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ND Peace Corps service increases

The University rose from No. 17 to No. 13 in the rankings with 26 alumni volunteers

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

Notre Dame jumped four spots in the Peace Corps rankings this year, moving from No. 17 to No. 13 among medium-sized colleges and universities with the greatest numbers of alumni volunteers.

There are currently 26 Notre Dame alumni serving in the Peace Corps. George Washington University holds the No. 1 ranking, with 57 volunteers.

This year marks the sixth consecutive year Notre Dame has been one of the top-25 medium-sized universities to produce Peace Corps volunteers.

The Peace Corps seeks to provide other countries with the assistance of trained volunteers, encourage a better understanding of Americans, and gain awareness of other cultures, according to the organization's Web site.

Sara Snider, Notre Dame '08, is one of 800 Notre Dame graduates to serve in the Peace Corps since the program began in 1961. She began her service in Mali, located in Western Africa, 6 months ago.

"I wanted to do at least two years of international service where I wouldn't be teaching," she said. "Also, I wanted to live in community with the people with whom I would be serving."

Snider has lived in a small, 450-person village in the southern-most region of Mali with a host family for the past four months.

Peace Corps volunteers develop their own projects aimed at helping their communities. As a small enterprise development volunteer, Snider will spend her time in Mali identifying and addressing

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photo courtesy of Sara Snider

Notre Dame alum Sara Snider, right, is currently serving in the Peace Corps in Mali.

Committee to present suggestions to Jenkins

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

The ad hoc committee created by University President Fr. John Jenkins in the fall to address complaints about football game security is preparing to present suggestions for improvement on March 1, Committee chair Stephanie Gallo said.

In an Oct. 14 article, The Observer reported the Committee was formed in response to complaints of aggressive behavior from police and ushers that overstepped necessary force, which took away from the game day experience.

Gallo said the Committee has been reviewing over 200 letters and e-mails from alumni, parents, employees and fans in order to gauge the extent of the issue.

"This may not have allowed us to capture each and every story," Gallo said. "But to the degree possible, it allowed us the chance to sample from the population so that we could arrive at some informed generalizations that will guide our recommendations."

The feedback has been both positive and negative, Gallo said.

"Many people included very helpful suggestions," she said.

The Committee also analyzed

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Squashing the competition

First all-female team to particpate in tournament

NICK SIMONSON/The Observer

The women's squash team clockwise from bottom left, Allison Currie, Mariana Cuervo, Kristine So, Lauren Hoebeman, Helen Syski, pose with Coach Geogg McCuen.

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

Kristine So is used to competing with the guys.

At a squash tournament last weekend, So was the No. 10 seed on the Notre Dame men's squash club team and in her first match, played a man who was five seeds ahead of her and twice her size.

She said she held her own, but was pretty handily defeated in that match. Only one other woman competed in the whole tournament.

But three weekends from now, for the first time, So will travel with four female teammates to represent the Notre Dame squash club at a women's tournament.

So is not sure how she will do now that her competition is female.

"Girls definitely have that mental edge, but when you play a guy who is three times your size, they also have that edge," So said.

The women's portion of the squash club will leave Notre Dame on Feb. 12 to fly to Harvard University for the three-day College Squash Association National Championships. They

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SMC fixture, Jones, dies

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Katherine Jones, Holy Cross Hall's former front desk worker, died on Jan. 16 after 18 years of dedicated service to the College and the students whom she came to deeply love and care for. She was 59.

"She always tried to make everyone feel comfortable," said Bev Moyer, co-worker and longtime friend of Katherine: "She always went above and beyond the duty."

Katherine worked the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift Sunday through Friday. She fell in love with the residents and the hall was like her home away from home.

Two senior Residents Assistants, Anna Hoefer, and Sarah Dalton recall fond memories of their time in the hall with Katherine.

"We always stopped to talk to Katherine. She was always a friendly face," Hoefer said.

St. Nicholas Day was an especially important day for Katherine. She would go door to door throughout the hall leaving candy for all of the residents, Dalton said.

"She never forgot our birthdays or Christmas. She always left us cards on our birthday," Dalton said.

Each of the seniors said Katherine always went out of her way to make residents feel at home.

In order to help keep Katherine's memory alive, and uphold the feeling of warmth and caring she spread throughout the hall, the RA's said they plan on continuing her holiday traditions.

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Late Night Olympics to hold 11 sporting events

Observer file photo

Students participate in a dodgeball game during the 2007 Late Night Olympics.

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

If you are looking for an alternative to crowded dorm parties this weekend, want to show off your athletic skills or simply want to help out a good cause, cancel your plans for Saturday night.

From 6 p.m. on Saturday to 2 a.m. on Sunday, RecSports is sponsoring Late Night Olympics, where teams comprised of members of brother-sister halls

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Inside Column

Many forms of chatting

Emma Driscoll

News Writer

There are many options when it comes to communicating lately: texting, instant messaging, wall posting, Facebook messaging, instant messaging, e-mailing, Google chatting, and of course, good old fashioned calling. Each one of these keeps us more connected, but sometimes I have a difficult time deciding which to choose in certain situations.

Although I like to think that my main preference is calling, I have definitely noticed myself more frequently sending e-mails instead of picking up the phone.

Calling can be a bit scary or intimidating at times.

I used to be pretty opposed to texting because I thought that it was inconvenient to type everything.

However, I now have a phone with a keyboard, and this has made me far more inclined to text. I am not sure how much other people appreciate me sending them texts with the random thoughts that pop up in my head throughout the day, though.

I also have to admit that I love Facebook messages. There's something about seeing that little number next to my inbox and wondering what somebody has to say to me that is too personal to post but not formal enough to e-mail. I have a Meg Ryan "You've Got Mail" moment (Cranberries playing and all) with every message. There is nothing more disappointing, however, than clicking on my inbox only to discover that the message is a mass message sent to everybody in a random group that I joined freshman year.

Instant messaging is good for close friends because it allows you to have extended conversations while also doing something else. I have always felt that instant message can be a little too weird with people you don't know very well, mainly because it can be so difficult to read tone and to change the subject.

Google chatting is starting to take over instant messaging for me, but this may be because I check my e-mail constantly. It is very convenient, and tends to be more reliable because the people who show up on the chat list are typically checking their e-mail at that moment.

E-mails always seem formal to me, but they are incredibly convenient.

There is no perfect way to determine which of these methods is most appropriate in any given situation. I have often wondered whether a birthday post is sufficient or whether a text was too lengthy.

It is hard to know what subliminal message you may be sending to the recipients just by choosing how to contact them. It is all part of the fun of communicating, though, and of trying to figure out how to form and maintain relationships in the twenty-first century.

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

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Corrections

A headline on page 7 of the Jan. 29 edition of The Observer mistakenly said the U.S. House and Senate had passed an economic stimulus package. Only the House passed the measure.

A headline on page 24 of the Jan. 29 edition of The Observer mistakenly said Matt and Kevin Schipper are twins. They are brothers; Matt is a junior while Kevin is a freshman. The Observer regrets these errors.

Question of the Day: *How would you spend $825 billion?*

Catherine Hackbarth

freshman
Walsh

"I would buy a Stradivarius violin."

Jonatha Bell

senior
Off campus

"I would spend it on my mom."

Sandy McShea

junior
O'Neill

"I would do what the kid from 'Blank Check' did 825,000 times."

Shea Bettwy

junior
Alumni

"I'd spend it on my inauguration parade."

Stephanie Nienaber

senior
Walsh

"I would spend it on a huge bakery where everything is always free."

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

The Notre Dame women's basketball players on the bench cheer on their teammates during their game against Rutgers Tuesday. The team lost the game, 78-68.

Offbeat

Boy dressed as girl to cheat on exam

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Dressing as a girl to take a high school Regents exam in place of another student landed a 17-year-old upstate New York boy in some serious detention. Deandre Ellis, 17, of Schenectady was arrested on a felony charge after the incident Tuesday. City school officials said a monitor verifying that each student was taking the proper exam suspected something was amiss when the name on the test and the person taking it didn't match.

District spokeswoman Karen Corona said a closer look revealed the test-taker was a boy masquerading as a girl.

Man tries to take breast implants from ex

VICTORVILLE, Calif. — Prosecutors say a spurned lover ambushed his ex-girlfriend and tried to cut out the breast implants he paid for by stabbing her. San Bernardino County prosecutor David Foy says 28-year-old Thomas Lee Rowley attacked his ex in July 2006 outside her mother's home in Hesperia, some 70 miles northeast of Los Angeles in the Mojave Desert.

Rowley is on trial in Superior Court in Victorville for attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, stalking, burglary, and false imprisonment.

The 26-year-old woman survived six stab wounds and the punctured breast implants were repaired.

Rowley's former roommate Dennis McGill testified this week that the defendant wanted to reclaim what was rightfully his. Rowley allegedly told McGill, "I'm gonna cut 'em out and get em back."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

The film **"Baghdad High,"** is being played at **6:30 p.m. today** at the **Browning Cinema in DeBartalo Performing Arts Center.** Filmakers are scheduled to be present. It is a free but ticketed event. Get tickets at performingarts.nd.edu or call 574-631-2800.

Diavolo will perform **Foreign Bodies**, an original new work co-commissioned by the University **today and Saturday** at **7 p.m.** in the **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Decio Mainstage Theatre.** Tickets for this event are **$40, $32 faculty/staff, $30 seniors, and for $15 all students.** They can be purchased online, or by visiting or calling the **Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.**

"Le plus heureux des trois," a play by Eugene Labiche will be performed at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Snite Museum of Art. Although the play wil be in French, an English synopsis will be provided. Tickets are $5 cash only and can be bought at the Center for the Study of Language and Culture, 329 DeBartolo Hall or at the door.

The film **"Happy Go Lucky,"** is being played at **6:30 p.m.** on **Saturday** at the **Browning Cinema in DeBartalo Performing Arts Center.** Purchase tickets at performingarts.nd.edu or call 574-631-2800.

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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Symposium will examine war, law

Special to The Observer

Martin van Creveld, a prominent military historian and strategist from Israel, and John Robb, a former U.S. special operations officer and expert on the future of war, are the lead speakers for "Of War & Law," a symposium and film festival to be held Thursday to Saturday at the University of Notre Dame.

Speakers will focus on the dramatic changes in warfare during the past 60 years and the resulting challenges to international humanitarian law.

"Wars used to be relatively simple — a battle between nation-states with regular armies," said conference organizer Luc Reydams, an assistant professional specialist in Notre Dame's Department of Political Science and a faculty fellow of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

"But now everything is blurred, and it's hard to distinguish between war, crime, terrorism, massive human rights violations and even between war and peace itself. In this new context, the laws and treaties designed to protect civilians, wounded and sick combatants and prisoners of war must be re-examined to make sure that they make sense and can be fully implemented," he said.

The symposium begins at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 12 with van Creveld's lecture, "The Culture of War," in the Hesburgh Center auditorium. A panel discussion will be held at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, followed by a book signing and film.

Events on Feb. 13 begin at 12:30 p.m. with Robb's lecture, "The Economics of Contemporary Armed Conflict," in the Hesburgh Center auditorium. A panel discussion will be held at 4 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, followed by a book signing and two films. Two more films will be presented Feb. 14.

Van Creveld has been on the faculty of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem since 1971. He is the author of 19 books, including "Supplying War," "Command in War," "The Transformation of War," "The Rise and Decline of the State," "The Changing Face of War: Lessons of Combat from Marne to Iraq," and "The Culture of War."

Robb is a high-tech entrepreneur and the author of "Brave New War," a ground-breaking book on the Iraqi insurgency, global guerrillas and open-source warfare.

Other speakers and moderators will include Cécile Aptel, a long-time staff member of the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia; David Cortright, a research fellow at the Kroc Institute; Frédéric Mégret, the director of the McGill Clinic for the Special Court of Sierra Leone; Mary Ellen O'Connell, Robert and Marion Short Professor of Law at Notre Dame and a fellow of the Kroc Institute; and Jamie Williamson of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

All symposium events are free and open to the public. More details on the symposium are available on the Web at http://kroc.nd.edu/newsevents/events/upcoming. The six films are free but require tickets. Visit performingarts.nd.edu for more information on the films. Call 574-631-2800 to reserve tickets.

IEI hires new research center director

Mark Berends has done work on school organization, class instruction

Special to The Observer

Mark Berends, director of the National Center on School Choice (NCSC), has joined the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiative (IEI) as the new director of its Center for Research on Educational Opportunity (CREO).

Berends, who most recently served as associate professor of public policy and education at Vanderbilt University's Peabody College, succeeds Maureen Hallinan, who has directed CREO for ten years.

Berends has done extensive research on school organization and classroom instruction as they relate to student achievement, paying special attention to disadvantaged students. He has participated in numerous U.S. Department of Education national evaluations and has conducted studies investigating the causes and sources of black-white and Latino-white achievement gaps.

In the 1990s, Berends led the summative evaluation of New American Schools, at the time the largest privately funded reform movement in the nation. His latest books are "Examining Gaps in Mathematics Achievement Among Racial-Ethnic Groups, 1972-1992," "Charter School Outcomes," "Leading with Data: Pathways to Improve Your School" and the "Handbook of Research on School Choice." He will teach sociology courses at Notre Dame.

"Professor Berends will make a singularly important contribution to the mission of the IEI," says Rev. Timothy R. Scully, C.S.C, director of the IEI. "The wealth of expertise and intellectual leadership he brings to CREO, particularly in the area of school choice, will enable us to make great strides in our work to give children and families greater access to excellent schools – especially faith-based schools. He will build ably upon the work of Maureen Hallinan, whose inspired leadership has built a wonderful foundation in the world of high impact educational research."

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Director
Institute for Educational

Berends will continue in his role as director of the NCSC, established in 2004 through a $13.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences. The mission of the NCSC is to lead research across multiple disciplines on "how school choice affects individuals, communities and systems."

"I'm excited about integrating the work of CREO and NCSC. In fact, CREO provides a broader umbrella for NCSC because of its emphasis on research on educational opportunity," Berends said of his transition to Notre Dame. "Together the studies that NCSC and Maureen Hallinan have undertaken position CREO to make significant contributions to educational policy and the field of sociology. What's more, they provide a foundation for CREO to bring in additional funding so we can continue this line of research – research that's essential, since issues of educational equity and excellence will be critical for years to come."

Hallinan served as the first director of CREO and was the first director of the IEI upon its founding in 1996. She also is the William P. and Hazel B. White Professor of Sociology, whose research has focused primarily on the sociology of education. Her most recent studies compare students' learning opportunities in Catholic and public schools in Chicago.

"We have established CREO as a center of excellence for the study of educational inequality, the organization of schools, and the effects of school sector on student outcomes. Mark Berends brings a faith vision and commitment to his work that will enhance and strengthen the context in which members of CREO conduct their research and teaching," she says.

Build Stronger Relationships with Your Family

Want to better understand your teen?

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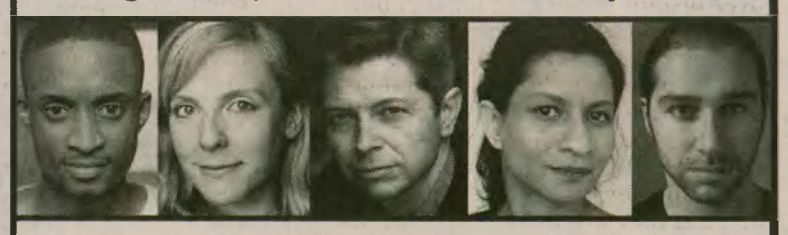

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Squash

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will play in the emerging teams division, against other club-level teams. That makes knowing the strength of their opponent more difficult, So said, because they could be playing club level players or women who were nationally-ranked in high school but went to a college without a squash team.

So, who went to high school in Canada, started playing squash in seventh grade. She noticed the squash courts at Rockne Memorial Gym as a freshman, but the club was all men, and she was too intimidated to go to a practice.

So, a junior now, decided last year to just go for it. She grabbed one of her roommates and took her along to join the club.

Once acclimated, she and her teammates tried to recruit other girls. The team asked women who were part of the RecSports squash class to join the club and talked to girls who had competed in racquetball tournaments, persuading them to cross over to squash.

But, So admits, competing against "the guys is a little intimidating."

The team has tried to make learning the game and practicing easier for women.

"They don't have to go out on the court and see if they like [the sport] with a guy, and then, all of a sudden, you miss the ball five times, and there's a guy who has been playing for two years, and you feel bad you're slowing them down or something," she said.

So knew from experience that the first day on the courts can be frustrating, so she and other teammates e-mail and call new players to encourage them so they don't lose new recruits early on.

Squash is a far more popular game in Canada than it is in the United States, So said. One of the problems with recruiting women for the team was that many of her friends didn't know what the game was.

"I've learned to say that it's kind of like racquetball in a sense that you hit the ball, there are two people on the court ... and you hit the ball against the wall and return it," she said.

But there are more boundaries in squash than racquetball, and the ball is smaller and doesn't bounce as much.

"It requires the same sort of agility and speed to keep up with the game," she said.

The squash club practices on The Rock's squash courts three days a week, coached by a volunteer who also teaches the squash class through RecSports.

In the pictures of players from years past on the walls of the courts, there seemed to be, now and then, a woman who would travel with the men's team, So said.

But women have never had an official traveling team, or competed in a female tournament. The Harvard tournament will mark the first time.

So said she is feeling nervous and excited about the championships in three weeks.

"I think we're all really excited to be getting Notre Dame out there and the fact that we have coalesced so well, and worked together and really supported each other, that it's going to be another great experience for the team," she said.

So and her teammates plan to spend the next few weeks of training holding mock tournaments against the men's team.

"The time spent on the court with the guys is a huge help," she said.

The men's team, with much more tournament experience, has been giving them pointers about their upcoming inaugural meet, she said, telling them to have fun and try their best.

They know the women's team is feeling a little unsure in the weeks leading up to the tournament.

The team will probably make some mistakes, So said, and might struggle as they adjust to a completely new competitive situation.

But they will draw on their training and on the pointers they've received from the men's team, So said.

"I know we are going to try really hard," she said. "Everyone's really pumped up and ready to go."

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NICK SIMONSON/The Observer

Kristine So, bottom left, fools around on the court with her squash teammates. The team will compete at Harvard University, marking the first time a Notre Dame all-female squash team will travel to a tournament.

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Olympics

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will compete in 11 different sports to raise money for St. Joseph County Special Olympics, said John Beven, who supervised the planning of Late Night Olympics this year.

The sports offered include innertube water polo, kayaking, bags (also known as corn hole), broomball, volleyball, target golf, an obstacle course and dodge ball, Beven said.

There will also be three-on-three basketball, racquetball and table tennis, which will be divided into men's and women's divisions, he said.

The sports will be played on different locations across campus, from the field house to the aquatic center to the Joyce Center, Beven said.

Each team is comprised of brother-sister halls from Notre Dame, however this is the first year in few years that Saint Mary's hasn't been a part of Late Night Olympics, he said.

"This year, they couldn't commit to it because they had so many things going on," Beven said.

While Beven said Late Night Olympics is a fun event that helps students meet people in their dorms and from other dorms, "the major purpose is to benefit St. Joseph County's Special Olympics."

A basketball game in which rectors and members of the athletic department will take on a team from the St. Joseph's County Special Olympics at 9 p.m., Beven said.

Fr. Pete McCormick, rector of Keough Hall, who played basketball in high school and has played for fun ever since, will be playing in the game because he wanted to help out a good cause.

"I think Late Night Olympics is a great opportunity here on campus for students to come together. I just wanted to be of help," McCormick said.

Alicia Danto, a freshman from Howard Hall who is going to be on her hall's volleyball team, added: "I'm excited to see all the different events and ... join in on some of them. I'm also ready to cheer on the other girls from Howard."

Beven said this kind of support is very much encouraged because the more spectators each team has, the more points they get.

"One of the ways to score points for your team is to have people from your hall come to Late Night. Even if you're not participating in a sport, if you show up, you guys get a point," Beven said. "Say 100 people come from your hall, you guys get 100 points."

Badin Hall freshman Samantha Smith plans to play volleyball for her team on Saturday.

"It was something different to do on the weekend [and] it will be a nice way of getting to know the other girls in my dorm," she said.

The winners of each sport will receive medals, which are provided by the Alumni Association, Beven said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Koreas declare political agreement

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea declared all military and political agreements with South Korea "dead" Friday, warning it would not honor past accords if Seoul continues to push the Koreas to the brink of war.

The North's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of Korea accused South Korean President Lee Myung-bak of raising tensions on the Korean peninsula with his hard-line position on Pyongyang. It warned that Lee's stance would only draw "a heavier blow and shameful destruction."

"The group of traitors has already reduced all the agreements reached between the north and the south in the past to dead documents," the committee in charge of inter-Korean affairs said early Friday in a statement carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

Mideast hopes U.S. brings change

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Obama administration's Mideast point man said Thursday that the Palestinian government in the West Bank must play a crucial role in cementing the shaky Gaza truce so broader peace efforts can be revived.

The top political leader in Hamas-ruled Gaza said the group's top priority after Israel's bruising offensive was to heal the rift that has led to dueling Palestinian governments. Speaking publicly for the first time since the Jan. 18 cease-fire, Gaza Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh also expressed hope the U.S. would change its Mideast policies.

Israel launched its devastating three-week military campaign to end years of rocket fire on its southern towns, but said toppling Hamas was not its aim.

NATIONAL NEWS

Power outage could last until Feb.

PADUCAH, Ky. — Storm-battered residents of several states hunkered down in frigid homes and shelters Thursday, expecting to spend at least a week without power and waiting in long lines to buy generators, firewood, groceries and bottled water.

Utility companies in Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio, Arkansas and West Virginia warned that the estimated 1.3 million people left in the dark by an ice storm wouldn't have power back before Saturday at the earliest, and at worst, as late as mid-February.

Recession leaves many homeless

SAN FRANCISCO — In the first major census of people living on the streets since the recession, thousands of volunteers across the country are fanning out in the thick of night this week to count the most desperate members of their communities.

On the streets and in shelters, volunteers conducting the count in the wintry dead of night have found an untold numbers of hard-luck stories from those homeless for the first time, working poor victimized by the foreclosure and unemployment crises.

"I call it the double trouble," said Philip F. Mangano, executive director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. "You would have to be naïve to believe that the loss of over 850,000 homes and over two million jobs wouldn't have an impact."

LOCAL NEWS

Jail inmate captured in South Bend

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Police in South Bend say they have arrested a Newton County Jail inmate who escaped Monday.

Police spokesman Capt. Phil Trent says 36-year-old Anthony Ray Fisher was captured on the city's south side after a brief foot chase by officers acting on a tip Thursday afternoon. Another man with Fisher was also arrested. Further details weren't immediately available.

Newton County authorities say Fisher escaped with help from an armed man Monday while he was being taken from the jail to the courthouse in Kentland.

Blagojevich impeached from office

Illinois governor first in more than twenty years to be removed from position

Associated Press

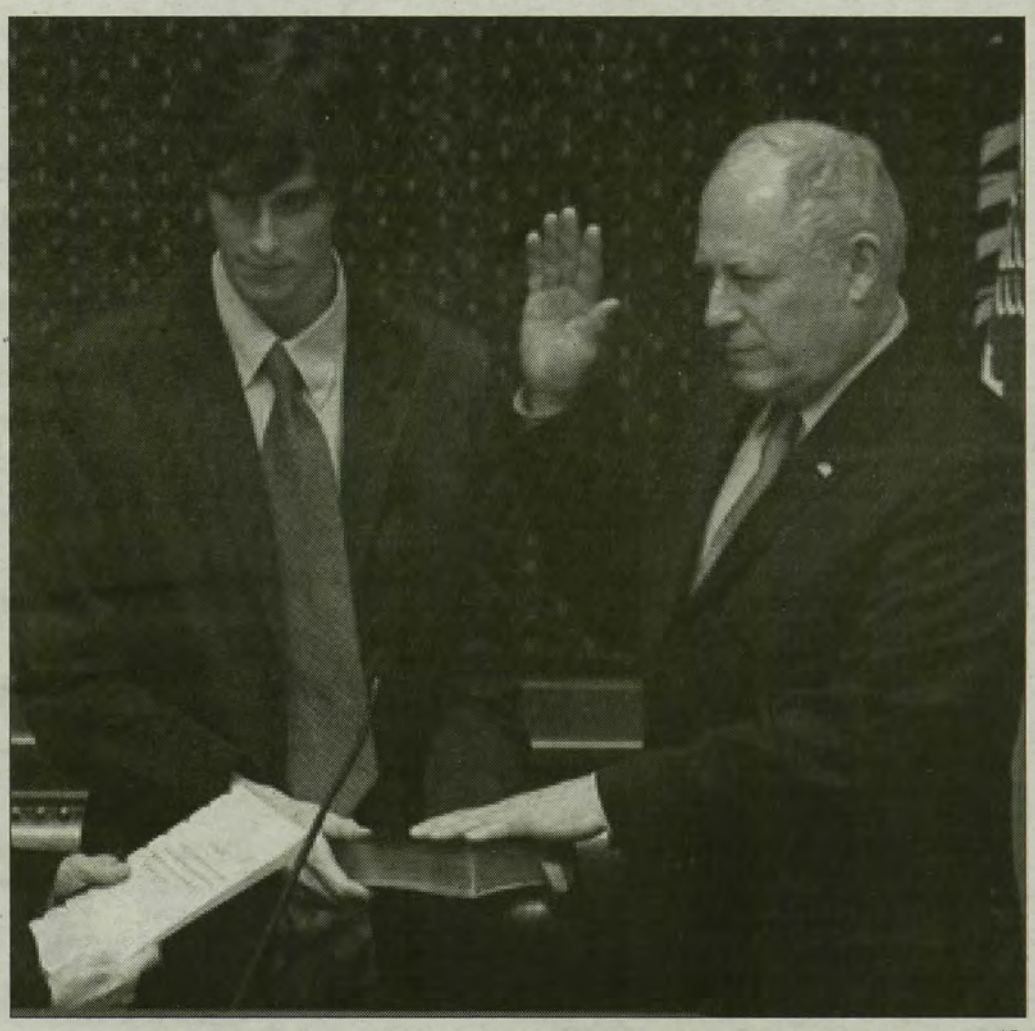
SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Gov. Rod Blagojevich was bounced from office Thursday without a single lawmaker rising in his defense, ending a nearly two-month crisis that erupted with his arrest on charges he tried to sell Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat.

Blagojevich becomes the first U.S. governor in more than 20 years to be removed by impeachment.

After a four-day trial, the Illinois Senate voted 59-0 to convict him of abuse of power, automatically ousting the second-term Democrat. In a second, identical vote, lawmakers further barred Blagojevich from ever holding public office in the state again.

"He failed the test of character. He is beneath the dignity of the state of Illinois. He is no longer worthy to be our governor," said Sen. Matt Murphy, a Republican from suburban Chicago.

Democratic Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn, one of Blagojevich's critics, was promptly sworn in as governor.



AP

Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn is sworn in as governor of Illinois Thursday after the impeachment of former governor Rod Blagojevich.

Blagojevich's troubles are not over. Federal prosecutors are drawing up an indictment against him on corruption charges.

Blagojevich, 52, had boycotted the first three days of the impeachment trial, calling the proceedings a kangaroo court. But on Thursday, he went before the Senate to beg for his job, delivering a 47-minute plea that was, by turns, defiant, humble and sentimental.

He argued, again, that he did nothing wrong, and warned that his impeachment would set a "dangerous and chilling precedent."

"You haven't proved a crime, and you can't because it didn't happen," Blagojevich (pronounced blah-GOY-uh-vich) told the lawmakers. "How can you throw a governor out of office with insufficient and incomplete evidence?"

The verdict brought to an end what one lawmaker branded "the freak show" in Illinois. Over the past few weeks, Blagojevich found himself isolated, with almost the entire political establishment lined up against him. The furor paralyzed state government and made Blagojevich and his helmet of lush, dark hair a punchline from coast to coast.

Many ordinary Illinoisans were glad to see him go.

"It's very embarrassing. I think it's a shame that with our city and Illinois, everybody thinks we're all corrupt," Gene Ciepierski, 54, said after watching the trial's conclusion on a TV at Chicago's beloved Billy Goat Tavern. "To think he would do something like that, it hurts more than anything."

In a solemn scene, more than 30 lawmakers rose one by one on the Senate floor to accuse Blagojevich of abusing his office and embarrassing the state. They denounced him as a hypocrite, saying he cynically tried to enrich himself and then posed as the brave protector of the poor and "wrapped himself in the constitution."

They sprinkled their remarks with historical references, including Pearl Harbor's "day of infamy" and "The whole world is watching" chant from the riots that broke out during the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. They cited Abraham Lincoln, the Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesus as they called for the governor's removal.

"We have this thing called impeachment and it's bleeping golden and we've used it the right way," Democratic Sen. James Meeks of Chicago said during the debate, mocking Blagojevich's expletive-laden words as captured by the FBI on a wiretap.

SWITZERLAND

Turkey prime minister leaves in fury

Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — Turkey's prime minister stalked off the stage at the World Economic Forum red-faced Thursday after reproaching Israel's president over the Gaza offensive by saying "You kill people."

The packed audience, which included President Barack Obama's close adviser Valerie Jarrett, appeared stunned as Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Israeli President Shimon Peres raised their voices and traded accusations.

Peres was passionate in his defense of Israel's three-week offensive against Hamas militants, launched in reaction to eight years of rocket fire aimed at Israeli territory. As he spoke, Peres often turned toward Erdogan, who in his remarks had criticized the Israeli blockade of Gaza, saying it was an "open air prison, isolated from the rest of the world" and referred to the Palestinian death toll of about 1,300, more than half of those civilians. Thirteen Israelis also died.

"Why did they fire rockets? There was no siege against Gaza," Peres said, his voice rising in emotion. "Why did they fight us, what did they want? There was never a day of starvation in Gaza."

The heated debate with Israel and Turkey at the center was significant because of the key role Turkey has played as a moderator between Israel and Syria. Erdogan appeared to express a sense of disappointment when he recounted how he had met with the Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert days before the offensive, and believed they were close to reaching terms for a face-to-face meeting with Syrian leaders.

Obama's new Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, will be in Turkey for talks Sunday.

Erdogan was angry when a panel moderator cut off his remarks in response to an impassioned monologue by Peres defending Israel's offensive against the Hamas rulers of Gaza.

"I find it very sad that people applaud what you said," Erdogan said. "You killed people. And I think that it is very wrong."

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data from past football seasons as well as this season and studied current game day security procedures, she said.

With this information at hand, the Committee decided to approach the problem of game day security by dividing into three subcommittees that address security, customer service/hospitality and communications, Gallo said. The subcommittees will then each present a report that focuses on its own issue.

Gallo said she cannot give any details about the ideas that have been presented in meetings thus far, and she said the Committee is only for advisory purposes. Implementation of any suggestions will be Jenkins' decision.

"Once the report is submitted and any opportunities for change are identified, the University will monitor, evaluate and adjust its practices to ensure the game day experience is the very best it can be," she said.

After reviewing the Committee's proposal, Jenkins will submit a response and create a staff to make any changes that are deemed necessary.

"Campus staff will work with each other to continue their efforts to make any necessary changes to our game day policy and practice," she said.

Gallo said the Committee is committed to making positive changes so that football game day activities run smoothly.

"The Committee has taken its work very seriously," she said. "Fr. Jenkins has brought together an impressive group with unique experience and expertise that should greatly benefit both the University family and the game day experience."

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needs in the area of community development.

"So far, the women in my village have expressed a desire to become legally recognized in order to better organize and be able to sell their goods as well as apply for funding as an association," she said.

Snider said she will assist Malian women market the shea butter they make. She will assist the women's association in her village produce better quality shea butter and find a buyer for their product.

Snider said she also enjoys the experience of living in a different culture.

"Often I would just walk around the village and join in with whatever a group of people were doing. The culture here is such that anyone is more than welcome anywhere and anytime," she said. "It's completely acceptable to invite yourself to any activity."

The importance of communication is one of the biggest things she has learned in Mali, Snider said. She learned French before she arrived, and she is also learning Bambara, a local language spoken by 80 percent of Malians.

The community development and communication aspects of her service in Mali fulfill Snider's motivations for joining the Peace Corps.

"Peace Corps is based on cross-cultural exchange and relationships built through community and that was exactly what I wanted," she said.

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State glad governor's gone

Associated Press

ILLINOIS — People across Illinois who watched former Gov. Rod Blagojevich get the boot Thursday said they hoped removal of the scandal-plagued governor helps the state begin rebuilding its image after weeks of ridicule.

"I figured it was coming," said Darlene Lewis, an investment securities representative in Chicago, after the state Senate's 59-0 vote. "He needs to be impeached. He's not above the law."

From Chicago's famous Billy Goat Tavern to southern Illinois farm country, many residents said they were weary after weeks of watching the state become a laughingstock.

"I'm in the camp that says, 'Finally.' I'm glad we're moving forward," said Richard Borgsmiller from his farm near Murphysboro.

By Thursday, Borgsmiller had run out of patience with Blagojevich, believing the governor peddled influence, abused his power and showed "a little bit of arrogance" by living in Chicago instead of the governor's mansion in Springfield.

"From the get-go, that was something that bothered me," he said.

At the Billy Goat, Gene Ciepierski considered Blagojevich's impeachment "very embarrassing."

"I think it's a shame that with our city and Illinois, everybody thinks we're all corrupt," Ciepierski said after watching the announcement of Blagojevich's fate, which played on all the bar's televisions. "To think he would do something like that, it hurts more than anything."

Some of Blagojevich's former political foes rejoiced — cautiously.

"Nobody is happier to see Rod go than I am, but this is not time to celebrate," said Edwin Eisendrath, a former Chicago alderman who lost to Blagojevich in the 2006 Democratic primary. "We have serious and sobering work to do before we firmly close this sorry chapter in our state's history."

Earlier Thursday, Blagojevich's 47-minute speech to the state Senate played big in Chicago's Loop, where lunch-goers paused in front of a billboard-sized TV screen facing Daley Plaza.

Brian David, a student at the University of Illinois-Chicago, found the Democrat's bid to save his job unconvincing.

"I just don't think I believe him at all," David said.

Chicago attorney Thomas Westgard called Blagojevich's last stand in Springfield "hilarious and saddening. It's one of those laugh or cry things."

"It's so shocking you don't know how to react," Westgard said. "He needs to go. They're correct to throw him out."

At JV's Downtown Bar and Grill in Waterloo, a community of less than 9,000 people southeast of St. Louis, off-duty bartender Patrick Meegan nursed a bottle of Bud Light after watching Blagojevich get removed.

Meegan's only surprise: That the vote was unanimous, "a clean sweep."

"I thought there might be a couple of dissenters," said Meegan, who voted for Blagojevich in 2002 but sided with his opponent four years later.

"He made his plea in front of the Senate, and it didn't work," Meegan said. "I'm glad this is done. Let's start all over. We're the laughingstock of the country."

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Katherine was forced to quit work about halfway through the fall semester. Not because she wanted to, but because she was under doctor's orders.

"If she could, she would be here," Holy Cross Hall Director Terri Paul said. "She loved working here, loved the residence, loved Holy Cross. It was just such a big part of her life for so many years."

She was also an active member of Little Flower Catholic Church, located on Ironwood Dr. in South Bend. She spent over 25 years assisting at the church with funeral luncheons. She would work all night at Saint Mary's and then turn around the next morning and go the church to help with the funeral luncheons, Paul said.

Residents of the hall sent cards to Katherine while she was in hospice. Also, donations were taken from the students to help Katherine's family pay for the expenses. The girls at Holy Cross also raised money to buy her mass cards for a year.

"The good that came from this really sad, terrible experience is that everybody really came together for her," Paul said.

A mass was held in Katherine's memory Wednesday in Le Mans' Holy Spirit Chapel.

Katherine will be missed in the halls of Holy Cross. She meant so much not only to the people she worked with, but also the residents who passed by the front desk late and stopped to chat with her. For so many years she was a large part of what made Holy Cross so special.

"This is Katherine's hall. It will always be Katherine's hall," Moyer said.

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IN BRIEF

Unemployment reaches 25 year high

WASHINGTON — Week by week, the numbers that measure the economy get worse, heading toward uncharted territory.

The Labor Department released figures Thursday showing that the percentage of the workforce receiving unemployment benefits reached a 25-year high in mid-January. The raw numbers were the highest since the government started keeping records in 1967, although the workforce was much smaller then.

Adding to the grim picture were separate government reports that showed December home sales plunged to their lowest rate since recording began in 1963. And orders for big-ticket manufactured goods dropped more than expected, capping the worst year for manufacturers since 2001.

Obama close to health care win

WASHINGTON — Democratic lawmakers inched closer Thursday to giving President Barack Obama an early health care victory as they considered extending government-sponsored health insurance coverage to about 4 million uninsured children.

The Senate was expected to pass the legislation late Thursday after Democrats spent much of the day fending off Republican amendments. The House plans to take up the same measure next week.

The bill calls for an additional $32 billion over the next 4 1/2 years for the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Even with the added spending, an estimated 5 million children still will be without health insurance. During his election campaign, Obama called for requiring all children to have health coverage.

The bill pays for expanding SCHIP by increasing the federal excise tax on cigarettes from 39 cents to $1 a pack. Opponents argued that the tax would hit the poor the hardest.

Republicans opposed letting states use federal dollars to cover children of newly arrived legal immigrants, saying that the immigrants' sponsors had pledged that those coming to the United States would not be dependent on government assistance.

Obama issues critique of Wall Street

More than $18 billion spent on bonuses while financial sector receives bailout

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama issued a withering critique Thursday of Wall Street corporate behavior, calling it "the height of irresponsibility" for employees to be paid more than $18 billion in bonuses last year while their crumbling financial sector received a bailout from taxpayers.

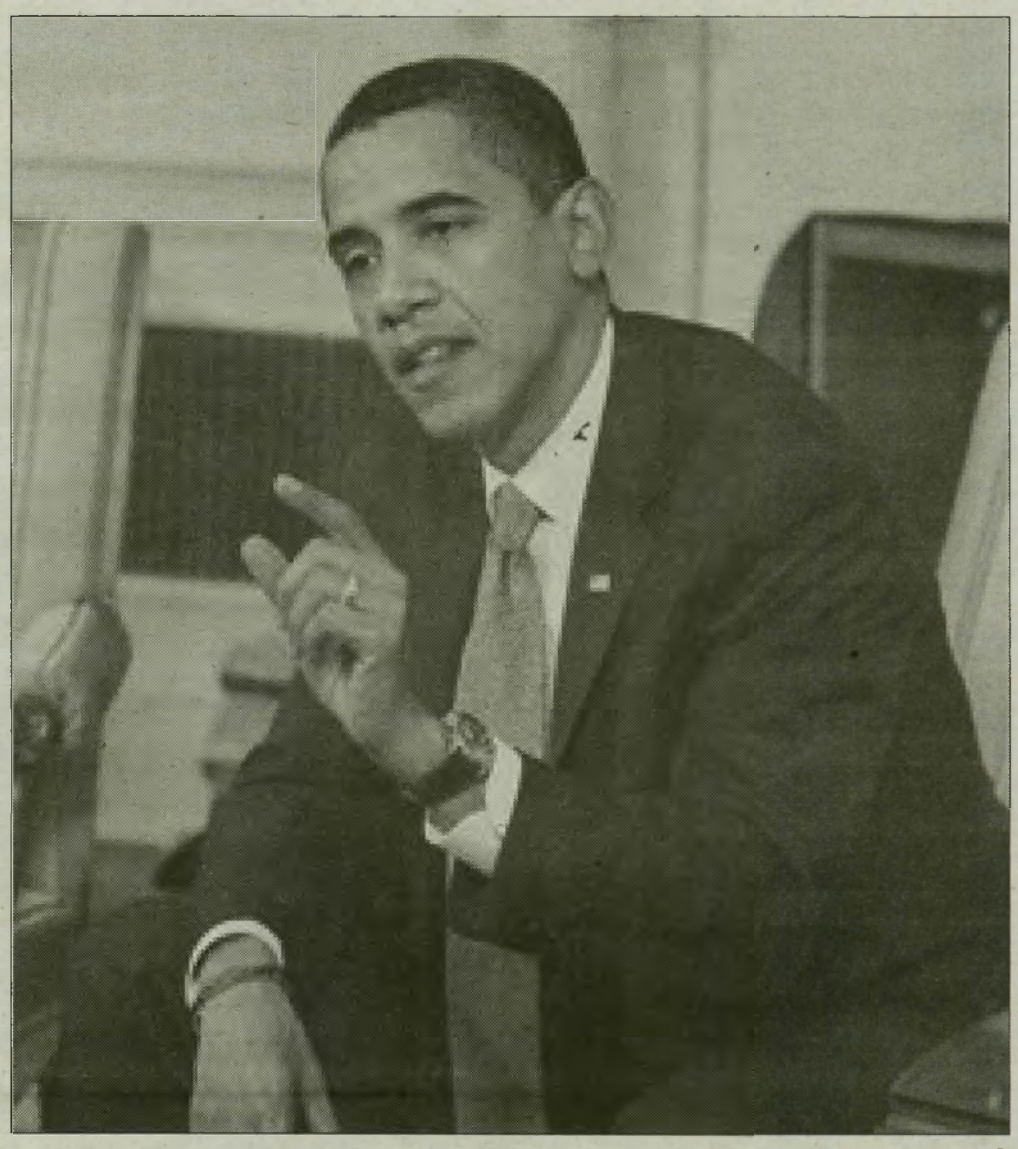
"It is shameful," Obama said from the Oval Office. "And part of what we're going to need is for the folks on Wall Street who are asking for help to show some restraint, and show some discipline, and show some sense of responsibility."

The president's comments, made with new Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner at his side, came in swift response to a report that employees of the New York financial world garnered an estimated $18.4 billion in bonuses last year. The figure, from the New York state comptroller, drew prominent news coverage.

Yet Obama's stand also came just one day after he surrounded himself with well-paid chief executives at the White House. He had pulled in those business leaders and hailed them for being on the "front lines in seeing the enormous problems in our economy right now."

The executives who appeared with Obama are not leaders of the Wall Street financial companies that the president targeted, but rather heads of such well-known manufacturing and technology giants as IBM, Motorola, Xerox and Corning. Still, they get paid handsomely.

Most of those who stood with Obama earned a total 2007 compensation package of between $8 million and $21 million, according to a review by The Associated Press. Those calculations include the executives' salary, bonus pay, incentives, perks, the estimated value of stock holdings and other compensation.



AP

President Barack Obama speaks to reporters in the Oval Office of the White House Thursday.

Lashing out at Wall Street bonuses, Obama said the public dislikes the idea of helping the financial sector dig out of a hole, only to see it get bigger because of lavish spending. The comptroller's report found such bonuses were down 44 percent, but at about the same level they were during the boom time of 2004.

Vice President Joe Biden also chimed in, saying the level of bonuses "offends the sensibilities."

"I mean, I'd like to throw these guys in the brig," Biden said in an interview with CNBC.

Obama said he and Geithner will speak directly to Wall Street leaders about the bonuses, which threaten to undermine public support for more government intervention as the economy keeps reeling.

The House just approved an economic stimulus plan that would cost taxpayers more than $800 billion; the Senate is considering its own version.

Separately, Congress passed a $700 billion plan last year to shore up the financial sector, one that drew howls of criticism about a lack of transparency.

Said Obama about Wall Street leaders: "There will be time for them to make profits, and there will be time for them to get bonuses. Now is not that time."

Obama said Geithner has already had to step in to stop one company from taking delivery of a new corporate jet it planned to buy even after receiving billions of dollars of support from the government. That bank, Citigroup, canceled the deal earlier this week.

Officials investigate peanut butter

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A lab company president called to testify before Congress in the salmonella outbreak investigation said Thursday that manufacturers "can't retest away a positive result."

Charles Deibel, whose labs conducted tests for Peanut Corp. of America, said that if 100 containers were tested and only one or two turned up salmonella, the company should "throw the whole lot out."

Federal health officials say Peanut Corp. shipped tainted peanut products from its Blakely, Ga., facility after retesting them and getting a negative result for salmonella.

Peanut butter, peanut paste and other goods from the plant are being blamed for an outbreak that has sickened more than 500 people, triggered a massive international recall and raised doubts about the food industry's safety practices.

Deibel said his company — Deibel Labs Inc. — did not conduct day-to-day testing for the Blakely plant, but was asked on occasion to carry out certain tests. He said the company has turned over bacterial cultures to federal investigators.

Deibel and the president of another lab, J. Leek Associates Inc., have been called to testify Feb. 11 before the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Deibel firm has been in existence since the 1960s and has its main lab in Chicago.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the panel conducting a hearing into the outbreak, said the investigation shows "major gaps" in the nation's food safety system.

"I am extremely troubled by reports that the plant tested positive for salmonella numerous times but nothing was done to ensure that the product did not go on the market," Waxman said.

Peanut Corp., based in Lynchburg, Va., said in a statement it "categorically denies any allegations that the company sought favorable results from any lab in order to ship its products."

Deibel said his firm is still pouring over records to determine what kind of testing was done, and at what times, for Peanut Corp.'s plant.

He said his lab tested some salmonella cultures that came from the J. Leek lab and identified the specific variety of the bacteria that was present.

GOP leaders advise changes in policy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After crushing defeats in back-to-back elections, the top Senate Republican warned Thursday that the GOP risks remaining out of power in the White House and Congress unless it better explains its core principles to woo one-time faithful and new loyalists.

"Unless we do something to adapt, our status as a minority party may become too pronounced for an easy recovery," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told the Republican National Committee on Thursday. "The situation is challenging, but it's far from irreversible."

McConnell gave a stark assessment of where the Republican Party went wrong and provided a road map for how it can right itself as he spoke party activists gathered in Washington to choose the next national chairman.

With voting slated for Friday, four candidates are trying to unseat former President George W. Bush's hand-picked RNC chairman, Mike Duncan of Kentucky. They are: former Maryland Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, former Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, South Carolina GOP chairman Katon Dawson and Michigan GOP chairman Saul Anuzis.

A fifth — former Tennessee GOP chairman Chip Saltsman — dropped out of the race on Thursday with little explanation, saying only in a letter to RNC members: "I have decided to withdraw my candidacy."

Saltsman, who ran former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's failed presidential campaign last year, was considered a long-shot candidate who several Republican officials said likely wouldn't have had enough support even to be formally nominated had he continued his bid.

It faltered in December after he drew controversy for mailing a 41-track CD to committee members that included a song titled "Barack the Magic Negro," by conservative comedian Paul Shanklin and sung to the music of "Puff, the Magic Dragon." Despite criticism, Saltsman didn't apologize and defended the tune as one of several "lighthearted political parodies" that have aired on Rush Limbaugh's radio show.

All of Duncan's challengers have spent the past few months arguing that he simply represents a continuation of Bush; Duncan has argued he has the experience to make necessary changes.

Republicans say it's all but certain no one will get a majority on the first ballot when the 168-member RNC votes. Republicans say Duncan leads in endorsements for a second two-year term, with Steele, Dawson and Anuzis in competitive positions, while Blackwell trails. Still, with at least two rounds of balloting expected, it's possible anyone could end up with a majority.

Just eight years after Republicans controlled the White House and Congress, the GOP finds itself out of power and trying to figure out how to rebound while its foe has grown much stronger. The Democratic Party is empowered by a broadened coalition of voters — including Hispanics and young voters — who swung behind President Barack Obama's call for change.

"Unless we do something to adapt, our status as a minority party may become too pronounced for an easy recovery."

Mitch McConnell
Senator
Kentucky

Meanwhile, Bush left the White House with low job approval ratings, Republicans saw their ranks in Congress grow even smaller and the party finds itself without a standard-bearer. Perhaps even more damaging to the GOP, the slice of the country that calls itself Republican has shrunk over the past few years as Obama and his Democrats attracted voters of all political stripes.

Implicit in McConnell's message was the concern that the Republican Party under Bush strayed from its beliefs, resulting in drubbings in two straight elections.

While McConnell praised Bush as a man of principle, he said: "We can all agree, sad as it is, that he wasn't winning any popularity contests. And history shows that unpopular presidents are usually a drag on everybody else who wears their political label."

McConnell called for the GOP to embrace its conservative principles — and resist diluting its message — to bring people back and attract new rank and file. Still, he added: "It's clear our message isn't getting out to nearly as many people as it should. ... Too often we've let others define us. And the image they've painted isn't very pretty."

He acknowledged GOP fears that certain demographics from certain regions have shunned the party. And, he warned: "In politics, there's a name for a regional party: it's called a minority party."

EGYPT

Trucks stranded at Gaza border

Associated Press

RAFAH — More than two dozen trucks loaded with food, aid and goods intended for the Gaza Strip were stranded on the Egyptian side of the border Thursday, leaving truckers with little to do but sip tea and exude frustration.

The backlog raises questions about a U.N. appeal announced Thursday which calls for $613 million to help Palestinians recover from Israel's three-week offensive in Gaza and whether new aid will have much effect until there is a deal to open the devastated territory's borders.

"The ordinary people here in Gaza are not getting enough help and are not getting it quickly enough," said John Ging, the top U.N. official in Gaza.

He blamed the aid shortage on the lack of access to Gaza and demanded that the border crossings be opened.

"There are thousands of tons of assistance generously donated, sitting in Egypt, Jordan and also in the ports in Israel," said Ging. "That aid should be right here, right now, helping the people who need it."

Israeli Cabinet Minister Isaac Herzog told The Associated Press this week that Israel was letting in the maximum amount of aid that the Palestinians in Gaza can absorb — about 150 trucks per day.

Israel closed its crossings Tuesday after a bomb attack on the Gaza-Israel border killed an Israeli soldier. The Israeli military said the border was later reopened, and 174 trucks were let through on Wednesday and 149 on Thursday.

But the U.N. Relief and Works Agency said aid shipments are hitting bottlenecks on Gaza's borders with both Israel and Egypt. The agency is expected to take the lead in Gaza's reconstruction.

Egyptian officials have not explained why trucks have had trouble entering Gaza through the country's Rafah border crossing.

"We don't know why, but it is closed," said an Egyptian border official Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

The Rafah crossing is used primarily to transport medical aid and Palestinians seeking treatment, while the al-Awja commercial crossing some 40 miles (70 kilometers) to the south is used to send food aid into Israel, where it will be transported to Gaza, said Mohammed Fayez Arafat, an official with the Palestinian Authority in Rafah. He said that was arranged by Egyptian authorities.

Egypt and Israel effectively sealed their borders with Gaza in 2007 after the militant Palestinian group Hamas seized control of the crowded seaside territory from the Fatah faction led by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Israel launched its deadly offensive in Gaza in late December to stop Hamas rocket fire into its territory.

Hamas and Israel agreed to a fragile cease-fire almost two weeks ago, but violence has picked up again in recent days and attempts to forge a longer-term truce have been hampered by disagreements over Gaza's borders.

Hamas has said it will only agree to a longer-term truce if Gaza's border crossings are opened. But Israel does not want Hamas to have control over Gaza's borders, worried that the militant group will use the opportunity to smuggle in arms.

Washington's new Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, has proposed opening the crossings on the basis of a 2005 agreement brokered by the U.S. that puts Abbas' people in control of the Rafah crossing, with European monitors deployed to prevent smuggling.

Egypt has been exploring the possibility of including Hamas personnel on a border team supervised by Abbas' Palestinian Authority, but that would require some form of reconciliation between the bitterly divided factions.

Without a resolution of the border issue, the risk of violence will remain high and it will be difficult to get the aid into Gaza that its 1.4 million residents need to rebuild.

"Help is indeed needed urgently," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Thursday at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland.

He said donations in response to the U.N.'s emergency appeal will enable the organization and other aid groups to meet critical needs in Gaza for food, clean water, shelter, medicine and basic services.

For now, any additional aid runs the risk of simply sitting in the back of a truck.

Ahmed al-Kurd, the Hamas government minister of social affairs in Gaza, noted that Egypt is only allowing medical supplies through on its side of the border.

"The real demand is lifting the siege and opening the borders," said al-Kurd. "Food shipments cannot stay much longer at the borders."

More than a dozen trucks packed with white sacks of food were stranded inside the Egyptian crossing terminal Thursday. Another dozen trucks were lined up outside, and the drivers said they didn't know when they will be allowed in or why they were denied entry.

"We haven't been told whether to stay or to leave and that's really frustrating," said Hassan Mohammed, 35, who has been waiting at the Rafah terminal for three days to deliver flour, rice and powdered milk for an Egyptian aid organization.

"We have been waiting for nothing. We just need to unload our shipment and go back to Cairo," he said.

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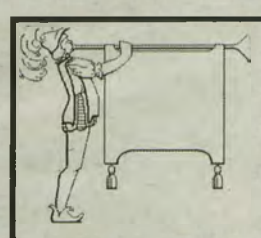

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Women's Basketball	Team A	7:00	Men's Table Tennis	Team A	7:15
	Team B	7:00		Team B	10:30
Target Golf	Team A	7:00	Women's Table Tennis	Team A	10:30
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Kayaks	Team A	9:45	Men's Racquetball	Team A	7:00
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Target Golf	Team A	NA	Women's Table Tennis	Team A	NA
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Kayaks	Team A	7:00	Men's Racquetball	Team A	7:20
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Innertube Water Polo	Team A	6:00	Women's Racquetball	Team A	7:00
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Broomball		8:00	Dodgeball		6:45

Knott/Pasquerilla East

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Target Golf	Team A	NA	Women's Table Tennis	Team A	7:45
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Kayaks	Team A	7:30	Men's Racquetball	Team A	7:40
	Team B	NA		Team B	NA
Innertube Water Polo	Team A	6:30	Women's Racquetball	Team A	7:00
	Team B	6:45		Team B	7:00
Broomball		12:00	Dodgeball		7:15

St. Edwards/Breen Phillips

Volleyball	Team A	6:30	Bags	Team A	NA
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Men's Basketball	Team A	6:00	LNO Obstacle Course	Team A	11:45
	Team B	6:00		Team B	7:45
Women's Basketball	Team A	6:40	Men's Table Tennis	Team A	7:15
	Team B	NA		Team B	10:15
Target Golf	Team A	NA	Women's Table Tennis	Team A	10:15
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Kayaks	Team A	NA	Men's Racquetball	Team A	7:20
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Broomball		8:30	Dodgeball		7:00

Zahm/Cavanaugh

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Innertube Water Polo	Team A	7:30	Women's Racquetball	Team A	7:00
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Broomball		12:00	Dodgeball		6:30

O'Neill-Duncan/McGlinn

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Kayaks	Team A	12:30	Men's Racquetball	Team A	7:40
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Broomball		12:30	Dodgeball		8:00

Dillon/Lyons

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Target Golf	Team A	NA	Women's Table Tennis	Team A	8:30
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Kayaks	Team A	8:30	Men's Racquetball	Team A	7:20
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Innertube Water Polo	Team A	7:00	Women's Racquetball	Team A	7:20
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Broomball		8:30	Dodgeball		7:30

Fisher/Pangborn

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Broomball		8:00	Dodgeball		8:15

Stanford/Farley

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Innertube Water Polo	Team A	7:00	Women's Racquetball	Team A	7:40
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Broomball		8:00	Dodgeball		6:30

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More A&L career help needed

THE OBSERVER **Editorial**

On Wednesday, the Career Center sponsored a Winter Career and Internship Fair for undergraduate students with representatives from over 100 employers. In a struggling economy with an unemployment rate of over seven percent, it's a compliment to the Career Center that students had the opportunity to network with such a large number of companies at all.

But the question of the visibility of these opportunities, and whose opportunities are being emphasized, still remains. The companies attending the January 28 Career Fair ranged from non-profits like Amate House in Chicago, to consulting firms like Clarity Consulting, to financial or accounting firms such as Credit Suisse or Deloitte. Aside from the small number of non-profit organizations, most of the representatives at the fair drew from a limited number of industries, focusing mostly on the financial sector, engineering firms, and other similar fields.

At a university whose largest and oldest undergraduate college is the College of Arts and Letters, the job search can be challenging for those among the 2500 Arts and Letters students who come to the Career Fair looking to capitalize on their skills.

If the focus of the Fair, however, is on the kinds of jobs and internships that pertain to students in other disciplines, the process feels that much more daunting.

It's essential that the Career Center avail whatever opportunities it has at its disposal to these students as they continue their job search in the midst of a gripping recession. Where these resources already exist, they must be better and more widely publicized to a greater cross-section of students.

Recently, the Career Center sponsored, along with a number of other universities, a series of career fairs, the Career and Internship Connection fairs, in several large U.S. cities, including New York, Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles. The CIC events were meant to focus on more regionally based employers who need Arts and Letters students.

But if students in these majors were unaware of the CIC events, or were unable to attend one in their geographic area, their needs were still unmet.

In order to succeed, these students, like their friends majoring in Accounting or Finance, have to be self-motivated. A career adviser can help students through the process of searching for jobs and internships, no matter their major, but hand-holding is not meant to be part of the Center's employees' job descriptions.

But when students in a variety of majors feel neglected by the services that are meant to help them, or are left ignorant and misinformed of whatever resources may already exist, a breakdown in communication will only result in lost opportunities.

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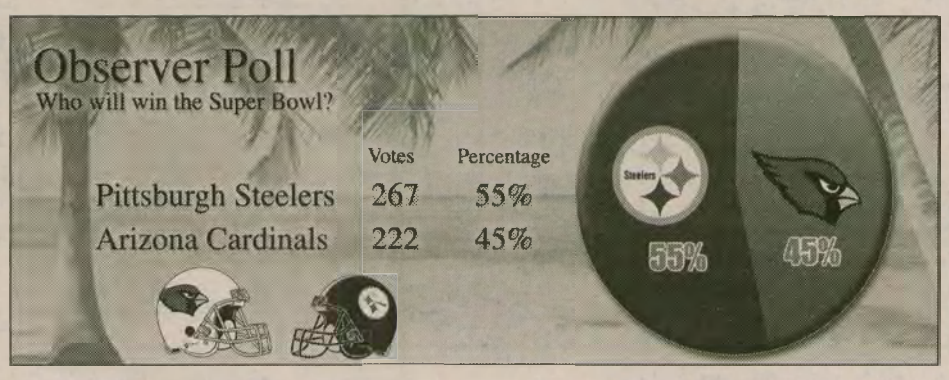


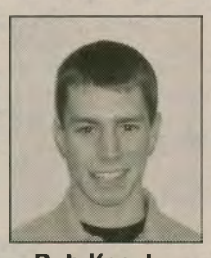
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom."

George S. Patton
former U.S. Army officer

We are...

Last Saturday, after many years, change finally came to Notre Dame. What I mean is that for the first time in recent memory, our team lost a major sporting event without having the student section chant 'We Are ND' during the waning moments of the game. Yes, the Leprechaun Legion took the loss to Connecticut very hard, but the students as a collective did not utilize the cheer that has become far too prominent following losses. For once, our fans took the loss with grace, but it did not last long.



Bob Kessler

House of Stix

By the time Monday rolled around, however, change had abruptly eroded and the student body returned to business as usual inside the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center. As the final seconds ticked away in the Irish Men's fourth straight loss, the students began the one cheer that makes me cringe more than any other.

WE ARE [clap clap] N. D. [clap clap]. WE ARE [clap clap] N. D. [clap clap].

I don't know if it is because the dozen or so Marquette fans that were present started a similar cheer, but our fans started to proudly proclaim who they are as if our team had just won the game. Because the Irish hadn't won the game, however, the cheer was unnecessary and incredibly uncalled for.

Many schools have similar 'we are' cheers, but I would be shocked if any of their student bodies utilize the cheer in a time of defeat. Penn State makes their whole stadium shake by doing the cheer with a rousing rendition of Zombie Nation during their football games. Our rivals Boston College, Marquette, and USC have all been heard doing it after victories. Nobody can forget Matthew McConaughey using it to inspire his team to victory in the film We Are Marshall. All of these uses are much more appropriate than the way our students utilize it, and all of them show far more class.

When Notre Dame Students utilize this cheer in defeat it is as if we are trying to proclaim our superiority over the team to which ours has just lost. The cheer inherently makes a value judgment over the other student body that somehow we are something that is better than them despite the outcome of the game. It is the Notre Dame students' way of saying, "It's ok that we lost the game because we are smarter than you" or "It's ok that we lost the game because we have better character than you." Regardless of who we are a loss is a loss; on this day we are not the best. The cheer is a blatant assertion of our perceived supremacy and when we do it as a student body it says more about what we are than who we are. When we do it in a time of defeat it says that we are cocky and arrogant.

We collectively think that we are better than schools like Marquette and Michigan State because we have been trained to think that way. During Freshmen Orientation, the students are gathered in the JACC and told by several speakers how special we are. As a part of my Frosh-O, we were taken to Fr. Sorin's grave and given a speech about how special we are. "You didn't choose Notre Dame, Notre Dame chose you" we are told. Notre Dame Students act arrogant because from the moment we step foot on campus, we are told that we are special (which makes us think that we are in some way more special than students at other schools).

In doing the 'we are' cheer at a time when we are losing, we become no better than our aspirational peers such as Northwestern and Stanford. I once heard Northwestern fans do a cheer that went, "That's alright, that's ok, we're gonna be your boss someday" and I instantly despised how much arrogance the cheer contained. However, our 'we are' cheer is worse because it doesn't just assume that we are going to have better jobs than the people from the other school, but it assumes that Notre Dame students are somehow better people than they are. This is unacceptable.

While I cannot stop the student body from doing the cheer any more than I can convince Mike Brey to utilize more of his bench players, I can refuse to do the cheer. When we inevitably lose to Louisville in a couple weeks, I will again contemplate leaving the game early just so I don't have to sit through the cheer, but I will stay. I hope that more students will join me in silence next time one of our teams loses. That would be change I can believe in, and it would show people how special we are.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Surely you jest

I grab one Observer everyday with lunch, however today I grabbed two. The first time I read the headline 'Interhall Ice Hockey is a Joke' I covered it with regurgitated chocolate dairy beverage and needed a second paper. Matthew, how can I prove my hockey fanhood to you? Well I am from Buffalo, NY and we don't have much else besides hockey, enough said. So let us communicate from one hockey die-hard to another. Matthew, you ask for more levels of hockey, I agree, give this man (and this campus) more hockey. Have an 'A' league, a 'B' league, and a 'What the puck is going on' league. I would love to play intramural hockey, but I have no equipment, and took ice skating lessons in PE. You're not going to find me on the ice trying the triple-deke anytime soon. However, this is where my opinion differs. Lengthening the season would only make it monotonous. With a shorter schedule each game is worth much more giving a playoff style atmosphere to each game. You complain that the season is too short if you don't make the playoffs. Quick fix, play better. My biggest issue with your letter is the idea that 'Interhall Ice Hockey is a Joke.' I mean, really? My first interhall ice hockey game was last night: Alumni vs. Zahm. Every Dawg cheered their men to victory with unrivaled intensity. The game lasted for about an hour and a half and ended with an awe-inspiring defeat of Zahm. Everyone left the game knowing that they had seen something great. Even though there were no Flying V's or Knucklepucks, there were lightening saves, dekes that pushed your concept of reality to the brink, and even a brawl. So Matthew, I agree with the notion that we need more hockey, who doesn't, but if you can't look forward to this great tradition then the joke is on you.

Tim Schumer
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Jan. 29

Package for our pals

Amidst the start of a new semester, a dwindling basketball season, and a never-ending, controversial war on parietals, Notre Dame students are consistently identifying one issue as more important than the rest: "the great squirrel quandary," as Mr. Patrick Gill called it in his recent letter.

I am writing to tell you, fellow Domers, that while your attention to this problem is well-deserved, you are approaching it in the wrong fashion. We must not focus on solving the problem's current symptoms, as Gill suggests with the option of a squirrel fight, but rather tackling its causes. Clearly, the squirrels require an unprecedented action in the form of an economic stimulus package.

Due to poor speculation and low interest rates (commonly defined as cold and ice), many squirrels have been subject to recent foreclosures of their homes. The number of unemployed squirrels is also higher than it has been in decades as a result of Notre Dame students' attempts at "going green" and thus improving their waste disposal techniques.

We need to get these squirrels back on their feet and in the trees so they can lead productive lives of their own without disrupting ours. I propose that the student senate pass an $80,000 stimulus package immediately. This package would include several miles of underground transport for the squirrels, grants to every squirrel family for investment and down payments on homes, and an increase in the number of fellowships to spur acorn collection and ice removal innovation.

Of course, this package does need to be paid for. I propose an indirect tax based on flex points — for every twenty flex points spent, one point goes towards the economic stimulus package. Such a deduction will hardly be noticed by flex-point dependent students, and it will quickly provide resources for the squirrels.

I agree with the previous writers that something needs to be done about the squirrel program on our esteemed campus, and this package is clearly the most economical solution. If we do not act quickly and boldly, our problems will only get worse. It is our responsibility as Notre Dame students, holders of a legacy, to usher in a new era of peace between ourselves and our furry neighbors.

Elise Garton
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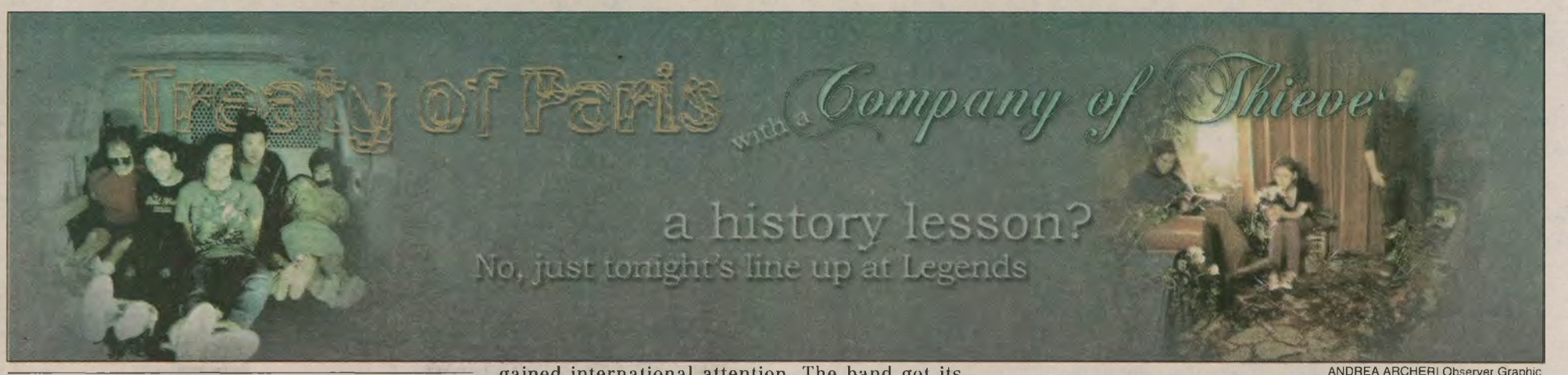

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By KAITLYN CONWAY
Scene Writer

Tonight, the combination of Chicago natives Treaty of Paris and Company of Thieves will fill Legends with their fantastic indie-rock flair. Both bands are just taking off, and the concert promises to be a great one. After tonight, we may very well be able to name Legends as the point where two incredible bands claimed their initial fame.

Company of Thieves, composed of singer Genevieve Schatz, guitarist Marc Wallach, and drummer Mike Oritz, is a relatively new group. While known in the Chicago area, the band is still looking to make an impression farther from home. Their CD, "Ordinary Riches," will be released in February, and has the potential to be an underdog hit. Schatz has a Sara Bareilles-esque quality to her tone, and one initially expects a piano-pop love ballad to emerge in one of the early tracks.

But instead, the band rarely uses piano in favor of an edgier, classic combination of drums and guitar, forming a harder indie rock tone. Tracks like "Pressure" and "Oscar Wilde" are sure to make the album popular, at least in some sectors.

Their sound is fresh, combining good instrumentation with great lyrics. The band looks to classic things – like the writings of Oscar Wilde – as their inspiration, and has named the album a tribute to their favorite artists. After the performance here, the band will be touring with Thriving Irony.

The better-known band of tonight's performance is Treaty of Paris. This group is popular in Chicago, and the odd video for "Waking Up the Dead" has gained international attention. The band got its beginnings when guitarist Dan Wade and drummer Chris Insidioso met in high school, putting out a CD in 2001 with singer Mike Chorvat joining them. Treaty of Paris as it is now known, with Phil Kosch on guitar and Nick Fonzi on bass, formed in 2004 and put out an EP, Behind Our Calm Demeanors, in 2005. The EP sold well in Chicago.

The band's first full length CD, Sweet Dreams, Sucker, was formed in collaboration with Andrew McMahon of Jack's Mannequin and Something Corporate fame. The album was released on McMahon's label this past September. Treaty of Paris will no doubt thrill the audience with great songs like "Here Goes Nothing," "Waking Up the Dead," and "Rollerskates."

These songs are fun to listen to, catchy enough that you'll be singing along before the song is done, and fast enough to bop around to.

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Treaty of Paris has toured with Yellowcard, Paramore, Jimmy Eat World, and My Chemical Romance. They will soon be on tour with Jack's Mannequin and Fun (the band formed by two former members of the folk-band The Format). They were also on the Vans Warped tour this past June.

So really, there's only one thing to do tonight. The show will be enjoyable and full of fresh sounds, something to be enjoyed buy both fans of the band and those who are going just because they are curious.

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Treaty of Paris: not what your history teacher taught you

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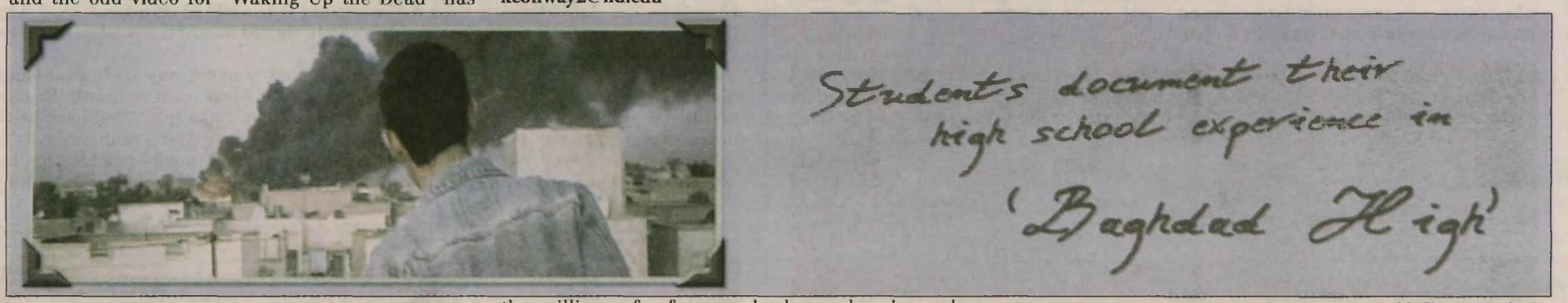
Get in the groove with this Company of Thieves



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By MAIJA GUSTIN
Scene Writer

Tonight the Worldview Film Series will be screening "Baghdad High". This film will be featured at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 6:30 and 9:30. It is a free but ticketed event.

This documentary tells the moving story of four boys, all close friends, trying to live an ordinary senior year of high school in the center of chaos. These boys were given a video camera and basic instructions in filmmaking to film their lives for an entire year as a video diary. What results is a simple story about four normal boys of differing religions and backgrounds who study, love music, and talk about all the problems plaguing teenage boys. All of this, though takes place amidst explosions and gunfire.

Hayder, Anmar, Ali, and Mohammad face extraordinary challenges in their lives. Their power may go out for days at a time, they often cannot go to school for fear of leaving their home, and every step they take outside may mean injury by a stray bullet or roadside bomb. Every day, their families have to grapple with the decision to stay in Baghdad or to flee and become a part of the millions of refugees who have already made that decision. But even faced with injury, upheaval, or death, the boys still just want to hang out and talk about Britney Spears and their own hairstyles. Their close friendship and the goals they have for their futures give them reason to be optimistic in the face of extreme violence. Hayder aims to be a singer-songwriter and Ali dreams of being an architect.

Even faced with injury, upheaval, or death, the boys still just want to hang out and talk about Britney Spears and their own hairstyles.

They do not see their lives as unfair, although they may hate the people responsible for tearing their nation apart. Rather, they turn to each other to find some glimpse of hope in a situation that many on the outside view as hopeless. "Baghdad High" is a glimpse into stories unseen until now, showing more than faceless statistics, carrying the message that while things may not be great in Baghdad, the people nevertheless survive and find some normalcy in life.

"Baghdad High" is an HBO Documentary Film released last year. It is the brainchild of two journalist/filmmakers who spent a great deal of time in Iraq. Co-producer and co-director Laura Winter is scheduled to be present during the film. It is 88 minutes long featuring English subtitles to accompany the Arabic and Kurdish film.

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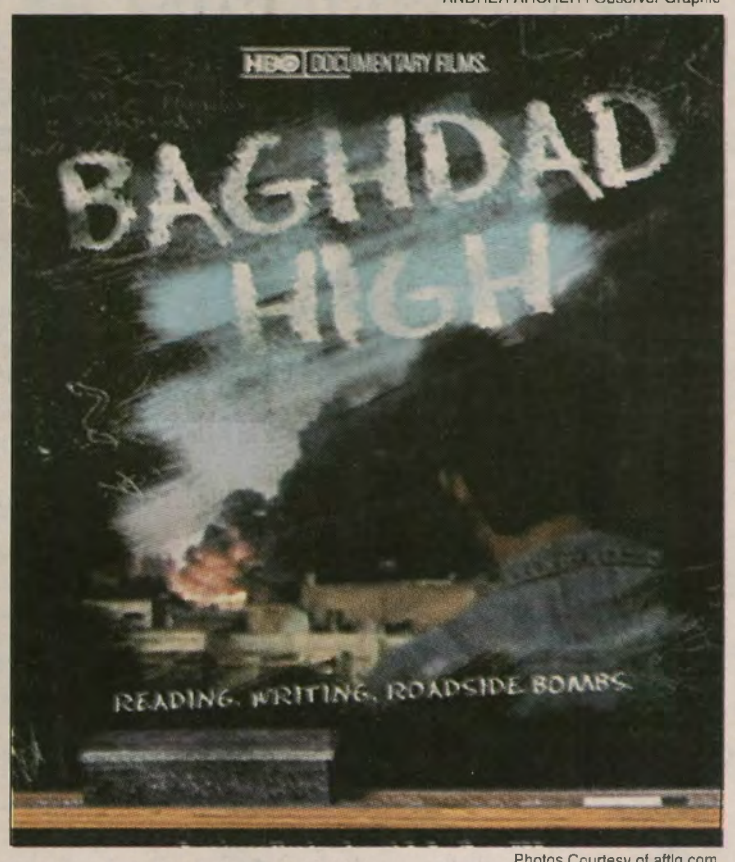

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A Look at the Screen Actors Guild Awards

And the Most Entertaining Speeches

By STEPHANIE DEPREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

Last Sunday, Hollywood circled the wagons once more for a night of glitz, champagne, and, contrary to popular belief, real food.

The Screen Actors Guild held their 15th awards show, commonly known as the SAGs, amidst growing discontent with the fact that actors still do not receive residuals for work in New Media (like the internet) and the looming shadow of a possible strike. It was all laughs, though, except for a few pointed comments, including the speech of Tina Fey, who won the first award of the night.

The evening started predictably enough, with Fey taking top honors for Outstanding Female Actor in a Comedy Series (no surprise there) and Kate Winslet wining for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role for "The Reader," a she had done at the Golden Globes.

But things got tricky to predict when Hugh Laurie once again took home the Actor (SAG version of Oscar) for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series. Most would have pegged this one for James Spader of "Mad Men." Hugh Laurie even commented that he'd bet money on Spader, and had apparently lost the bet.

The best moment of the evening was easily Meryl Streep's win for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role. When her name was announced, she looked beyond shocked and immediately started hugging her daughter.

Streep ran through the aisles, arms raised high in the air like a basketball player whose number had just been announced on the court. She raced up to the stage and accepted her Actor, turned to the mic and explained that she was so sure she wasn't going to win, she didn't even buy a dress. Indeed, she was wearing black slacks and a nice black blouse, something one would have easily assumed to be a dress if it were only seen from the waste up.

The most poignant moment of the evening was Gary Oldman's appropriately understated acceptance of Heath Ledger's award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role.

Top honors went to Slumdog Millionaire, whose charming stars didn't fail to look completely delighted to even be mentioned. Female lead Freida Pinto looked quite beautiful in a bay blue gown, and the show's lead Dev Patel looked like a normal teenager — too tall and skinny for his own pants.

Good news for the Notre Dame community is that "Slumdog Millionaire" film will be coming to the Browning Cinema at the beginning of March.

Overall the show was predictable but enjoyable. The air of the evening was general relaxation. No one at the SAGs is trying to prove anything, because it is community of actors only. The voting pool of 100,000 picks who they think is best, free of producers and politics.

Now all eyes turn to February, the Kodak Theater, and the Academy Awards. New co-producers for this year's Oscars promise a show like never before, with a new format and a host who can sing, dance, and spring claws from his knuckles. Hugh Jackman and The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences are gearing up for a great show this year, but for now, the Screen Actors Guild has done just fine.

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Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series

Hugh Laurie as Gregory House in "HOUSE"

"Thank you. This is amazing. I actually had a hundred dollars on James Spader. This is just not my night.

"Seven years ago I was making a film in the Namibian Desert, against the advice of my agent, who was convinced that the more films you do, the harder it is to break into television. And I got a few pages of a fax – I was faxed a few pages of a script, it had no title, but I fancy that I knew instantly that this was an extraordinary character who could go the distance. That's a complete lie. I had no idea. And this is absolutely amazing to me now to look back over these last six or seven years. It's been an incredible journey, and made more incredible by my, as it were, traveling companions.

"With an incredible cast, incredible crew. I'd specifically like to thank David Shore and Katie Jacobs, who are the heart and soul of the show. I don't know which is which, that's really a casting issue. I'd also like to thank Brandt Joel, Christian Hodell, and lastly, the Guild, the Guild, the Guild, you. Lastly, Brian and Susan Borg who do the craft services on "House." And they do the finest cheesy eggs this side of the Rio Grande."

Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role

Meryl Streep as Sister Aloysius Beauvier in "DOUBT"

"Thank you, everybody. Shh! Well, I didn't even buy a dress! I'm really, really, really shocked! And even though awards mean nothing to me anymore...I'm really happy...Okay.

"I want to thank, oh, so many people. Miramax, Daniel Battsek, and especially Scott Rudin, who just goes out of his way to find interesting things for everybody to do, especially the girls. And, oh, can I just say, there is no such thing as the best actress. You know? There is no such thing as the "greatest living actress." I am in a position where I have secret information, you know, that I know this to be true. I am so in awe of the work of the women this year, nominated, not nominated. So proud of us girls. And everybody wins when we get parts like this."

Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role

Kate Winslet as Hanna Schmitz in "THE READER"

"Wow. What a year it has been in movies. I just want to say it's really an honor to be included in what I think is such a remarkable year. And to be acknowledged by my peers in this way, I really feel like everybody should be given a medal. I have to say that because I really believe it to be true.

I'm a bit lost for words, I'm sorry. Playing Hanna Schmitz was such a blessing, and even though it made me completely insane. And I just want to thank the cast and the crew, both in front of the camera and behind it. I just think that hard work deserves to be acknowledged, and these people really gave 100% of themselves to this film. And Harvey Weinstein for his commitment, and Stephen Daldry for his direction and support. And, of course, the late Anthony Minghella and Sydney Pollack."

Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Comedy Series

Tina Fey as Liz Lemon in "30 ROCK"

"I want to thank my daughter, Alice, for being the funniest person in my family; for coining phrases like, "I want to go to there." And sometimes just putting on pretend makeup in the mirror. And she'll turn to me and say, "I look like Barack Obama." She has somehow gotten it in her head that it's a good thing to resemble a famous politician. I don't know where she got that idea. But it kind of is a little stroke of luck if it happens.

"And I want to thank Alice for her patience. And some day she'll be old enough to watch "30 Rock" reruns on the Internet, and understand where mommy was going at 6 a.m. every day, for all that time. And she'll look up at me and say, "What do you mean you don't get residuals for this?

"I love you, Alice. Take care of me when I'm old and broke!"

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NHL

Ott scores in Stars' 4-2 win over Red Wings

Islanders, Devils, and Hurricanes all hold on to secure one-goal victories in third period and overtime

Associated Press

DETROIT — Brad Richards had two assists a minute apart on power plays midway through the first period and the Dallas Stars beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-2 Thursday night.

Steve Ott, Jere Lehtinen, Chris Conner and Loui Eriksson put the Stars ahead 4-0 early in the second period.

Marian Hossa and Andreas Lilja scored for the Red Wings during a second period in which they almost scored two more goals, but video review and incidental contact prevented them from tying the game.

Chris Osgood gave up two goals on the first five shots he faced and was benched after giving up three goals on 12 shots in the first period. Ty Conklin replaced him and finished with 10 saves.

Dallas' Marty Turco had 22 saves.

The Stars have won three straight and are 5-1-1 in their last seven games, continuing a surge up from the bottom of the Western Conference. Since Nov. 30, they are 15-7-3.

Detroit, meanwhile, is 0-3-1 in its last four games after an 8-0-1 stretch padded its lead in the Central Division.

The Red Wings were without Henrik Zetterberg because of a back injury, a day after he signed a 12-year, $73-million contract. Zetterberg hopes to play Saturday at Washington.

Zetterberg's presence was missing at both ends of the ice as Detroit fell behind 4-0 for the first time this season after a couple of trends were reversed.

Dallas entered the game 30th on the power play on the road and Detroit had the NHL's best success rate at home on penalty killing. On the game's first two penalties, the Stars went ahead 2-0 on goals 1:17 apart.

Ott deflected Richards' shot past Osgood for the first, and Richards set up Lehtinen on the second. Conner beat Osgood on the short side late in the first period, leading to the goalie getting pulled.

Conklin gave up a goal to Eriksson on the second shot he faced, then didn't allow another as the Stars held on to their big lead with a conservative style.

New York 5, Atlanta 4

Kyle Okposo had his first two-goal game in the NHL, and goalie Yann Danis survived a shaky third period in the New York Islanders' victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Thursday night.

In a matchup featuring two of the league's three worst teams, the Islanders snapped a 14-game losing streak on the road (0-13-1) with their first consecutive victories since late November.

The Thrashers, losers of three straight, dropped to 9-14-2 at home. Only the Islanders' 19 points at home are fewer than Atlanta's 20.

Doug Weight's eighth goal chased Thrashers goalie Kari Lehtonen, who faced just 15 shots, just 13:17 into the game.

With 7:21 remaining, Okposo's ninth goal, a wrister from the bottom of the right circle, gave New York a 5-3 lead and helped Danis compose himself. It also made a tough-luck loser out of Johan Hedberg, who stopped 17 of 18 shots, but was saddled with the defeat since Okposo's second goal proved to be the difference.

Ilya Kovalchuk's 21st goal, a tip-in with 58 seconds remaining, ended the scoring. Each team gave up four goals in a period, Atlanta in the first and New York in the third.

Danis stopped the first 22 shots he faced before Zach Bogosian's slap shot — the rookie defenseman's third goal — cut the lead to 4-1 in the first minute of the third.

With 13:40 remaining, Atlanta's Rich Peverley made it 4-2 on the power play, using a backhander for his fifth goal. Marty Reasoner's wraparound made it 4-3 two minutes later.

Entering with an NHL-worst 12 points on the road, the Islanders hadn't won away from home since taking a shootout against the Canadiens on Nov. 24.

Trent Hunter, who missed two games due to a hand laceration, opened the scoring 55 seconds into the first. His wrist shot produced his 12th and first since a Dec. 4 loss at Washington.

Okposo, who has four goals in three games, made it 2-0. The NHL's seventh overall draft pick in 2006, Okposo scored on the power play in the previous two games.

AP

Islanders right winger Kyle Okposo celebrates after scoring the second of his two goals in New York's 5-4 win over Atlanta.

New Jersey 4, Boston 3

Jamie Langenbrunner scored his second goal of the game with 1:11 gone in overtime and the New Jersey Devils, who allowed three straight third-period goals to blow a two-goal lead, beat the Boston Bruins on Thursday night.

Scott Clemmensen stopped 24 shots for New Jersey, which won its seventh consecutive game.

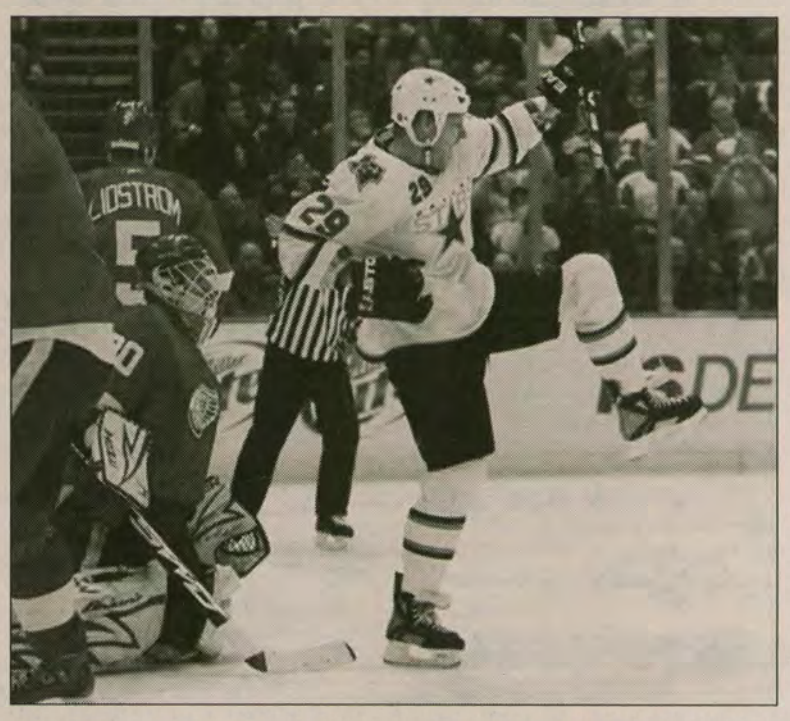
Tim Thomas made 26 saves for the Bruins, who lost for the fifth time in 21 games.

Langenbrunner and Zach Parise scored to give the Devils a 2-0 lead after two, but Boston took its first lead on Dennis Wideman's slap shot with 6:30 left. New Jersey tied it on Patrik Elias' goal with 1:45 to play in regulation.

Boston's Marc Savard had a goal and an assist, and Phil Kessel had a pair of assists in his first game after missing six with mononucleosis.

The Atlantic Division-leading Devils, who had given up just six goals in five games, moved past Washington and into second place in the Eastern Conference, 11 points behind the Bruins.

Elias scored after the Bruins twice failed to clear the puck out of their zone in the closing minutes, crashing the net and tipping a pass from Brian Gionta past Thomas; a replay review confirmed he did not kick it in on purpose.



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Stars center Steve Ott celebrates after scoring a goal during Dallas's 4-2 win over Detroit on Thursday. Dallas has won three straight.

Langenbrunner gave the Devils a 1-0 lead with 4:59 left in the first period on a short-handed goal, putting the puck off both of Thomas' pads before it squeaked across the goal line. Langenbrunner assisted when Parise put a shot off Thomas' back from behind the net with 13:39 left in the second to make it 2-0.

The Bruins made it 2-1 with 17:40 to play in the third when Clemmensen went behind the net to play the puck but left it there for Chuck Kobasew, who swept it around and into the post. Kobasew got the rebound into the net, and Clemmensen gloved the puck out of the air, but the replay showed that it had crossed the line.

Savard scored his 18th of season 7:11 into the third, taking a pass from behind the net on the side, sliding it over the goal line, and wristing it between Clemmensen and the post to tie it 2-all.

Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 2

So this is what the Carolina Hurricanes needed to get back on track: A return home, a visit from the team they always seem to beat, and a dramatic goal from their All-Star center.

Eric Staal scored with 1:36 remaining to lift the Hurricanes past the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

Matt Cullen had a goal and an assist, Chad LaRose also scored and Cam Ward earned his 100th NHL victory for the Hurricanes. Carolina, which had lost six of eight, played just its second home game since Jan. 6 and improved to 4-0 against the Lightning.

"We talked about it before the game, (that) this is a huge 30-something games for us," Staal said, referring to the Hurricanes' remaining 32 games. "We've got to win. ... We've got to bring our consistent work ethic and effort every night. Our defense did a tremendous job tonight of blocking shots — they did good with the sticks, real solid.

"Obviously, Cam was big. We're going to need him to be the rest of the way."

Mark Recchi had a goal and an assist, and Ryan Malone also scored for Tampa Bay, which was denied its first four-game winning streak since November 2007 and fell nine points behind the Hurricanes in the Southeast Division.

"The margin of error is so small now that a loss like this, especially to a team we're trying to catch, is a huge loss," Lightning center Jeff Halpern said. "Every loss right now is a big loss."

Staal capped the critical flurry of late activity that he started by taking the puck off the stick of Martin St. Louis.

Sergei Samsonov whiffed on a slap shot from the slot and couldn't stuff home the rebound. Neither could Tuomo Ruutu, but Staal was parked to goalie Mike Smith's left and snapped the puck past him for his team-leading 21st goal.

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USCHO/CBS Men's Hockey Top 20

	team	points	record
1	NOTRE DAME (37)	987	19-3-3
2	Boston U. (13)	963	18-5-1
3	Northeastern	867	17-5-2
4	Cornell	831	14-2-3
5	Minnesota	79	12-5-5
6	Vermont	716	14-5-4
7	Denver	696	15-7-3
8	Michigan	692	18-8-0
9	Princeton	582	13-5-0
10	Miami (OH)	553	14-8-4
11	Boston College	450	11-8-3
12	North Dakota	432	15-10-3
13	New Hampshire	353	11-8-4
14	Ohio State	347	16-7-3
15	Wisconsin	279	16-10-3
16	Minnesota Duluth	271	13-7-6
17	Colorado Coll.	244	13-9-6
18	Yale	158	13-5-1
19	Air Force	97	17-6-1
20	Dartmouth	67	10-7-2

CCHA Men's Hockey Conference Standings

	team	record	points
1	NOTRE DAME	13-2-3	32
2	Miami	12-5-3	28
3	Alaska	9-8-5	26
4	Michigan	12-6-0	24
5	Ohio State	9-6-3	24
6	Nebraska-Omaha	8-7-5	24
7	Ferris State	7-8-3	17
8	Lake Superior	4-8-6	15
9	Northern Michigan	4-10-4	15
10	Western Michigan	4-9-5	14
11	Bowling Green	6-11-1	13
12	Michigan State	4-12-2	12

USTFCCCA Men's Indoor Track and Field Top 25

	team	points	previous
1	Oregon	132	19
2	Arizona St.	130	1
3	Arkansas	129	6
4	Florida	126	8
5	Florida St.	104	2
6	Texas A&M	102	10
7	Texas	82	3
8	LSU	79	4
9	Louisville	73	NR
10	BYU	71	NR
11	Kentucky	69	NR
12	Texas Tech	67	NR
13	UNI	65	9
14	Baylor	59	19
15	Nebraska	56	17
16	South Carolina	55	NR
17	Michigan	54	NR
18	Kansas St.	52	NR
19	Arizona	51	NR
20	Georgia	49	NR
21	Georgetown	48	17
22	Boise St.	47	NR
23	Missouri	42	NR
24	UCLA	41	14
25	Stanford	40	7

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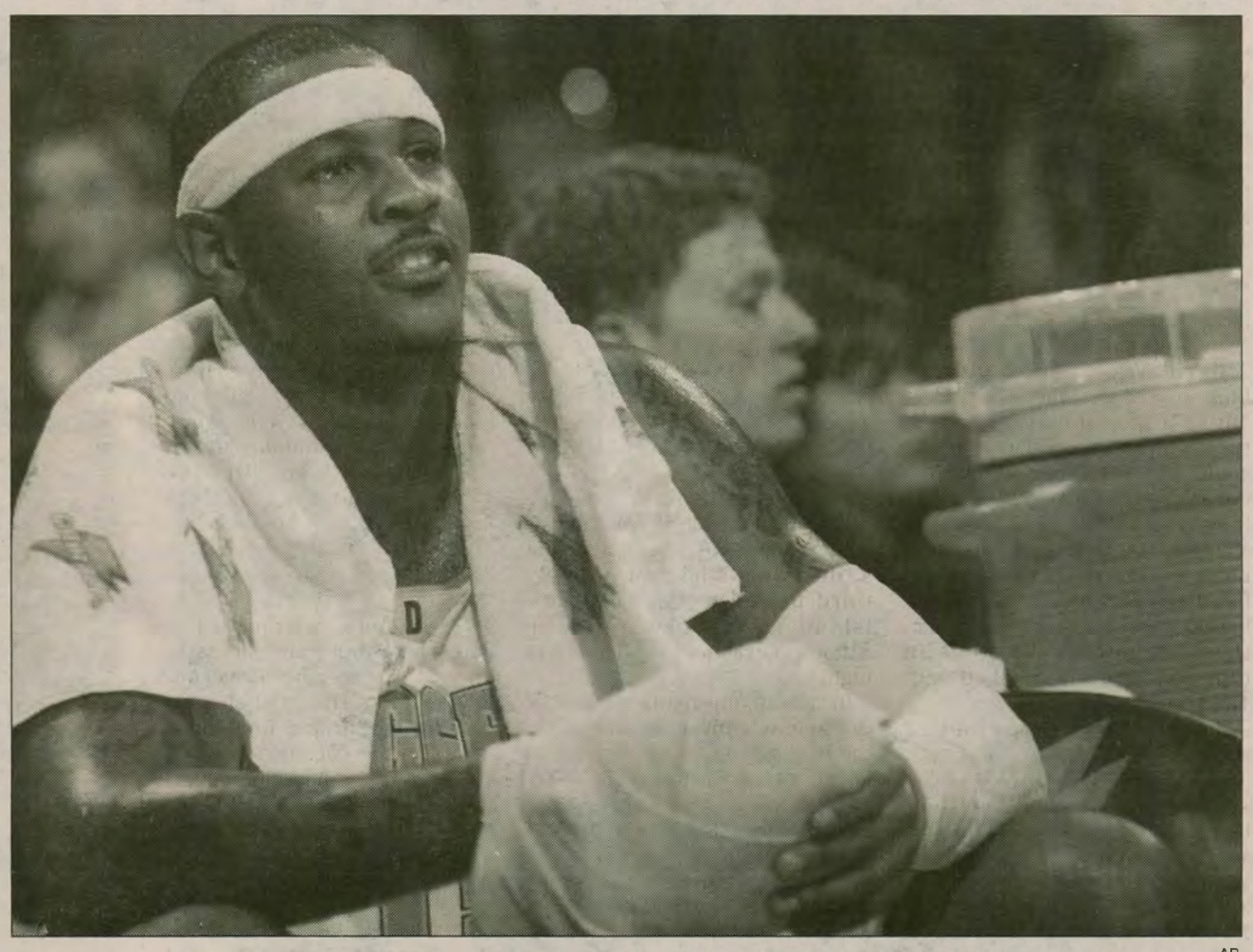


AP

Carmelo Anthony ices his hand after breaking it in a collision with Indiana Pacers center Jeff Foster, on Jan. 5. Anthony was expected to miss about four weeks, but he will play on Friday in Charlotte.

Carmelo returns early from injury

Associated Press

DENVER — Carmelo Anthony still has a tiny fracture in a bone in his right hand.

However, it's nothing that a little white athletic tape can't remedy.

The Denver forward has been cleared by his doctor to play Friday night against Charlotte, provided he tapes up his two middle fingers to protect the healing hand.

"No tape, no play," Anthony said after a strenuous workout on the court Thursday that lasted around an hour. "That was (the doctor's) quote. Got to listen to that."

Anthony was injured on Jan. 5 when Indiana center Jeff Foster swatted at the ball, catching a good chunk of Anthony's shooting hand. Anthony played through the second half despite numbness.

Afterward, he found out the hand had a fracture and he'd be out around four weeks.

Turns out, he's a fast healer.

"The doc didn't know how well my hand was going to heal," Anthony said. "Today, he was surprised at how well it healed. I healed faster than I thought, faster than he thought."

He was hoping for even more good news Thursday night, but it didn't arrive as Anthony wasn't among the players selected as a Western Conference reserve.

Instead, teammate Chauncey Billups made the squad, his fourth straight All-Star appearance.

"The only reason why is because of the injury," Billups said of Anthony's exclusion. "It's just an unfortunate situation."

Anthony realizes the hand is now an open invitation for even more swipes from opposing players.

Not that he's concerned.

"There's nothing I can do to prevent it but sit out," he said.

Hardly an option. Anthony is sick of sitting on the sideline. He's already missed 10 games because of the fractured hand, the team going 6-4 in his absence.

"I'm so excited to have him back," Billups said. "We need him desperately right now."

The injury did give Anthony a unique vantage point, picking up on the subtleties of the game.

"When you sit on the sideline in games, it becomes clearer to you," said Anthony, who's averaging 21.1 points and 7.3 rebounds this season. "You start seeing things you probably wouldn't see out there on the court."

IN BRIEF

Felton fired as Georgia Bulldog basketball coach

ATHENS, Ga. — Dennis Felton led Georgia on a surprising run through the SEC tournament last season, winning four games in four days to capture the title.

He won't get that chance this year.

Felton was fired as coach of the Bulldogs on Thursday, one day after the team dropped to 9-11 and 0-5 in the Southeastern Conference with a 26-point loss to Florida.

"I thought we needed new leadership at this time and that's why I made the change in the middle of the season," athletic director Damon Evans said.

Evans called Felton in Gainesville, Fla., on Wednesday night after an embarrassing 83-57 loss to the Gators, and delivered the news during a meeting in his office Thursday morning.

"I wanted to be patient. I think I've shown patience in the past. It came to a culmination for me. I'm not going to say last night was the thing that triggered it. There were a lot of things," Evans said.

Galaxy expect Beckham to return to L.A. in March

CARSON, Calif. — Galaxy coach Bruce Arena dismissed reports from Italy that David Beckham could stay with AC Milan beyond his current loan.

"No one ever knows the accuracy of anything," Arena said after practice Thursday. "Everything gets distorted, so we don't concern ourselves with those kind of reports."

Beckham joined AC Milan in December on a loan that ends March 8. He has started four games and scored twice.

"He's going to be back here March 9," Arena said. "We've entered into a loan agreement with AC Milan (in which) the player, his agent, AC Milan, ourselves and Major League Soccer understand the guidelines."

Beckham was quoted in Corriere della Sera on Wednesday as saying he might want to stay with AC Milan beyond March 8. AC Milan vice president Adriano Galliani said Wednesday that club officials will meet with Beckham's representatives to discuss the possibility of retaining him.

Cancer strikes Eagles' coordinator Jim Johnson

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Johnson has had a recurrence of cancer, this time in his spine, team officials said Thursday.

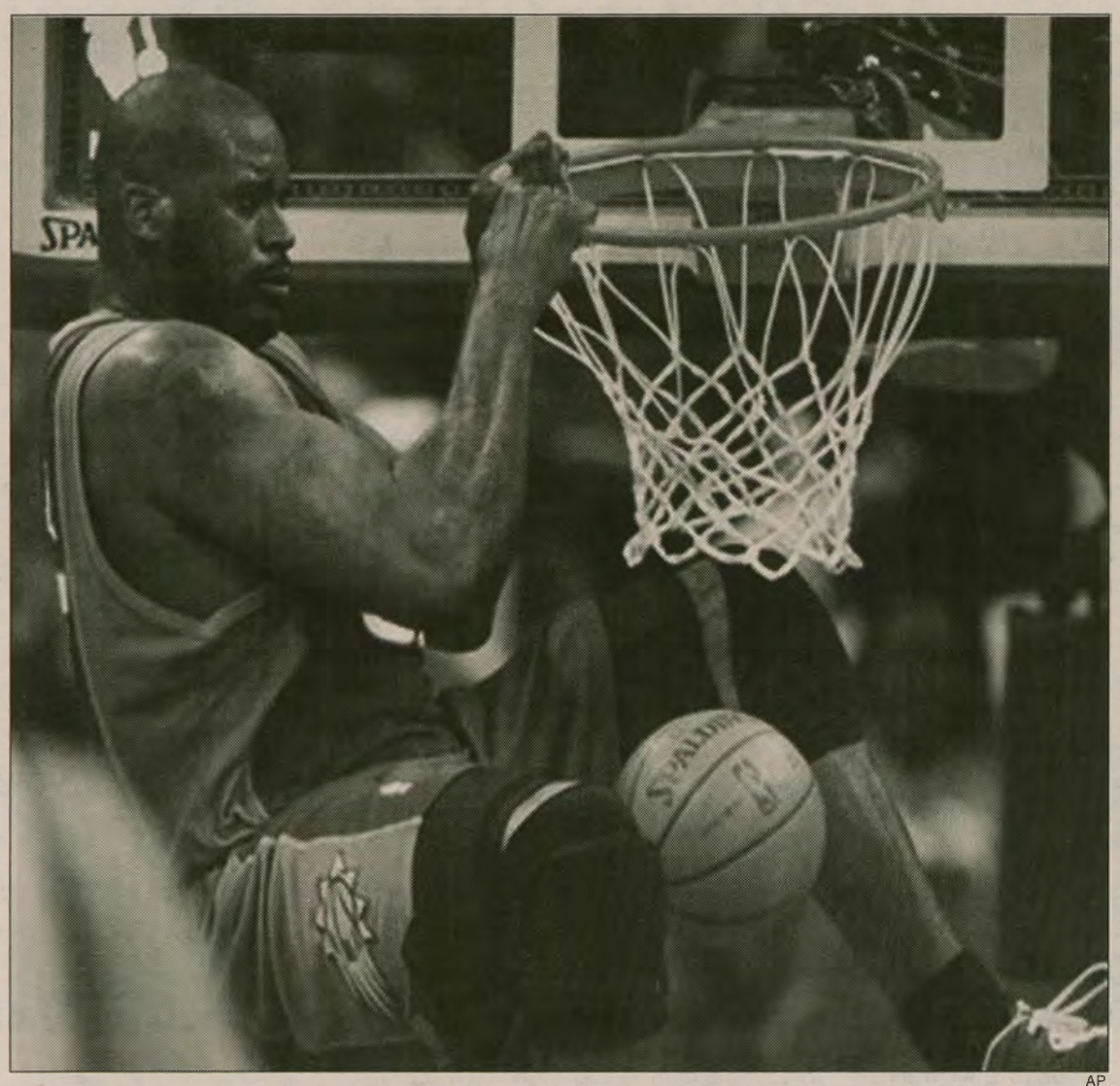
Eagles trainer Rick Burkholder told The Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News that Johnson on Monday was diagnosed with melanoma skin cancer that has formed a tumor in his back. Johnson has begun radiation treatments at Bryn Mawr Hospital, the trainer said.

The tumor is in the same area where Johnson's skin cancer was diagnosed in 2001, Burkholder told the newspapers. Johnson also has cancer in other areas of his body, Burkholder said, but he declined to elaborate. The team did not offer a prognosis.

"Who knows where it tracked to from there, but his symptoms came from the spine," Burkholder told The Inquirer. "Now there are some other areas in his body (that have cancer), but I'm not going to get into where else some other stuff is. They will all be treated together. "

NBA

Shaq back in All-Star game



AP

Suns center Shaquille O'Neal dunks during the second half of Phoenix's game against the Memphis Grizzlies on Dec. 30. On Thursday, O'Neal was selected to his 15th NBA All-Star game.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shaq is back in the All-Star game.

After being left out of the NBA's midseason gala for first time in his career last season, Shaquille O'Neal received his 15th All-Star selection Thursday night when the reserves were announced for the Feb. 15 game in Phoenix.

O'Neal and Suns teammate Amare Stoudemire give the host team two Western Conference All-Stars.

New Orleans, San Antonio and the Los Angeles Lakers also had multiple players on the West roster, which will be coached by the Lakers' Phil Jackson.

The Orlando Magic made out best in the East, with Jameer Nelson and Rashard Lewis picked as reserves by the conference's coaches alongside starter Dwight Howard. It's the first time Orlando has had three All-Stars.

"I was just anxious to find out," Nelson said. "I honestly don't get that way. But me hearing everywhere, 'You're an All-Star, you should be an All-Star, you're having an All-Star year.' So you just want to see if people will give you the respect that other people think you deserve."

But for the second year in a row, only two of the Boston Celtics' Big Three made the initial roster: Paul Pierce was voted in with starter Kevin Garnett, while Ray Allen was left out.

Traded to the Suns at last season's deadline, O'Neal endured the worst season of his career and had his record-tying streak of 14 consecutive All-Star appearances end. Now he's back in the showcase game, and trails only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar with 19 for most appearances.

Abdul-Jabbar, a Lakers assistant, will help coach the West team.

The 36-year-old O'Neal was averaging 18.2 points and 9.1 rebounds entering Thursday night's showdown against the Spurs. He needs five more points to catch Hakeem Olajuwon for seventh on the NBA's career scoring list.

O'Neal isn't the only veteran on a West roster flush with experience. The Spurs' Tim Duncan and the Lakers' Kobe Bryant are each making their 11th appearances, while Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki was picked for the eighth time and Houston center Yao Ming for the seventh time.

Carmelo Anthony, who's missed the last 10 games with a broken bone in his right hand, was left off the roster even though he's been cleared to play Friday night at Charlotte. That leaves point guard Chauncey Billups the lone selection from the division-leading Nuggets.

"I was definitely excited. My next question right directly after that was, 'Did Melo make it?' Of course I'm disappointed in that," Billups said. "The only reason why is because of the injury. It's just an unfortunate situation."

Acquired in a trade with the Pistons on Nov. 3, Billups has given Denver a steady backcourt presence. The four-time All-Star is averaging 19.0 points and 6.5 assists.

If the West team plans to rely on experience, the East might turn to youthful exuberance.

Making their first All-Star teams are Nelson, New Jersey guard Devin Harris and Indiana forward Danny Granger, who was snubbed last season but whose play for the injury-depleted Pacers has been extraordinary.

Granger is fourth in the league in scoring at 25.8 points per game.

"He's really dedicated himself as a basketball player," Indiana coach Jim O'Brien said. "Danny really stormed onto the scene and improved at a level that was astounding."

Stoudemire, Yao, Bryant, Duncan and Chris Paul of the Hornets were voted by fans to start for the West. The East starters are Garnett, Howard, Dwyane Wade, Allen Iverson of the Pistons and LeBron James of the Cavaliers.

Coaches were then required to vote for two guards, two forwards, a center and two at-large reserves. The other picks for the West were Pau Gasol of the Lakers, Tony Parker of the Spurs, Brandon Roy of the Trail Blazers and David West of the Hornets. Filling out the East roster are Raptors forward Chris Bosh and Hawks guard Joe Johnson.

There was little controversy in fan voting — besides Stoudemire beating out Spurs reserve Bruce Bowen by just 68,000 votes — but the ballots turned in by the league's coaches left a bunch of deserving players with a gripe.

Allen was passed over despite averaging 18.0 points and helping Boston to a 38-9 record. The eight-time All-Star was skipped over last year, too, but was later added by commissioner David Stern as an injury replacement for Caron Butler.

Deron Williams and Paul Millsap of the Jazz also were left off the rosters. So were the Suns' Steve Nash, a six-time All-Star, Mo Williams of the East-leading Cavaliers, Antawn Jamison of the Wizards and Al Jefferson of the Timberwolves.

NFL

Players' union quells talk of NFL lockout

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The NFL players' union plans to pick a successor for the late Gene Upshaw early this year, and sees no reason to expect a lockout in two years.

Owners are opting out of the current labor deal after the 2010 season, however, the union said it didn't anticipate trouble.

"This is a good thing we have going on between the players and owners," president Kevin Mawae said Thursday in the NFL Players Association's first news conference since Upshaw died in August. "The players don't feel we have to get to that point."

The five finalists to replace Upshaw, as reported last week by The Associated Press, are former NFLPA presidents Troy Vincent and Trace Armstrong; former Bears tackle Jim Covert; Ben Utt, who played for Baltimore and Indianapolis; and Washington-based attorney DeMaurice Smith.

Mawae, the All-Pro center for the Tennessee Titans, said three candidates will be presented to the union's executive board at its annual meeting in Hawaii in March. An election is scheduled to follow, and serious negotiating with the league won't take place before then.

"What Gene would have wanted most was for us to carry on with the business of the union," said acting executive director Richard Berthelsen, the players' longtime counsel. "Our mission is to not only retain the partnership we have with NFL owners, but improve on it.

"We have seen unprecedented labor peace in our sport and unprecedented prosperity together with the owners. We think have a pretty good thing going," he said.

It will end, however, after an uncapped 2010 season if the two sides don't negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement. Berthelsen presented information that the union believes confirms just how prosperous the 32 teams are.

A union-commissioned study showed the average value of the teams has grown from $288 million to $1.04 billion over 10 years, an increase of about 14 percent a year. Berthelsen said the average gain in the last year alone was $82.6 million, and he challenged anyone to find an industry "with similar numbers in this economy."

Noting that 95 percent of the Miami Dolphins sold for $1.1 billion earlier this month — "pretty amazing," he said — Berthelsen added that the average profit was $24.7 million in the last year. That would make for $107 million in average annual return, "a very good return for anybody in any economy."

With those numbers, the union questions why the owners would be dissatisfied with the CBA — let alone consider the elimination of a salary cap. Mawae said the cap has worked well for all concerned, but that the players won't accept one again if it disappears next year.

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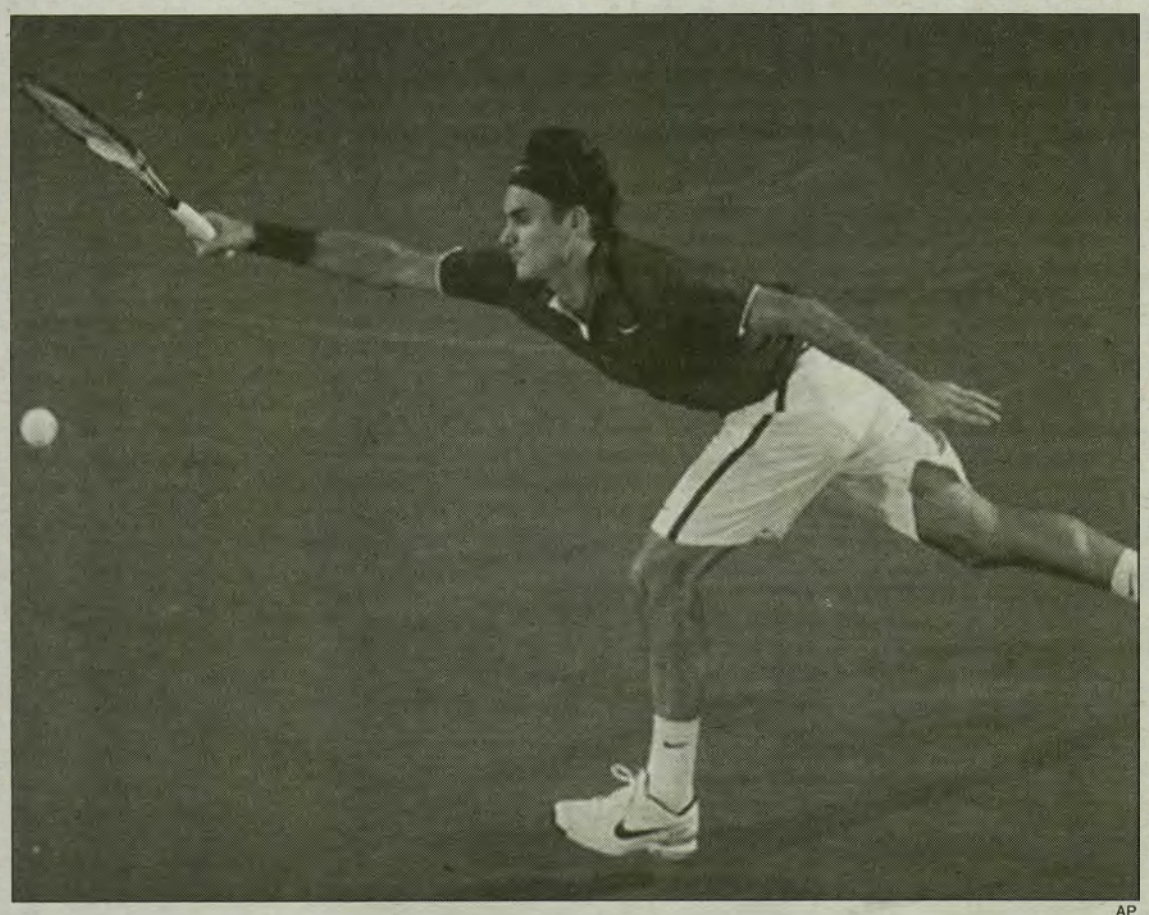
Federer closing in on Sampras



AP

Roger Federer stretches to make a return to Andy Roddick during their semifinal match at the Australian Open. Federer is trying to tie Pete Sampras's record of 14 Grand Slam singles titles.

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick was right there when Pete Sampras won his 14th Grand Slam title. And he was right there again when Roger Federer moved within one victory of matching Sampras' record.

After a scorching day in which temperatures hit 111 degrees, Federer beat Roddick 6-2, 7-5, 7-5 in more manageable 91-degree heat Thursday night in the Australian Open semifinals.

The Swiss star will be playing in his 18th Grand Slam final but won't know his opponent until Friday night, when Spanish left-handers Rafael Nadal and Fernando Verdasco meet in the other semifinal.

Federer will be going for a fourth Australian title. Serena Williams will be doing likewise, and also going for a 10th Grand Slam singles title. She ended the 15-match winning streak of Olympic champion Elena Dementieva, winning 6-3, 6-4 to set up a final against Olympic silver medalist Dinara Safina.

This was Federer's seventh straight win over Roddick in a major and put his overall record in this matchup at 16-2. His loss to Roddick in Miami last year now seems like an aberration.

Roddick lost to Sampras in straight sets in the quarterfinals at the 2002 U.S. Open when he was a 20-year-old emerging talent. Sampras, then 31 and in his 52nd major, retired after beating Andre Agassi two matches later to win the U.S. Open.

Roddick won the next year at Flushing Meadows and held the No. 1 ranking in 2003. Federer was about to embark on an astonishing run.

"I think when Pete did it — I was a part of that one, too — everyone was saying how kind of lofty of an achievement it was," Roddick said. "I don't know if we thought we would see it any time soon. Little did we know (Federer) was going to start it the next year and go after it."

Roddick is 26, just more than a year younger than Federer.

"It's like my childhood was Pete, and now it's kind of my grown life is Roger," he said. "I guess Roger is a contemporary of mine, which didn't lessen the affect. I see Pete and Andre and I still get a little jittery. It's crazy to think it's come full circle and the magnitude of the numbers (Federer's) accomplished, it's pretty scary if you sit down and go through what it takes to accomplish that."

Roddick lost 15 pounds during the offseason and started retooling parts of game with new coach Larry Stefanki so he'd be more competitive against Federer. Yet every time he gave himself half a chance, Federer shut him down.

"He just came up with shots when he needed to," Roddick said. "That's what he does."

Serena Williams had little problems in her singles semifinal, then combined with sister Venus to win a doubles semifinal. They will play for the title Friday against Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova and Japan's Ai Sugiyama.

Safina defeated fellow Russian Vera Zvonareva 6-3, 7-6 (4) to move into contention for her first major and the No. 1 ranking — two things her older brother, Marat Safin, achieved.

Federer's focus has been increasingly sharp since he was forced to come back from two sets down to beat Tomas Berdych in the fourth round. In his quarterfinal, he convincingly took down No. 8-ranked Juan Martin del Potro, then did the same against Roddick.

This was the hottest January day in Melbourne in 70 years. By the time Federer and Roddick were on court in the evening, temperatures had dropped and the retractable roof was open.

Federer broke twice in the first set. Adding to Roddick's frustration was a call that went against him as Federer served at 4-1, sparking a running discourse with chair umpire Enric Molina.

A tiebreaker loomed in the second set with Roddick serving at 5-5. That was until Federer upped the ante and won the last 12 points. The pattern was repeated in the third.

At this stage last year, Federer was deconstructing his loss to Novak Djokovic in the semifinals. He spoke of having "created a monster" with all his success.

Federer is over the mononucleosis that lingered at the start of last year and contributed to a season in which he lost the No. 1 ranking he held for 237 weeks. He said he's in much better physical and mental shape, yet still surprised how any dip in form is interpreted.

"If I lose a set or two sets against Berdych, everybody is like, 'Oh, my God, he's not the same anymore,'" he said. "And then you beat Del Potro and everything is back to normal. You don't lose your edge that quickly. It's just not possible."

He responded to the close shave against Berdych in the best way he knew.

"Came up with two great victories now and usually that's when I start playing my best: Toward the end of the tournament," he said. "I think this is where you should judge a great player."

No Spaniard has won the Australian title, but Nadal is clearly best qualified. He's the only man to beat Federer in a Grand Slam final — three times at the French and the five-set epic last year at Wimbledon.

Federer said he'd have more of an advantage over Verdasco, who has never reached this stage of a major.

But "playing Rafa is obviously more exciting because of the history we have," he said. "Him being the best player in the world at the moment, it would make it a very intriguing match."

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish ready for National Indoor Championships

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

After a convincing 6-1 rout of No. 32 Ohio State last weekend, the No. 17 ranked Irish head to Fayetteville, Ark. for this weekend's National Team Indoor qualifying tournament.

Notre Dame will face off against No. 29 Pepperdine in the first round and, with a win, will advance to take on either No. 17 Arkansas or Oregon in the finals.

"The competition should be very good this weekend," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "Arkansas and Pepperdine are both ranked and are always very experienced teams."

The winner of this weekend's tournament will travel to Madison, Wisc. next month to participate in the National Team Indoor championships with 15 other teams from across the country.

Louderback really likes the way his team is coming together so far this season.

"Our doubles teams have looked very good in practice and the doubles point is always a key in dual matches," he said. "Our lineup is deep in the singles and doubles competitions with a good mix of upper and underclassmen."

Currently, the Irish's No. 1 doubles squad of senior Kelcy Tefft and freshman Kristy Frilling is the top ranked doubles team in the nation. The pair had a very strong fall season finishing with a record of 13-1 and got out to good start this season against Ohio State winning their match 8-3.

The Irish are really excited about the season that lies ahead of them and, after the early-winter layoff, are just glad to be playing real matches again.

"We were really excited to start playing against last weekend," Louderback said. "This is a team that just really enjoys competing."

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NFL

Bucs hire Jagodzinski as offensive coordinator

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Three weeks after being dismissed by Boston College for pursuing an NFL head coaching job, Jeff Jagodzinski was hired Thursday by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to be their offensive coordinator.

Jagodzinski, who led Boston College to the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game in each of his two seasons, was fired Jan. 7 after being told he would be let go if he interviewed for the New York Jets' coaching vacancy.

He went on the interview despite the ultimatum and was fired the next day. The Jets job eventually went to Rex Ryan.

Jagodzinski also was a candidate to be the San Francisco 49ers' offensive coordinator before accepting the job with the Bucs, who fired coach Jon Gruden and general manager Bruce Allen two weeks ago.

Raheem Morris, who at 32 is the youngest head coach in the NFL, succeeded Gruden and hired Bill Bates as his defensive coordinator last week. The Bucs also announced the hiring Thursday of Pete Mangurian as offensive line coach.

Jagodzinski led Boston College to a pair of bowl appearances and lost twice to Virginia Tech in the ACC title game during his brief stay with the Eagles. He was an NFL assistant for eight years with the Green Bay Packers and Atlanta Falcons before moving to BC, where he tutored this year's NFL rookie of the year Matt Ryan.

Technically, he replaces Bill Muir as Tampa Bay's offensive coordinator. In actuality, Gruden — fired after the Bucs finished with four consecutive losses to miss the playoffs following a 9-3 start — ran the offense.

Jagodzinski was a tight ends coach for the Packers from 1999-2003, then spent the next two seasons with the Falcons, serving as tight ends coach in 2004 and offensive line coach in 2005. He returned to the Packers as offensive coordinator in 2006.

Despite the 45-year-old's success at Boston College, athletic director Gene DeFilippo didn't hesitate to fire Jagodzinski after telling the coach he would do so if he met with the Jets, who were searching for a replacement to Eric Mangini.

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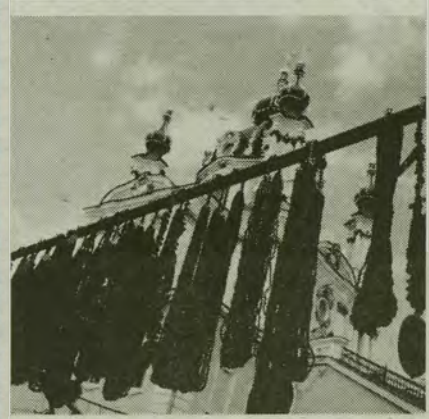
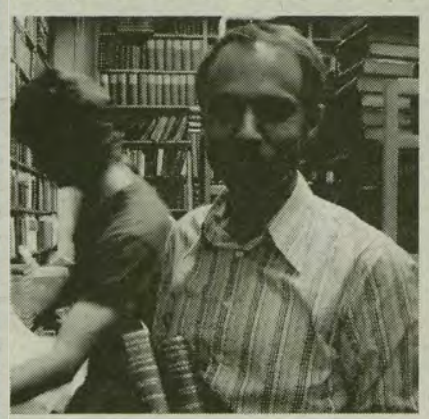

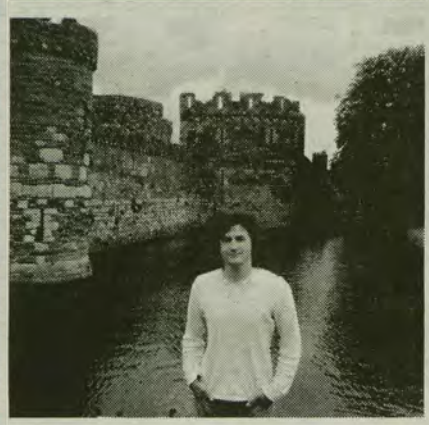

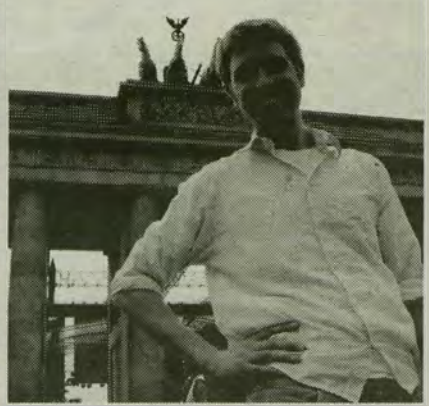

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SMC Swimming

SMC set to face Kalamazoo

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles swimming and diving team will take on Kalamazoo today at Rolfs Aquatic Center at 7 p.m. This meet, the second-to-last dual meet of the season, will be used to prepare for the MIAA conference championships February 19-21. According to captain Melissa Gerbeth, the team is not quite ready for the awaiting challenges in the championships, but the girls are working hard to get there.

"Right now we are still somewhat broken down coming off of a really intense training trip and continuous hard practices," Gerbeth said. "I think that our team will be ready for Conference at the end of February."

The Belles are coming off a 167-64 loss to a tough Division II opponent in Hillsdale College, but will look to right the ship and avenge last year's heartbreaking 145-149 loss to Kalamazoo.

As part of the preparation for the championships, the Belles (4-5) took a winter training trip to Florida. Captain Mary Kate Daday felt this trip was crucial in the team's development so far this season.

"Right now we are still somewhat broken down coming off a really intense training trip and continuous hard practices."

Melissa Gerbeth
Belles captain

"After our winter training trip in Florida our team really came together physically and mentally," Daday said. "We pushed each other in the water and have become closer as a team."

The trip has produced results on paper, too, as personal best times are being achieved on a regular basis. Swimmer Audrey Dalrymple, who set the school record in the 200-yard breaststroke, and diver Leah Bocisnky, who set a season best on the 1-meter dive, have been performing especially well of late.

Daday hopes this will continue against Kalamazoo, against Olivet next week, and especially into the MIAA championships.

"I am confident everyone will work hard, have positive attitudes, and get pumped to finish the season successfully," she said.

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ND Track & Field

Notre Dame ready to compete in two meets

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Irish track and field team is in for a busy few days this weekend, with two meets taking place in two different states.

The first, the Indiana Invitational, will take place in the Gladstein Fieldhouse in Bloomington, Indiana. Most of the team will compete at this Friday/Saturday event. Friday is devoted mostly to preliminaries, with the women's 60-meter hurdles heats starting things off at 3 p.m., followed by the field events with the weight throw and the long jump at 4 p.m. The finals will take place on Saturday morning, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the weight throw and the triple jump.

At the same time, some Irish athletes will compete in Findlay, Ohio in the Findlay Invitational. The Irish are coming off an impressive performance at the Notre Dame Invitational where both the men and women defeated Michigan State, Marquette, and Wisconsin. Once again, a number of athletes achieved Big East qualifying marks, including junior Joanna Shultz and freshman Natalie Geiger with times of 24.42 and 24.96 in the 200-meter, freshmen Jordan Rincon and Alex Korenstra with times of 47.65 and 49.69 in the 400-meters, and brother Kevin and Matt Schipper in the pole vault.

Furthermore, senior Anna Weber's throw of 19.07 meters achieved her not only a victory in the weight throw, but also an NCAA-provisional qualifying mark. She joins classmate Mary Saxer in the pole vault as the two athletes with NCAA marks.

In the Indiana Invitational, the Irish will compete against major programs such as Indiana, Michigan, and Purdue. The athletes going to the Findlay Invitation will face tough competitors from smaller, Division II schools such as the University of Toronto, the University of Findlay, and Ashland University.

The entire Irish team will return home next weekend for Meyo Invitational, which will feature Big Ten schools such as Iowa and Illinois and is the last home meet before the Big East Championships.

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Cats

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The Irish struggled mightily against Rutgers on both ends of the court Tuesday night. After opening up with four straight free throws, the Irish were held scoreless until the 10:22 mark in the first half while the Scarlet Knights rattled off 17 straight points. That trend was continued throughout the game, and the Irish could never find their way at either end.

As for the Cincinnati game, McGraw said she is more concerned right now with fixing the defense.

"I think we can win scoring 60, but over the last few games it's been creeping up towards 70."

During Notre Dame's current funk, the Irish have allowed 75 to Marquette, 67 in the win over St. Johns, 55 to Villanova and 78 most recently against Rutgers.

The defense will not have any rest going into Saturday's game as it plays one of the most prolific outside games in the conference in the Bearcats. Cincinnati has already taken 411 shots from beyond the arc (making 129 for a .314 shooting percentage), compared to only 77-for-226 for the Irish.

"[Cincinnati is] going to challenge us. The 3-point defense is not as effective as I'd like it to be," McGraw said. "I think we will be better — we worked on [3-point] defense in practice this week — but the three is our No. 1 concern."

The last two games, perimeter shooting has been the main reason for Notre Dame's defeats. Villanova shot 10-of-27 on Jan. 24 and Rutgers shot 7-of-14 from 3-point distance on Tuesday.

The Irish hold a slight advantage over the Bearcats in height — the tallest players to receive significant minutes for Cincinnati this season are 6-foot-1 forwards Michelle Jones and Val Schuster. McGraw said that Cincinnati makes up for this lack of height with athleticism in the post.

"I don't think [size] is going to be a factor because [the Cincinnati posts] are so physical," McGraw said. "They're a good matchup, they're strong, but they can also step back and shoot threes."

McGraw said she expects for junior guard Kahla Roudebush to be the Bearcats' most potent offensive weapon. Roudebush leads the team with 16 points, in addition to tallying 4.4 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game this season.

"Roudebush is a veteran, experienced player," McGraw said. "She'll step up and play well."

Cincinnati has also added talented freshman guard Shanasa Sanders, who is averaging 7.2 points (third best on the team) and 3.7 rebounds per game. Sanders was named the Big East Freshman of the Week on Jan. 19.

"They are a very different team than last year," McGraw said.

The Bearcats are nursing a two-game losing streak of their own, but that is not something to take too seriously based on their recent opponents, McGraw said. On Jan. 20 Cincinnati lost 66-50 at No. 6 Louisville and on Jan. 24 it lost 65-34 against top-ranked and undefeated Connecticut.

Tipoff Saturday is at 2 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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Bobby Bayliss said. "Neither [Tulsa], nor anyone else, has yet had the opportunity to prove much."

The Irish have lost every dual match they have played against ranked teams so far this season. Two of those losses — Jan. 16 against No. 14 Pepperdine and Wednesday's against No. 11 Florida State — were by a score of 4-3 that easily could have gone the other way.

"I am proud of the way we are fighting in these close matches and confident that if this continues it will result in wins," Bayliss said. "We are two tiebreakers from being 3-1 with two top-15 wins, so we know we can play with most of the better teams in the country."

Tulsa (5-1) brings two ranked singles players, including No. 10 Arnau Brugues. He will face senior Brett Helgeson, ranked 20th, in No.1 singles.

"Brugues is one of the more talented players in college tennis, but we believe that [Helgeson] is also in that elite group," Bayliss said.

The Golden Hurricanes also bring a challenge in doubles, though none of their teams are currently ranked. The Irish have one ranked pair, the No. 37 duo of Helgeson and sophomore Tyler Davis.

"Tulsa has historically played great doubles and I expect that to be the case this season," Bayliss said. "The reason that they have no ranked teams is that they have several new players who have just arrived this semester and have no college record. Winning the doubles point will be a challenge for us."

The winner of the match between Notre Dame and Tulsa will go on to face the winner between No. 19 LSU and No. 21 Texas Tech. The losers of each match will play in a consolation bracket.

"I have no preference as to whom we will play on Sunday," Bayliss said. "Both teams are very good and ranked much higher than we. For us it will simply be the fifth top-20 team we have faced in our six matches and another opportunity to prove ourselves."

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SMC Basketball

SMC to face Flying Dutch

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

For the Saint Mary's basketball team, this weekend's game arguably carries more weight than any other they have played up until this point.

With only six games left in the MIAA regular season, the Belles will travel to Holland, Mich., this Saturday for a conference matchup against the nationally-ranked Flying Dutch of Hope College. Since both teams are tied with MIAA best 9-1 conference records, the outcome of Saturday's conference will have major ramifications in determining which of the two will end the regular season as champions.

Fatigue could be an issue for Saint Mary's (11-7, 9-1), which, despite winning its last three games, is playing its fourth game in a row away from home. One of those games was a thrilling overtime win against Calvin Wednesday.

Hope (15-1, 9-1) is coming off of a 79-42 win against Alma last Wednesday.

The Belles, interestingly enough, were the only team to hand the Flying Dutch a loss this season. To make sure there is a similar outcome Saturday, the Belles will need a strong effort from senior forward and South Bend native Erin Newsom, who leads the team with just under 15 points a game. On the other side of the ball, Saint Mary's must contain Hope's depth on the bench. Sophomore guard Erika Bruinsma has lead Hope in scoring three out of the last six games, despite coming off the bench.

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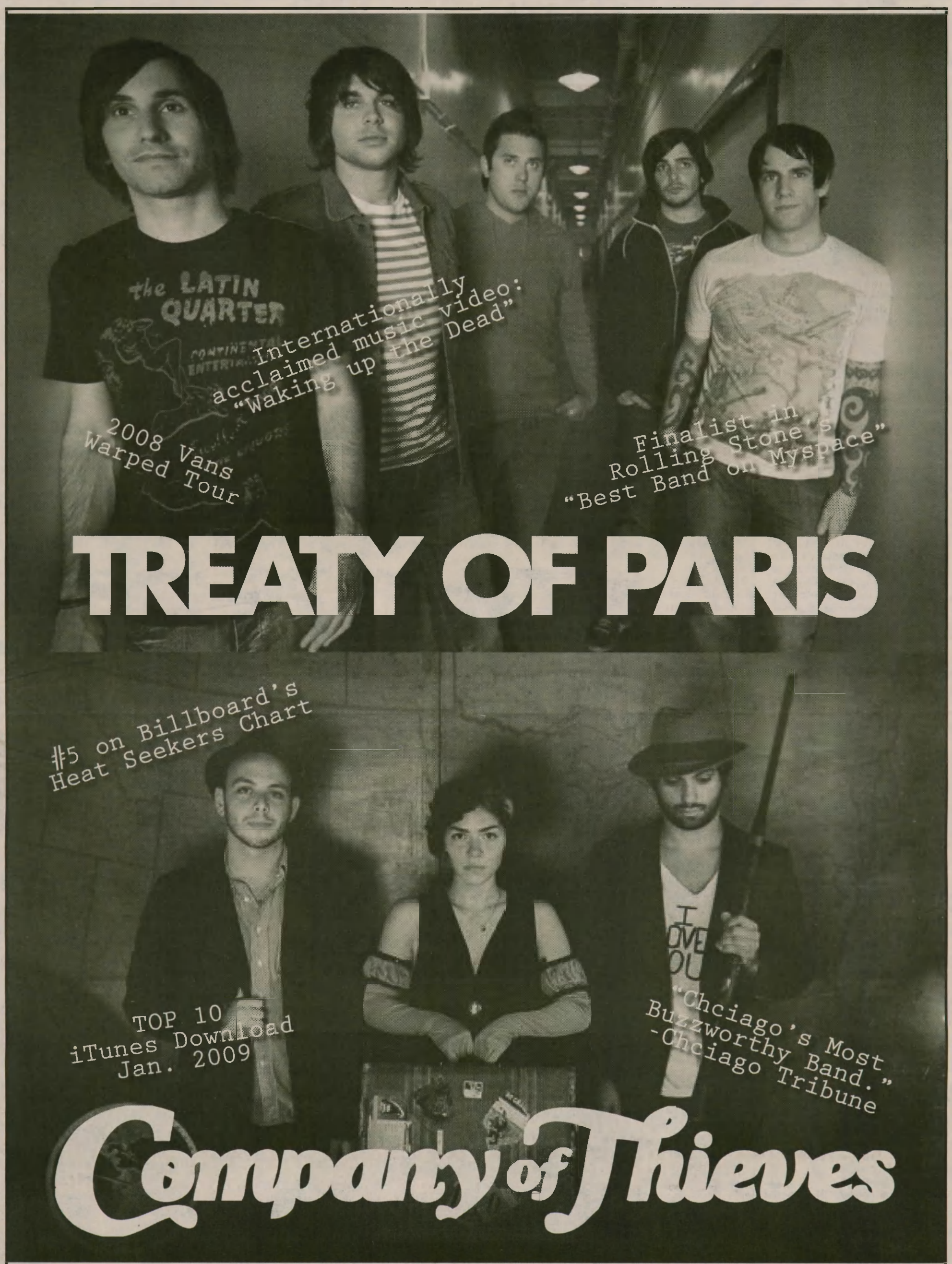

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Marquette, they really guarded me," McAlarney said. "It was really tough. I thought I had maybe two good looks all game."

McAlarney said he expects the added attention because teams figure they can beat the Irish if they are able to contain him.

"That's what I've earned, I guess. I'm expecting teams to kind of try and hang their hat on, 'We've got to shut down Kyle on the perimeter and then we'll beat them,'" McAlarney said. "But I disagree with that because I think Ryan [Ayers] is going to find it. I think Zach [Hillesland] is going to find it."

That would certainly help, even if the pair of senior forwards found the bottom of the net just a little more than they have been. In Ayers's case, somebody must've stolen his ability to hit a shot one night while he was sleeping. He's a combined 1-for-17 in his last two games.

But for someone who's made shots at such a high percentage (despite these last two games, Ayers still shoots 42 percent from the field), a slump like that isn't bound to last long. Ayers said he's identified what he needs to fix with his shot.

"My mechanics are fine, it's just getting my legs underneath me and being more smooth. I felt like the rattling in and out means I need more of an arc on my shot," Ayers said.

As for the third struggling senior, Hillesland, he knows he has better basketball in him than what he's showed in Notre Dame's losing streak. In Notre Dame's last seven games, Hillesland has scored a combined 19 points. Hillesland was never one to light up the scoreboard, but he knows his team needs more out of him than what he's given of late.

"For me, it's narrowing my focus and not worrying about, 'Oh I missed that shot, I could've blocked out better there, is coach getting ready to sub me?' or something like that," Hillesland said.

But despite the recent losses, there have been some positives. Even with Notre Dame's offensive woes, the Irish were still in their last two games until the last seconds. Why? Answer No. 1 has been their defense, which just surrendered 69 and 71 points to Connecticut and Marquette respectively.

Then there's Luke Harangody, who, with each day, looks more like he'll repeat as Big East player of the year. Harangody scored 24 points against 7-foot-3 Connecticut center Hasheem Thabeet and 29 against Marquette.

"I think what he does continually is amazing really," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "He's there every night. He's bringing it every night. It's really a great display of consistency and toughness and I've told him privately that we certainly appreciate it and I don't want it to go unnoticed."

Harangody will face another test Saturday in the form of DeJuan Blair and Sam Young. The two Pittsburgh forwards are among the Big East's best, both offensively and defensively.

"You have to prepare yourself for it every game," Harangody said of facing the big men of the Big East. "It's going to be so physical that you're going to have to go as hard as the next guy...

"It'd be nice to go, like in those non-conference games we had this year, go up against a 6-5 180-pound guy. Every night, I realize it's not going to happen, so I've just got to put up with it."

"It's going to be so physical that you have to go as hard as the next guy."

Luke Harangody
Irish forward

In Notre Dame's last matchup against the Panthers, the Irish overcame an 11-point second half deficit to win 82-70. Tory Jackson had 16 points and a career-high 13 rebounds to lead the late surge. The Irish may need another similar effort to take down a Panthers team that returns many players from last year's squad.

At 3-5, Notre Dame is in a precarious position in the Big East. It's not too late to make a run and get a decent NCAA Tournament seed, but a few more losses and just making the Tournament can become difficult. Right now, the Irish aren't trying to think too far ahead and haven't worried themselves by looking at the standings or discussing hypothetical situation that would get them in or out of the Tournament. Tip off is scheduled for 12 p.m. Saturday. The game will be televised on ESPN.

Notes:

◆ To shake things up this week Mike Brey brought his team in for multiple early-morning practices.

"We've come in, in the morning just to kind of get some reps up and kind of polish some things up that maybe we haven't been able to do when we play a few games in a short period of time," Brey said.

◆ Harangody was asked before practice Thursday if there was one player in the Big East he looked forward to going up against.

His answer:

"I would say Hasheem [Thabeet] ... It's such a challenge going up against him because he's such a freak," Harangody said. "Someone asked me to describe it, it's just you think you got your shot up and he just comes out of nowhere."

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Across

1 Where to get a good view of a hit and run
8 Comic book series that spawned films in 1994 and 2005
15 Gives last rites to, e.g.
16 Lightly and quickly, in music
17 Dr. Ruth, e.g.
18 Prepare to ship
19 Member of la familia extensa
20 Pop superstar's informal name since 1997
22 Wyo. is on it in the summer
23 "Listen Like Thieves" band
25 They may be greased
26 Chapter 13?
27 Missouri relatives
29 One of the Baltimore Ravens' mascots
30 Strips on a table
31 At the head of the line
33 It's unreal
35 Had a 33-Across, say
37 Song standard with the lyric "Can't you see I'm no good without you?"
41 Conform
43 End of a middle watch
44 Rona who wrote "Mazes and Monsters"
47 Far out
49 Best
50 A leading manufacturer of cars
51 Reference book abbr.
53 Sinew: Prefix
54 Funeral home item
55 New Jersey shopping mecca
57 Be windy
58 Got hitched
60 Food similar to a bannock
62 Uranus's largest moon
63 Alternative to a tanning booth
64 Responded contemptuously
65 Round parts, perhaps

Down

1 Strong defenses
2 Pretty poor chances
3 Love letters?
4 Nurse
5 Hydrocarbon endings
6 Just off the bottom, nautically
7 Sandal variety
8 An anchor often faces it
9 Falcon-headed god
10 Company whose slogan is "Home away from home"
11 Purchase at a home store
12 Weak
13 Small pad
14 Didn't strike
21 Move slowly
24 Counterbalances
26 An unknown quantity
28 Wong of book and film
30 "The Jungle Book" bear
32 Kind of rock
34 Mischievous tyke
36 Way out in the country
38 Bop alternative
39 Literally, "white mountain"
40 Delegates
42 Pioneer's org.
44 Old tournament events
45 Title transport in a 1941 song
46 Done, slangily
48 Retires from the R.A.F.
51 Title lady in a 1933 song
52 Two 55-Downs
55 Half a 52-Down
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59 Women's org. with the motto "God, home and country"
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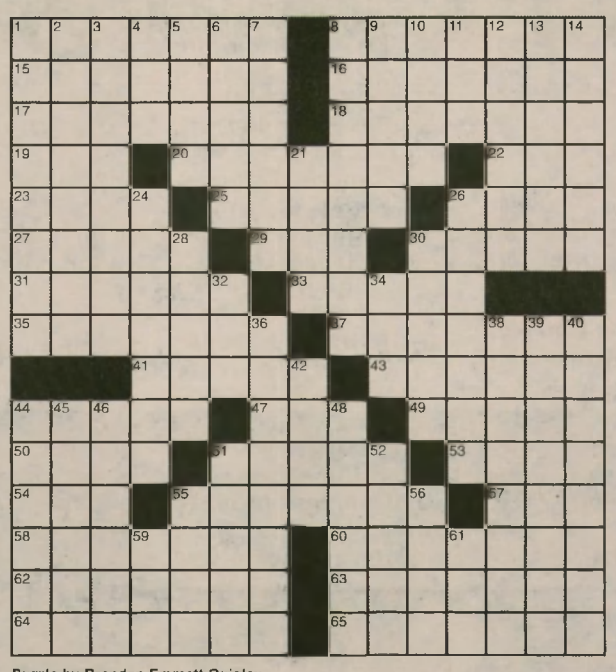

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Happy Birthday: This year, you must stabilize your home, family and financial situation and also find something to do that makes you happy. Try a hobby or a form of entertainment that doesn't cost too much but will help you relax. You will find it easier to concentrate and thus accomplish the goals you set. Your numbers are 1, 8, 15, 22, 36

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get things done, especially if it will influence your reputation. You can't leave anything to chance or take anything or anyone for granted today. It is important to choose your words wisely when communicating about personal matters. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make a life-changing, professional move. Look for the perfect position. This is not the day to sell yourself short but instead the time to be bold and very confident. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put time and money into your place of residence. Check over your investments and look at any long-term contracts and agreements. You can cut costs if you renegotiate your position. A settlement can be finalized. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you can see your way to accept change, you will end up in a far better position by the end of the day. Concentrate on love and you will score big with someone you meet or with the person you are currently engaged with. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Today you may have to spill the beans and give in to the questions being asked. If you don't, your evasiveness will work against you, making you look bad. Be honest and straightforward. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get in the mood to enjoy and have fun because love is in the stars and you won't want to miss out on an enjoyable and entertaining time. Make plans to do something special with your partner or attend an event where you can meet a new partner if you are single. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't waste time trying to fix problems you have with family or the people you live with. Nothing will be resolved and arguments will lead to more trouble. Instead, get out and do something you enjoy and you'll meet new friends. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Nothing will go right at home if you are pushy. Focus on working to make things more comfortable or livable but not at the expense of arguing with someone you care about. Put your efforts into what will please the people you care most about. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be fooling the people around you but it's time you stopped fooling yourself. Decide if your present course is really what you want. A new direction will lead to an interesting connection. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You've got everyone's attention so explain how you see things unfolding. You can make good financial decisions that will help your money grow. You can close deals, take care of any issues concerning loved ones and sign or formulate contracts with ease. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be too trusting of anyone who wants to help you take care of your cash. You are far better off keeping tabs on what is spent and what is invested. A personal matter may confuse you if you don't ask the right questions. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Being argumentative will work against you but taking action and showing what you can do will be proof you have what it takes. You'll leave an impression that will lead to success. 5 stars

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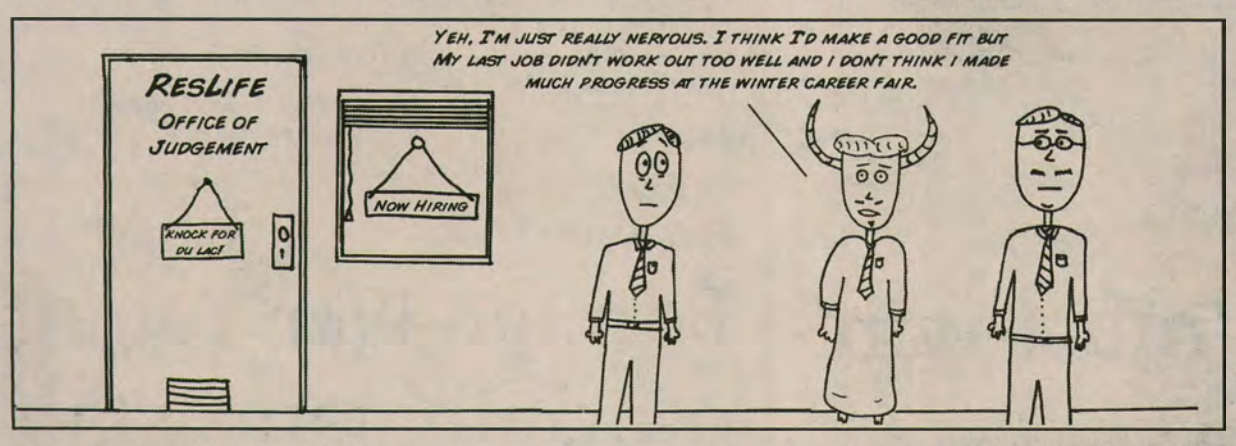

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Stuck in the Pitts

Cold-shooting Irish squad will try to get back on track against third-ranked Panthers

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

It's been a four days since Notre Dame's lost its fourth straight to Marquette on Monday, losses marked by the struggles of three of Notre Dame's captains.

Four days can seem like an eternity when you're struggling and that next chance to right yourself seems like it'll never come. That day will finally arrive Saturday when Notre Dame (12-7, 3-5 Big East) travels to take on No. 3 Pittsburgh (18-2, 6-2).

First there's Kyle McAlarney, who has shot 6-for-27 (22 percent) in Notre Dame's (12-7, 3-5 Big East) last two games, well below his 43 percent average from the field for the season.

"I think against Connecticut, I had some great looks. I think

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Notre Dame guard Kyle McAlarney drives against Connecticut's Kemba Walker during Connecticut's 69-61 win Saturday, in which McAlarney scored nine points.

MEN'S TENNIS

ND heads to Tulsa for ITA Nat'ls

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Nothing seems to be going Notre Dame's way lately, but the squad will try to change that this weekend.

The No. 32 Irish (1-3) will travel to Tulsa Saturday to take part in one of 15 ITA National Team Indoors Regional matches across the country.

Each regional has four of the nation's top-60 teams, and the winner of each will advance to the ITA National Team Indoor Championships in Chicago.

The fourth-seeded Irish will begin play Saturday against No. 12 Tulsa, the top seed.

"This early in the season I doubt if anyone feels their ranking makes them a favorite or an underdog," Irish coach

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FENCING

No. 1 ranking on the line in Northwestern Dual meet

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Standing alone atop the mountain of fencing rankings is no easy task in the NCAA, but the Irish have the opportunity to do just that as they compete in the Northwestern Duals in Evanston, Illinois this weekend.

The men's fencing team currently shares a first-place ranking with Penn State, while the second-ranked women trail the Nittany Lions in the USFCA Coaches Poll.

"It will be the first encounter with them before we go for a national championship," Irish fencing coach Janusz Bednarski said. "It will be interesting to see how strong we can compete against them. We will see."

The Irish are coming off a hugely successful weekend at the St. John's University Duals and the New York University Invitational, where the fencers competed without the help of Olympian Gerek Meinhardt. The combination of a talented cast of freshmen and sophomores and an experienced senior line helped the women's team emerge with a record of 5-2 and the men's squad a perfect 7-0.

According to Bednarski, luck played no part in the young teams' successes early in the season.

"I think that there are several reasons for the success," Bednarski said. "We work very hard during the fall, and there was a lot of enthusiasm from the new student-athletes. The creation of this atmosphere helped a lot because they were giving much more."

Although the Irish find themselves pitted against Penn State for the title of undisputed No. 1, Notre Dame will also have to contend with some of the best teams in the country. Temple, Cleveland State, Johns Hopkins, North Carolina, Wayne State, and a bitter Ohio State are expected to be in attendance. The men's team beat the Buckeyes last weekend, while the Irish women fell in a hard-fought battle.

"We will fence Ohio State once again because of NCAA competition, so they will try to get revenge," Bednarski said.

But a victory over Penn State this weekend is no guarantee for the Irish to win a national championship. Because of newly instated NCAA regulations, the championships will limit the roster size from years past.

"We are a little bit more talented and we have a bigger bench than Penn State," Bednarski said. "But it will play for them because their first two fencers are from the national team and are very good."

Nevertheless, Bednarski believes the talented fighters have a great opportunity to make a statement this weekend if they can keep their focus.

"I think it will come down to the last minute, the last throw, the last bout."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Game key, but not 'must-win'

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish guard Ashley Barlow drives to the hoop during Notre Dame's 78-68 loss to Rutgers Tuesday.

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

Even though Notre Dame has lost three of its last four games — and most recently was embarrassed at home against Rutgers — Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she is reluctant to call Saturday's game against Cincinnati a "must-win."

"I think it's important that we play better, at least execute the defense better," she said. "I don't wan to call anything 'must-win' this early in the season, but certainly a win would be a welcome change. We just want to feel good about how we are playing."

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FOOTBALL

Former 49er Young officially joins staff

Observer Staff Report

1994 Notre Dame graduate and 14-year NFL veteran Bryant Young was hired Thursday as a defensive graduate assistant.

Young, a defensive lineman who spent his entire career with the San Fransisco 49ers, was named the NFL Defensive Rookie of the year in 1994 and earned four trips to the NFL Pro Bowl. His 89.5 career sacks rank as third all-time in 49er history.

During his time with the Irish, Young led Notre Dame to an astounding 40-8-1 record over four years, During his 1993 senior season, Young was named a team captain and elected to the first team All-American team.

"I'm very excited that Bryant has decided to return home to Notre Dame," Irish coach Charlie Weis said on und.com. "We're not just adding a future NFL Hall of Famer to our program, we're adding a Hall of Fame person."

Young is replacing Patrick Graham, who was on the Irish staff for the past two seasons, but became the defensive line coach at the University of Toledo earlier in the month.