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## Student shot near off-campus home

By JENN METZ  
News Editor

A Notre Dame student was shot in the arm walking home from a bar early Tuesday morning after mistakenly attempting to enter a neighbor's house, police said.

The 23-year old woman was shot on the 800-block of E. Miner St. on the front porch of the home next door

to her own.

University Spokesperson and Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown confirmed the woman is a student at Notre Dame and is receiving care at a local hospital.

Brown said the University is gathering more information about the event, but per the woman's family's wishes, will not release her identity.

University President Fr. John Jenkins offered his

prayers in a University press release Wednesday: "Our prayers are with her and her family, and we will continue to offer support to them during this difficult time," he said.

According to the release, staff members from the Office of Student Affairs are providing assistance to the student's family.

Captain Phil Trent of the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) said,

according to police reports, officers were first called to Memorial Hospital after a female was admitted with a gunshot wound to her arm.

The student, who police said was intoxicated, told officers that she and a 23-year-old friend had left Club 23, a bar located at the corner of South Bend and Notre Dame Avenues, and walked to their house, when they

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## Campus prepares for Lent

Ash Wednesday marks beginning of season

By TESS CIVANTOS  
News Writer

Notre Dame is preparing for Lent with special religious services and meatless menus at the dining halls on Ash Wednesday and on Lenten Fridays.

The Basilica will not have any extra masses on Ash Wednesday, but will feature Stations of the Cross every Friday throughout Lent and special Lenten Vespers at 7:15 p.m. on Sundays.

Sacred Heart Crypt will have a special 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass.

Fr. Peter Rocca, rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, said he expects high attendance at Ash Wednesday services.

"The 5:15 [p.m.] Mass is always pretty packed, all the way back to the Lady Chapel, and the 11:30 [a.m.] Mass is usually quite full too," Rocca said.

Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, making the high student attendance more poignant, he said.

"It's a wonderful thing because the vast majority of students go to Mass because they really want to," Rocca said. "They want a good

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## College Dems react to Obama address

President presents agenda for 'making government smarter' before a joint session of Congress



President Barack Obama presents a bold agenda before a joint session of Congress Tuesday.

By ROBERT SINGER  
News Writer

Facing a sinking economy and staunch resistance from Republicans in Congress, President Barack Obama put forward a bold agenda Tuesday night in an address to a joint session of Congress that met the expectations of College Democrats president Spencer Howard.

"Even with the current situation we're in, it was nice for him to raise the bar for what the government is doing," Howard said. "He wants us to reach for things that we've haven't thought possible."

The agenda Obama set in his speech, which detailed sweep-

ing changes to education, energy policy and health care, did not prioritize expanding the government so much as improving its ability to meet people's needs, Howard said.

"It's not about making government bigger," he said. "It's about making government smarter. You don't want to over-regulate, but you can't let people run amok."

Obama not only described the current crisis while laying the groundwork for a short-term recovery plan, but also detailed his plans to strengthen the economy for future generations. Weaknesses in energy policy, a fractured health care system and lagging public

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## Architecture School receives top-10 ranking

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA  
News Writer

Notre Dame's School of Architecture recently received some good news in the form of a top-10 ranking in the annual America's Best Architecture Schools survey.

The survey is conducted every year by the Design Futures Council and has consistently given Notre Dame's architecture program a high ranking. Last year, the program was ranked 12th, while Cornell University occupied the 10th-place spot. The highest rating Notre Dame has ever received in the survey was ninth place.

Michael Lykoudis, the dean of Notre Dame's School of Architecture, said he and his colleagues are satisfied with the high rating, as well as

the high rankings of past years.

"We've been ranked in that area for some time now," Lykoudis said. "Tenth place is an improvement over last year, which was an improvement over the previous year, and so on. So, certainly we're pleased."

Lykoudis said the survey's rankings are determined based on which colleges' students are preferred by top architecture firms looking to recruit employees for their company. Therefore, Notre Dame's high place on the list means that architecture students at the University are wanted more for jobs after they graduate than students at many other schools.

Lykoudis said the high ranking reflects well on all

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## 'Last Lecture' draws crowd

Ackermann advises students on careers in the series' second installment



Finance professor Carl Ackermann speaks before a full room for his version of the 'Last Lecture.'

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Writer

Pursuing a career without considering financial gain may seem counterintuitive in an economic downturn, but finance professor Carl Ackermann said students embarking on a career path must do what makes them happy.

"If you do what you really enjoy, you will be a happier and more productive person," he said. "Financial awards will follow."

Ackermann spoke to a packed room Tuesday night in the Coleman-Morse Lounge for the second installment of the "Last Lecture" series hosted by student government.

The series invites professors to impart wisdom in a lecture as if it were their last chance to do so, modeled off of the story of Carnegie Mellon professor Randy

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INSIDE COLUMN

# iPod Manifesto

When the iPod became popular, it not only changed how people listened to music, but also how people threw house parties.

All you have to do is buy an iPod dock, make a playlist and you're set. The iPod has turned everybody into a deejay. This is a problem.

**Chris Hine**

*Editor-in-Chief*

I was recently at a house party and everything was going fine. People were dancing, having a good time, but as it got later in the night, some of my fellow partygoers became dissatisfied with the music. This began a spiral effect that nearly killed the party. One girl, we'll call her girl No. 1, went over to the iPod, looked for a favorite song of hers and put it on. Happy with herself, she resumed dancing but her joy was negated by the disappointment of another girl.

Girl No. 2 waited a few seconds to decipher what song it was, process that she didn't like it, and went to change the iPod. Naturally, her selection displeased someone else, who then tried to change the song, and so on. Thankfully, the playlist came around to Rihanna's "Disturbia" and the party was saved (Nobody can resist dancing to a Rihanna song). However, not every party has a happy ending like this one did and may have been ruined by poor song selection on the iPod.

To avoid such problems at parties in the future, here is a guide to follow, called the iPod Manifesto:

◆Let your host control the iPod for the entire party:

Your hosts want to throw the best party they can, so they have carefully crafted a playlist that will appeal to all partygoers and maximize everyone's enjoyment. For as much as you might want to change the song, resist that urge. Do not mess with these playlists because ...

◆Newsflash: Nobody cares about you or your friends' favorite song.

This was the mistake girl No. 1 made at the party I attended. Do you see your absolute favorite song on the iPod? Good for you, but nobody else cares. So while you're singing in an ignorant bliss, everyone around you is getting upset and wondering what the hell is going on.

◆If you absolutely have to touch the iPod, please play an artist or song that everyone likes.

This is related to the second rule. If you can't resist the urge to change the iPod, play any of the following artists: Rihanna, Kelly Clarkson, T.I., Kanye West, Akon, T-Pain, Lil' Wayne. When a song by any of these people comes on at a party, there are no problems. You may not personally like all their songs — I don't — but there's no denying that their songs get a party going.

◆If you're hosting a party, hide the iPod.

Put your iPod on a dock, get a long playlist cued up, connect it to some good speakers, and put the dock in a closet or someplace where people can't find it. This way, people who search for the iPod can't change it to a bad song and ruin your party.

◆If someone changes the iPod to a bad song, you can kick them out, no questions asked.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu*

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO DO YOU WANT TO BID ON AT THE BP MEAL AUCTION?



**Alex Godofsky**  
*Senior Knott*

*"The women's soccer team."*



**Krystie Traudt**  
*Senior Off-Campus*

*"Alex Trebek."*



**Lauren Floccare**  
*Senior Off-Campus*

*"Krystie Traudt."*



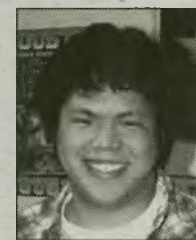
**Robby Rusca**  
*Senior Duncan*

*"Father JJ - I just want to shake the man's hand."*



**Carson Tran**  
*Senior Duncan*

*"Scarlett Johansson"*



**Pat Young**  
*Senior Duncan*

*"Pat Young."*



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Sophomore Brian Koepsel, left, fights senior Joey Leary last night in the 147-pound weight class. Leary won the fight in a split decision.

## IN BRIEF

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

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

"Guernica," a play inspired by the true story of a ship that sunk in 1997, will be performed in the Philbin Studio Theatre in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play is being performed at 7:30 p.m. through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. For more ticket information: performingarts.nd.edu or call the DeBartolo Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

There will be free swing dance lessons with the ND Swing Club in the LaFortune Ballroom 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. there will be open swing dancing with live music featuring ND Jazz Band II.

A student-faculty dinner will take place at Legends from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Week. RSVP to grc@nd.edu or 574-631-9340.

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

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

## OFFBEAT

### Woman wins \$2 million house in raffle

DANVILLE, Calif. - Susan Wells was thrilled to learn she'd won a \$2 million house in a raffle days after her husband had been laid off from his job. "I'm floored," said Wells, who bought the ticket as a surprise to celebrate the couple's 16th anniversary. "I can't believe this has happened. Needless to say, my husband is very surprised."

The house is in upscale Marin County, just north of San Francisco. The couple already own a home in Danville, a suburb south of

San Francisco, and if they don't want to move they have the option of \$1.2 million in cash.

They're still deciding what to do, but Brad Wells, who had been a sales executive for a Silicon Valley high-tech company, said the winnings are definitely a boost.

### Topless coffee shop opens in Maine

VASSALBORO, Maine - Cup size has more than one meaning at a new central Maine coffeehouse. Servers are topless at the Grand View Topless Coffee Shop, which opened its doors Monday on

a busy road in Vassalboro. A sign outside says, "Over 18 only." Another says, "No cameras, no touching, cash only."

On Tuesday, two men sipped coffee at a booth while three topless waitresses and a bare-chested waiter stood nearby. Topless waitress Susie Wiley said men, women and couples have stopped by.

The coffee shop raised the ire of dozens of residents when it went before the town planning board last month. Town officials said the coffee shop met the letter of the law.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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	HIGH 42 LOW 30	HIGH 35 LOW 28	HIGH 41 LOW 23	HIGH 28 LOW 14	HIGH 28 LOW 18	HIGH 26 LOW 18

Atlanta 59 / 41 Boston 37 / 27 Chicago 44 / 32 Denver 62 / 39 Houston 79 / 63 Los Angeles 65 / 48 Minneapolis 34 / 18 New York 43 / 32 Philadelphia 46 / 32 Phoenix 83 / 56 Seattle 46 / 37 St. Louis 58 / 47 Tampa 76 / 53 Washington 50 / 33

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Group deliberates details of second survey

By LIZ O'DONNELL  
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed changes for the new student survey in their meeting on Tuesday evening.

The survey, which is scheduled to be released early next week, includes questions on a range of topics, from off-campus living to diversity and inclusion.

Members of the Council made few changes to the survey, but tried to clarify the wording of the questions to make them as lucid as possible.

Student body president Bob Reish said the way the questions are phrased was designed to provide the most accurate results possible for garnering data about specific topics.

Council members asked for clarifications about the format of the survey.

"The survey should contain clear-cut, simple language," sophomore class president Cynthia Weber said.

Council members debated whether to eliminate the answer choice of "not sure" in the survey. Reish, however, said the answer was included so a student was not forced to

respond to a question he or she was uncomfortable answering.

This year, the questions on the survey will have four answer choices instead of three. Reish said this will encourage students to lean to one side of an issue instead of remaining in the middle.

The survey will include questions on different performing arts venues. More specifically, questions about "art points" will be added to the survey.

These points will work similar to flex points, which caused members of COR to question whether this would lead to an increase in fees.

A section of questions dedicated to sexual assault and sexual orientation will be on this survey.

One question in this section will gauge student opinion on recognition of a club for gay and lesbian students.

Another question COR discussed at length concentrated on relations between Notre Dame and the South Bend community. They said this question is important because it will help student government better grasp the breakdown of responses from different areas of the student body.

"The survey helps us to filter

out the responses to questions to target students who currently live off campus, students who will be living off campus next year and students who will be living on campus," Reish said.

Reish said the responses student government receives from the off-campus questions will help leaders decide if they should become more involved with off-campus living or whether the University should pursue this policy area.

"We need to see what student government's role is in relation to the University in providing information about off-campus things," Reish said.

After going over the survey, the floor was then opened for members of COR to suggest additional questions to the survey.

Weber said students should be given the option of answering an open-ended question about how well they feel student government is currently doing and what they think student government should be doing.

"Some people don't think student government should address pressing issues and instead leave that up to the administration," she said. "We should see what students think we should be doing."

Another suggested topic was to add additional questions on the Good Samaritan policy at the University.

There is a committee composed of Student Union Board and Campus Life Council members addressing this issue and trying to come up with the best possible questions.

Reish said it was important

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**Bob Reish**  
student body president



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Student body president Bob Reish, left, and vice president Grant Schmidt take questions on the student survey at Tuesday's Council of Representatives meeting.

for the COR members to give their feedback on the survey because it is highly influential to the actions of student government.

"Over half the student body filled out the last survey sent out," he said. "It is really important because it has the potential to change student government."

**In other COR news**

◆Reish asked COR members for feedback on what they would like to see discussed at

the Intercollegiate Symposium that will take place on March 28. Members suggested a range of topics including the usage of student finances and services provided to students.

◆COR said goodbye to two-year member Kadeja Gaines. The Student Union Treasurer will be replaced by the new Student Union Treasurer Nick Danna at the next meeting.

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## Shooting

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attempted to enter the wrong home.

According to the police, the student said she knocked on the door and attempted to enter the home, when she realized she was shot.

A Feb. 24 South Bend Tribune report stated the woman told police she did not hear the sound of a gunshot before being wounded.

Police reports say the woman and her friend went next door to her actual residence and attempted to bandage the wound. The woman was then taken to Memorial Hospital, where police were called.

According to the report, a 28-year-old man who lives in the first house told the police that he and another man were playing video games in the living room at around 3:30 a.m., when he heard someone knocking on the door.

He told police he yelled for the person at the door to leave. After the knocking continued, he told police he fired a single shot through the front door and then heard a woman scream.

According to police reports, the man said he exited the back of the house and around the side to the front porch, but when he arrived, no one was there.

He told police he then gave the weapon to his friend, who then left the house to go to work.

Police were able to recover the weapon.

According to the Tribune report, a bullet hole can be seen in the home's front door.

Trent told The Observer Wednesday afternoon the investigation is still continuing and police have spoken to people who were inside the house at the time of the shooting.

He said those inside the house thought the woman was attempting to forcibly enter the residence.

No one has been arrested in connection with the shooting, Trent said.

Further investigation will indicate whether "charging will be appropriate," Trent said.

A report of the incident will be filed with the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office once the investigation is complete, he said.

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# Students give thanks to alumni with notes

By PUJA PARIKH  
News Writer

Those green "Holla Back" T-shirts you may see students wearing around campus are part of the Thanksgiving in February event held by The Notre Dame Annual Fund and Student Development Committee.

The two-day event, which took place Monday and Tuesday, was created in order to have students write personal thank-you notes to alumni who have donated to Notre Dame this year.

All Notre Dame students were encouraged to go to the Sorin Room in the LaFortune Student Center and write the letters.

An Annual Fund and Student Development Center flier said donations made by University alumni "... have supported our dorms, clubs, academic programs, building maintenance and repairs, campus-wide electricity and heating, financial aid packages, and much more."

Posters placed throughout the residence halls and in LaFortune to encourage students to participate in the two-day event read, "Holla Back. Tuition covers less than 50 percent of the cost of your education. Alumni make it possible. Say thanks."

The goal of the program was to raise awareness regarding the importance of alumni support of the University by having students

write a short handwritten thank-you note, organizers said.

"It takes only five minutes to say thank you," Emma Klosterman, who works for The Student Development Committee, a branch of The Annual Fund, said. "As students who are part of the Student Development Committee, it is our job to help with student-alumni relations."

The Thanksgiving in February event is part of the Spirit of Notre Dame Campaign, which is the largest fundraising operation in the history of Catholic education.

"We basically want to continue to help students who need monetary assistance," Klosterman said. "And we know that it takes a lot of money to help them out. The alumni of Notre Dame make that possible, and so we really need to thank them for everything they have done. They make Notre Dame possible for so many students."

The event also provided pizza and soda for students who came to write a note.

The Annual Fund plans on holding the event again next year due to its success and has planned on expanding the dates and times of the events to accommodate a larger response.

This is the event's second year.

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# Obama

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schools have contributed to the crisis now facing the country, but these things can be fixed, Obama said.

"If we're honest with ourselves, we'll admit that for too long, we have not always met these responsibilities — as a government or as a people," Obama said. "I say this not to lay blame or look backwards, but because it is only by understanding how we arrived at this moment that we'll be able to lift ourselves out of this predicament."

Freshman Michael Fedynsky said he agreed with Obama's view that the nation faces a "crossroads in history" — challenges in health care, energy, and education have converged to threaten the nation's long-term prosperity.

"I feel like the next few generations will look at this point either as the beginning of the end of our time as a superpower or a rebirth of American power," Fedynsky said.

Howard said Obama fulfilled his aim to "speak frankly and directly to the men and women who sent us here" about the problems facing the nation.

"I think he understands what people are going through and that's why he came out to Elkhart, Indiana, and Fort Myers, Florida — so people can have access to him," Howard said. "It was an extension of

those town hall meetings to reach a greater number of people."

Considering the scale and complexity of the problems facing the nation, Obama's ability to communicate his message will be crucial to summoning public support, Howard said.

"If you look at all these issues, they're so connected to each other," Howard said. "You can't really isolate what goes on in our world. When it comes to businesses moving jobs offshore or into other countries, that affects everything."

More affordable health care will ease people's budget and allow more of them to attain higher levels of education,

Howard said, while a more educated workforce will spur a more productive economy.

"It's all connected," he said. "Whatever we're doing with education and healthcare is going to affect another policy."

Howard also spoke favorably of Obama's plan to pull the nation out of the recession. The stimulus package recently passed into law will have an immediate impact on the economy by helping ordinary people, Howard said.

"Our economy can't get going if people aren't working," he said.

Other changes must also take place, Howard said.

"They have to put in regulations where the general population is not hurt by corporations maximizing their profit," he said.

Howard also explained how Obama's plan for a more sustainable energy policy will lead to a better economy.

"It's very important," he said. "It's more than energy independence. We have to have a little more control over what's going on in our economy. If there's a conflict in another country and we can't get the energy source that will cause problems."

Bipartisanship has been a goal of the Obama administration, but so far the parties have remained largely divided on economic policy. Howard and Fedynsky discussed Obama's efforts to reach across the aisle.

"It was clear with the stimulus that he tried to reach out to them, and I think he was willing to compromise on some points, but I don't think the Republicans really met him," Fedynsky said. "He's not going to go all the way to meet the Republicans because he won the election."

"The Republican Party, it's not a very big tent," Howard added. "They are very set in ideology and there's not a lot of questioning among them it seems. In the Senate, the Republicans take a lot of flak for bucking the party lines."

Toward the end of his speech, Obama shared accounts of Americans who have struggled to make positive change amid economic hardship. Howard said Obama's optimism has helped to lift the public's mindset.

"I think now they are starting to feel a little more helpful with having a stimulus package in place," he said. "I think these stories help people see what is possible even if they have been going through hard times."

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Spencer Howard  
president  
College Democrats

# School

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aspects of Notre Dame's School of Architecture.

"It's a combination of factors,"

Lykoudis said.

"We have good students, so the admissions process is working well. We have dedicated faculty and our curriculum is unique."

Lykoudis also cited the year that architecture students spend studying abroad in Rome as a contributing factor to Notre Dame's high ranking in the survey. The year in Rome provides students with knowledge about the historical aspect of architecture.

"The year in Rome teaches students to set their aspira-

tions pretty high," Lykoudis said. Not only are they competing with their fellow students and students from other schools, they are competing with all of history."

When asked if he had any ideas on how to push Notre

Dame's ranking even higher in next year's survey, Lykoudis said that receiving a favorable ranking in the survey is not the School of Architecture's primary goal.

"Rankings are not our objective," Lykoudis said. "Students' impact in the world is our objective. We want our students to have an impact on the world. If the rankings reflect that, it's great. But we're not chasing rankings."

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Michael Lykoudis  
dean  
Notre Dame School of  
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Islamic court gets women judges

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Islamic courts were among the last male-only bastions in Palestinian society, where women have been presidential candidates, police officers and even suicide bombers.

Now two stern-looking young women in Muslim head scarves and long black robes have smashed through the thick glass ceiling.

Khuloud Faqih, 34, and Asmahan Wuheidi, 31, made history in February when they became the first female Islamic judges in the Palestinian territories.

### North Korea plans satellite launch

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Tuesday it is preparing to shoot a satellite into orbit, its clearest reference yet to an impending launch that neighbors and the U.S. suspect will be a provocative test of a long-range missile.

The statement from the North's space technology agency comes amid growing international concern that the communist nation is gearing up to fire a version of its most advanced missile — capable of reaching the U.S. — in coming days, in violation of a U.N. Security Council resolution.

North Korea asserted last week that it bears the right to "space development" — words the regime has used in the past to disguise a missile test. In 1998, North Korea test-fired a Taepodong-1 ballistic missile over Japan and then claimed to have put a satellite into orbit. The chartered helicopter was found abandoned near a highway north of Athens Sunday. It had a bullet hole in its fuel tank from the gunfight that broke out with guards during the

## NATIONAL NEWS

### CEO shipped tainted syringes

RALEIGH, N.C. — For months, prosecutors say, technicians in the gloom of a run-down North Carolina plant prepared life-sustaining syringes and shipped them before ensuring they were sterile.

Investigators believe a rush to maximize profits led Dushyant Patel's AM2PAT Inc. to produce heparin and saline syringes that killed five people and sickened hundreds of others, some resulting in spinal meningitis and permanent brain damage. Authorities are now on an international search for Patel after he was indicted last week on 10 charges including fraud, false statements and selling adulterated medical devices.

U.S. Attorney George Holding said Tuesday that authorities believe Patel has fled to his native India and have turned to Interpol for cross-border aid in catching up to him.

### Business waiting for payments

AUSTIN, Texas — Hundreds of businesses that provided transportation, portable toilets and other assistance after Hurricane Ike are still waiting to be paid six months after the storm, the result of a \$134 million dispute between Texas and the federal government.

Small businesses around the country are struggling because of the delay, and many of them say next time a hurricane threatens the Texas Gulf Coast, they might be reluctant to help.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Bill against illegal immigrants passed

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Senate has approved bill that would revoke the business licenses of companies that repeatedly hire illegal immigrants.

The "three-strikes" proposal would revoke business license from companies who knowingly hire illegal workers three times. The bill passed 37-13.

The proposal now heads to the Democrat-led House, where it may struggle. House Speaker Patrick Bauer of South Bend has said he believes immigration is a federal issue and that he prefers the House doesn't deal with the topic this session.

# Obama addresses national problems

President assures citizens that United States will survive the 'day of reckoning'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama promised a nation shuddering in economic crisis Tuesday night that he would lead it from a dire "day of reckoning" to a brighter future, summoning politicians and public alike to shoulder responsibility for hard choices and shared sacrifice.

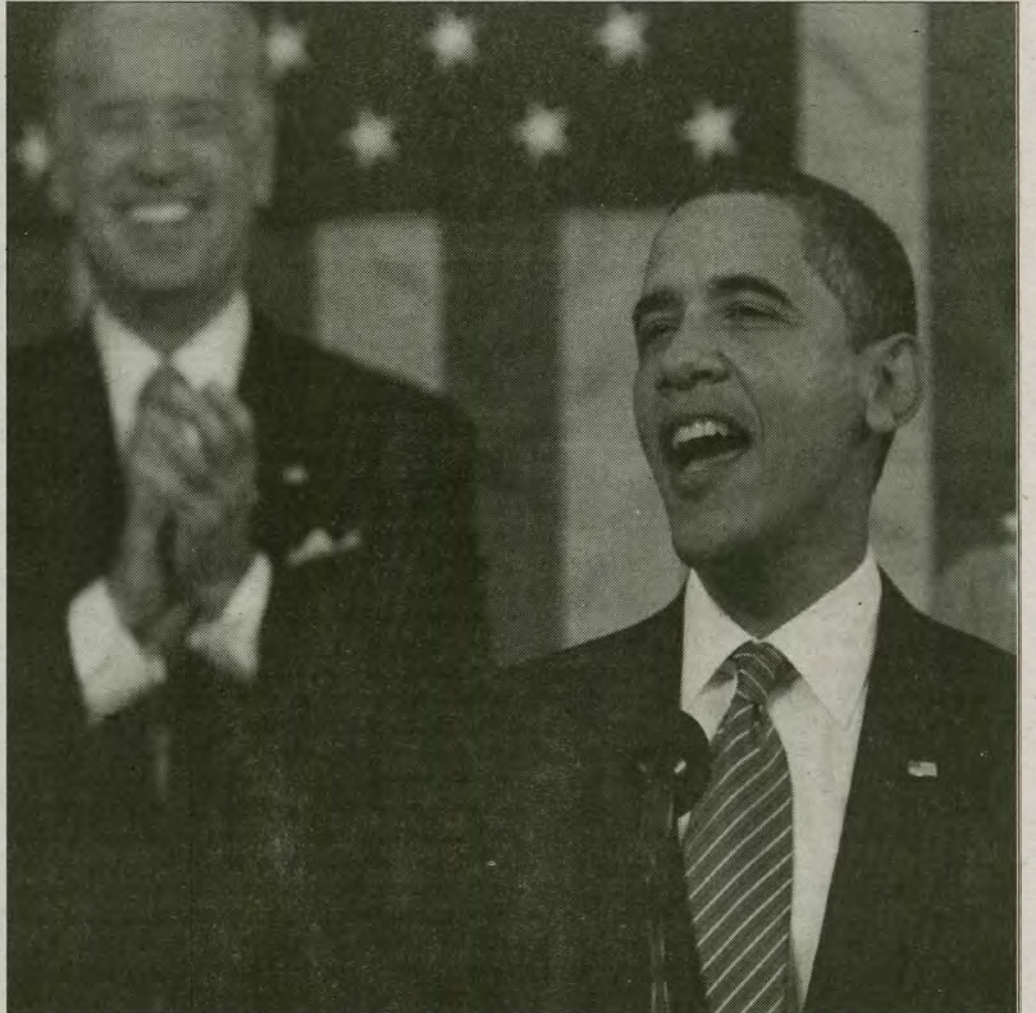
"The time to take charge of our future is here," Obama declared, delivering his first address to a joint session of Congress.

Offering words of reassurance to an anxious nation, he declared, "Tonight I want every American to know this: We will rebuild, we will recover, and the United States of America will emerge stronger than before."

"We are a nation that has seen promise and peril," he said. "Now we must be that nation again."

Cheered robustly as he entered the House chamber, Obama grinned, shook hands and kissed lawmakers and stopped for a lengthy embrace with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, back on the bench only this week after surgery for pancreatic cancer.

To deal with the current crisis, deepening each day, the president said more money will be needed to rescue troubled banks beyond the \$700 billion already committed last year. He said he knows that bailout billions for banks are unpopular — "I promise you, I get it," he said — but he also insisted that was the only way to get credit moving again to households and businesses, the lifeblood of the American economy.



President Obama addressed the nation in a prime-time speech from the House of Representatives Tuesday night. Obama proposed solutions for the current financial crisis.

Along with aid for banks, he also called on Congress to move quickly on legislation to overhaul outdated regulations on the nation's financial markets.

"I ask this Congress to join me in doing whatever proves necessary," Obama said. "Because we cannot consign our nation to an open-ended recession."

Thinking longer-term, Obama said without many specifics that both political parties must give up favored programs while uniting behind his campaign promises to build better schools, expand

health care coverage and move the nation to "greener" fuel use.

Just five weeks after his inauguration, Obama addressed an ebullient Democratic congressional majority and an embattled but reinvigorated GOP minority as well as millions of anxious viewers. Despite the nation's economic worries and the lack of support for his plans from all but a few Republican lawmakers, Obama enjoys strong approval ratings across the nation.

Louisiana's young, charismatic governor, Bobby Jindal, delivering

the televised GOP response, exhorted fellow Republicans to be Obama's "strongest partners" when they agree with him. But he signaled that won't happen much, calling Democrats in Congress "irresponsible" for passing the \$787 billion stimulus package that Republicans have criticized as excessive and wasteful.

"The way to lead is not to raise taxes and put more money and power in hands of Washington politicians," Jindal said, according to excerpts of his remarks released by the Republican Party.

# Mardi Gras not dampened by recession

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The economic downturn couldn't overshadow the Mardi Gras revelry Tuesday as partiers jostled for beads on parade routes and the French Quarter swelled with boozy fun and masked crowds.

Many revelers turned the tables on the recession, dressing in costumes riffing on bailouts, the stimulus package and busted budgets.

The celebration was marred by violence after police said at least six people — including an infant — were shot on St. Charles Avenue, a historic parade route where families traditionally gather. None of the injuries appeared to be life-threatening, and the celebrations went on.

Suzanne Gravener, a 59-year-old New Orleans teacher, dressed as the Statue of Liberty — without a crown. That, she joked, had to be

sold for cash because of the hard times. Her husband lost his job as a dairy salesman.

"I still have my torch, though," she said, and Carnival was one luxury the family could afford. "This is the greatest free show on earth."

The day started with clarinetist Pete Fountain leading his Half-Fast Walking Club into the streets, marking the unofficial opening of Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday.

By dawn, spectators crammed parade routes and costumed revelers mingled with all-night partiers in the French Quarter's narrow streets.

The first parade of the day was Zulu, the traditional African-American parade, followed by Rex, the king of Carnival, and hundreds of truck floats.

At 4 a.m., Zulu members got into costume, which for them means blackface, huge afro wigs and

grass skirts.

"Oh, my God, if my family could see me now, the only good news is that they wouldn't recognize me," said Zulu member John Rice after his face was painted. "This is the only city in the world where you can get away with this."

Mayor Ray Nagin rode on horseback dressed as what he called a "recovery gladiator" in honor of the city's rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina.

Katrina was on the mind of Cherry Gilbert, a 42-year-old Seattle bus driver who helped organize a reunion for about 80 family members, many displaced to cities like Dallas and Atlanta by the 2005 storm.

"This is the first time since Katrina we've all gathered here and it's a beautiful thing," Gilbert said. "There's nothing like New Orleans ... and family."

# Lent

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start to the Lenten season."

The dining halls will continue with vegetarian Lenten Fridays, which have sparked controversy in the past.

Marc Poklinkowski, general manager of South Dining Hall, said, "We will have meatless meals on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays throughout Lent. This is a University policy that's always existed. But two times in the past 10 years, this issue has been brought up to the administration."

Despite student complaints, the dining halls will not change this practice any time soon.

"We're a Catholic university, and the administration really wanted to continue that tradition," Poklinkowski said.

To appease disgruntled students, the dining halls will serve "meatless favorites," vegetarian foods students love. Poklinkowski said these items included cheese-filled breadsticks, cheese lasagna and popular fish items, like shrimp.

"We look for things that are really popular with students to serve in place of meat," Poklinkowski said. "A lot of students come in disappointed, so we try to make it easier on them."

Jose Cortes, a supervisor at South Dining Hall, supports the

meatless Fridays tradition.

"It's a contribution we can make to the celebration of Lent," Cortes said. "We're not trying to impose this on anyone, but this is a Catholic university. It's good to stop and think about the reasons behind this practice."

Non-Catholics can enjoy the tradition too. There are non-religious reasons that the meatless Fridays are beneficial, Cortes said.

"Not eating meat is good for your cholesterol. If people have been thinking about being vegetarian and want to try it out, this is an opportunity," Cortes said.

Cortes has undertaken a special project — decorating the large front window in the South Dining Hall lobby.

"It's a way to show some signs of what Lent is all about," Cortes said.

The decorations will incorporate purple and white, the colors of Lent, and symbols of the Lenten season, like an empty cross or a crown of thorns.

"In a way, this is my home, this is our home, and in your home you can decorate however you like, within good taste. We can put up these signs of our Christian beliefs," Cortes said. "It's important to convey that message of Christianity, about what the Lord did for us."

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# Lecture

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Ackermann said he was once offered the job of putting together the American League baseball schedule. The job combined his interest in baseball, logic and math, but he declined the job offer.

"My good friends and I thought there was no money and no future in sports," he said, generating laughter from the crowd.

Ackermann said he missed out on a great opportunity because he was searching for financial reward, so he encouraged students to take a chance in their job search.

Learning from this mistake later in life, Ackermann said he came to Notre Dame to focus on research, but instead concentrated on teaching, despite warnings that he was making a poor career decision.

"I deemphasized my research and moved in the direction of trying to help students," he said. "It was maybe one of the best decisions I've ever made."

Although he encouraged putting happiness over money in a career, Ackermann acknowledged the tough job market seniors currently face.

"Many in the room are facing limited job prospects because of the state of the economy now," he said. "But be effusively positive and look on the bright side of every situation."

He said he is more worried about those college graduates that have been in the workforce for 10 years and are accustomed to a certain lifestyle.

"When they are laid off from their jobs, they will face major changes," Ackermann said.

The knowledge to be gained from current economic struggles will benefit students later in life, he said.

"You should be much more optimistic," Ackermann said. "Your path may be more circuitous now, but where there's a will there's a way."

One significant lesson to be gained from the lack of job opportunities is the importance of hard work, he said.

"This economic climate should be a humbling reminder to you to never, ever be mediocre in your

work," he said. "Be indispensable at work."

But Ackermann said he does not doubt that every student in the room has the ability to succeed.

"You're all so smart," he said. "I'm still sure you can accomplish anything you wish to."

Ackermann said he believes another key factor in achieving personal success is seeking out unfamiliar situations.

"The times I've grown most in my life are when I have placed myself in uncomfortable situations," he said. "I encourage you to make a habit of that."

Ackermann said the previous night he "received a pounding" from several Notre Dame basketball players when competing against them in the Bookstore Basketball tip-off, but the experience was worth it.

While career advancement is important, Ackermann said it is more important to use one's area of expertise for service work or to simply connect with others.

"If you volunteer in the area of your specialty, you will amplify your impact," he said.

Jobs are exhausting, and keep people busy, but it is worth the extra effort to dedicate time to a service endeavor, or even just interact in a positive way with others, Ackermann said.

"No matter how tired you are, make the extra effort to make at least one extra person smile every day and you will feel terrific about yourself," he said.

Ackermann said he uses the finance textbook he teaches with to connect with students — but not in the traditional way.

Ackermann said he encourages students to take pictures in unusual places and situations with the textbook. He displayed pictures of students skiing with the book and reading the textbook while sliding down a waterslide.

However, he showed the best picture he has ever received: a student reading the finance textbook while airborne and upside down on a snowboard.

"When people are risking their lives to top other people in these photos, you know you have an enduring activity that people enjoy," he said.

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**IN BRIEF**

**President says U.S. banks safe**

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama says the money Americans have deposited in US banks is safe and the nation can rely on the continued operation of the financial system.

In a speech to a joint session of Congress, Obama sought to reassure Americans nervously watching banks struggle to remain solvent. Obama said a greater concern is if the banks don't start re-lending, the economic recovery will be choked off before it begins.

He called the flow of credit the lifeblood of the economy.

To address the problem, Obama said the administration will create a new lending fund to help provide loans such as college and auto. He touted his \$275 billion housing plan to help those facing foreclosure. And he said the government will use all resources to ensure that major banks have enough money to grant loans in difficult times.

**Musicians want radio stations to pay**

WASHINGTON — Sheryl Crow, will.i.am, Herbie Hancock and other entertainers on Tuesday urged Congress to force radio stations to pay performers when their music is broadcast.

Satellite radio, Internet radio and cable TV music channels already pay fees to performers and musicians, along with songwriter royalties. AM and FM radio stations do not pay performers' royalties, just songwriters.

"People deserve to be paid when somebody else uses their property," Hancock said.

He and the other musicians, including Dionne Warwick and Patti LaBelle, appeared at a news conference on Capitol Hill on behalf of the musicFIRST Coalition. The group is pushing legislation that would require radio stations to pay musicians royalties similar to those paid to songwriters.

The National Association of Broadcasters, who oppose the measure, said a fee would put thousands of radio jobs at risk. The association also argues that stations drive listeners to buy music and concert tickets. Lawmakers in the House and Senate have introduced bills that would make radio stations pay the artists when their songs get airtime.

**Home prices tumbling at record rate**

*Falling costs will affect homeowners' ability to qualify for mortgage relief*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Home prices tumbled by the worst annual rate on record in the fourth quarter, two housing indexes showed Tuesday, and the slope of decline steepened in all but a handful of battered cities.

The farther prices fall, the fewer homeowners may be able to qualify for President Barack Obama's mortgage relief plan. Last week, the president estimated up to 5 million borrowers in good standing who don't owe more than 105 percent of their home's current value would be able to refinance into a lower interest-rate loan.

Though details of the plan won't be released until March 4, almost 14 million homeowners are already under water, according to Moody's Economy.com, meaning they owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth. Nationally, home prices have receded to 2003-levels, and half of the metro areas in the 20-city Case-Shiller Home Price Index have lost more than 20 percent of their values from their peaks in 2006, including Las Vegas, Phoenix and Miami.

"If they don't get (the plan) into place very soon, it will be out of our reach to help these people," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody's Economy.com.

Americans are feeling grim about the prospects of any turnaround. Consumer confidence index sank to new lows in February as widespread layoffs, shrinking retirement accounts and plunging home prices fueled fears, the Conference Board said Tuesday.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price Index plunged more than 18 per-



A lot is for sale near newly constructed homes in Cincinnati. Due to the record decrease of home prices, homeowners may not be able to qualify for Obama's mortgage relief plan.

cent during the quarter from the prior-year period, the largest drop in its 21-year history.

Meanwhile, the Federal Housing Finance Agency said Tuesday that home prices dropped more than 8 percent in the quarter from a year earlier, its largest annual decline on record since 1991.

The reports, however, did offer a modicum of good news. The rate of year-over-year price declines slowed in Boston, Denver, Los Angeles, San Diego and Washington, according to the Case-Shiller index, while cities in Washington, North Dakota and Texas posted

year-over-year quarterly gains, the government said.

Home prices in the Boston suburbs are holding up better than in the city itself, said Judy Moore, a broker with Re/Max Landmark Realtors in Lexington, Mass.

Buyers are encouraged by the combination of low interest rates and the \$8,000 first-time home-buyer tax credit tucked in the latest stimulus plan.

"I've seen more buyers out there kicking the tires," Moore said.

But prices in the Sun Belt cities continue to get clobbered. Phoenix, Las Vegas and San Francisco

all saw home values lose more than 30 percent in December, the Case-Shiller index said. And the government index showed many California and Florida cities clocked their worst declines in the fourth quarter.

In Miami, buyers can't get financing for condos in buildings that have more than 30 percent investor-owned units, or if more than 15 percent of owners are behind on their common fees.

That's bringing down prices in those buildings by as much as 25 percent, said Ron Shuffield, president of Esslinger-Wooten-Maxwell Realtors.

**Products cost more than company stocks**

Associated Press

What costs more — a spark plug or a share of General Motors? A Sunday New York Times or a share of the newspaper company? A General Electric toaster or a share of GE?

In the surest sign of the depth of the recession, the products associated with these high-profile companies now cost more than buying a piece of the business.

Shares of some of the most renowned companies have come under assault as the worst recession in decades saps investor confidence and drags major stock indexes to their lowest levels since 1997. Despite Tuesday's 3 percent gain, the Dow Jones industrial

average is still off almost 50 percent from its 2007 high — and there's little evidence it's hit bottom.

"This is a time for the history books," said Jim Coons of Coons Advisors, a financial consultant.

When the housing bubble began to burst, share prices began to cascade first in the homebuilding industry, but it spread quickly to almost every sector of the economy.

Today, a share of Hovnanian, one of the nation's largest builders, can be had for 96 cents, less than it costs for a set of spare house keys.

Banks, stung by plummeting mortgage values, followed. A share of Citigroup Inc. which cost \$55.66 at the beginning of 2007, now costs \$2.60. ATM fees can total \$3 or

more for using an out-of-network bank card.

Since the start of 2007, shares in companies from every sector have been hit.

The bargain-basement stock prices of America's best known companies present either the greatest opportunity of a lifetime — or the biggest money pit this side of the Great Depression.

Of course, many didn't survive then — and many won't survive now. Someone who bought shares of Circuit City, which cost \$5.75 before the one-time retailing bellwether announced it would close, would have been better off buying a four-pack of AA batteries.

The company is now selling furniture and fixtures from its headquarters as it liquidates.

## PALESTINE

# Hamas, Fatah begin unity talks

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The Islamic militants of Hamas and the moderates of Fatah have never had more compelling reasons to repair the rift between them that is fast destroying their dreams for a Palestinian state.

As they begin a new round of unity talks after several failed attempts, Hamas needs the Western-backed Fatah's international legitimacy to get foreign aid to rebuild Gaza, which was devastated in Israel's recent offensive.

Fatah chief Mahmoud Abbas badly needs an alliance with Hamas to bolster his political standing, eroded after his term as Palestinian president expired and a victory by hardliners in Israel's election undermined the pragmatists' central tenet: that peaceful negotiations with Israel will win Palestinians a state.

But a unity agreement appears to be a long shot. Distrust between Hamas and Fatah runs deep after a three-year power struggle, including a civil war that ended with Hamas' violent takeover of Gaza in 2007, leaving Abbas' Fatah in charge of just the West Bank.

Sami Suboh, a 32-year-old doctor whose house was destroyed during Israel's Gaza offensive, said he hoped for a unity deal soon.

"With the unity government everything would go back to normal. I hope that they can reach an agreement," he said, waiting in line for Red Cross aid supplies. But he added, "It is unlikely."

The sides traded nasty accusations this week despite pledges to be civil ahead of reconciliation talks beginning Wednesday in Cairo.

Hamas claimed Abbas' government ran a Gaza spy ring that fed Israel information about Hamas targets during the fighting. Fatah accused Hamas of killing and wounding dozens of Fatah activists under the cover of the war.

"All Hamas has been doing is poison the atmosphere," said Abbas aide Yasser Abed Rabbo. Ehab Ghusein, a Hamas official, countered that Fatah's statements prove it is not interested in making amends.

Partly to clear the air, top officials — Ahmed Qureia of Fatah and Mussa Abu Marzuk of Hamas — agreed to a preliminary meeting Tuesday, according to Abbas aide Nabil Shaath. Abbas' security officials also freed 42 Hamas detainees in the West Bank on Tuesday in a goodwill gesture and promised more releases the next day, said Ayman Daraghme, a Hamas legislator.

The talks beginning Wednesday will include meetings between Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman and officials from both sides.

The Egyptians envision five negotiating committees dealing with making goodwill gestures, forming an interim government, holding presidential and

legislative elections, restructuring the security services and finding a role for Hamas in the Fatah-run Palestine Liberation Organization.

On March 2, representatives of about 80 donor countries, including U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, are to meet in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheik to pledge money for Gaza's reconstruction.

According to Palestinian estimates, Israel's offensive caused some \$2 billion in physical damage and economic losses.

Conference participants will closely watch the unity talks, particularly progress on forming a new Palestinian government. Such a government could be made up of figures not affiliated with either movement or consist of a Hamas-Fatah coalition that would run the West Bank and Gaza until elections are held.

The international community won't give huge reconstruction sums directly to Gaza's Hamas rulers, but might entrust aid to an interim coalition, provided Abbas is involved.

"For the donors, the issue is not so much unity, but using unity as a vehicle to strengthen Abu Mazen (Abbas) and him a new foothold in Gaza," analyst Mouin Rabbani said.

To be accepted by the international community, an interim government would have to renounce violence and recognize Israel's right to exist. Hamas has rejected such conditions in the past. However, in exchange for softening its stance, Hamas could strengthen its hold over Gaza by getting a say in how aid is spent and ensuring a 20-month blockade of the territory is lifted.

Abbas may need the Islamists more than they need him.

His term as president expired in January and polls suggest most Palestinians side with Hamas' argument that he is not

entitled to an extension. With Benjamin Netanyahu as Israel's next prime minister, Abbas' promise of statehood through negotiations has fallen flat — Netanyahu considers such talks a waste of time.

This may explain why Abbas is eager to hold unity talks without preconditions, saying he is entering the negotiations with "an open heart." After the Hamas takeover of Gaza, Abbas had insisted the militants first retract their "coup" before he would talk to them.

Hamas and Fatah might reach a unity agreement relatively quickly, as they did in February 2007 in Mecca, only to see it fall apart in bickering over implementation.

In contrast to those negotiations, rival governments are now in place in the West Bank and Gaza, meaning there are more politicians with an interest in maintaining the status quo. Also, some Hamas and Fatah activists oppose a unity deal on ideological grounds.

On some issues, the gaps are so wide that compromise seems impossible.

For example, Hamas wants a major say in the PLO, of which it is currently not a member.

Abbas rejects the demand because it would amount to redefining the Palestinian national movement. The Fatah-led PLO signed an agreement of mutual recognition with Israel in 1993, while Hamas remains committed to the destruction of the Jewish state.

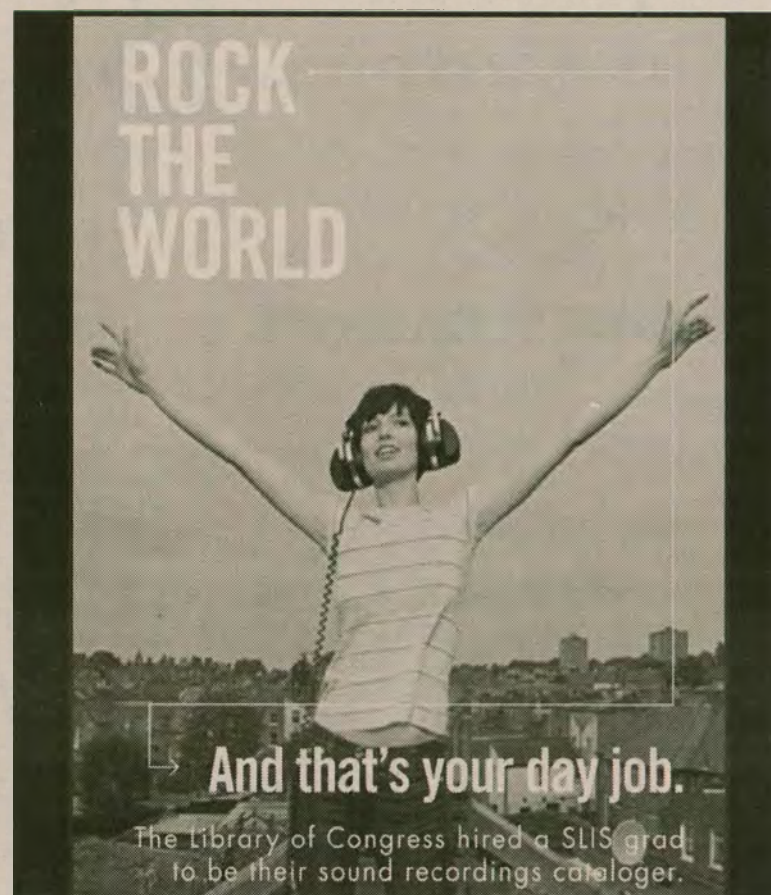
Other issues seem just as daunting, particularly restructuring the security forces. Hamas controls some 20,000 troops in Gaza, while Abbas' thousands of armed men in the West Bank are undergoing Western training. Under a unity deal, the forces would have to be merged and depoliticized.

Gaza-based political scientist Naji Shurrab said outsiders, including Hamas backers Syria and Iran, could decide to sabotage unity efforts. And it is not clear whether the Obama administration will be more supportive of a unity government than its predecessor.

"The way is still long, and there are many obstacles,"

*"With the unity government, everything would go back to normal. I hope they can reach an agreement."*

**Sami Suboh  
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# Palin must pay Alaska nearly \$7,000 for her kids' trips

Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin will reimburse the state nearly \$7,000 for costs associated with nine trips taken by her children, her attorney said Tuesday.

Palin must reimburse the state within 120 days, according to a settlement agreement filed by a special investigator hired by the Alaska Personnel Board to investigate an ethics complaint filed against her.

The exact amount will be determined by the Alaska Department of Administration, said Palin's attorney, Thomas Van Flein. He estimated the amount would be \$6,800.

There is no state law prohibiting the governor's family from traveling with her and the personnel board found no wrongdoing on the part of the governor. But the investigator, Timothy Petumenos, interpreted the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act to require that the state only pay if the first family serves an important state interest.

Petumenos said "some of the travel raised by the Complaint does not meet this standard," according to the agreement.

Van Flein said 72 travel authorizations were studied, with nine found to be of questionable state interest.

Those include airfare and one meal for her daughter Bristol Palin, who accompanied the governor to New York for Newsweek's Third Annual Women and Leadership Conference in October 2007.

Other trips include Bristol attending "Beauty and the Beast" at the Valley Performing Arts Center, airfare for daughters Piper and Bristol to travel to Juneau from Anchorage for the State of the State address and airfare for Piper to attend the start of the Iron Dog snowmachine race and the Alaska Outdoor Council Banquet.

In a statement issued Tuesday, Palin said she was gratified that no fault was ascribed to her. She said she agreed to support a clarification of the rules to avoid similar disputes in the future.

"Although I am not required to do so, I will set a new standard on travel now by assuming the burden of these particular expenses," Palin said.

The former Republican vice presidential candidate called the complaint "an obvious political weapon" filed just before the election.

The complaint was filed in October by Anchorage Democrat Frank Gwartney, 60, who alleged that Palin used her official position as governor for personal gain, violating a statute of the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act.

Gwartney, a retired power company lineman, said he was not surprised that the personnel board, whose three members are appointed by the governor, failed to find wrongdoing.

"I think it's really apparent that she was wrongfully using state funds to conduct personal business," he said. "They basically are an extension of the governor's office so I think they would



Thomas Van Flein, attorney for Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, talks about the ethics complaint involving protocol travel during a news conference in Anchorage, Alaska, Tuesday.

be hard pressed to actually come out and condemn her as they should."

Gwartney's complaint followed a report by The Associated Press that Palin charged the state more than \$21,000 for her three daughters' commercial flights, including events where they weren't invited, and later ordered their expense forms amended to specify official state business.

Administration officials have said Alaska law allows governors

to charge the state for their family's travel if they conduct state business.

Van Flein said the governor's action in reaching the agreement was voluntary and above what was legally and ethically required of her.

"She did not have to do this. She did not have to reach this agreement and she's been fully cleared by this investigation," he said. "The problem that was raised by the complaint was

determined to be a lack of clarity in the rules and regulations and a lack of familiarity, because of that lack of clarity, with long-term state employees whose job it is to handle this."

Petumenos was asked to examine the complaint at the same time he was investigating allegations that Palin fired her public safety commissioner over his refusal to let go a state trooper involved in a contentious divorce with Palin's sister.



## JUST DANCE

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# Iowa knew of disabled workers

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa's social-services agency acknowledged Tuesday that it looked into a company's treatment of its mentally disabled meatpacking workers as early as the 1970s, but decided it lacked the jurisdiction or enough evidence to act.

State officials say the 21 Texas men lived for decades in a battered house in the tiny eastern Iowa town of Atalissa and were paid little for their work. The fire marshal closed the living quarters Feb. 7, the men were placed in state custody and a state agency is considering criminal charges.

Social workers, however, had looked into the workers' housing situation twice before without taking action: once in the 1970s and again in 1997, according to a 38-page file discovered about two weeks ago at the Human Services Department's Muscatine County office.

"I'm not going to debate whether I would have done something differently 35 years ago," Gene Gessow, the agency's

director, said in a statement. "What I will do is pledge that from now forward, the Department of Human Services will be aggressively vigilant to protect the rights of dependent adults."

His department said the file was incomplete, making it "difficult to put all of the decisions in context."

Last week, Gessow referred to the newly discovered file in his testimony before the Legislature's Government Oversight Committee, which was looking into the state's response to the situation. A redacted version of the file was made public on Tuesday.

The men lived at a 106-year-old house that locals called the bunkhouse. The city of Atalissa owned the home, and city officials recently acknowledged that some of its doors were padlocked, windows were boarded up and the heating system was broken, leaving only space heaters.

The men worked for Henry's Turkey Service, a Texas company that provided labor for a meat-

packer near Atalissa in West Liberty. Recent inquiries showed the company diverted much of the mentally disabled men's paychecks and government payments to living expenses, leaving them about \$65 a month in wages.

The file said that in 1975 Henry's Turkey Service was an ancillary firm of Hill Country Farms, based near Goldthwaite, Texas, and described that company's work as social and vocational training of mentally disabled men. It was unclear where operations for Henry's Turkey Service are now located.

There was no answer on Tuesday at a telephone number listed for Hill Country Farms and an attorney who represented Henry's Turkey Service in previous Iowa matters said he wasn't authorized to comment.

The state file includes a Dec. 4, 1974, memo from social worker Ed George, who tells district manager James Strickland that the mentally disabled men lack adequate housing and are deprived of their families, among other problems.

## TURKEY

# Lawmaker speaks Kurdish, breaks law

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — The leader of Turkey's Kurdish lawmakers startled the country Tuesday by speaking in his native language in Parliament, breaking the law in a country that has tried for decades to keep a firm grip over the restive minority amid fears of national division.

State-run television immediately cut off the live broadcast of legislator Ahmet Turk, ostensibly to celebrate UNESCO world languages week. But his real aim was to challenge the country's policy toward its Kurdish population, a suppression of rights that only recently has started to ease.

"Kurds have long been oppressed because they did not know any other lan-

guage," Turk said. "I promised myself that I would speak in my mother tongue at an official meeting one day."

Kurdish lawmakers gave Turk a standing ovation. His party has 21 legislators in the 550-seat parliament.

Turkey's prime minister himself spoke a few words in Kurdish at a campaign rally over the weekend. But fears of national division — supported by a war between the Turkish military and a Kurdish rebel group in the 1980s and 1990s — prevent any concerted effort to repeal the laws.

Turkey is caught between the long-held suspicion that outsiders and minorities can threaten state unity, and its moves toward the kind of Western-style democracy that would consider a language ban an affront to human rights.

Turkish law banned the speaking of Kurdish at all until 1991, and today it is barred in schools, parliament and other official settings on the grounds that it would divide the country along ethnic lines. Kurds, who are also present in large numbers in neighboring Iran, Iraq and Syria, make up about a fifth of Turkey's more than 70 million people.

"The official language is Turkish," Parliament Speaker Koksal Toptan said after Turk spoke. "This meeting should have been conducted in Turkish."

Private NTV television reported that prosecutors launched an investigation.

It was not clear whether he would face charges. As a lawmaker, he has immunity. In certain cases, a normal citizen speaking Kurdish in an official setting could go to jail.

But Tuesday's incident could hurt Turk's party, which is already accused by prosecutors of having ties to separatist Kurdish guerrillas.

Turkey's power structure could be at odds over what course to take on the speech. The Islamic-oriented government has often sparred with secular circles backed by the judiciary and the military.

In a similar incident in 1991, a Kurdish lawmaker took the oath in parliament in Kurdish. Leyla Zana was later stripped of her immunity, prosecuted on charges of separatism and links to the rebels and served a decade in prison along with three other Kurdish legislators.

But heavy-handed action by the state this time could backfire, exposing it to accusations of authoritarian behavior and further alienating Kurds ahead of local elections on March 29.

Turk's speech was also a vote-getting stunt, as the elections will determine whether his Democratic Society Party can keep southeastern strongholds in the face of an aggressive campaign from the governing party.

Speaking in Kurdish, Turk described how he was jailed during a 1980 military coup and was beaten for speaking Kurdish to visiting relatives who knew no other language.

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# Sen. Burris refuses to resign

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Roland Burris refused to resign on Tuesday, rebuffing a call from the Senate's No. 2 Democrat who made it clear the embattled Illinois lawmaker has little hope next year of winning the seat vacated by President Barack Obama.

"I told him that under the circumstances, I would resign," fellow Illinois Sen. Richard Durbin told reporters after an hour-long meeting with Burris. "He said, 'I'm not going to resign.'"

"I can't force him," Durbin added.

Burris, also a Democrat, was appointed by disgraced former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was impeached and driven from office after he was charged in a federal criminal complaint of trying to sell the Senate seat.

Burris repeatedly changed his story about how he was appointed. He is facing calls for his resignation after he admitted trying to raise money for Blagojevich. Burris has said he did nothing wrong.

Emerging from the hour-long private meeting with Durbin, Burris looked a bit shaken and inexplicably said he was under orders not to comment, other than to say the session was a "great discussion."

Burris has faced intense pressure from all quarters, from politicians to home state newspapers clamoring for him

to step down. Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn said last week Burris should resign for the good of the state, arguing the controversy surrounding his appointment has cast a shadow over his service in the Senate.

In their meeting, Durbin said he told Burris that support among other Democrats was eroding because of Burris' shifting account of whether he tried to raise money for Blagojevich.

And in the careful language of the Senate, Durbin said he made clear that if Burris tried to run for the seat next year, he would not have much — if any — support from Senate Democrats. Consistent with a Senate appointment, Burris would have to win the seat outright next year.

"I asked him if he would be a candidate in 2010 and he said he had not made up his mind," Durbin said. "I told him I thought it would be extremely difficult for him to be successful in a primary or a general election under the circumstances."

The conversation followed Burris' exchange earlier in the day with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., on the Senate floor.

"I said, 'How was your break?' He said, 'Fine. How was yours?'" Reid told reporters afterward. "I said, 'Fine.' OK?"

Asked whether Reid thinks Burris should resign, spokesman Jim Manley said:

"That is for him to decide."

The chilliness that greeted Burris in Washington came after outright demands for his resignation in Illinois.

Burris testified in January before the Illinois House committee that recommended Blagojevich's impeachment that he hadn't had contact with key Blagojevich staffers or offered anything in return for the seat. Blagojevich faces charges of trying to sell Obama's former Senate seat, though he denies wrongdoing.

But just more than a week ago, Burris released an affidavit saying he had spoken to several Blagojevich advisers, including Robert Blagojevich, the former governor's brother and finance chairman, who Burris said called three times last fall asking for fundraising help.

He changed his story again last week when he admitted trying, unsuccessfully, to raise money for Blagojevich.

Illinois lawmakers have asked local prosecutors to look into perjury charges, and a preliminary Senate Ethics Committee inquiry is under way. Even the White House said last week that Burris should take the weekend to consider his future.

Burris has denied any wrongdoing. Attorney Timothy W. Wright III said Tuesday that he was working on a document that would prove Burris didn't lie about the circumstances of his appointment.

# Most troops will be out of Iraq in 18 months

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to remove all U.S. combat troops from Iraq by August of next year, administration officials said Tuesday, ending the war that helped define his upstart presidential campaign — although a little more slowly than he promised.

The withdrawal plan — an announcement could come as early as this week — could help Obama turn his attention to another campaign pledge: Deploying more troops to Afghanistan, a region he calls the central front in the war on terrorism.

The timetable is a compromise. Removing so many people and tons of equipment presents logistical difficulties. Some commanders and advisers worry that security gains could backslide in Iraq if troops are brought out too soon, while others think the bulk of U.S. combat work is long since done.

Obama built enormous grass-roots support for his White House bid by pledging to withdraw troops from Iraq 16 months after taking office. That schedule, based on removing roughly one brigade a month, was predicated on commanders determining that it would not endanger U.S. troops left behind or Iraq's fragile security.

Obama expects to leave a large contingent of troops in Iraq, between 30,000 and 50,000 troops, after August, 2010 to advise and train Iraqi security forces and to protect U.S. interests, according to two administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan has not been made public. The contingent will include intelligence and surveillance specialists and their equipment, such as unmanned aircraft.

The withdrawal of American forces is set to be completed by December 2011, the period by which the U.S. agreed with Iraq to remove all troops.

A senior White House official said Tuesday that Obama is at least a day away from making a final decision. An announcement on Wednesday was unlikely, he said, but added that Obama could discuss Iraq during a trip to North Carolina on Friday.

About 142,000 U.S. troops are in Iraq, roughly 14 brigades, about 11,000 more than the total in Iraq when President George W. Bush announced in January 2007 that he would "surge" the force to put down the insurgency. He sent an additional 21,000 combat troops to Baghdad and Anbar province.

Although the number of combat brigades has dropped from 20 to 14, the U.S. has increased the number of

logistical and other support troops. A brigade is usually about 3,000 to 5,000 troops.

The White House considered at least two other options — one that followed Obama's 16-month timeline and one that stretched withdrawal over 23 months. The Associated Press reported earlier this month.

Some U.S. commanders have spoken more optimistically in recent months about prospects for reducing the force.

Marine Maj. Gen. John Kelly, who just left his job overseeing U.S. operations in Anbar Province, said Tuesday that he saw violence drop to an almost "meaningless" level over the past year.

Kelly told reporters Tuesday that in the area that was the home ground of the Sunni insurgency, American combat forces don't have enough to do and most could have pulled out months ago.

"There is still a security issue there, but in the province I just left (Iraqi) army and the police are more than handling the remnants of what used to be al-Qaida," Kelly said. "There's other parts of Iraq that aren't going quite as well but all of Iraq is doing pretty well."

According to officials, Obama had requested a range of options from his top military advisers, including one that would have withdrawn troops in 16 months. Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had recently forwarded withdrawal alternatives to the White House for Obama's consideration.

In addition to the U.S. troops to be withdrawn, there is a sizable cadre of contractors who provide services to them who would pack their bags as well. There were 148,050 defense contractor personnel working in Iraq as of December, 39,262 of them U.S. citizens.

There are more than 200 U.S. military installations in Iraq. According to Army officials interviewed by the Government Accountability Office, it can take up to two months to shut down small outposts that hold up to 300 troops. Larger entrenched facilities, like Balad Air Base, could take up to 18 months to close, according to the GAO.

As of Monday, at least 4,250 members of the U.S. military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. More than 31,000 have been injured. An additional 35,841 have received medical air transport due to non-hostile incidents.

Congress has approved more than \$657 billion so far for the Iraq war, according to a report last year from the Congressional Research Service.

*"There's other parts of Iraq that aren't going quite as well but all of Iraq is doing pretty well."*

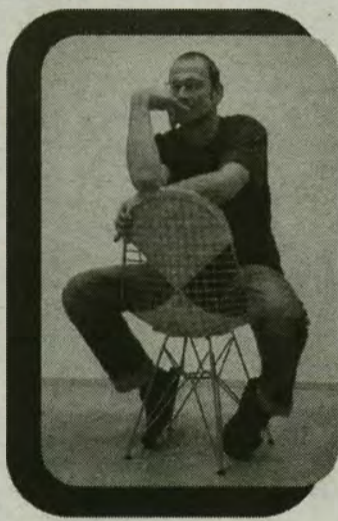
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## Hey world, I am what I am

It was in my last semester of high school that I first heard the basics of Post-colonialism explained in plain language.

"So it involves a white colonizer," Mrs. G explained to a class full of kids who either needed the English credit to graduate or were just taking the extra class for fun. "Colonizing a subject country that's non-white. Think of China, South Africa, India, Ireland ..."

I raised my hand. "Ireland is considered non-white?"

Mrs. G paused, and tilted her head in thought. "Huh. Hmm ... well, I guess Ireland would be an exception there."

We went on to discuss mimicry, the imitation of one's colonizer. Mrs. G submitted afternoon tea in India as an example. Then we discussed technology as a means of "civilizing" the colonized. I remember a classmate proposing that irrigation might not always be a means to oppress a desert community of Others.

The outcome of that discussion hasn't, for whatever reason, stuck with me. But Ireland, as "non-white?" That has.

Maybe because a little over two years later, studying post-Famine emigration in a very different class, we learned that "whiteness" was only a construct, such that more established, "real" Americans were considered "whiter" than the also Caucasian Irish newcomers.

Now I may owe an apology to Mrs. G. If "whiteness" is a term for social dominance, then Ireland, while colonized, would constitute a "non-white" civilization.

So I'm sorry, Mrs. G, for briefly off-tracking the lecture. In terms of critical theory, you were right. Now, how about a nice cup of tea while we wait for all this discourse to blow over?

But seriously. Whiteness?

Language may evolve. Connotations

may change. Some words grow unusable; others become proper.

But "white" and "whiteness," and other terms referring to color, refer on an actual, literal level to just that: physical color. Sure, at some point color came to connote what we and others historically have called race, but far from accurately. In Pre-K, I was confused when I first heard a girl on my bus, the girl with the pretty pink and green beads in her hair, referred to as "black." What? Lena was brown. My mother, at around the same age, had a scar on her arm "puff up" (say hello to the keloid genes). She too was confused when someone told my grandmother that this must have resulted from "colored blood." Mom was unaware at the time that some blood is clear.

So from the Upper Midwest in 1992 and my mother's England in the 1960s, let's jump to Notre Dame in the late 2000s. Here my gorgeously porcelain skinned acquaintance Raquel once complained that a crude loudmouth on the quad had incorrectly identified her as "white" (and felt the need to make his misconception clear to her. Someone back home needs to learn to hold his Natty).

So "color" terms, whether socially acceptable or offensive, may not accurately describe "race," however that term is defined. Yet "white" and "non-white" now not only refer to color and race, but also apparently to status (in the case of immigration) and character (in the case of oppressive tea-mongering colonizers and unassuming, blissfully un-irrigated subjects).

And there's the problem. Too many meanings — some contradictory — are conflated in too few words. We should phrase it this way:

Color is color. As in, what kind of light a skin cell reflects.

Race, for whatever that distinction's worth and hopefully it's constructive, is race.

Status is status.

And people are people.

I'm not white. I am a person of color. Specifically, a pinkish-taupe. On forms and by the census definition, I am Caucasian. But if I apply eye-liner in just the right dimensions so that my Arab comes out, you're likely to notice that by commonly held standards I'm not considered 100 percent "white."

That's not uncommon. A dear friend of mine, who so nicely wrote up what happens to be my own perspective on an explosive issue here in the Viewpoint last week, is pearly-skinned like Raquel. She would find it much harder than I would to choose the correct "race" bubble on the Scantron form. Another friend is dark-skinned, "black," but hates being called African-American, because she's not.

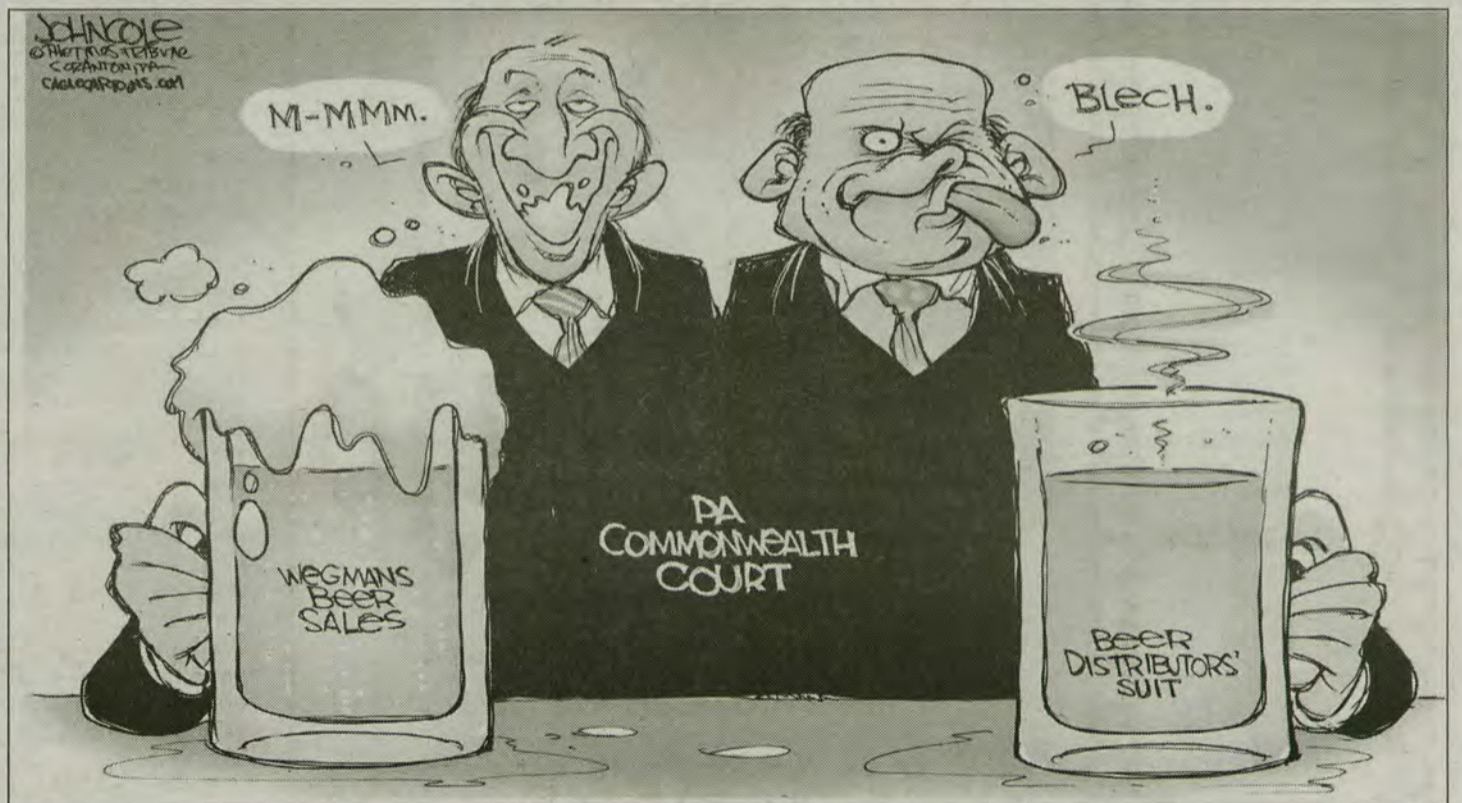
As for people being people, the four of us, in spite of and along with everything else, remain ourselves. No one, no matter the theory, is put in a box. One is not just "white" or "non," colonizer or subject. One is not just one's religion or romantic preference. One is not even the sum of one's conduct as that is viewed at this very instant. One is who one is, that is, a person. The suggestion that one is anything else is dehumanizing.

Which may be why most explanations of Post-colonialism don't involve plain language.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"When someone does something good, applaud! You will make two people happy."*

Samuel Goldwyn  
U.S. movie producer

## A how-to guide for Lenten sacrifice

Happy Day-After-Mardi-Gras, everyone. I hope last night's bacchanalia has filled you with enough party memories to get you through the slow slog of Lent. (Side note: Did you know that there are around seven shots of liquor in a standard hurricane? I do now. Here's to waking up in bonus time!). Given that my Mardi Gras isn't really "over" yet, I feel obligated to spread some leftover Mardi Gras cheer.

Ash Wednesday finds many of us scrambling to come up with a "good thing" to give up for Lent. It must be something that is completely manageable, yet substantial enough for us to avoid embarrassment when discussing it in the company of friends (lest we be out-Catholiced!). For those facing some Ash Wednesday anxiety, here is some insight into the real reasons behind some of your friends' sacrifices:



Brad Blomstrom

*The Daft Punk*

### I'm giving up sweets / going on a diet

Read: I'm going to Panama City for Spring Break next week and the crash diet begins now. Nothing tastes as good as thin feels.

### I'm giving up drinking excessively

Read: I came up with this while experiencing one of the worst

hangovers of my life. After the Backer on Saturday, I said to myself, "Self, I'm never doing this to you again." Until it's time to pregame Fever on Thursday. Then I'm back off the wagon and back on the blackout train.

### I'm giving up swearing

Read: That darn rap music has ruined my vocabulary, and I'll be gosh-darned if I don't do something about it during Lent. Wait, I have a paper due tomorrow that I forgot about? F\*\*\* this!

### I'm giving up chocolate

Read: My girlfriend/boyfriend dumped me last week and I have all of this leftover chocolate from Valentine's Day that I am not eating. I don't care how delicious it is. If I eat it, [the ex] wins.

### I'm giving up facebook

Read: There may or may not be pictures of me from last night in which I would not like to be tagged. Body shots? Not on my Newsfeed!

People that choose this option usually get to keep eating chocolate during Lent.

### I'm giving up Subway

Read: I'm one of those clowns making five-dollar-footlong fools of themselves by boycotting the most popular eatery on campus.

### I'm giving up gossip, from a girl

"Gossip" refers to celebrity gossip. Read: The Oscars are over, so my craving to judge strangers over insignificant fashion choices has been satisfied.

### I'm giving up gossip, from a guy

"Gossip" refers to claiming to have inside information on the football team and debating whether Manti Te'o will win three or four Butkus Awards. Read: Bowl season is over and spring practice is a long way off, so the legitimacy of my inside information is already questionable at best.

"But what of the Daft Punk," you might ask. There must be something he is giving up that might draw my scorn and ridicule!" You are right, dear reader, and out of fairness I will tell you. I am giving up ticking off good-hearted Teach for America supporters. A good number of them do want to be teachers, and I think they deserve some credit. As for the rest, thank God we all get to break our promises on Sunday.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Congratulations swimming and diving

I know that it is highly unusual to receive a letter from a head coach at a rival university, but I felt compelled to share with you and your readers something about which you should all be proud— Irish Swimming and Diving. At the recent Big East Championships that ended this past weekend, your Irish men and women walked away with two Big East Conference Team Championships. For the Notre Dame women, it was their 13th straight Championship (13th overall). For the Notre Dame men, it was their second straight title and fourth overall team title. Both team wins were challenged at every turn. But the most exciting moment of the meet and one that will live in the lore of our conference's sport history was the final race of the evening that gave a clear underdog Irish men's relay team a win and the Notre Dame men the team title.

Let me recap the scene for you so that you know how incredible an event this last race was. At the end of the last individual event prior to the relay the Notre Dame men had a slim 3.5 point advantage over the Louisville men. The meet would be decided on the last relay. Notre Dame was a decided underdog. The Louisville men were seeded with a time (2:55.59) that was more than seven seconds faster than Notre Dame (3:02.86). In order to win the title, the Irish men would have to swim a school record time to have a chance. It would be uncharted territory for the Irish. Your Irish relay team was John Lytle, Danny Lutkus, Josh Nosal and Andrew Hoffman. At the end of the first leg, Lytle held the lead over

Louisville by .31 seconds. Lutkus extended that lead by the end of the second leg to .52 seconds. Nosal still kept the lead, but Louisville narrowed it to .22 seconds, while the crowd at the IUPUI Natatorium went crazy. It was impossible to hear anything but the crowd as the swimmers for all four legs of the race went down the pool stroke for stroke. At the end, Hoffman held on to the lead and extended it slightly to out-touch the Louisville men by .32 seconds in a time (2:54.08) that was more than nine seconds faster than the Irish men had gone all season this year! At the end of the meet, the Irish men had pulled a conference victory out of the mouths of the Louisville Cardinals by the narrowest of margins in a race that will no doubt be the stuff of Irish Swimming and Diving lore for years to come.

Congratulations to the Irish Men and Women! You should be proud of them. Note: Only one Big East Conference team rivals the success of the Irish in swimming and diving — Pittsburgh. With 28 Big East Conference Championships between the Panther men and women, the third place Pitt team for both men and women this year will undoubtedly challenge the Irish down the road for the title. Swimming and Diving is alive and well in the Big East Conference!

Chuck Knoles

Head Coach  
Pittsburgh Swimming and Diving  
Feb. 24

### You forgot one

While I realize the purpose of his article was to most likely to spread awareness for Dillon Hall's Stache Bash benefit, I found Jay Fitzpatrick's analysis of the "Moustaches of the World" to be lacking. Perhaps his motive was to lower the expectations of the ladies attending the bash, most of whom will be escorted by wearers of the "common crustache," but he omits the greatest mustache of our time, that of Keith Hernandez. Named the best sports mustache of all time by the American Mustache Institute, Mets and Cardinals legend Keith Hernandez may possess the best mustache known to man. Clean-shaven from his rookie season in 1975 until 1978, his batting average hovered around .250 until he grew out a grand mustache and hit .344 and won the batting crown in 1979. He kept the 'stache and won the National League MVP award, 11 gold gloves, a World Series in 1986, and the hearts of New York's fans as the voice of the Mets for SportsNet New York. Just because no Dillon (or any other sort of) man could match the greatness of No. 17's mustache doesn't mean that its majesty should go unrecognized.

Brian Wysocki  
sophomore  
Fisher Hall  
Feb. 24

### Let's talk honestly about race

Eric Holder, the nation's first African-American attorney general, gave a speech last week. In it, he characterized the United States as "a nation of cowards" when it comes to discussing our tortured racial history. Many people were offended etc. Others believe race is no longer an issue. But I beg to differ. Those people are mistaken.

I see Holder's words as a challenge to us all to have honest conversations about race in America. We are living at a time when the gains of the 1954 Supreme Court decision, *Brown v. Board of Education*, have been completely reversed, when the gap in wealth among different racial groups has never been wider, and when the effects of historical inequities have never been clearer in education.

We attempt to distance ourselves from slavery. But the effects of slavery have been felt throughout our history and continue to plague us today as we strive to be the nation we once envisioned — a nation that insured opportunity for all.

But we cannot distance ourselves from history. By talking honestly about race, we give ourselves hope that we can overcome inequality and become stronger than we have ever been before.

We cannot distance ourselves from illegal slave trade that continued from 1808 into the late 19th century and that U.S. presidents from Jefferson to Grant condoned and supported — even if they only looked the other way.

We cannot distance ourselves from a history of slavery of a different name. Prison leasing (or forced labor) of black men and women began after the Supreme Court rescinded the Civil Rights Act of 1875 and continued until World War II. This was the practice of arresting former slaves for not having a job or changing jobs without getting permission from a former employer. Found guilty for these "crimes," they were sentenced to 30 days of hard labor. But their sentences were increased to up to a year if they could not pay for court costs. Few could, given widespread unemployment in the 1880s. Prisons throughout the South "leased" Blacks to major corporations to work in steel furnaces and mines. There was a 45 percent mortality rate for prisoners leased to these corporations.

We cannot distance ourselves from New Deal politics that allowed Southern legislators to exclude blacks from economic incentives that brought a majority population back to work and helped create wealth that blacks were denied. Many of these same legislators insured that few blacks could take advantage of the GI Bill after World War II.

Predatory lending practices and redlining are all too evident in massive foreclosures. Yet these practices are not new, following on the heels of the government's disinvestment in urban cities in the 1950s. These practices have existed for years, despite the promise of the 1968 Fair Housing Act.

So when will we have an honest conversation about race? When will we all face the fact that our government agencies have been complicit in creating inequality and injustice in housing, education, and health care?

The time is now.

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## 'Guernica' offers an introspective look at man

By ELLIE HALL  
Scene Writer

"Guernica," Notre Dame's Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) department's latest production, offers a deeply introspective and surrealist presentation of wrongful death, frustrated ambitions and man's inhumanity towards man.

Yiannis Lymtsiouslis' "Guernica" begins with a media-infused explanation of the circumstances leading up to the play's start, specifically the sinking of an Albanian refugee ship en route to Italy after a collision with an Italian warship. This results in the deaths of hundreds of refugees, and one of the play's many questions is whether or not the act was intentional. "Guernica" is set underneath the Mediterranean Sea and tells the story of four of the victims in this collision, who have drowned, but are conscious and unaware that they are dead.

"Guernica" grabs you from the moment you enter the theatre, with intricate sets that almost reach to the

seats of the Philbin Studio Theatre. Indeed, the production's visual elements alone are reason enough to attend — the lighting, scenery, costumes and even the movements of the actors pull you into the watery purgatory of the play's setting. This is not a play that provides a passive viewing experience; the actors deliberately interact with those seated in the front row and draw the audience further into a story.

Director Anton Juan's intimate understanding of the script — he translated the work from its original Greek — is apparent in the integrated nature of the performance. Audiovisual effects (music, video, off-stage narration) add to the overall experience rather than detract, as is often the case in theatrical presentations.

The smallness of the cast — only five actors — highlights the strength of Notre Dame's theatre program. These five undergraduate students present the play's dark material with grace, heart-wrenching poignancy and impeccable Albanian accents.

This play is not for those who don't want to leave the theatre thinking or those who can't handle heavy subject matter. It is a moving and lyrical, but admittedly difficult presentation about human nature. "The basic fear of man," Juan writes in director's note "... is to open his eyes in the water." Anyone willing to embrace that fear and experience a new kind of theatrical experience should make a point to see this play.

"Guernica" continues its run in the Philbin Studio Theatre tonight at 7:30 p.m. as part of the University's international playwriting conference, "Darwin and Theatre: Migration and Evolution." There are also performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for general admission, \$12 for faculty and staff, \$12 for seniors, and \$10 for all students. Contact the box office at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at [performingarts.nd.edu](mailto:performingarts.nd.edu) for more information.

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## The history behind 'Guernica'

By ELLIE HALL  
Scene Writer

Yiannis Lymtsiouslis' "Guernica" is based upon a true historical event marked by the deaths of innocent civilians, but not the ones you might be thinking of after looking at the play's title.

The play "Guernica" takes its name from the 1937 aerial bombing by German and Italian fascists of the Basque town of Guernica, Spain during the Spanish Civil War. The bombings at Guernica were some of the first examples of terror bombing, as the town was not a military stronghold and had no aerial defense. The numbers are still a subject of controversy, but approximately 250 to 300 civilians were killed in the bombings. Pablo Picasso heard of the tragedy and created the painting "Guernica," which brought international attention to the plight of the innocent in the ongoing civil war when it was

first displayed during the 1937 World's Fair. The painting remains a symbol of the horrors of war and a tapestry of the work hangs in the United Nations building in front of the entrance to the Security Council chambers to remind the delegates of their goals of peace and international cooperation.

But "Guernica" is not a play about the bombings in northern Spain. Confused? Don't be.

"Guernica" is about the sinking of an Albanian ship, the Kater I Rades, in the Strait of Otranto in the Mediterranean Sea after colliding with the Sybilla, an Italian warship on March 28, 1997. Approximately 80-120 refugees were crammed onto this ship, which was built to hold a maximum of 30 passengers. Only 30 of the refugees survived the crash and these survivors claim that the collision was not an accident.

The events leading up to the sinking of the Kater I Rades indicate the Italian

government's dissatisfaction with the influx of Albanian refugees. The de facto collapse of democracy in Albania on March 1, 1997, and Albanian president Sali Berisha's simultaneous declaration of a state of emergency, sparked the immediate migration of over 10,000 Albanians to nearby Italy. Foreign governments pulled their citizens out of the country.

As anarchy took hold in Albania, Italian officials, suddenly dealing with a refugee crisis, expressed resentment to the United Nations and asked for the organization's support of a naval blockade to stem the flow of illegal immigrants. On March 27, 1997, the United Nations instead authorized a peace-keeping force to restore order in Albania and asked surrounding countries to provide protection for the refugees. The Kater I Rades sank the next day.

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# Guernica

## Designing 'Guernica'

By ANALISE LIPARI  
Scene Editor

One aspect of "Guernica," the latest Mainstage production of the Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) Department at Notre Dame, which might go unnoticed to the untrained eye, is its list of credits, and one of the show's top design credits goes to a student.

Kimberly Mering, a senior FTT major from Baraboo, Wis., is the set designer for "Guernica." Mering is taking on the project for her senior thesis in FTT.

Designing the set for "Guernica" has been a challenging and collaborative task for Mering.

"In order to design the set, I had to work from the script and in discussion with the director and other designers to come up with a design that works for the show and in the space where the piece is being performed," Mering said.

That space, the Philbin Theater, is known as a "black box" theater, a versatile facility in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center that functions as something of a blank slate for each new production.

The set itself, Mering said, draws its inspiration from the interaction between man and nature, a theme that runs through the production.

"The set is based on the idea that while humans intrude on natural settings, causing dissonance in something that should be beautiful, eventually nature is able to restore itself by overwhelming the intrusion," she said.

Her design incorporates a variety of "natural looking elements," including sand, rocks, water and seashells.

Still, the human touch lingers on the environment Mering has designed.

"There is human 'stuff' all over the place," she said, blending and eroding into the larger landscape surrounding it.

The process of designing was a difficult one, Mering admitted, and unlike her previous challenges on other productions.

"Designing and building was tough," she said. "I never realized just how much goes into getting a design from that first reading ... to up-and-running by opening night."

"But it was really rewarding to finally see everything as it came together after months of work."

Designing the set for "Guernica" presented another layer of pressure for Mering, as the project is effectively her senior thesis, the culmination of four years of work in the major. Mering said that while the design is now a cohesive whole, the process of working towards that design had its twists and turns.

"I knew I wanted to work on a creative project," Mering said. "What really excites me about theater is the chance to be part of a collaborative process that results in something as beautiful as 'Guernica.'" Through the careful guidance of several members of the FTT faculty, Mering decided to take on the set design of a mainstage show, leading to her position as the "Guernica" set designer.

If students are wavering in their decision to see "Guernica," Mering said the play will no doubt interest them long after the final curtain falls.

"It's a very tragically beautiful show," she said. "You'll walk out thinking about something you saw or heard happen to the characters."

Mering's history with FTT is a long one; she first encountered the department during her freshman year, acting in the mainstage production of "Wings." After that early foray into acting, however, she found herself more drawn to the technical side of production.

"Since ['Wings'] I've been mostly behind the scenes," Mering said. "I've been the Assistant Set Designer on a few shows [2008's 'The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus,' among others] and the Light Board operator on 'The Mousetrap.'"

As an employee of the scene shop at the Performing Arts Center, Mering has also helped build the sets for major FTT productions for the past few years.

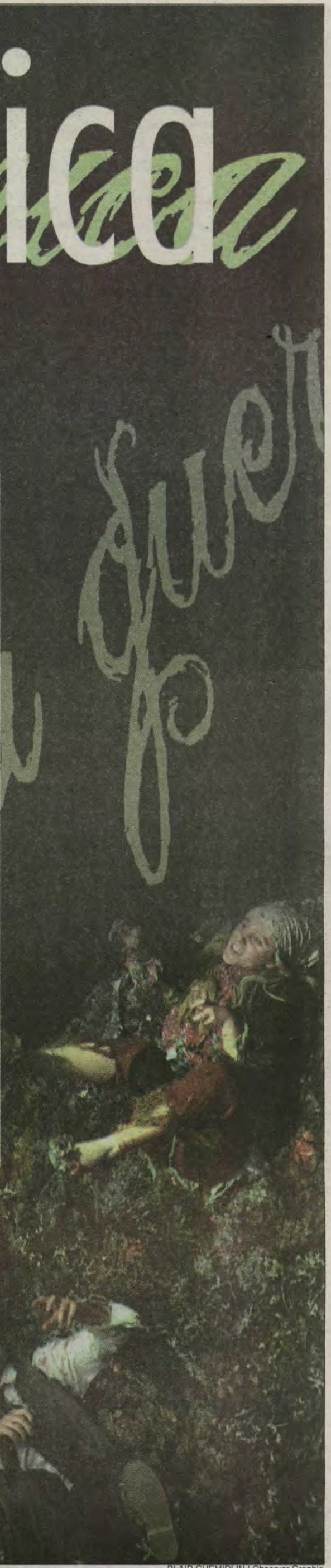
Mering actually came to the University with the intent of studying political science. But early involvement with on-campus theater productions got her hooked, and by her junior year, she had declared FTT as her major. Mering said the department's faculty were her strongest influences during her undergraduate career, leading to her work with "Guernica."

"They're supportive and excited about what they do and what we students do," she said.

Ultimately, the power of theater is what's kept Mering involved these past four years, from that first role in "Wings" to her senior thesis.

"Just having the chance to be a part of a live performance in any capacity is very rewarding," she said. "Live theater is such a powerful medium, and the more I learn about it, the more I realize how much this is true."

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## NFL

## Colts release receiver Harrison from contract

After 13 years with Indianapolis, leading career receiver released after refusing pay cut, becomes free agent

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts released Marvin Harrison, ending the star receiver's 13-year tenure with the team and breaking up one of the great pass-and-catch combinations in NFL history.

Colts owner Jim Irsay announced the move Tuesday after meeting with Harrison in a final effort to re-sign the franchise's career receiving leader.

"It's a day as an owner you know eventually will come, but it's not a day you look forward to," Irsay said at a news conference. "I can see Marvin in 1996 coming in from the draft into our complex and talking to him and meeting him for the first time, and the journey began.

"As an owner, these are rare events, when you have a chance to talk about an individual who literally changed the face of a franchise."

Harrison, who did not attend the news conference, ranks second in NFL career receptions with 1,102, the vast majority from quarterback Peyton Manning's passes. Together they helped make the Colts one of the most prolific passing teams in the league for more than a decade.

Harrison made eight Pro Bowls and earned a Super Bowl ring, and his 14,550 yards rank fourth on the NFL's career list. He is No. 5 all-time with 128 TD catches and holds all major single-season and career receiving marks for the Colts.

Colts president Bill Polian said he talked with Harrison Saturday night.

"We talked at length about all the things he accomplished here," Polian said.

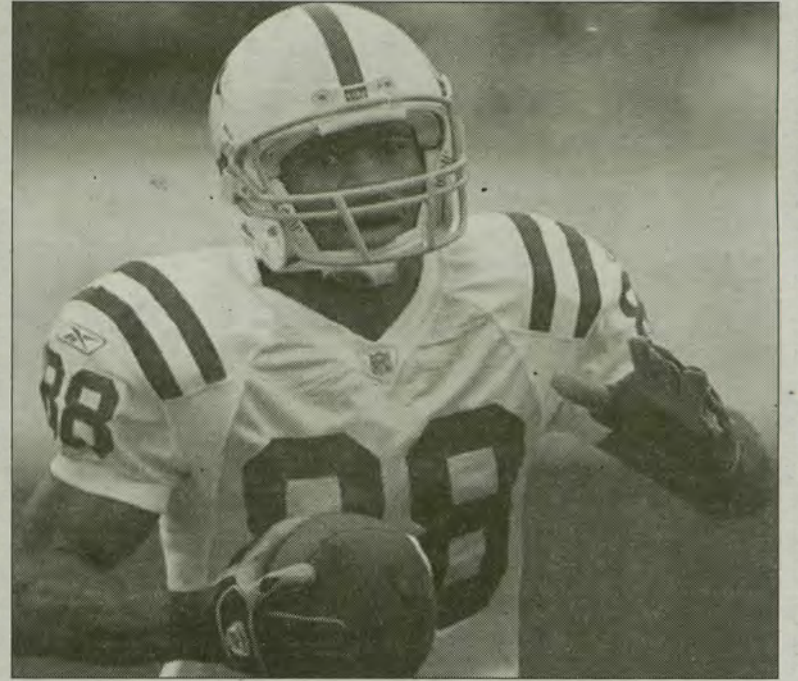
"He worked so hard on his craft, always so prepared. He did every little thing it took to win," Polian said. "And he did it with quiet dignity, with superb profes-

sionalism and with a sense of contribution to the team that really is second to none. He is a Hall of Famer, no question. He's the transcendent receiver of this generation."

Harrison's agent, Tom Condon, said Monday that the Colts had agreed to release Harrison after he declined a pay cut. Harrison had the highest salary cap number of any NFL receiver at \$13.4 million.

But he turns 37 in August and is coming off the least productive healthy season of his career. Cutting him could save the Colts about \$6 million on next season's salary cap.

"It's a tough day for us, losing one of the all-time greats. Marvin is a consummate winner," new coach Jim Caldwell said. "I had a chance to watch him on the practice field day in day out. He's the most competitive guy I've ever seen. ... He also had a great pride in everything he did."



Colts' receiver Marvin Harrison scores a touchdown against the Jaguars in a Dec. 2005 game. Harrison was released Tuesday.

## SWIMMING

## Phelps prepares for competition in May

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Michael Phelps will swim in a meet in Charlotte in May, ending his three-month suspension for being photographed inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

Meet officials announced Tuesday that the Olympic great has committed to the Charlotte UltraSwim on May 14-17.

The Grand Prix event will be the first major meet for which Phelps is eligible, and first tuneup before July's world championships in Rome.

"Michael is focused on practicing and regaining the mental and physical momentum that he had achieved going into the Beijing Olympics," Phelps' coach, Bob Bowman, said in a statement. "He is committed to a very demanding and rigorous training schedule as he prepares for upcoming meets and the FINA World Championships."

Phelps won a record eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics, but he was suspended by USA Swimming this month after a British tabloid published a photo-

graph showing him with a marijuana pipe at a party in November at the University of South Carolina.

The 23-year-old Phelps apologized and called the suspension "fair." While he's returned to training in his hometown of Baltimore,

the suspension put him behind his preparation for the world championships. Phelps had planned to compete in early March at a Grand Prix meet in Austin, Texas.

Phelps will be challenged in his May return in a field expected to be full of his U.S. Olympic teammates. Charlotte UltraSwim officials expect Cullen Jones, Mark Gangloff and Ryan Lochte to participate.

"Coming off of the unprecedented excitement of the 2008 Olympics, to be able to have so many recent gold medalists together again is simply outstanding," said David Marsh, the director of meet host SwimMAC.

Phelps last competed in the Charlotte meet in 2006, when he won five events and set two meet records.

**Bob Bowman**  
Phelps coach

*"He is committed to a very demanding and rigorous training schedule as he prepares for upcoming meets and the FINA World Championships."*

## GOLF

## Woods returns to practice

After knee surgery and long recovery, Tiger plays without pain

Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Tiger Woods pulled into the parking lot as sunlight began to filter across the desert floor. He ducked into the clubhouse to change into golf shoes and headed out for a practice round, a routine he has followed for a dozen years.

For a moment, it didn't seem as though he had been gone from golf for the last eight months recovering from knee surgery.

"It feels the same. Nothing feels any different," Woods said, recalling a conversation with his wife Tuesday morning. "Just because it feels like I'm coming back to what I used to do."

But there was one change that brought so much satisfaction.

Standing on the first tee at Dove Mountain, he drew back his 3-wood and sent the ball soaring against the Arizona sky, his swing looking just as good as it did that Monday in June at Torrey Pines when he won the U.S. Open in a playoff.

Only this time he didn't wince. He didn't stoop over and clutch his left leg. He didn't have to use his club for a cane.

Nothing hurt.

"I feel great," Woods said. "I didn't think it would feel this good before the surgery, or even just after the surgery, because I hadn't known what it's like to feel this way. It's been so long. So to have it feel this healthy and this solid and secure, man, it's a great feeling."

He was about an hour late for his press conference, but he had a good excuse.

It was his first time walking 18 holes since the U.S. Open, and "I forgot how long it takes," said Woods, who has been riding a cart at home.

Woods does not know what to expect from his game when the Accenture Match Play Championship begins Wednesday, mainly because there is sure to be rust. He has not competed since surgery to rebuild ligaments in his left knee the week after Torrey Pines.

"I've played one tournament in 10 months," Woods said. "I've simulated tournaments the best I possibly can, but it's hard to get the adrenaline up to where it's going to be tomorrow when I play. I'm trying to get into the rhythm of the round as fast as I possibly can."

"And hopefully, it will hap-

pen quickly for me."

His first-round opponent is Brendan Jones, an Australian Woods has never met.

Woods is the defending champion, which means nothing in this fickle format. It doesn't matter what score he shoots, as long as he wins more holes than his opponent.

"You have to be on your game right away," he said. "You have to make sure you bring the intensity and bring your game from the very first hole. Because if you don't, then I'll be going home."

The intensity might come from the circus around him.

Even if Woods felt like his drive to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club was just like going to the office, it soon was clear this week will be different. About 50 photographers were waiting at the entrance of the practice range, and a dozen of them camped on the slope behind where Woods set up to hit balls.

The only other player on the range was Phil Mickelson, who won two days ago at Riviera and virtually was ignored.

"As I'm walking to the range, I've never seen so many cameras, especially that early in the morning," Mickelson said.

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## NCAA Women's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	points	record
1	Connecticut (44)	1100	27-0
2	Oklahoma	1056	24-3
3	Stanford	996	22-4
4	California	897	22-3
5	Maryland	877	23-4
6	Baylor	859	21-4
7	Auburn	848	26-2
8	Louisville	834	25-3
9	North Carolina	777	24-4
9	Duke	714	22-4
11	Florida State	681	23-5
12	Texas A&M	623	21-5
13	Xavier	487	24-4
14	Ohio State	478	22-5
15	Pittsburgh	443	20-5
16	Texas	389	19-7
17	Florida	373	23-5
18	Tennessee	301	19-8
19	Vanderbilt	297	21-7
20	Kansas State	257	21-4
21	South Dakota State	255	26-2
22	Virginia	223	21-7
23	NOTRE DAME	174	18-7
24	Arizona State	157	20-6
25	Iowa State	94	19-7

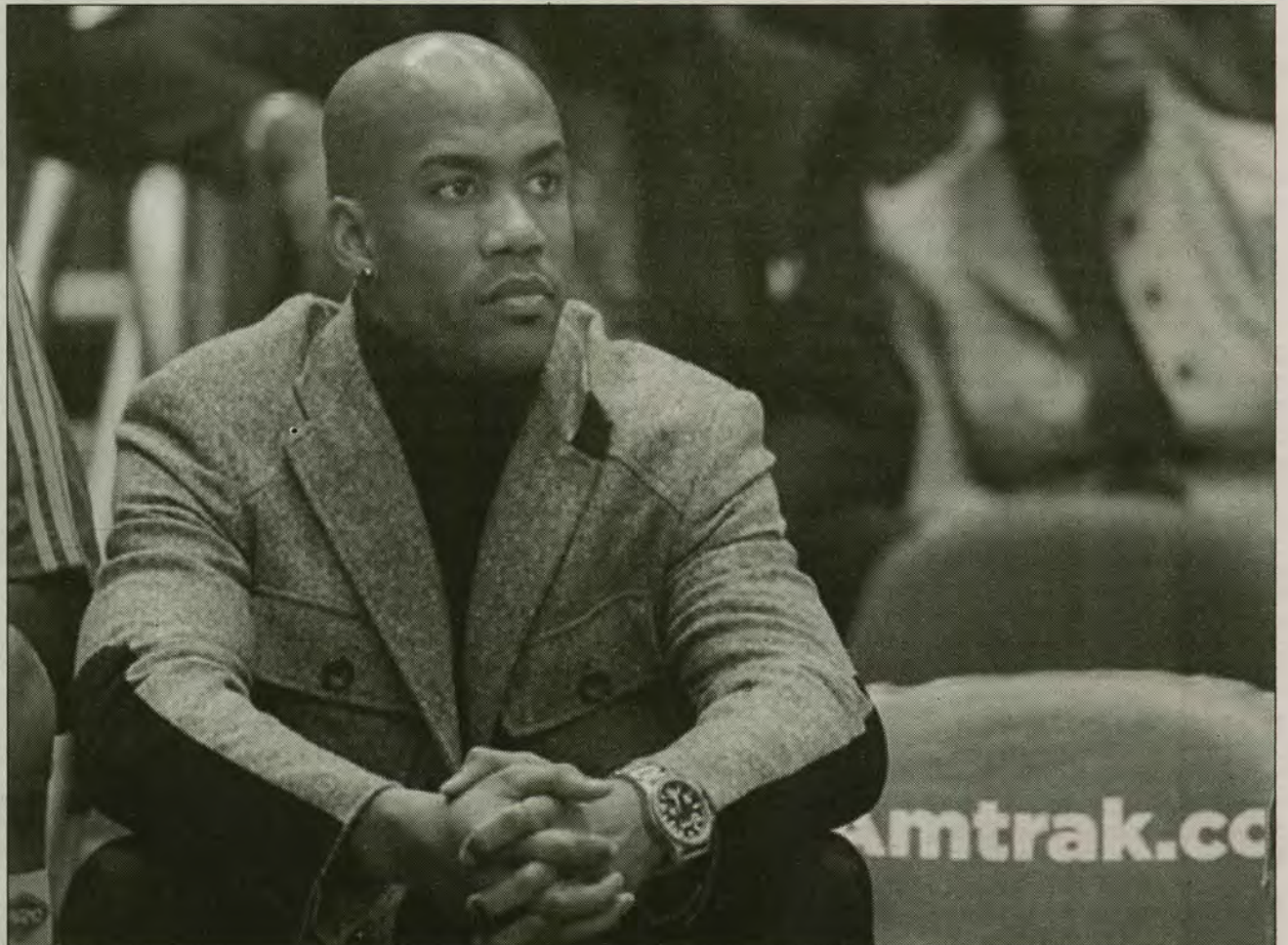
## NCAA Men's Hockey USCHO.com/CBS Poll

	team	points	record
1	Boston Univ. (31)	981	23-5-4
2	NOTRE DAME (19)	968	25-5-3
3	Michigan	863	24-10-0
4	Northeastern	850	20-8-4
5	Denver	790	19-9-4
6	Princeton	673	20-7-0
7	Miami (Ohio)	666	18-9-5
8	North Dakota	637	20-11-3
9	Vermont	635	17-8-5
10	Cornell	540	17-6-4
11	Yale	532	19-6-2
12	New Hampshire	513	16-9-5
13	Colorado College	342	16-9-8
14	Minnesota-Duluth	336	16-9-7
15	Ohio State	281	19-11-4
16	Wisconsin	227	16-13-3
17	St. Lawrence	191	17-11-4
18	Minnesota	145	13-11-6
19	St. Cloud State	122	17-13-2
20	Massachusetts-Low.	62	15-13-2
21	Air Force	50	22-8-2
22	Boston College	41	13-12-5
23	Alaska	22	15-11-6
24	RIT	16	20-10-2
25	Dartmouth	7	13-11-3

## NCAA Fencing USFCA Rankings

Men	Women
1	NOTRE DAME
2	Penn State
3	Ohio State
4	Pennsylvania
5	Columbia
6	Princeton
7	St. John's
8	Duke
9	Harvard
10	Stanford
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	Penn State
	Ohio State
	Harvard
	Columbia-Barnard
	Pennsylvania
	Northwestern
	Temple
	St. John's
	Princeton

## NBA



New York's Stephon Marbury watches a game against the Milwaukee Bucks in November on the bench at Madison Square Garden. Marbury has not played in a game this season under new coach Mike D'Antoni.

# Marbury waived by Knicks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks are free of Stephon Marbury, and the troublesome point guard is free to join a playoff contender.

Marbury was waived Tuesday by the Knicks, ending a turbulent five-year stint in which the former All-Star couldn't lead his hometown team to a single playoff victory.

The team released a statement saying an agreement between the Knicks and Marbury had been reached, but did not disclose financial terms. Knicks president Donnie Walsh has said the team

and Marbury have been trying to work out a buyout.

Walsh's hope was to get something for Marbury in a trade, but with Marbury's salary of close to \$21 million this season and a divisive personality, he knew a deal was improbable.

Marbury would be eligible to play in the postseason for any team that signs him because he was waived by March 1. He has been linked to the Boston Celtics, who are in need of a backup guard with Tony Allen injured.

"The Celtics are focused on defending our championship and are working day and night to finalize our playoff roster," owner Wyc

Grousbeck said. "We don't have anything to announce at this point except that we intend to do everything we can to raise Banner 18."

Though perhaps the most talented player on the roster, Marbury hadn't played in a game this season as new coach Mike D'Antoni preferred to stick with the players who would be part of the Knicks' future. He never gave the temperamental guard a chance to cause the same troubles for him that he did for Larry Brown and Isiah Thomas.

The Knicks' statement also said Marbury's grievance against the Knicks had been resolved. The sides attended an arbitra-

tion hearing earlier Tuesday regarding the nearly \$400,000 in salary the team had docked the point guard after alleging he refused D'Antoni's request to play in a game in Detroit in November when the team was short-handed.

He then publicly criticized D'Antoni and said he could never play for the coach because he didn't trust him. Marbury sought his departure soon after that episode, but hadn't met face-to-face with Walsh since Dec. 1, when he left a meeting after just 20 minutes because they weren't close on a buyout agreement.

## IN BRIEF

**WR Crabtree indecisive on whether to run for scouts**  
INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Crabtree might not perform in front of NFL scouts, after all.

The top-rated receiver in this year's draft told NFL Network on Tuesday there was only a 50-50 chance he would run at his personal workout next month in Lubbock, Texas.

On Saturday, doctors at the league's annual scouting combine diagnosed a stress fracture in his left foot and recommended surgery to insert a screw. Rehabilitation is expected to take 10 weeks or more, meaning Crabtree wouldn't be able to work out for scouts before the draft if the procedure was done soon. The draft is April 25-26.

On Sunday, Crabtree changed his plans. He said he would delay surgery until after his personal workout. Now that could change.

**Oden sidelined again by bone chips in knee**

HOUSTON — Portland Trail Blazers center Greg Oden will miss at least two more games because of a bone chip in his left knee.

Oden was hurt in a collision during a game at Golden State before the All-Star break. The 7-foot Oden missed the rookie challenge and will miss sit out Tuesday's game in Houston and Wednesday's game in San Antonio.

Coach Nate McMillan said there was a "slight chance" Oden would participate in practice on Thursday. McMillan said he wanted to see Oden run before determining when Oden would play again.

"We thought, everybody thought, he would be able to be moving by now," McMillan said. "Things just keep getting bumped back."

McMillan said doctors have assured him that the injury won't turn into a long-term absence.

**Texas Tech's Knight gets suspension for arguing**

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

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

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

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

"I wasn't surprised because I broke a rule," Knight said during the Big 12 coaches teleconference.

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9 p.m., ESPN

## FORMULA ONE

## New team looks for drivers

Founders of Formula One team hope to make debut in 2010

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The founders of a new U.S.-based Formula One team plan to hire a pair of American drivers, and Mario Andretti believes his grandson is the perfect choice to fill one of the seats.

Ken Anderson and Peter Windsor, the principals behind the team they call USF1, officially announced their intent Tuesday to run the 2010 schedule. The motorsports veterans said they'll base the team in Charlotte, home for most NASCAR teams, and scour the market for young American drivers.

"Who they are ... your guess is as good as mine," said Windsor, a former team manager for Ferrari and Williams and current F1 pit reporter for Speed TV. "But two American drivers, that's what we intend to do."

Windsor rattled off a prospect list of relatively unknown open-wheel drivers currently competing in lower ranks, the most notable Jonathan Summerton, a 21-year-old Florida native racing in Europe in the A1GP Series.

Then he and Anderson turned to their dream list, which included former F1 driver Scott Speed, NASCAR star Kyle Busch and IndyCar glamour girl Danica Patrick. But Speed has said he has no interest in leaving NASCAR for an F1 return. Busch

and Patrick both are willing to discuss the opportunity, but neither has been contacted by USF1 representatives.

Neither principal mentioned Marco Andretti, the budding IndyCar star and grandson of 1978 F1 world champion Mario Andretti.

Mario Andretti called into the news conference, which was televised live on Speed TV, as an invited guest in support of the USF1 team. During his comments, he recommended his 22-year-old grandson for a future F1 ride.

"Every time I mention Formula One, he says 'I'd give anything to have this opportunity,'" Andretti said. "If I were to design a Formula One driver today, I would design Marco. We'll see what the future brings for him."

Marco Andretti signed a contract extension last year with Andretti Green Racing, the team co-owned by his father, Michael. He was testing Tuesday at Homestead-Miami Speedway and not immediately available for comment.

After Andretti hung up, Windsor added Marco Andretti to the list of potential hires, as well as Graham Rahal, a 20-year-old IndyCar driver.

There has not been an American driver in F1 since Speed was released from Toro Rosso in the summer of 07.

Speed, who has since moved to NASCAR, was the first American driver since Michael Andretti in 1993.

The list of potential drivers was one of the few details revealed, as Windsor and Anderson had nothing concrete to offer about their planned race team.

They are looking at a building in Charlotte to house the operation, and plan to hire roughly 100 team members and operate with an annual budget of about \$64 million. They also plan to have a "logistical base" in Europe to house transporters and equipment.

Beyond that, they would reveal little else.

Windsor said they've secured four private investors, but declined to reveal their identities and said their stakes in USF1 are small enough that he and Anderson will remain the primary owners.

Anderson, who worked for the Ligier and Onyx F1 teams in the 1980s before turning to designing and engineering IndyCars, said the team will rely heavily on American technical support.

"Most of the technology in Formula 1 comes from the United States to begin with," he said. "The cost of doing business in the United States is significantly cheaper than Europe, and there are a lot of good people here."

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NBA

# Wade sets career high in Heats' win over Pistons

Spurs hold Mavericks to worst offensive showing of season while All-Star Duncan sits out with sore knee

Associated Press

MIAMI — Not only did Dwyane Wade continue his run of career highs, he sent the Detroit Pistons to a new low.

Wade scored 31 points and set a personal best with 16 assists, leading the Miami Heat to a 103-91 win and handing the Pistons their seventh straight loss — Detroit's longest slide in more than seven years.

Daequan Cook scored 16 points, Jermaine O'Neal added 14 and Jamarion Moon added 12 for the Heat, who took control with a 22-8 run to close the third quarter and held on from there.

Allen Iverson scored 22 points and Tayshaun Prince added 18 for the Pistons (27-28), who fell under .500 this late in a season for the first

time since 2000-01.

Michael Beasley scored 11 points and Udonis Haslem finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds for Miami. Antonio McDyess shot 8-for-10 and scored 17 for Detroit.

Playing for the first time since Sunday's career-best 50-point outburst at Orlando, Wade missed his first four shots before getting on track. He had his 70th career double-double before the third quarter was done and finished 11-for-20 from the field, getting 10 points in the final 12 minutes to keep Miami in front.

His jumper with 2:02 left gave Miami a 98-87 lead, sealing the outcome that provided the Heat with a much-needed boost in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

Miami (30-26), which has now doubled last season's win

total with 26 games still to play, moved within two games of idle Atlanta for fourth in the Eastern Conference.

Detroit (27-28) fell into a tie for sixth in the East with Philadelphia, and needs to win in New Orleans on Wednesday to avoid matching the franchise's longest skid since 1995.

The key for Miami was defense in the third quarter, which finally got the Heat some breathing room.

Iverson's layup with 9:05 left in the third put Detroit on top 60-58. The Pistons proceeded to miss 12 of their 13 shots over the remainder of the period, with only six free throws in the final seven minutes of the quarter keeping Detroit within striking distance.

McDyess' three-point play with 10 minutes left got Detroit within 82-76, but the Pistons got no closer. Wade scored Miami's next three points, then found Cook for a 3-pointer that restored a 10-point lead.

Miami outrebounded Detroit 44-34 — an impressive stat, considering the Heat had been outrebounded by an average of 18 in their last three games.

**Spurs 93, Mavericks 96**

Tony Parker had 37 points and 12 assists with All-Star

teammate Tim Duncan sitting out with a sore right knee, and the short-handed San Antonio Spurs held the Dallas Mavericks to their worst offensive showing this season in a 93-76 victory on Tuesday night.

Parker scored 26 points in the first half and shouldered the load without Duncan and Manu Ginobili, who hasn't played since the All-Star break because of a stress reaction in his right ankle.

Michael Finley scored 16 against his former team, and Josh Howard led the flat-looking Mavericks with 19 points.

The severity of Duncan's injury wasn't immediately known, nor was his likelihood for Wednesday's game against Portland. Duncan walked around the locker room before the game but was scratched only a half-hour before tip-off.

He was not on the bench for the game.

It was the first time this season San Antonio's leading scorer sat out with an injury, and left the Spurs to manage again without two of their big three. The Spurs survived a rocky first few weeks without Parker and Ginobili, who at the time was still recovering from surgery on his other ankle.

Ginobili, who is expected to miss another few weeks, cheerleaded in street clothes as the Spurs won their third straight.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 14 points for the Mavericks, who are also still without one of their biggest offensive weapons, Jason Terry. The standout sixth man missed his sixth game with a break in his non-shooting hand.

Minus Duncan, Ginobili and Terry, the latest meeting in the Interstate 35 rivalry was a far cry from the 133-126 double-overtime thriller that the Spurs wrested in Dallas in December.

Tuesday was more of a jog than a sprint. The Mavericks shot just 34 percent from the floor and San Antonio improved to 18-2 when holding opponents below 89 points.

Matt Bonner added 11 for San Antonio and Kurt Thomas had 10.

Popovich did not mention Duncan's health in a pregame chat with reporters. But when the subject of the recent rash of notable injuries came up — Ginobili, Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire, Boston's Kevin Garnett — Popovich plainly stated that "everyone knows you got to have your horses to win it all."

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## NCAA BASKETBALL

## Friars upset No.1 Pittsburgh

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — All Providence coach Keno Davis wanted was for his team to be part of the conversation about who will be in the NCAA tournament field.

They're talking about the Friars now.

Weynmi Efejuku scored 16 points for Providence, which took a 20-point lead and then turned back one last rally by No. 1 Pittsburgh for an 81-73 victory Tuesday night, the school's second win ever over a top-ranked team.

The victory greatly improves the at-large resume for the Friars (17-11, 9-7), who are in sixth place in the 16-team Big East, a league considered by most as the toughest in the country.

"I think they made a big step to be able to continue their collegiate careers tonight," Davis said of his seniors after their final home game. "We're in a pretty good situation: we're in the top half of the best conference in the country. It puts us in the conversation. I'm sure if we had lost, they wouldn't be talking about us anymore."

The talking started when Pittsburgh star DeJuan Blair fouled out on an illegal screen in the final minute with the Panthers trailing 77-70.

Pittsburgh (25-3, 12-3) returned to the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press poll on

Monday, its second time there this season as the Panthers spent two weeks on top in January.

"It was just terrible. We didn't play as us," said Blair, who has fouled out in two of Pitt's three losses. "They deserved (it). We gave them that game."

Sharaud Curry added 15 points for the Friars, while Geoff McDermott had 11 points, six assists and three of Providence's 11 steals.

Blair had 17 points and eight rebounds, and Sam Young had 16 points and eight rebounds for Pitt, which had won seven straight games and beaten Providence eight consecutive times.

Blair was named Big East player of the week after averaging

21 points and 20.5 rebounds in wins over then-No. 1 Connecticut and DePaul last week. He picked up two quick fouls — his third and fourth — midway through the second

half, then his fifth with 46 seconds left after Pitt had a chance to make it a four-point game.

"He's a special player," Davis said. "You look and he got 17 points and eight boards and it's a down night."

Providence led by 20 points after scoring the first basket of the second half to complete a 17-1 run. The Panthers cut it to 75-70 on Blair's putback with 51 seconds left. After

Brian McKenzie hit two free throws for Providence a fraction of a second later, Pitt brought the ball down and Blair was called for an offensive foul.

The fans in the Dunkin' Donuts Center crowded around the courtside press tables for the final minutes. Twice, the public address announcer begged the fans to stay off the court following the game; twice the crowd responded by laughing.

Sure enough, after the Friars dribbled out the last 20 seconds — it was too far gone for Pitt to try fouling — the fans went over the tables and celebrated one of the biggest wins in school history.

"We weren't here to get rolled on," Providence forward Jonathan Kale said. "We knew we had to win one. It happened to be Pitt. They happened to be No. 1."

The Friars are 2-10 all-time against No. 1-ranked teams, with their other victory coming in double overtime against Michigan in 1976. They 2-5 against ranked teams this season, having also beaten then-No. 15 Syracuse on Jan. 28.

"We've got high standards, and we didn't live up to them tonight," said Pitt's Jamie Dixon, who coached his 200th game. "That's obvious."

Providence opened with a 15-4 lead and led by 18 at halftime despite making just one of its first eight 3-point attempts. The Panthers cut the deficit to 29-25 with 6:25 left in the half, but Providence scored 17 of the last 18 points before the break.

*"I'm sure if we had lost, they wouldn't be talking about us anymore."*

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# Rutgers

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Harangody said. "It's going to be a tough game. It's a Big East game and it's going to be tough, no matter who you're playing."

Junior guard Jonathon Peoples made a statement with his performance Saturday against Providence.

Against the Friars, Peoples enjoyed a breakout performance in which he played 28 minutes setting career highs in points (13) and assists (nine). His ball-handling against the Friars' press was

a key part of the season-high 103 points put up by the Irish.

"We were joking around with him. He needs to play like that for us that all the time," Harangody said.

"We know he's capable of doing that, I think he just needed a little confidence. Now, he's sky high, and that's great for us."

McAlarney was also impressed with Peoples' performance.

*"We know [Peoples is] capable of doing that, I think he just needed a little confidence. Now, he's sky high, and that's great for us."*

**Luke Harangody**  
Irish junior

Whether its Peoples or regular starter junior Tory Jackson handling the point guard duties, Notre Dame will need a strong performance from its backcourt. The Scarlet Knights are led by their guard duo of Mike Rosario and Anthony Farmer who, combined, average just over 26 points per game. Last season, Rutgers gave Notre Dame a scare in Piscataway. The heavily-favored Irish escaped

with a 71-68 win. "From what I can remember they have drivers. Guards who can really get in the paint and drive the ball."

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## Belles

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received a great effort from its bench, outscoring Adrian's bench 34-13. Freshman Kelley Murphy scored a game-high 17 points off the bench.

The next game for the Belles should be a little tougher as they face another 16-9 team in Calvin. Earlier this season, the Belles won their matchup 72-68 in overtime.

For the Belles to be successful again, they will need to play strongly in the paint and on the boards and look for even more productive bench play to take the pressure off of Newsom.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

# LSU wins ninth straight victory over Florida

Johnson puts up impressive numbers in Purdue's defeat of Indiana, possible conference player of year candidate

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, LA. — Trent Johnson took over a LSU basketball program last April that had gone through consecutive losing seasons in the Southeastern Conference.

Now in Johnson's first season the Tigers are SEC champions again, clinching at least a share of the conference crown with an 81-75 victory against Florida on Tuesday night.

Marcus Thornton scored 32 points for the Tigers (24-4, 12-1), who have won nine straight overall and 12 in a row in SEC play. They can win their second outright conference title in the last four seasons with one victory in the last three games.

"I'm so happy for these guys,

you have no idea," Johnson said. "I don't believe in all that destiny stuff. This is a good basketball team. The thing I really appreciate about these guys is they speak from the heart and they have a sense of security."

Garett Temple scored a career-high 21 points for the Tigers. Tasmin Mitchell added 12 points.

It's been a huge turnaround for LSU, which fired coach John Brady during last season's losing campaign. Johnson was lured away from Stanford after the season.

"Winning is always fun," Thornton said. "Last year, we didn't have the season like we wanted to have. Nobody but the guys in this locker room thought we could have a season like this."

Walter Hodge paced the Gators (21-7, 8-5) with 16 points.

The Tigers trailed 56-53 before going on a 14-2 run to take control of the game. A basket by Temple was followed by Bo Spencer's three-point play and gave LSU a 58-56 lead. After Alex Tyus tied the score for Florida, LSU scored nine consecutive points.

"I think we were playing against the best team in the league right now with a whole bunch of seniors," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "Our guys did pretty well to be honest with you. We had some plays that we could have made, but we just didn't."

Two free throws by Mitchell gave the Tigers the lead at 60-58 with 10:18 to go. A 3-point play by Temple, a layup by Mitchell and two foul shots by Thornton boosted the LSU advantage to nine points at 67-58 with 8:01 to play.

The Gators scored six straight points on a three-point play by Ray Shipman and a 3-pointer by Ervin Walker. LSU rebuilt its advantage to seven points on two foul shots by Thornton and a dunk by Chris Johnson. Florida came no closer than four points the rest of the way.

"We really got after them and guarded them in the second half," Trent Johnson said. "At halftime, we made a couple of adjustments to attack their zone. We made a decision to run our man stuff against it."

Tyus had 15 points for Florida and Chandler Parsons and Nick Calathes each had 12 points.

Florida, which trailed for most of the opening 20 minutes, closed the first half on a 17-5 run to take a four-point lead. The Gators were behind 32-24 after Thornton made his third 3-pointer with 6:58 remaining before halftime.

A 3-pointer by Dan Werner began the Florida outburst. Tyus and Calathes combined to score the Gators' next ten points. A three-point play by Tyus tied the score at 37 with 1:19 left in the first half.

Shipman then made a steal and drove for a layup to give Florida its first lead since early in the first half. A layup by Parsons put the Gators on top 41-37 at halftime.

LSU regained the lead at 44-43 less than two minutes into the second half when Thornton knocked down another 3-pointer. However, Florida came right back to take a 50-46 lead with Hodge

making a pair of layups.

The Tigers answered with seven consecutive points — five by Temple.

The Gators scored six points in a row on a 3-pointer by Walker and a three-point play by Parsons to go on top 56-53 with 12:05 remaining in the game. LSU then started the game-deciding run.

**Purdue 81, Indiana 67**

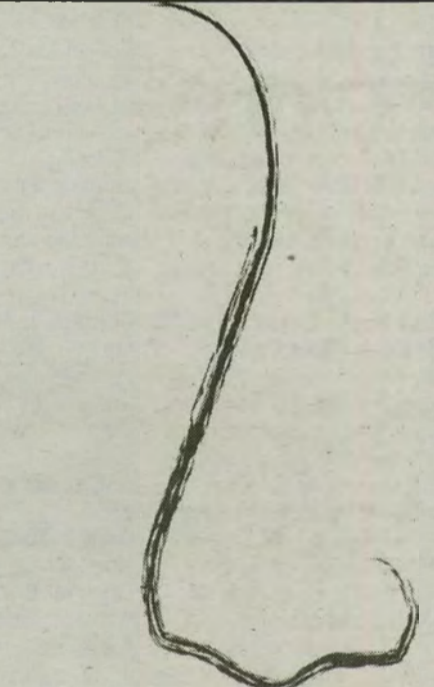
JaJuan Johnson has emerged as Purdue's unexpected conference player of the year candidate.

Johnson has carried much of the offensive load while Robbie Hummel, the Big Ten's preseason player of the year, has fought through a hairline fracture in his lower back.

In Big Ten play, the 6-foot-10 Johnson ranks fifth in scoring (14.8 per game), fourth in rebounds (7.2), third in field-goal percentage (.565) and first in blocks (2.57). He's one of the main reasons No. 16 Purdue (21-6, 10-4 Big Ten) remains in the hunt for the conference title.

Johnson had 14 points and 10 rebounds and five blocks in Purdue's 81-67 win over Indiana on Saturday. Hoosiers coach Tom Crean tried to recruit Johnson to Marquette two years ago.

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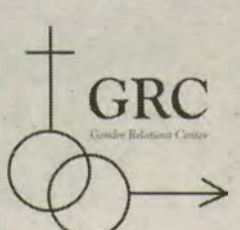
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# Bouts

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hold for a week."

The fight opened with Crepeau throwing the first punch but Burroughs making the first contact. After a few combinations to Crepeau's body, Burroughs managed a left jab to his opponent's chin, which set up his right hook that landed cleanly and with great force.

Crepeau could not find the holes in Burroughs' defense to land any punches of his own, and the first round went to Burroughs.

Crepeau made his strongest effort in the second round, landing multiple right-left combinations complemented by right jabs, but none of it was enough to seriously disrupt Burroughs' momentum.

In the final round, Crepeau attacked in order to win, and Burroughs met him, refusing to dance away or try coast to a victory on points. By the end of the round, Burroughs dispensed numerous shots to Crepeau's body, as well as right and left hooks to the Duncan sophomore's head.

But Crepeau fought until the very end, mounting one last stand in the closing minute. He did fire a few strong shots upon Burroughs, and each one landed cleanly, blessing Burroughs with a considerable black eye only an hour later. But considering such an onslaught came in the final minute of the final round, it was indeed too little, too late.

Burroughs claimed the first-place trophy with a unanimous decision but could already foresee who would hold the title in the coming years.

"Kevin is a great fighter, I consider him a good friend, and I wish him the greatest luck," Burroughs said, after icing that black eye from his friend. "He brought it tonight. It was definitely in no ways easy. I look forward to watching him fight in these coming years."

## 130 pounds

**Joe 'David Hassel' Hof def. Chris 'Cougar' Cugliari**

The semifinals began with a close split decision victory for Hof that could have gone to either fighter.

Cugliari easily won the first round, landing two- and three-hit combinations interspersed with body shots set up by his jab while taking little damage from Hof.

Perhaps knowing the first round had not gone his way, Hof

came out much more aggressively in the second, scoring in the early exchanges. By the end of the round, though, Cugliari made a comeback and drew blood before the bell rang.

Coming into the third round, neither fighter seemed to have much of an advantage, and it stayed that way for most of the round. After a stoppage to clean up Hof's blood, the two gave it their all in the final 30 seconds, with Cugliari landing a big uppercut to end the fight.

Drawing blood and landing big in the end was not enough, however, as a split decision sent Hof to the finals.

**Michael 'The Silver City Slugger' Sayles def. Sean 'Somar' McNichols**

Both fighters showed what it means to "fight 'til the final bell," as neither seemed willing to let up until the fight was over.

The two took turns initiating early on, with the more aggressive fighter winning most of the exchanges until the end of the first round, when Sayles got McNichols against the ropes and dealt out some good punishment.

The second round was all Sayles, as he came out the clear aggressor for the round, initiating most of the exchanges. McNichols' offense was largely ineffective in the second, with Sayles landing two and three punches for each one his opponent landed.

The pace did not slow down in the final round, as both fighters continued to pressure their opponent. McNichols finally mounted an effective offense, but it was not enough, as Sayles moved on with a unanimous decision victory.

## 140 pounds

**Kristopher 'El Azteca' Perez def. Kieran 'The Bulge' Bulger**

Showing why he has not lost a fight in four years, the three-time champion Perez was all business in the semis.

Perez started off slowing, stalking Bulger throughout the first round, rarely throwing punches, yet landing nearly everything he did throw. Bulger tried pushing the pace early but typically ended up backing off after eating a couple of hard shots.

The second, and ultimately final, round was all Perez, with the beginning of the end coming when Bulger appeared to have Perez pinned against the ropes.

Looks can be deceiving though, as Perez landed five or six hard shots while against the ropes to force the ref to call a stop to check Bulger's bleeding. This was followed quickly by another stop-



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**Sophomore Jamie Koepsel, left, attempts a left jab at junior Timothy Thayer during a semifinal fight in the 150-pound weight division in Tuesday's Bengal Bouts.**

page when Perez landed multiple unanswered uppercuts and hooks in the middle of the ring.

The fight was stopped shortly thereafter, 50 seconds into the second round, after Perez landed a few more hard combos.

**Eric 'A 2nd Reading From the Book of the Prophet' Feduska def. Michael Johnston**

In a match where the only person to get knocked down was the referee, the first round saw Johnston pushing the pace, with Feduska using effective counterstriking to take the round.

The second round was more of the same, with Feduska countering Johnston's aggression. The aggression took its toll, as Johnston appeared tired and sluggish by the end of the round.

Still looking tired in the final round, Johnston continued to initiate, but Feduska worked the jab well, and kept his tired opponent at bay.

## 145 pounds

**Bobby Powers def. Albert 'Hispanic Causing Panic' Toscano**

The top-seeded Powers used his reach advantage to earn a spot in the finals for the second straight year.

Powers used his reach early and often, trapping Toscano in the corner in the first and landing good punches while staying out of Toscano's reach.

Toscano used aggression to overcome the reach disadvantage in the second round, initiating and winning the early exchanges. Toscano continued to get inside and deliver punishment throughout the round.

Powers came back in the final round, however, evading the freshman after being trapped in the corner early. Powers found his reach again late, landing enough shots while staying out of reach to earn the round and a unanimous decision.

**Mark Weber def. James 'Francis' Woods**

Woods gave it a good run but was unable to take down Weber, the boxing club president.

Woods was aggressive early on, and was able to land several punches in the first, despite being warned twice for punching while holding the back of Weber's head.

Weber came out strong in the second, trapping Woods in the corner and unloading until Woods managed to bear hug Weber, causing the referee to separate the two. Woods mounted little offense in the second.

The final round saw Weber again schooling Woods on technique, with an early flurry against the ropes and multiple shots late that left the sophomore stunned. Woods was warned for grabbing the back of the neck, and again after landing a spinning back

elbow while trying to escape Weber's flurry.

Weber took the unanimous decision and will join Powers Saturday in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 final.

## 147 pounds

**Joe 'Thor's Hammer' Leary def. Brian 'The BK Special' Koepsel**

Both fighters gave it their all, and by the third round it showed.

The first round saw Leary getting the better of Koepsel, who had trouble getting accustomed to Leary's lean-back defense, as Koepsel was often unable to find the reach he needed.

Koepsel turned things around in the second round, leaning into his punches more and thus landing more shots. He sealed the round with combinations against the ropes, though both men were breathing hard by the end of the round.

With the fight up for grabs, Leary came out aggressively, with the two trading combinations early. Both continued to swing throughout the round, though by the end it did not appear either had enough left in the tank to cause too much damage. Leary took a split decision victory that could have gone either way.

**Patrick 'The South Bend Sniper' Kibbe def. Brian 'Raw Dawg' Desplinter**

Desplinter, a senior captain, delivered the first crucial series of hits of the contest to his opponent, but Kibbe demonstrated an innate ability to dodge that carried him throughout the match. Kibbe chased Desplinter into a corner midway through the round, offering successive combo throws.

In the second round the boxers acted a little more cautiously than before, showing a new mutual defensive strategy. Kibbe chased Desplinter into a corner, and Desplinter's strategy of aiming for Kibbe's stomach could not do enough damage. Desplinter finished the round out well with good combo throws and an intense right jab.

Kibbe began the third round by containing Desplinter in the corner and aiming low. Desplinter showed a few right jabs as detrimental hits to Kibbe's game. Toward the end of the round, Kibbe was able to get in some right-handed power shots, helping the judges with their decision, a split in Kibbe's favor.

## 150 pounds

**Timothy 'Slayer' Thayer def. Jamie 'Sweet Rays of Sunshine' Koepsel**

Both boxers remained on the defensive for much of the opening round, and neither gained much of an edge, thanks to the other's blocking abilities.

But just 13 seconds into the

round as Koepsel brought his left arm back to initiate a big hook, he hit the mat with what appeared to be a shoulder injury. Unable to move his left arm, the same one he had injured during the interhall football season, Koepsel was forced out of the fight.

**Matt 'Poz' Posluszny def. Mark 'The Caveman' Bennett**

Posluszny chased Bennett into the corner with a series of powerful combo punches to open the fight. Bennett was quickly able to reciprocate by using his right hook to chase Posluszny back against the side ropes, though he was unable to throw anything particularly damaging Posluszny's ability to withstand and block.

Bennett took over at the beginning of the second round with several effective combos, but Bennett was still able to successfully block as well as he did in the first round. Bennett switched up his offensive strategy and aimed for Posluszny's stomach, in hopes of weakening his ability to block.

In the third, Bennett was able to keep up with his strategy of chasing Posluszny around in the ring, but he held his ground by showing combination power shots that do real damage in the ring. The round finished with both fighters tiring, off their targets, and unable to do crucial damage to make the decision obvious. But the judges determined Posluszny the victor with a split decision.

## 155 pounds

**Daniel 'You're in the Lion's Den, Now' Rodgers def. Nathan 'I Am Legend' Rothenberger**

Both fighters looked cautious from the get-go, but Rodgers caught Rothenberger off guard with a right jab-and-hook combo to start the match. Rothenberger went for the body early on, but Rodgers landed a few more combos that kept his opponent away.

Neither of the boxers proved to be overly assertive at the start of the second round, but Rodgers took over offensively from there until the remainder of the match. Rothenberger began some effective chasing, but Rodgers began to aim for Rothenberger's unguarded head. Toward the end of the round, Rothenberger showed a powerful right jab but remained a few points behind.

Both saved their aggression out for the third round. Rothenberger still did the majority of the effective charging, becoming a much stronger opponent. Combo hook shots against Rodgers chin showed that Rodgers was losing his balance, but once Rothenberger got him against the ropes for a final time, he showed successive left and right hook shots which tipped the match largely in his favor.



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**Junior Matt Hopke, left, lands a left hook on senior Alex Duffy during a semifinal in the 165-pound weight division Tuesday.**



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## John 'L.E.R.N.' Maier def. Alex 'Speedy' Gonzalez

Despite his height disadvantage, Gonzalez came into the ring with intense tenacity that showed Maier that the fight might be more balanced than it seemed.

Gonzalez's hooks were able to do some damage to Maier, who trailed most of the round until landing a right hook.

In the second round, Maier gained some crucial points with powerful combination throws that Gonzalez struggled to keep up with. Each boxer became more defensive toward the end of the second round, but Gonzalez appeared a little more dazed than Maier.

For the third round, both boxers came back into the ring on the offensive, but Gonzalez was off-target with most of his throws. Maier gained a few crucial points toward the end of the third round by landing a few combos on a very dazed Gonzalez.

Maier was awarded the split decision.

## 160 pounds

### Jim 'Rainbow Sprinkles' Devereaux def. Caleb 'The Sharkitect' Laux

Following the heavyweight championship bout, these two fighters appeared to move with a great sense of urgency. But no matter how urgent Devereaux may have been, he could not evade Laux's right fist. Laux varied his punches from hooks to jabs in the first round and alternated blows to the head to working the body, but he always used his right.

Once the bell for the second round rang, Devereaux's left jab exercised its effectiveness. Laux bloodied his opponent's nose in the second round, but Devereaux's left-right-left combinations forced Laux to gasp for air as the round closed.

In the third round, Devereaux repeatedly landed a left jab or two, then step away before Laux could retaliate. As Laux attempt-

ed to gain ground via desperate jabs, Devereaux used more combinations, and one left hook in particular rattled Laux. The judges rewarded Devereaux's effort with a unanimous decision.

### Jordan 'Shake and Bake' Buccì def. Mark 'The Sleeveless Samurai' Witte

With the top of Buccì's head only reaching the bottom of Witte's chin, Witte's height and reach advantages defined the fight, but only in the ways that Buccì managed to exploit them. From the opening bell, whenever Witte attacked, Buccì would duck the punches from above and take advantage of the newfound gap to pummel Witte's body.

In the second round, Buccì occasionally tried to reach Witte's head, but often couldn't reach high enough. Nonetheless, Witte would attack, and Buccì would slip under the punches and have an open opportunity against Witte's ribs.

By the third round's opening bell, the blows to his body had tired Witte. Buccì managed a left hook to Witte's chin that further set Witte back, and soon Witte's corner men were cleaning up his bloodied nose. The decisive third round assured Buccì a victory, and indeed, it was unanimous.

## 165 pounds

### Daniel 'It's Showertime' Brennan def. Jack 'The Ripper' Peterson

Both fighters made it quite clear from the start that they possessed strong punches when connecting. Peterson landed the first strong punch, a right-left combination. Nearing the end of the round, Brennan asserted himself with a right hook that firmly connected with Peterson's head.

Brennan began landing his punches with greater frequency in the second round. His highlight of the round came with back-to-back right-left combinations that Peterson could not match.

Peterson left his corner in the third round looking to land many punches quickly. He led with a series of right hooks that Brennan could not defend, but Brennan threw enough punches to keep Peterson alert. Even though

Peterson bloodied Brennan's nose in the final round, the fight did not tip his direction. Brennan won the bout with a split decision.

### Alex 'Check Out These Chicken Legs' Duffy def. Matt Hopke

Hopke opened the fight throwing a multitude of punches, yet Duffy managed to avoid most of them. Excluding a quick, even flurry shortly before the bell, the first round involved more feeling out the other fighter than it did actual fighting.

As the second round gained momentum, Duffy got adventurous. Hopke's reach advantage had kept the two somewhat separated, but suddenly Duffy landed first a right-left combination, then a strong left hook. Hopke did not get a chance to return the favor.

With two relatively conservative rounds under their belts, both boxers entered the third round in a hurry. Hopke threw more punches, but did not land a great percentage of them. While Duffy did not necessarily land a larger percentage of his punches than Hopke did, the punches he did land left a mark on Hopke. After three successive right hooks, Hopke was noticeably dazed. The fight ended in a unanimous decision for Duffy.

## 170 pounds

### Andres Villalba def. Matt 'The Abominable Flowman' Paletta

Both fighters opened the fight strong. Paletta threw two hooks that Villalba could not return. At the end of the round, Villalba had not landed any noteworthy punches, yet the round was still even.

Villalba began the second round aggressively, attacking Paletta's body. A right jab to Paletta's chin furthered Villalba's cause, as did a few more body shots near the end of the round.

Entering the third round, each fighter seemed to feel that in order to win the bout, he needed to win the last round. As both tired very quickly, Villalba continued to focus on Paletta's body, and this strategy led Villalba to a unanimous victory.

### Bernardo 'Blue' Garcia def. Alex 'The Big Swede' Klissinger

The fight began quickly as Klissinger threw punches at Garcia's head while Garcia attacked Klissinger's body. Once the opening adrenaline-induced exchange had passed, the two fighters sought a rhythm. With time, Garcia got Klissinger into the ropes, but Klissinger fought back effectively.

Garcia opened the second round with two right jabs to Klissinger's head, but Klissinger landed more punches throughout the rest of the round, including two right-left hook-jab combinations. Seconds before the bell, Klissinger landed three strong hooks.

The conclusion of the fight neared with no clear victor when Garcia landed a right hook that dazed Klissinger. As Klissinger attempted to regain his composure, the final bell rang, and with it came a split decision in favor of Garcia.

## 175 pounds

### Mike 'The Big Dog' Lee def. Jim Hasson

Lee did not waste any time in this contest. As soon as the opportunity presented itself, he delivered a flurry of punches to Hasson's ribs. Lee repeated this with every chance he found, especially when Hasson found himself in the ropes.

Lee then turned to his left jab in the second round to keep Hasson's own quick flurries at a distance. The round passed with-



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### Junior Michael Sayles jumps for joy after defeating senior Sean McNichols in a semifinal bout in the 130-pound division.

out either fighter inflicting considerable damage to the other, nor did either fighter feel too comfortable within the ring.

Continuing with variety, Lee utilized his right hook in the final round and earned himself a championship bout appearance with a unanimous decision.

### Mike Doran def. Bill 'Italian Stallion' Straccia

Considering the low number of punches actually thrown, neither Doran nor Straccia risked too much. Because of all the feigns, neither fighter landed a significant punch.

Straccia changed this as quickly as he could in the second round, landing two right hooks within the first minute. A third Straccia right hook was overshadowed by a right-left-right combination delivered with success by Doran.

Again in the third round, Straccia attempted to begin strongly, but Doran kept his opponent at a distance with his reach advantage. A right jab directly to Straccia's chin all but sealed the fight.

## 185 pounds

### Leo 'The Southpaw Lion Claw' Rubinkowski def. Chris 'Roadhouse' Hapak

With a distinct height and reach advantage, Rubinkowski took charge of the fight near the closing bell of the first round. He delivered a mighty right hook, and then with only a second's pause, an equal left hook that left Hapak harmless for the remainder of the round.

Hapak returned to form in the second round, neutralizing Rubinkowski's reach by forcing the southpaw into a corner. There, Hapak pummeled Rubinkowski's midsection, after delivering two hooks of his own.

Rubinkowski closed strongly. Repeated left jabs kept Hapak at bay once again, and that was all Rubinkowski apparently needed.

### John 'The Boogie-Woogie Monster' Tchoula def. Rafael 'Dinamita' Diaz

With two fighters possessing as much prowess as these two, the first round largely consisted of the competitors gauging the other. Tchoula threw a few hooks, but none landed as strongly as he hoped.

Tchoula displayed his efficiency in the second round, wasting no effort. When Diaz managed to land a left jab to Tchoula's chin,

the response was a five-punch series of hooks and jabs that Diaz could not defend.

Opening the final session, Tchoula landed two left jabs, followed by two left hooks. Diaz was fatigued from such an onslaught, and Tchoula controlled the rest of the fight, as he had most of it to start with. Due to this control, Tchoula won with a unanimous decision.

## 200 pounds

### Benford Begay def. Andrew Lorenz

Showing unexpected agility, Begay ducked and weaved Lorenz's initial aggressive approach. Lorenz did land two right hooks, but Begay responded in turn with a right hook of his own, as well as a right-left-right combination that Lorenz could not match.

Begay continued to throw solid combinations throughout the second round. Lorenz did land punches, but none with quite the same effects as Begay's. Both boxers began to fatigue at the end of the round, promising a difficult third round.

Begay turned to Lorenz's left ribs to start the third round, followed closely by a vicious left hook. Such success left Lorenz exhausted, and Begay was quite fatigued himself. When the final bell rang, Begay had earned himself a split-decision victory.

### Patrick 'Third-Degree' Burns def. Bart Dear

The two fighters began the bout with an excess of movement, yet Dear was still able to land a few jabs to Burns' chin. Not many other punches landed solidly during the round, and each fighter remained relatively fresh.

To begin the second round, the fighters changed patterns, as they matched each other blow for blow. Burns finally gained an edge by executing a clean right hook followed by a quick jab.

Dear entered the third round with plenty of energy. With punch after punch, right after left, hook after jab, Dear gave Burns a good amount of difficulty.

Nonetheless, the judges felt Burns was able to handle this difficulty, as he won with a split decision.

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# 'Cuse

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double figures. Junior guards Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner had 13 and 12 points respectively and junior center Erica Williamson had 18 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks, tying her career high. She said she still has work to do, however, in the blocks department.

"I definitely haven't mastered it, because I fouled them a couple times," Williamson said. "[It's] staying in front of the ball, not stepping up too much but letting them come to you and jumping up in the right moment."

Sophomore guard Erica Morrow scored 18 points and senior guard Chandra Jones had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Orange, who dropped to 15-12, 4-10 in the Big East.

"We had no problem getting the ball to the post," Syracuse coach Quentin Hillsman said. "We got the shots that we wanted. They do a good job of playing the matchup zone."

Notre Dame capitalized on the 25 fouls called on Syracuse and made 28 of its 35 free throws. Hillsman said fouls early in the first half made it difficult to play the rest of the half.

"That's going to affect every kind of play," he said. "That means you can't touch anyone for 17 minutes."

Schrader fouled out with 1:11 remaining, but her performance earned her a standing ovation from the crowd and a hug from McGraw as she left the court.

Notre Dame expanded its lead with six unanswered points to make the score 78-63 with 4:54 left. Barlow stole the ball and drove the length of the floor for a layup to give Notre Dame an 84-67 lead with 2:44 left.

Referees whistled the Orange for six fouls in a 1:21 span, and Notre Dame converted all eight free throws it attempted. The Irish led 53-43 with 15:58 remaining, at which point Syracuse had seven fouls in the half.

After grabbing a rebound midway through the half, freshman forward Erica Solomon collapsed, favoring

her left leg. She limped through a couple possessions before Williamson replaced her.

Notre Dame continued with the foul shooting and didn't make a field goal for 4:56 in the second half, but a technical foul following a personal foul gave Notre Dame four straight free throws, and the Irish made them all.

Williamson made a hook shot and tipped in a miss and Lechlitner hit two more free throws to give Notre Dame a 65-48 lead with 10:10 left.

Just as Notre Dame went to the line often early in the second half, Syracuse got some help in the foul department later on. Notre Dame committed seven fouls in just over three minutes, including Schrader's third and fourth and two three-point plays. Syracuse made all five free throws during the stretch and pulled within 70-61 with 6:57 left.

In the first half, Schrader had 11 points in the first seven minutes and her two free throws gave Notre Dame a 22-7 lead with 13:30 remaining. Notre Dame started the game on a 16-3 run and led 24-12 with 10 minutes left in the first half.

Three Syracuse fouls in a minute and a half helped Notre Dame start shooting foul shots early. The Irish got to the one-and-one mark with 8:33 remaining in the half.

Two quick baskets by Morrow brought Syracuse within 10, but Bruszewski converted a 3-point play to make the score 36-23 with 5:13 remaining.

With some help from Jones, Syracuse worked its way back. A four-point play from Tasha Harris tied the score at 36, capping a 13-0 Orange run. The half ended with Notre Dame ahead 38-36. Schrader finished the half with 15 points on 6-of-7 shooting.

**Notes:**

♦Williamson now has more than 100 blocked shots, with 102, good for 9th on the all-time list at Notre Dame.

♦Schrader is now six points away from 1,000 for her career.

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# Blaney

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Notre Dame's two senior captains, Jillian Byers and Shannon Burke.

"It was an honor to be named to the preseason all-Big East team," Blaney said. "There are so many great competitors within the Big East and to be recognized as one along with Jill and Shannon was really awesome."

More than her individual statistics and honors, however, Blaney said she values the strong relationships she has built with her teammates.

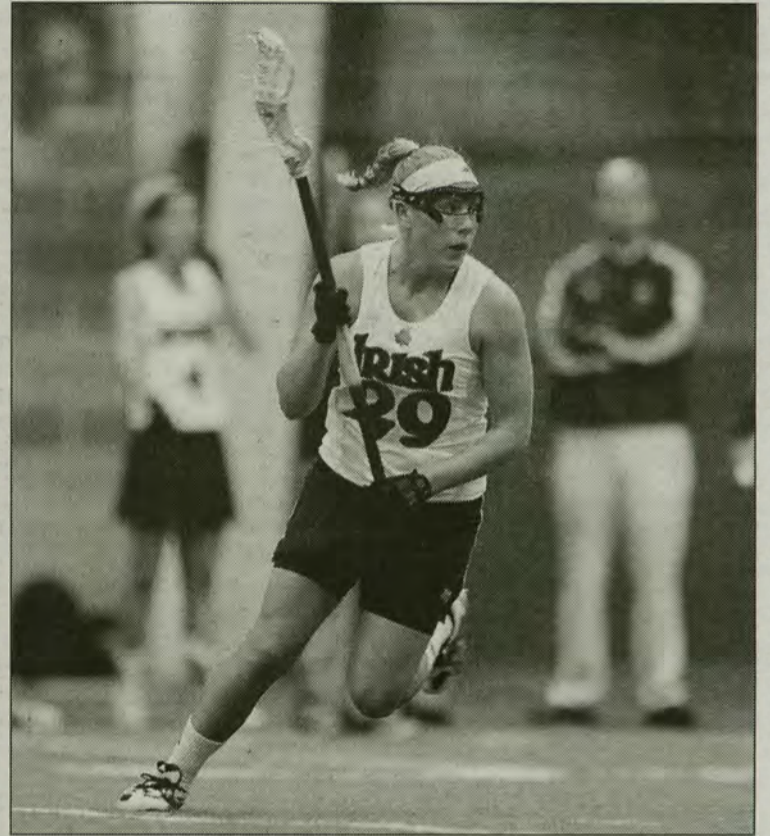
"I have countless memories from this team," Blaney said. "We always have a blast. I have to say some of my favorite memories include our pre-game dancing in the locker room, winning big games and going out with each other at night. They're my best friends."

"We are such a close group of girls, I would do anything for them. They are all so talented and I learn so much from them," she said.

She credits her teammates, and even past Irish players, for providing her motivation.

"I also believe that past and present teammates keep my love for the sport alive as well," Blaney said. "We have such amazing alumni at Notre Dame. Girls who graduated before I even got here still write e-mails to psych up the team before big games."

Playing against some of the



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Sophomore Shaylyn Blaney looks to pass during Notre Dame's 14-11 win over Ohio State on Feb. 22.

top teams and players in the country isn't new for Blaney.

She was a four-time letter winner in both lacrosse and field hockey at her New York high school, and she was also a three-time U.S. Lacrosse All-American.

In 2007, Blaney helped the U.S. Under-19 team to a gold medal, scoring 16 goals, fourth-most on the team. She was also named an Under Armour All-American, along with current teammates

Kailene Abt and Jackie Doherty.

But Blaney's past success hasn't stopped her from continuing to set goals for improvement.

"I would really like to get more assists than I did last season and also have at least one goal in every game," Blaney said. "Every year our [team] goals for the season are to win the Big East and a National Championship. It isn't easy. There are a lot of great teams in the country."


"I think that this year we have a really good chance of winning the Big East and being contenders for a National Championship."

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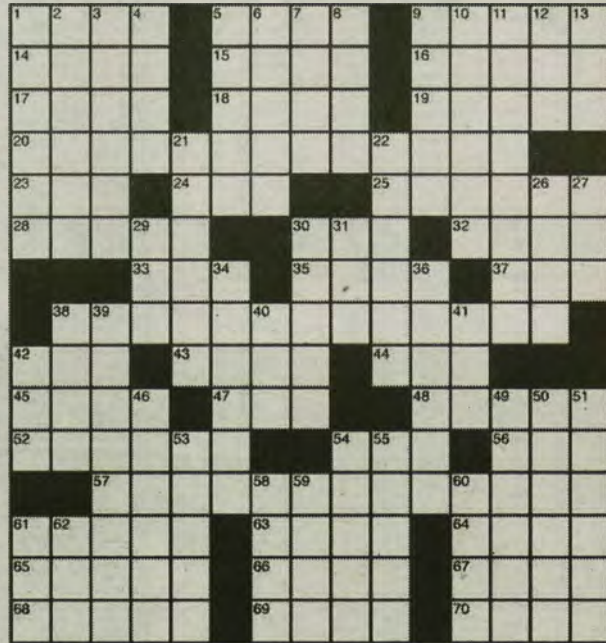
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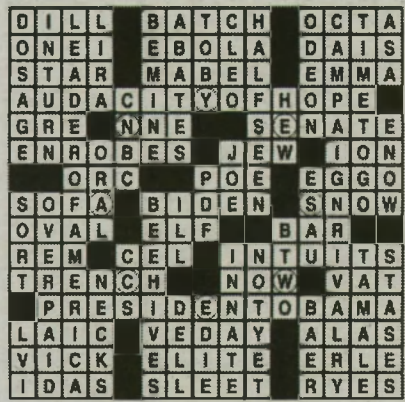


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**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Sticking around the old will not lead you to a brighter future. You've been in a rut for too long. It's time to live, love and be happy. Rid yourself of what is working against you. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You have some great ideas that can turn into cash as long as you don't go overboard. Someone will question your plans and, if you take the criticism seriously, you will be further ahead in the end. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Things may be swinging a little too far out of control for your liking. Don't fear change. Instead, protect your assets and see where things go. Make your choices wisely but listen and observe what everyone else is doing. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Everything is looking up and the options being made available to you should not be ignored. Expressing your thoughts and ideas will attract the attention of someone who can offer you suggestions and contribute to what you want to do. ★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't let others confuse you with innuendoes or the signals being sent. Question the motives. It's being aware that will help you hold your ground and get what you want. Indecisive partners should be eliminated from your plans. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are intelligent and charming and people gravitate to your side. You are a bit of a loner. You stand by your morals and set your own rules and regulations.

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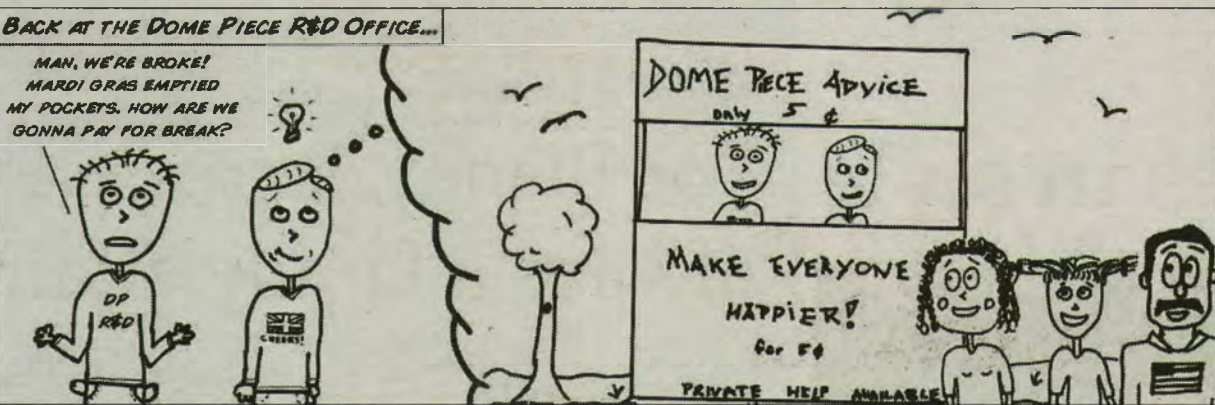
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**BENGAL BOUTS**

# Worth the weight

*Burroughs repeats as heavyweight champ; finalists in other 12 divisions determined*

By DUSTIN MADDEN,  
MOLLY SAMMON and  
DOUGLAS FARMER  
Sports Editor

The big boys got a chance to fight for a title amid a night of semifinal bouts in the 12 other weight classes, and Will "The Stimulus Package" Burroughs beat his good friend Kevin "I Left My 6-Pack in my Gym Bag" Crepeau for the second straight year to claim the heavyweight championship.

"After we fought last year we became friends, hung out on occasion," said Burroughs, a law student. "I think fighting him again only added to the stress element. When it turned out we were fighting, it was as if we needed to put the friendship on



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Sophomore Kevin Crepeau, left, and law student Will Burroughs duke it out during Tuesday's heavyweight title fight. Burroughs won the championship for the second straight year.

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

# Belles top Adrian in playoffs

By ROBERT GRAHAM  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's extended its record-breaking season last night after defeating Adrian Bulldogs 74-60 in the MIAA tournament's first round at the Angela Athletic Complex.

The win was the 16th of the season for the Belles (16-9, 13-3 MIAA), the most in the history of the school's program.

Saint Mary's never let up after building an early 20-8 lead over the visiting Bulldogs. Senior forward Erin Newsom recorded her seventh double-double of the season, scoring 13 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in the win. Freshman Patsy Mahoney also added 11 points with a trio of 3-pointers.

Saint Mary's, as it has throughout the season, also

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Notre Dame hosts Rutgers in must-win Big East contest

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

Coming off an emotional week that kept Notre Dame's NCAA Tournament hopes alive, the Irish have little time to recover.

The next 10 days will be a whirlwind of Big East basketball for the Irish (15-11, 6-8),

as they play the final four games of their conference slate starting Wednesday at home against Rutgers.

After putting together their most complete road performance of the season Saturday at Providence, though, that schedule suits the Irish just fine.

"We're so excited. We just want to keep this going," sen-

ior captain Kyle McAlarney said. "We want to bring the rest of the league on right now. We just want to play and win as many games as we can."

Luckily for the Irish, their schedule should help them in that endeavor. Three of the team's final four games will take place in the Joyce Center, where Notre Dame is 10-2 this

season and where the Irish have won 22 of their past 24 conference games.

It also helps that the Irish start the stretch against Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights have lost five games in a row, with four of those defeats coming by double digits. Rutgers has won only once in its past 15 contests — a victory over DePaul, who is the

only team below Rutgers in the Big East conference standings.

Still, the Irish aren't taking their next opponent lightly.

"They're a team that's going to get up into you, very long and athletic, a lot of shot-blockers," junior forward Luke Harangody said. "It's going to

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**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Schrader celebrates in style

*Senior scores 23 on birthday in victory*

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

Whether it was a birthday wish coming true or the result of a surging Notre Dame offense, everything went right for Lindsay Schrader.

The senior guard had 23 points and eight rebounds on her 22nd birthday Tuesday during No. 23 Notre Dame's 90-79 win over Syracuse.

"It was a good birthday present, that's for sure," said Schrader, who made 10-of-13 field goals.

Sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski had 20 points and five Irish players scored in



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Senior guard Lindsay Schrader tries a jump shot over Syracuse's Chandrea Jones during Notre Dame's win Tuesday.

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**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

# For Blaney, lacrosse is always a family affair

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

For Shaylyn Blaney, you could say lacrosse runs in the family.

The sophomore midfield/attack has played in 22 games at Notre Dame, and she's scored in every one — but her lacrosse career dates back more than a decade.

"I started playing lacrosse on a team when I was in second grade, but lacrosse has always been a huge part of my family," said Blaney, whose three older siblings all played at the college level. "My dad coached me when I was younger and my mom was my high school coach. They are always there to support me and help to keep my confidence up.

"I never liked the title of 'the coach's daughter,' but looking back I wouldn't have it any other way."

Lacrosse has helped shaped Blaney's life since a young age, and at this point, she says there's no turning back.

"It is hard to imagine my life without lacrosse," Blaney said. "It is such a big part of who I am. I think that if lacrosse wasn't in my life another sport would be in its place."

Blaney has a team-high eight goals through three games for the Irish (2-1) this year, and as a freshman scored 43 goals to rank second on the team.

Those gaudy statistics helped make Blaney a unanimous all-Big East preseason team selection this season, as she joined

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