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Super Tuesday vote to narrow field

Twenty-four states to participate in largest number of primaries and caucuses ever held in one day

By DAVIS RHORER, Jr.
News Writer

The remaining candidates competing for the Democratic and Republican presidential nominations will face their biggest hurdle yet in today's Super Tuesday primary and caucus elections.

The previous primaries and caucuses this election season have sent delegates to numerous candidates on both sides of the political arena, failing to identify one "stand out" contender. With such close races, the elections today in 24 states

could be a turning point for candidates seeking the nominations.

"This is the closest we've ever been to a national primary," David Campbell, a Notre Dame political science professor, said Saturday.

Notre Dame political science professor Peri Arnold echoed those sentiments. This year's Super Tuesday elections, so named because of the large number of primaries and caucuses held, marks the largest number of states ever to distribute delegates in a single day in the approximately 30 years the United States has

used the primary and caucus system, he said.

"We haven't had an open race in a long time" Arnold said, referring to the absence of a "favorite choice" for the nomination in both the Democratic and Republican parties. Campbell said President George W. Bush's very low popularity level is a reason behind the current presidential race's competitiveness.

"Winning early has not worked well [in this election]" Campbell said.

He emphasized the potential shifts in popularity that have

already forced some previously well-known candidates out of the race.

Arnold emphasized his surprise at the resiliency of the Republican Party, especially considering Bush's low popularity.

"[This race] shouldn't be competitive," Arnold said. "All things would point to a victory for the opposition."

While both Campbell and Arnold acknowledged the diverse group of candidates competing, Saint Mary's history professor Amanda Littauer

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OIT finds flaws with ENS system

Students, staff members receive test notifications

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

The Office of Information Technology tested the Emergency Notification System Friday to mixed results, an OIT official said Monday.

The office sent students and staff members e-mails, text message and voice mails at 2 p.m. on Friday. There were some delays in the system, and some of the text messages failed to reach their intended destination, said Jay Steed, executive assistant to the chief information officer at OIT.

"We had successes and some opportunities that weren't perfect," Steed said. "There's always room for improvement. We have some pretty high standards for delivery of these messages. That's why we do the testing, to make sure we can get all the tweaks out of the system."

Steed said the system will require improvements and he considers it a top priority to make the system flawless.

OIT is still compiling data from the test and is not ready to release specific numbers, although Steed said the office has an idea where the major problems occurred.

"It's important for the University to communicate

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Protests held against Colombian kidnappings

Delayed release of two hostages triggers worldwide marches; resentment builds against FARC

By LIZ MILLER
News Writer

A protest against violence and kidnappings committed by a guerrilla group that began as a Colombian Facebook group in January expanded into a day of protest marches in over 100 cities worldwide Monday. Notre Dame's campus club Organizacion Latino Americana held a rosary in solidarity with the marches Monday night in the Cavanaugh chapel.

The largest guerrilla group in Colombia, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), was established in 1964 by the Colombian Communist party. It is considered a terrorist group because of its kidnapping, narcotics trafficking and traditional military action against the Colombian military.

The Facebook group and worldwide protests were triggered in part by the delayed release of two political hostages, though popular sentiment against the kidnappings has been building for decades.

Organizacion Latino Americana (OLA) is trying to help students "become more aware of what's going on in Latin America," club president Carla Sanchez said.

Club member Santiago Garces, a sophomore from Colombia who heard about the protest marches through Facebook, suggested the rosary service.

"We have had 40 years of suffering and every story gets even worse," Garces said. "I've heard people who were kidnapped tell their stories, there are no words."

Garces lamented that class pre-

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ABIGAIL WILKINS / The Observer

Members of Organizacion Latino Americana held a rosary Monday in Cavanaugh's chapel in solidarity with worldwide protests.

ACE hosts First Lady at Catholic school

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

First lady Laura Bush visited a Washington, D.C., elementary school partnered with the Notre Dame-affiliated Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) on Wednesday.

Her visit to Holy Redeemer School took place during Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration of Catholic schools and their contributions to their communities and the nation.

The ACE Magnificat Initiative has given Holy Redeemer School support and resources since it was nearly shut down two years ago, ACE Director for Education Outreach Aaron Wall said.

The Magnificat Initiative partners the University and ACE with a Catholic school that is in danger of being closed down and gives schools the tools and resources to continue educating students, Wall said. These include training, marketing and finance expertise and funding. The partnership also makes ACE teachers and principles available to schools.

Wall said the first lady's visit was an indication of ACE's success in Catholic schools nationwide.

"Coming from an educator herself, it is great to [have Laura Bush] garner national attention for the ACE program," he said. "It gives us that recognition I feel we

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Council discusses poster abundance

Knott rector expresses frustration over number of advertisements in halls

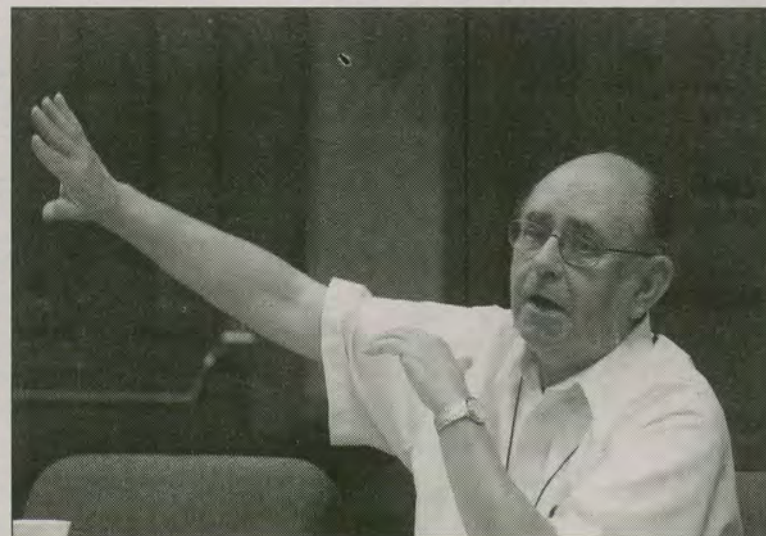
By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

Members of the Campus Life Council discussed the number of advertisements posted on campus at the group's Monday afternoon meeting.

Sheena Plamoottil, head of the Task Force on Campus Environment, said the task force had discussed the numbers of advertisements posted on campus at last week's Green Summit.

Brother Jerome Meyer, Knott Hall rector, expressed his frustration with the numbers of posters crowding wall space around campus.

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Brother Jerome Meyer, C.S.C., rector of Knott Hall, discusses problems with the number of posters in residence halls Monday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Hey Skip, you're wrong

As a San Francisco 49ers fan, I didn't have a rooting interest in this year's NFL playoffs. Then Skip Bayless opened his mouth.

Just after New England defeated the New York Giants 38-35 in Week 17, the loud-mouth ESPN "analyst" went on TV and called out Giants coach Tom Coughlin for playing his starters the entire game in an attempt to beat the then-undefeated Patriots. Bayless called Coughlin's decision one of the worst coaching decisions he's ever seen and said the Giants stood no chance in the playoffs because they were injured. He said Coughlin missed an opportunity to heal some of his players.

Chris Hine

Sports Editor

Only Bayless didn't articulate his argument as calmly as I made him sound. Arms flailing, temper flaring, Bayless screamed that Coughlin was an idiot and had no chance to beat Tampa Bay in the first round, much less win the Super Bowl. Well, despite what Bayless would have you believe, Tom Coughlin knew his team pretty well.

He knew if the Giants were going to make it through the best the NFC had to offer, and win the Super Bowl a few weeks later, they should see how they stack up against a team that was 17-0 and supposedly one of the best ever. And they almost won the game.

So when the cantankerous Coughlin told his team in the locker room before every playoff game they could beat anyone, and they were the best team in football, they believed him. His words weren't just hollow preaching that had no substance to back it up. When everyone in the locker room truly believes they are the best, that can overcome any injury. But Bayless failed to see that logic. Instead, Bayless decided he would use air-time to slam Coughlin. Even after the Super Bowl, Bayless failed to admit he was wrong. How arrogant can one man get?

Skip, you were wrong. Admit it. Congratulate Tom Coughlin, who clearly knows more about football than you do, and move on. It's people like Skip Bayless who give sports journalists a bad name and makes young people consider turning away from the profession. He's confrontational just for the sake of being confrontational. He says people should be fired without even so much as an ounce of regard for their families, who just might be watching his program at home or who might hear about it later. And he criticizes in an unnecessarily over-the-top manner. It's one thing to be critical of someone, it's another thing to be just plain mean about it.

I hope Bayless is able to keep his façade of self-worth going the rest of his life, because if he ever catches a glimpse of what he has become, it will easily surpass the horror of having to admit he's wrong.

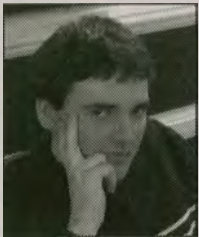
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT REGION OF THE U.S. HAS THE BEST FOOD?



John Cogill

senior
off campus

"The five points in South Bend — Frankie's BBQ."



Clarissa Banientos

sophomore
Lewis

"California because of the Mexican food."



Kyle Bocinsky

senior
off campus

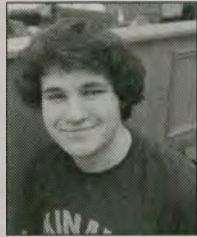
"Georgia because everything tastes better when you lick it off your fingers."



Jordy Brooks

senior
off campus

"Georgia because everything tastes better when you lick it off Kyle's fingers."



James Binco

sophomore
Keenan

"New York because everything is better in New York."



Teresa Henisey

freshman
Cavanaugh

"California because it has In-n-Out!"



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Sophomores Cynthia Curley and Caitlin O'Connell sell carnations in North Dining Hall to benefit Pasquerilla West residence hall.

OFFBEAT

Grandmother allegedly hides cocaine in bra

OAKLAND PARK, Fla. — Broward County authorities said a grandmother was arrested for hiding cocaine in her bra during a drug raid in Oakland Park. Eight others were also arrested Friday at or near the home of Henrietta Corvin Daise, 62. Many of them were her grandchildren.

Jail records show Daise posted \$7,500 bail Saturday.

The Broward County Sheriff's Office said deputies conducted a search warrant on her home and found Daise with powder cocaine

stuffed in her bra. Deputies also found 20 crack cocaine rocks, four grams of powder cocaine, marijuana and \$1,000 in cash.

Mississippi law would ban obese diners

JACKSON, Miss. — A state lawmaker wants to ban restaurants from serving food to obese customers — but please, don't be offended. He says he never even expected his plan to become law.

"I was trying to shed a little light on the number one problem in Mississippi," said Republican Rep. John Read

of Gautier, who acknowledges that at 5-foot-11 and 230 pounds, he'd probably have a tough time under his own bill.

More than 30 percent of adults in Mississippi are considered it obese, according to a 2007 study by the Trust for America's Health, a research group that focuses on disease prevention.

The state House Public Health Committee chairman, Democrat Steve Holland, said he is going to "shred" the bill.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The ND women's tennis team will take on BYU today at 5 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Admission is free.

There will be an alumni panel for Teach for America today at 7 p.m. in 100-104 McKenna Hall.

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

The "Lest We Forget: Two Years After Katrina & Rita" forum will take place Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Student Lounge. The event features an affected student panel for discussion and ticket giveaways for the upcoming World View Film Series showing of "Desert Bayou."

NDVotes '08 will host a Super Tuesday and early primaries analysis featuring political experts from the University Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

A campus-wide Lenten penance service will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The student body primary election debates will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the TV lounge of LaFortune in front of the Dooley Room.

The deadline for Spring 2008 Intramural entries and fees is Thursday. Entries are due at Rolfs SportsRec Center. The badminton doubles fee is \$5 and the floor hockey fee \$50.

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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National group honors Hesburgh

University president emeritus receives higher education award

Special to The Observer

The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) has selected University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh as the 2008 recipient of the Henry Paley Memorial Award.

Hesburgh will receive the award with prerecorded remarks from NAICU President David L. Warren at the association's annual meeting Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. University President Father John Jenkins will attend and accept the award on Hesburgh's behalf.

Since 1985, the Paley Award has recognized an individual who, throughout his or her career, has unfailingly served the students and faculty of independent higher education. The recipient of the award has set an example for all who would seek to advance educational opportunity in the United States. The Paley Award is named for Henry Paley, president of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities of New York from 1975 until 1984.

One of the most influential figures in higher education in the 20th century, Hesburgh

served as Notre Dame's president from 1952 to 1987, during which time he established the University as one of the nation's leading institutions of higher learning. The two major changes during his tenure were the transference of governance in 1967 from the Congregation of Holy Cross to a two-tiered, mixed board of lay and religious trustees and fellows, and the admission of women to undergraduate studies in 1972.

Hesburgh's service to the nation and Church—including 16 presidential appointments and service to four popes—has been recognized with the Medal of Freedom from President Johnson in 1964 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2000. He is the recipient of 150 honorary degrees—the most ever awarded to one person.

"Father Hesburgh's gift for constructing a world-chang-

ing vision and bringing it to fruition has inspired all of us in higher education, as well as countless others outside of the halls of academe," Warren said. "The NAICU is privileged to award him the 22nd annual Henry Paley Award."

NAICU serves as the unified national voice of independent higher education. With nearly 1,000 member institutions and associations nationwide, NAICU reflects the diversity of private, non-profit higher education in the United States. NAICU members enroll 85 percent of all students attending private institutions. They include traditional liberal arts colleges, major research universities, church- and faith-related institutions, historically black colleges, Hispanic-serving institutions, single-sex colleges, art institutions, two-year colleges, and schools of law, medicine, engineering, business and other professions.

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David L. Warren
NAICU president

Prof named to political committee

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame political scientist Darren Davis has been appointed to an ad hoc committee of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) to evaluate the New Hampshire primary polls.

Polling taken the day before the New Hampshire primary indicated a 10-point lead for Sen. Barack Obama that turned into a 3-point deficit once results were tabulated.

The AAPOR is the leading professional organization of public opinion and survey research

professionals in the U.S., with members from academia, media, government, the non-profit sector and private industry.

Drawing from the experience of the 1948 Committee on Analysis of Pre-election Polls and Forecasts, which incorrectly predicted the Truman-Dewey race, the AAPOR's ad hoc committee will evaluate the methodology of the pre-election primary polls and the way results are reported by the media and used to characterize the contests in pre-election press coverage. The committee will archive the data

related to the 2008 primaries for future scholarly research and will evaluate how polls have been and can be optimally used in reporting.

The committee also will review pre-election polls in the South Carolina and February 5 "Super Tuesday" primaries, which will provide additional evidence that may inform theories concerning the New Hampshire polls.

A nationally recognized expert in public opinion, Davis specializes in political psychology, political behavior, public opinion, research methods and racial politics.

Third annual French film festival begins

College shows award-winning movies using grant from FACE and other foundations

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

A series of well-known French films is playing at Saint Mary's this week as part of the College's third annual French Film Festival.

The movies will be shown with English subtitles in Vander Vennet Theater.

The films are highly regarded in the French community, said Mana Derakhshani, French professor and coordinator of the French program.

"We chose films that had been somehow recognized by getting Academy Awards, or Cesars [French Oscars] or the European Union Awards," she said.

The department also takes recommendations from seniors studying French for which movies to include.

The festival is made possible through a grant from FACE, French American Cultural Exchange, and a number of other foundations, Derakhshani said.

In years past, the events have attracted between 50 and 60 viewers each night.

"Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff, as well as people from the Notre Dame community, local high school students and local community people attend," Derakhshani said.

Admission is free and open to the public. Each screening will begin at 7 p.m.

The film "Brodeuses" will play Tuesday. The film involves a teenager who is forced to move out of her home because she is pregnant. In order to support herself, she begins working as an embroiderer with an older woman and gains a wealth of knowledge.

The film "Delwende, lève-toi et marche" will play Wednesday. This movie involves the emotional struggle of a teenage rape victim who does not reveal the rapist's identity. After the incident, the woman is suspected of witchcraft and forced into exile.

The film "Paris, Je t'aime" will play Thursday. This film includes 18

different stories of Paris and highlights different areas of the city. Each story is directed by a different director and evokes the romance and longing the city is famous for, Derakhshani said.

The final film, "Les amitiés maléfiques," will play Friday. This film follows the lives of French college students who try to emulate another student, but find that they are better off by themselves.

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ACE

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deserve that we are a forward-thinking group of educators. It is great to be recognized by her... and it gives us a lot of validation to keep working in the future."

The school's current teaching staff includes ACE teacher Maggie Schroeder, who teaches second grade and is in her second year of the ACE program, and Notre Dame graduate Molly Walsh. The school's principal, Ben Ketcham, is also a Notre Dame alumnus and ACE graduate.

Holy Redeemer School is in its first year of the five-year Magnificat program.

"It's only been five to six months that we've been involved," Wall said. "This was a school that was ready to close its doors, and it has made incredible improvements. Holy Redeemer still has a long way to go, but relative to what it was last year, it is excelling."

Wall said the most meaningful aspect of Bush's visit is its importance to the students.

"The largest impact is on the students at Holy Redeemer, that someone like Mrs. Bush will take time out of their day [to visit them]," Wall said. "The first lady offered to come, being that the school was in her backyard. It was beautiful that she took her time."

ACE ended the Catholic Schools Week festivities with a celebration at Holy Redeemer School on Thursday evening to celebrate the school's success under the Magnificat

Initiative.

Wall said several ACE graduates and Notre Dame alumni participated in the week's events.

Holy Redeemer School is one of three Magnificat schools nationwide. The other two are St. Adalbert in South Bend and St. Anne in Chicago, which both started the program in 2006.

The first lady's visit also coincided with President Bush's State of the Union proposal to offer \$300 million in Pell Grants for Kids to aid to low-income students. The president also proposed the White House Summit on Inner-City Children, which Bush said will unite educators, business leaders and philanthropists to raise awareness about private schools.

"[The proposal] can only stand to impact us positively...and to give more students an opportunity to be enrolled in K-12 education," Wall said. "It's very exciting for us knowing that attention is going to be put on Catholic education. It would give us an opportunity to share the spotlight and share with others the good work that we are doing."

On Thursday, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings visited another ACE school, St. Peter Claver Catholic Central School in New Orleans.

Spellings called the school a positive example of the work Catholic schools have done in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina.

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vented Notre Dame students from attending the march in Chicago.

"Part of the responsibility I have as a Colombian is to do well in school so that when I go back I can be a better person," he said.

One Notre Dame graduate student, Hubert George, has had personal experience with the kidnapping threats in Colombia.

George's family moved from their home in Barranquilla, Colombia, to Miami five years ago after receiving increasing numbers of threats from the FARC.

In Colombia, George's father had been a neurologist and mayor of the coastal city of Barranquilla from 1995 to 1997.

"In all that period, you always have threats," George said. "I had my bodyguard wait for me after school. It's not comfortable to deal with."

After his brief political involvement, George's father went back to his medical practice. He considered running for office again, at which point the threats increased.

"My father got scared whenever they mentioned his child," George said. "They wanted to speak to him about his political agenda."

"These people, to get their goals, they do whatever they want, and kidnapping is one of the means that they use to put pressure on anyone they want. Kidnapping, and the way they treat hostages, is against humanitarian law."

George compared the barbed wire-surrounded FARC hostage camps to the concentration camps of World War II.

In order to escape encountering members of FARC, George's family moved to the United States in March 2003, when he was 20 years old.

The family arrived as tourists and was granted political asylum

within three months.

"It was a very, very, very hard experience for me," George said. "It's not easy to deal with this big changes."

The move was also difficult for George's parents, who had established careers in Colombia. After 30 years of practicing in Colombia, where he had been president of the Colombian Neurological Association, George's father is trying to enter residency in the United States.

"That's something I admire," George said. "My mother was a philosopher and a lawyer in Colombia, but here she has nothing to do."

George's brother is currently living in Sweden, where he helped to organize the protest march in Stockholm.

"This march is to let people know that Colombians are against FARC's actions, against kidnappings, and it is to ask [FARC] to release those civilians that are not related with the war and government," George said.

Scott Mainwaring, director of the Kellogg Institute, said FARC and other guerrilla groups were formed throughout Latin America in the aftermath of the Cuban Revolution in 1959.

The formation of FARC was "nothing all that unusual," he said.

"What is remarkable is how durable this group has been and how powerful it has become," he said.

Not until the 1980s, with the group involved in illegal drug running, did "you get a gradual intensification of what had been an almost irrelevant, low-scale conflict," Mainwaring said. "At one point it was a grotesquely misguided idealism. Today there is clearly a significant dose of opportunism, money making and cynicism as well."

Mainwaring said there have been human rights violations by all the guerrilla groups, but pressure from the United States has

prompted the Colombian government to reduce state involvement in human rights abuses.

Colombian President Alvaro Uribe has made "a great improvement in the security system of his country," Mainwaring said.

OLA member Garces said guerrilla groups have focused recently on improving their international appearance.

"That makes you sick," Garces said. "Obviously it's people who are not informed about what's going on. They are misled in believing these people are freedom fighters."

The groups may have some legitimacy behind their aims, but not their means, Garces said.

"The reasons the guerrilla groups are formed — social injustice — are things that need to be combated, but what it has turned into is a business of death," he said.

Both George and Garces emphasized the significance of a unified movement.

"If a lot of people are doing a march, it will be very clear to everyone that they are terrorists," George said. "Maybe that's not clear."

Garces said the protests are "the first time that Colombia as a whole stands up and claims we're not going to put up with this anymore."

He emphasized the importance of the protests for national well-being.

"I think everyone in Colombia has been stained by the war and the guerrilla," he said.

Garces said his family had a narrow escape with the guerrillas. At his family's home city of Cali, guerrilla fighters entered a church during the Sunday Mass and kidnapped all the parishioners.

"Fortunately, my uncles went to Mass on Saturday instead of Sunday," he said.

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effectively and rapidly with the campus community, and we take it very seriously," he said. "We want to make sure that it works as fast as it possibly can, so we still have to work out the tweaks."

Steed said the University needs to revise the system it uses to send text messages to students.

"One of the things that we found Friday evening after the test is that there was an issue with text messaging capabilities," Steed said. "We know that some of the text messages did not go out."

OIT is currently meeting with Connect-ED, the vendor responsible for delivering the messaging services for emergency voice mail, text messages and e-mail to discuss possible solutions. "Connect-ED is saying that a number of text messages did not get delivered at all, and that had to do with a problem in their computer code," said Steed.

Every person who volunteered cell phone information should have received a text message. Under the old system, students had to sign up for text messages, but Steed said the Connect-ED "has since changed the model to automatically opt everybody in that has provided a cell phone number so that they would receive a text message."

If students do not wish to receive a text message, they can choose to opt out of the system on the OIT Web site.

There were also delays in

the e-mail system, Steed said.

"OIT is also working on the issues regarding sending out the emails to the Notre Dame community, because it was not as fast as we had hoped and planned for," he said.

While OIT hopes the system will someday be flawless, Steed said there always will be some errors.

"At any given point a number of contacts won't be reached because of data-entry errors or a third-party e-mail account no longer exists," he said. "We always have a percentage of contacts that won't be reached."

Steed said he has seen no significant increase in the amount of people who volunteer their cell phone information, though he said OIT plans to put out advertising on campus urging students to provide that information.

"We'd love to see 100 percent participations with regard to cell phones," he said.

Moreover, although the University had planned only one test of the system this semester, Steed said that the results might require OIT to perform another assessment.

"There's a steering committee with Connect-ED and we will determine the next test date when we meet again next week," Steed said. "We had hoped that we would only have to test once this semester to try to make sure we didn't dilute the effectiveness of the system, but given some of the results we may look into having another test this semester."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Children's home attacked in Kenya

SUGOI, Kenya — Just a few hours after youngsters at a children's home in western Kenya finished the soccer game, their fellow players turned on them.

The attackers crept out of a coffee plantation, smeared with clay and armed with spears, machetes, bows and arrows. Then they burned and looted the home that served as the only refuge for 130 children with troubled pasts. One child heard an attacker mention President Mwai Kibaki, who is accused of stealing this country's Dec. 27 election.

The attack on the Sugoi-Munsingen Children's Home and School this weekend is one more example of the turmoil that has followed the disputed election. Protests quickly degenerated into clashes that killed more than 1,000 people. Much of the violence has pitted other ethnic groups against Kibaki's Kikuyu people, long resented for their dominance of business and politics.

U.S. military accidentally kills civilians

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military said Monday it accidentally killed nine Iraqi civilians during an operation targeting al-Qaida in Iraq — the deadliest known case of mistaken identity in recent months.

In northern Iraq, Turkish warplanes on Monday bombed some 70 Kurdish rebel targets, the Turkish military said. It was the fifth aerial attack against Kurdish rebel bases there in two months.

Also Monday, 15 suspected militants were killed in U.S. raids targeting a possible hideout for a senior al-Qaida in Iraq leader northeast of Baghdad, the military said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Boy Scout charged with murdering family

COCKEYSVILLE, Md. — Police say a 15-year-old Boy Scout charged with killing his parents and two younger brothers shot them as they slept, then returned a day later after spending time with friends to stage the discovery of their deaths.

A judge denied bail for Nicholas Browning on Monday, though his attorney cited his strong academic background and lack of a prior criminal record in seeking to have it set at \$1 million instead.

"I don't even think he's even been suspended from school," attorney Steve Silverman said. "Quite frankly, it's really quite shocking."

Officials believe the teen had shot his father, mother, and brothers with one of his father's guns Friday, then tossed the handgun in some bushes and left.

Nature-based recreation declining

WASHINGTON — As people spend more time communing with their televisions and computers, the impact is not just on their health, researchers say. Less time spent outdoors means less contact with nature and, eventually, less interest in conservation and parks.

Camping, fishing and per capita visits to parks are all declining in a shift away from nature-based recreation, researchers report in Monday's online edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"Declining nature participation has crucial implications for current conservation efforts," wrote co-authors Oliver R. W. Pergams and Patricia A. Zaradic. "We think it probable than any major decline in the value placed on natural areas and experiences will greatly reduce the value people place on biodiversity conservation."

LOCAL NEWS

Ball State police officer acquitted

INDIANAPOLIS — A federal jury on Monday found a former Ball State University police officer was not liable for the shooting death of a drunken student.

Jurors in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis deliberated about three hours before returning the verdict in favor of Robert Duplain.

Duplain testified that Michael McKinney, 21, of Bedford, charged at him and he fired in fear that McKinney could lunge for his gun. Duplain said he didn't know at the time in November 2003 that McKinney was a lost, drunken college student at the wrong address.

The 24-year-old rookie officer had been summoned to a residence after the student began pounding on a stranger's back door.

Candidates in final countdown

Republicans, Democrats make last push toward unpredictable Super Tuesday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Buoyed by cheering crowds and bolstered by more than \$1.3 million a day in TV ads, Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton raced through the final hours of an unpredictable Super Tuesday campaign across 22 states. The Republican race turned negative on the eve of the busiest day in primary history.

"We're going to hand the liberals in our party a little surprise," boasted Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, criticizing John McCain for his positions on tax cuts, gay marriage and immigration and predicting an upset win in delegate-rich California.

McCain struck back a few hours later Monday with a television ad that showed Romney in a 1994 debate against Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, saying he was "an independent during the time of Reagan-Bush. I'm not trying to return to Reagan-Bush."

Outwardly, McCain projected confidence, not only about wrapping up the nomination but about November's general election as well. "I can lead this nation and motivate all Americans to serve a cause greater than their self-interest," he said while campaigning at a fire station in New Jersey.

Unwilling to leave anything to chance, both men hastily rearranged their schedules to make one more late stop in California, the largest state, with 170 delegates.

After months on the road, the wear on the candidates was showing, and the schedules strained human endurance.

Clinton's voice was raspy, and at one stop, she struggled to control her coughing.

Romney had breakfast in Tennessee, was in Georgia at lunchtime, was touching



Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama receives a hug from Senator Ted Kennedy during a rally at the Meadowlands arena Monday in E. Rutherford, N.J.

down in Oklahoma at the dinner hour and was scheduled to arrive in California for a rally just before midnight local time.

All before flying through the night so he could attend the West Virginia state convention on Tuesday morning.

The Democrats were spending unprecedented amounts of money on television advertising. Records showed Obama and Clinton each spent \$1.3 million last Wednesday and have been increasing their purchases in the days since.

Obama spent about \$250,000 to run a 30-second ad during the Super Bowl in selected, less expensive regions. Clinton bought one hour of time on

the Hallmark Channel for Monday evening to air a live town hall meeting from New York.

The prize in each race was a huge cache of delegates on the biggest primary-season day ever.

In all, there are 1,023 delegates to the Republican National Convention at stake in primaries in 15 states, caucuses in five and the West Virginia state convention.

Several award all their delegates to the winner, and McCain was favored in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware and his home state of Arizona, with 251 delegates combined.

Romney hoped to counter with victories in Utah and

West Virginia, as well as in a string of caucuses in Western and Midwestern states.

But his task in several Southern and border states — Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma and Missouri — is complicated by the presence of Mike Huckabee on the ballot.

The former Arkansas governor was in Tennessee, where he said Wal-Mart Republicans knew long before Wall Street that the economy was headed for trouble. "They were paying more for their fuel and more for their health care and their kids' education, but their paychecks weren't going up enough to cover all those things that were costing more," he said.

ISRAEL

Suicide bomber kills 11, fuels fear of border

Associated Press

DIMONA — A Palestinian bomber blew himself up Monday in this desert town near Israel's nuclear reactor, killing an Israeli woman and wounding 11 people in the first suicide attack inside Israel in a year.

Police killed a second attacker after a doctor found a suicide vest while treating him for wounds suffered in the blast.

The attack fueled Israel's fears that Gaza militants would exploit a border breach with Egypt to sneak into Israel. Militants claimed the bombers entered Israel through the porous Egyptian border, about 35 miles from Dimona, and said more

militants were inside Israel waiting to strike.

In Gaza, gunmen fired in the air and relatives of the bombers passed out sweets to celebrate the bombing.

An offshoot of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement claimed responsibility, threatening to complicate recently revived peace talks.

Abbas condemned the violence from his West Bank stronghold. Israeli officials said peace talks with Abbas would continue, but vowed to push forward with the country's military campaign in Gaza, which is controlled by the Islamic militant Hamas. Hours after the bombing, an Israeli aircraft attacked a car in Gaza, killing a senior militant who

was involved in rocket attacks on Israel.

Speaking to parliament, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel is facing a "constant war" against Gaza militants. "This war will continue. Terrorism will be hit. We will not relent," he said.

While Palestinian militants have carried out dozens of suicide bombings since 2000, Monday's attack was the first in Dimona, a working class town of 37,000 in the Negev desert that houses Israel's nuclear reactor. The explosion took place in a shopping center about six miles from the facility.

Israeli officials dismissed suggestions the reactor might have been the target.

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"It's like people are trying to outdo each other," Meyer said. "We're wasting trees like crazy."

He suggested the University erect pillars on which student groups could hang their posters, eliminating the crowding of wall and window space.

Lauren Sharkey, Hall Presidents Council co-chair, suggested more discretion be used in the poster approval process and that smaller posters be encouraged.

Plamoottil echoed Sharkey's notion.

"Rectors should submit a list of the size and number of posters appropriate for their halls," she said.

Brown concluded the discussion by declaring that suggestions for the poster situation be handed over to Plamoottil's committee.

Scott Vitter, Alumni Hall senator, and member of the Task Force on Campus Environment, said his group is interested in labeling food products along with their

ingredients in the dining halls, as is the case with salad dressings, which lists the complete nutrition facts.

"This would empower students to make healthy decisions," Vitter said.

The University has not given a formal response to the CLC suggestion.

Student government vice president Maris Braun, a member of the Task Force on Student Development, said the task force plans to conduct a follow up of College Has Issues, the group which addresses issues involving alcohol awareness. She said the task force seeks to work with other student groups, like peer education group Pillars.

Student body president Liz Brown commenced the meeting by addressing the resolution recommending improved residence hall workout facilities CLC passed Jan. 21. This was the first resolution CLC passed this academic year.

Brown said Poorman has not yet responded to the resolution but plans to look into it in the near future.

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elaborated on this aspect.

She questioned the media's emphasis on Hillary Clinton's sexuality and Barack Obama's race.

"I think it is an empirical and political mistake to reduce the current rivalry between Clinton and Obama to 'sex versus race'," Littauer said Monday.

Littauer focused on a recent survey conducted by CNN where reporters asked black women in South Carolina which factor, race or sex, was a more important influence on their votes.

"I would like to hear more from both candidates about ... time-tested Democratic issues," Littauer said, suggesting that undue emphasis was being placed on superficial qualities rather than the real issues at hand, such as education, healthcare, welfare, immigration and poverty.

She echoed the angry sentiments of some South Carolina women who stated that black women could vote based solely on issues just as white men could.

"The Obama-Clinton divide seems more determined by generation than by race or sex," Littauer said, citing the captivation many younger voters have with Obama while older voters tend to trust Clinton's expertise.

Diversity has also been an issue among the Republican candidates.

"The religiously observant are clustering together," Campbell said, referencing the large support Mormon candidate Mitt Romney has received from Protestant and Evangelical

religious groups.

Littauer said the relatively moderate campaign of John McCain, who has not relied heavily on the "religious right" and the support of conservative media and talk shows like other candidates have in the past.

While Campbell said it would

be likely that the nominees of both parties would be known by the end of the day, Arnold took a more cautious view.

"The Democrats are very closely tied in the margin of error," Arnold said, indicating that both Clinton and Obama still had good chances of winning the nomination after Tuesday.

Arnold also recognized the proportional distribution of delegates in most Democratic primaries, meaning both candidates could walk away from some states with support.

He said there was a greater chance the Republican nominee would be known, especially due to John McCain's perceived popularity in the Western and larger states and the "winner takes all" delegate distribution policy adopted by Republican primaries.

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E. coli lawyer profits from bad food

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A girl fell into a 40-day coma after eating a bad Jack in the Box hamburger. Fifteen years later, she is still suffering ill effects. That doesn't bode well for a toddler who spent six weeks in the hospital in 2006 after eating E. coli-tainted spinach from California.

But both have lawyer William Marler in their corner — and that's no small consolation.

The Seattle-based Marler is the undisputed king of food poisoning litigation. He has made good money from bad food, ringing up more than \$300 million in settlements for his clients in the rapidly growing legal field of food safety.

"There is a sense of complacency in the meat industry that believes, 'Hey, we solved that problem and we don't have to watch it so much,'" says Marler, whose career has proved otherwise.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that food poisoning each year afflicts some 76 million Americans; 300,000 require hospitalization and 5,000 die.

Many victims end up hiring Marler, who took his first food poisoning case in 1993, during the Jack in the Box E. coli outbreak in the Pacific Northwest that sickened hundreds and killed four children.

"Bill was certainly at the right place at the right time entering the field of food safety litigation," says Caroline Smith DeWaal, who is in charge of food safety at the nonprofit Center for Science in the Public Interest in Washington. "I see him in kind of a private attorney general role."

Marler, 50, operates three dozen Web sites dedicated to food-borne illnesses. He is a tireless blogger on all things food safety and appears in front of federal and state lawmakers and regulatory boards. The license plate on his wife's Volkswagen reads ECOLI.

In all these cases, Marler has gone to trial just once, winning a \$4.6 million verdict against a Washington state school district where 11 children got E. coli poisoning in the cafeteria.

Instead, he adroitly uses his



William Marler poses in his office in Seattle on Wednesday. He has been dubbed the king of food poison litigation.

sympathetic clients — and the media — to shame food producers into settling.

"I don't apologize for that," he says. "The publicity helps generate change."

The past year has been a busy one for Marler's six-lawyer firm, which has about 1,000 active cases in all 50 states. The clients typically pay their lawyers 25 to 35 percent of their settlements.

The targets of Marler's lawsuits include the Topps Meat Co., which recalled 21.7 million pounds of its hamburger patties in September — the second-biggest U.S. beef recall ever — then went out of business. When Cargill Inc. recalled 840,000 pounds of beef patties the following month, it brought more lawsuits by Marler.

He is also suing ConAgra Foods Inc., which recalled its Banquet chicken pot pies and Peter Pan peanut butter last year after they were found to be contaminated with salmonella.

"He's a good lawyer and he does a fine job for his clients," says Leo Knowles, ConAgra's top lawyer. "He's passionate about food safety. At times he's a little bit overly dramatic, but I think he's genuine."

Marler continually implores the food industry to "put me out of business" by adopting more

stringent safety procedures. He sent the lettuce industry a letter in 2006 in which he called on growers to stop using irrigation water contaminated with cattle and human feces, to wash fruits and vegetables more thoroughly, and to provide field hands with bathrooms.

"These steps will help make our food supply safer and will enable us to keep our most vulnerable citizens — kids and seniors — out of harm's way," he wrote. "And, with a little luck, it will force one damn trial lawyer to find another line of work."

Marler holds degrees from Washington State University and the Seattle University School of Law. He has no formal scientific training but has immersed himself in microbiology and DNA tracing, and his firm has a scientist on staff on whom he relies.

Marler handled about 150 cases from the deadly 2006 E. coli outbreak involving California spinach, settling roughly half those cases so far with companies such as Dole Foods. Among the clients whose cases are still unresolved is 3-year-old Ashley Armstrong of Indianapolis, whose kidneys were so damaged she will have to take medication for the rest of her life and will probably need a transplant, according to her mother.

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IN BRIEF

U.S. factories see rise in demand

WASHINGTON — U.S. factories saw demand for their products rise in December by the largest amount in five months, a spot of welcome news that failed to change the picture of an economy struggling to stay afloat.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that orders placed with U.S. factories rose by 2.3 percent in December. That was an improvement from the 1.7 percent gain posted in November and marked the biggest increase since July.

The performance in December was slightly better than the 2 percent rise that economists were forecasting.

Still, Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research likened the December uptick to "a candle in the hurricane."

On Wall Street, stocks slid. The Dow Jones industrials lost 108.03 points to close at 12,635.16.

Orders for "durable" — big-ticket goods, such as cars, that are expected to last at least three years — rose by 5 percent in December, up from a 0.5 percent advance in November.

Bush's budget proposal creates deficit

WASHINGTON — The record \$3.1 trillion budget proposed by President Bush on Monday would produce eyepopping federal deficits, despite his attempts to impose politically wrenching curbs on Medicare and eliminate scores of popular domestic programs.

The Pentagon would receive a \$36 billion, 8 percent boost for the 2009 budget year beginning Oct. 1, even as programs aimed at the poor would be cut back or eliminated. Half of domestic Cabinet departments would see their budgets cut outright.

Slumping revenues and the cost of an economic rescue package will combine to produce a huge jump in the deficit to \$410 billion this year and \$407 billion in 2009, the White House says, just shy of the record \$413 billion set four years ago.

But even those figures are optimistic since they depend on rosy economic forecasts and leave out the full costs of the war in Iraq shopping season. That was down sharply from a 1 percent gain in November. It was the weakest performance in this area since a similar 0.2 percent rise in June of last year.

Yahoo to 'take time' reviewing bid

Struggling Internet company considers unsolicited \$41 billion offer from rival

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Microsoft Corp.'s \$41 billion takeover bid appears to have backed Yahoo Inc. into a corner, leaving the struggling Internet pioneer with the unpleasant choice of selling to a detested rival or pursuing other agonizing alternatives likely to require the help of an even fiercer foe, Google Inc.

At least that appeared to be the consensus emerging among analysts Monday as Wall Street awaited Yahoo's response to last week's unsolicited offer from Microsoft.

Yahoo says its board is going to take its time reviewing Microsoft's bid along with other options that could keep the Sunnyvale-based company independent.

"At the end of the day, I don't think they are going to be able to turn down Microsoft," predicted technology investment banker Peter Falvey of Revolution Partners, echoing a widely held sentiment.

But if Yahoo spurns Microsoft, analysts believe it probably will have to swallow its pride and forge an advertising partnership with Google if the alliance could win antitrust clearance.

Under this scenario, Yahoo would rely on Google to run its search engine while joining thousands of other Web sites that depend on the Internet search leader for a steady stream of ad revenue generated from text-based links that produce commissions with every click.

But getting Google's advertising help probably wouldn't be enough to trump Microsoft's offer by



Jerry Yang, CEO of Yahoo Inc., speaks at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last month. Yahoo is deliberating over a potential takeover deal from Microsoft.

itself. To placate shareholders, Yahoo probably would have to line up enough money to pay a special dividend or perhaps even take the company private in a leveraged buyout.

Going private might be even more painful for Yahoo's 14,300 employees than a sale to Microsoft.

To help repay the more than \$20 billion debt that would be incurred in a leveraged buyout, Yahoo would likely have to fire about 4,500 employees, or 31 percent of its work force, Stifel Nicolaus analyst George Askew estimated Monday. Yahoo also probably would have to

sell about \$12.5 billion worth of investments in several promising Internet companies, including Alibaba.com and Yahoo Japan.

Like most analysts, Askew still believes Yahoo will wind up in Microsoft's clutches because the world's largest software maker appears to be a determined bidder with more financial firepower than just about every other conceivable suitor.

The list of so-called "white knights" willing to come to Yahoo's rescue appears to be dwindling. Several of the most logical candidates, including News Corp., AT&T Inc.

and Comcast Corp., reportedly have no interest in trying to top Microsoft's bid.

Should Yahoo resist, Microsoft could still turn up the pressure by drawing upon its \$21 billion in cash and lofty market value of \$285 billion to raise the bid.

Despite its vast resources, Microsoft expects to finance part of the Yahoo takeover with debt, the company's chief financial officer, Chris Liddell, said at a Monday investment conference. It will mark the first time that Microsoft has had to borrow money to finance an acquisition.

Super Bowl sets viewer ratings record

NEW YORK — The 97.5 million viewers who saw the New York Giants' last-minute win over the New England Patriots made it the most-watched Super Bowl ever and second biggest event in American television history.

Only the "MASH" series finale in 1983, with 106 million viewers, was seen by more people, Nielsen Media Research said Monday. Sunday's game eclipsed the previous Super Bowl record of 94.08 million, set when Dallas defeated Pittsburgh in 1996.

This year's game had almost all the ingredients Fox could have hoped for: a tight contest with a thrilling finish involving a team that was attempting to make history as the NFL's first unbeaten team since 1972.

But the Giants ended New England's bid for perfection, 17-14. Throughout the game, the teams were never separated by more than

a touchdown.

"You might like your equation going in, but you still need some breaks going your way," said Ed Goren, Fox sports president. The closeness of the game probably added a couple million viewers to the telecast's average; the audience peaked at 105.7 million viewers between 9:30 and 10 p.m. EST — during the fourth quarter.

Giants quarterback Eli Manning won bragging rights over his brother: Last year's win by Peyton Manning's Indianapolis Colts was seen by 93.2 million people, now the third most popular Super Bowl. Manning was set to appear on David Letterman's "Late Show" on Monday, but travel delays in Arizona pushed his appearance back to Wednesday.

An eye-popping 81 percent of all TV sets on in the Boston area Sunday were tuned in to the game. In New York, the audience share

was 67 percent.

There were signs even before game time that Fox could be headed for a record. The opportunity for a team to make history with football's first 19-0 record was a powerful draw. The Giants and Patriots also had a tight contest in late December that drew strong ratings.

The Giants' underdog run had also captivated the nation's largest media market, making up for the only potential weakness in the event as a drawing card: the lack of geographical diversity in the competing teams.

There were past Super Bowls with higher ratings, topped by the 1982 game between San Francisco and Cincinnati (49.1 rating, 73 share). That indicates a larger percentage of homes with televisions were watching the game. But since the American population has increased, along with the number of people with TVs, the actual number of people watching this year was higher.

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A primary concern

After today, we might have a clear idea of which two candidates will be running for president in their respective parties. I hope we find, now or in the coming weeks, a strong candidate who can lead us out of Iraq, because this war is killing us.

By "killing," I do not mean the damage the war does to our international image or the billions or tax dollars we spend on it. And I say "us" in reference to the military troops from our own families and communities, too often relegated to an alien sphere of society, too seldom conceived of as our neighbors and friends. What I mean is that soldiers from our own communities are killing themselves as a direct result of their time spent, at our government's behest, in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Recent statistics from the Army show that suicide rates among American soldiers have skyrocketed in the past five years. Two thousand one hundred U.S. soldiers tried to commit suicide in 2007, nearly six attempts every day. Back in 2002, before the Iraq War, there were 350 suicide attempts — less than one a day. That six-fold increase over five years has given the Army its highest suicide rate among active soldiers since 1980, when such record keeping began. Traditionally, suicide rates are actually lower during periods of overseas deployment, which is part of what makes the rise so striking and unconscionable.

There are soldiers our age — perhaps you know at least one — who go to Iraq and return to find their lives waiting to be resumed where they left off. Only they, themselves, are irrevocably changed. Their egos splintered, their reflexes razor-sharp, their adrenaline systems unable to shut down, soldiers who faced combat find

themselves experiencing hallucinations, sexual impotency and a loss of ability to communicate. They are haunted by depression and flashbacks and find even previously-stable relationships difficult to maintain.

Failed personal relationships are the most common motive for military suicides. Troops are being sent back to Iraq for their second or third consecutive tour of duty (extended to 15 months by the Pentagon last year) with little rest in-between. Our armed services thrust them back into the hell of combat, often failing to diagnose their true affliction: post-traumatic stress disorder. Many times psychiatrists diagnose soldiers with pre-existing personality disorders instead — meaning they were already troubled before their service and their involvement in the war had nothing to do with their current psychological condition.

Several scandals have been documented involving military officers requesting such diagnoses, commanders unwilling to sacrifice potential troops with resources already stretched so thin. Officers also discourage seeking out care in the first place, cultivating a machismo stigma against the "weakness" of psychological support. With time at home stunted and aid services unwilling or unable to help them cope with the horrors of war, is it any wonder troops have trouble sustaining relationships?

Ever since soldiers began returning from combat, officials have lamented the severely under-equipped mental health services of the military. Some efforts have been made by commissions and Congress to improve the care given to returning soldiers. President Bush highlighted the need to help our troops in his State of the Union address. Senator Jim Webb of Virginia introduced new legislation last Thursday aimed at improving the military's suicide prevention programs.

Such calls for aid draw attention to the problem, but actual improvements require more than money. There is no corps of psychologists waiting in reserve to aid returning and active soldiers. Lowering

the suicide rates will require a new stance on the way we treat soldiers — which might, I suggest, involve not going to war in the first place.

Disputing the war's justification and debating the merits of continued military involvement, however, only addresses the military care issue obliquely. The suicide rates among troops will remain inextricably tied to our involvement in Iraq, of course, but the problem has unfortunately become its own distinct crisis.

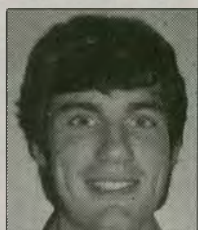
Suicide rates among military members are still lower than equivalent demographics among civilians, yet more and more soldiers are turning to suicide. Our nation ignores this problem not just by prolonging the war in Iraq — though that is certainly hurting — but by failing our troops in the care we offer them. Put simply: Our highest authorities, civilian and military, have failed our troops when they needed the country's help. We have sacrificed our values and reordered our priorities. The need to maintain military presence has superseded concern for the individual soldier.

I want a candidate to emerge today who will make commitment to the mental health of our troops a key platform issue. This needs to be at the forefront of the election season. It goes beyond anti-war messages or schemes to bring troops home. Even if the president ended the war tomorrow, we would see the effects on soldiers for years. We need a clear plan to help those soldiers who gave so much, a path to recovery for our friends and relatives.

We need more than a way out of Iraq — we need a way forward for our troops.

James Dechant hopes you could follow his convoluted train of thought and would like to place blame on Wikipedia and the Internet in general. You can complain about his rambling diatribe by writing him at jdechant@nd.edu

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James Dechant

Foregone Conclusion

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are gonna need Ash Wednesday because we're gonna let it all hang out on Fat Tuesday."

Ray Nagin
Mayor of New Orleans

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A call to conserve

Lent is upon us, and we have a marvelous opportunity to improve how we approach the greatest problem that humanity has ever faced.

According to climate experts, the world is on the brink of catastrophic climate destabilization if action is not taken immediately around the world to reverse the rate of carbon emissions which contribute to the greenhouse gases that promote climate change (see the reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; watch "wonderingmind42" on YouTube). Climate destabilization will bring about more death and destruction than we can imagine, hitting the poorest nations and peoples first, and profoundly affecting the survival of most if not all planetary life forms. Two of the major causes of greenhouse gases in the United States are animal feedlots (supporting our meat-eating habits) and coal-fired power plants, one of which Notre Dame has.

The times encourage us to trivialize the effects that one person or institution can have on the world. When problems are complex, multivaried and overwhelming, we can fall prey to the deadly sin of acedia—callousness, indifference and apathy towards moral and spiritual excellence. In setting its sights too low, acedia becomes a sin against charity.

Adopting a deep commitment to the common good, we at Notre Dame would review our practices, changing those that contribute to climate change. We would do everything in our power to decrease our carbon footprint individually and as an institution. Notre Dame would use some of its endowment funds to move the campus towards use of wind power and carbon neutral energy; build bicycle paths for constituents to get to campus; promote vegetarianism at least occasionally (to reduce those feedlot effects) and vigorously support educa-

tional and research initiatives to meet carbon neutral goals. And we would act with urgency—the window of opportunity is quickly shrinking. Such moves require vision, courage and perseverance, not only of Notre Dame's leaders but of us all—students, faculty, staff, alumni.

Concretely for all of us it means figuring out how to restructure our lives so that how we live uses less energy (e.g., walking instead of driving across campus to a meeting, eating less meat, turning off power switches when not in use, unplugging vampire appliances that use energy when plugged in). This is not an individualistic venture, it requires us to work together, encourage one another and even call each other to account. Together we must share the burdens of changing lifestyle on every level—individual, community, institutional.

Lent offers us an opportunity to practice reducing our gluttonous con-

sumption of the earth's limited resources. We can practice new habits that lessen the cost of our lives for those elsewhere who chop down their rainforests for us and poison themselves and the earth for our floral bouquets.

Now is the time for the whole of the Notre Dame community to individually and communally adopt policies and practices that fulfill our moral quest to bring about the greater good. Whether the Notre Dame community takes the heroic path of leadership is up to you—to us, and our passion for goodness. The call to discipleship has never been stronger. The cost of acedia has never been greater. Life on the planet is at stake.

Darcia Narvaez
psychology professor
University Energy and Environment
Committee member
Feb. 4

Transpo trouble

Many students rely on the Transpo trolley to get from Notre Dame to Saint Mary's College. Personally, I don't care how late it's running when it's transporting partying girls on weekends, but I rely on it for class, and I know many others do as well. I understand that inclement weather can cause delays, but in recent weeks the trolley has become completely unpredictable. It might stop at Regina Hall at 8:40 a.m., or it might be there at 8:59 a.m. (as was the case this past week). Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are largely pedestrian campuses with notoriously inconvenient parking. Since no pay service (other than a taxi) exists to transport students between campuses for class, I believe it is the responsibility of the schools to ensure that some semblance of a schedule is maintained. I'd be willing to pay 50 cents per ride if I knew the trolley would get me to class on time. I know many students, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame alike, who feel the same way. Come on, Transpo. Get it together.

Kelsey Robertson
sophomore
Regina Hall
Feb. 4

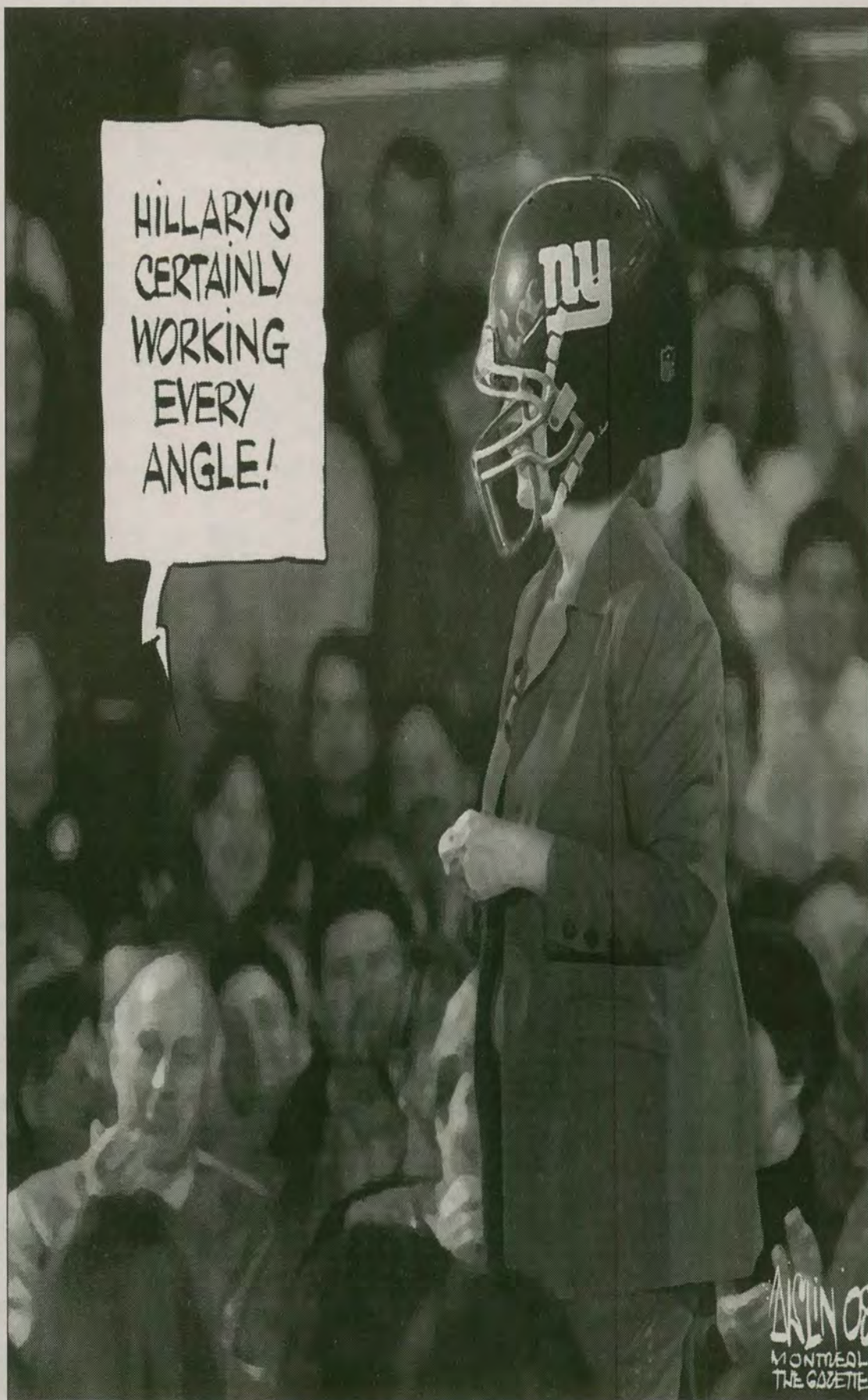
Sports overkill

This past Sunday evening, from about 6 to 10 p.m., I found myself in front of the TV watching the Super Bowl. Joining me were an estimated 105 million Americans who watched at least part of the game. With the U.S. population at about 300 million, that means that roughly 35 percent of Americans watched at least some of this event, plus millions more who heard or read about it. Football may be the most popular spectator sport in America, yet taken together with baseball, basketball, auto racing, soccer, hockey and a myriad of other sports, we get a clearer picture of a national obsession. One begins to wonder how much time the average American spends watching, reading, talking or thinking about sports in a given week. And of course, Americans are equally crazed over playing sports, working out and staying in shape. I will say it now: There is nothing wrong with playing sports, exercising or watching a sporting event. Playing sports makes one healthier, builds teamwork and sharpens the mind. And watching sports is a cultural practice that builds camaraderie, creates unity and provides excitement. And let's face it, playing and watching sports is really a whole lot of fun.

But we're reminded of that ancient adage, "Everything in moderation." Sometimes when a good thing is pursued to excess, it becomes a bad thing. That is what I suspect may be occurring in the lives of millions of Americans who have made sports their No. 1 concern. Sports should be an important part of most people's lives, yet one would be hard-pressed to argue that it should be the primary priority. Perhaps all of us at Notre Dame and in America need to step back for a moment and assess what our values really are. It has been suggested that our priorities should include, "God, country, Notre Dame." To these, I humbly add family, friends and our professional and school commitments. Simply put, it has been shown too many times that whenever we invert these priorities, the results are disastrous. Sports are a lot of fun, but let's not make a sport out of life.

Chris Spellman
senior
off campus
Feb. 4

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Top Ten Super Bowl Ads from USA Today



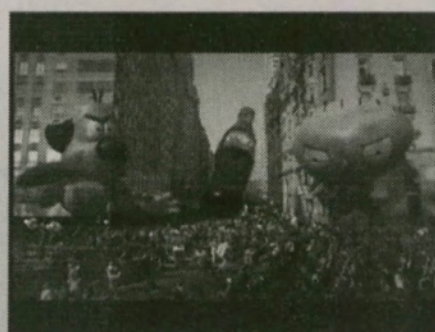
#1
Budweiser
Dog trains a
Clydesdale



#6
Bud Light
Hidden Bud Light
bottles at a
wine-tasting party



#2
FedEx
Pigeon carriers
can't compete
with FedEx



#7
Coca-Cola
Coke brings
together dueling
parade balloons



#3
Bridgestone
Critters scream
before a
near-miss



#8
Diet Pepsi Max
Missy Elliott and
others wake up
with Pepsi



#4
Doritos
Mouse goes
for a whole bag
of Doritos



#9
Planters
Men find
unattractive
woman alluring



#5
Bud Light
Fire-breathing
man turns
romance into
mayhem



#10
Tide
Stain does the
talking in job
interview



MATT HUDSON | Observer Graphic

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Scene Writer

On Sunday night, years of hard work culminated in an epic smack down between the titans.

Of commercials, that is.

Once again, the greatest advertising campaigns came together for a battle royal with the prize being that ever-elusive trophy, the consumer. Some watch for the football, some for the half-time show, but most everyone can agree the Super Bowl just isn't super without a rally of all the best commercials the industry rulers can bring.

Budweiser brought its best game, with a series of commercials involving the abnormal effects of its beer, and why the magical beer is no longer available.

Car companies went head-to-head, as Audi, GMC and Hyundai came on to the field with a take-no-prisoners approach. The Hyundai Genesis went

all-out, with the narration surrounding style shots of the car announcing, "We're not sure what the USA Today Ad Meter will think of this commercial tomorrow, but we're pretty sure Mercedes, BMW and Lexus aren't going to like it very much." (Apparently no one did. It came out number 43 of 55 in the USA today rankings, which were published Monday.)

The ultimate goal of any TV ad is, of course, to get your attention. This is accomplished in a number of ways, the most obvious one being comedy. This year's ads certainly didn't lack laughs, but many other tricks were pulled out to grab viewers' interest.

The most jarring ad had to be for Careerbuilder.com, and it involved a woman's heart popping out of her chest, walking up to her boss and holding up a sign reading, "I Quit." The odd beginning ended up being a call to "Follow Your Heart," as the throbbing and astonishingly anatomically-correct heart bounced out of the office and

started walking away.

The No. 1 USA Today pick was a sentimental favorite. Hank the Clydesdale reigned supreme by not only successfully training to be a Budweiser horse to the Rocky theme (with the help of a Dalmatian), but also by wining the hearts of football watchers everywhere. This ad came relatively early in the game, but came out on top as the best commercial of the Super Bowl.

Second place went to the disturbingly oversized carrier pigeons for FedEx.

A screaming squirrel that looked suspiciously like one of at Notre Dame wailed as he clutched his acorn, and he and his panicked forest friends took third place for Bridgestone.

Fourth place went to the mouse with a passion for Doritos. This delightful number was set to the eternal "Habanera" from Carmen. A man came home and set a trap for the mouse using a crumb from a Dorito. He sits down and bites into a handful of cheesy chips as a human sized-mouse breaks

out of the wall and begins to punch him. Classic humor, really.

Overall, this year's presentation wasn't bad. GMC Yukon takes home the trophy for lamest commercial, with its naked stencil-drawn headless man pushing a circle up an incline as the narrator muses on about dreaming, pushing, changing and all the deep questions that he can think of. (We still have no idea what this has to do with the car.)

Gutsiest commercial had to be the one for godaddy.com, with Danica Patrick unzipping her shirt and a voice telling you to go to the Web site to see the rest (with viewer discretion advised).

Other highlights include Will Ferrell selling Bud Light, men falling for an ugly woman because she smells like Planter's Peanuts, and parade floats duking it out for a giant Coke bottle.

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By MARK WITTE
Scene Writer

NBC's new secret-agent comedy "Chuck," concluded its first season on Jan. 24. Unlike many major network shows that have been suspended or terminated due to the writer's strike, "Chuck" finished out its 13-episode season with back-to-back episodes, which included the agony of long-lost lovers, daring hotel window escapes, clever who-dun-it mystery and an action-packed ending.

But it has been quite a journey for Chuck Bartowski.

"Chuck" debuted on Sept. 24, 2007 in NBC's 8 p.m. time slot. "The O.C." creator, Josh Schwartz, helped write and produce NBC's new show this season along with the help of rookie Chris Fedak, who Schwartz credits for the show's original conception.

We first met Chuck (Zachary Levi) behind the Nerd Herd counter at the Buy More, the show's version of Best Buy, working as an electronics specialist. At his side stood close friend and salesman Morgan Grimes (Joshua Gomez). Together they constituted the most socially awkward pair in all of Los Angeles.

Enter the intersect.

Chuck's status as a typical "Joe" was not to last long. In the show's pilot episode, he receives a life-changing email from rogue CIA agent and former college roommate Bryce Larkin,

who actually gets gunned down while waiting for the send/receive process to complete. The contents of the email flip Chuck's world upside-down.

When Chuck opens the message on his computer, all of the U.S. government's top secrets, encoded into one long reel of somewhat disturbing images, pop up on the screen and imprint themselves into the back of the mesmerized Chuck's brain. Needless to say, when Chuck woke up the next morning, he had a bit of a headache.

As it turns out, Chuck's old roommate stole the information off of a government supercomputer known as "the Intersect" and shortly before sending the secrets to Chuck, he blew up the multi-billion dollar piece of equipment.

It doesn't take Chuck long to realize things inside his head have changed and that his brain has been upgraded. Chuck soon discovers he has the ability to instantly recall the top-secret records and history of a person at the sight of his or her name or face.

The CIA and the NSA soon locate Chuck and deploy agents to keep an eye on him while utilizing his abilities. The attractive Sarah Walker (Yvonne Strahovski) and the ever-angry John Casey (Adam Baldwin) enter Chuck's everyday world both at home, and with his doctor sister Ellie (Sarah Lancaster) and her overly suave boyfriend Captain Awesome (Ryan McPartlin) at work. This provides the bulk of the show's comedy.

The agents try to blend in. Walker

becomes Chuck's girlfriend as a cover, a decision that stuns both Chuck's sister and his friends, who find it hard to believe Chuck could score a girl with Walker's looks. Casey has a harder time fitting in. Forced to take up a job as a salesman alongside Chuck and Grimes at the Buy More, Casey constantly appears on the edge of exploding into a violent rampage, mostly at the foolish actions of Grimes, whose pathetic, yet genuine attempts to move up in the world, as well as woo the ladies (including Chuck's sister) make him comically laudable.

As the season progresses, threats and attempts on Chuck's life come and go as he and the agents do battle against numerous criminals from all over the world. Chuck and Walker's cover slowly transforms into more than just pretend as the two characters struggle to come to terms with their growing feelings for each other. About halfway through the season, the show takes a twist when Bryce Larkin suddenly reappears on the scene, apparently back from the dead. His past connections with both Agent

Walker and Chuck throws everyone for a loop.

Before the season ends, the love life of Chuck goes up and down and in numerous directions. Even Grimes manages to survive Casey's scorching anger and score himself a few dates before the season's close.

The ratings for NBC's new comedy started out high, but slowly dwindled as the season progressed. It is debatable whether the decline is a result of the public's general frustration with the writers' strike or whether the show lost some of its comic appeal as the season wore on.

However, the final two episodes ended the season with more than one explosive bang. These two episodes alone may have provided enough impetus to warrant another season next year.

In today's very unstable television industry, becoming increasingly riddled with reality TV, "Chuck" was a welcome whiff of fresh comic action this season, showing the world that even computer geeks can lead super hero lives.

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NHL

Parise's quick OT goal gives Devils 4-3 victory

Doan's goal from on knees powers Phoenix to 4-3 overtime win; Oilers snap two-game skid behind Garon's 24-save shutout

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Zach Parise scored 37 seconds into overtime to cap a furious late rally and lift the New Jersey Devils to a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday night that created a three-way tie atop the Atlantic Division.

New Jersey trailed 3-1 in the third period and appeared headed for its fourth loss in a five-game homestand, but Jamie Langenbrunner and David Clarkson scored less than two minutes apart to tie it.

Parise won it with his 20th goal, tipping a drive by Patrik Elias past Ty Conklin on the only shot of overtime. New Jersey, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia all have 63 points in the five-team Atlantic.

Martin Brodeur earned his 28th win of the season and was credited with an assist on the winning goal. That made up for his tripping penalty in the third period that led to Jordan Staal's power-play goal.

The Devils, who recorded only 14 shots through two periods, mounted a quick comeback in the third that they didn't seem to have in them through another lackluster home perform-

ance.

After Staal pushed Pittsburgh's lead to 3-1 4:30 into the final period, Elias and Clarkson connected 1:44 apart.

Elias got the rally going at 9:37 when he sent a shot toward the net that hit defenseman Kris Letang in front and caromed past Conklin. Clarkson tied it with his seventh of the season and second in two games, getting to a rebound of Johnny Oduya's point shot and popping it in at 11:21.

That finally gave the record-low crowd of 13,012 fans at the new Prudential Center something to cheer about. Until then, the loudest roar was in the first period when the Devils posted a congratulatory message on the scoreboard to the Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

Each club had 10 shots in the third period and both seemed content to play conservatively and get to overtime.

The road team had won an NHL-record tying nine straight in this series, including the first five this season with New Jersey winning three times in Pittsburgh. The Penguins extended the run last Tuesday by beating the Devils 4-2 in Newark.



Devils left wing Zach Parise celebrates after beating Penguins goalie Ty Conklin to give New Jersey a 4-3 overtime victory Monday night. The goal was Parise's 19th of the year.

Petr Sykora and Ryan Malone also scored for the Penguins, who fell to 3-2-2 since Sidney Crosby's ankle injury.

Evgeni Malkin had two assists to tie Crosby for the team lead with 63 points.

Coyotes 4, Avalanche 3 (OT)

Shane Doan was on his knees when he poked the puck between Peter Budaj's pads with 1:37 left in overtime to give the Phoenix Coyotes' a come-from-behind win over the Colorado Avalanche on Monday night.

The Coyotes forced the extra period when Radim Vrbata scored into a wide open net with 3:11 left in the third period. Vrbata took a pass from Steven Reinprecht on a face off and slapped it past Budaj, who never saw the pass and was still hugging the post on the right side and not challenging the shot.

The Avs were unable to capitalize on a rare February home game. They play just four of 14 games this month at the Pepsi Center, where they're 18-9-1, the second-best home record in the NHL behind Detroit.

It looked like the Avs were

headed to victory when T.J. Hensick scored his second goal midway through the third period to give Colorado a 3-2 lead.

It came at 9:52 when he jammed the puck past Mikael Tellqvist after Jaroslav Hlinka centered the pass in front of the net. The goal wasn't allowed until a stoppage in play at 11:32 and the officiating crew had a chance to review the play.

Oilers 5, Flames 0

Mathieu Garon made 24 saves, and the Edmonton Oilers ended a two-game losing streak with a win over the Calgary Flames on Monday night.

Fernando Pisani, Dustin Penner, Ales Hemsky, Steve Staios and Sam Gagner scored for Edmonton in Garon's fourth shutout of the season.

The Oilers' second win in five games moved them within six points of the eighth playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Curtis Joseph made his first start in goal for the Flames after signing with the team last month. He made 23 saves.

Calgary has dropped two in a row after winning four straight. Edmonton took the lead 6:24

in when Andrew Cogliano hit Pisani with a pass in front of the net. Joseph made the initial stop but Pisani slid the rebound under his pads.

The Oilers extended their lead with just 35 seconds remaining in the opening period as Geoff Sanderson took a rebound behind the net and made a deft no-look feed to Penner, who beat Joseph with a hard wrist shot to his glove side.

Edmonton made it 3-0 five minutes into the second on the power play. Joseph allowed a big rebound on a point shot by Jarret Stoll. Gagner's follow shot caromed off Hemsky and in.

Calgary had a chance to get back into the game early in the third when Stoll took a double-minor for high-sticking, but the Flames were unable to put a puck past Garon.

A fight-filled game nearly got out of hand with seven minutes gone in the third.

Flames forward Eric Godard gave Garon a shove into the post, sparking several altercations. Joseph even skated the length of the ice before things calmed.



Calgary's Eric Godard, left, and Edmonton's Mathieu Garon drop the gloves during the Oilers' 5-0 victory Monday night.

CLASSIFIEDS

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NCAA Women's Basketball AP Top 25 Poll

| rank | team | record | previous |
|------|-------------------|--------|----------|
| 1 | Connecticut | 21-0 | 1 |
| 2 | Tennessee | 20-1 | 2 |
| 3 | North Carolina | 19-2 | 3 |
| 4 | Maryland | 23-2 | 5 |
| 5 | Baylor | 20-1 | 6 |
| 6 | Stanford | 19-3 | 7 |
| 7 | Rutgers | 18-3 | 4 |
| 8 | LSU | 18-3 | 8 |
| 9 | California | 19-3 | 10 |
| 10 | Oklahoma | 15-4 | 11 |
| 11 | Duke | 16-5 | 9 |
| 12 | West Virginia | 18-3 | 12 |
| 13 | Old Dominion | 18-3 | 13 |
| 14 | George Washington | 18-4 | 16 |
| 15 | Pittsburgh | 17-4 | 14 |
| 16 | NOTRE DAME | 17-5 | 20 |
| 17 | Oklahoma State | 17-3 | 21 |
| 18 | Kansas State | 15-6 | 18 |
| 19 | Ohio State | 17-5 | 19 |
| 20 | Utah | 18-3 | NR |
| 21 | Texas A&M | 16-6 | NR |
| 22 | Wyoming | 18-3 | 15 |
| 23 | Syracuse | 17-4 | 22 |
| 24 | Georgia | 16-6 | 17 |
| 25 | DePaul | 16-5 | 23 |

USCHO Men's Division I Hockey Poll

| rank | team | record | previous |
|------|------------------|---------|----------|
| 1 | Miami | 25-3-0 | 1 |
| 2 | Michigan | 22-3-3 | 2 |
| 3 | North Dakota | 17-8-2 | 3 |
| 4 | Colorado College | 20-7-1 | 6 |
| 5 | New Hampshire | 16-7-1 | 7 |
| 6 | Michigan State | 18-6-5 | 5 |
| 7 | Denver | 18-8-0 | 4 |
| 8 | NOTRE DAME | 20-9-1 | 8 |
| 9 | Boston College | 12-6-7 | 9 |
| 10 | Minnesota-Duluth | 11-9-6 | 12 |
| 11 | Wisconsin | 12-11-5 | 11 |
| 12 | Providence | 12-9-3 | 14 |
| 13 | Clarkson | 15-9-2 | 10 |
| 14 | Northeastern | 12-8-3 | 13 |
| 15 | Minnesota State | 13-10-4 | NR |
| 16 | Quinnipiac | 15-7-4 | 16 |
| 17 | Mass.-Lowell | 12-9-4 | 16 |
| 18 | Massachusetts | 10-9-6 | 15 |
| 19 | Princeton | 12-9-0 | 19 |
| 20 | Minnesota | 12-12-6 | 18 |

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| 1 | Harvard | 19-1-0 | 1 |
| 2 | New Hampshire | 23-3-1 | 2 |
| 3 | Minnesota-Duluth | 24-3-1 | 3 |
| 4 | Minnesota | 21-4-3 | 4 |
| 5 | Wisconsin | 20-6-2 | 5 |
| 6 | St. Lawrence | 20-7-1 | 6 |
| 7 | Mercyhurst | 19-5-2 | 6 |
| 8 | Connecticut | 17-4-5 | 8 |
| 9 | Clarkson | 18-6-4 | 9 |
| 10 | Dartmouth | 12-7-4 | NR |

around the dial

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Florida at Tennessee
9:00 p.m., ESPN

NCAA BASKETBALL



Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight is congratulated by his son, Pat Knight, following his team's win over New Mexico State on Jan. 1. Knight resigned Monday as the winningest coach in major college basketball history with 902 career wins.

Knight unexpectedly resigns from Texas Tech

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Bob Knight resigned Monday at Texas Tech, a stunning midseason move by the winningest men's coach in major college basketball.

"He said he was tired and that it was best to go ahead and do it now," Texas Tech chancellor Kent Hance told The Associated Press. "I think Bob is through with coaching. I think he got to the point where it wasn't fun for him."

Known as much for his fiery temper as his basketball brilliance, Knight gave no hint a change was coming. He will be replaced by

his son, Pat, a Red Raiders assistant.

The 67-year-old Knight informed Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers of his decision in a meeting around noon, Hance said. Knight then called Hance and told him.

"He thought about it Sunday all day and talked to his wife and decided 'This is something I want to do,'" Hance said.

The Red Raiders beat Oklahoma State 67-60 on Saturday, giving Knight his 902nd victory.

Knight was not available for comment Monday, said Randy Farley, a spokesman for the Texas Tech basketball program.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal first reported the resignation.

In September, Knight signed a three-year contract extension that runs through the 2011-12 season. In 2005, Pat Knight was appointed his father's successor.

Bob Knight has 902 career wins, more than any coach in the history of Division I men's basketball. Win No. 900 came last month against Texas A&M.

Knight arrived at Texas Tech in March 2001, six months after being fired by Indiana for what school officials there called a "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

In his first six years at Tech, he led the Red Raiders to five 20-win seasons, a first at the school. They are 12-8 this season. Texas Tech's next game is Wednesday night at Baylor.

Knight passed former North Carolina coach Dean Smith as the winningest Division I coach Jan. 1, 2007, getting career win No. 880. To celebrate the milestone Knight chose "My Way" by Frank Sinatra, a mantra for how he navigated his personal and professional worlds.

"Bob is kind of a funny guy. He always loved that song 'My Way,' and this is another example," Hance said.

IN BRIEF

Judge rules to let Vick keep \$20 million signing bonus

MINNEAPOLIS — Jailed quarterback Michael Vick can keep nearly \$20 million in bonus money he received from the Atlanta Falcons following a ruling Monday by a federal judge.

The Falcons sought to recover the bonuses after Vick pleaded guilty to federal charges in a dogfighting operation. The bonuses were paid from 2004-2007.

A special master ruled in October that the Falcons were entitled to recover the bonuses. The Falcons argued that Vick used proceeds from a contract he signed in 2004 to finance his illicit activities.

But U.S. District Judge David Doty of Minneapolis ruled that the Falcons' recovering the bonus money would violate the NFL collective bargaining agreement.

Harkleroad, Davenport lead U.S. to Fed Cup semis

SAN DIEGO — Move over, Lindsay Davenport, and make room for another star on the U.S. Fed Cup team.

Shaking off nerves, 22-year-old Fed Cup rookie Ashley Harkleroad rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the second set to beat Germany's Sabine Lisicki 6-4, 7-5 on a picture-perfect Southern California day to clinch the quarterfinal match on Monday.

Harkleroad's victory followed Davenport's 6-1, 6-2 win over 19-year-old Julia Goerges in reverse singles, sending the United States into a World Group road semifinal in April against defending Fed Cup champion Russia, which most likely will be led by Maria Sharapova.

The United States finished 4-1 against Germany after Davenport and Lisa Raymond won the doubles 6-2, 6-0 over Tatjana Malek and Anna-Lena Groenefeld.

Granderson signs five-year deal to remain with Tigers

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers could have kept Curtis Granderson around for a while, retaining his talents with one-year deals until he became eligible for free agency after the 2011 season.

The Tigers, though, don't just wait around to make moves these days.

Granderson and baseball's busiest team agreed Monday to a \$30.25 million, five-year contract that includes a club option for 2013 that could make the deal worth up to \$43.25 million.

"The Tigers held all the chips and didn't have to do anything," Granderson said. "I'm very happy with the way everything happened."

Tigers president Dave Dombrowski is not known to give long-term deals to players before they are even eligible for arbitration, but Granderson merited an exception.

SUPER BOWL XLII

Manning shines on biggest stage



Giants quarterback Eli Manning, left, and defensive end Michael Strahan celebrate after beating the Patriots 17-14 on Sunday in Glendale, Ariz.

Oft-criticized quarterback leads Giants to victory with a near-perfect, 83-yard TD drive

Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Oh, well, nobody's perfect. Except maybe Eli Manning.

A masterful magician when the stakes were highest, Manning engineered one of the best drives in Super Bowl history Sunday to help the New York Giants squash the New England Patriots' run at history-making perfection with a 17-14 victory.

In a game, and a finish, that showed precisely why the Super Bowl has become America's favorite spectacle, Manning led the Giants 83 yards in just more than two minutes. He capped it with a 13-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress with 35 seconds left, to win what easily could go down as the best Super Bowl ever.

"An unbelievable game and an unbelievable feeling," Manning said.

"The greatest victory in the history of this franchise, without a question," said owner John Mara.

It was a scintillating closing chapter to a crazy week that seemed to have everything: the perfect team; the upstart underdogs; the cover boy quarterback in Tom Brady; the kid brother in Manning.

America loves an underdog, and the Giants, with their stirring victory, etched themselves as one of the best this game — or any sport — has ever seen.

The star was Manning, the scruffy younger brother of Peyton, who won his own Super Bowl last year, and sat in the corner of a skybox for this one, squirming and agonizing over every play.

Now both Mannings have a championship and a Super Bowl MVP to their names and Brady — well, he's still got the looks, the supermodel girlfriend, Gisele Bündchen, and three Super Bowl titles of his own.

With the loss, New England finishes 18-1, and the 1972 Miami Dolphins remain the only team to go undefeated from the start of the season through the Super Bowl.

Their coach, Don Shula, was on hand, ready to congratulate the Patriots. Instead, he figured to be sipping champagne, con-

tinuing a tradition the Dolphins have enjoyed every year when the last undefeated team finally gets its first loss.

"What a great football game this was," Shula said. "What I learned today was how tough it is to go undefeated."

His Dolphins remain alone thanks to Manning, whose 13-yard game-winner came four plays after he escaped a cadre of Patriots engulfing him, threw the ball up for grabs — how, exactly, did he do that? — and watched receiver David Tyree jump and somehow pin it between his hands and his helmet for the 32-yard reception.

That kept the drive going, and it will be Manning's mastery that everyone remembers — not Brady's coolly efficient 80-yard touchdown drive moments earlier.

This game was such a back-and-forth stomach-turner that it seems a great bet to break the record for Super Bowl viewership (94.08 million) and give the advertisers their money's worth on the \$2.7 million they spent for each 30-second spot.

It might even force the water-cooler conversation Monday to be about football, not commercials or halftime shows.

For the record, Tom Petty did a four-song halftime set, closing, appropriately, with "Runnin' Down A Dream."

Some highlights on the commercial side included Shaquille O'Neal as a winning jockey in a big horse race, Richard Simmons barely avoiding being squished on the highway and Will Ferrell playing a — well — not-so-fit pro basketball player who also likes beer.

Funny as those were, the best show was on the field.

It was a tight, taut defensive battle for three-plus quarters — yet anything but boring.

Then it was taken over by two quarterbacks — one already a star, the other yearning to escape the shadow his father, Archie, and big brother, Peyton have cast over the family, and the sport, for many years now.

Earlier in the week, Eli said it was flattering being compared to Peyton because "he's at the top of his game, and I'm still trying to get my game up to his level."

Patriots perfect no longer

With New England's 19-0 dreams derailed, serious questions now arise

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The only perfect thing about the Patriots was their record.

Now they don't even have that. Dominant in the first half of the season, they survived some close calls afterward. But that finally caught up with them in the Super Bowl and left them facing an offseason of what-ifs and what-will bes.

What if their offensive line studded with three Pro Bowl players had kept the team's most important player from being knocked down time after time in the most important game?

Will Randy Moss and Asante Samuel leave?

Will Rodney Harrison, Tedy Bruschi and Junior Seau, the three oldest defensive starters, retire?

And next time, will coach Bill Belichick hang around until the end of the game instead of heading for the locker room with a second left and a security escort Tom Brady would have envied.

The two-time Super Bowl MVP couldn't elude the steam-rolling pass rush of the New York Giants the way he does the paparazzi who stalk him on the streets of the city where the new Super Bowl champions will be honored at a victory parade Tuesday.

Brady was sacked five times in Sunday's 17-14 loss, the most in his 92 games since the New York Jets did that in the third game of the 2003 season on Sept. 21, 2003.

So the Patriots finished 18-1 and disappointed, not 19-0 and historic. That left the 1972

Miami Dolphins, who were 17-0, as the only NFL team to go undefeated.

Brady was a near unanimous choice for the league's MVP and was brilliant in the first eight games of the season. He was not as good after that.

His five worst passer ratings came in his last eight games, including the postseason. In the AFC championship game against San Diego, he threw a season-high three interceptions. In the Super Bowl, he was uncharacteristically inaccurate on some passes even when he had time to throw.

"I'm sure we all could have done things better, but it's just part of competition," Brady said of the devastating defeat.

New England won three Super Bowls in four seasons before falling short the next three years — losing to Denver in a divisional playoff game, to Indianapolis in last year's AFC championship game and to New York in the latest disappointment.

After coming so close last season, the Patriots added receivers Moss, Wes Welker and Donte Stallworth. They signed free agent Adalius Thomas for their aging group of linebackers. And they kept Samuel, designating the star cornerback a franchise player and signing him for one year after he held out for a long-term contract.

The offense set several single-season records: 50 touchdown passes by Brady, 23 scoring catches by Moss and 589 total points.

But the season began with off-field problems.

Harrison, the hard-hitting safe-

ty, was suspended for the first four games for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

After the season-opening 38-14 win over the New York Jets, the NFL fined Belichick \$500,000 and the team \$250,000 and took away a first-round draft choice as punishment for videotaping Jets' coaches on their sideline.

That only fired up the Patriots. They were accused of running up the score in some of their wins.

But the Patriots shrugged off the criticism and kept focusing on the next opponent. They won each of their first eight games by at least 17 points.

Then the powerhouse that pulled away from opponents began letting them hang around.

In their ninth game, they beat Indianapolis 24-20 on a touchdown with 3:15 left. In their 11th, they scored the go-ahead touchdown with 7:20 to go but needed two interceptions in the last four minutes to clinch the 31-28 win over Philadelphia.

The following week was the greatest of escapes.

They trailed 24-20 at halftime and failed twice on fourth down in the last two minutes. But the first play was nullified by a false start penalty against the Patriots and the second by a holding call against the Ravens. On the next play, Brady threw the winning 8-yard scoring pass to Jabar Gaffney with 44 seconds left.

And, in the last regular-season game, the defense struggled in a 38-35 win over the Giants.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Vitale set to return to booth

ESPN announcer will return Wednesday after Dec. 18 throat surgery

Associated Press

Say something. Anything. Just do the very thing that made him famous.

But Dick Vitale couldn't. Tears welled up in his eyes as he imagined his beloved career crashing to an end.

Then the doctor suggested he count to 10. And with the simplest of words, Vitale heard his own voice again for the first time in weeks.

ESPN's hyperkinetic college basketball announcer will call his first game in more than two months Wednesday after recovering from throat surgery. It was the cruelest of ailments for the man who yelled his way to becoming a household name. His treatment: A ban on speaking.

"There was a moment there I thought I'd never be behind a microphone again," Vitale said Monday on a conference call, sounding a bit subdued but very much like himself.

Told he could return to the air in early February, Vitale checked the schedule and found some serendipitous timing: He could make his comeback on the biggest of stages, the Duke-North Carolina game.

Vitale wasn't allowed to utter a word between his Dec. 18 surgery and a Jan. 13 doctor's appointment. And when he got the long-awaited go-ahead, he opened his mouth and nothing came out.

"I guess I was afraid of what I was going to sound like," he said. "I'd heard rumors that your voice may

not sound similar."

Viewers might not have noticed anything the last few years, but the 68-year-old Vitale conceded he was "bluffing" his way through games.

"I'm going to tell you, every game I was a worried, nervous wreck about what was coming out of my throat," he said.

He was always hoarse; his throat was constantly sore. After many a game, he was on the phone with his boss at ESPN, Dan Steir, crying.

"That's how really down I was," Vitale said. "I can't go to the game and just enjoy doing the game and be excited about doing the game and not worried about my damn throat."

He went to several physicians, who said his problem was caused by acid reflux. Vitale finally got an appointment with Dr. Steven Zeitels of Massachusetts General Hospital, a specialist who has treated Julie Andrews and Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler.

Zeitels found ulcers on his left vocal cord and said there was a chance they were cancerous.

"That word scares the life out of anyone," Vitale said.

The news was good: No cancer. Not speaking wasn't so hard, Vitale insisted, which becomes more believable considering complications from the surgery resulted in bladder problems that distracted him from his original ailment.

Vitale communicated by

scribbling notes to his wife, who had to try to decipher his "horrendous" handwriting.

"I went through so many pens, it was unbelievable," he said.

Doctors told him it wasn't a coincidence that somebody who puts so much strain on his vocal cords developed problems. Vitale is working with a voice coach to learn to speak more from his diaphragm. ESPN will adjust his schedule so he won't call doubleheaders or games on back-to-back days.

Vitale is conscious of avoiding traps like talking loudly to try to be heard over the din at a noisy restaurant. His doctors will attend Saturday's Georgetown-Louisville game so they can use a device that measures exactly how much of a strain Vitale is putting on his vocal cords.

But what's going to happen Wednesday if a player goes soaring in for a dunk in the final seconds to send the game to overtime?

"I'm going to be myself," Vitale said.

Himself with the volume turned down slightly.

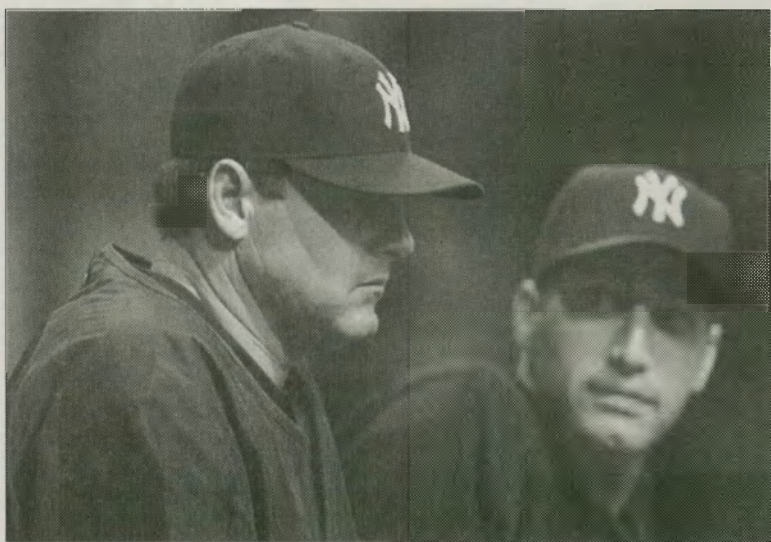
"I think I'm going to try to let the microphone do more work," he said.

For anybody wondering how Vitale will sound Wednesday, he noted he never was as smooth as a play-by-play guy to begin with.

"I've always been raspy," he said. "Heck, Rod Stewart's raspy, and he makes millions of dollars."

MLB

Clemens will face steroid deposition



Yankees pitchers Roger Clemens, left, and Andy Pettitte will both speak to Congress about steroids on Feb. 13.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Not one of Roger Clemens' flat-out denials about using steroids or human growth hormone was delivered while he spoke under oath. Now he gets that chance.

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner is scheduled to give a deposition to lawyers from a congressional committee behind closed doors Tuesday, one day after his former New York Yankees teammate and workout partner Andy Pettitte delivered sworn testimony for about 2 1/2 hours.

Both pitchers' private interviews with staff members from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee are part of preparation for a Feb. 13 hearing. That public session is expected to focus on allegations made in the Mitchell Report by trainer Brian McNamee that he injected Clemens more than a dozen times with performance enhancers.

The 45-year-old Clemens ranks eighth in major league history with 354 career wins. He put off retirement yet again in 2007, returning to the Yankees in June and going 6-6 with a 4.18 ERA.

"Roger is not going to take the Fifth Amendment," one of Clemens' lawyers, Rusty Hardin, said in a statement e-mailed by spokesman Joe Householder. "He is going to answer the committee's questions truthfully under oath."

McNamee is to appear Thursday. One of his lawyers, Earl Ward, said no decision had been made on whether he would submit to a deposition or transcribed interview. It is a crime to lie to Congress, whether sworn to tell the truth or not, so the distinction between the two has more to do with the format of the questioning and the confidentiality of the transcript.

Pettitte, who chose to be deposed, did not take questions from reporters afterward as he walked from committee offices to an elevator in the Rayburn House Office Building. Wearing a pin-striped gray suit and bright striped tie, Pettitte was accompanied by his wife and three lawyers.

"At the committee's request, Andy Pettitte voluntarily met with representatives of the committee this morning, and fully answered all of the inquiries

made of him in a sworn deposition," two of Pettitte's lawyers, Jay Reisinger and Thomas Farrell, said in a statement. "Out of respect for the sensitive nature of these proceedings, and out of deference to the committee's request for confidentiality, we, on behalf of Mr. Pettitte, will not comment on the nature or specifics of his testimony."

Staff members for the committee declined to comment.

McNamee told former Senate majority leader George Mitchell he injected Pettitte with HGH. Pettitte lent credence to Mitchell's findings by acknowledging two days after the report was released in December that he did try HGH for two days in 2002 to help deal with an elbow injury.

The committee announced Monday it will hold yet another hearing Feb. 12, entitled, "Myths and Facts about Human Growth Hormone, B-12, and Other Substances." The committee said medical experts will testify about the effects of such substances.

A former Yankees teammate of Pettitte and Clemens, Chuck Knoblauch, spoke to committee staff Friday. The day before, an employee of the sports agency that represents Clemens and Pettitte went to Capitol Hill to be interviewed.

McNamee said he injected Clemens with HGH and steroids in 1998, 2000 and 2001. Clemens has repeatedly and vigorously denied that, including in a recorded television interview and a live news conference — as well as through his lawyers. Clemens did acknowledge he received injections from McNamee, but he said they were for vitamin B-12 and the painkiller lidocaine.

When Mitchell testified at a committee hearing Jan. 15, he was asked whether he was still comfortable with McNamee's credibility.

"We believe that the statements provided to us were truthful," Mitchell said.

McNamee also said he acquired HGH from former New York Mets clubhouse employee Kirk Radomski for Knoblauch in 2001 — and McNamee said he injected Knoblauch with HGH. Radomski pleaded guilty in April to federal felony charges of distributing steroids and laundering money. He is scheduled to be sentenced Friday, then speak to committee staff on Feb. 12.

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NBA

Hawks rebound from slow start to top 76ers

Magic's Turkoglu picks up triple-double in loss to Mavs; Heat suffer 32-point loss, their 19th in 20 games

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Just when it seemed Philadelphia might have an easy time with Atlanta, Josh Smith gave the Hawks a lift and gave the 76ers something to think about.

Smith blocked six shots in the second quarter, giving the Hawks momentum that carried them to a 96-91 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

He had 19 points, nine assists and nine blocks, and his big second quarter lifted the Hawks from a miserable start.

"Josh changes the game with his blocked shots," said 76ers coach Maurice Cheeks. "When a guy has nine blocked shots it changes the game dramatically. Even when he doesn't block a shot he has guys thinking about it when they shoot, and that can mess up your offensive rhythm."

The 76ers outscored the Hawks 15-0 on fastbreak points and outrebounded Atlanta 23-5 to take a 32-14 lead in the first quarter. Smith's second-quarter rejections fired up the Hawks, who outscored the 76ers 82-59 in the final three periods.

"Josh got really aggressive, just really made his presence felt in the paint," said Hawks center Al Horford. "He changed the game for us completely. He was carrying us in the second quarter."

Smith and the other starters struggled while falling behind by 20 in the first quarter.

"I understand when I came back in I had to change the game on the defensive end," Smith said.

"When you block a couple of shots, it makes them second-guess shots."

Smith, second in the league with 3.2 blocks per game, matched team records with the six blocks in the second quarter and eight in the first half.

"It felt great just to come over and help my teammates," Smith said. "Some of them turned into fast breaks."

Added Hawks coach Mike Woodson: "He changed the whole game. It's a shame that we put that kind of pressure on him. ... We just have to lock in and take the individual challenge to guard the ball. That's what we weren't doing, and he was covering up a lot of our mistakes."

Smith also had four steals and six rebounds in the game. Smith's career high is 10 blocked shots as a rookie against Dallas on Dec. 18, 2004.

Josh Childress scored 21 points and Joe Johnson added 18 for the Hawks.

Atlanta led 91-88 before turning the ball over on an offensive foul by Horford with 1:20 left. Philadelphia rookie Thaddeus Young, a Georgia Tech product making his first return to Atlanta, missed on the other end, and a basket by Horford pushed the Hawks' lead to five.

Horford then blocked a shot by Andre Miller, who scored 29 points.

"Al Horford makes a great block on Andre Miller at the end, which was huge," Woodson said. "He held his own and made the block and secured the ball. That was pretty much the game right there."

The Hawks set a season high with 14 blocks, including two by

Horford.

Andre Iguodala's three-point play with 19.5 seconds to go cut Atlanta's lead to 94-91, but Smith answered with two free throws.

Iguodala had 22 points. Young added 11 and Willie Green had 10. Samuel Dalembert had nine points and 13 rebounds.

The 76ers' big early lead didn't last long. The Hawks outscored the 76ers 30-18 in the second quarter to trail only 50-44 at halftime.

The quick turnaround stunned the 76ers.

"I wish I could tell you what happened," said Dalembert.

"It was two games," Cheeks said.

Johnson's 3-pointer with 4 seconds left in the third put Atlanta in front 72-70 heading into the final quarter.

The Hawks led 87-79 in the fourth but the Sixers answered with two baskets by Miller and a 3-pointer by Iguodala to close the lead to 87-86 with 3:45 left.

A drive by Johnson with 1:53 left pushed Atlanta's lead to 91-88.

Mavericks 107, Magic 98

Coming off their worst performance of the season, the Dallas Mavericks got some extra practice in before playing the Orlando Magic on Monday night.

It paid off with a win in which Dallas led from tip to buzzer.

"We didn't want to leave anything in the gym tonight," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said. "That's why I brought them to the gym at the last minute for a quick shootaround."

Josh Howard scored 28 points, Dirk Nowitzki had 20 points and nine rebounds and Jason Terry finished with 20 points for the Mavericks.

Dallas overcame Hedo Turkoglu's first career triple-double — 13 points, 13 assists and 12 rebounds — and 28 points from Dwight Howard. But Howard, the NBA's rebounding leader averaging 15, had only seven, and Orlando was outrebounded 47-34.

The Mavericks led by 13 at the end of the first quarter, and by as many as 19 in the first half.

"We have to learn from this as a young group, coming to the last 25, 30 games before the playoffs," Turkoglu said. "Hopefully we'll try and be a stronger team."

Orlando cut it to 83-80 on Rashard Lewis' 3-pointer with 7:15 left, but the Magic went scoreless almost 5 minutes after that. Dallas rang off a 10-0 run to put the game away.

The loss snaps a four-game winning streak for Orlando. The Mavericks, which had lost two straight, closed a four-game Eastern Conference road trip 2-2.

Raptors 114, Heat 82

Just when the Miami Heat thought they finally hit rock bottom, along came more indignity.

Chris Bosh scored 24 points, Andrea Bargnani added 22 and the Toronto Raptors handed the hapless Heat their biggest loss of the season Monday night, a debacle that was never a contest.

The Raptors shot 66 percent through the first three quarters, jumped out to a 23-point lead in the first quarter and wound up



Philadelphia guard Louis Williams, right, defends Hawks forward Josh Childress' drive to the basket during Atlanta's 96-91 home victory Monday night.

leading by as many as 39 in the final minutes.

"It would be hard for us to play much better," Toronto coach Sam Mitchell said.

In the other locker room, the opposite sentiment existed.

Dorell Wright scored 17 points, while Mark Blount and Dwyane Wade each added 12 for Miami, which has lost 19 of its past 20 overall, 10 of its past 11 at home. Not that many were

around to see it; the arena that hosts the team with the NBA's worst record (9-37) had thousands of empty seats.

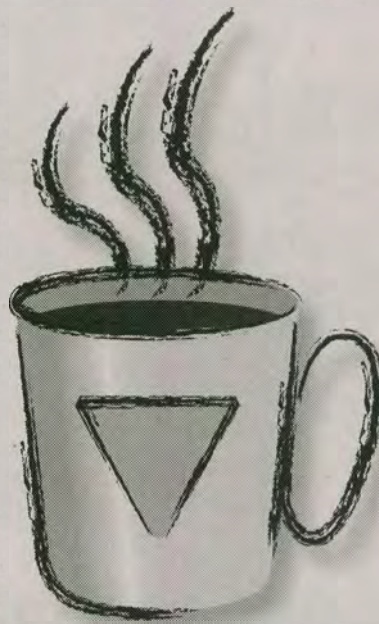
"Like my rookie year," Wade said.

Chris Quinn scored 11 points and Alexander Johnson had 10 points and 10 rebounds for Miami, which committed 21 turnovers that led to 30 Toronto points. And afterward, Heat coach Pat Riley simply seemed

at a loss for answers.

"We're going to have to do some evaluation here," Riley said.

Anthony Parker scored 18 points for the Raptors. Jose Calderon had 11 points and 10 assists for Toronto, and Jason Kapono — in his first trip back to Miami after the Heat chose not to re-sign him in the offseason — scored 13 points on 6-for-10 shooting.



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CLUB SPORTS

Women's hockey ties Northwestern in home finale

Special to the Observer

Despite playing most of the final period down a player, Notre Dame still managed to hang on to a 2-2 tie against Northwestern.

The Irish were called for three defensive penalties in the third period and played most of the period down one man. Playing a strong penalty kill throughout the game, Notre Dame still riddled the net with shots, including a frantic rush at the end of the game when the Irish hit the pipes twice.

Notre Dame scored first in the middle of the opening period with a heads-up play by first-year player Tess Ryan.

Northwestern answered in the closing seconds of the first period when the Wildcats rifled home a point-blank shot.

Irish senior Casey Bouskill deflected a shot from senior Kara Brennan for a goal in the second period, but the Wildcats again answered on a power-play goal.

Sophomore Megan Aimola registered 28 saves in her first game in goal for the Irish.

Irish captain Kara Brennan summed up the emotions at the conclusion of the club's home season.

"It's been a great four years of hockey, and it's really hard to see it end," Brennan said. "We're all looking forward to going out with a win next

weekend in Chicago."

Notre Dame's final game will be on Feb. 9 against the Frozen Snappers — a club team from the northern suburbs of Chicago.

Women's Water Polo

Notre Dame made a splash in East Lansing this weekend, winning its season opener in a tournament held at Michigan State.

The Irish beat Illinois 11-4 Friday in their first game. Cristina Romano and Bridget O'Neill led the scoring with three goals apiece and Kristen Harchut had two.

Saturday the Irish secured a quick 14-1 win over Lindenwood, with goalkeeper-turned-field-player Betsy O'Neill scoring a total of six goals. Goalie Maggie Hyde was solid, allowing the only Lindenwood goal on a late fourth-quarter floater.

The second contest of the day pitted the Irish against a different kind of opponent — the Chicago Area Water Polo club, a team made up of talented high school players. Notre Dame won 10-5 with Horner leading the Irish offense with four goals. Betsy O'Neill returned to the goal for this game and recorded nine saves.

In the tournament championship game Sunday, the Irish needed overtime to beat Michigan, 5-4. The low-scoring game favored Michigan's style of play, and with three minutes to go in the game the Irish trailed 4-2.

A pair of quick goals by Horner and Durkin tied the game and forced sudden death.

On a crucial man-up opportunity, Kennifer skipped the winning shot by the Michigan goalie, ensuring the Irish victory.

Ultimate Frisbee

Notre Dame's A-team advanced to the quarterfinals in the 22nd annual Mardi Gras tournament before falling to Texas 14-12.

The A-team was seeded No. 15 out of the 60 men's teams competing in the tournament. In its first game of pool play Saturday, the team came out slow against Minnesota and lost, 11-7. Although Minnesota gave it plenty of opportunities, Notre Dame failed to capitalize. This gave the team plenty to adjust before its next game against Georgia Tech.

Against the Yellow Jackets, Notre Dame fixed the mistakes and pulled out an 11-10 victory, its first of the season. The win set up a third game against Wisconsin B, which the Irish won 15-8 thanks to the handling of junior Thomas Rivas.

In the final pool play game of the day, the Irish faced North Texas to determine seeding going into bracket play on Sunday. Notre Dame beat North Texas 11-5 after a fast start. The Irish came out firing and jumped on the Mean Green early with great defense from grad student Steve Kurtz.

The A-team opened with a

solid 13-9 victory over Wisconsin-Whitewater in the round of 16. The win advanced Notre Dame to the quarterfinals against national power Texas. The Longhorns were also coming off of a tough battle in the round of 16 and were slow to start the game.

Notre Dame capitalized and took an 11-9 lead thanks to great cutting from sophomore Andrew Schroeder. Texas, however, went on a late run to clinch the win.

The Irish B-team lost to Texas A&M Sunday despite strong play from Shea Bettwy. Notre Dame defeated Truman State but lost to Iowa State Saturday, 13-8. Although freshmen Patrick Kozak and Tom Banaziak displayed good cutting speed, the Irish lost to Memphis. They managed to beat Texas-Arlington 13-11 in Saturday's final game.

Ski

Joel Sharbrough took first in slalom and finished in the top three in the giant slalom. Freshman Justine Murnane led the women's squad with top three finishes in both events as well. The team will compete this coming weekend at Crystal Mountain, Mich.

Squash

Javiar Palomo, Notre Dame's No. 1 player, won the 3rd Annual Notre Dame Squash Tournament, and the first prize — a squash backpack. Eighteen people participated in the tournament.

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NFL

Brady, Moss will miss Pro Bowl

Associated Press

Tom Brady and Randy Moss pulled out of the Pro Bowl on Monday, a day after the New England Patriots were beaten in the Super Bowl.

After throwing a league-record 50 touchdown passes during the season, Brady was battered by the New York Giants during their 17-14 win Sunday. He has been bothered by a tender ankle and was photographed in New York wearing a protective boot two weeks prior to the Super Bowl.

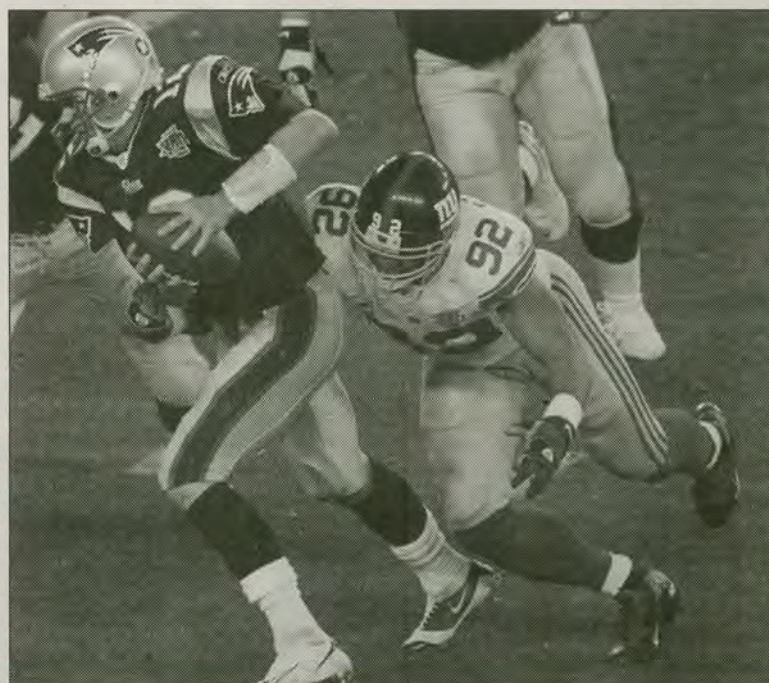
Brady, who first injured his ankle against San Diego in the AFC Championship Game, was sacked five times by the Giants. He will be replaced by Cleveland Browns quarterback Derek Anderson.

Moss, who caught a record 23 TD passes from Brady during the season, had five receptions for 62 yards and a TD in the Super Bowl. He will be replaced by disgruntled Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chad Johnson.

The Patriots said Brady and Moss each opted out because of ankle injuries.

San Diego tight end Antonio Gates and defensive tackle Jamal Williams also decided to skip the All-Star game on Feb. 10 in Honolulu.

Browns tight end Kellen Winslow will go in place of Gates, bringing the number of Browns players in the Pro Bowl to six, the club's most since sending six in 1994. Pittsburgh



Patriots quarterback Tom Brady tries to escape Giants defensive end Michael Strahan in New England's 17-14 Super Bowl loss to New York.

Steelers defensive tackle Casey Hampton takes Williams' spot on the AFC roster, his third-consecutive trip to Hawaii and fourth overall.

Anderson, who began the season as Charlie Frye's backup, threw for 3,787 yards and 29 touchdowns while going 10-5 as a starter. Cleveland was edged out of a playoff spot because of a tiebreaker.

Despite playing on bad knees and with a separated shoulder, Winslow led the Browns with 82

receptions and had 1,106 receiving yards, the most by a Cleveland tight end. He'll undergo another surgery — his fourth since 2004 — on his right knee after the Pro Bowl.

Winslow had postponed the operation in anticipation of replacing Gates, who sustained a toe injury during the playoffs.

"We're excited the Browns will have such a presence at the Pro Bowl this year," general manager Phil Savage said in a statement.

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but our confidence has grown and we've been making shots and that just grows," Ayers said. "Everyone just has confidence in us."

Ayers showed that confidence in Notre Dame's overtime win over Providence on Thursday. In overtime, Ayers stepped up and drilled a three from the top of the key to give Notre Dame a five-point lead on its way to victory.

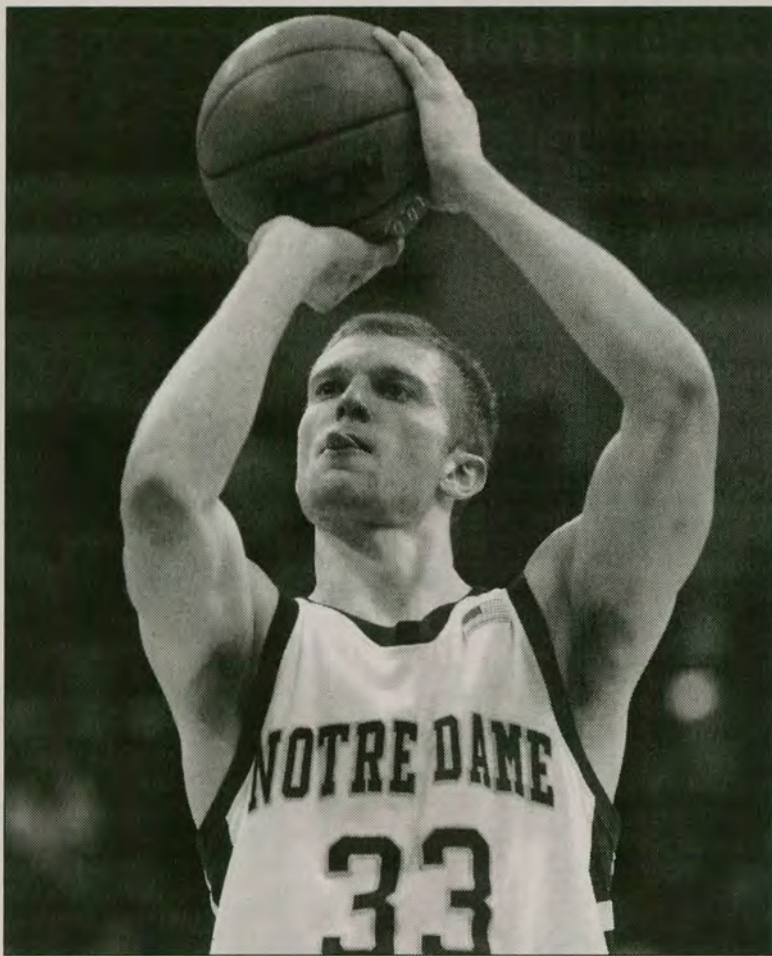
"[Ayers] has been playing with a little bit of a chip on his shoulder, which is very scary for opponents when a talented guy like Ryan Ayers is playing with a chip on his shoulder," Hillesland said. "I think it was kind of the reaction the coach was looking for with the move."

Hillesland netted 10 points against DePaul, including an electrifying baseline slam, but hasn't limited his offensive potential to driving and scoring in the paint. Against Providence, Hillesland attempted, and drained, a couple of mid-range jump shots.

"We just know that we have to attack and pick our spots when they're there and certainly we're always talking to [coach Brey] about being aggressive with our selection, to keep attacking and take care of the ball," Hillesland said. "We know that we need to contribute and take pressure off of guys like [forward] Luke [Harangody], or if [guard] Kyle [McAlarney's] not having a good shooting night."

Against Providence, McAlarney finished with only eight points, but Hillesland and Ayers stepped in to give the Irish a shot in the arm, combining for 17 points. In Notre Dame's two Big East losses to Georgetown and Marquette, the only other times opposing defenses held McAlarney to 10 points or less, Hillesland and Ayers tallied 10 points combined in the two games.

"They're huge for us," McAlarney said. "They do what they have to do for us to get the



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Irish forward Zach Hillesland attempts a free throw in Notre Dame's 81-74 overtime win over Providence on Jan. 31.

win. Ryan's been great off the bench for us and scoring and Zach just needs to be aggressive attacking the paint. Just coming in every day and doing their part has really helped us out a lot."

But Hillesland and Ayers' effectiveness isn't only measured in points. The 6-foot-9 Hillesland and the 6-foot-7 Ayers make for tough defenders, especially at the top of Notre Dame's 1-2-2 zone where they can use both their size and quickness to thwart shot attempts.

Offensively, Hillesland can create mismatches against taller defenders with his ability to drive and dish, while Ayers has taken the ball to the hoop over the past few games more than he did earlier in the season.

"They're highly important," Irish guard Tory Jackson said.

"They are two of the most important players in the Big East to me. They both play with two different styles, but they are two of the best players out there."

Notes:

◆ Harangody was named Big East player of the week for the second time this season. Last week, Harangody averaged 30 points and 14 rebounds in Notre Dame's two wins over DePaul and Providence.

◆ For the first time this season, Notre Dame is ranked in both the AP and ESPN/USA Today polls. In the AP Poll, Notre Dame received 224 votes, good enough for No. 22. In the ESPN/USA Today poll, the Irish are No. 21 with 107 votes.

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Freshmen

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"They have fit in pretty well," Bayliss said. "You can't ignore them, they are very talented. Of our eight starters, four of them are freshmen. They have definitely established themselves."

With their loss coming to the No. 1 Virginia on Jan. 22 at home, Bayliss still said the team is untested.

"We will see how they handle it if the ranking falls," Bayliss said. "We'll see if their perception changes."

Along with Havens and

Roth, the Irish have a strong No. 1 doubles team in senior Sheeva Parbhu and junior Brett Helgeson. "They return as well as anyone in the country," Bayliss said. "They sometimes break down at net, but have made great improvements. It will be interesting to see how the rest of the season plays out."

Junior Santiago Montoya has also been a mainstay in the lineup for the first time this spring. Montoya has been playing with freshman Tyler Davis at No. 3 doubles.

Bayliss said the team is deeper than last year. Montoya and sophomore Sean Corrigan traveled with the

team last year, and are now in the hunt for playing time. Bayliss said the team is 10-deep in terms of people who can win on a consistent basis.

The Irish have two more big tests this weekend. Notre Dame will play Wisconsin on Saturday at 1 p.m. and Southern Methodist on Sunday at noon. Both matches will be at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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"She won 6-0, 6-0 and did it quickly," he said. "She didn't really let her opponent into the game at all."

Tefft also contributed to a doubles match win over the Wolverines.

"Kelcy and [senior] Brook [Buck] were down 6-1, but came back and won 8-6,"

Louderback said. "Even though they were down big, they didn't panic."

The pair of Tefft and Buck, the No. 3 doubles duo in the nation, has now won all three of their matches this season and are 14-2 overall.

BYU was upset in its last match against Washington, 4-3, and as a result dropped 26 spots in the rankings.

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Indiana

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Piane was pleased with the performance of his throwers. Three shotput throwers made it to the finals.

Freshman Denes Veres has led the Irish throwers with top marks in the weight throw and shot put respectively. Veres has started off his collegiate career strong, finishing in the top 10 at every meet so far. A multiple letter winner in track in high school, Veres attracted Notre Dame's attention when he became an all-state shot putter and set the county record mark of 60 feet, 10 inches.

The middle distance runners also put in big finishes over the weekend. Junior Billy Buzaid earned a sixth-place finish in the 800 meters. Although he ran the

500 meters in his freshman and sophomore seasons, Buzaid transitioned to the 800 in last year's outdoor season.

This indoor season, he's already qualified for the Big East tournament for the 500 and 800 meters.

Sophomore Cameron Eckert came in fourth in the 600 meter run, following up his stellar performance from the Notre Dame Invitational where he ran a Big East qualifying time for the 800 meters. Eckert also qualified for the Big East meet with his time of 2:29.83 in the 1,000 meter run.

There are two more opportunities to qualify for the Big East championships: the Mayo Invitational Feb. 8-9 and the Windsor Team Challenge in Ontario, Canada on Feb. 16.

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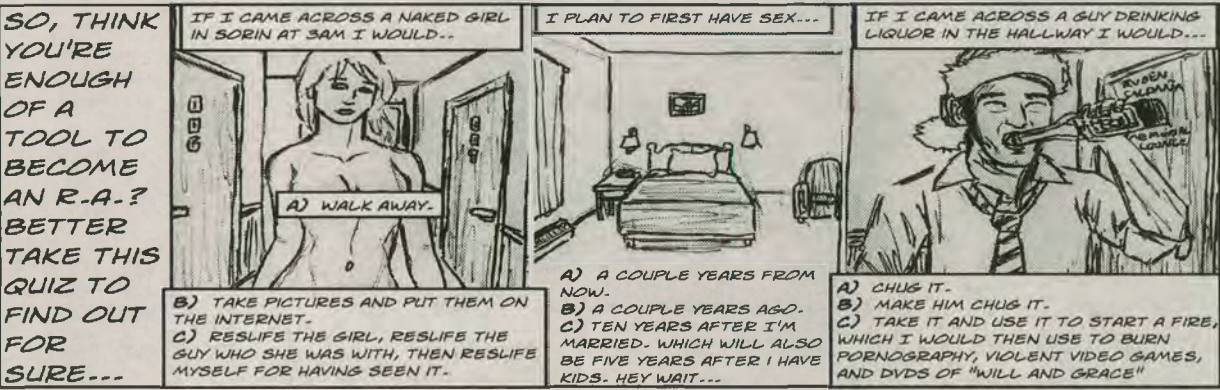
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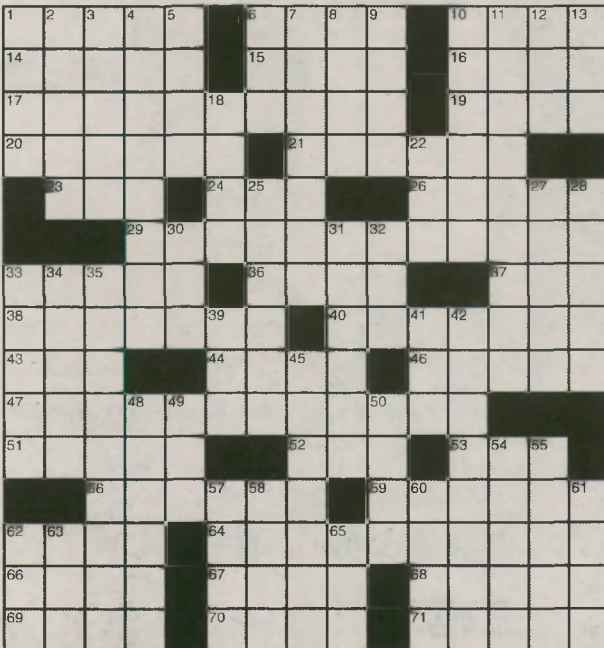
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be careful with whom you share your thoughts. You will be questioned, so be prepared to back up your suggestions with facts. A trip to visit or a phone call to an old friend will give you some uplifting ideas. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Think outside the box and you will get much further ahead. If you count on someone for assistance, you will be let down. You can make some serious changes to your lifestyle and to your own well-being. Don't get angry, get busy. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will have a good idea that you can turn into something of interest to colleagues, peers and family. An investment may be tempting but, before you jump in, make sure it is sound. Time is on your side. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A partnership may need a little fine-tuning. Prepare to discuss your complaints or your ideas for improvement. Your experience and excellent memory will count. Compassion and understanding will also help you get your way. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be more inclined to deal with relationships and personal matters but you should be focusing on business and getting ahead. A serious meeting can help you find your ground regarding a project you want to pursue. Take the initiative. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Socializing and networking will lead to some important changes that have to do with personal or business relationships. You can make some vocational changes that will enhance what you know and do in the future. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't trust just anyone. You may need to look outside your immediate circle of friends and family if you want an honest answer. Self-improvement projects or traveling for the experience or information will turn out well. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A personal investment can be made but don't share what you are doing with loved ones. A chance to move up professionally is apparent if you put in the hours and show your dedication to what you are trying to pursue. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take your past into consideration and you will have a better chance at choosing what needs to be done today. Change isn't always necessary to get what you want. Think before you act and good results will follow. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Every cloud will have a silver lining when it comes to your getting what you want. Stand up for your rights, state your needs and formulate what you want in order to do what you are being asked to do. There is money to be made. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The more you do for others, the more you will get in return today. Be the good Samaritan, the humanitarian and the one who is understanding and compassionate. Changes you want to make at home will turn out well. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look beyond what's right in front of you and you will get a better picture of what you are up against. Someone you are close to may have a hidden agenda but don't get upset -- it is likely to be to your benefit in the end. Focus on what you can do for others. 4 stars

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Switcheroo

Lineup change pays off for surging Irish

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Juniors Zach Hillesland and Ryan Ayers said a change in the lineup didn't affect how much they played, it affected how they played.

Before newly-ranked No. 22/21 Notre Dame's 90-80 win over Villanova on Jan. 26, Irish coach Mike Brey inserted Hillesland into the starting lineup for Ayers, and both said they elevated their play in the three games since the switch.

"I was in a rut for a while and the change kind of refocused me for a bit," Hillesland said after Notre Dame's 89-80 win over DePaul on Saturday. "... It's not like a whole bunch has changed, people are still playing their same minutes and coming in and contributing."

Ayers hasn't seen a significant decline in minutes since coming off the bench and is averaging 9.7 points over his last three games when he averaged just under five per game in Notre Dame's first five Big East games.

"I think we were kind of in a slump for a couple of games,



Irish forwards Rob Kurz, left, Ryan Ayers, center, and Luke Harangody attempt to block a shot during Notre Dame's 89-80 win over DePaul on Feb. 2.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Doubles partners mesh well

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

On a team with six freshman, one has separated himself from the pack.

Freshman Stephen Havens has distanced himself from the five other freshmen on this season's squad. Havens and Andrew Roth made up the No. 4 doubles team for the early part of this season.

"The doubles have been playing really well," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "They make a lot of balls, and have responded well. I am pleased with them overall."

Roth has been a pleasant surprise for the Irish this season. He battled eye injuries early in his career and has stepped into a leadership role, Bayliss said.

"He has a determined work ethic," Bayliss said. "He is a lot more accountable on the court. He has a big heart, and can do a lot of things. He will make his opponents work. While Stephen is pretty placid on court, Roth is more fiery."

Aside from Havens, the rest of the freshmen have made their presence felt.

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MEN'S TRACK

Split squad scores big at IU Relays



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Irish sophomore Matt Schipper launches himself in the pole vault on Dec. 7 at the Blue and Gold Invitational.

By EUGENIA ALFONZO
Sports Writer

Although Notre Dame didn't take its entire team to the Indiana Relays this weekend, the athletes that did travel performed well.

"[We] had some good things happen, but we didn't bring everyone down," Irish coach

Joe Piane said. "We took primarily sprinters and field events kids. We had the distance resting for the upcoming meet this weekend, the Mayo Invitational."

Sophomore Greg Kiley was the exception, running a 4:13 in the mile and qualifying for the Big East Conference Meet.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

BYU presents chance to rebound

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

Road-weary No. 12 Notre Dame begins its home schedule today against No. 54 Brigham Young after losing two of its first three matches on the road. Notre Dame (1-2) looks to win two in a row over the Cougars (2-4) after winning 5-2 last season in Provo, Utah.

Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to Michigan last Thursday did not sit well with Irish coach Jay Louderback, but the team has had five days to recover and prepare for BYU.

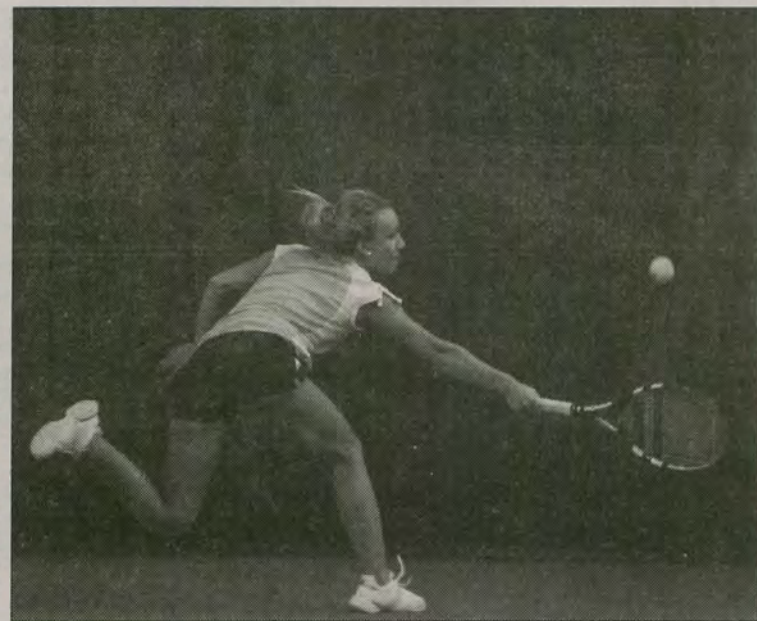
"We just didn't play well at Michigan," Louderback said. "Friday was so close to the loss that everyone was still down. We had a better practice Saturday. I'm looking for [Monday] to be another good one to get everyone ready."

In addition to the time off, coach Louderback is happy to be home.

"It's been tough to beat us here. We definitely need to play at home," he said. "We had three in a row on the road to start, and I was hoping we'd be at least 2-1."

Their match at Michigan helped prepare the Irish for BYU.

"Playing at Michigan, their



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Irish junior Kelcy Tefft attempts a backhand in Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Wake Forest on Feb. 18, 2007.

courts are faster, and they hit the ball fast and hard," Louderback said. "So playing BYU will be an advantage for us because these teams play similar."

The Cougars' strength is their doubles play. Both the No. 1 team of Anastasia Surkova and Jennifer Miccoli and the No. 2 pair of Dolly Chang and Kristina Doerr are 4-0 for the dual season.

"We lost the doubles point [to

BYU] last year, and they have the same team coming back," Louderback said. "They're tough and hit the ball big, so we'll work on doubles more [in practice on Monday] to get ready for them."

Junior Kelcy Tefft leads the Irish, coming off a strong showing at Michigan. Louderback was pleased with her performance.

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