relationship with Bonds when asked by federal agents during a September 2003 raid of his home.

Bonds is charged with 10 counts of making false declarations to a grand jury and one count of obstruction of justice.

Illston scheduled the Wednesday hearing after Bonds' attorneys objected to having Anderson's refusal to testify — and possible jailing — play out in front of the jury.

Defense lawyers argued that would be unfair to Bonds, who owns the major league record for home runs with 762.

Illston's decision to hold a separate hearing with Anderson before trial, scheduled to begin next Monday, will keep that drama away from jurors.

Prosecutors and Bonds' lead attorney, Allen Ruby, declined comment Monday.

Legal experts expect the judge to put Anderson on notice that he will be put behind bars for the duration of the anticipated month-long trial if he refuses to participate. Then, they say, Anderson would be called to the witness stand during trial — but outside the presence of

jurors — and asked his intentions again. If he refuses to testify at the point, he may be jailed.

Federal prosecutors are discussing whether to appeal the judge's decision to bar the three steroids tests from being introduced at trial. They have until the first juror is seated — probably on March 3 — which would then delay the trial for an undetermined time. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals would decide the issue.

"It's very hard to overturn evidentiary rulings," said Howard Wasserman, who teaches evidence at Florida International University College of Law and writes about sports law. "Plus it was a very good, solid ruling."

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NCAA Men's Basketball AP Top 25

team	points	record
1 Pittsburgh (69)	1,797	25-2
2 Connecticut (1)	1,692	25-2
3 Oklahoma (2)	1,643	25-2
4 North Carolina	1,556	24-3
5 Memphis	1,543	24-3
6 Louisville	1,403	22-5
7 Duke	1,228	22-5
8 Marquette	1,169	23-4
9 Michigan State	1,136	21-5
10 Villanova	1,125	22-5
11 Missouri	1,094	23-4
12 Clemson	1,050	22-4
13 Wake Forest	992	20-5
14 Arizona State	869	21-5
15 Kansas	812	22-5
16 Purdue	765	21-6
17 Gonzaga	661	21-5
18 LSU	541	23-4
19 Xavier	413	22-5
20 Illinois	364	22-6
21 Washington	291	20-7
22 UCLA	268	20-7
23 Florida State	217	21-6
24 Butler	192	23-4
25 Texas	162	18-8

NCAA Men's Basketball USA Today Top 25

team	points	record
1 Pittsburgh (30)	774	25-2
2 Connecticut (1)	721	25-2
3 Oklahoma	691	25-2
4 Memphis	682	24-3
5 North Carolina	668	24-3
6 Louisville	585	22-5
7 Duke	559	22-5
8 Missouri	517	23-4
9 Michigan State	511	21-5
10 Marquette	471	23-4
11 Arizona State	434	21-5
12 Villanova	428	22-5
13 Clemson	424	22-4
14 Wake Forest	411	20-5
15 Kansas	355	22-5
16 Purdue	261	21-6
17 Gonzaga	257	21-5
18 LSU	239	23-4
19 UCLA	202	20-7
20 Illinois	197	22-6
21 Washington	178	20-7
22 Xavier	175	22-5
23 Butler	75	23-4
24 Texas	55	18-8
25 Florida State	52	21-6

Big East Conference Men's Basketball Standings

team	conference record
1 Louisville	13-2
2 Connecticut	13-2
3 Pittsburgh	12-2
4 Marquette	12-2
5 Villanova	10-4
6 West Virginia	8-6
7 Providence	8-7
8 Syracuse	7-7
9 Cincinnati	7-7
10 NOTRE DAME	6-8
11 Seton Hall	5-9
12 Georgetown	5-10
13 St. John's	4-10
14 USF	3-11
15 Rutgers	1-13
16 DePaul	0-14

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NCAA BASKETBALL

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No. 25 Florida State at Boston College
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NFL



Colts receiver Marvin Harrison was released by Indianapolis on Monday after playing 13 seasons. After one of the least productive seasons of his career, the team cannot afford to keep him without a payout.

Colts, Harrison go separate ways

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Marvin Harrison refused to take a pay cut. The Indianapolis Colts couldn't afford to keep him without one.

On Monday, the two sides reached agreement on one thing: Harrison will be a free agent.

Agent Tom Condon told The Associated Press that Indianapolis has agreed to release the franchise's all-time leading receiver, although an official announcement is not expected until Tuesday or Wednesday.

The decision comes one day after team president Bill Polian said he hoped to

cut a deal that would keep Harrison in Indy. When Harrison said no, the Colts said farewell.

"Basically, we were not able to come to any kind of agreement, it was not contentious and the Colts have agreed to release him," Condon said in a phone interview.

Team officials declined comment and a message was left by The Associated Press at the office of team owner Jim Irsay.

It's not a surprising move because the Colts would save about \$6 million, based on Harrison's base salary. They would still be charged for prorated bonuses from the \$66 mil-

lion deal he signed in December 2004.

The Colts found it too expensive for a 36-year-old receiver coming off one of the least productive seasons of his career.

Harrison ranks second in NFL history with 1,102 receptions, and the move will disappoint many Colts fans, who embraced Harrison as a favorite. They referred to Harrison, Peyton Manning and Edgerrin James as "The Triplets," and Harrison was one of the franchise's most identifiable player in the last decade.

His penchant for toe-tapping catches along the sideline and incredible grabs in the middle of the field

helped the Colts build one of the league's most successful franchises in this decade.

But longtime teammates understood why Harrison wanted to become a free agent.

"I think whatever Marvin chooses to do for himself, he has to do," center Jeff Saturday said Sunday night. "I love Marvin as a friend and as a teammate."

Indianapolis took Harrison in the first round of the 1996 draft and when Manning arrived two years later, the tandem began a record-setting journey.

They combined for more completions, yardage and touchdowns than any duo in league history.

IN BRIEF

Jenkins attempts to quell NFL doubts about size

INDIANAPOLIS — Malcolm Jenkins hears the questions constantly.

Maybe, the doubters suggest, he's not quick enough to play cornerback in the NFL. Maybe, at his listed size of 6 feet 1, 201 pounds, he'd be a better safety. Maybe he should have skipped that senior season and put those debates to rest.

Jenkins believes he can answer any question scouts have for him at the NFL's annual scouting combine. If they want more proof, Jenkins suggests they review his game tapes — or pay attention to what he says.

"If you put on a film of a guy who's about 5-10, 185, I'm doing the same things they're doing at my size," he said. "In the league now, you've got receivers that are getting bigger and more physical and that's what you need — a guy that can do it all. With my size and speed, it's something rare you really don't find around the nation."

Rangers fire Renney after twelve game tailspin

NEW YORK — Tom Renney was fired as coach of the New York Rangers on Monday and replaced by John Tortorella in an attempt to save a season that has spiraled out of control.

The Rangers opened 10-2-1, but 10 losses in the last 12 games have knocked the team out of contention for the Atlantic Division title and placed it in danger of missing the playoffs completely.

Tortorella led the Tampa Bay Lightning to the Stanley Cup title in 2004 and was let go following last season. The Rangers were not required to provide compensation to the Lightning.

Renney, a former coach of the Vancouver Canucks, was 164-121-42 with the Rangers in four-plus seasons and ranks fourth on the team's career wins and games coached lists.

In recent home games, fans had chanted for Renney's dismissal.

Crabtree addresses foot stress fracture worries

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Crabtree was quick on his feet Sunday, and if he does the same thing for NFL scouts next month the stress fracture in his left foot might soon be forgotten.

In an odd scene at the league's annual scouting combine, Crabtree strolled quickly across the media room moments after Patriots coach Bill Belichick finished speaking. He walked up a couple of steps, smiled at reporters and then gave a 20-second statement confirming the decision to delay surgery so he could run in front of scouts during next month's personal workout.

"It's an old injury that I've been having, but I never had any pain in it," he said. "I will run my 40, and after that I will have surgery."

With that, Crabtree exited stage left, taking no questions.

Clearly, it was an effort to stem the fallout that began Saturday when it was revealed he needed surgery.

NBA

Barkley pleads guilty to charges

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Charles Barkley will serve time in jail after pleading guilty Monday to charges of driving drunk.

According to Scottsdale court records, the 45-year-old former NBA star pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor charges related to the same drunken driving arrest.

Barkley, who works as a TV analyst, is set to begin a five-day jail sentence on March 21. The Hall of Famer must pay more than \$2,000 in fines and attend an alcohol treatment program. Under Arizona law, he'll also be forced to install an ignition interlock device on his vehicles.

His attorney was not immediately available for comment.

Barkley was stopped by police Dec. 31 shortly after leaving a Scottsdale nightclub. He was arrested after failing a field sobriety test. He had a blood-alcohol level of .149 percent, nearly twice the legal limit of .08 percent in Arizona when he was pulled over.

After a six-week leave of absence, Barkley resumed his studio analyst role for TNT last week.

"This is just my bad, no excuses," Barkley said in an interview with TNT colleague Ernie Johnson posted on NBA.com before he returned to work.

"I think that a DUI is unacceptable," he added. "That can't happen and I've got to challenge other people, not just celebrities or jocks. You have to really think before getting behind the wheel after you've been drinking."

Barkley conceded at the time he could face jail time.

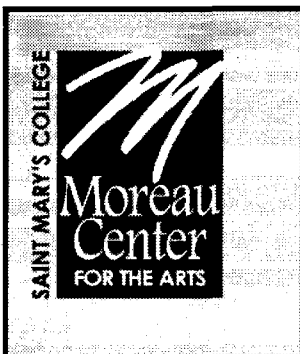
"I think it's going to be good for me, to be honest. I need to make sure drinking is not a problem for me," he said. "I just want some professionals to talk to me about it."

If they tell him to stop drinking, "then I'll have to stop drinking," he said.

Asked if he could do that, he replied, "I feel I can do anything that I put my mind to."

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Charles Barkley
TNT analyst



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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cards get road win over Hoyas

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Louisville is in a crazy-good race for the regular-season championship of the Big East, where four of the nation's top eight teams sit atop the standings.

Georgetown, the two-time defending regular-season champion, is not a member of that quartet. The Hoyas are all but conceding that their only road to the NCAA tournament runs through the conference tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Louisville's upperclassmen topped Georgetown's youth 76-58 Monday night,

led by Earl Clark's 22 points, eight rebounds and four steals. The No. 6 Cardinals (22-5, 13-2) overcame 16 turnovers with solid defense and

good first-half shooting to win their fourth straight and move into a first-place tie with Connecticut.

So much for Louisville coach Rick Pitino's early season thought that the regular-season champ would have five or six losses.

"I was hoping to be 12-6," said Pitino, whose team improved to 7-1 on the road in conference play. "I thought that would be a very good season, 12-6, in this league in this year, but we've been a great road team."

The Cardinals started 9-for-9 from the field — their first miss coming nearly 11 minutes in — and were 7-for-7 from 3-point range well into the second half. The marksmanship was more of a necessity than a luxury because they were so careless with the ball, but the initial shooting burst was enough to build a lead that kept Georgetown at bay throughout the second half.

"I thought we were doing a good job, but we were just turning it over too much," Pitino said. "That was killing us."

Samardo Samuels, Terrence Williams and Preston Knowles added 10 points apiece for the Cardinals, who had a 17-point first-half lead cut to eight in the second half. Louisville shot only 15-for-35 after the 9-for-9 start, but the defense forced 14 Georgetown turnovers and held the Hoyas to 31 percent shooting after half-time.

Chris Wright scored 12 points, and Greg Monroe

had 10 for the Hoyas (14-12, 5-10), who have lost nine of 11 as they continue their challenging spin through the nation's basketball elite. Georgetown has played six teams currently ranked in the top 10, and they'll make it seven against No. 10 Villanova on Saturday. The Hoyas are 2-4 in those games.

The loss also dropped the Hoyas to 12th place in the Big East, just six weeks after they were ranked No. 9 in the country.

Asked about his team's NCAA tournament chances, coach John Thompson III said: "If there's one good

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Rick Pitino
Cardinals coach

thing about being in this conference it's that you get to go to New York and you get a chance to fight and you get a chance to win it. We have to continue to improve and we have to be better when we get to New York, it's as simple as that."

Samuels got the better of Monroe in the battle of freshmen centers — at least while the game was still in the balance. Samuels got behind the Georgetown center to score two of the Cardinals' first three baskets and finished 4-for-5 from the field. Monroe, by contrast, didn't

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Rick Pitino
Cardinals coach

take a shot until a wayward 16-foot jumper more than 5 minutes into the game and went 4-for-7.

The Cardinals didn't miss a field goal until Clark's short jumper barely hit the rim with 9:01 remaining in the half, but by then Louisville already had 26-13 lead. Clark's 3-pointer gave Louisville a 41-24 lead with 3 minutes to play in the half, but Georgetown's Jessie Sapp scored the final seven points of the period, including a bank-shot 3-pointer at the horn that cut the lead to 41-31.

The Cardinals started the second half with turnovers on their first three possessions, but Georgetown could only cut the deficit to eight. The Hoyas had trouble solving the full-court press and couldn't find an offensive rhythm, with Wright finishing 3-for-12 from the field, DaJuan Summers 1-for-8 and Sapp 3-for-10.

"Once you lose and go through a stretch like we're going through, you don't feel as good about yourself," Thompson said. "It's as simple as that."

NBA

Robinson's 41 leads Knicks past Pacers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In another spectacular offensive performance, Nate Robinson's biggest play came with a return to his defensive roots.

Robinson scored a season-high 41 points, including the tiebreaking layup with 26 seconds left, and the New York Knicks beat the short-handed Indiana Pacers 123-119 Monday night.

Robinson scored 32 in the second half and matched Bob McAdoo's franchise record for most points in a game by a reserve. His final bucket came when he picked off an errant pass, just as he did twice in 2002 when he played for the University of Washington as a defensive back.

"That interception definitely would have been for six to the house," Robinson said. "Would have got a flag for celebrating, but it's OK."

He kept the celebration going after the game, giving actor Will Ferrell, whom he befriended last year and was sitting courtside, the green jersey he wore to win the slam dunk jersey at All-Star weekend. That's just one of the highlights of a month that has seen Robinson score 30 or more points four times in the last six games.

"He's been on a dramatic tear since the All-Star break and he had another great performance," Indiana's Jarrett Jack said.

Al Harrington added 27 points and David Lee had 20 points and 13 rebounds for the Knicks, helping the Knicks pull out a game against a team that was missing most of its best players.

"That should have been a game that we should have won handily tonight with them having their two best players out, but any time you keep it close like that they have some shotmakers on their team," said Lee, who had his 20th straight double-double. "So it was too close for comfort tonight, but I'm just glad we got a win."

Jack scored a season-high 33 points and Marquis Daniels matched a season best with 28 for the Pacers, who had won two in a row overall and four in a row at Madison Square Garden. They fell to 4-2 when playing without both All-Star Danny Granger and Mike Dunleavy.

The Knicks led for most of the fourth quarter but couldn't contain Jack, who had his previous season high here last month when he capped a 29-point performance with the winning jumper with 0.9 seconds left. Indiana had the ball in the front court and a chance for the lead, but Jeff Foster threw away an inbound pass and Robinson tracked it down before streaking in for a layup and a 121-119 lead.

"I was in trouble getting open," Jack said. "Jeff thought someone was going one way and he threw it up there and (Robinson) was able to get the steal."

Troy Murphy, who had 19 points and 21 rebounds, traveled on the next possession, and Robinson knocked down a pair of free throws for the final margin.

The Pacers were already without Granger (torn right foot tendon) and Dunleavy, who coach

Jim O'Brien said he expects will miss the rest of the season with an injured right knee. Then they were forced to go without point guard T.J. Ford, who was expected to play but couldn't because of the flu.

"I thought we played a very spirited game, played with a lot of guts," O'Brien said. "We were missing three starters. We played well enough to win on the road, we just didn't pull it out at the end."

The Knicks couldn't take advantage for most of the game, looking sluggish a day after a loss in Toronto. They eventually pulled it out behind Robinson, playing the best basketball of his career in the last couple of weeks, and surpassed last season's total with their 24th victory.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles meet Adrian in first round

Saint Mary's will try to continue regular season success in MIAA tourney

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

It has been a record-breaking season for the Saint Mary's basketball team.

The Belles, under the direction of coach Jennifer Henley, registered 13 MIAA conference wins and 15 total wins, both of which are school records. However, the team is not content with all of its success.

Tonight marks the beginning of the MIAA conference tournament for the Belles, giving them another chance to make school history.

Saint Mary's (15-9 over-

all, 13-3 MIAA), which came up 1.5 games short of rival Hope College for the regular season championship, will try to win the first MIAA tournament championship in its program's history. Since the tournament's inception in the early 1990s, the Belles have yet to reach the title game.

The Belles' first step to achieving history comes tonight when they host Adrian College in the first round at the Angela Athletic Complex.

Saint Mary's and Adrian squared off twice in the regular season, with the Belles getting the better of their opponent each time. Saint Mary's walked away

with 74-69 and 77-71 wins earlier this year.

The previous close matchups could possibly make this a trap game for Saint Mary's, which cannot afford to make many mistakes if it expects to win. Several untimely miscues could end in an unfortunate opening-round loss for the favored Belles.

All year, the Belles have looked to senior forward Erin Newsom to lead the team and she has done just that. Newsom came up huge in both of the previous games against Adrian, scoring 15 and 22 points in the respective contests.

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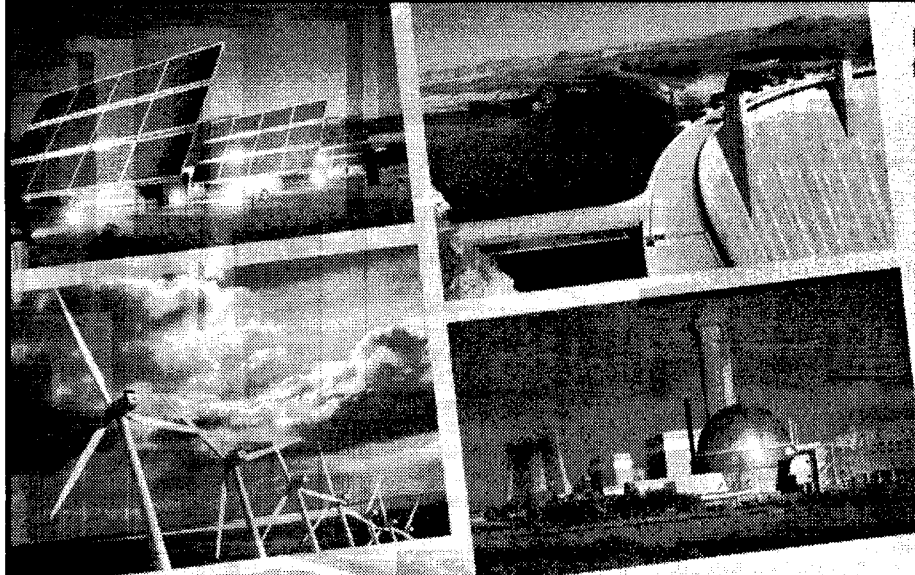
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forced to entrust the underclassmen with the majority of scoring. So far this season, they have held their own.

"Maturity has been a key and the competitive spirit our younger guys have displayed has been remarkable at times," Bayliss said. "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."

Bayliss said that to contend on the national level, the young guys must really "lock down the lower positions."

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Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

They will get a chance to do just that as the Irish will face off in a home match against another top-25 opponent in Texas A&M. The match against the Aggies is scheduled for Friday at 7

p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Wednesday night] first and keep improving our position and putting pressure on the committee and people above us in the standings and put ourselves in great position for [the Big East tournament in] New York."

Added forward Luke Harangody: "We can't control it. All we can control is the next game. We can't look at that stuff and try to piece things together and figure out where we're going to come out."

But at The Observer, we have no quibbles about analyzing the standings. Here's how everyone stacks up heading into the final few games:

Fighting for first:
No. 2 Connecticut (25-2, 13-2), No. 6 Louisville (22-5, 13-2), No. 1 Pittsburgh (22-5, 12-2), No. 8 Marquette (23-4, 12-2)

This race at the top is everything a college basketball fan could hope for. Four great teams, all tied in the loss column, slugging it out for the title in the last few games. Marquette has the toughest remaining schedule — considering its next three games are against Connecticut, Louisville and Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh and Connecticut still play each other one more time, this time in Pittsburgh, on March 4. Pittsburgh looks like it could win the national title right now, but if Pittsburgh and Louisville both win out, the Cardinals will

hold the tiebreaker over the Panthers for the No. 1 seed in the Big East tournament. (Louisville beat them 69-63 on Jan. 17).

The second tier:
No. 12 Villanova (22-5, 10-4), West Virginia (19-8, 8-6)

Villanova is a lock for the NCAA Tournament and if the Mountaineers take care of business, they are in as well. West Virginia's remaining games are against Cincinnati, South Florida, DePaul and Louisville. The Mountaineers could go 4-0, but 3-1 is more likely. Worst case scenario, they probably go 2-2, losing to Cincinnati and Louisville, but that would still put them at 10-8 in conference with 21 wins overall, giving them a solid shot at making the Tournament.

Fighting for their lives:
Providence (16-11, 8-7), Cincinnati (19-8, 7-7), Syracuse (17-10, 7-7), Notre Dame (15-10, 6-8)

The top four teams may be duking it out for No. 1, but here's where the real nail-biting will take place in the next two weeks. There's still time for each team to make a case for a Tournament bid with a strong finish to the regular season and a couple wins in the conference tournament.

Key games down the stretch:

Syracuse and Cincinnati are the only two of this group that still have to play each other. Syracuse also has to travel to Marquette, while Cincinnati has to face West Virginia at home. Providence gets Pittsburgh at home and travels to

"I think it's important to just handle Rutgers first and keep improving our position and putting pressure on the committee and people above us in the standings."

Kyle McAlarney
Irish senior guard

Villanova. Notre Dame has Connecticut in Storrs on Saturday and then Villanova at home next week. March Madness has come a little early for these teams.

Too bad everyone goes to the Big East tournament:
Seton Hall (14-12, 5-9), Georgetown (14-12, 5-10), St. John's (13-14, 4-10), South Florida (8-18, 3-11), Rutgers (10-17, 1-13), DePaul (8-19, 0-14)

Under previous Big East rules, there would be a dogfight this year for the 12th and final conference tournament position, with four teams still in the running for it. But since everyone goes to New York this year, there's no drama to speak of, just bad basketball.

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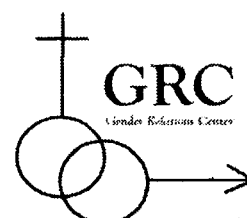
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of many hotly-contested bouts tonight. The rest of the 48 remaining boxers will fight for a place in the finals this weekend.

Along with Bourroughs, there are seven more defending champions stepping into the ring, including senior Kris Perez. Perez, who is undefeated in his career, is going for his fourth straight title. He takes on Kieran Bulger in the 140-pound division semifinals tonight.

Senior captains Mike Lee and Dan Rodgers are each trying to take the next step towards a third Bengal Bouts crown. Lee, who transferred to Notre Dame at the beginning of his sophomore year, is also undefeated in his career. Jim Hasson, who has won both of his fights this year in unanimous decisions, will try to hand Lee his first loss.

Several other hungry fighters will vie for their first chance at a championship tonight. Some notable bouts include bruiser John Tchoula against the technical Rafael Diaz in the 185-pound division; a battle of senior veterans Patrick Kibbe and Brian DeSplinter in the 147-pound bracket; and lightweights Sean McNichols and Michael Sayles, who will square off in the second fight of the night.

The action is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

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with a fighter's attitude, having hung with the best team in the country.

"We can play with an athletic team like this. We know that we can move the ball and get rebounds with an athletic team. We know that we can play with a team like this," Irish guard Ashley Barlow said in the postgame press conference.

Now that the top dog is out of the way, the Irish can begin their three-game slugfest for seeding in the Big East tournament. The Orange are first on the docket. Syracuse sits tied with West Virginia for 11th place at 4-9 in the conference and 15-11 overall.

Although the tournament expanded to include all 16 teams this season, the Irish (sixth place at 18-7, 7-6) still have a chance to improve their seed. But they will likely need to win all of their remaining games to do so.

Notre Dame is one game behind DePaul (20-7, 8-5), whose remaining games are against Marquette, South Florida and Cincinnati, teams in the middle or bottom of the conference. Notre Dame swept the season series with DePaul, but still needs the Blue Demons to lose at least one game to move up to the No. 5 seed.

But first the Irish have to get past the Orange, who are led by senior Chandra Jones. The 5-foot-9 guard

leads the team in scoring (16.7 points per game), rebounding (8.5) and 3-point field goal percentage (.314).

Sophomore guard Erica Morrow has also lit up the scoreboard for Syracuse this season, averaging 16 points per game while shooting .295 from beyond the arch. This season, Morrow has taken 166 3-point attempts, compared to 297 by Notre Dame's entire roster.

Notre Dame has spread the wealth offensively this season, and has four players scoring in double figures. Barlow leads the team with 12.8 points per game, followed by senior guard Lindsay Schrader at 12.2, junior point guard Melissa Lechlitner at 10.7 and sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski at 10.3.

Bruszewski has been one of the top performers for the Irish of late, and had scored in double figures in five straight games before the Connecticut loss, in which she managed just nine points.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw attributed Bruszewski's recent success to her more relaxed approach to the game.

"[Bruszewski is] just playing well in the last couple of games," McGraw said. "I think it's a little bit easier when you're a sophomore playing. You don't have quite the same pressure on you, you can just go out and play your game."

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NBA

Harris hits halfcourt shot, Nets beat 76ers

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Devin Harris hit an unbelievable lunging half-court shot at the buzzer and the New Jersey Nets snapped a season-high five-game losing streak with a 98-96 victory over the slumping Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

With players from both teams surrounding the scorer's table, the referees watched replays of Harris' shot for nearly three minutes before signaling the basket was good.

Seconds earlier, the 76ers seemingly nailed down the victory when Andre Iguodala sank the second of two free throws to give them a one-point lead with 1.8 seconds to play.

The Nets quickly inbounded to Harris, who bobbled the ball after bumping with Iguodala and then heaved in the winner from in front of the scorer's table.

Harris finished with a game-high 39 points, but his 22nd shot of the night will be one Nets fans remember, especially if it helps key a run to the playoffs.

Vince Carter added 10 points, including a driving layup with 13.2 seconds to play that tied the game at 95.

Philadelphia worked for a final shot and gave the ball to Iguodala, who led it with 21 points. He didn't begin his move down the left side of the lane until about 6 seconds remained on the clock and he got hit by Harris as he took the shot.

Iguodala missed the first and made the second, setting the stage for Harris to steal the win and send the 76ers to their fourth straight loss, matching their season high.

Andre Miller added 17 points and 10 assists for Philadelphia, while Willie Green and Thaddeus Young had 14 points apiece. Samuel Dalembert had 13 points and 10 rebounds as the 76ers lost to the Nets for the third time in as many games.

The final 2 minutes seemed to last forever, with the Sixers opening a 92-89 lead on a rebound follow by Dalembert.

Harris made a free throw to cut the margin to two points with 1:14 to go. After a miss by Miller, Bobby Simmons hit a 3-pointer from the left wing with 35.3 seconds to play and was fouled, putting the Nets ahead 93-92. However, he missed the free throw.

Marreese Speights, who had five points, gave Philadelphia a 94-93 lead with a 10-footer with 26.4 seconds to go.

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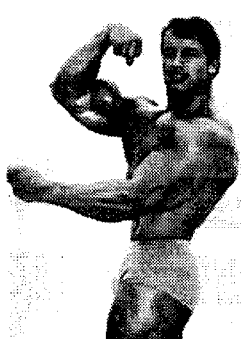
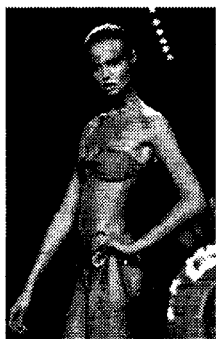
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Yesterday's Jumbles: LANKY BIPED POUNCE BEWAIL
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BENGAL BOUTS

Lone heavyweight fighters to square off in finals rematch

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The first Bengal Bouts champion of 2009 will be crowned tonight in the Joyce Center.

The heavyweight championship fight features sophomore Kevin Crepeau and defending champion Will Bourroughs.

Crepeau and Bourroughs will be fighting for the first and final time tonight as the only two boxers in this year's heavyweight division. Crepeau weighed in at 234 pounds and Bourroughs tipped the scales at 239.

"It's kind of nerve-wracking because that first fight you always get to see where you are," Crepeau said. "Nothing is the same as when you actu-

ally fight, so you don't know if all your training has been enough until you actually get in there."

Tonight's battle is a rematch from last year's final when Bourroughs, a law student, proved to be too much for then-freshman Crepeau.

"Last year he gave me a pretty good beating, so this year I think I'm going to come with something a little differ-

ent," Crepeau said.

Last year, after a fairly even first round, Bourroughs pulled away in the second and opened up on his opponent in the final round, ending the contest before the final bell.

"Once he had me, he just hit the gas," Crepeau said.

To his credit, the rookie was the only fighter that Bourroughs did not put on the canvas. Crepeau said he used

the loss as motivation in his training this year and thinks he is better prepared the second time around.

"I know what I have to do," Crepeau said. "I just have to do it and that's not that easy."

They know each other's style after sparring many times leading up to this year's fight.

The title fight should be one

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

A building block

Hoopsters prepare to face 'Cuse after tough game against UConn

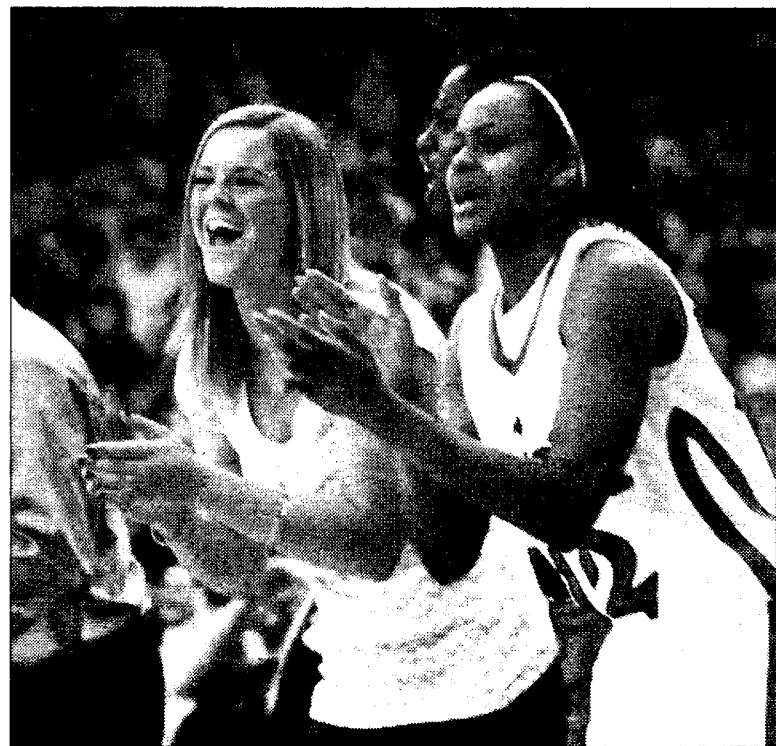
By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

Notre Dame begins its final push to the postseason tonight when it takes on Syracuse at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

The Irish are coming off a hard-fought 76-66 loss to top-ranked and undefeated Connecticut on Sunday, in what was the smallest margin of victory this season for the Huskies. Despite having several opportunities to win, the Irish allowed a 22-1 Connecticut run and fell by the wayside in the second half.

Notre Dame left the game

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Left, Irish junior guard Ashley Barlow dribbles during Notre Dame's 71-66 loss to Louisville last Wednesday. At right, teammates Brittany Mallory, left, and Fraderica Miller cheer from the bench during the setback against the Cardinals. The Irish will face Syracuse tonight.

MEN'S BASKETBALL ANALYSIS

Irish head into home stretch

Players say they are only concerned with one game at a time

All season long, Notre Dame's players have tried not to look at the Big East standings and get caught up in the speculation of who's going to finish where.

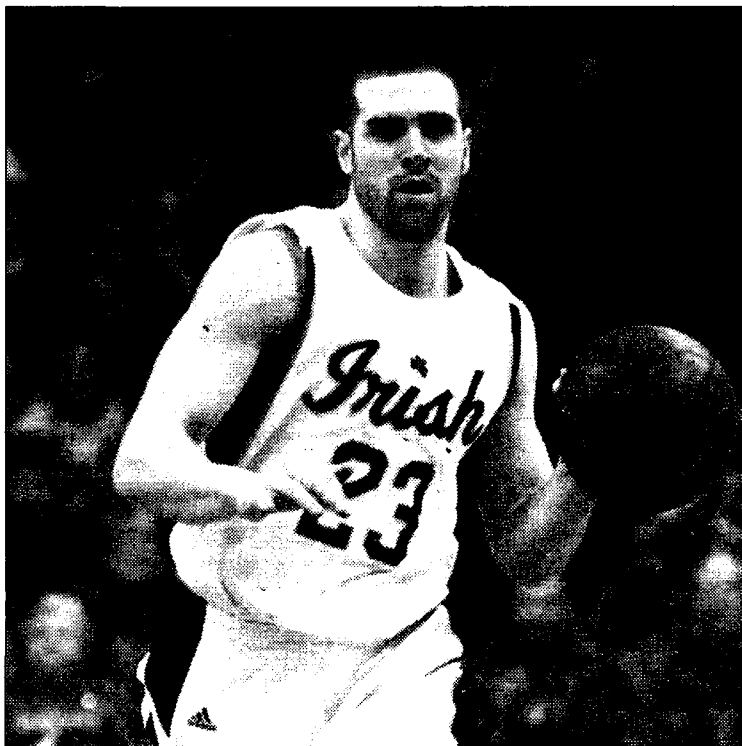
With two weeks left in the conference schedule, think the Irish have both-

ered to take a peek? If they did, they're saying otherwise.

"I think we've done a good job all season of not looking at numbers and letting coach [Mike Brey] deal with that stuff," Irish guard Kyle McAlarney said. "Especially right now, I think it's important to just handle Rutgers [on

Chris Hine

Editor-in-Chief



Irish senior guard Kyle McAlarney dribbles upcourt during Notre Dame's 90-57 win over Louisville last Thursday.

MEN'S TENNIS

Kentucky hands ND loss at Eck Pavilion

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fell prey to Kentucky 5-2 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Monday. The loss drops the Irish back down to .500 with a record of 6-6.

Even with the return of senior Brett Helgeson, the team could not muster enough points to defeat the high-powered Wildcats, who move to 8-2 on the season.

The doubles team of sophomore Stephen Havens and freshman Casey Watt got the Irish started with an 8-2 win in second doubles, but the Wildcats took over in first and third doubles. Irish duos of Brett Helgeson and Tyler Davis and Niall Fitzgerald and Matt Johnson lost 5-8 and 3-8, respectively, giving

Kentucky an early 1-0 lead.

The singles lineups for both teams were dominated by youth, as only two upperclassmen competed between both teams. Those two — Helgeson for Notre Dame and Bruno Angostinelli for Kentucky — faced off in No. 1 singles. Angostinelli emerged victorious in a 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 match.

Havens and Watt were the only two players to earn a point for the Irish. Havens knocked off Kentucky's Brad Cox in three sets at second singles and Watt defeated Graerne Dyce 6-4, 6-3 at fourth singles.

With Helgeson the only upperclassman to provide consistent contributions to the team this season, Irish coach Bobby Bayliss has

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