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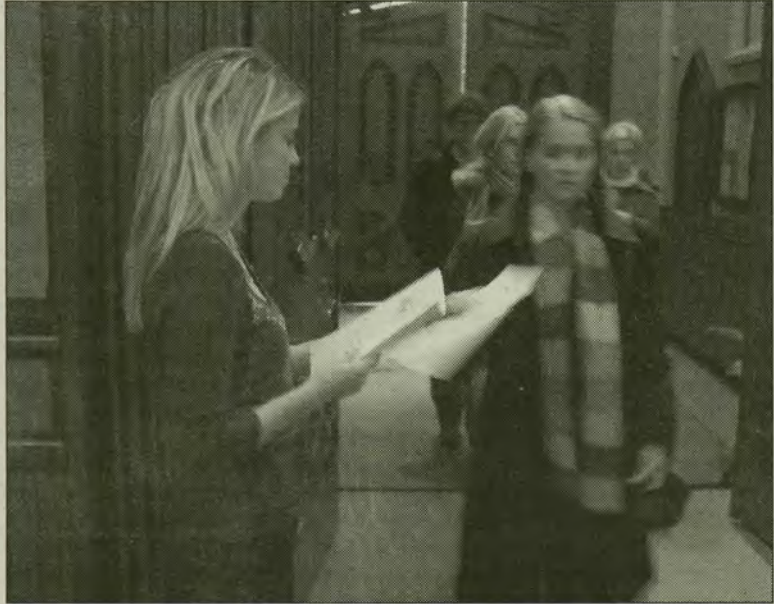
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Notre Dame community mourns death of Brann



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Junior Meghan Slentz hands out programs at Caitlin Brann's memorial service Monday in the Basilica.

Over 200 present at memorial mass for senior lost in accident

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Family, friends, classmates and members of the Notre Dame community gathered at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Monday evening for a memorial Mass to remember Caitlin Brann, 22, a senior killed in a car accident Nov. 10.

With Brann's picture displayed beside the altar, senior Adria Helmich shared one of her fondest memories of her friend and fellow Pasquerilla East resident — the day Brann asked her to teach her how to box.

"She put up her fists and started

laughing ... I couldn't help but think that this was the same girl who dressed up as 'Kill Bill' on Halloween," Helmich said, calling it a "tremendous privilege, honor and blessing" to have been friends with Caty.

"She was the friend you wanted to have," Helmich said.

University President Father John Jenkins, who presided over the Mass, said although a few weeks have passed since Brann's death, her loss remains painful for her family and friends. Her death is especially tragic since she died at such a young age, Jenkins said, when she was full of life and hope and making plans for her future.

In her short life, Brann accomplished much and made many good friends, he said, and "we are grateful for the years that she had."

Even as the community mourns

her loss, they look forward to her eternal life, Jenkins said.

"We remember her today with gratitude for her life and friendship, but we can't escape the sadness of losing her," he said.

Brann's parents, brother and sister were present at the Mass. Jenkins said Brann's father told him that Caitlin had made plans to go to the Notre Dame-USC game Nov. 25.

"She had a plane ticket, but she didn't have a ticket to the game," Jenkins said. "But she was a shrewd businesswoman, and she was confident that she was going to get that ticket."

Jenkins encouraged the approximately 200 people who attended the Mass to call upon their faith to help them through their loss.

"I think one of the great

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Lottery to grant 2,500 bowl tickets

By JOE PAIRULLI
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame students will be getting their share of the sugar when the Irish play the LSU Tigers Jan. 3.

Of the 17,500 total Sugar Bowl tickets allotted to Notre Dame, 2,500 of those will be made available to students. According to Director of Ticket Operations Josh Berlo and an e-mail sent to the student body, the ticket office is, like last year, holding a lottery to give students the opportunity to buy tickets for the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) bowl game against LSU. The contest will be Notre Dame's second BCS game in a row.

Students are allowed to bring up to four student IDs, including their own, to Legends on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to get a lottery ticket.

If that number is one of the 2,500 numbers randomly chosen, the owner has the opportunity to buy one ticket on Friday at Gate B of the Notre Dame Stadium Ticket Office between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. at a cost of \$125. Students may bring up to four winning lottery tickets with student IDs.

The one-ticket-per-winning-lottery-number limit is a change from last year.

"At the request of the students we reduced the limit from two to one [ticket] per student," Berlo said.

The list of winning numbers will be available online at

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ND puts Africa project in motion

Jenkins, select faculty set to visit Uganda

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Uganda is the winter break destination of choice for University President Father John Jenkins, who will travel to the east African country Jan. 4 for a 10-day "exploratory trip" in correlation with the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (NDMDI).

"We're actually meeting with Father John this week to go through details," Associate Vice President for Marketing Todd Woodward said. "This is just the first step in the proj-

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

University President Father John Jenkins addresses the audience at the Notre Dame Forum on global health in September.

University to partner with Ugandan village

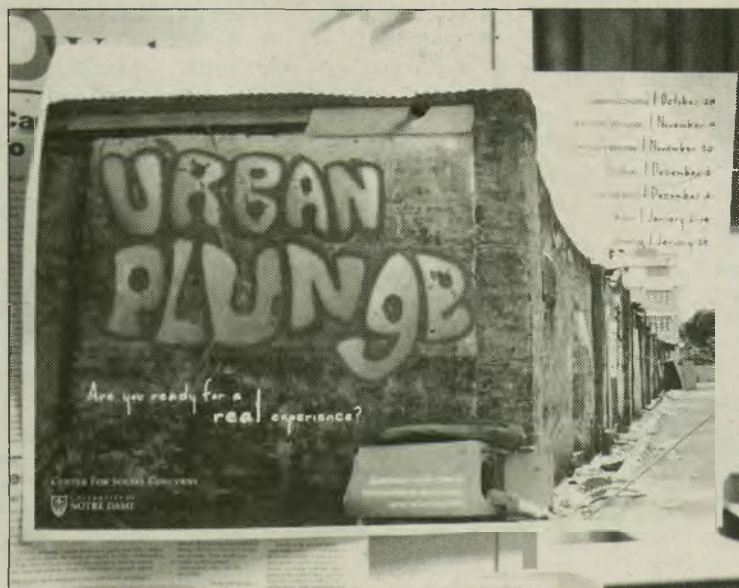
By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the first story in a two-part series examining the goals of the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative in Uganda, the involvement of the University's administration, faculty and student body and the international organizations that will contribute to the project.

"God, Planet, Notre Dame" could become the University's new oath as it expands the sphere of its Catholic mission beyond national borders to Africa. Notre Dame will soon

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Students serve through winter seminars



Observer File Photo

The poster above advertises Urban Plunge, a seminar that immerses students into 35 different locations throughout the U.S.

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

A few hundred students will trade in some of the free time offered by winter break this year to get involved in social issues through the Center for Social Concerns (CSC)'s winter seminars.

The 316 students — which, according to CSC Urban Programming Director Rebecca Pettit, is an increase from last year — will participate in seminars like the Church and Social Action; Urban Plunge; Organizing, Power and Hope; the Holy Cross Mission in Education; and Border Issues.

The four-week long break between the fall and spring semesters — when final exams

are over but new classes have not yet commenced — serves as a perfect opportunity for some students, like sophomore Meghan Soriano, to get involved.

"I have more free time to really just enjoy [the seminar]," said Soriano, who plans to take part in a two-day Boston Urban Plunge, "and not have some of the added pressures that maybe a fall break or a spring break seminar would have had."

While many students may see the break as an excellent opportunity to participate in service, constraints on the amount of openings in the winter seminars still exist. Pettit noted in an e-mail that "all winter seminars have a limited number of students that can participate due to

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INSIDE COLUMN

Loving Darlene Love

The New York Times once said, "Darlene Love's thunderbolt voice is as embedded in the history of Rock-and-Roll as Eric Clapton's guitar or Bob Dylan's lyrics." Everyone knows Dylan and Clapton, but who is Darlene Love?

Chris Hine
Sports Writer

Only the singer of the greatest Christmas song ever: "Christmas (Baby, Please Come Home)." Love is a victim of circumstance, someone who had the talent to become a household name, but the people who handled her career, combined with the changing times and bad luck, prevented her from becoming a big star.

Legendary producer Phil Spector discovered Love and her booming voice back in the early 1960s. She sang lead on a few of the producer's biggest hits — but as a guest lead singer on some of Spector's girl groups, not as a solo act. Eventually, Spector released some songs with Love listed as a solo artist, but they did not fare as well as Love's previous releases.

As the years passed in the '60s, Spector started to give his attention to the Righteous Brothers and the thinner-voiced Veronica Bennett, lead singer of the Ronettes (also Spector's love interest at the time). While Love was stuck playing second fiddle under Spector's control, other singers with less talent than Love found success under different producers. Had Love been in a different place during this time, her career could have taken a different direction.

Spector worked with some of the top songwriters of the day, but he did not give Love their better material. Instead, Spector would give Mann/Weil's "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'" to the Righteous Brothers while giving Love songs with less hit potential. Then, as the British Invasion hit, Love was stuck singing her heart out for Spector. By the late 1960s, Spector's records were out of vogue, and Love found herself singing backup for more popular acts of the time.

Nevertheless, Love did manage to make one record under Spector that ensures that countless generations will get to hear her voice.

She recorded "Christmas" for Spector's now-legendary Christmas album. As was the case with previous songs, Spector gave the Ronettes the first crack at the song, but Bennett's voice could not summon the strength the song requires. For once, Love was in the right place at the right time. The song, featuring Love's booming vocal, has become a modern classic.

After researching Love's story, the song has a different meaning. It serves as a reassurance that even if the hands of fate and time combine to drag you down, if you struggle and fight them hard enough, you will get them to loosen their grip even if for just one moment. Darlene Love took advantage of that moment.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH IS WORSE, WRITING A PAPER OR TAKING A TEST?



Clare Halloran
senior
off-campus

"A paper is worse, because it requires more reflection and has huge procrastination potential."



Jon Merck
sophomore
O'Neill

"Taking a test, because you have to be sober for it!"



Mark Skylling
sophomore
Keenan

"Taking a test, because after all that studying, you still have to take the test."



Matt Schochenmaier
graduate student
off-campus

"Taking a test, because it's harder to cheat than to plagiarize."



Mike Peterson
senior
off-campus

"A paper, because I've got 20 pages due Wednesday, and if you ask me one more question, my head will explode."



Sean Rooney
freshman
Keenan

"Writing a paper — I hate writing, it's as simple as that."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Cecilia Cunningham, left, sells pottery to Carmen Orozco-Acosta, a graduate student, at the Ceramic Sale in the Riley Hall of Art Monday. The pottery was made by faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and the sale continues through Wednesday.

OFFBEAT

Manager arrested for garbage in lard

BEIJING — A factory manager in east China has been arrested for using grease from swill, sewage, pesticides and recycled industrial oil to make lard for human consumption, state media said Monday in the country's latest food scare.

Ying Fuming, a manager at the Fanchang Grease Factory in Taizhou, a city in Zhejiang province, sold the lard at half the price of other wholesalers while promising that his product met safety standards,

the Shanghai Daily said.

The factory was shut down and local health and food authorities began an investigation this year after an anonymous tip indicated that the plant "recycled large amounts of used grease to process substandard lard," the newspaper said.

Haircut could get principal in hot water

ALBUQUERQUE — The principal of Rio Grande High School could be in trouble for taking one of his students to a barber shop without permission

of the pupil's parents.

Al Sanchez could face disciplinary action, Albuquerque public school district officials said.

"Students should not be taken off of campus by any staff member without parental permission," said Rigo Chavez, district spokesman.

Sanchez said he thought Fidel Maldonado Jr.'s hair style — the number "505" and a Zia symbol shaved into the back of his head — was a gang haircut.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Farzad Mashayek, professor of mechanical and industrial engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will be the featured speaker at a seminar called "Can Renewable Liquid Fuels Quench Our Energy Thirst?" today at 3:30 p.m. in 138 DeBartolo.

Jeff Jackson, the head coach of Notre Dame's hockey team, will discuss the first part of the season and upcoming games at noon Wednesday at Legends.

The Notre Dame's women's basketball team will play Purdue Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Christmas at the CoMo Benefit Concert by the ND Celebration Choir is Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the first floor Coleman Morse student lounge. International students will provide reflections of Christmas in their home countries. There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be sent to St. Jude's Primary School, Jinja, Uganda.

All full-time faculty and staff are invited to a Christmas open house Thursday by University President Father John Jenkins and officers of the University. The event lasts from 2:30 to 5 p.m. and will be held on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors of the Main Building.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will perform its Christmas Concert Friday from 9 to 10:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts 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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LOCAL WEATHER						
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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group plans to include Fowlkes at meeting

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members voted to invite chief information officer Keith Fowlkes to their final meeting of the semester Monday night.

Fowlkes wishes to visit BOG to discuss issues that arose when President Carol Ann Mooney held an information session with the Board three weeks ago.

"[Fowlkes will] discuss ResNet and anything at information technology that we have questions about," said Student Body President Susan McIlduff.

Fowlkes approached McIlduff about speaking to BOG, but the board first had to invite him to a meeting to address the issue.

Technology commissioner Elizabeth D'Aurora announced that she has also talked to Fowlkes about ResNet, and she speculated on some topics that he might address.

"He [will] probably talk a little bit about the residence hall clusters and why they don't have printers, and what we can do to change that," D'Aurora said. "I think it would be really helpful."

After agreeing to invite

Fowlkes to an upcoming meeting, BOG discussed the ongoing "12 Days of Christmas" event. Sponsored by the senior board, the event raises money to purchase presents and decorations for needy families in the South Bend area.

"At the bake sale [held Thursday in LeMans Hall], they sold \$400 [worth of baked goods], and we've sold over 100 '12 Days' passes and over 100 to-go mugs," senior class president Kat Kindt said. "The sophomore board also donated \$150 from their dance. It's going well."

In Other BOG News:

◆ The freshman board is sponsoring an Angel Tree that is set up in the lobby of McCandless Hall.

◆ Christmas Around the World will take place tomorrow in Reinbeaux Lounge in LeMans Hall.

◆ The annual Late Night Breakfast will take place Monday at 10 p.m. The breakfast is open to all students, including those who live off-campus.

◆ "The DaVinci Code" and "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" will be shown in Vander Vennet theater this weekend.

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ect." The "we" Woodward refers to is the group of University representatives accompanying both Jenkins and Woodward to Uganda, including Executive Assistant to the President Frances Shavers, Director of NDMDI Father Bob Dowd, Assistant Director in the Office of the President Tim Lyden and Africana Studies department chair Richard Pierce.

Woodward said the group is now departing a day later than originally scheduled due to Notre Dame's Sugar Bowl game Jan. 3.

The group is getting together tomorrow to talk to Dowd, who has been "back for about a week" from his November trip to Uganda, Woodward said.

"I think you'll see a bigger trip in the spring," Woodward said. "For now, we're really [going to Uganda] to listen ... The first step is always listening to find out what help they need."

In a letter to potential group members The Observer obtained from the Office of News and Information, Jenkins said the Millennium Village Project (MVP) has four main goals: increasing agricultural productivity, connecting people to markets and information, eradicating preventable disease and expanding access to basic healthcare and education.

"The purpose of the trip is to explore and build relationships in Africa and specifically Uganda; to learn about the region's opportunities and chal-

lenges; and to highlight our commitment to the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (MDI)," Jenkins said. "As a reflection of our mission as a Catholic university, I am hopeful that we can expand our knowledge and consider ways to collaborate with those who live and work in Africa."

Jenkins described Uganda as a place of "cultural richness." Slightly smaller than the state of Oregon, Uganda is home to nearly 28 million people, 85 percent of whom are Christian. Forty different languages are spoken throughout the country, Jenkins wrote, though "English is the nation's official language and Luganda is the most widely spoken language."

Part of Jenkins' goal in traveling to Uganda, however, is to consider ways to address the country's various educational, economic and health-related difficulties.

Despite its cultural richness, Uganda has a 4.1 percent adult prevalence rate of AIDS/HIV and a life expectancy of 51.68 years for men and 53.69 years for women, Jenkins wrote.

His letter acknowledged some of the additional problems plaguing Uganda that will likely be addressed during "a productive exchange with those who live and work in Uganda."

"Literacy rates lag behind many other countries. Only 87 percent of men above the age of 15 are able to read and write, and only 77 percent of women above the age of 15 are able to read and write," Jenkins said. "In contrast, in the U.S., 99 percent of both men and women are literate."

According to a tentative itinerary, the group's first event

will be attending a celebration of Holy Cross final vows in the country's capital of Kampala. Other noteworthy events include dinner with the Holy Cross community and Notre Dame alumni in Jinja, touring the Holy Cross grounds and meetings with Millennium Village science coordinator David Siriri, the village council and villagers.

"During our trip, we are arranging to meet with various people including leaders of the Ugandan community, members of the Holy Cross community and the leadership team of Uganda Martyrs University," Jenkins said.

Jenkins and the rest of the group will visit the site of the partner village — probably located in the vicinity of Nkozi — with Millennium Village Project coordinator for Uganda Johnson Nkuuhe Jan. 9.

Time is also set aside for visitors to "process Kampala, Jinja, Mbarara, Ruhira, Nkozi [and] urban poverty versus rural poverty" in preparation for group discussions.

Visiting the Shrine to the 45 Catholic and Anglican Ugandan Martyrs executed in 1886 — a site visited by several popes — may also be on the agenda.

According to the schedule, Jenkins will meet with the Bishops of Uganda Jan. 11 in Kampala for a luncheon and with the Uganda Martyrs University Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Deans Jan. 12.

The group will be spending most nights at the Hotel Africana in Kampala.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Brazil creates new protected areas

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — A swath of Amazon rain forest the size of Alabama was placed under government protection Monday in a region infamous for violent conflicts among loggers, ranchers and environmentalists.

The protected territory totals 57,915 square miles of the Guayana Shield region, an area of Amazon forest stretching across international borders that contains more than 25 percent of the world's remaining humid tropical forests and the largest remaining unpolluted fresh water reserves in the American tropics.

The protected areas will link to existing reserves to form a vast preservation corridor eventually stretching into neighboring Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana. While the entire Guayana Shield corridor is not yet protected, portions of it in each country are now covered.

Blair unveils nuclear arsenal proposal

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair launched plans Monday for a new multibillion-dollar submarine-based nuclear missile defense system, warning lawmakers the future may hold perilous threats from rogue regimes and state-sponsored terrorists.

In what is expected to be among his last major acts as premier, Blair told the House of Commons that despite the end of the Cold War, potential threats were posed by North Korea, Iran and others.

"In these circumstances, it would be unwise and dangerous for Britain alone of any of the nuclear powers to give up its independent nuclear deterrent," he said.

Blair said Britain would cut back on its stock of nuclear warheads from 200 to 160 — a move intended to make the proposal more acceptable to detractors within his own party.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man pleads guilty of slaying 5-year-old

SALT LAKE CITY — A man pleaded guilty Monday to kidnapping and killing a 5-year-old neighbor whose body was stored in his cellar while hundreds of people searched for her.

Craig Gregerson, 20, gave no explanation of his crimes but offered a letter of apology to Destiny Norton's family. After pleading guilty to aggravated murder and kidnapping, he was immediately sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Destiny had been missing for eight days when police found her body stuffed in a plastic storage box in Gregerson's cellar, just two doors away from her home, on July 24.

Authorities believe Destiny died within an hour of her disappearance July 16.

E. coli outbreak linked to Taco Bell

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. — An E. coli outbreak that has sickened at least 22 people — two of them seriously — was linked by health investigators Monday to three Taco Bell restaurants in New Jersey.

All but two of the people who fell ill had eaten at one of the fast-food restaurants between Nov. 17 and Nov. 28, authorities said. But exactly what food contained the bacteria was still unclear.

"We have to find the food they all had in common," said David Papi, director of health for Middlesex County.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana home to become bank branch

GEORGETOWN, Ind. — A 174-year-old home on the verge of being demolished will be restored and turned into a bank branch.

First Harrison Bank announced plans to purchase the home near Georgetown, about 10 miles west of Louisville, Ky., restore it and build an office addition and a drive-through.

"We try to be community minded," Sam Uhl, First Harrison's president and chief executive officer, said Friday. "It's an excellent location for a branch, plus we're preserving."

The two-story brick home is on Indiana 64, west of the Interstate 64 exit to Georgetown.

Bush meets with Shiite leader

President not satisfied with Iraqi efforts to curb extremist violence

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush told a Shiite political leader on Monday the United States is not happy with progress in Iraq and sought the cleric's help to curb extremists and terrorists trying to undermine the struggling new democracy.

Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim said U.S. troops need to stay in Iraq to help deal with escalating violence. He also told Bush that Iraq welcomes help from other nations, including those in the Middle East, so long as they do not bypass Iraq's political process.

"Iraq should be in a position to solve Iraqi problems," al-Hakim told Bush after they met in the Oval Office for more than an hour.

Some consider al-Hakim, who lived in exile in Iran for years, a more powerful political figure than Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Al-Hakim leads the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the largest Shiite bloc in Iraq's parliament. His party also is backed by the Badr Brigade militia blamed for sectarian killings.

The meeting was evidence that Bush, under pressure to find a new blueprint for his war strategy, was getting more personally involved in the political infighting among Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds.

"I told him that we're not satisfied with the pace of progress in Iraq, and that we want to continue to work with the sovereign government of Iraq," Bush said. He said the young Iraqi government needs to be given more capability as quickly as possible to secure the country from extremists and murderers.

Bush is meeting on Thursday with British Prime Minister Tony Blair — a day after the bipartisan Iraq Study Group issues its long-awaited recommendations.



President Bush, right, talks to reporters during his meeting with Sayyed Aziz Al-Hakim, an Iraqi Shiite leader, in the Oval Office of the White House Monday.

Bush also plans to meet next month with Iraq's Sunni Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi. Last week, he met in Jordan with al-Maliki.

Before al-Hakim's visit to the United States, two al-Maliki aides and a third person close to al-Hakim said the cleric was expected to try to persuade Bush to enlist Iran's help in quelling violence in Iraq.

Bush spoke with al-Hakim directly about Iran and Syria and the critical need for them to respect Iraqi sovereignty and stop destructive activity that undermines Iraq's unity government, a senior administration official said.

He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to divulge details of the meeting.

The official said it wasn't known whether al-Hakim specifically asked Bush to enlist Iran's assistance. Al-Hakim told reporters that he vehemently opposes any regional or international effort to solve Iraq's problems that goes around the unity government in Baghdad.

"We reject any attempts to have a regional or international role in solving the Iraqi issue," the cleric, who speaks Arabic, said through a translator. "We cannot bypass the political process. Iraq should be in a position to solve Iraqi

problems."

Later, in a speech at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, al-Hakim said Iraq is interested in creating good relations with all neighboring nations, including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Iran, Syria and Jordan.

But he said: "We do not want to distribute shares of power to neighboring countries, but rather we want balanced relations."

Al-Hakim said he talked with Bush about equipment, including armaments, that the Iraqi security forces need. He pledged that the government would deal with all forms of terrorism, no matter where they origi-

Bolton to leave as U.N. ambassador

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lacking the votes to keep his job, embattled U.N. Ambassador John Bolton said Monday he would resign, a defeat for a chagrined President Bush who had clung to hopes of Senate confirmation.

Bolton got the position in August 2005, appointed by Bush when Congress was in recess. With that temporary assignment about to expire, and his long fight for confirmation going nowhere, Bolton made it official.

He handed in a resignation letter that did not mention the political fight behind it. It said simply: "I

have concluded that my service in your administration should end when the current recess appointment expires."

"I accepted. I'm not happy about it," Bush said Monday afternoon in the Oval Office, with Bolton at his side. Bush did not name a replacement, and officials offered no timetable for an announcement.

The setback for the White House seemed to put a hold on the post-election talk of bipartisanship.

Bush considered Bolton a strong voice as the U.N. dealt with crises in Iraq, Lebanon, North Korea and other complex matters around the world. Bolton also pushed the administration's effort to reform the

United Nations.

But Democrats opposed Bolton, whom they viewed as a brusque, ill-suited diplomat. Some Republicans helped scuttle his nomination, including moderate Republican Sen. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island.

The president had stinging words for them.

"They chose to obstruct his confirmation, even though he enjoys majority support in the Senate, and even though their tactics will disrupt our diplomatic work at a sensitive and important time," Bush said in a statement. "This stubborn obstructionism ill serves our country."

Democrats, though, said Bolton's resignation signaled a fresh start.

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strengths of the Notre Dame community in times like this is that we do come together to remember, to pray and to commend to God someone we are very close to," he said.

Jenkins said there are no answers for why Brann's life was cut short, but suggested that those who knew her use the Eucharistic prayer — the part of the Mass when the priest conse-

crates the bread and wine and also prays for those who have died — to remember Brann.

This way, every Mass will be a prayer of remembrance for her, Jenkins said.

"Cathy is not with us, but we hope she is with God, and with God, she remains with us as well, in a different way," he said.

Helmich said she believes those who die live on in the memories of the people who knew them.

"I hope we all remember how much laughter and love Cathy gave us," Helmich said.

Brann, a marketing major from Orland Park, Ill., lost control of her 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier convertible at 2:13 a.m. EST Nov. 10 while she was driving west on Interstate 80-90 near LaPorte, Ind. Brann's rear passenger-side tire blew out, causing her car to roll several times before landing upside down.

LaPorte County Chief Deputy Coronor John Sullivan declared Brann dead at the scene due to "massive head injuries."

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partner with a Ugandan village to contribute to its development and help the community meet the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

These goals include the reduction of poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation and discrimination against women — all before the beginning of 2015.

At the Notre Dame Forum on global health earlier this semester, University President Father John Jenkins announced the University's decision to participate in the Millennium Villages Project (MVP) in Uganda, where the Congregation of the Holy Cross has established a strong presence.

The project aims to "empower individual African villages to achieve the MDGs through the implementation of comprehensive, community-based, low-cost, integrated rural development strategies," according to Millennium Promise's overview of the initiative.

Millennium Promise (MP) is a separate non-profit organization dedicated to the eradication of extreme poverty before 2025. It was founded by UN Millennium Project director and Notre Dame Forum participant Jeffrey Sachs and University trustee and philanthropist Ray Chambers.

With more than 313 million Sub-Saharan people surviving on less than one dollar a day in 2001, this region of the continent is said to have the "highest rate of malnourishment in the world," according to the MP release.

In response, the University created the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (NDMDI), headed by political science professor Father Robert Dowd.

He and Tim Lyden, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate and assistant director of the NDMDI, recently returned from a month-long visit to Uganda, during which they identified villages where Notre Dame might concentrate its efforts and collected knowledge from their conversations with the villagers.

"Without imposing ourselves, it is vitally important to build relationships and a sense of solidarity with those living in the community where

Notre Dame will be involved," he wrote in a letter from Kampala during his excursion.

The MVP — a partnership between MP, Columbia University's Earth Institute, the UN Millennium Project and the African national governments — will also "establish a foundation of evidence that rural Africa can be on the path towards achieving the MDGs using science-based, proven and practical interventions over a five-year timeframe," the MP release said.

Dowd said the University expected to join forces with local institutions and villagers to increase agricultural productivity, combat preventable diseases, build channels between the community and the exterior markets and improve the healthcare and education systems.

To achieve this, he emphasized the importance of communicating and collaborating with the Ugandans.

"We must listen to the real development experts, the people who struggle for survival each and every day in rural Uganda," Dowd said.

Upon their return to Notre Dame, Dowd and Lyden said they were pleased with the groundwork they laid in Uganda, having forged relationships with villagers, local scholars and MP representatives.

One such representative is Johnson Nkkuhe, the UN country coordinator overseeing the MVP.

Lyden said Nkkuhe assembled and is heading a team of UN development consultants, professors from Uganda Martyrs University, local government officials and representatives from the Catholic diocese of Kampala, who will interact with local village leaders during the process of selecting Notre Dame's partner village.

Though the official announcement will not be made until the end of December at the latest, Lyden said he knew the village would be composed of 5,000 to 7,000 people and would be located in the Mpigi district of Uganda, west of capital city Kampala.

Like the rest of Uganda, this area — located along the banks of Lake Victoria — has experienced a decrease in HIV/AIDS prevalence rates, according to the country's AIDS commission.

A notable exception among Sub-Saharan countries, Uganda mounted a strong, swift response to the first out-

breaks in the mid 1980s, which resulted in a decline in the prevalence rates from 18.3 percent in 1992 to approximately 6 percent in 2000. The decrease is attributed to favorable prevention policies, said the commission's Web site. Those past successes, Lyden said, make it a good place for the MVP to start.

He also said he is collecting information about the region, to become familiar with the area's health, agricultural and service needs.

The University's efforts would mark the beginning of a new phase in the Millennium Villages Project in Uganda, Lyden said. A partnership like that of Notre Dame and its partner village will replicate intervention models flourishing in other Ugandan villages — modifying them to suit the conditions of any given village elsewhere, according to the MP Web site.

The 12 initial projects were launched in 10 different countries across the African continent in the last two years, including Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda — and the Ugandan village of Ruhira, in the southwest corner of the country.

"[New] villages present different challenges than the ones you might have had [before], as the geography, topography, climate, government constraints and many other factors will change — and the intervention model will have to be revisited and tailored to the new region," Lyden said. "Notre Dame's partnership in Uganda will be both challenging because it's an untested project, but also exciting for the same reasons."

The University will utilize the research and the models tested in Ruhira before it begins its work with a village in the Mpigi district, near the town of Nkozi, home of Uganda Martyrs University.

Chambers will finance the NDMDI's initial undertaking, but to sustain and possibly expand the project beyond the initial five-year timeline, Dowd and Lyden hope new sources of financing emerge.

The second story in this series will examine the role that Notre Dame faculty and students will play in the University's research in Uganda, and its partnership with the region's local institutions to conduct this research.

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resources and the capacity of the hosting sites."

If forced to choose among applicants, Pettit said that priority is given to students who "have demonstrated interest in the topic of the seminar." The CSC also takes into account timeliness of the application and previous seminar experience, she said.

The majority of students applying for winter seminars apply for the Urban Plunge, Pettit said, adding that the program has more than 35 locations in major cities. More positions mean a higher acceptance rate for applicants.

Students have various reasons for participating in the seminars.

"Some are motivated by their faith; others have a deep interest in the topic or have a desire to learn more," Pettit said.

Growing up in a suburban environment impacted Soriano's decision to participate in Urban Plunge.

"To be really honest, I've never really been exposed to an urban environment as much," she said. "This just looked like a really good opportunity to me to travel and just ... get hands on with a community service project."

Since the Urban Plunge experience will be so new to Soriano, she said that she looks forward to "gaining a different perspective ... a way of thinking I didn't have before, that I wasn't exposed to before."

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und.com/studentbowl beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Last year, 100 tickets were made available to Saint Mary's seniors.

"We're waiting on some of our demand numbers to come in, but we want to make as many available to [Saint Mary's seniors] as we can," Berlo said.

According to Berlo, the tentative plan is to give Saint Mary's 100 tickets, like last year, in which case the College would run its own lottery. However, that amount remains uncertain until Wednesday, when applications from non-student groups are due. Berlo will then gauge the demand from those groups.

Berlo said he was happy about the match up in New Orleans. LSU is located only 700 miles away from New Orleans, which brings up the question of whether LSU will be better represented in the stands.

"It's hard to say. Notre Dame has a tremendous following," Berlo said. "The LSU fans, certainly based on proximity, are going to try to find their way in the building."

Both LSU and Notre Dame were allotted 17,500 tickets, which is a standard bowl allotment that can vary according to stadium capacity. Notre Dame's 15,000 non-student tickets are expected to be sold via a lottery open to all contributing alumni, Monogram Club members, season-ticket holders, parents of current students, and University faculty, staff and supporters.

Associate Athletic Director John Heisler believes the

Freshman Miriam Olsen applied for Urban Plunge in Kansas City because of the possibility of establishing a connection with her home community.

"I thought that it was a really unique and ... relevant way to do community service," said Olsen. "And I like the idea of being able to do service in my own city."

While students do have a strong desire to learn more about the world around them and contribute to communities through the seminars, there are still some reservations because the seminars provide an unfamiliar experience, from students' day-to-day lives.

"We'll be eating in the soup kitchens that we're working in and sleeping in the urban situation," said Soriano. "I do have some hesitation in that regard, but not enough that it would prevent me from going or anything like that."

Similarly, Olsen feels "nervous" about Urban Plunge and anticipates a definite "shock value" to the whole experience.

"Afterwards, I hope to enjoy the experience so much that I continue to go back to the site where I volunteered," said Olsen.

The football season at Notre Dame — and the possibility of a bowl game — does affect the applicant pool for winter seminars, but Pettit said the number of applicants has not suffered. Still, "potential bowl game dates were considered during the initial planning of the seminar dates," she said.

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demand for Notre Dame's 17,500 tickets will be very high.

"I'm not sure how you can go wrong with a BCS game," he said. "Certainly, we've got a pretty substantial ticket allotment, and we would expect to use every bit of that."

Last year, Notre Dame was initially allotted 15,000 tickets for the Fiesta Bowl against Ohio State, but the final number was higher.

"The total allotments this year and last year are actually very similar," Berlo said. "It depends on the bowl and the number of tickets the bowl makes available."

The fact that Notre Dame was able to obtain more than the initial allotment last year does not necessarily mean that more than 17,500 tickets will be available this year, Berlo said.

"It's less likely with the Sugar Bowl to be able to obtain more tickets than it was with the Fiesta [Bowl]," he said. "Each bowl is a little bit different in that regard."

According to the LSU website, all 17,500 tickets allotted to the University have been sold to season ticket holders who requested tickets. LSU students may continue to request tickets online.

"Each athletic department is different and has its own unique philosophy on the distribution of tickets," Berlo said.

Notre Dame's distribution ensures that students will have a place in New Orleans Jan. 3.

"Basically our philosophy is to make a large percentage of tickets available to students," Berlo said.

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AMEX	1,726.45	+16.97
NASDAQ	2,273.37	+6.20
NYSE	7,760.85	+4.31
S&P 500	1,265.08	+0.41
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	15,421.60	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,528.10	+42.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
SUN MICROSYS INC (CSCO)	+1.73	+0.07	3.95
NASDAQ 110 TR (QQQQ)	+0.24	+0.10	42.107
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	-3.93	-0.11	2.69
INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.92	+0.25	27.43
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-0.28	-0.05	17.64

Treasuries			
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10-YEAR NOTE	-0.04	-0.02	45.19
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.09	-0.04	44.46
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Commodities			
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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+0.70		507.00
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.73		88.78

Exchange Rates	
YEN	121.0000
EURO	0.8540
POUND	0.5770
CANADIAN \$	1.1609

IN BRIEF

Wall Street rallies despite Pfizer

NEW YORK — Wall Street surged higher Monday as investors put aside Pfizer Inc.'s decision to halt development of a key drug and focused instead on another series of takeover deals.

Pfizer shares fell by about 12 percent after the company stopped the development of the cholesterol drug torcetrapib because of deaths and cardiovascular problems among people taking the drug during clinical trials. The stock was also downgraded by several Wall Street analysts on concern that Pfizer's revenue growth will now weaken.

The news was offset by several merger announcements that reinforced the belief that companies are optimistic about the economy and therefore are willing to take some risks. Leading them was Bank of New York Corp.'s \$16.5 billion deal to buy rival Mellon Financial Corp. to create an asset management powerhouse.

Calderon faces healthy job market

MEXICO CITY — As a man who touts creating jobs as the cure-all for Mexico's ills, President-elect Felipe Calderon couldn't be taking office at a better time.

The economy is projected to expand by as much as 4.8 percent by year's end — its fastest growth in six years — thanks to exploding business in the construction, automobile and service industries. High oil prices have poured money into government coffers, the peso has remained stable and Mexico is on track to create 1 million jobs this year.

That makes things much easier for Calderon, who took office Friday promising to build an economy that creates enough jobs so that millions of Mexicans don't have to cross into the United States.

"Mexico has all it needs to be a country that receives investment and generates employment for its people," Calderon said, voicing optimism in his inaugural address as president.

The vast divide between rich and poor has fed the social tensions that have rippled across Mexico since Calderon won the July 2 election by less than 1 percent.

Qualcomm expands capabilities

Aquisition of Airgo and RF Micro enhances wireless semiconductor operations

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Qualcomm Inc. said Monday it is expanding its wireless semiconductor capabilities with the acquisitions of a company that develops Wi-Fi technology for laptops and hotspots, and a business that specializes in Bluetooth connections between mobile devices such as a cell phone and headset.

Qualcomm is paying an undisclosed amount to acquire all of Airgo Networks Inc., and \$39 million to RF Micro Devices Inc. to buy the majority of that company's Bluetooth operations.

The acquisitions are expected to close by the end of December. Qualcomm estimated the two acquisitions will reduce earnings for the fiscal year ending next September by a combined 4 cents per share, then boost profits modestly the following year.

Shares of Qualcomm rose \$1.15, or 3.16 percent, to close at \$37.50, while RFMD's rose 21 cents, or 2.76 percent, to finish at \$7.81, both on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Privately held Airgo, based in Palo Alto, Calif., makes chips based on multiple versions of the Wi-Fi standard, also known as 802.11, supplying them to makers of portable computers and wireless routers that connect PCs to the Internet.

Besides supporting that business, Qualcomm plans to integrate Airgo's technology into its own chipsets for cell phones and laptops. Qualcomm specializes in a cellular technology known as CDMA for mobile calls, and a related technology called EV-DO that provides high-speed Internet access to phones and laptops.



Sanjay Jha, president of Qualcomm's CDMA Technologies unit, poses in one of Qualcomm's chip testing laboratories Monday in San Diego.

Wi-Fi and cellular technologies are often seen as complimentary: the wide coverage of cellular allows users to log on in more places, but reception can be weak indoors, where a shorter-range Wi-Fi signal is often available.

Qualcomm also plans to integrate the acquired RF Micro Bluetooth technology into its chipsets.

The RF Micro business designs Bluetooth technology for both the mobile handset and headset markets. Qualcomm said it also plans to integrate these into its own chipsets "to offer its device-manufacturing customers a more complete solution."

RF Micro expects the deal will allow it to focus more on its highest-growth wireless ventures, which include cellular transceivers, satellite-based navigation components and wireless power amplifiers for local area networks.

Qualcomm is embroiled in a protracted trade and patent battle with rival cell phone chip maker Broadcom Corp. over wireless Internet equipment, technologies powering cell phones and Bluetooth.

The companies have multiple lawsuits pending in courts from California to Europe. It was not immediately

clear whether the deal with RF Micro would have an impact in that fight.

"The sale of these Bluetooth assets to Qualcomm will enable RFMD to accelerate its expansion into new markets while streamlining its world-class cost structure," RF Micro president and CEO Bob Bruggeworth said in a news release.

RF Micro reaffirmed its third-quarter outlook two weeks ago, saying it still expected earnings to be between 10 cents and 12 cents per share, and revenue to be in the range of \$264 million to \$280 million for the quarter ending Dec. 31.

Holidays define dollar's value

Associated Press

NEW YORK — While you're out battling the crowds at the mall or shopping for hot toys this holiday season, what you're buying and how much of it could influence the dollar's future moves.

In addition to dictating the level of retailers' profits, sales volumes this Christmas could signal whether consumers once again are riding to the rescue of an economy that is showing signs of slowing dramatically. And that may have great sway over what the Federal Reserve decides to do with interest rates in the months ahead.

That matters for the dollar since its recent plunge largely has been sparked by fears that investors will cash out of

dollar-denominated assets as U.S. rates decline and instead put their money into areas of the world where rates are rising.

For most of this year, the dollar's slide has been overshadowed by bigger financial-market news: The rally that boosted major stock indexes to levels not seen since the dot-com boom and the retreat in oil prices from the highs seen over the summer.

In recent weeks, however, the slumping dollar has become harder to ignore. The greenback has plunged to its lowest level in 20 months against the euro and is at 14-year lows against the British pound. So far this year, the dollar has lost nearly 7 percent of its value against an index of major foreign cur-

rencies, according to the Federal Reserve.

The Bush administration has shown no signs that it plans to do anything to stem its decline. The weak dollar helps to lower the huge U.S. trade deficit by making American goods cheaper and more competitive abroad and foreign goods more expensive here. But it also could boost inflation if the price of foreign-made goods rise in this country, something the Fed doesn't like to see.

A combination of factors are being blamed for the dollar's pullback. For one, there has been speculation that China may shift part of its \$1 trillion foreign-currency reserves — the biggest in the world — away from the dollar and into other major currencies.

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Conservative action: not an oxymoron

The football season and the Britney Spears/K-Fed breakup loom large as we near year's end and begin to assess the events of 2006, but it is also important to consider the progress that Notre Dame students have made toward overcoming the common view that we are part of an apathetic student body. Over the past 12 months, the Notre Dame community saw the formation of many new student group initiatives which have been noteworthy. Some of these initiatives sprang from existing student clubs, like Amnesty International's fair trade campaign or the Progressive Student Alliance's "iRock for iRaq" concert to benefit Iraqi civilians. Others, like NDASK and CLAP, are the work of new organizations devoted to a single issue. Though I strongly disagree with some of these groups' positions, I do applaud them for heightening the level of dialogue on campus and for their commitment to improving our university.

In a previous column, I wrote about the necessity of enacting change on an individual basis, and these groups are doing just that. For example, on my way through the Huddle on Monday morning I saw a member of Amnesty International speaking to another student about the AIDS crisis. The student ultimately signed a petition in support of increased action to address the epidemic. One-on-one discussions are necessary for any attempt at social change to reach a critical mass of support, and individual transformation is essential for enacted changes to gain social acceptance. However, it is extremely difficult for such a critical mass to be achieved without focus and organization.

Unfortunately, no student group at Notre Dame provides the focus and organization to conservatives that the PSA and others give to progressives. Each of the student organizations that are widely considered conservative lack the characteristics needed to organize conservative campaigns for grassroots change on campus. Right to Life is one of Notre Dame's largest clubs, and is effective in organizing students and presenting its ideas, but its focus is limited to life issues. The Irish Rover would be another candidate, and has been successful over the past few years in presenting a reasoned conservative viewpoint on a broad range of issues, but as a publication, student mobilization does not fall within its mandate. Finally, the College Republicans, while effective in mobilizing students for election activities,

is only able to argue for the Republican position, and not a general conservative platform. What is needed at Notre Dame is a new student group which can develop classically liberal and/or socially conservative initiatives to address the problems our campus faces and win support for those initiatives on a one-to-one basis.

Though Notre Dame is widely believed to be a conservative campus, the progressives here have done far more to push for change in the community. As I said earlier, they should be commended for their effort and commitment. To the detriment of the University, however, this creates student initiatives for change that are built solely on progressive ideas and presuppositions. A conservative student organization is necessary to argue persistently and tirelessly for alternative solutions which take a different approach. By strongly challenging progressive initiatives, the resulting market of ideas will shape better policies and more efficient solutions which are better than anything one group could develop on its own.

Similarly, conservatives on campus must do more to highlight problems which go unnoticed by existing progressive student groups and to take the lead on efforts to bring greater freedom and justice to Notre Dame and the surrounding community. A conservative student organization is needed to mobilize support for more equitable treatment of married students, a strong food bank auxiliary organization on campus and an end to the de facto ban on student businesses, among other things. Any action that a conservative organization would take could and should be challenged by campus progressive organizations and vice versa.

John Henry Newman, in his essay "The Idea of a University," eloquently describes a university as "the place to which a thousand schools make contributions; in which the intellect may safely range and speculate, sure to find its equal in some antagonist activity, and its judge in the tribunal of truth." If we are to achieve Newman's ideal, we need both a progressive and a conservative student organization to take the ideas articulated by the movements on campus and mobilize students for change, one person at a time. The Notre Dame family deserves better than the current lopsided system.

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Jonathan Klinger

Forward the Revolution

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Claims regarding Zahm Hall unfounded

The first thing I would like to address is that the Zahm Hall Staff works hard to make sure all 240 of its residents feel a part of the community. However, the intent of my article is to clarify a few of the inaccurate assumptions made by Ian MacKay ("Zahm Hall more than just a building") in the Dec. 1 edition of The Observer.

MacKay states, "TACH (There Are Children Here) is no longer running so the Foodsales money stays in the dorm and finances are up." Although it is true that proceeds are no longer being sent to TACH, it is wrong to assume that profits are staying in the dorm. After the Zahm Hall staff sadly discovered that TACH would no longer be running, we believed that it was most beneficial to send the proceeds to Coach Weis' charity Hannah and Friends. In fact, Zahm has several projects in the works for next semester to increase its donations to Hannah and Friends.

The second point I would like to correct is MacKay's need to remind us that "Zahm is a place for students to live and not a business." Three to four years ago, Foodsales was nearly 1,000 dollars in debt to its vendors and was unable to benefit any charities, including TACH. Thanks to the tireless work made by the Foodsales managers and several others, Zahm Foodsales has nearly tripled its profits since the end of its first year and now has the ability to make significant contributions.

Better fact-finding through direct discussions with people who actually know about Zahm's policies and programs will prevent such overly broad and unfounded assertions in the future.

Dan Tapetillo
Residential Assistant
Zahm Hall
Dec. 4

An editing mistake by The Observer in Mark Marquez's letter to the editor ("Zahm shift unwanted, unnecessary, Dec. 1) made it appear that I had once met him and was previously associated with Zahm Hall. While I know some distinguished Zahmbies, I have never lived there and do not at all resemble Fr. Tom King, C.S.C., who was Zahm Hall's rector some years ago and is considerably older than I.

Consequently, I appreciate the opportunity to ease the concerns of Sorin residents who were confused by the error and affirm my gratitude for the privilege it has been to serve as rector of America's first Catholic residence hall — and no other. Thank you.

Fr. Jim King, C.S.C.
Rector
Sorin College
Dec. 4

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Imperfection is beauty; madness is genius. And it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring."

Marilyn Monroe
actress

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Happiness consists in realizing it is all a great strange dream."

Jack Kerouac
American novelist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clinic supports South Bend

Katherine Leahy's Nov. 21 Viewpoint article ("Legal Aid Clinic exists to help the poor") expressed concern that the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic might be straying from its mission to serve the poor. I am happy to report that this is not the case. To the contrary, the Legal Aid Clinic remains one of the university's most significant, yet least known, community outreach programs. This semester, thirty law students and four on-site faculty members have provided legal services to over two hundred low-income clients in the South Bend area.

The Legal Aid Clinic, located several blocks south of campus at 725 Howard Street, is the Law School's teaching clinic. It plays a similar role to a teaching hospital at a medical school, allowing law students an opportunity to engage in hands-on learning by representing clients under close faculty supervision. But the Clinic is about more than teaching lawyering skills. In the best tradition of community-based learning, it allows students to see firsthand the challenges facing the poor, the mentally ill, immigrants, the elderly and other marginalized groups, and to put Catholic social teaching into action by representing those persons in the legal system.

As part of their work in the Clinic, our students also present public education programs on areas of the law in which they have developed expertise. This semester, the students made presentations at the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the Madison Center and the Robinson Center. In addition, at the request of Student Government, and as reported in *The Observer*, our students made a presentation on landlord-tenant law to undergraduate students considering an off-campus move.

Katherine Leahy apparently mistook this last presentation as an indication that the Clinic now represents undergraduate students (we do not) or that it has lessened its commitment to serving the poor (we have not). The Clinic does attempt to be responsive

to the needs of the university community, however, and has previously accepted invitations to speak to employees about end-of-life planning issues and to international students about housing issues.

With respect to Ms. Leahy's concern regarding the needs of immigrants, it is true that the Clinic's capacity for immigration work has been reduced this year by the departure of one of its faculty members. I am happy to report, however, that the Law School is in the process of hiring a new clinical faculty member who will focus exclusively on immigration law beginning next fall.

Earlier today, Clinic students attended the last classroom session of the fall semester. I invited the students to share with one another what they have accomplished for their clients this term. Two students recorded lists of accomplishments on the white board for twenty minutes without pausing. Our students saved houses from foreclosure, helped immigrants obtain legal status, helped reform a nursing home, secured recoveries for defrauded consumers, arranged guardianships for mentally ill clients, helped a terminally ill young mother prepare a will and provide for care for her surviving children, recovered security deposits wrongly withheld by landlords from poor tenants, helped elderly clients prepare wills, health care powers, and other end-of-life instruments, secured benefits for disabled children and adults, pushed for better community living opportunities for the developmentally disabled and worked to end illegal debt collection practices. That's just the beginning of the list. Notre Dame can be proud of the service that the Clinic provides.

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Dec. 4

Band does its best

As a band alumnus, I was a bit upset when I read the Nov. 29 letter to the editor titled "Band Often Overlooked."

Truthfully, the line that upset me the most was, "If the band wants to be thought of as so important to school spirit then I think the band should understand their responsibility." Being a devout Notre Dame football and band fan, I understand the sentiment that was portrayed in the article, but I believe this statement crossed the line.

Based on personal experience, I know that all the band members wish that they could travel to all the away games — and especially the big games — but the money is just not there to support such big trips across the country. With over 350 members in the band, it would be a huge financial burden on the band program to support this costly trip to Los Angeles since the funding is not provided by the football program, but by donors and "fundraisers" like selling CDs, T-shirts and the like. Usually, the band only has enough funds to travel to one away game. Some years, the band is lucky enough to travel to two games, but one is always a close game like Michigan, Michigan State or Purdue. When I was a student, the only away trips, other than bowl games, that we traveled to were Pittsburgh and Florida State, both of which we drove to by bus.

The band knows their responsibility and they show their loyalty by volunteering hours of their time every week, spending over ten hours every football Saturday preparing for the game and supporting the team and fans. Band members do not do what they do for money or credits, but for the love of music and Notre Dame football (they do not receive any scholarships and only receive one credit for their time and effort). Therefore, before you blame the administration or the band for not traveling to every big game, please keep in mind that the band does its best to travel to as many trips as finances allow them to and that the band takes its responsibility to the team and to the fans very seriously.

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Class of 2004
Nov. 29

Zahm losing respect

I wanted to respond to the first part in *The Observer's* two-part series on the changes in Zahm Hall ("Zahm struggles with culture shift", Nov. 29). I am a former Zahm resident, now living off campus. While I now recognize the triviality of dorm rivalries and the importance placed on which dorm one ends up in, I do believe that every dorm is unique and offers its residents a special place and atmosphere in which to live, learn, and grow. That is perhaps why I was so excited upon receiving that package from the Office of Residence Life and Housing prior to my freshman year, indicating that I would be joining the ranks of illustrious Zahm residents.

Things have changed, and as the first article indicated, we only hear the stories of times past, of all the crazy things that went down and all the fun that was had. Sure, we had our own fun, but my time in Zahm has left a bitter taste in my mouth and a resentful feeling toward dorm life. I disagree with Joe Cussen's comments that "visiting" and "paneling" were not really that bad. I participated in those activities too, and am by no means a saint. They are behaviors that are both physically destructive to the dorm and emotionally damaging to some of the residents, and I see why the University wanted to stop them.

However, Cussen alluded to the quintessential aspect of Zahm — respect. This one word embodies all that was Zahm, and is the most regrettable aspect of the drastic changes that have taken place in the past three and a half years. The problem is that Parrish never showed (and still does not show) the respect needed to foster good relations in the dorm. He dictates his policies without making an effort to reach out to the students. I was both a Frosh-O commissioner and dance commissioner during my time at Zahm, but I made one poor decision during spring break, inappropriately calling Parrish and sharing my thoughts with him. I did not use inappropriate language nor did I personally attack Parrish; I simply shared my thoughts. Upon returning to campus, I immediately apologized to Parrish, but did not hear back from him until a week later when I received my letter from ResLife. Despite my otherwise exemplary record in the dorm, helping plan and coordinate functions, South Bend volunteer work and being active on both the Interhall soccer and hockey teams, Parrish recommended my removal from Zahm, and so it was. That is simply a lack of respect. To this day, Parrish has still not even formally accepted my apology.

All Zahm residents wanted from Parrish was respect. There were certain things about Zahm that certainly needed to change — I have no quarrel with that. But changes could have occurred in much better ways, and in the end the residents of the dorm are worse off because of what has happened. Instead of treating us like adults, Parrish treats us like children. The community is gone and what is left is just another building on campus, and that is just a shame.

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Dec. 4

A Notre Dame experience?

As we were getting ready for our big show in the green room, one of my fellow performers in Asian Allure said, "Shows like Keenan Revue are considered a part of the 'Notre Dame experience' but shows put on by multicultural groups such as Asian Allure, Black Images and Latin Expression are never considered a 'must-do Notre Dame experience'." Why is that?

Why is it that making jokes about Saint Mary's College students and Zahm Hall is part of the so-called "Notre Dame experience" but shows put on by minority groups on this campus are not? Is it merely because Keenan Revue has been running longer than these other shows? If so, Asian Allure celebrated its tenth anniversary this year — is a decade not long enough to be seeped into the Notre Dame tradition?

Some say that many other shows on this campus such as the annual Welsh Family Dance Show and PEMCO musical also are not considered as "Notre Dame experiences" because there are just too many activities on campus for every such event to be considered. Although this is true, if many make it a point to go to LaFortune at midnight of Monday before finals to see Zahm's annual "bun run," then should we not make it more of a point to support the various multicultural events on campus?

Many often describe Notre Dame students as being "too nice." Perhaps we are so cautious that we might disturb still water that we gently tiptoe around or even avoid difficult questions. However, still water contained will eventually rot. We must disturb still water by asking difficult questions and engaging in active discussion to allow ideas to flow.

An hour in a freshman year Contemporary Topics class is not enough to raise awareness and provoke active discussion. It has to be up to the students. We must make active discussion a part of the Notre Dame experience, whether it be at lunch at the dining halls or a formal discussion in the classrooms. We must disturb still water and confront our own stereotypes, prejudices and ignorance of other cultures, ethnic groups and race. Most importantly, we must create an environment that is in agreement with our University's mission: to include all those who are not like ourselves, to allow every student to feel that they are part of the Notre Dame experience.

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Keep fighting ticket policy

While I am not a student at Notre Dame, for various reasons, I follow the news at the University. In following the story on the updated ticket policy ("Ticket problems remain unsolved", Dec. 1) and the feedback carried in *The Observer*, I offer only one brief remark. As a student at The University of Texas at Austin, the idea of anyone having guaranteed tickets amazes me. It makes sense with the size of Notre Dame compared to the size of the Stadium, but, still be thankful for the accessibility of tickets. That being said, please do keep

complaining to Notre Dame athletics. The more noise made, the more Notre Dame athletics must make some sort of response. I hope that if a change in policy must be made, a student advisory board is given a voice in the issue. Good luck on a policy reversal!

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MOVIE REVIEWS

'Happy Feet' can't quite blend cute critters, issues

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Tap-dancing penguins? Who on earth would watch tap-dancing penguins for 90 minutes?

Before "Happy Feet," such a question could be asked with a legitimate level of incredulity. After "Happy Feet," however, such a question seems unnecessary.

Having remained the top grossing film at the box office since its release, it's safe to say that "Happy Feet" has at least found financial success with its blend of "be yourself" beliefs and environmental advocacy.

The issue with the film lies in that blending — something that, unfortunately, the film does not do as well as it should have. "Happy Feet" is essentially two films —

the first being a positive-reinforcement message of self-acceptance and the latter being a cautionary tale of human errors, especially the expenses paid by the rapidly shrinking ice caps.

"Happy Feet" has been solely (and rather effectively) advertised as a children's film about an adorable penguin named Mumble (Elijah Wood). Mumble's society of Emperor penguins (last made famous on the big screen in the wildly successful 2005 documentary "March of the Penguins") finds their mates through their heart songs, meaning the vocalized essence of their penguin souls. Their life-

long partners are those whose heart songs mesh perfectly with their own. What makes Mumble unique, however, is his "heart song" — Mumble cannot sing. Instead, Mumble tap dances.

The overall message of the first half deals with Mumble's differences, as seen by his surrounding community and our ability to accept the differences of those around us — not an uncommon moral in modern children's films.

The cuteness factor of "Happy Feet" is very high, and, especially during the first half, is welcome and joyous. Mumble's parents, Memphis and Norma Jean (voiced by Hugh Jackman and Nicole Kidman, respectively), are funny and good-natured, despite being in conflict regarding their social outcast of a son. The moments during Mumble's childhood are by far the cutest and most amusing —

the widely circulated trailer featuring Seymour, another baby penguin who raps his heart song, can attest to that.

Where the film stumbles is in its second half, when Mumble leaves his group of Emperor penguins and embarks on a journey — with a Robin Williams-led squad of Adelle penguins in tow — to investigate the existence of "aliens" in their home. As you might guess, these aliens are human beings — humans whose presence is given a subtly negative connotation from the film's opening.

"Happy Feet" is darker, more complex and more socially conscious from the time that Mumble leaves his home onward. The



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Seymour, center, raps his special heart song in "Happy Feet." The film, about a tap-dancing penguin named Mumble, discusses themes of environmental conservation.

film reaches emotional depths during this portion that the quickly resolved conclusion is not entirely able to counter. Seeing Mumble in a zombie-like state of depression while captured in an aquarium is effective, certainly, if the purpose of the film is to increase its audience's awareness of ongoing struggles in the environment. For what has been publicized widely as a children's film about accepting differences, it is, to say the least, surprising.

The strange blending of live-action (all humans in the movie are filmed and digitally inserted into the animated whole) and computer animation is somewhat dis-

tracting, especially during the film's final moments. While in previous children's films, such as 1996's "Space Jam," combining two media is obviously intended and effective, in the CGI world of "Happy Feet," it just seems odd.

Ultimately, where the film suffers is in its attempt to widen the normal thematic scope of a holiday children's movie. The message of preservation and protection is a timely one — however, for "Happy Feet," it proves to be too much for the film to handle.

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DiCaprio's latest highlights conflict diamonds

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For many movies these days, it isn't enough to simply be an adventure movie, a comedy or a romance. Often when movies try to tackle too many ideas and genres at once, they manage to accomplish nothing at all. "Blood Diamond" mostly succeeds at trying to be everything all at once.

"Blood Diamond" is an "awareness" movie that desires to educate about the trade of "conflict" diamonds in Africa, a typically violent action movie and finally a drama about a father trying to reunite his family. Although its scope is large — and at times seems like too much for the film to handle — the final product is an interesting movie that is only mildly unsatisfying.

Conflict, or blood, diamonds are illegally mined gems — often coming from war zones — that are used to finance insurgency or war efforts. The issues surrounding the trade of these diamonds set up the film's background.

"Blood Diamond" is set in 1999 during the civil war in Sierra Leone and centers on the exploits of Danny Archer (Leonardo DiCaprio), an ex-mercenary from Zimbabwe and diamond smuggler. Early on in the film he meets with Solomon Vandy (Djimon Hounsou), a local fisherman. Although both are native Africans, they have led very different lives — lives whose sole point in common is the search

for a rare pink diamond. Solomon, having been taken from his family by the Revolutionary United Front (RUF), is forced to work in the country's diamond fields. Solomon fatefully discovers the pink diamond and hides it. But finding that diamond once again with Archer is the only way for Solomon to reunite himself with his family and save his son Dia from also becoming a child soldier with the RUF.

The final player is Maddy Bowen (Jennifer Connelly), an American journalist for Vanity Fair with a penchant for crisis situations. She meets with Archer in Sierra Leone while working to uncover the truth of the conflict, or blood, diamonds. Bowen agrees to help Archer and Vandy seek the diamond in exchange for information on the diamond dealers.

Ultimately, the movie is about discovering what is important and valuable in the life of each individual. To accomplish this, director Edward Zwick structures the movie as a journey for each of the characters in which they grow from having personal, selfish goals to sacrificing their desires in order to help others.

While raising concern regarding the conflict diamonds and their effect on Africa is the overriding mission of the film, "Blood Diamonds" hauntingly highlights another world-crisis — that of child soldiers. Solomon's son, Dia, is captured by the RUF, allowing the audience to witness the process by which children are brainwashed and forced to commit horrible



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Leonardo DiCaprio, left, and Jennifer Connelly star in "Blood Diamond." The film explores the controversial use of diamonds to finance violent political movements.

acts of violence. One of the film's most powerful images depicts a boy soldier blindfolded and forced to shoot a man against a wall.

Director Edward Zwick is familiar with the "action with a message" genre, having directed "Courage Under Fire," "Glory" and "The Last Samurai." While "Blood Diamond" is politically relevant and noteworthy for bringing a new topic to the movie screen, its efforts to jump between issues and genres hurt its strength as a whole. Its weakest aspect is the script, written by Charles Leavitt ("K-19").

Fortunately, the mediocre writing is

counter-balanced by the outstanding performances delivered by all of the major actors. Once the audience moves past DiCaprio's forced accent, it is easy to see that his performance in "Blood Diamond" will be remembered as one of his best so far.

Much like the topical diamonds, "Blood Diamond" certainly has its flaws. However, those flaws are far outweighed by the performances and heart, easily making the film one to see.

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SCENE & HEARD

Older television shows find new life this fall

There's an old jazzy song called "Everything Old is New Again." I know this because I danced a tap solo to it in 7th grade. It was a sweet little number for my first ever competition dance solo and the owner of the studio choreographed it for me. It was the big time, trust me. The lyrics say, "Don't throw the past away/You might need it some rainy day/Dreams can come true again/When ev'ry thing old is new again."



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One can even apply these words to the current television season. Shows, techniques and even actors from the past are suddenly revived and new once more. Unfortunately, not many people are taking notice of these resurrections.

"The O.C.": "The O.C." has risen from the dead in its fourth season, but the ratings prove that no one is noticing or watching. Nov. 30 brought in only 3.6 million viewers compared to the 24.3 million watching "Grey's Anatomy." It's true that the show is playing in the most competitive timeslot of the week, but with the fortunate death of Mischa Barton's Marissa Cooper, "The O.C." is having fun again. Kaitlin, Marissa's younger sister, is the ultimate scene stealer and a perfect complement to mother Julie. When Summer went to Brown and stopped shaving her legs, Taylor stepped in and became the

new female comic relief. Her budding romance with Ryan is all too welcome, since she has more spunk and energy than the empty-inside Marissa ever did. "Saturday Night Live": Believe it or not, "SNL" is becoming funny again. It's been painful to watch since the cast from the Will Ferrell years abandoned ship for smoother waters, but with the talent of fresh meat such as Groundlings veteran Kristen Wiig, the 32nd season is looking promising. Wiig is the new powerhouse of "SNL," though this has yet to be acknowledged by the show or by mainstream media. Her straight-faced awkwardness in this season's "Car Pool" sketch with Alec Baldwin created one of the greatest and funniest sketches in recent memory. Unlike the overrated Jimmy Fallon and Horatio Sanz, Wiig never breaks, proving herself as a comedian and a professional.

"How I Met Your Mother": This series isn't exactly old, and neither is the multi-camera format that it uses, but its core concept is — singles in Manhattan looking for friendship and love accompanied by a laugh track. No big deal. However, "Mother" takes this antiquated premise and somehow finds a way to make it new. It's not an exact "Friends" rip-off. There are five friends instead of six, and they hang out at a bar instead of a coffee house, but "Mother" has two people that "Friends" never did — Bob Saget and Doogie Howser.

Yes, Saget is nothing more than the narrator, but it's refreshing to hear him narrate this series instead of "America's Funniest Home Videos." Neil Patrick Harris' Barney is Chandler and Joey



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The cast of "How I Met Your Mother" poses for a publicity still. The show is one among several this season to see a resurgence in quality and a decline in viewers.

molded into one super sarcastic ladies' man. The situations are fresh, and fortunately the series is too young to "jump the shark" by desperately making someone pregnant.

Sometimes revisiting the old welcomes all kinds of new. Even "The View" is renewing itself with loud-mouthed, give-away-happy Rosie O'Donnell. The electric debates between liberal Rosie and conservative Elizabeth are enough to keep anyone tuned in, even without drunken appearances by Danny DeVito.

However, with a media transfixed by the happenings of "Grey's," a groundbreaking youth-oriented series is in danger of get-

ting cancelled. With the full-season pickups of "Studio 60" and "30 Rock," the show that inspired them both is being written off as past its prime. And with the (well-deserved) media attention of single-camera comedies, one actually good multi-camera sitcom isn't getting nearly enough coverage.

The old may be new again, but whether or not the audience will notice remains to be seen.

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SHOW REVIEW

'A Piece of My Heart' inspects Vietnam war

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"A Piece of My Heart," written by Shirley Lauro and directed by London Vale, tells the story of six women involved in the Vietnam War and how it profoundly affected their lives. The St. Edward's Hall Players presented the play in the Washington Hall Lab Theatre this past weekend. Everything from retirement issues to Agent Orange Disease is dealt with and confronted. The flexible nature of the play was suited well to the versatile space of the Lab Theatre, and the show was well performed, with a simple but effective lighting design.

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Perhaps the strongest aspect of this play was the way the actors were able to move from their primary characters to other, more peripheral characters as needed. Instead of casting more people, Vale chose to have her primary actors play these smaller parts.

When a nameless nurse was needed, an actor would fill in and then switch back to her primary character as another actor would then fill in a nameless yet needed role. The actors transitioned with skill and were able to maintain a level of characterization that allowed for an easy suspension of disbelief.

Also, the decision to cast one male for all of the male parts was a fine move on

Vale's part. Most of the male parts were simplistic, but Joe Vittoria handled all of them well.

The group of actors involved was excellent, but Jennifer Melillo and Jennifer Betancourt were the strongest of an already talented cast. Their portrayals of Sissy and Leeann, respectively, were emotionally rich and provided the backbone of the play. Also contributing noteworthy performances were Megan O'Donoghue and Molly Kealy, who were both very good as Red Cross nurses.

Stephanie Elise Newsome put in perhaps the most enthusiastic performance as Army intelligence member Steele. All of the actors performed very well and each had their own strengths, creating a cohesive whole and producing a very moving and affecting performance.

On the technical side, the lighting design by Jon McCallie and Sarah Mikrut was simple but very effective. Washes of orange and red were used at appropriate times, while the general lighting scheme served the production well.

Maura Galbraith, Ashley Cenicerros and London Vale designed the sound, and the songs and sound effects chosen were appropriate and established a sense of time and space very well. The stage manager, Ashley Cenicerros, kept the show running with ease, and



Photo courtesy of London Vale

From left, Joe Vittoria, Jennifer Betancourt and Jennifer Melillo star in "A Piece of My Heart." The play focuses on six different women during the Vietnam war.

Vale was able to elicit solid performances from her cast.

Lauro skillfully takes a stab at examining what effect the Vietnam War had on the female members of the armed forces.

Overall "A Piece of My Heart" was an excellent show, indicating that the future of the St. Edward's Hall Players is in good hands. For student theatre, it was a fine production.

The topics explored in the play are valid issues that apply to the present day. Films and theatre related to war usually explore the male aspect of the situation, but Lauro skillfully takes a

stab at examining what effect the Vietnam War had on the female members of the armed forces.

In our current climate of war, it is good to remember the soldiers fighting — however, what is that worth if the women are forgotten? What "A Piece of My Heart" leaves with its audience is the notion that many have made sacrifices in fighting for our country, but not all of them are on the front lines with a rifle.

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NBA

Wizards end Mavs' 12-game winning streak

Arenas scores 38 as Washington holds on to beat Dallas

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas had 38 points and eight assists as the Wizards ended the Dallas Mavericks' 12-game winning streak with a 106-97 victory on Monday night.

All five of Washington's starters scored in double figures in the first three quarters. Only once had the team accomplished that in a full game this season.

Antawn Jamison had 20 points and 12 rebounds for Washington. Caron Butler added 14 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Wizards, who built leads of 20 points in the first half and 31 in the third quarter.

Dirk Nowitzki, who led Dallas with 27 points, capped a 19-6 run with a 3-pointer that pulled the Mavericks to within 102-95 with 1:07 remaining. Devin Harris scored nine points during the spree and finished with 14. Jerry Stackhouse and Devean George also scored 14 points for Dallas.

The Wizards went on a 17-4 run to open the third quarter, capped by Jarvis Hayes' 3-pointer for a 76-45 lead with 6:24 remaining in the period.

A sequence earlier in the period epitomized the game. Arenas banked home a 3-pointer off the glass that gave Washington a 69-45 lead and Nowitzki's ensuing jumper at the other end drew nothing but glass.

The victory was the Wizards' first in their last seven meetings with the Mavericks, whose five-game road winning streak also ended. The last time Washington defeated Dallas was Nov. 5, 2003, when Arenas posted the first of his three career triple-doubles.

Butler's dunk on the run gave Washington a 15-point lead midway through the second quarter. DeShawn Stevenson's jumper extended the Wizards' lead to 57-37 with 2:18 remaining in the half.

Jamison and Arenas shot a combined 9-of-12 in the first quarter and the Wizards, who shot 71 percent in the period, took a 31-23 lead.

Bulls 100, Celtics 82

Andres Nocioni scored 20 points, and the Bulls won their fifth straight, pulling away early on their way to a 100-82 victory over the Boston Celtics on

Monday night.

Up 17-14 in the first quarter, the Bulls went on a 13-point run.

They were ahead 53-35 at halftime and led by as many as 30 in the third quarter.

After scoring a career-high 31 on Friday against New Orleans and 24 the following night against Washington, Nocioni was 8-of-10 from the field and grabbed seven rebounds on Monday.

Paul Pierce scored a season-low eight points for Boston, which has lost three straight and five of six. Eighth in the NBA averaging 26.9 points entering the game, Pierce shot 4-of-13 after bruising his right elbow in Friday's 106-102 loss to Toronto.

Ryan Gomes scored 17 of his 19 points in the first half and finished with seven rebounds.

With second-leading scorer Wally Szczerbiak out with a sprained left ankle, Delonte West started and scored four points for the Celtics.

Spurs 129, Warriors 89

Brent Barry scored 18 points as the Spurs routed the Golden State Warriors on Monday.

Beno Udrih scored a season-high 16 points for San Antonio, whose bench accounted for 75 points.

Tim Duncan had 15 points and eight rebounds, and Michael Finley and Tony Parker each added 14 points.

The Spurs outrebounded the Warriors 51-34.

Anthony Roberson, who had sprained his left thumb Saturday against the Milwaukee Bucks, scored 21 for Golden State. He was followed by Mike Dunleavy and Monta Ellis, with 12 and 11, respectively.

After leading by as much as 20 in the first, the Spurs took a 16-point cushion into the second period.

Manu Ginobili, who missed the last four games with a lower back contusion, came in off the bench with under three minutes left in the first. He quickly proved that he's feeling much better.

Within 40 seconds he had two assists to Francisco Elson, then another to Udrih with a minute to go in the first.

Golden State never had the lead. The Spurs took a 14 point advantage into the second half.

The Warriors couldn't catch San Antonio in the third as the Spurs steadily extended their margin. The Spurs took a 93-61 lead into the final period. Bruce Bowen and Robert Horry each had a 3-pointer, and Ginobili added two assists and four

points in just over three minutes of action.

By the fourth quarter Spurs coach Gregg Popovich and Warriors coach Don Nelson had pulled most of their starters.

That gave Beno Udrih more time on the floor as a backup to Parker.

He played 24 minutes and demonstrated confidence from behind the arc, sinking two 3-pointers in a row about five minutes into the fourth. He had three 3-pointers in the game.

Knicks 98, Grizzlies 90

Eddy Curry scored 26 points and the Knicks beat the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night for just their second home victory of the season.

David Lee added a season-high 20 points, teaming with Curry to wear out the Grizzlies' frontcourt. Curry, who had his career-best seventh straight game with 20 or more points, grabbed 15 rebounds before fouling out, and the Knicks shot a season-best 56.3 percent from the field.

Quentin Richardson also had 20 points and Stephon Marbury finished with 16 points and six assists.

The Knicks snapped a four-game losing streak at Madison Square Garden, where they are 2-7. Coach Isiah Thomas said his team's home woes were mental, with players worried too much about boos from the home fans.

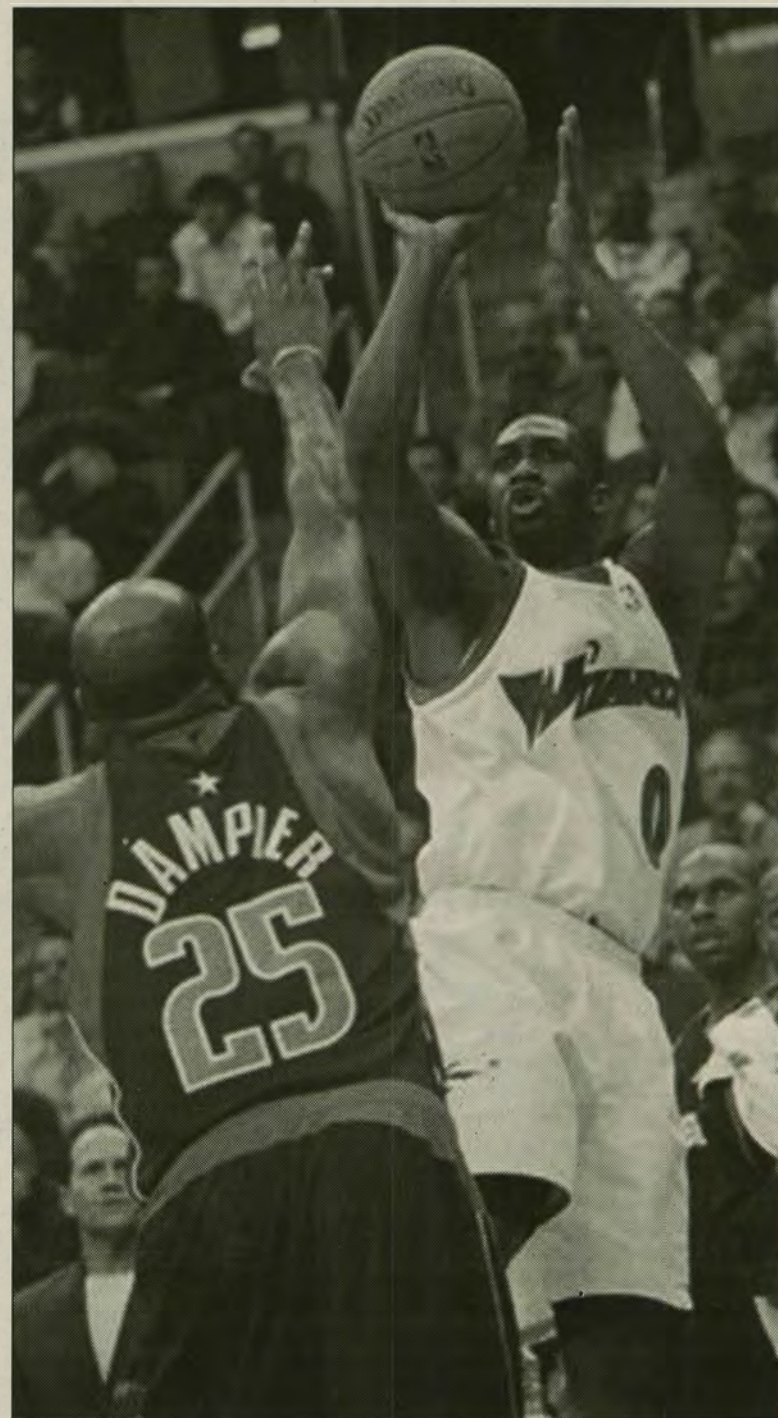
But the Knicks need to win at home now, or their season will get away from them. Monday's game was the second in a stretch where New York plays a season-high six straight — mostly against weak competition — and 10 of 11 at Madison Square Garden.

Another small crowd, announced at 15,233, had little to boo about in a game the Knicks never trailed.

Hakim Warrick scored 19 points for the Grizzlies, who lost their third straight.

Memphis trailed by double digits for much of the second half before closing within five in the closing minutes. The Knicks followed with a lucky break when Richardson hit a turnaround, fallaway shot off the wrong foot as the shot clock expired.

The Knicks finally got off to a good start at home, hitting eight of their first 11 shots to open a 19-9 lead on Lee's jumper with 4:45 left in the first quarter. New York led by 12 late in the period before Lawrence Roberts and Warrick converted three-point plays in the final 35 seconds to cut the lead to 25-19.



Washington shooting guard Gilbert Arenas shoots over Dallas center Erick Damper during the Wizards' 106-97 victory Monday.

With Curry and Lee getting numerous easy chances right under the basket, the Knicks shot 12-of-17 (71 percent) in the second quarter.

The lead grew to 17 after Marbury scored five straight points, but Memphis clawed back and cut it to 55-46 at halftime after Miller and Chucky Atkins knocked down late 3-pointers.

New York made its first three shots in the third quarter, pushing the lead back to 15, and wasn't threatened again until midway through the final period.

Magic 92, Kings 89

Jameer Nelson hit a 3-pointer with 1.7 seconds left, and the Orlando Magic snapped an 11-

game losing streak in Sacramento with a 92-89 victory over the Kings on Monday night.

Dwight Howard had 18 points and 16 rebounds for the Magic, who won for the seventh time in eight games. It was the Eastern Conference leaders' fifth stop on a six-game road trip, its longest of the season.

Grant Hill's jumper with 2:29 to play put Orlando up 89-83 — the biggest lead for either team in the fourth quarter. But Brad Miller hit two free throws and Mike Bibby made a jumper with 1:28 left.

After the Kings' defense stopped Orlando twice, Miller tied it with an awkward layup over Tony Battie's outstretched arms with 25 seconds left.

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USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's Hockey

team	record	points	previous
1 Minnesota	13-1-3	504	1
2 New Hampshire	11-2-1	480	2
3 Maine	9-3-1	414	3
4 Miami (Ohio)	13-5-0	406	4
5 NOTRE DAME	12-3-1	392	5
6 Boston College	8-4-0	337	7
7 Michigan	12-5-0	297	6
8 St. Cloud State	8-3-3	276	11
9 Colorado College	10-5-1	185	NR
10 North Dakota	7-6-1	183	10
11 Boston University	5-3-5	181	9
12 Cornell	8-3-1	129	13
13 Denver	9-6-1	99	8
14 Michigan State	7-7-1	66	12
15 Vermont	9-5-1	62	NR

Inside College Hockey Power Rankings

team	record
1 Minnesota	13-1-3
2 New Hampshire	11-2-1
3 Maine	9-3-1
4 NOTRE DAME	12-3-1
5 Boston College	8-4-1
6 Miami (Ohio)	13-5-0
7 Michigan	12-5-0
8 Colorado College	10-5-1
9 St. Cloud State	8-3-3
10 Boston University	5-3-5
11 North Dakota	7-6-1
12 Cornell	8-3-1
13 Denver	9-6-1
14 Massachusetts	7-3-2
15 Vermont	9-5-1
16 Clarkson	10-5-1
17 Michigan State	7-7-1
18 Dartmouth	5-3-2
19 Quinnipiac	7-4-3
20 Lake Superior	10-5-1

NCAA Hockey USCHO Top 20

team	record	points	previous
1 Minnesota	13-1-3	796	1
2 New Hampshire	11-2-1	753	2
3 Maine	9-3-1	685	1
4 Miami (Ohio)	13-5-0	678	4
5 NOTRE DAME	12-3-1	647	5
6 Boston College	8-4-1	582	7
7 Michigan	12-5-0	530	6
8 St. Cloud State	8-3-3	522	10
9 Colorado College	10-5-1	427	15
10 North Dakota	7-6-1	383	11
11 Boston University	5-3-5	369	9
12 Cornell	8-3-1	359	13
13 Denver	9-6-1	293	8
14 Vermont	9-5-1	255	18
15 Michigan State	7-7-1	238	12
16 Massachusetts	7-3-2	183	19
17 Clarkson	10-5-1	173	NR
18 Dartmouth	5-3-2	147	17
19 Alaska	6-4-4	108	14
20 Lake Superior	10-5-1	75	NR

NCAA FOOTBALL



Stanford coach Walt Harris was fired Monday after a 1-11 season. Harris had a 6-17 record in his two years and led his team to the highest single-season loss total in Stanford history.

Stanford coach out after two seasons

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Stanford opened the football season full of optimism based on a renovated stadium, an offense that returned nearly intact and progress that was made in Walt Harris' first year as head coach.

That quickly ended when the stadium was often half-empty, the skill players went down with injuries and the Cardinal finished with their worst record in more than four decades.

All of that played into the decision Monday to fire Harris after his second season and begin the search for a new coach who can

win under the difficult circumstances at Stanford.

"This has been a tough year," athletic director Bob Bowsby said. "In some measure this decision was not made as a result of being 1-11 as much as it was a result of not seeing the progress in some of the critical areas we would have hoped for after two years."

Harris finished his two-year stint with a 6-17 record after losing 26-17 in the Big Game to California on Saturday. He had the shortest tenure of any Stanford coach since Rod Dowhower left after one season in 1979 with a 5-5-1 record.

The Cardinal finished with the most losses in school history and the worst record since an 0-10 mark in 1960.

Stanford has struggled mightily since Tyrone Willingham left for Notre Dame following the 2001 season. They have not had a winning season in five years under Buddy Teevens and Harris, going just 16-40.

Bowsby admitted it might not be "fair" to fire Harris after only two seasons but that he had to do what was best for the school.

"I think the most critical assessment I had to make was does investing another

year present the likely possibility of making substantial improvement," he said. "If I couldn't answer that affirmatively, which I ultimately didn't, I felt it was better to make the change now than wait more time."

Harris was a disciplinarian who clashed with some players, including linebacker Michael Okwo, who briefly quit the team in November. Players complained of a communication gap with the coaching staff.

"It was maybe just a bad fit," receiver Mark Bradford said. "Maybe we didn't respond to the way that was his style of coaching."

IN BRIEF

Mariners strengthen outfield, sign Guillen to one-year deal

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Jose Guillen and Ichiro Suzuki in the same outfield — Seattle manager Mike Hargrove has never had two arms so strong side-by-side.

The Mariners and Guillen agreed on a one-year, \$5.5 million contract Monday with a \$9 million mutual option for 2008, giving Seattle a starting right fielder and a dangerous bat in the middle of the order.

The deal was the first formal signing of the four-day baseball winter meetings that began Monday.

Guillen missed much of the 2006 season following reconstructive surgery on his right elbow. The Mariners hope his addition is only a start because they want to upgrade their starting rotation.

"I'm just looking forward to this opportunity to try to get back on board and have the success that I've had before," Guillen said.

Staten Island speedway plans halt as New York waits for track

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — International Speedway Corp. scrapped plans Monday to build a track on Staten Island, stalling NASCAR's dream to bring a race to the New York area.

"While we are disappointed that we could not complete the speedway development on Staten Island, our enthusiasm for the metropolitan New York market is in no way dampened," ISC president Lesa France Kennedy said. "We continue to view the region as a prime location for a major motorsports facility."

France Kennedy heads ISC, the publicly traded sister company of NASCAR — which was founded by her grandfather and currently chaired by her brother, Brian France.

Both companies badly want to expand NASCAR into the New York metropolitan area.

NCAA appoints broker to handle Final Four ticket re-sales

INDIANAPOLIS — Final Four ticket-holders will now have the option of reselling tickets to an officially sanctioned NCAA broker.

The governing body announced Monday that RazorGator Experiences will be the official ticket, hospitality and hotel package provider.

Besides creating travel packages, fans can now negotiate with the company to resell unused tickets. Previously, fans whose team lost in the national semifinals resorted primarily to ticket scalping to sell unwanted seats.

"RazorGator Experiences has the expertise and the resources to help the NCAA significantly reduce activities that taint the Men's Final Four, such as the unauthorized sale of NCAA event tickets, which not only limit revenue for student-athlete programs, but also put our fan base at risk," NCAA senior vice president Greg Shaheen said in a written statement.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Oklahoma St. at Syracuse
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Schiano says he will remain with Rutgers

Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — After weeks of speculation about his future, Rutgers coach Greg Schiano decided to spend at least the foreseeable part of it right where he is.

In response to rumors he was poised to take over the troubled University of Miami program, Schiano said Monday he had told Hurricanes athletic director Paul Dee to take his name off a list of candidates.

"Rutgers is where I am going to be and Rutgers is where I want to be. I am not a candidate for that job and I won't be a candidate for that job," Schiano said Monday.

Schiano, a New Jersey native who was Miami's defensive coordinator in 1999 and 2000, said he told Dee on Monday not to consider him for the job.

Miami coach Larry Coker was fired after going 6-6 in the regular season.

Schiano has orchestrated No. 16 Rutgers' rise from one of the nation's lowliest programs in the past six seasons, and led the team to its first bowl appearance in 27 years in 2005.

At 10-2 (5-2 Big East) this season after winning their first nine games, the Scarlet Knights are headed to a Texas Bowl matchup against Kansas State. Rutgers narrowly missed the Bowl Championship Series and a likely Orange Bowl appearance by losing Saturday night in triple overtime at West Virginia.

As Rutgers continued to win this season and Coker's position became more tenuous, speculation grew that Schiano was one of the top candidates, perhaps even No. 1, for the Hurricanes job.

Schiano never wavered from the message that he was happy at Rutgers and looking forward to the program's continued growth — yet he never explicitly said he would

stay at the school.

That only fueled more rumors, which persisted through the West Virginia game and into Monday.

"People kept asking if it was a distraction for the players during the season, but I knew once Saturday came that we needed to address it and that's exactly what happened," Schiano said.

Schiano said Monday he had not signed a new contract with Rutgers, but said his agent is in discussions with Rutgers officials. He made \$191,000 last year before athletic director Robert Mulcahy gave him a seven-year extension that maxes out at \$350,000 by 2012.

The extension raised Schiano's annual income from private sources from \$325,000 to \$625,000. With incentives, his total compensation is in the \$1 million range. Coker, meanwhile, had three seasons left on a contract that paid him about \$2 million annually.

"He's maintained all along that this is where he wanted to be and this is where he's going to be. He's a man of principle and there's really no more to say about it," Mulcahy said.

Schiano had previously hinted that money issues were secondary to Rutgers' committing to make the upgrades necessary to field a top-10 caliber team.

At the top of his current wish list is an expansion of 41,500-seat Rutgers Stadium. Several home games were sellouts this season, including the final two games in which temporary bleachers added 2,000 seats to the south end zone. Season-ticket sales have already increased by 5,000 for next season, Schiano said Monday.

He added that school officials "are all on the same page with what we want to build here."

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Irish forward Garrett Regan blows past Alaska defenseman Nate Fornataro along the boards during Saturday's 3-1 Notre Dame win.



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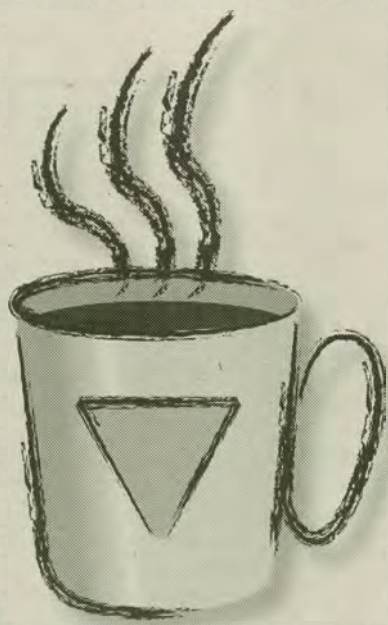
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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Gray finishes 133rd in NCAA Championship

This article was supposed to run three weeks ago but did not due to an editing error.

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

Megan Gray ended her record-breaking season Nov. 18 at the NCAA Division III National Championships, finishing 133rd overall with a time of 25:14 in the 6K event at the Voice of America Park Wilmington College.

Middlebury College took the team championship with 144 points against a field of 32 teams. Willamette junior Sarah Zerzan finished first in the field of 279 runners with a time of 22:31.

"The times were slow across the board due to the mud," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said.

The rainy conditions at the event slowed down Saint Mary's only representative in the event. But Gray remained optimistic despite the rain-affected time.

"It was a tough day to run, but it was an honor to be able to run in the National meet and while I felt I could have run a better race, I was lucky to have teammates, coaches, friends and family there to support me," Gray said.

Despite the conditions, Bauters was still impressed with the finish of her only runner in the race.

"[Gray] looked good when I saw her right before the [first] mile, as though she was progressing well and in a good position," Bauters said.

But due in part to the course conditions, Gray fell just after the one mile mark.

"I think it kind of knocked

her mental game a little bit," Bauters said. "While she didn't really slow down at this point, she usually starts gaining ground throughout the race and was not able to."

Nine of Gray's teammates made the trip to show their support, helping Gray realize the tremendous accomplishment of even making it to the national level.

"They helped me realized [and] remember that I was running with the best runners in the entire country — it was an honor," Gray said.

Gray's accomplishments were indeed record-breaking for the Belles this season.

The junior was the leading runner for the Belles in all nine races she ran in during the 2006 season. It was a season of firsts for Saint Mary's and Gray as she became the first Belle runner to earn first-team all-MIAA honors after placing sixth in the conference's championship race three weeks ago.

In addition, she became the first Saint Mary's runner to win an overall individual title when she crossed the finish line first with a time of 18:42 at the Manchester Invitational. Finally, she became the first Belle to qualify for nationals after her 10th place finish at the Great Lake Regional Championships, where she ran the 6K course in 22:52.

"I'm very proud of her and all her accomplishments this season. I think it gave her a good idea of what to look for next year, and another trip to the NCAA Championships," said Bauters.

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Irish skaters perform despite technical glitch

Special to The Observer

"Ladies, will you please stop skating," blared over the loud speakers in Ann Arbor, Mich. this weekend as the University of Notre Dame figure skating team attempted to finish their program at the Dr. Richard Porter Skating Competition.

The determined women were resilient, and were forced to finish out a three minute synchronized program without music due to a technical glitch as they performed in front of a large crowd Sunday morning.

After several setbacks this season, the Notre Dame skating team had its heart set on a flawless performance this past Sunday to boost morale and put its name back among the best of the synchronized skating world. But with an entire minute skipped in the music, that flawless performance seemed beyond reach.

However, the young women stood with smiles on their faces in front of a bewildered crowd, wondering what their fate would be in the minutes that stood ahead. Out of breath and tired after going through the entire program at full speed, the women wondered if they would again have to attempt the program right away.

After a silent direction from their coach, Irish alumna and former team member Tracey Mulherin, the team skated to one end of the ice to pick up where the technical difficulty had thrown them off. Without a word, the team connected back together, kept smiles on their faces, and finished off the haunted themed musical program.

They stepped off the ice, satisfied with their performance, but worried that the technical glitch would set the team back in the ordinals. Fourteen colleges were represented this weekend at the competition, and Notre Dame wanted to be ranked as one of the best. With encouraging words from Mulherin and fans, the team proceeded to wait among the other colleges for the results.

When the ordinals were placed on the wall, Notre Dame came out on top. Five of the seven judges had placed them first, and the other two had put them at a close second place.

Even with technical difficulties and setbacks, the Irish skating team was determined to prove themselves this season. After a few years of disappointing losses and just missed trips to Nationals, the Notre Dame synchronized skating team is back with a vengeance, and is beginning to prove themselves to their fierce competitors.

Next semester the club will compete in three more competitions, including the Midwesterns. The club is determined to continue its successful ways.

Men's volleyball

Notre Dame traveled to Michigan State's annual Hardwood Classic this weekend. Play opened early Saturday for the Irish as they faced a pool of three other teams from across the Midwest.

In the first match of the day, the Irish were paired against Iowa. Without middle blocker Joe O'Connell, the team burst from the gates, taking the first game quickly, 25-12. As O'Connell came into the gym, it seemed the Hawkeyes did too, giving the Irish a challenge in their second game, 25-21 victory.

Following their opening win, the Irish first faced Kentucky. Notre Dame proved to be too much for the Wildcats as they won the match in consecutive games, 25-20, 25-17, behind the aggressive serving of Trevor Carter. The final match of pool play proved to be the match of the day as the Irish squared off against Pittsburgh.

Despite the outstanding blocking by James Foresman, Notre Dame ended up on the losing end of the 23-25 first game nail biter. The Irish came out with a mission in the second, winning 25-12 to force the match into a decisive third game. Unfortunately, the Irish were unable to continue with the momentum, losing another close game, 12-15.

To keep their first-place goal alive, the Irish were forced into a must-win match versus Northwestern.

The clipboard was handed to O'Connell, who was looking to become 2-0 as coach, as the Irish took the court. Freshmen Arthur Kinsey and Ned Nejedly lifted the team through a slow start and to a first game 25-23 victory.

After the close initial game, the Irish were intent on making the second a little more comfortable. Behind Ted Grossestreuer and the jump serves of Tim Goldsmith, the Irish finished the match and the day with a 25-13 win.

Notre Dame moved from a field of 32 to a single-elimination bracket of 16 in the second day. They were paired against conference foe Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the initial round. Both teams seemed sluggish in the early morning match, but the Irish prevailed 27-25, 25-11 to advance to the quarterfinals.

The Irish found themselves playing a strong Ohio Northern squad for the opportunity to move on. The matching proved to be a defensive battle, starting with the first game.

The Irish fought hard, but a few breaks fell the way of Ohio Northern, leading to a 22-25 loss. Notre Dame rallied together in the second, led by star libero John Tibble, to take the second 25-22. Finding themselves in another three-game match, the Irish refused to fall. The third game was controlled in its entirety Notre Dame, who paved their

way to the semis through a 15-9 win.

With a spot in the championship for grabs, the Irish hit the court against the Nittany Lions of Penn State. Strong outside hitting by senior Drew Williams and junior Dan Zibton carried the play of the Irish, but it wasn't enough as the Nittany Lions won, 25-21, 25-19. With their second consecutive third-place finish, the Irish are off to one of their best starts in team history.

Women's ice hockey

Notre Dame traveled to St. Louis for three non-league games last weekend. Saturday night the team faced off against the St. Louis Surge. Notre Dame started out slow falling behind 1-0 in the first period. Once they adjusted to the frigid temperature of the outdoor rink, the Irish stepped up their level of play and tied the score on a two on one pass from junior Kara Brennan to sophomore Margaret Knoedler. Senior Annie Tilton added another goal on a breakaway to give the Irish a 2-1 lead. The Surge tied the game on a power play with only minutes left in the third period, but Knoedler scored again on an assist from freshman Emily Chappell with 45 seconds left giving the Irish a 3-2 victory.

Just after beating the Surge the Irish were back on the ice to take on the St. Louis Herricanes. Notre Dame's goalie Mindy Stack was strong in net but the Herricanes scored on a first period power play making it 1-0. The Irish peppered the net with shots but could not put one in. With a minute to play Notre Dame pulled their goalie and the advantage created several scoring opportunities, but the final score remained 1-0 Herricanes.

Sunday morning the Irish had a chance to avenge the previous night's loss in a rematch with the Herricanes. The Herricanes had some scoring chances early in the game but were stopped by Stack. Notre Dame then capitalized on a golden opportunity when Tilton scored on a 5-on-3 power play. Knoedler added her fourth goal of the weekend on the same power play and senior Julia LaPointe capped off the first period scoring to give the Irish a 3-0 lead after one. Stack made some

great saves and held the Herricanes scoreless while Tilton scored her second goal of the game. The 4-0 victory added to Notre Dame's winning record.

Equestrian

Brittany Gragg earned high point honors at Sunday's IHSA show at Taylor University. Gragg claimed first place in both intermediate flat and novice fences. Krista Jones placed second in novice fences and Hayden Piscal third in intermediate flat. Kelsey Ostberg garnered first place in open fences, with Claire Freeman and Andrea Oliverio sharing fourth place.

Piscal took third place in intermediate fences. Freeman and Katie Baron tied for first in open flat with Lauren Desrosiers and Oliverio tying for second place, and Ostberg firth in an event dominated by the Irish. Krista Jones took first in novice flat, with Alisha Wilkinson and Jennifer

Gilardi tying for second. Courtney Klosterman and Courtney Hofman were third and fourth respectively in walk-trot-canter, and Kathryn Ozimek and Catherine Gerner gave the Irish a first and second place finish in walk-trot.

In Saturday's competition, Wilkinson and Gilardi shared first place in novice flat with Jones fourth. Piscal took a first in intermediate flat with Gragg in fourth, and Heather LaDue's second place paced the novice fences with Gilardi in sixth. Ostberg and Desrosiers were second and third place in open fences, and Piscal fifth in intermediate fences. Freeman led the Irish with a second place in open flat, followed by Ostberg and Desrosiers in fourth, and Baron and Oliverio tying as well for sixth place. Catherine Gerner and Ozimek finished second and fourth place in walk-trot, while Hofman and Klosterman were third and fourth in walk-trot-canter.

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Falls

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He's 39 percent from 3-point range early this season (18-of-50) and is 83 percent from the free-throw line (24-of-29). But his shots per game (8.7) are a distant second to guard Russell Carter (12.8) and below last year's total (10.7) when he was a second option to Chris Quinn.

Instead of assuming a role as the team's primary scorer, Falls is fitting into the up-tempo motion-style offense, taking his shots as they come but not forcing looks that aren't there.

"As I've said many times, if you really know the game, he's certainly more than just a shooter," Brey said.

"He really understands how to play the game ... and as I've mentioned Monday night, he's not been in my office asking why he's not getting more

shots."

And the senior's willingness to place confidence in his younger, more inexperienced teammates has paid dividends thus far — the Irish are outscoring opponents by 22 points per game.

Brey has praised Falls' "high basketball IQ" numerous times this season. Falls has justified his coach's comments by routinely being in the

"When you sit down and you start talking about stuff, you watch his eyes and he asks great questions."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

right place drawing charges, setting screens and finding the open man.

"When you sit down and you start talking about stuff, you watch his eyes and he asks great questions," Brey said. "You

can make adjustments. He'd be a heck of a coach, let me put it that way."

He's not the quickest or most athletic player on the court,

but his understanding of spacing and knowing where his teammates are positioned has allowed him to be more creative this season.

"He's got to be on the floor a lot because I have to be able to talk through him."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

His confident demeanor and role as team leader also makes him an indispensable on-court extension for Brey, who is known for establishing strong relationships with his senior leaders.

"He's a great guy for me to talk

through," Brey said. "Because Kyle [McAlarney] and I are still developing that niche, but Colin and I really have had that."

So given Falls' willingness to put aside his own stardom for the success of the team, it's really no surprise he wanted to move along with the game after his 1,000th point Wednesday instead of stopping to listen to the cheers.

The surprise is that nobody else saw it coming.

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Irish

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Notre Dame was unable to submit a proposed schedule to the faculty board for athletics for months. And Notre Dame still hasn't posted an official schedule.

Notre Dame eventually hired Gia Kvaratskhelia, but not until events were fast approaching.

And in the midst of it all, the Irish stayed at the top of the fencing landscape.

At the Penn State Open, the premier national preseason individual duals held the first week of November, Notre Dame captured second-place finishes in all three women's divisions, and five men finished in the top-10 of their events.

Senior sabreist Valerie Providenza, who entered as the No. 2 seed, went 15-0 in three rounds of double-elimination competition and topped standout Penn State senior Sophie Hiss along the way to the final. There, Providenza fell to Ohio State junior Siobhan Byrne 15-10.

Providenza, a senior from Beaverton, Ore., captured the 2004 NCAA Sabre Championship with a win over Hiss in the final and won the Junior Olympics title in that discipline the same year.

"Finishing second was nice, although if I had been on top of my game I should have won," Providenza said. "I lost to my friend ... but it was still disappointing to know I could have won, but didn't."

Competing with a strained muscle, Providenza said she was happy with her performance.

"I wouldn't have been happy unless I made it into the top two, and after I did that, I just fenced as well as I could at that time," she said. "The day drags on and you get tired, so all you can do is try to focus and fence the bout at that minute."

But Providenza wasn't the only Irish woman in the finals. Epeeist Kelley Hurley and foilist Adi Nott, both freshman, made it to their finals. Hurley entered as the No. 1 seed and went 14-0 in double elimination bouts. Hurley beat Wayne State senior Justyna Konczalska, who captured fourth place in the 2006 NCAA Championships. Two-time NCAA Champion Anna Garina, Konczalska's teammate, defeated Hurley in the final bout, 15-13.

Nott was the unlikely star of the Open for Notre Dame. Seeded 11th entering the tournament, the freshman went 12-1 in her double-elimination bouts to surge to the No. 4 seed for the final four rounds. Nott then reached the final, where she lost to 2005 NCAA

champion Emily Cross, a junior from Harvard.

On the men's side, Irish senior epeeist Aaron Adjemian went from the 15th seed entering the tournament to a third-place finish. Adjemian lost his semifinal bout 15-13 to Wayne State senior Marek Petraszek, who was the 2005 NCAA runner-up and turns 25 years old in January. Adjemian beat Penn State junior 15-13 in the consolation bout to finish in the top-3.

Notre Dame sophomore foilist Mark Kubik entered as the No. 4 seed and finished the tournament in that spot. Kubik was 12-2 in pool bouts and beat the No. 2 seed, Harvard sophomore Kai Itameri-Kinter, 15-10 in the quarterfinals.

Irish senior sabreist Patrick Ghattas and junior foilist Jakob Jedrkowiak each took seventh in his discipline. Irish senior Matt Stearns finished eighth in the sabre.

"We were all really tired that day but did our best," Providenza said. "The day drags on and you get tired, so all you can do is try to focus and fence the bout at that minute."

While Notre Dame's Gold Medal sabreist, junior Mariel Zagunis, didn't participate in the Penn State Open, she made her mark a month earlier at the World Championships.

Zagunis lost 15-11 to 16-year-old training partner Becca Ward in the sabre championship in Toronto in an all-American final that broke a slew of historical records.

Before that event, only one other American had ever won a medal in the World Championships.

But the meeting was nothing new for either Zagunis or Ward, who train together at the Oregon Fencing Alliance in Portland, Ore.

Zagunis beat American Sada Jacobson 15-10 in the semifinals before taking on Ward in the championship bout.

And all of that was without Bednarski, who guided the Irish to national titles in 2001 — his first year — and 2003. But with Bednarski back at practices — along with Kvaratskhelia — for Notre Dame, the Irish are looking forward to whatever lies ahead.

"It was very strange not to have Janusz at practice, but our new coach Gia really stepped up and took over," Providenza said. "Practice definitely felt different for me when Janusz wasn't there. We were all very happy to have him return."

"We're just taking it one practice at a time, preparing for whichever tournament comes next."


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the 100-fly), Andrew Deters (third in the 1000-freestyle) and Tyler Angelo (third in the 100 and 200-breaststroke) are three other swimmers who will try to make the cut in Beijing.

"These guys have consistently been on a big stage their whole careers," Tallman said. "They know what it's like."

Other new team members have made an immediate impact by posting the fastest times on the team in the respective events.

Freshman Sam Pendergast has posted the top times in the 100 and 200-breaststroke.

"We love Sam. Sam is a big, strong, powerful racer," Welsh said. "He's also very savvy and he's been getting better and better."

Fellow freshman John Lytle has posted top team times in the 50 and 100-freestyle.

"John is a kid that's come in and worked his tail off," Tallman said. "He's setting himself up to be where we want him to be later in the season."

Lytle joined the Irish on the heels of a YMCA national championship last spring in

the 100-freestyle.

"He's done a great job for us all fall, and has been a great addition for us," Welsh said. "We're dependent upon him already."

Sophomore Jeff Wood, a transfer student from Indiana, has stood out in the backstroke, posting the top times in the 50, 100, and 200-meter events. Wood posted these top times in the dual meet against Texas A&M, leading to event wins in the 100 and 200.

"One thing Jeff has contributed, along with his backstrokes, is that competitive drive to win," Welsh said.

Not only does the future look bright for these swimmers in their individual events, but their performances in the relays also are an important part of the team's overall success. Both Wood and Lytle have five relay wins this season and finished fifth along with Pendergast and senior Tim Kegelman at the Ohio State Invitational in the 400-medley relay.

"Out of 20 relay spots available, more than half are taken up by freshman," Tallman said. "This proves the depth of the class and shows how they have contributed to the team."

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Kessler

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Even though the Belles came out strong offensively in the second half, they still only shot 34.4 percent. The difference, however, was in their defense. Saint Mary's was able to stifle the Lady Red shooters, forcing them to shoot only 34.6 percent in the second half.

"We stepped up the D, caused more turnovers and ran the floor well" guard Allison Kessler said.

Kessler, who scored 18 points and was 11-of-13 from the charity stripe, noticed a transformation between the Belles in the first half and the Belles in the second half.

Freshman center Anna Kammrath was a huge presence in the paint, grabbing 17 boards and scoring 10 points — her second double-double of the season. Kammrath has dominated in the post all year and, according to Coach Henley, has been a "pleasant surprise" contributing as a freshman.

With eight minutes remaining



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Belles guard Allison Kessler passes during Saint Mary's 57-55 win against Alma last season on Jan. 25.

in the game, Belles guard Bridget Lipke sank a pair of free throws to give Saint Mary's its first lead of the night at 51-50. Lipke played 38 minutes in the contest and notched 13 points and six assists in the loss.

"We had to dig, dig, dig to get out of the hole we dug" Henley said. "[A] mental game is where we're at right now. We've been playing some tough

games on the road."

But Carthage responded with a 10-1 run to retake command of the game. Lipke kept the team close after the Lady Red run, but missed on a game tying attempt at the buzzer.

The Belles travel to Albion, Mich. tomorrow to face Adrian College at 7:30 p.m.

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Irish guard Russell Carter finishes a layup during Notre Dame's 93-87 win over Lehigh Nov. 27.

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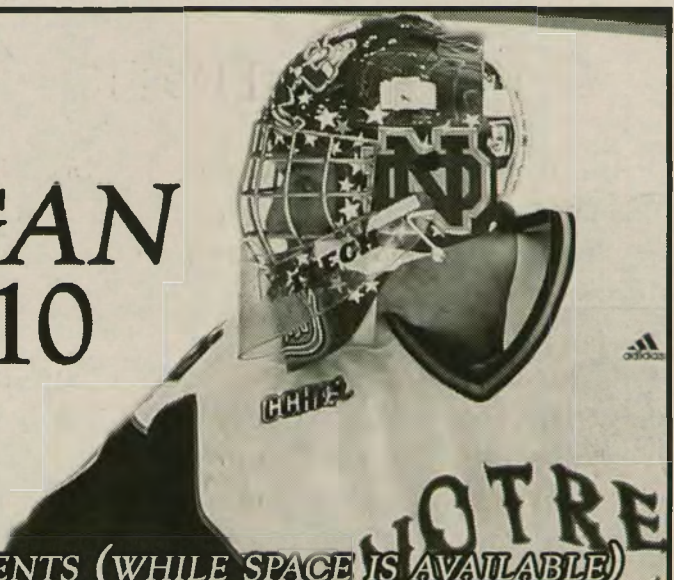


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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coming of age

Notre Dame guard Colin Falls' basketball IQ proves more important than career point total

By **BOB GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

When the announcement echoed through the Joyce Center Wednesday that guard Colin Falls had just reached the 1,000-point plateau in his collegiate career, it seemed everyone in attendance heard it besides the senior himself.

Instead of stopping and waving to the crowd between free throws to acknowledge the milestone amidst a 90-45 blowout over Winston-Salem State, Falls was all business — focusing not on his accomplishment but instead his second shot.

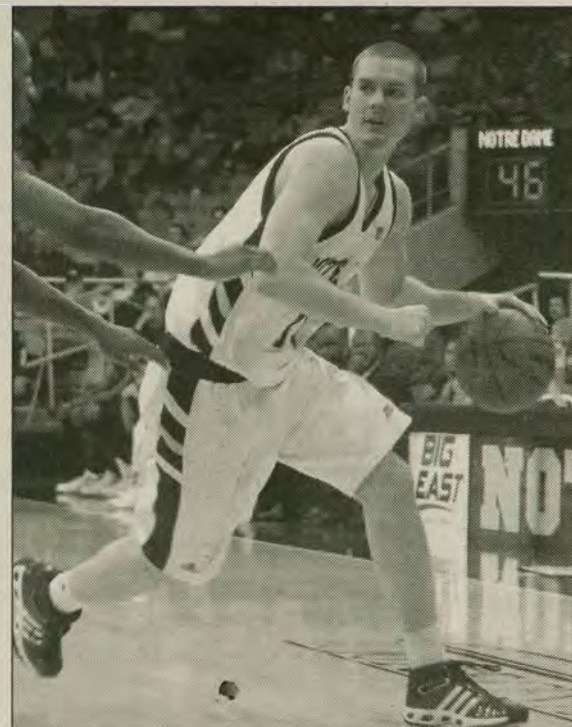
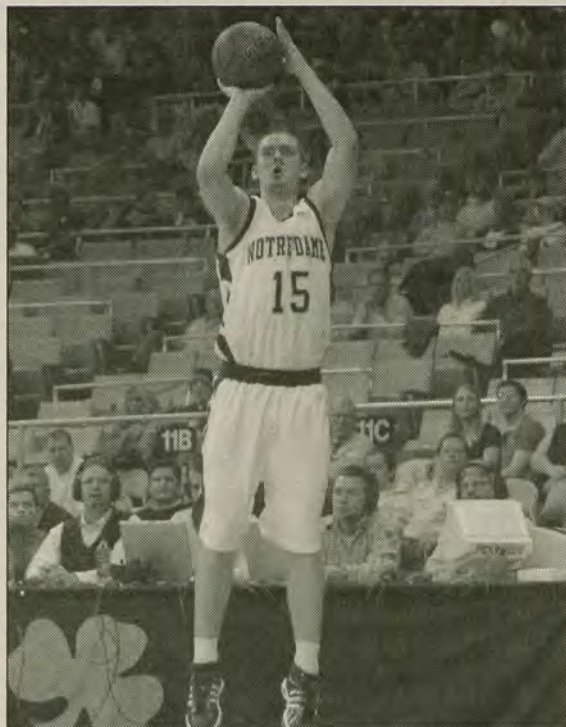
And for anyone who has followed the senior's career with Notre Dame, it's pretty clear what happened next. He sunk it.

"If there's any way to do it, that's the way to do it," guard Kyle McAlarney said about Falls' point milestone coming on a free throw. "It's great for him, he's a great player, he's always been a great player for four years and I'm happy for him."

Falls, now with 1,017 points after scoring 14 in an upset victory over then No. 19/23 Maryland Sunday, has been Mr. Reliable for Notre Dame in his four seasons — becoming one of the most recognizable shooters in college basketball.

But Falls has taken on different responsibilities this season separate from hitting long-range jumpers, even though it might be more comfortable for the senior to rely on his bread and butter — shooting.

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Left, Irish guard Colin Falls shoots a 3-pointer during Notre Dame's 90-45 win against Winston-Salem State Nov. 29. Right, Falls dribbles against the Rams in the Irish victory.

ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

ND SWIMMING

Notre Dame freshmen contribute to team's early success

By **CHRIS HINE**
Sports Writer

The men's swimming and diving team lost 10 seniors from last year's Big East Championship team. The loss of such key team members could cause some squads to

struggle while the younger recruits develop into top-tier swimmers, but not for Notre Dame.

A talented freshman class and the addition of transfer sophomore Jeff Wood have led the Irish to a 4-0 dual meet record and a No. 16 ranking in the College Swim Coaches

Association of America (CSCAA) Poll — the highest in the program's history.

"Everybody has assumed the roles we've expected them to fill during recruiting," associate head coach Matt Tallman said. "Nobody has done less than expected."

The highlight of the year for

the new recruits occurred this past weekend at the Ohio State Invitational when freshman MacKenzie LeBlanc set a pool record in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:48.36.

"Mac is a very talented, versatile, and fast swimmer," head coach Tim Welsh said. "That was out team's only win at that

meet, and it was quite an accomplishment for him."

LeBlanc is part of a handful of freshman that have already qualified for the 2008 Olympic trials, even before they came to Notre Dame. Freshmen Ray Toomey (second on the team in

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FENCING

Irish win despite ill coach

By **KEN FOWLER**
Sports Writer

In the depths of the Joyce Center, national champions wait for the opportunity to prove themselves again.

Notre Dame went months without a definitive set of events, but this year scheduling is the last of its concerns. Earlier this semester, Irish coach Janusz Bednarski had an emergency appendectomy that limited his work at a time when Notre Dame was in transition. His old assistant coach, Zoltan Dudas, took the head job at Princeton after four seasons at Bednarski's side.



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Irish junior Melanie Bautista, left, fences in the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships Feb. 26 at the Joyce Center.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Kessler scores 18 in Belles loss at Carthage

By **DAN COOPER**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (1-6) traveled to play Carthage (3-2) last night and returned home early this morning after suffering a 63-61 defeat at the hands of the Lady Reds.

With the loss, the Belles have now lost six games by a total of only 12 points.

Saint Mary's came out sluggish after a long bus ride to Kenosha, Wis., allowing Carthage to jump to an early 18-2 lead. The Lady Reds would lead by as much as 21 in the first half and sent the Belles

into the locker room with a 38-25 deficit at intermission.

For the Lady Reds in the first half, everything seemed to go right. The team shot 46.4 percent from the floor, but were able to hold the Belles to only 25.9 percent shooting. Leading the Carthage offense was forward Katie Jarger, whose 18 points was most for her team.

A different Saint Mary's team took the court to start the second half. For the first twenty minutes of the second half the Belles outplayed the Lady Reds to the tune of a 26-12 run.

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CLUB SPORTS

The Irish figure skaters performed their routine despite having technical issues with their music.

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Megan Gray finishes 133rd as the only Belles runner in the NCAA Division III race.

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Rutgers coach Greg Schiano tells the University of Miami that he will stay with the Scarlet Knights.

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Stanford fires coach Walt Harris after two seasons and a 6-17 overall record with the Cardinal.

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