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## Notre Dame connects with Church in Rome

*Pope greets Jenkins, trustees at Vatican*

By MADDIE HANNA  
Associate News Editor

ROME — When Pope Benedict XVI began to descend the white marble steps of the Vatican auditorium after his public papal address Wednesday morning, he needed no introduction to the man directly in front of him.

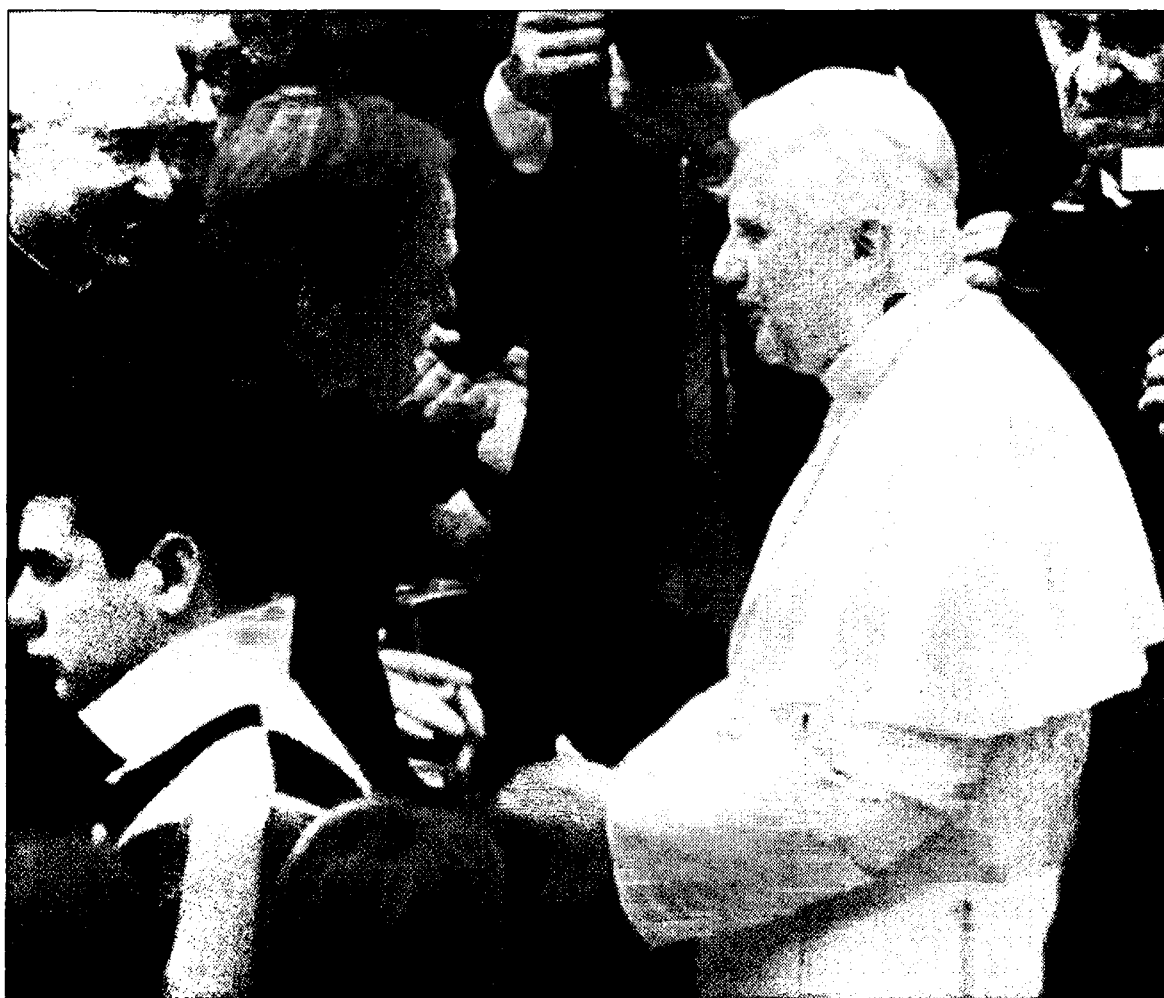
The Holy Father took University President Father John Jenkins' right hand with his own, placed his left hand on top of Jenkins' hand and said, "You're from Notre Dame," Jenkins recalled Wednesday afternoon.

When Jenkins responded yes, the pope said simply, "A great Catholic university."

"I asked him, 'Keep us in your prayers,'" Jenkins said.

The conversation lasted about 30 seconds and ended with Jenkins kissing the pope's ring. Pope Benedict XVI then spoke with Holy Cross Superior General Father Hugh Cleary and Trustee Father Carl Ebey, who also kissed the pope's ring, in turn.

"I told the Holy Father I was a trustee of the University of Notre



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

**Pope Benedict XVI speaks to University President Father John Jenkins during the pope's Public Audience at the Paul VI Auditorium at the the Vatican Wednesday.**

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*Catholicism, culture combine in addresses*

By MADDIE HANNA  
Associate News Editor

ROME — The relationship between the Catholic Church and culture, — a theme tied to the focus of University President Father John Jenkins' addresses last week — served as the topic of an academic conference in Rome Wednesday that featured speeches by Jenkins, auxiliary bishop of Rome Rino Fisichella and Notre Dame trustee and Peoria, Ill. Bishop Daniel Jenky.

The conference, entitled "Contribution of Catholic Universities to the Church and Culture," was part of a week of activities surrounding the Board of Trustees meetings. In addition to trustees and their families, those in attendance included University officers, local university officials and a handful of Notre Dame students studying in Rome.

Jenkins, who discussed "Notre Dame: A Catholic University within American

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## Notre Dame students in study abroad programs attend academic convocation

By KATE ANTONACCI  
News Writer

ROME — Though some guests traveled halfway around the world to attend Notre Dame's academic convocation and conference Wednesday, students at either of the University's two international study programs in Rome simply had to walk down the cobblestone streets of

Italy's historical capital to see some familiar Notre Dame faces — including University President Father John Jenkins.

"I think an event like this is a time for the whole Notre Dame community ... to celebrate the link that Notre Dame has to Rome and to see how Catholic higher education fits in," said Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost. "We wanted the students to learn from the

remarks."

The event — held at Saint John's Lateran Pontifical University — was "open to both Rome programs," Jacobs said, referring to the program at John Cabot University and Notre Dame's architecture program in Rome.

Architecture students were encouraged to attend the event in classes throughout the week, said junior architecture major Claire Colclough.

"[Our professors] came with us and our director is here as well," junior architecture major Rachael Maricich said.

Jenkins; Bishop Rino Fisichella, auxiliary bishop of Rome and rector of Saint John Lateran University; and Father Daniel Jenky, bishop of Peoria, Ill. and a Notre Dame trustee, all spoke at the convocation.

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### FACULTY SENATE

## Cultural committee approved

By KAREN LANGLEY  
Assistant News Editor

Student government representatives presented the Student Senate's resolutions on cultural competencies — which would create a committee of faculty, students and administrators to provide recommendations on incorporating diversity education into the Notre Dame curriculum — for debate at the Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday night. Though the debate turned heated at times, both resolutions passed.

The student presenters — including Senate Minority Affairs



Observer file photo

**Student Senate Minority Affairs Chair Rhea Boyd speaks at a Dec. 6 meeting, where the resolution was first introduced.**

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## Zahm awaits outcome for incident at Keenan

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN and MARY KATE MALONE  
News Writers

After a group of Zahm Hall residents threw fruit and vomited onto Keenan Hall Saturday evening, Zahm's hall government and rector are in talks about the best way to punish those responsible for the incident.

Initially, Zahm rector Father Dan Parrish banned all dorm social gatherings indefinitely in an e-mail he sent to his residents immediately following the incident.

But at a closed hall govern-

ment meeting Tuesday, Zahm residents and hall staff members agreed to "several concrete resolutions," including a public apology as well as a personal apology to Keenan Hall rector Father Mark Thesing, Zahm Hall president Kevin Gimber said.

Parrish said he would come to a final decision on the consequences of the incident by the next hall government meeting.

"I believe that there was a unanimous opinion of all residents there that this action did step over the line, and that we agree that there should be con-

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Goldilocks and the three hair critics

Kurt Cobain. Johnny Depp from "Blow." The center on DePaul's women's basketball team.

When you're a man, and you happen to have let your hair grow, everyone seems to have an opinion about it. These are some of the samplings of judgments handed down to me.

Eric Retter

Sports Writer

The first two, okay, they've done all right for themselves — I can take that in stride. That last one though, that one just hurt my feelings.

Barring not one person, the first thing anyone I haven't seen in while comments on is my long, golden locks.

My mother was shocked. Her best friend said I looked like a yeti.

When I finally returned home after a semester abroad, my grandmother was near tears. I thought she was happy to see me. She thought I needed a haircut. I think I was right too, because after an emotional hug, she then proceeded to give me the number to all the barbers in the area she knew of — and offered to pay expenses and gas.

Sometimes, my scalp coverage has been the setup of an awkward moment. While watching bowl games over break, one of my friends — who is balding and, I think, jealous — cracked open a beer and asked me why it had gotten so blonde, and if I was conditioning it every day.

Not being the witty one, I turned up the volume and coughed uncontrollably, hoping he didn't seriously expect an answer.

Despite everything, I like it. I like the way I look. I'm happy with it. My mom's style and my grandma's style aren't my style. I feel that as my hair has grown, I too have grown as a person. Honestly, I feel like Samson under this blonde mess, walking with a new swagger, except when the wind blows and pushes it all in my face and causes practical blindness, turning that swagger into a sort of groping stumble.

Looking back on it, I'm kind of disappointed that I didn't go to the career fair Wednesday. I think it would have been fun: me in my sharp suit, playing the part every interviewer pegged me for the moment I got to the front of the line, slipping in a casual, stoner "dude" as the guy decides whether or not I'm the most likely not to be hired guy he has talked to that day, because that has to be worth something.

The truth is, unless things go terribly wrong in the next two months, I should already have a job for the summer in Miami, in a field in which I may make my career.

But come late May, if I get down there and get handed a pair of scissors, I'm heading straight for the beach.

At least there someone will appreciate me.

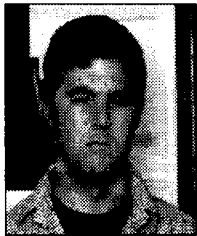
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## CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, a news article in the Jan. 31 edition of The Observer attributed a statement to Saint Mary's associate professor of psychology Catherine Pittman. It should have been attributed to Saint Mary's senior Ginger Francis. The Observer regrets this error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR DREAM JOB AFTER COLLEGE?



Mike Folger

freshman  
Zahm

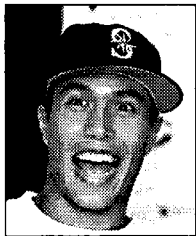
"Kobe!"



Chris Williams

freshman  
Zahm

"Godzilla's  
assistant!"



Kris Patterson

freshman  
Zahm

"Beyonce's  
baby's daddy.  
Ah, skeet  
skeet."



Michelle Byrne

freshman  
Cavanaugh

"Solving  
problems in  
impoverished  
countries."



Teresa Nesbitt

freshman  
Cavanaugh

"Batman."



Mary Beugelsdijk

sophomore  
Cavanaugh

"Shampoo  
tester."



MARY KATE MANNIX/The Observer

In a gesture of apology for events "the dorm isn't proud of," Zahm senator Pat Knapp, right, extends an olive branch — actually, a pine bough — to Keenan senator Jason Zgrabik at a Student Senate meeting Wednesday.

## OFFBEAT

### Eating champ downs 26 sandwiches in 10 minutes

NEW YORK — A 100-pound woman ate 26 sandwiches in 10 minutes Wednesday at a New York restaurant, winning the World Grilled Cheese Eating Championship.

Sonya Thomas won \$8,000 for the contest at the Planet Hollywood restaurant in Times Square but said she was disappointed in her performance.

"I could have done better," she said, adding that she was aiming for 30 sandwiches.

Thomas, of Alexandria,

Va., said she had to catch a train shortly after the contest to make her shift at a Burger King on Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, where she is a manager.

### Lawmaker's wife told to leave during Bush speech

WASHINGTON — The wife of a senior House of Representatives Republican was told to leave the House chamber during President George W. Bush's State of the Union speech for wearing a shirt bearing words of support for U.S. troops.

"Shame, shame," Rep. Bill Young of Florida said on

the House floor on Wednesday, condemning the treatment of his wife Beverly by the U.S. Capitol Police.

"She was ordered to leave the gallery, because she was doing ... what the president said we should all do," Young said. "She had on this shirt. A very conservative shirt, long sleeves, high neck, but it says support our troops."

Her shirt said "Support the Troops Defending Our Freedom."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

Law and theology faculty members will take part in a panel discussion on "Interpreting the Bible and the Constitution: Similarities and Differences" at 4 p.m. today in Room 121 of the Law School.

The College of Arts & Letters will present "You Don't Really Have to be a Rhodes Scholar to Land a Fellowship for Post Graduate Study" today at 7 p.m. in the Hammes Student Lounge of Coleman-Morse.

Legendary rap artist Chuck D from the critically acclaimed group Public Enemy will present "Rap, Race, and Reality" today at 8:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall, Room 141. A Jimmy John's reception will follow at 10 p.m.

Student band "The Harper Valley Drifters" will play tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends.

The band Nice Save! will play Friday at 10:30 p.m. at Corby's.

RecSports' Late Night Olympics will take place in the Joyce Center from 10 p.m. Saturday to 4 a.m. Sunday. Donations of \$1 are taken at the door and benefit St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

Robert Campbell, a Pulitzer Prize winner and veteran architecture critic for the Boston Globe, will present a lecture titled "Why Don't the Rest of Us Like the Buildings the Architects Like?" at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Bond Hall.

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

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## STUDENT SENATE

## Group enters freedom debate

By AMANDA MICHAELS  
Assistant News Editor

Focusing on what several members called the most important issue they will face during their time on campus, the Student Senate heard feedback from three committees about the current debate on academic freedom at its meeting Wednesday night.

The discussion, which involved the Committees on Gender Issues, Academic Affairs and University Affairs, is part of a three-week process to articulate student government's position in regards to academic freedom at Notre Dame, said student body vice president Lizzi Shappell.

Last week, the committee chairs were asked to gather insight from their committees and report back the major concerns and thoughts at Wednesday's meeting. All representatives are to spend the next week gathering the positions of their constituents on the issue, in hopes that they will help craft a resolution by Feb. 15.

"It is very important, now more than ever, for you to go back and be a representative for your dorm. [Senate] is the group most often looked to as a gauge of student opinion, so we want to be as informed as possible before we take any

kind of stance," Shappell said.

Ali Wishon, chair of the Committee on Gender Issues, voiced the concerns of her committee members with the possible repercussions of any policy decisions based on the Jan. 23 and 24 speeches delivered by University President Father John Jenkins.

Among those listed were the fears of a less academically diverse environment leading to a decline in top faculty recruitment, which would threaten both Notre Dame's status as a top 20 university and the value of a University diploma.

"We'd also like to look beyond, and know how far the reach of any policy changes will extend," Wishon said. "Will events like the Keenan Revue or the Dillon Pep Rally be threatened?"

The committee also questioned why discussion was limited to notions of sexual morality, when "there is so much more to Catholicism than that," Wishon said.

It was recommended that student government's position encompass students' opinions on academic freedom at Notre Dame as a whole, rather than focus directly on the hot-button topics of "The Vagina Monologues" and the former Queer Film Festival.

Chris Harris, chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs, said his committee

reflected more on the question of what position student government should have.

"The overwhelming response was one of questioning," Harris said. "One [committee member] was unsure if we should take a stance at all since we represent the entire student body, one [committee member] thought neutrality was the best stance and someone else said students we be upset if [Senate] didn't take a stance."

The Committee on University Affairs, according to committee chair Matt Walsh, suggested that student government should set up meetings within dorms as well as larger format debates to encourage discussion among students.

"[Senate] needs to explore both sides of the argument and see how students really feel, because it is important to represent the views of the entire student body," Walsh said.

At the end of the discussion, Walsh noted the greater importance of the academic freedom debate.

"We need to remind ourselves that not only are we a Catholic university," he said, "but that we are considered by many as 'the' Catholic university."

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## Ebersol family to join Oprah Winfrey on show

By MARY KATE MALONE  
Assistant News Editor

Recent Notre Dame graduate Charlie Ebersol will appear with his family on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" this afternoon to tell the story of the November 2004 plane crash that killed his little brother.

This is the first time the well-known family has spoken publicly together about the tragedy. Ebersol, his father NBC Sports Chairman Dick Ebersol, his mother actress Susan Saint James and his younger brother Willie Ebersol taped the episode on Jan. 11 at Harpo Studios in Chicago.

Ebersol lost his 14-year-old brother Teddy when a private plane crashed on takeoff at Montrose Regional Airport in Colorado on Nov. 28, 2004. Charlie and Dick Ebersol escaped from the wreckage, but Teddy was killed on impact. Saint James was not on the plane.

"After a year absorbing this horrible thing that happened to us, it's an opportunity to offer our experience and maybe in some way help people who have gone through that experience," Ebersol said.

Ebersol taped two episodes with Winfrey. The first focuses on the plane crash and its aftermath; the second — to be aired sometime later this month — spotlights the award-winning movie Ebersol co-produced with his best friend during his junior year at Notre Dame. The documentary film, titled "Ithuteng [never stop learning]," follows three children at a school for at-risk students in Soweto,

South Africa. Winfrey donated \$1.14 million to the school featured in the film, Ithuteng Trust, after watching Ebersol's movie earlier this year.

Ebersol said he created the film — which will air on HBO in September — to tell the inspiring story of the troubled children at Ithuteng Trust, a school that takes in students who are rapists, murderers, car thieves or rape victims. Run by one woman, the school has more than 6,500 students and is the only school on the continent of Africa with a 100 percent graduation and retention rate, Ebersol said.

"I think one of the things we wanted to show was ... horrible things happen in your life, but you have to experience [them]," he said. "This is an opportunity to share that with other people. Obviously there is no bigger pedestal on earth to say that from than the Oprah show."

Ebersol said Winfrey was "very respectful" of his family's feelings as they shared their story about the plane crash.

"[Oprah] really is amazing," Ebersol said. "Without really knowing us, she is able to relate with people and really ask the questions that are on your mind ... it was a blessing to have done this with her because she asks questions to help people that have experienced similar losses."

"The Oprah Winfrey Show" airs weekdays at 4 p.m. on WSBT Channel 22.

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# Career fair: getting the jobs done

By RYAN SYDLIK  
News Writer

The Joyce Center bustled with activity Wednesday as students sought out prospective employers and internships at Notre Dame's largest ever career fair.

Event organizer Anita Rees said the fair's more than 160 employers offered everything from accounting to publishing to law enforcement.

"We have companies and organizations for the first time on campus such as Microsoft, Rodale, the Catholic Diocese of Chicago and DHL," she said.

Lee Svete, the fair's principal organizer, said the key is there are employers for all majors.

"We have employers like ESPN and Sony," Svete said. "They don't recruit on most campuses. They come here because of the quality of our graduates."

Rees said students left excellent impressions on employers.

"Every career fair I've been at for the past seven years has had many companies with a resume drop instead of actual representation," Rees said. "But now, employers really want face time with Notre Dame students."

Sophomore RikSan Stephens was grateful of the opportunities presented by the event.

"I am very glad the Career Resource Center gives students the opportunity meet with the companies and to learn more information so that we could hopefully work for them in the future," Stephens said.



MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

Senior finance major John Clarke speaks with a company representative at the career fair Wednesday.

Svete said there were more internship opportunities for undergrads of all majors than at any other day in campus history.

"I want to get a jumpstart so that I have an advantage as a junior or senior," said freshman Mark Bond, who attended the fair to investigate internship opportunities.

Stanford freshman Karun Ahuja said the event is a good chance to see how upperclassmen interact with employers.

"It is good to get your feet wet," he said. "Though you might not land an interview, it is still a great experience just to be here."

Reebok — which has just completed a merger with Adidas — was one of the companies present at the fair.

"We are here because we felt that student qualifications were exceptional and because we have had developing relations with the University," Reebok spokesman Mike Sullivan said. "We wanted to try to increase the awareness of the students to Reebok and to the opportunities we have."

Time Weiss of AmeriCorps, a nonprofit a one-year community service program, said the company was eager to meet "a lot of good potential applicants."

"Students from Notre Dame are the type of students we look for because of the service ethic that is displayed through the school," he said.

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# New award to honor trustee Ray Siegfried

Special to The Observer

An award for student leadership has been established at Notre Dame in honor of Ray Siegfried, a trustee, alumnus and benefactor of the University who died last year after a long and courageous struggle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

The Ray Siegfried Award for Leadership Excellence, jointly sponsored by Notre Dame's Office of Student Affairs and the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, will be presented annually to a senior who exemplifies the qualities for which Siegfried was known and admired in the University community, including leadership, generosity, devotion to the Catholic faith and delight in athletics. Nominations are being solicited from Notre Dame's residence hall rectors, student affairs department directors and other campus officials.

Siegfried, a 1965 Notre Dame alumnus, was chairman of the board of the NOR-DAM Group, an international aerospace manufacturer, when he died Oct. 6 in Tulsa, Okla. Despite the ordeal of his illness, he had maintained an active schedule



Photo courtesy of ND News and Information

which included regular visits to the Notre Dame campus. Among the gifts he and his family have given the University are the Siegfried Building in the Mendoza College of Business; Siegfried Hall, a men's residence; and the Ray and Milann Siegfried Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies, which is now held by Carolyn Y. Woo, Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business. He also was the enthusiastic host of an annual dinner for the men of Siegfried Hall, whose success in intramural sports he greatly enjoyed. He received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Notre Dame in 1995.

## Zahm

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sequences to our actions," Gimber said.

Gimber said a group of about 50 Zahm residents went to South Dining Hall around 4:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon for a dorm dinner. After dinner, Gimber said, a group of about 10 Zahm residents ran to Keenan and vomited on the south side of the dorm and returned to their rooms after Keenan residents came out of their building.

Parrish immediately sent an e-mail to Zahm residents banning all social gatherings indefinitely, and a copy of that e-mail was obtained by The Observer. Parrish has not yet finalized the stated punishment.

The e-mail said "a group of

Zahm men, wearing red shirts, threw fruit at Keenan Hall and vomited on and near Keenan's southern wall. The majority of the fruit and vomit fell directly at or below the windows of Keenan's rector, Father Mark [Thesing]."

The e-mail — which was sent by Parrish at about 7 p.m. Saturday — stated, "The mess outside of Keenan will be completely cleaned up before Father Mark [Thesing] returns from tonight's basketball game."

Gimber said the incident occurred before the 6 p.m. game at the Joyce Center was over.

"There were a group of residents that cleaned it up," Gimber said Tuesday.

Gimber said the Tuesday hall government meeting was "calm and level-headed."

"We have also agreed to look into purchasing an ad or [ask-

ing The Observer] to print a [Viewpoint] letter that we will draft as a community apologizing for actions that have upset the Notre Dame community," Gimber said.

Thesing declined to comment Wednesday.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Indonesian ferry sinks; 45 missing

JAKARTA — Naval vessels picked up 114 survivors from a passenger ferry that went down in rough seas in eastern Indonesia, but there was no sign late Wednesday of dozens of others still missing, rescuers said.

Groups of worried relatives flocked to the port in Kupang, where the ferry originated, to greet survivors as they disembarked from two navy ships. Many needed medical treatment after spending hours in the sea or hanging on to debris or lifeboats, witnesses said.

By nightfall, 114 survivors had arrived at the port, said Siti, an official there who goes by a single name. Around 45 others believed to have been on board had yet to be accounted for, she said.

### Hussein boycotts new trial session

BAGHDAD — Saddam Hussein and four other defendants refused to attend at a new session of their trial Wednesday and their lawyers boycotted the proceedings, demanding the removal of the chief judge, who they claim is biased against the former Iraqi leader.

Chief judge Raouf Abdel-Rahman pressed ahead with court-appointed defense lawyers and only three defendants present. Five prosecution witnesses were heard before the 4 1/2 hour session was adjourned until Thursday.

One witness, a woman, testified that she was arrested by Saddam's security forces and tortured in prison. She said she was stripped naked, hung by her feet and kicked repeatedly in the chest by Barzan Ibrahim, Saddam's intelligence chief at the time and the top co-defendant in the trial.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Bush addresses growing anxiety

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Bush said Wednesday that even though the state of the union is strong, he understands why some Americans are worried in a time of war and job cuts.

"I understand there's an anxiety about the time of war," Bush said, trying to keep the momentum of the previous night's State of the Union address with an appearance at the Grand Ole Opry. "That's natural, seems like to me, even though this economy is roaring. It is strong, when you recognize we've overcome a lot."

### W. Virginia governor halts coal mining

CHARLESTON — Governor Joe Manchin called for all coal companies in West Virginia to halt production and perform safety checks after two more mine workers were killed Wednesday in separate accidents.

"We're going to check for unsafe conditions, and we're going to correct any unsafe conditions before we mine another lump of coal," Manchin said.

A miner was killed at an underground mine when a wall support popped loose, said Caryn Gresham, a spokeswoman for the state Office of Miners' Health Safety and Training.

The second fatality occurred at a surface mine when a bulldozer struck a gas line, sparking a fire and killing the operator, said Dirk Fillpott, a spokesman for the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Bill holds colleges more accountable

INDIANAPOLIS — A plan aimed at sending more Indiana high school graduates to college and ensuring more of them finish with a degree is being considered by education officials.

The plan before the Indiana Education Roundtable would hold colleges responsible for students' success, just as officials try to hold elementary and high schools accountable.

# Postal worker kills seven, herself

*Ex-USPS employee previously made racist remarks; six of the victims were minorities*

Associated Press

GOLETA, Calif. — A woman wounded in a rampage by a former postal worker died Wednesday, and investigators said the assailant also killed a former neighbor just before the attack, bringing the death toll to eight.

A former postal worker said the attacker had spewed racist comments in the past, and at least six of the victims were minorities, but investigators have refused to discuss a motive in the slayings.

The eighth victim, Beverly Graham, 54, was found Tuesday, dead of a gunshot wound to the head, at a Santa Barbara condominium complex where former postal employee Jennifer Sanmarco lived up until a few years ago.

Sheriff's Sgt. Erik Raney said authorities believed Graham's death was "the beginning of this rampage." Investigators matched several 9 mm shell casings found at Graham's condo to casings from the postal distribution center.

A neighbor of Graham's reported hearing a gunshot Monday evening, before Sanmarco went to the mail-processing center.

Sanmarco shot six postal employees to death and committed suicide in what was believed to be the nation's deadliest workplace shooting by a woman. It was also the nation's bloodiest shooting at a postal installation in nearly 20 years.

A postal worker who was shot in the head, Charlotte Colton, 44, died of her wounds Wednesday, said Teresa Rounds, spokes-



Santa Barbara county sheriff's investigators collect evidence at the scene of a multiple-fatality shooting at a mail processing facility in Goleta, Calif., Tuesday.

woman for Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

Former plant worker Jeff Tabala recalled that Sanmarco seemed particularly hostile to Asians while working for the Postal Service.

He said all of the slain postal workers were minorities: Three were black, one was Chinese-American, one was Hispanic and one was Filipino.

In 2003, Tabala said, he saw sheriff's deputies pull Sanmarco out from under a mail-sorting machine and wheel her away in handcuffs on a mail cart after a disturbance.

She returned several months later but "people started coming to me and saying, 'She's acting erratically,'" Tabala said. "She was screaming. She was saying a lot of racist comments. It was pretty ugly."

Sanmarco, who appeared to be white, was escorted out of the building by management and never returned, Tabala said.

"She seemed to be having conversations and there wasn't anyone around her. She'd be just jabbering away," Tabala said.

After leaving her postal job, Sanmarco moved to New Mexico in 2004.

## UNITED KINGDOM

# World pledges aid to Afghanistan

Associated Press

LONDON — Nearly 70 nations and international bodies pledged \$10.5 billion to help Afghanistan fight poverty, improve security and crack down on the drug trade, officials said Wednesday at the end of a two-day conference on the nation's future.

The pledges were intended to fund the goals set out in a five-year plan delegates signed Tuesday for redevelopment in Afghanistan, which has been torn by decades of war.

"We've laid the foundation for change," British Foreign Office minister Kim Howells said in announcing the funding promises. "This money will provide the necessary basis for getting Afghanistan's work under way."

Dubbed the "Afghanistan Compact," the five-year plan covers poverty reduction, economic development, counternarcotics efforts and security, and promises aid to help

President Hamid Karzai's government achieve the targets.

"I'm very thankful and I'm very confident that with this kind of support ... we will eventually be able to establish a very democratic society in Afghanistan," said Anwar ul-Haq Ahadi, the country's finance minister.

Diplomats at the conference praised the progress Afghanistan has made since a U.S.-led coalition toppled the hard-line Taliban regime in 2001. But after decades of war and the Taliban's brutal rule, the country is still plagued by violence and extreme poverty, and they acknowledged it has a long way to go.

Ameerah Haq, of the United Nations mission in Afghanistan, said it was crucial that those building the country's future return home and put the new blueprint into action.

"The clock of the Afghanistan Compact is now ticking," she said.

The conference focused Wednesday on boosting human

rights and economic development.

Afghanistan pledged in the new plan to build a functioning justice system in all its provinces by 2010 and reduce the number of people living on less than \$1 a day by 3 percent per year.

Howells said establishing the rule of law would be critical.

"Without this, reconstruction, economic growth, poverty reduction and counternarcotics will continue to be hampered," he said. "It's very important that the protection of human rights becomes part of the mainstream of Afghan politics."

Howells said \$77 million of the money pledged would go to fight drug production and trafficking. Afghanistan produces nearly 90 percent of the world's opium and heroin.

Hedayat Amin Arsala, Afghanistan's commerce minister and a senior government adviser, said changing the country's political culture would be difficult.



## Faculty

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Committee chair Rhea Boyd and student body president Dave Baron — connected the resolutions' goals to University President Father John Jenkins' remarks about improving diversity in his inaugural address last September.

"Father Jenkins uses the term 'diversity' as an aspect that enhances the educational objects of ND, and we use the term 'cultural competencies' in the same way," Boyd said.

Mark Gunty, assistant director of the Office of Institutional Research, presented relevant information from surveys taken of graduating seniors' experiences at Notre Dame.

"There's very strong relation between diversity practices and developing awareness of social problems," Gunty said.

The studies showed that greater exposure to different cultures has some expected effects, but also some unexpected trickle-down effects, Gunty said, including a lower overall happiness with Notre Dame among those who have been most exposed to diversity issues.

"Although [students who have been involved in diversity activities] are slightly less satisfied with experience at Notre Dame, they are tremendously less satisfied with cultural diversity ... at Notre Dame," Gunty said. "At other institutions we're getting 70 percent of students satisfied with the diversity of their campus, but at Notre Dame 37 percent are satisfied."

Gunty suggested these results are indicative of overall impressions of the University.

"We can also see [it comes] as no big surprise that in almost all diversity practices, Notre Dame ranks lower than those schools," he said.

One faculty member suggested Notre Dame's low satisfaction ratings in matters of diversity derived not from the University's attempts to educate its students about cultural competencies, but from the lack of diversity in its student body.

Other members expressed alarm at what they saw as an attempt by some stu-

dents to enforce their beliefs about education on the rest of the student body.

"It appears to me there is concern by some students that other students aren't taking the right courses," economics professor Thomas Gresik said. "My concern is that we're being asked as faculty to save the students from themselves."

Boyd denied the resolution had any power of imposition over the student body.

"This committee in no way endorses a new requirement," she said. "[This resolution] is simply to form committee to discuss the issue."

Gresik questioned whether a new committee would trample on the grounds of other committees.

"Personally I would like to affirm students studying difference in cultures," he said. "But I have a concern with the proposal because I'm wondering ... I'm wondering if a committee like this might not cross paths with another committee that's thinking about general education requirements of students in whole."

Another faculty member suggested diversity could be brought to the student body without involving the curriculum, through broadening of study abroad options and increased admittance of international students.

"Our purpose to bring this resolution was expressly not to address experience; our purpose was to address the charge that President Jenkins brought," Boyd said. "We want something that would contribute to academic experience, something formal."

Not all professors opposed the resolution.

"I'd like to applaud the proposal," political science professor Eileen Botting said. "At most other schools I've attended taught at, it's been a matter of fact for the past 10 to 15 years to have a requirement for a class with a non-European, non-western approach."

Boyd emphasized that while studies of other top universities have curricular requirements related to diversity issues, the committee would aim to develop a plan uniquely geared to the needs of Notre Dame.

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## Pope

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Dame. He said it was a great university," Ebey said Wednesday afternoon. "I told him the superior general gave a copy of his encyclical ['Deus Caritas Est.' or 'God is Love,' released Jan. 25] to members of the Board of Trustees."

Ebey said Benedict XVI took his time speaking with members of the Notre Dame delegation as he left the stage after the address.

"What you saw there ... was prayerful, respectful," Ebey said. "He focuses on you. He looks at you and talks to you ... He knew who Father Jenkins was and greeted him."

Ebey said 48 Notre Dame trustees, officers and their spouses attended the papal address, with the rest of the group in Rome unable to attend due to concurrent Board of Trustees meetings.

Thousands of visitors from around

the world flooded the Vatican auditorium Wednesday morning, lining up in St. Peter's Square hours before the address was scheduled to begin. Benedict XVI speaks to a general audience each Wednesday and appears from his study window overlooking St. Peter's Square on Sundays, said Thaddeus Jones, a Vatican official in the Pontifical Council for Social Communication and 1989 Notre Dame alumnus.

He gives "[many] fewer" private audiences than Pope John Paul II, Jones said, due to personal reasons.

"It could be a matter of the priorities he wants to give," Jones said. "You can't do everything ... He's his own man. He has his own style and personality."

The address Wednesday was an explication of Psalm 145, which begins "I will extol you, my God and king; I will bless your name forever."

The pope gave his commentary in Italian, French, English, German, Spanish and Polish. Before each translation, a different cardinal welcomed the speakers of the particu-

lar language, each time mentioning the specific groups in attendance and drawing raucous applause, flag-waving and even synchronized chants.

When the English-speaking cardinal announced "The Board of Trustees and Officers from Notre Dame, Ind.," the Notre Dame delegates — positioned at the front and slightly left of dead-center of the audience — leapt to their feet and cheered.

Jenkins clapped and waved to Benedict XVI, his forward gaze unwavering.

The pope then commented on the Psalm in English, discussing "the spirit of the heart of this progressively growing celebration of God's majesty."

"Far from being indifferent to humanity, he wishes to establish with us a kingdom of harmony and peace," Benedict XVI said. "Indeed, he is slow to anger and abounding in love."

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## IN BRIEF

### United Airlines leaves bankruptcy

CHICAGO — United Airlines finally left bankruptcy Wednesday, a leaner and more cost-efficient carrier after a painful restructuring that began in 2002 and lasted an industry record 1,150 days.

The nation's No. 2 airline announced it had filed its exit documents in U.S. Bankruptcy Court Wednesday afternoon, officially ending the longest and costliest bankruptcy of any airline.

United marked the event in low-key fashion, sending top executives to airports around the country to thank United employees and customers for their patience.

"We have achieved a great deal in our restructuring to reposition this company and build upon our assets, an unrivaled global network and our dedicated employees," said Glenn Tilton, CEO of United and parent UAL Corp., in a statement accompanying the announcement.

But, in an apparent nod to the fact United still hasn't posted a profit since 2000, he added: "We can be better."

Pete McDonald, chief operating officer of United and parent UAL Corp., shook hands and talked with upbeat employees at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport before boarding a flight to do the same thing in San Francisco.

### Asian automakers gain on the market

DETROIT — Asian companies grabbed more of the nation's auto market in January, dampening the good news for U.S. rivals who enjoyed their first monthly sales increases since employee discount deals ended last summer.

Asian automakers' sales jumped 11.4 percent for the month, while the traditional Big Three — General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Group — saw their sales rise 4.6 percent, according to Autodata Corp.

The results were surprisingly strong for January, which is usually a slow month for the industry. Automakers said warm weather and heavy fleet sales pushed up the numbers. The seasonally adjusted annual sales rate was 17.6 million vehicles, indicating what sales would be for the full year if they remained at the same pace for all 12 months. Last year's annual sales totaled 17 million vehicles.

# Enron exec admits fudged figures

Former investor relations head blames the pressure to meet Wall Street expectations

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Bent on matching or beating Wall Street expectations, Enron Corp. fudged its earnings figures with the knowledge of executives Jeffrey Skilling and Kenneth Lay, the company's former chief contact for investors testified Wednesday.

Leading off the government's case in Skilling and Lay's fraud trial, Mark Koenig told jurors the two men were closely involved in company operations and sought to boost Enron's stock price, which required impressing stock analysts.

Koenig walked jurors through several drafts of a July 2000 press release in which quarterly earnings were raised from 32 cents per share to 34 cents because Enron executives wanted to beat Wall Street estimates by 2 cents.

"We thought it would maintain or increase the stock price," Koenig testified.

While Koenig did not say Skilling or Lay ordered a fraudulent change, he said he discussed the July 2000 change with Skilling, then the company's president, who had to approve any changes to the financial figures.

In another case, in January 2000, Enron changed its quarterly earnings from 30 cents per share to 31 cents after analysts unexpectedly raised their estimates to the higher level, Koenig said.

On the morning of Jan. 19, 2000, Koenig said, Lay told him "he went to bed and we were 30 cents, and when he awoke, he was watching one of the business stations, and he saw that it was 31 cents."

He said Lay told him he had received a voice mail explaining the change. "He understood the issue, fairly



Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling arrives at the federal courthouse after a break Wednesday in Houston.

matter-of-fact," Koenig testified. A bedrock of Lay and Skilling's defense, as explained to jurors in opening statements Tuesday, is that the books were never cooked at Enron, and that the company collapsed because of a market panic and relatively minor wrongdoing by a few employees. Lay has also said publicly that he believed the company was strong and that Enron was in no danger of failure.

Koenig is one of 16 Enron

executives who have pleaded guilty to crimes and agreed to cooperate with the government. The defense has also suggested many of the executives were pressured by prosecutors into striking deals when they were not guilty and will tell the government anything it wants to hear.

Jurors also heard part of several Enron conference calls from 2000 and 2001 in which Koenig said Skilling exaggerated the success of Enron's broadband division

— at the time a key part of Enron's growth strategy.

In one example, Skilling told an analyst \$50 million of the revenue in Enron's broadband division came from the sale of a type of fiber — a figure Koenig said was not part of that division's "core operating revenues."

Koenig said he later learned the fiber figure was actually \$150 million, or nearly all of the broadband group's revenue that quarter.

# Google stock sinks, shocks investors

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. shares sank Wednesday after its earnings report disappointed Wall Street and stunned almost everyone who follows its stock, except the company's founders.

Founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin have insisted they will run their 7-year-old company the way they want, even if it means ignoring stock market pressures to hit a widely watched earnings target.

Now Tuesday's release of a fourth-quarter earnings report that badly missed analyst estimates will test their defiant attitude, along with investors' affection for the online search engine leader.

"This shows that Google is not impervious," Standard & Poor's analyst Scott Kessler said Tuesday.

That realization rattled previously bullish investors as Google's stock price plunged \$30.88, or 7.1 per-

cent, to close at \$401.78 in trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market. The downturn wiped out more than \$9 billion in shareholder wealth and trimmed about \$2 billion combined from the net worth of Page and Brin, who are both 32.

The Mountain View-based company, which went public August 2004, said its net income nearly doubled from the previous year to \$372.2 million during the final three months of 2005.

For most companies, that kind of stellar growth is a reason to celebrate. But investors have become accustomed to much more from Google, which had topped analyst estimates by at least 14 cents per share in each of its previous five quarters as a public company.

That streak of prosperity had helped to more than quadruple Google's market value in less than 18 months.

This time around, Google fell woe-

fully short of living up to the analysts' estimates.

If not for a charitable donation and stock compensation expenses, Google said it would have earned \$1.54 per share. That fell well below the average estimate of \$1.76 per share among analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial.

Google released its results after the stock market closed Tuesday.

The letdown is bound to disillusion some investors, S&P's Kessler said. "If you ask a lot of people on Main Street why they own Google, they will tell you, 'Because it goes up every day.' Well, that's a great thesis until it goes down."

Even with the sell-off, Google's longtime investors still will be sitting on substantial gains. The company's shares went public at \$85 and were trading just slightly above \$300 in late October when Google released a third-quarter report that delighted investors.

# FAITH POINT

Thursday, February 2, 2006

Sunday Scriptures

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
1st Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
2nd 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Catholic Q&A



St. Michael battles Satan

## Does the Devil Really Exist?

One must only take a brief look at any daily newspaper or TV news network to realize that evil is alive and well in the world around us. Some may claim that it is very antiquated or naïve to believe that such evil is caused by the meddling of a figure called "Satan" in the Bible. However, the Scriptures and the Church have always taught that the devil is indeed a real entity. In the Scriptures, Jesus underwent temptation at the hands of Satan, and He later cast out demons and sent His disciples to do likewise. In the *Catechism*, we read that "Satan was at first a good angel, made by God," but that a certain 'fall' occurred whereby Satan and the other angels with him "radically and irrevocably rejected God and his reign" (#391-392).

The belief in the reality of Satan can be expressly seen in many of the Church's liturgical rituals. Adult candidates for baptism are asked to renounce Satan and his empty promises. Throughout the Easter season, we reaffirm our faith and renounce Satan at the beginning of each liturgy before being sprinkled with holy water to commemorate our own baptism. The Church also has an official "Rite of Exorcism," with the ministry of exorcist being entrusted to the bishop of each diocese or to whichever priest he appoints. Exorcism and demonic possession have often been sensationalized through books and movies, but recently the subject has been examined in a bit more profound light in the 2005 movie *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*, based on a true story. The existence of such a Rite of Exorcism would be ridiculous if we believe that demons do not really exist.

Despite the mass media's and society's efforts to convince us otherwise, the Scriptures and the Church believe that the devil does exist. I think CS Lewis said it best in *The Screwtape Letters*: the greatest victory for the devil is convincing mankind that he doesn't really exist (paraphrase).

For additional reading, please consult the book "An Exorcist Tells His Story" by Gabriele Amorth.

Send questions to Brett Perkins: Perkins.26@nd.edu!

## What's Up?

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through Saturday

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12 PM - 5 PM, Basilica Lady Chapel

Saturday 2/4

Saturday Vigil Mass  
5 PM, Basilica

Sunday 2/5

Sunday Masses  
10:00 AM & 11:45 AM, Basilica

Rejoice! Mass  
9 PM, CoMo Chapel

Monday 2/6

Eucharistic Adoration  
11 AM - 9 PM, Mon-Thurs  
CoMo Chapel

Tuesday 2/7

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship  
"Ave Crux, Spes Unica: Suffering  
as an Opportunity for Transformation", by Bob Kloska  
8:30 PM, Cavanaugh Chapel



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LIVE IT!!



Sarah  
Greene

Sarah Greene was an easy choice to be this week's featured "Live-It" student because her activities bring her to the Campus Ministry office so often. Sarah is a Senior English major and has an Education, Schooling and Society minor. Sarah's service at Notre Dame starts in Lyons Hall, where she is an RA. Even though being an RA is a near full time commitment, Sarah has not let her service to her Lyons Hall community stop her from being involved in service to the rest of the Notre Dame community. This summer Sarah lead high school students as they deepened their faith and contemplated their vocation through NDVision. The program that most owes a debt of gratitude to Sarah is the Notre Dame Encounter with Christ retreat. In addition to being a team leader on NDE #87, Sarah is also on the NDE Board. Sarah and the rest of the board are in charge of discerning new retreat leaders and also looking out for the overall welfare of the retreat program. These are very involved responsibilities and everyone who has had a great NDE experience benefits from all of Sarah's efforts. Finally, Sarah cements her status as an overachiever with her participation in the Women's Liturgical Choir. The responsibilities of an RA would certainly be enough of a commitment to dominate Sarah's senior year, but her true commitment to her faith is shown in how much she extends and gives of herself. Sarah has certainly had to make sacrifices this year, but she has certainly not sacrificed serving God and helping others. Thank you Sarah! Campus Ministry would not be the same without your help.

Let us know who out there  
is making a difference!  
Send nominations to  
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## Students

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"I thought [Jenkins' speech] was interesting, but I thought it was a little general, a little vague," Colclough said.

Maricich said because she was abroad during the fall semester as well, she hadn't yet heard Jenkins speak until the convocation.

"It was nice to hear him here in Rome. I especially liked Father Jenkins incorporating Thomas Aquinas into his talk ... just clear and simple," she said. "I'd also read his [speech] last week that corresponded with some of the topics today."

Colclough said she enjoyed Jenky's synthesis of the history of the congregation of the Holy Cross throughout the years.

Though fewer than a dozen students attended the event, Jacobs said he knew there were class conflicts that prohibited more students from coming.

"I think the trustees were pleasantly surprised to see Notre Dame students here," Jacobs said.

Some architecture students decided to attend the event because the Board of Trustees has a scheduled visit to their studio in downtown Rome today.

"I think part of the reason we got an open invitation was that the Board of Trustees are coming for an open exposition of the

architecture studio," Maricich said. "A lot of it is [for trustees to] see how it's run and [learn] why the Rome program is important for architecture students."

Michael Lykoudis, dean and professor in the architecture school, already gave a presentation to visitors about the Notre Dame architecture program, speaking in particular about the importance of students spending the third of their five academic years studying in Rome, Jacobs said.

"I will be there for the open house," he added.

Several students attending John Cabot University through Notre Dame also attended the event.

"I went to see [Fisichella] at Notre Dame talking about the situation with Catholic education. I wanted to follow up on that," junior Danice Brown said.

Such an event in Rome sponsored by Notre Dame was a welcome change, students said.

"The closest thing to this that we attended was when [L. Frances Rooney III, U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See] invited us to his house for dinner," said Colclough, adding that the invitation was informal and not an academic event with guests from the United States, like the convocation Wednesday.

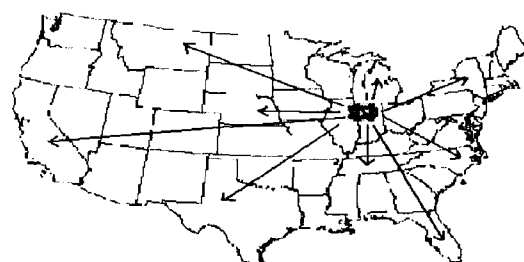
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*"I think the trustees were pleasantly surprised to see Notre Dame students here."*

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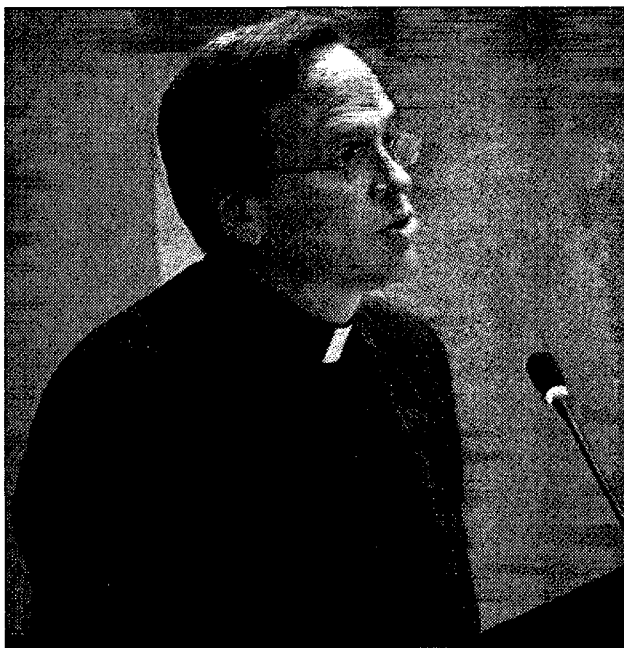
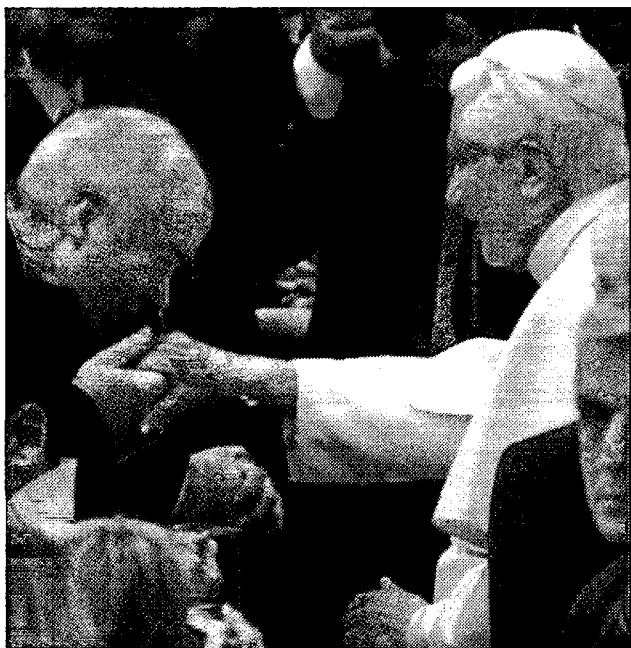
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Left, Superior General of the Holy Cross Father Hugh Cleary kisses the pope's ring. Center, University President Father John Jenkins delivers a speech at an academic convocation held in Rome Wednesday. Right, Pope Benedict XVI descends the steps of the Paul VI Auditorium at the Vatican.

## Address

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Academe," focused heavily on the Church-culture interface and said it was the role of a Catholic university to serve as intermediary between the sometimes opposing forces.

He drew upon the teachings of the late Pope John Paul II, who said, "A Catholic university, aware that the human culture is open to revelation and transcendence, is also a primary and privileged place for fruitful dialogue between the Gospel and culture."

This Church-culture relationship is mutually beneficial, Jenkins said.

"As John Paul made clear in this dialogue between the Church and culture, both are enriched," he said. "How can we accomplish this [role as intermediary]? How can we do it better?"

To build his model for how a Catholic university should manage the conflict and facilitate the dialogue, Jenkins shifted roles from authority to teacher, explaining how Thomas Aquinas — one of his personal interests — formed his "disputed question" structure.

"First, a Catholic university and its scholars must identify the great and profound questions of our time," Jenkins said. "If a Catholic university is

not engaging on the highest level the most pressing questions of our age, we are not fulfilling our mission."

These questions, he said, pertain to economic and social justice, the meaning and purpose of human life, the relationship between science and religion and morality in professions, among other topics.

Next, Jenkins said Catholic universities "must listen to and take seriously the contrary voices" — a concept that, while not directly acknowledged, seemed linked to the

question-and-answer format of his addresses on academic freedom and Catholic character last week.

To follow the teachings of Aquinas, one must "begin by stating the person's objection in a manner that he or she would find acceptable,"

Jenkins said, quoting Aquinas. "Indeed, put it in a way that is even more persuasive than he or she would."

This is necessary, Jenkins said, because a Catholic university cannot fulfill its role "unless we listen to and understand the contrary voices."

The third step, Jenkins said, is to attempt to resolve an issue "in the best way one can in the light of Christian faith and revelation," striving to give reasons "persuasive to those engaged in discussion."

He said the final aspect of the process is to "try to address and respond to ques-

tions and contrary views in a manner that will speak to and help persuade others" — another method that seemed similar to how Jenkins is conducting the dialogue on academic freedom and Catholic character.

There are "great opportunities as well as challenges to a Catholic institution," Jenkins said. "We cannot address these issues without strong, vibrant Catholic universities."

Fisichella delivered an address entitled "The Role of the Roman Catholic Universities." One of the primary aspects of his speech was the balance between science and Catholic universities in the 21st century — a topic found in Jenkins' address as well.

As heads of universities, "the first thing we must do is look to the future of our young people," Fisichella said.

Second, Fisichella said, is bearing personal witness as credibility of teaching.

"Personal credibility is not extraneous to teaching," he said. "[We must provide] functions that will last [students] all of their lives."

He quoted Pope John Paul II and said, "We face a great challenge at the end of this millennium, [to go] from phenomenal to fundamental, a step as necessary as it is urgent."

Fisichella said Catholic uni-

versities must prepare their students to be "scientifically competent and fully professional" people who know how "to head toward the future with optimism that introduce[s] them to the Church and society as young men and women."

"In our universities, they can find a fertile [ground] for discovering their life as a vocation," he said. "Our universities are called to bring about ... an intelligent search for the truth and its existence."

Jenkins' speech, "The Congregation of Holy Cross and Catholic Education," traced the story of the Holy Cross schools back to their 19th century roots in Congregation founder Basil Anthony Moreau, connecting those roots to modern Notre Dame.

"[Moreau] wanted schools to be up to date in methodology and curriculum," Jenky said. "He liked to encourage service and volunteerism. His brothers and priests were encouraged to sacrifice their weekends, even their school holidays, to conduct world missions and contribute to parish education. Moreau also actively promoted lay collaboration for the direction, finance and continuing influence of the school ... He also stayed very close to the alumni association, and it has been faithful to [him] even

when the community isn't.

"Now, does any of this sound familiar to my Notre Dame friends out here?" he asked, inviting a few laughs.

Jenky said Catholic schools were unique in their ability to make a "singular contribution to educational mosaic of the world."

"The world today doesn't need more private schools. There are plenty of them out there," he said. "But both the world and the Church need more Catholic schools that remember their reason for existing. Our schools should never choose between being excellent or being Catholic. Catholic school should not be 'either or,' it should be 'both and.'"

After the speakers — introduced by theology professor John Cavadini — completed their addresses, Provost Thomas Burish awarded honorary degrees to Fisichella and U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See Frances Rooney III.

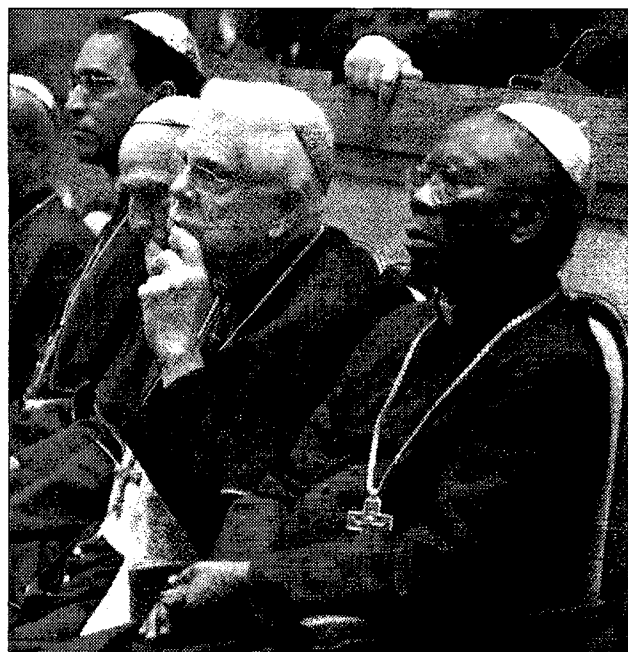
Fisichella, Burish said, was honored for multiple reasons, including "revering Jesus no less in the academy than in the public square."

Rooney, appointed to his position by the Vatican in November, "aspires to assist in the alignment of the earthly and heavenly orders," Burish said.

The event concluded with a reception for those in attendance, culminating the official Board of Trustees meetings.

Trustees will leave Rome Friday morning.

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Left, conference attendees convene at a reception. Center, Benedict XVI gives a final blessing at the public Papal Audience Wednesday. Right, former papal candidate Cardinal Francis Arinze, far right, listens to Jenkins' speech at a convocation entitled "Contribution of Catholic Universities to the Church and Culture" in Rome.

# Planet deemed larger than Pluto

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Scientists say they have confirmed that a so-called 10th planet discovered last year is bigger than Pluto, but that likely won't quell the debate over what makes a planet.

The astronomers who spotted the icy, rocky body — informally called 2003 UB313 — had reported only a rough estimate of its size based on its brightness.

But another group of researchers has come up with what is believed to be the first

calculation of UB313's diameter.

By measuring how much heat it radiates, German scientists led by Frank Bertoldi of the University of Bonn estimated that UB313 was about 1,864 miles across. That makes it larger than Pluto, which has a diameter of about 1,429 miles.

"It is now increasingly hard to justify calling Pluto a planet if UB313 is not also given this status," Bertoldi said in a statement.

Details were published in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Some astronomers have debated over what is a planet and whether Pluto should keep its status. The difficulty is there is no official definition and some argue that setting standards like size limits opens the door too wide.

Michael Brown, the astronomer at the California Institute of Technology who discovered UB313 and announced it last July, said the Germans' measurement seemed plausible. He said his team is using the Hubble Space Telescope to directly figure out its size.

# Police apologize for two ejections

*Unlawful conduct charge against Cindy Sheehan over anti-war T-shirt dropped*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Capitol Police dropped a charge of unlawful conduct against anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan on Wednesday and apologized for ejecting her and a congressman's wife from President Bush's State of the Union address for wearing T-shirts with war messages.

Police removed Sheehan and Beverly Young, wife of Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young, R-Fla., from the visitors gallery Tuesday night. Sheehan was taken away in handcuffs before Bush's arrival at the Capitol and charged with a misdemeanor, while Young was not arrested.

Capitol Police did not explain why Sheehan was arrested and Young was not. However, Capitol Police Chief Terrance Gainer was asking the U.S. attorney's office to drop the charge against Sheehan, according to Deputy House Sergeant of Arms Kerri Hanley.

"They were operating under the misguided impression that the T-shirt was not allowed," Hanley said Wednesday. "The fact that she [Sheehan] was wearing a T-shirt is not enough reason to be asked to leave the gallery or be removed from the gallery or be arrested."

And in a private meeting Wednesday, Gainer apologized and said he planned to issue a statement, Rep. Young told reporters.

"They apologized," Young said. "They made a serious mistake. What they did had no basis."

A foreign-born American citizen who was the guest of Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla., also was taken by police from the gallery just above the House floor, Hastings said Wednesday.

The congressman met with Gainer and said he also requested a meeting with House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., about the incident.

"I'd like to find out more information," Hastings said in an interview, identifying the man only as being from Broward County in Florida. "He is a constituent of mine. I invited him proudly."

Sheehan's T-shirt alluded to the number of soldiers killed in Iraq: "2245 Dead. How many more?" Capitol Police charged her with a misdemeanor for violating the District of Columbia's code against unlawful or disruptive conduct on any part of the Capitol grounds, a law enforcement official said. She was released from custody and flew home Wednesday to Los Angeles.

Young's shirt had just the opposite message: "Support the Troops — Defending Our Freedom."

The two women appeared to have offended tradition as much as the law, according to several law enforcement and congressional officials. By custom, the annual address is to be a dignified affair in which the president reports on the state of the nation. Guests in the gallery who wear shirts deemed political in nature have, in past years, been asked to change or cover them up.

Generally, the House's sergeant at arms sets out rules at the House speaker's direction. The Capitol Police enforce them and the Secret Service evaluates any threat to the president.

Rules dealing mainly with what people can bring and telling them to refrain from reading, writing, smoking, eating, drinking, applauding or taking photographs are outlined on the back of gallery passes given to tourists every day.

However, State of the Union guests don't receive any guidelines, Hanley said. "You would assume that if you were coming to an event like the State of the Union address you would be dressed in appropriate attire," she said.

Sheehan, the mother of a soldier killed in Iraq, had been invited to the speech and given a ticket by Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif.

Capitol Police Sgt. Kimberly Schneider said police warned Sheehan that displays such as her T-shirt were not allowed.

Sheehan said she had one arm out of her coat when an officer yelled, "Protester." She said she intended to file a First Amendment lawsuit over the episode.

Young was removed from the gallery during Bush's address and told she was being treated the same as Sheehan.

Her husband was angry about the way she was treated.

"Because she had on a shirt that someone didn't like that said support our troops, she was kicked out of this gallery," Young said on the House floor Wednesday, holding up the gray shirt.

"Shame, shame," he scolded. Beverly Young was sitting about six rows from first lady Laura Bush when she was asked to leave. She argued with police in the hallway outside the House chamber.

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## Freedom and responsibility

By the standards of the genre, University President Father John Jenkins' inaugural address last September was better than most, rising above the merely platitudinous to make the sort of proposals with which one might conceivably disagree. I disagree with one myself. Jenkins' plan to increase the intellectual engagement of undergraduates by quadrupling the amount of students who participate in research as "fellow inquirers with the faculty" severely underestimates the period of apprenticeship that most academic disciplines require before students — the occasional prodigy notwithstanding — can engage in original research that represents a real contribution to their field. It would be a disservice to students to flatter them into believing otherwise.

For the most part, however, Jenkins kept the discussion of the challenges facing Notre Dame during his presidency at a safely abstract level. He was much bolder when he spoke to the University's faculty, students, and alumni last week on the subject of academic freedom and the University's Catholic character, and initiated an open, heated and necessary debate.

Whether the debate will be productive remains to be seen. Since Jenkins stated very clearly that he "will not lead by consensus, nor by majority vote, nor in response to the pressures that individuals or groups inside or outside the University may bring to bear," I would have thought that it would behoove his critics to at least pretend to pay attention to what he actually said, but many preferred to respond not to the speech he gave but instead to the speech which they are confident that — as a heterosexual puppet of wealthy alumni with hankering for a return to the good old days of the Inquisition — Jenkins must have given.



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Having first noted Jenkins' insistence that his mind is not yet made up on these matters, let's review his treatment of the two most reliable annual sources of controversy on campus, The Queer Film Festival and "The Vagina Monologues."

Jenkins said the first will go ahead under a title that more accurately conveys the academic nature of the event while the second will take place in DeBartolo's largest auditorium rather than one of the campus theaters and, unlike previous years, it will not be a fundraising performance. Both positions are legitimate and eminently reasonable.

Rather like contemporary debates over the constitutional separation of church and state, disputes about academic freedom tend to go wrong because everyone assumes that "academic freedom" means whatever they think it should mean.

Those who hope to contribute to this debate effectively would do well to read (in addition, obviously, to Jenkins' own speech) The American Association of University Professors' Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure. One of the points which that document is at pains to emphasize is that the rights of academic freedom have correlative duties.

Departments that allocate their resources in ways that do not — directly or indirectly — further the goal of intellectual inquiry are failing in their duties. If that failure becomes chronic then the President of the University has an obligation to intervene.

In the case of the Monologues I fail to see how the sponsorship of a play that has been performed on campus every year since 2002 can be justified by an academic department on academic grounds. Saving the world is not part of the English department's academic mission, which is just as well because there is no reason to suppose that they would be especially good at it.

It is often claimed that the play promotes dialogue on important issues of sexuality and violence, but that is dissembling. Most of what is euphemistically

called dialogue is just people taking turns to denounce each other. A university education should equip students to tell the difference.

Maybe the play's organizers don't know of any other play that could provoke a debate on the issues that concern them, but surely someone in the Department of Film, Television and Theatre must.

Why not sponsor a production of David Mamet's Oleanna? The play deals explicitly with themes of sex, power, authority and (not coincidentally) academic freedom, and has reliably provoked controversy amongst audiences since it first debuted in 1992.

As the debate over academic freedom at Notre Dame continues, let us avoid succumbing to the myth that secular universities are bastions of academic freedom and free speech. It's been only a few years since the dean of students at Cornell stood in solidarity with students who burnt copies of the Cornell Review.

A spokesman for the university defended the burning as "symbolic," which it certainly was. Notre Dame will be held to a different standard than secular private universities because the source of the perceived threat to academic freedom is the University's Catholicism.

One aspect of Jenkins' speech did concern me, which is that he seemed to suggest that sponsoring a performance of a play is tantamount to an endorsement of its values. In the case of "The Vagina Monologues," this is a plausible claim because the play is closely tied to a political campaign and because, for that reason, its organizers want to stage a production every year. That makes it an exceptional case, and a poor example from which to draw general principles.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## 'Monologues' a reflection of society

I'm concerned that University President Father John Jenkins isn't truly listening. I was disappointed at last week's forum when, after taking 45 minutes to present his side, Father Jenkins attempted to refute the concerns of the students rather than simply listening and considering them.

We, as students, treasure the chance to encourage Father Jenkins to consider our perspectives. This is exactly what "The Vagina Monologues" strives to do.

Anyone who watches the play must understand that the "Monologues" don't necessarily represent the beliefs of the author or the students performing them — just as the University does not necessarily endorse the events it sponsors.

Eve Ensler simply provides a forum for the liberating the long-suppressed voices of women and an opportunity for actors and audience to consider these foreign

perspectives.

The actors hold notecards, symbolizing that the stories they tell are other women's stories. They speak directly or indirectly about vaginas because they are attempting to reclaim the part of their anatomy that has been a justification and a means for sexual, physical, emotional and psychological abuse — not to make themselves sexual objects.

Some of these stories are meant to shock us into critical analysis. Many contest the Monologue that describes the seduction of a 16-year old girl by an older woman. Its purpose is not to laud the experience, but to ask us to consider what kind of society we have created when such an appalling scenario is a woman's only positive sexual experience as a female.

Silencing the voices of these women is not the answer. The purpose of the

movement is to acknowledge these voices.

Refusing to listen is refusing to acknowledge pain and suffering and refusing to consider the systemic problems in our society that cause and perpetuate them. What good do we accomplish by silencing ideas that contradict Catholic teaching, except to promote blind faith and blindness to injustice?

Rather, we should critically engage with the "Monologues," exploring how they contradict Catholic teachings as well as why they are important as a means of liberating female voices and conceptualizing structural subordination of women. This would truly be respectful dialogue.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but every day begin anew."

Francis de Sales  
Catholic saint

## Leadership not just for authority

Have you noticed how the reality of authority — in those who have it and those who don't — has surrounded us recently? People who have newly come to positions of authority, others who've claimed it for a long time, and still others who hope to acquire it soon have all been in the news of late.

**Kate Barrett**

*FaithPoint*

And the Gospel reading last Sunday dealt with Jesus' authority. He taught with unmistakable authority and even the unclean spirits obeyed him.

President Bush spoke Tuesday night with all the authority of his office on that most "presidential" of occasions — the State of the Union address. The Hamas party scored a decisive victory in recent Palestinian elections, surprising even themselves with the new authority they had gained. Ben Bernanke (admit it, you're thinking, "who?") stepped into what many call the "most powerful economic post in the world" Tuesday following the official retirement of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

But what gives these people and parties real authority? President Bush spoke Tuesday at a time when about half of the

country views his authority skeptically: they disagree with his handling of the war in Iraq and don't believe he's an effective president. Hamas now controls 60 percent of the Palestinian parliament, and yet the United States and other governments around the world have stated that they will not deal with the Hamas party because of its history of commitment to the destruction of Israel. Ben Bernanke may hold the same title as Alan Greenspan did for the last 18 years, but will not be able to lead with the authority of Mr. Greenspan until he puts some time and wise decisions in the bank, so to speak.

On the other hand, remember the Gospel reading we just heard this past Sunday? Jesus entered a synagogue and began to teach, and "the people were astonished at his teachings, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). Some leaders can command real authority, and to paraphrase the immortal words of former Justice Potter Stewart, we believe that "we'll know it when we see it."

Something about Jesus' person and words gave him instant credibility; in fact, this story tells of one of his very first ventures into public ministry. As Jesus would

come to prove over time, to the growing dismay of both state and religious leaders, the unfailing consistency of his words and actions only strengthened his authority as he continued to teach and heal. His followers knew and saw that even unto his own death he would teach forgiveness, love of one's enemies, and care for the poorest of the poor.

We also grant authority to those whose words and actions fit what we know about the wider world. Jesus articulated wisely the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and others, for whom the human traditions that had arisen around the teachings of the Ten Commandments had grown to become more important than the Commandments themselves (see Mark 7:1-13). Jesus himself never strayed from Truth, for his words were the Word of God, and still speak to the deepest realities of our lives.

Which brings us to the question we can each ask ourselves, "What qualities about my own words and actions give me authority?" Obviously, we don't have to be the president or chair or director of anything to want credibility and authority in our families, with our friends, in the classroom, in our chosen profession, and perhaps most importantly in our lives of faith. Do our

words and actions show that we consistently reverence the Word of God and appreciate the power of the Sacraments? If we worship on Sunday and pray throughout the week, do we then make every effort to allow that relationship with God to influence how we speak about others, how we treat our friends, how we dress, how we socialize, or how we spend money and time?

We may never have the opportunity to give the State of the Union address or make decisions that will affect financial markets around the world, but if we would claim to be Christians, we have a most important role to play: each of us has as our highest calling a part in bringing about the Kingdom of God here on earth. We can begin to do that with Jesus' example of authority in our minds and hearts, to help us speak and act consistently, compassionately and honestly, our lives and words reflecting Jesus' life and God's Word.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ACADEMIC FREEDOM & CATHOLIC CHARACTER

### 'Monologues' or dialogue: Another perspective

I would like to ponder a number of issues relevant to the recent Presidential address, "Academic Freedom and Catholic Character." These are the topics of (1) doctrinal pluralism at a Catholic University, (2) the special status of various performing and visual arts (staged plays, film, art shows and the like). The president of the University also discussed (3) the academic freedom of students, but I formulate a reasonable alternative to current and prospective policy in that area. As a University community we must also give more attention to (4) criteria for fair procedures of dispute resolution and adjudication, as well as the accountability required if executive power is not to be absolute.

These issues were split up into three parts. Yesterday I discussed doctrinal pluralism and special status of various performing and visual arts. Today I will continue with academic freedom of students and tomorrow I will handle criteria for fair procedures of dispute resolution and adjudication.

3) Student Rights and Freedoms. It is hard to understand the level of passion associated with the current controversy over public presentations of The Queer Film Festival and "The Vagina Monologues" apart from the marked contrast between academic freedom in the classroom and the close administrative regulation of student organizations. If the critical inquiry essential to the intellectual life is to flourish on this campus, political liberals (e.g. the AAUP) insist that the basic standards of freedom of association prevail in student life. But such freedoms have been limited by precisely the same considerations advanced for withholding sponsorship of the aforementioned artistic presentations. Unilateral executive decisions have denied the inclusion of sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clauses associated with our hiring practices. In strictly parallel fashion, recognition of various student GLBTQ organizations and even gay-straight alliances has been denied.

Of course, students and faculty are free to discuss these issues in the classroom, even as we are all free to discuss the relevant Catholic principles in the classroom. But student organizations promoting Catholic teaching on many of the issues at stake in the current controversy (Right to Life) flourish on campus — and are perennially active in efforts to suppress public pre-

sentations of dissenting views — while dissenting organizations are refused recognition and all its privileges. The principle "inquiry must be protected so informed advocacy will contribute to the vitality of public life" is severely restricted at Notre Dame by considerations of doctrinal orthodoxy, again as a consequence of unilateral executive decisions not subject to formal procedures of critical review.

Clearly, we must continue to ask ourselves whether or not such restriction is essential to the Catholic character of Notre Dame. Does recognition imply endorsement?

No responsible Catholic expects the role of an educated Catholic laity to be restricted to the sphere of monkish contemplation. That role must be structured by concern for a healthy continuity of critical inquiry and responsible practice. But such combinations cannot flourish in a climate of enforced orthodoxy. Restrictions currently imposed upon student life diminish the vitality of intellectual activity on this campus. Student organizations which seek to continue the discussion of issues open to critical inquiry in the classroom have been denied recognition, or the range of speech permissible in those organizations has been subjected to administrative regulation. No better way of labeling certain activities as "merely" academic has ever been conceived. No wonder that a general lack of enthusiasm for intellectual disputation is so commonly observed as part of the prevailing temper of undergraduate life at Notre Dame.

I have sometimes argued that the marked division of principles governing the academic life of the University and those governing "student affairs" makes Notre Dame a house divided against itself. Of course I speak as a political liberal, but we must ask our most religiously conservative colleagues and students whether the best way to enhance the religious identity of Notre Dame is to ban recognition of dissenting student organizations. It seems instead to broadcast the view that, at Notre Dame, certain very important issues cannot be discussed, nor may students associate to promote their conclusions between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

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### Performance art not doctrine

"The Vagina Monologues" sexual content is at odds with the teachings of the Catholic Church. I, an ardent supporter of "The Vagina Monologues," will freely admit this fact. However, when did the administration of the University of Notre Dame and the administrations of Catholic colleges around the country forget that "The Vagina Monologues" is a performance art piece? Part of the role of all types of art is to evoke an emotional response from the viewer. Eve Ensler, the author of the "Monologues," chose to create a performance art piece based on over two hundred interviews about the sexual experiences of various women. Her final result was the dramatization of these real-life events. "The Vagina Monologues" speak about female sexuality from various backgrounds, and the views presented do not always demonstrate a perfect example of Catholic doctrine. However, this is the reality of what happens in the world.

"The Vagina Monologues" give us a brilliant piece of art that transcends all cultures and religions to spread the message that female sexuality often is an oppressive burden on women, and such violence can no longer be a veiled issue in our modern world. This overarching theme strongly speaks to us as Catholics and our quest to impart equal dignity to all people (Dominus Iesus, 2000). If we do not find this theme to be a strong element in "The Vagina Monologues," then we have the freedom to refrain from seeing the performance. However, as intelligent and inquisitive students who have experienced a great deal of moral training both in and out of the classroom, have we not earned the opportunity to recognize that the "Monologues" is not necessarily something to imitate; instead it is a lesson in the hardships faced by those whose sexuality is not respected?

There is no reason that a Catholic interpretation of "The Vagina Monologues" cannot exist. There is also no reason that such a performance should be banned for daring to bring up events that happen to women all across the world. Conservative Catholics must realize that perverse sexuality does exist, and by stifling the truth, they are breeding a generation of people who do not understand the problems of sexual violence. Father Jenkins, I implore you to trust your students to absorb the powerful message of "The Vagina Monologues" that has been illustrated through the intense discussions and the support shown for organizations that work to counsel abused women. Giving the student body the freedom to interpret this performance art piece will be the strongest measure of your trust in Notre Dame students to challenge and form sound Catholic characters.

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CD REVIEWS

# Dre camp veteran's debut 'hitts' hard

By CHRIS KEPNER  
Scene Critic

Listeners may not have heard of Hittman yet, but many people would be willing to bet that they've heard him. In fact, if they dug Dr. Dre's "2001," then they're already a Hittman fan. See, Hitt contributed his lyrical talents to 10 of the tracks on that album. Now, nearly seven years later, "Hittmanic Verses" is dropping and fans are finally getting that solo joint they've been waiting for.

The big question surrounding this album's release deals with Hittman's decision to bring it out on Sick Bay Records, rather than on Dre's Aftermath label. Dr. Dre is a musical genius with whom countless artists want to work, and his talent and work ethic are unparalleled. Both rappers and producers learn from their time with him, labeling Dre as the Miles Davis of his generation.

But when Davis started out half a century ago, musicians had little to do with the production of an album. He

was eventually able to wrest creative control from the men with the money, but perhaps he still had record deals with deadlines that pressured him to get things done more quickly than he would have if he had all the time he wanted.

Things are very different today. Dre has his own label, which means he answers to no one. The reason Dr. Dre has only released two albums in the past 15 years is because he is a perfectionist. It's no accident that "The Chronic" (1992) and "2001" (1999) are as tight as they are. An enormous amount of time was put in — especially for "2001."

The perfectionism that delays his own albums seems to carry over to those that he produces. He won't put his stamp of approval on anything that's not up to the stratospheric standards he's set for himself. For whatever reason, Dre didn't feel as though Hittman's album was ready for release. Obviously, Hittman felt that it was.

Born Brian Bailey, Hittman is an acronym for Highly Intensive Tongue Talents Making All Nervous. And the quality of this record will definitely put other rappers on edge.

"Hittmanic Verses" is hotter than Eva Longoria all the way through, but some highlights include "My Last Dayz," "When It Comes To" and "Let S\*\*\* Go." This disc could definitely be spun at a party and get



Photo courtesy of fortunecity.de

Hittman began his rapping career as a protégé of Dr. Dre. However, he has released his first solo album on another label, Sick Bay Records.

a great response.

There are 14 tracks — all music and no skits, which is refreshing. The production team, which includes Dre and Mailman (who both also rap on the album), did a fantastic job putting together rich and catchy backgrounds that support Hitt's flow, which is better than ever. With a highly syncopated interpretation of the beat, Knoc-Turn'al stands out on the guest list.

So why did listeners have to wait so long for Hittman's record, only to have it come out without the Aftermath seal? Take Eminem and 50 Cent for comparison. Eminem had two verses on "2001" and 50 Cent makes no appearance at all. Yet since that album dropped in 1999, these guys have both had multiple Aftermath releases. Why then does Hittman, who rapped an

amazing 12 verses on Dre's last album, get no love? Sure, there might be a couple of tweaks needed here and there (Hitt sounds a little hollow on "Get Myne"), but how could Dre leave this one to collect dust after the work Hittman did on "2001?"

Something is a little fishy on the west coast. Fans will just have to watch and see what happens (will Hitt be involved in the second Up in Smoke Tour?) For now, they can at least enjoy these 14 hard-Hitting tracks.

It might be a little difficult to find "Hittmanic Verses" in stores because of its independent release, but it can be downloaded from iTunes for just \$9.99. This album is definitely worth the money.

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## Hittmanic Verses

Hittman

Sick Bay Records



Recommended tracks: 'My Last Dayz,' 'When It Comes To,' 'Let S\*\*\* Go' and 'Get Myne'



# Band's appeal expands outside Chicago rock scene

By MICHELE JEFFERS  
Scene Critic

More than just an adage of encouraging soccer parents, sometimes it really doesn't matter who wins — it just matters how hard you play.

Last summer, CBS launched Rockstar, a hit reality show in which several performers competed to become the lead singer of the rock band INXS. As the runner-up, Marty Casey may not have been chosen to revive the largely forgotten band's career, but he hopes to use his 15 minutes of fame to catapult the band he has been with for more than 15 years.

The Lovehammers have long been a staple of the Chicago rock scene, winning over throngs of loyal fans who refer to themselves as "Hammerheads."

Having met in junior high, Marty Casey (vocals), Bob Kourelis (drums), Billy Sawilchik (guitar) and Dino Kourelis (bass) have remained passionately dedicated to their band despite being unable to land a recording contract.

This self-titled album is the band's first release on a record label, but it features an assortment of tracks from previously self-released albums. Although the album lacks a focused whole, it provides a diverse picture of where the band has been and where it hopes to be.

The album opens with "Casualty," pounding out a rousing refusal to answer to failure.

Although there are exceptions, most of the subsequent songs tend to sound the same. But The Lovehammers fend off boredom by tirelessly knocking out their songs with full force. Casey's

forceful modulations create an emotional stronghold of otherwise unremarkable songs.

The album's first single, "Trees," had been performed by Casey on "Rockstar," and it is now one of the top songs downloaded on the Internet. The song juxta-



Photo courtesy of lovehammers.com

Marty Casey, middle left, founded his band, Marty Casey & Lovehammers, when he was only 14 years old. Their fan base is located primarily in Chicago.

poses lyrics detailing dreams of an innocent romance — "It will be you and me/ Up in the trees/ And the forest will give us the answers" — with an infectious melody.

Things slow down a bit with "Rain on the Brain," a song which earned Casey a spot as a finalist in the John Lennon Songwriting Contest. Other standout tracks include "The Tunnel," which sounds like a grunged-out Cure song, "Call of Distress" and the satisfying final ballad "Clouds."

Marty Casey may have won over audiences on CBS, but this album fails

to differentiate the band from all the Nickelbacks and the Puddles of Mud already on the radio.

Casey's long run on Rockstar, as well as the local success of the band, is largely due to the Lovehammers' ability to put on a great live show — something that unfortunately does not translate to the new album.

Marty Casey & the Lovehammers are currently opening for INXS on the sold-out "Switched On" tour.

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## Marty Casey & Lovehammers

Marty Casey &

Lovehammers

Warner Bros/WEA



Recommended tracks: 'Trees,' 'Casualty,' 'Rain on the Brain,' 'Call of Distress,' 'The Tunnel' and 'Clouds'





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Signing Day 2006

## Signed and delivered

*Weis inks 27 recruits for his first full recruiting class*

By HEATHER  
VAN HOEGARDEN  
Sports Writer

With two offensive linemen going to the NFL this year and three graduating the year after, Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis knew he needed not only depth, but talent—and he got both.

Weis got a lot of things on signing day as the commitments poured in — 27 to be exact, including six offensive linemen, five defensive backs, four wide receivers, three running backs, three defensive linemen, two quarterbacks, two linebackers, one tight end and one kicker.

Notre Dame addressed its needs with this class, getting not only depth, but talent at every position.

### Offensive line

With the graduation of Mark LeVoi and Dan Stevenson, the Irish are left with Ryan Harris, Bob Morton, Dan Santucci and John Sullivan as returning starters. On the bench are freshmen Paul Duncan and Michael Turkovich, who saw limited action in their first season, leaving the Irish thin at this position.

But with the addition of 6-foot-7 Sam Young, who chose Notre Dame over USC, Dan Wenger, a true center who played with Young in high school, Notre Dame improves itself dramatically. Additionally, the Irish picked up highly-rated Eric Olsen and Chris Stewart, who enrolled in January, and should benefit from some weight training, as he currently weighs about 340 pounds. Olsen did not allow a sack during his high school career. Matt Carufel, who hails from the same high school as Harris and Irish tight end Marcus Freeman, was the Gatorade Player of the Year in Minnesota.

Finally, Notre Dame signed Bartley Webb, a 6-foot-7 lineman who Weis was high on as well.

"Of all the guys I've seen, this is one of the most polished pass blocking tackles I've seen coming out of high school in my short time back into the college ranks," Weis said Wednesday.

### Quarterback

Despite the fact there is no

doubt who the Irish quarterback in 2006 will be, the position is wide open after Heisman Trophy candidate Brady Quinn graduates next year.

This year's backup, David Wolke, has not seen significant action in his two seasons, and freshman Evan Sharpley, who was a three-star recruit out of high school, did not play this year. Behind them is walk-on Dan Gorski, who did not see action in his first year at Notre Dame.

Weis said one of his goals was to get two quarterbacks, and he got two very good signal-callers in Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer. Jones poses a dual threat, while Frazer is more of a drop back passer, but Weis said they will both have ample opportunity to compete for the position after Quinn leaves.

### Running back

Although 1,000-yard rusher Darius Walker has two more years in an Irish uniform and Travis Thomas has one, a pair of commits could push for playing time as early as next year.

James Aldridge, from nearby Crown Point, Ind., enrolled in January and will be able to participate in spring practice, giving him a head start.

"He can do it all," Weis said. "We're excited to

have him here at the semester so we can get him involved in the spring."

Joining Aldridge is Munir Prince, the Gatorade Player of the Year in Missouri, who Weis described as a "dynamic" player. Prince and Aldridge give the Irish power and speed behind Walker and Thomas.

### Fullback

With the departure of Rashon Powers-Neal mid-year due to disciplinary issues, Asaph Schwapp saw significant playing time as a true freshman. But the position was thin with the only backup being Ashley McConnell. With the signing of Indiana's Gatorade Player of the Year, Luke Schmidt, the Irish add a big body that also gives them depth.

### Wide receiver

Rhema McKnight should return for a fifth year, barring unforeseen circumstances, and Jeff Samardzija will come back after

an All-American season to finish his eligibility, giving the Irish two extremely talented receivers at the top.

Joining them are D.J. Hord and David Grimes, two true freshmen who saw limited playing time this year.

And with the additions of Barry Gallup, George West, Robby Parris and Richard Jackson, Weis gives his team playmaking ability and game-breaking speed. West is already enrolled at Notre Dame, and is widely considered one of the best kick returners in the country, while Parris and Jackson are bigger receivers.

### Tight end

Anthony Fasano decided not to come back for his fifth year of eligibility, leaving the Irish with John Carlson as their No. 1 tight end. Behind him is Marcus Freeman, who could come back for a fifth year, and true freshman Joey Hiben, who didn't see much action this season.

The Irish picked up one tight end, but he is a good one. Konrad Reuland, who the Irish took out of Southern California — USC territory — is a big, physical athlete who could compete right away, depending on Freeman's status.

### Cornerback

One of Notre Dame's biggest problems last year was its secondary, as the Irish allowed 265 yards of pass offense per game, including 342 in the Fiesta Bowl.

But the Irish don't lose any cornerbacks, as Ambrose Wooden and Mike Richardson both return, assuming Richardson returns for his fifth year. Leo Ferrine returns as the nickelback and Terral Lambert and LaBrose Hedgemon are the backups.

But coming in are two big-time cornerbacks, Raeshon McNeil and Darrin Walls. Both were U.S. Army All-Americans and Weis expects them to play early.

"Anyone who wants to know about his cover ability, just go watch the highlights of the All-American game where he's supposed to be playing against the best and is shutting everybody down," Weis said of McNeil.

Walls and McNeil are joined by Leonard Gordon, who can also play safety.

### Safety

Again, the Irish don't lose anybody at this spot, with both Tom Zbikowski and Chinedum Nduwke returning. Their backups, Kyle McCarthy and David Bruton, both true freshmen last year, return as well. Bruton saw action on special teams but McCarthy didn't play. Meanwhile, Ray Herring is waiting in the wings after playing on special teams this year.

Wednesday, the Irish signed



Photo courtesy of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**Cornerback Darrin Walls, a Pittsburgh native, signed to play for Notre Dame on Wednesday.**

Jashaad Gaines and Sergio Brown. Both are big, athletic safeties who played both ways in high school.

### Linebacker

With the graduation of captain Brandon Hoyte and Corey Mays, the Irish have two spots to fill here. Maurice Crum returns at the Apache position. Also returning for the Irish are true freshmen Steve Quinn and Scott Smith, who saw action on special teams last year, Anthony Vergnalia, who

has three years of eligibility remaining, but hasn't seen significant playing time this year, Joe Brockington, who saw limited action in 4-4 packages and rising senior Mitchell Thomas, who could compete for playing time.

Weis landed two outstanding prospects in Morrice Richardson and Toryan Smith. Richardson was both a defensive end and linebacker in high school and has the ability to get to the quarterback. Meanwhile, Smith should be in the mix right away to replace Mays at the Mike linebacker spot.

### Defensive end

With the return of Chris Frome and Victor Abiamiri, the Irish have two solid starters. And since Frome was injured during the USC game on Oct. 15, backups Ronald Talley and Justin Brown picked up valuable experience.

However, the Irish still picked up two solid players here, in John Ryan and Kallen Wade. Ryan improved his stock at the Notre Dame camp over the summer and

Wade had 13 sacks as a junior.

"This guy reminds me a lot of a young Jason Taylor," Weis said of Wade. "He looks like him, plays like him. Let's hope he produces like him when he gets in school."

### Defensive tackle

Although the Irish only lose Brian Beidatsch at defensive tackle, they are not incredibly deep. With Derek Landri and Trevor Laws anchoring the middle, Notre Dame is solid, but it drops off after that with true freshmen Pat Kuntz, who played sparingly, and Derrell Hand, who didn't see any action.

Notre Dame signed Paddy Mullen as a tackle, but he could also play tight end. However, with the lack of depth at tackle, Mullen could find himself playing earlier here than he would as a tight end.

"We're counting on Paddy to come in here as a defensive tackle," Weis said.

### Kicker

With the graduation of kicker/punter D.J. Fitzpatrick and no real backup at the kicker position, Notre Dame badly needed a kicker to go along with backup Carl Gioia. At punter, Geoffrey Price looks to succeed Fitzpatrick, but that is unclear as well.

The Irish signed Ryan Burkhart, a player who Weis said has a lot of pressure on him coming in because the position is so wide open. Burkhart has "pop every time he hits the ball," Weis said.

"We've told Ryan that we're expecting him to come in here as a freshman and compete for playing time from the second he walks in the door," Weis said of Burkhart, who he said can kick off as well. "I think that's what he's expecting from us."

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Position	Returning Players	New Players
Quarterback	Brady Quinn, Wolke, Sharpley, Gorski	Jones, Frazer
Running Back	Walker, Thomas, Hoskins	Aldridge, Prince
Fullback	Schwapp, McConnell	Schmidt
Wide Receiver	Samardzija, McKnight, Hord, Grimes	Gallup, Parris, Jackson, West
Tight End	Carlson, Freeman, Hiben	Reuland
Off. Lineman	Harris, Morton, Santucci, Sullivan	Carufel, Olsen, Stewart, Webb, Wenger, Young
Def. End	Abiamiri, Frome, E. Brown, Talley	Ryan, Wade
Def. Tackle	Laws, Landri, Kuntz, Hand, Stevenson	Mullen
Linebacker	Benda, Bousett, Brockington, Crum, Quinn, S. Smith, Washington, Vergnalia, M. Thomas	McRichardson
Def. Back	McRichardson, Wooden, Ferrine	McNeil, Walls, Gordon
Safety	Zbikowski, Bruton, McCarthy, Nduwke	S. Brown, Gaines
Kicker	Price	Burkhart

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A spread of all 27 recruits signed to play for Notre Dame next year, including high school stats.

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### Two top quarterbacks chose ND

Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer committed Wednesday to play for head coach Charlie Weis.

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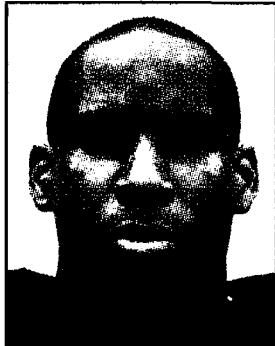
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Courtesy Northwest Indiana Post-Tribune

**James Aldridge**  
running back  
6-1, 215  
Crown Point, Ind.  
*"He's a rare combination  
of size and speed."*  
Mike Frank  
Irisheyes.com

Rated No. 7 in the nation among running backs by Scout.com ... ran for 21 TDs as a senior.



Courtesy Proviso East H.S.

**Sergio Brown**  
safety  
6-2, 190  
Maywood, Ill.  
*"Sergio got us a big  
athletic safety that can  
run."*  
Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

Ranked No. 16 on Detroit Free Press "Best of the Midwest" team ... six INTs this season.



Courtesy Megan Rendell/Northwood H.S.

**Ryan Burkhart**  
kicker  
5-11, 185  
Wakarusa, Ind.  
*"He can kick the ball  
through the end zone on  
a consistent basis."*  
Mike Frank  
Irisheyes.com

Kicked two 49-yard FGs in single game as a junior ... knocked in a 53-yarder this season.



Courtesy Scout.com

**Matt Carufel**  
offensive lineman  
6-5, 288  
Forest Lake, Minn.  
*"We're really, really excit-  
ed about having a physi-  
cal player like Matt."*  
Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

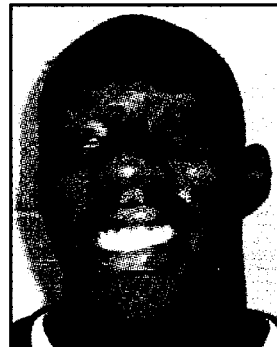
USA Today second-team All-American ... named Gatorade Minnesota player of the year.



Courtesy Zach Frazer

**Zach Frazer**  
quarterback  
6-4, 209  
Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
*"He's a true pocket pass-  
er and makes a lot of  
plays down the field."*  
Mike Frank  
Irisheyes.com

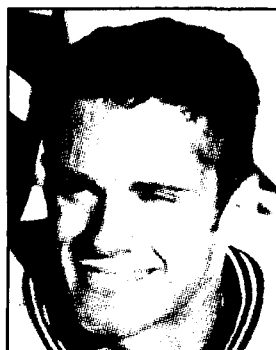
No. 12 on USA Today list of top 100 players ... set Pa. single-season passing record with 3,674 yards.



Courtesy Las Vegas H.S.

**Jashaad Gaines**  
safety  
6-0, 205  
Las Vegas, Nev.  
*"He plays full-throttle all  
the time."*  
Mike Frank  
Irisheyes.com

Gatorade Nevada player of the year ... tallied 55 tackles in leading team to state title this season.



Courtesy Victoria Gallup

**Barry Gallup**  
wide receiver  
5-11, 175  
Wellesley, Mass.  
*"I think he fell in love with  
Notre Dame and we fell in  
love with him."*  
Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

Gatorade Massachusetts player of the year ... scored 70 TDs and tallied 14 INTs in high school career.



Courtesy Fort Campbell H.S.

**Leonard Gordon**  
safety  
5-11, 195  
Ft. Campbell, Kent.  
*"He's a really physical kid,  
a big kid for a safety."*  
Mike Frank  
Irisheyes.com

Packed up 90 tackles and two INTs in senior season ... Louisville Courier-Journal first-team all-state pick.



Courtesy East Ridge H.S.

**Richard Jackson**  
wide receiver  
6-2, 195  
Clermont, Fla.  
*"What Richard really  
brings is size and speed."*  
Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

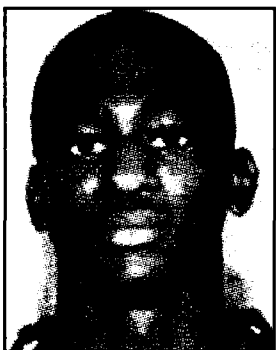
Ranked No. 87 on USA Today list of top 100 players ... caught 182 passes for 3,249 yards in high school.



Courtesy Chicago Tribune

**Demetrius Jones**  
quarterback  
6-3, 190  
Chicago, Ill.  
*"Has the ability to make  
something out of nothing."*  
Tim O'Halloran  
Rivals.com

Gatorade Illinois player of the year ... named top senior player in Illinois by Chicago Tribune.



Courtesy Scout.com

**Raeshon McNeil**  
cornerback  
6-0, 175  
Mocksville, N.C.  
*"He's a true corner, a big  
cornerback."*  
Mike Frank  
Irisheyes.com

No. 41 on Chicago Sun-Times list of top 100 players ... finished high school with 15 career INTs.



Courtesy DeSmet Jesuit H.S.

**Paddy Mullen**  
defensive tackle  
6-5, 262  
St. Louis, Mo.  
*"As he gets bigger his bull  
rush continues to improve."*  
Pat Mahoney  
high school coach

Played mostly tight end as a senior, catching three TDs ... gamered seven sacks as junior defensive end.



Courtesy Poly Prep Country Day School

**Eric Olsen**  
offensive lineman  
6-5, 298  
Staten Island, N.Y.  
*"He's a big kid who likes  
to smack people around a  
little bit."*  
Mike Frank  
Irisheyes.com

Gatorade New York player of the year ... never gave up a sack in three seasons as a starting lineman.



Courtesy St. Ignatius High School

**Robby Parris**  
wide receiver  
6-4, 185  
Olmsted Falls, Ohio  
*"Once again, another big  
wide receiver."*  
Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

Caught 12 TDs in six games during injury-shortened senior season ... AP second-team all-Ohio selection.



Courtesy DeSmet Jesuit H.S.

**Munir Prince**  
running back  
5-9, 164  
Florissant, Mo.  
*"He's a dynamic back who  
can do it all."*  
Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

Gatorade Missouri player of the year ... rushed for 50 TDs and 3,688 yards in high school career.



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Courtesy Mission Viejo H.S.

## Konrad Reuland

tight end  
6-6, 240

Mission Viejo, Calif.

"We're really happy to take one out of Southern California."

Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

USA Today first-team All-American ... led high school team to 39-2 record over past three seasons.



Courtesy Atlanta Journal-Constitution

## Morrice Richardson

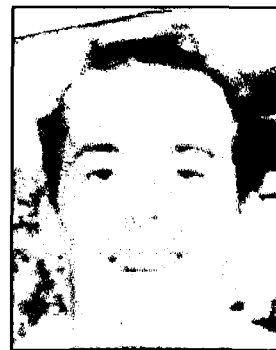
linebacker  
6-3, 235

College Park, Ga.

"He is a very athletic linebacker who also has pass rush ability."

Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

Gatorade Georgia player of the year ... recorded 170 tackles and 15 sacks in final two high school seasons.



Courtesy St. Ignatius H.S.

## John Ryan

defensive end  
6-5, 240

Westlake, Ohio

"He's got a lot of pass rush ability."

Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

AP second-team all-Ohio selection ... racked up 49 tackles and six sacks in just eight games as a senior.



Courtesy Jasper H.S.

## Luke Schmidt

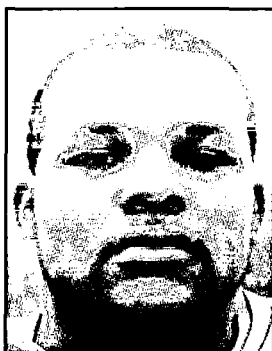
running back  
6-4, 230

Jasper, Ind.

"He's a powerful and fast back, can play fullback and halfback."

Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

Gatorade Indiana player of the year ... carried 313 times for 2,239 yards and 32 TDs in senior season.



Courtesy Rome News-Tribune

## Toryan Smith

linebacker  
6-1, 235

Rome, Ga.

"He should be able to get himself in the mix early."

Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

USA Today second-team All-American ... tallied 117 tackles, including 25 for loss, and 10 sacks as a senior.



Courtesy Klein H.S.

## Chris Stewart

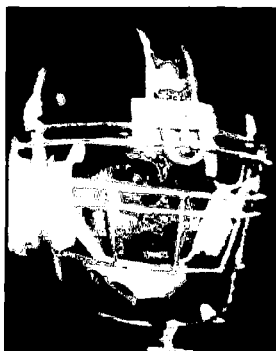
offensive lineman  
6-5, 360

Klein, Tx.

"He's a guy that absolutely engulfs people."

Mike Frank  
Irisheyes.com

USA Today second-team All-American ... No. 33 on Dallas Morning News list of top 100 players in Texas.



Courtesy Amanda Schean/Withrow H.S.

## Kallen Wade

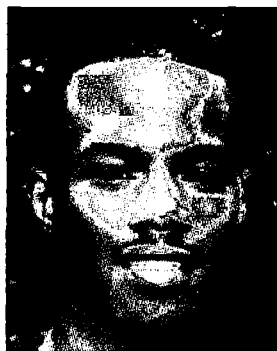
defensive end  
6-5, 220

Cincinnati, Ohio

"[He] reminds me of a young Jason Taylor."

Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

Recorded 17 sacks in final two high school seasons ... No. 134 in CollegeFootballNews.com national top 150.



Courtesy Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

## Darrin Walls

cornerback  
6-1, 180

Pittsburgh, Pa.

"He's a guy who can take over a game."

Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

Listed at No. 29 on Chicago Sun-Times national top 100 ... Named CSTV first-team All-American.



Courtesy Perry Webb

## Bartley Webb

offensive lineman  
6-6, 280

Springdale, Ark.

"This guy is a very, very defined pass block tackle."

Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

Played in U.S. Army All-American Bowl ... led high school to 14-0 record and Arkansas state title.



Courtesy South Florida Sun-Sentinel

## Dan Wenger

center  
6-4, 285

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

"The one thing different about him is Dan is a center."

Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

Member of Florida class 5A first team ... attended same high school as former Irish WR Bobby Brown.



Courtesy Bill Waugh/The Oklahoman

## George West

wide receiver  
5-8, 165

Oklahoma City, Okla.

"West is really one of my favorite players in Notre Dame's entire class this year."

Mike Frank  
Irisheyes.com

Returned four punts and three kickoffs for scores this season ... first-team all-Oklahoma selection.



Courtesy South Florida Sun-Sentinel

## Sam Young

offensive lineman  
6-7, 297

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

"He picked us and really put a smile on my face."

Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

Rated top lineman in America by Parade Magazine ... Gatorade Florida player of the year.

## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2010

Weis offered 57 scholarships, 27 were accepted

Of the 37 athletes who made official visits to Notre Dame, 27 signed with the Irish

Jashaad Gaines' sister, Tulyah is a sophomore Irish basketball player

Barry Gallup's father, Barry, Sr., is the director of football operations at Boston College

Paddy Mullen and Munir Prince played together at DeSmet Jesuit High School in St. Louis, Robby Parris and John Ryan played together at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland and Sam Young and Dan Wenger played together at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale

Prince went to junior high in St. Louis with James Aldridge.

Demetrius Jones hails from Morgan Park High School, the same school as former Irish linebacker Corey Mays. Jones and Mays are the first Notre Dame player to come out of the Chicago Public League since Chris Zorich of Chicago Vocational came to Notre Dame in 1988.

Konrad Reuland spent eight months living with relatives in Germany between the eighth and ninth school years.

GRAHAM BREYER/Observer Graphic



# Frazer, Jones bear responsibility for strong group



Irish recruits Zach Frazer, above, and Demetrius Jones are the two newest additions to Notre Dame's quarterback depth chart.

*The two quarterbacks worked to keep their classmates committed*

By MIKE GILLOON  
Sports Editor

It's only been about 24 hours since Irish coach Charlie Weis secured the signatures of the recruiting class of 2010. But the quality of this group of Notre Dame commitments has likely been assured since last August.

That was when quarterback Demetrius Jones delivered a verbal commitment to Weis, giving the Irish another blue-chip signal-caller in addition to Pennsylvania product Zach Frazer. But Notre Dame received more than a couple highly-rated quarterbacks — it got a pair of athletes that “went out of their way” to encourage other high school standouts to come to South Bend and make this a consensus top-five recruiting class.

“These were guys that we identified very early in the [recruiting] process,” Weis said at a press conference Wednesday announcing the Irish crop. “We feel that

we've got two great leaders in [Jones and Frazer]. Both [of them] went out of their way on their own to encourage other guys to be a part of this class like true leaders would do.”

One member of the group of 27 who can attest to his future coach's statement is Darrin Walls.

A four-star cornerback out of Pittsburgh, Walls said Jones and Frazer were both concerned that Walls might be leaning toward committing to Florida before he verbally committed to Notre Dame last October.

“I talked to [Jones] throughout the process,” Walls said in an interview with The Observer Wednesday. “He just wanted to make sure I wasn't going to Florida. Zach was on me about coming [to Notre Dame] too.”

In all, 17 Irish recruits verbally committed after Jones — who The Observer could not reach for comment Wednesday — gave his word on Aug. 15. Frazer had been committed since April 14.

While both have done their part to help the Irish load up on talent, only one of them can hold the starting quarterback role for Notre Dame in the future.

Frazer is the purer passer of the two, as he set the

Pennsylvania state record with 3,674 yards passing as a junior at Mechanicsburg High School.

He then struggled in 2005, going 140-for-253 with 1,839 yards, 9 touchdowns and 9 interceptions.

Meanwhile Jones led his Morgan Park High School squad to an Illinois state title this past season.

He tallied 2,000 yards and 25 touchdowns passing along with 1,000 yards and 16 touchdowns on the ground during his senior year at the Chicago Public League high school.

While Frazer's stock dropped a bit after his subpar senior season — most of his national accolades came between his junior and senior years — there is no question in the Notre Dame camp about the ability of both quarterbacks.

“Demetrius, he can throw and he can run,” Irish wide receiver recruit Richard Jackson said Wednesday. “Zach is more of a pure passer. It's like having Brady Quinn in two people.”

“They're both really good people as well as players,” Walls said.

“I expect both of them to come in and compete. It'll be an interesting battle but I think both can lead the team to a national title.”

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## Like Weis now, Willingham once signed blue-chippers

It's official — Charlie Weis is no longer the head football coach on this campus.

Instead, after inking a much-hyped recruiting class Wednesday, students and alumni will now refer to him as King Charlie. Well, maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration. But looking at this week's ratings from nationwide recruiting services, there is a lot of truth to claims that Weis has given the Dome another regilding.

He hauled in the nation's No. 1 tight end, No. 1 offensive lineman, one of the top running backs, a pair of smothering cornerbacks and a quarterback tandem every coach would love to have on his sideline.

ESPN has it as the fifth-best class in America, Scout.com says it's No. 3 — and everyone thinks it's one of the better Irish crops since the Tyrone Willingham era.

Wait.

Tyrone Willingham? Mr. 21-and-15? The fired coach who left South Bend after only three seasons amidst controversy and confusion?

The current head coach of the 2-9 Washington Huskies?

That's right. Weis' class — both in makeup and circumstance — is incredibly similar to Willingham's class of 2007.

Both came after the coaches' first full seasons in South Bend — seasons in which they turned losing teams into successes — and both sold players on the

promise that everything would stay sunny in the shadow of the Dome.

Willingham's group of 21 players — highlighted by quarterback Brady Quinn, defensive back Tom Zbikowski and defensive end Victor Abiamiri — was ranked No. 5 in the country by Scout.com on Signing Day 2003.

One theory commonly tossed around after Willingham's firing was that he couldn't recruit. But wide receiver Jeff Samardzija, center John Sullivan, defensive tackle Trevor Laws, tackle Ryan Harris and free safety Chinedum Ndukwe — all members of Willingham's class of 2007 — turned out pretty well, as anyone who watched the Irish on Saturdays this past autumn could see.

The point is not that Weis attracted these blue chippers with a flimsy, used-car salesman's pitch. There's no doubt he's a prepared, meticulous and charismatic recruiter.

But Notre Dame's BCS run and classic near-upset of Pete Carroll's Trojans did more to earn Tom Lemming's top-five rating than any living room-couch sales pitch.

What Weis has to do now is win and keep winning, in a bigger and more dominating style than he did this season. There is no room for a loss to Air Force or a massacre at the hands of USC.

That was Willingham's problem. He lost. Granted, from the way Weis' offense looked this season he has the Irish playing better than Willingham's squad performed in his inaugural campaign.

But the root of Willingham's recruiting problem was not a

lack of enthusiasm or a weak handshake — it was the results on the field.

When the coach stopped winning he started losing credibility with recruits. They no longer saw him as a man who could draw a map to the NFL, but as a mediocre coach with little chance at winning much more than the Navy game.

Weis is being praised as one of the nation's best recruiters ... right now. He's been able to sell the point that he is going to turn Notre Dame around, which he appears to be doing so far. But just a few losses next season, especially a blowout defeat against Michigan or Penn State, could make top players like offensive lineman Sam Young — who signed with the Irish yesterday — look elsewhere.

College football is fragile — it doesn't take much for a coach to go from near-sainthood to selling his house.

Weis understands this, and after more than a decade spent in the NFL he should know something about job (in)security.

Expect Weis to keep on winning — the Irish haven't shown many signs of slowing down yet.

But if they do slip up, like Willingham did in his final two seasons, look for the Irish to keep fighting with a southern California school for recruits.

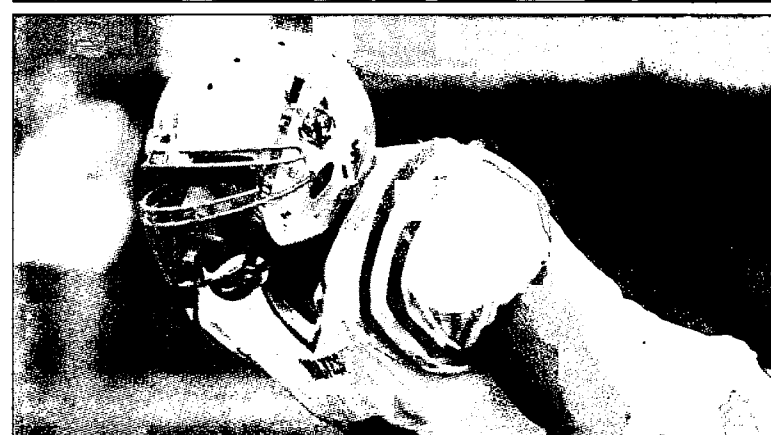
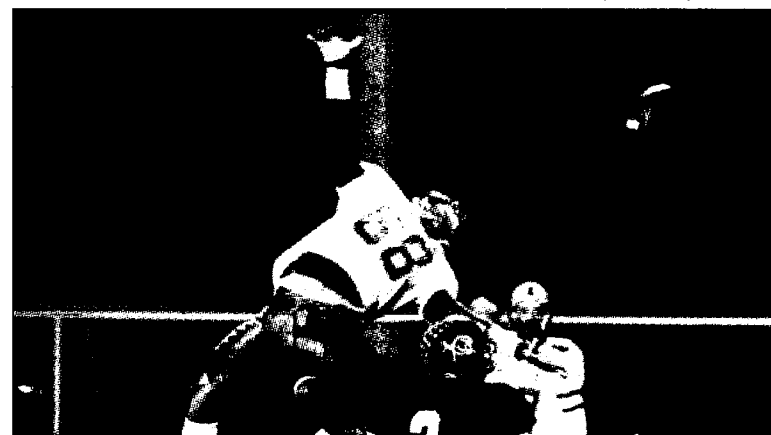
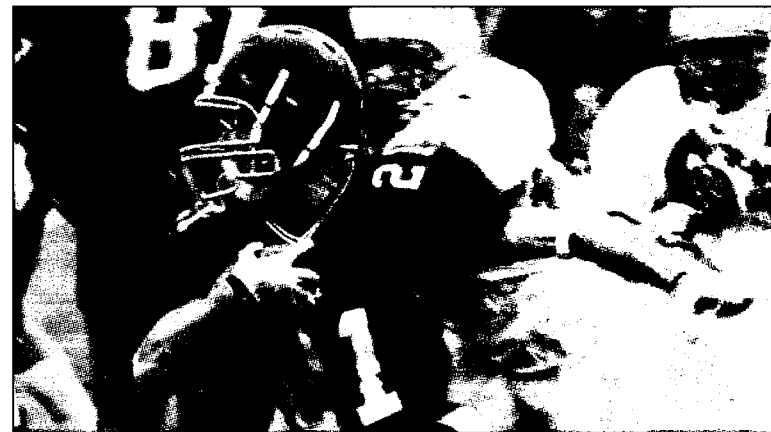
No, not USC — it'll more likely be the feared Aztecs of San Diego State.

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Photos courtesy Victoria Gallup, Mission Viejo H.S. and Rome News-Tribune  
Top, wide receiver Barry Gallup sprints down the sideline. Middle, top-rated tight end Konrad Reuland lunges for a reception. Bottom, linebacker Toryan Smith focuses on the opposition.

## CD REVIEWS

# Blunt on his way to sensitive songwriting glory

By KELLY CLANCY  
Scene Critic

Chances are that James Blunt's music has been or will be stuck in music fan's heads sometime soon.

"You're Beautiful," the current pop single off of Blunt's debut American album, "Back to Bedlam," has frequented Top 40 radio stations, dominating pop culture airwaves with its smooth lyrics and lullaby beat. The video, featuring the artist's icy plunge off of an Arctic cliff, has also gained success on music channels like VH1, where Blunt was featured as a "You Oughta Know" artist. Already a success overseas in his homeland of Britain, Blunt seems to be enjoying his stay in the States as well.

There are few, if any, who would have predicted Blunt's success. Growing up in a family which Blunt's Web site proclaims "had not a musical

bone in any one of their bodies," the singer/songwriter found himself in the military after studying Aerospace Manufacturing Engineering and Sociology in college. But Blunt kept his guitar near to him, as he recalls on his homepage, singing through the streets of Serb villages on peacekeeping missions.

The initial reaction to James Blunt is a fear that the listener has stumbled upon yet another John Mayer-esque performer, hoping to sell to the same sensitive female crowd. However, both the recent success of "You're Beautiful" and the rest of the songs on "Back to Bedlam" stand to prove that Blunt won't wind up a one-hit wonder at all.

Although certainly trying to play to the same audience as a Coldplay opening act would (but not yet attaining the brilliance of Chris Martin on piano), Blunt manages to carry musical wit through the album that could someday

earn him his own place among the sensitive-songwriter gods.

While "You're Beautiful" proves to be a perfect pop pleaser for the masses, the rest of the album carries lyrical and musical complexity, which should bring Blunt plenty of respect.



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James Blunt is originally from Britain, but has enjoyed recent success in the United States. His U.S. album "Back to Bedlam" was released on Oct. 4, 2005.

The track "Billy," with its catchy beat, seems destined for the same success that "You're Beautiful" has garnered, while "Wisemen" also seems revved to back up Blunt's success and keep his name on the charts for months to come.

"Back to Bedlam" manages to cover a myriad of feelings within the compilation, from the bittersweet despair featured within "You're Beautiful" to the high of a successful relationship featured in the aptly-titled "High." While "High" features some simplistic lyrics such as "Will you be my shoulder when I'm grey and older? / Promise me tomorrow starts with you," Blunt does

manage to reflect more than just direct adoration in quite a few songs. These songs include "Wisemen," a symbol-laden song featuring lines like "And they're really sorry now for what they've done / they were three Wise Men just trying to have some fun."

Already managing to appeal to large audiences, the sappy teenage girl/college student in everyone should enjoy the entirety of "Back to Bedlam." Luring the listener in with the success of "You're Beautiful," Blunt manages to also back up his talent and provide other soon-to-be chart-topping tracks.

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## Back to Bedlam

James Blunt

Atlantic/Wea



Recommended tracks: 'You're Beautiful,' 'High,' 'Wisemen,' 'Billy' and 'Goodbye My Lover'

# Doubters proven wrong with success of new album

By RYAN MILLIGAN  
Scene Critic

When word got around in 2000 that Rage Against the Machine frontman Zack de la Rocha would be replaced by ex-Soundgarden vocalist Chris Cornell, it seemed as though every fan of alternative rock had an opinion on whether or not the success would continue.

Even after the band renamed itself Audioslave and recorded a self-titled debut album in 2002 that sold surprisingly well, skeptics still saw the four-some as nothing more than another super-group — a short-term side project. Almost three years later, doubters were proven wrong with the release of "Out of Exile."

There is no weak point to be found anywhere within the 12 tracks. Cornell's vocals are solid throughout, and guitarist Tom Morello continues to amaze listeners with his ear-splitting riffs. The rhythmic duo of bassist Tim

Commerford and drummer Brad Wilk serve as more than Morello's back-drop, as they make keeping up with the more fast-paced tracks look extremely easy. It's clear that all three ex-Rage members have been given the freedom to push their musical limits now that they are alongside singer Cornell instead of rapper de la Rocha.

"Be Yourself" was the first single on this disc to hit radio stations, which initially seemed to be an unusual choice. It is a relatively laid-back song that simply advises listeners to, as the title suggests, be themselves. While it doesn't have nearly as much power as the majority of the tracks on the album, it accomplishes its goal in proving the group's flexibility.

"Doesn't Remind Me" was the second track from "Out of Exile" to receive equal radio attention. The lyrics are blatantly random, with lines such as, "I like gospel music and canned applause/because it doesn't remind me of anything." However, one can't help but smile once they realize what a carefree attitude the song carries with it.

The rest of the album delivers the electricity that listeners have come to expect from Audioslave. Just as "Cochise" was a great opener in the first album, "Your Time Has Come" greets the



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After a name change (from Rage Against the Machine) and the introduction of a new member, Chris Cornell, middle left, Audioslave has had growing success.

ears with an unmatched intensity that remains consistent from beginning to end.

"The Worm" can more or less serve as an anthem for those people who made poor decisions in high school, while "Man or Animal" attempts to show that some things will never go away, no matter how much people want them to.

What separates "Out of Exile" from the other recent rock albums is its ability to remain consistent while never becoming stale. For example, almost every song features a guitar solo a la Tom Morello. After all that he

has accomplished as a guitarist, it is easy to see why it should be that way. Granted, some of noises he manages to get out of his guitar somewhat resemble nails on a chalkboard, but the variety makes up for it, and then some.

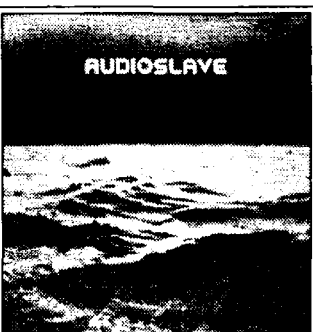
It does not matter if the listener was a fan of Soundgarden or Rage Against the Machine. It does not matter if they purchased Audioslave's first album. Listening to "Out of Exile," they will start to hope the band becomes a fixture in today's rock world.

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## Out of Exile

Audioslave

Interscope Records



Recommended tracks: 'Doesn't Remind Me,' 'Be Yourself,' 'The Worm' and 'Man and Animal'

## NBA

# T-Mac drops 22 points on Bucks in 86-84 win

Late comeback by the Celtics, spearheaded by Pierce's 33 second-half points, not enough as Boston falls to Suns

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady scored 22 points, Yao Ming added 21 and the Houston Rockets overcame an early 13-point deficit to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 86-84 on Wednesday night.

Milwaukee went on a late 11-2 run to pull to 86-84 when T.J. Ford hit one of two free throws with 37 seconds to play. But Bobby Simmons missed a 25-footer with 3 seconds left and Houston got the rebound.

Yao, in his second game back after missing 21 games due to surgery on his left big toe, also had 13 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season.

Simmons hit a career-high five 3-pointers and led the Bucks with 26 points, matching his season high.

The Bucks were playing without leading scorer Michael Redd, who missed the game with back spasms. Redd, averaging 25.3 points per game, is day to day.

Houston opened the game by scoring the first six points, but Milwaukee then went on a 19-2 run. The Bucks finished the first quarter leading 27-15 as Jiri Welsch, who replaced Redd in the starting lineup, and Simmons each had seven points.

Led by rookie Chuck Hayes' eight points and seven from Yao, the Rockets went on an 18-2 run to start the second quarter for a 33-29 lead with 6:42 to play in the half.

After scoring only two points in the first quarter, Yao finished the half with 13, including an improbable no-look layup he flipped up under the basket as he fell backward to the floor.

McGrady, the NBA's fifth-leading scorer at 26.9 points per game, was 1-for-6 from the field and had only six points in the first half as Houston took a 49-41 lead.

McGrady warmed up in the third quarter, shooting 4-of-7 and scoring 13 points as Houston led by as many as 13. The Rockets settled for a 77-66 lead after three.

## Suns 102, Celtics 94

The Phoenix Suns ended their road trip with their fourth victory in five games and another reminder that big leads can fade quickly.

They led by 21 points at halftime, then weathered a 33-point second half by Paul Pierce for a win over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Just three days earlier, the Suns lost to Cleveland by seven after leading by nine at intermission.

"A 20-point lead to us is like a 10-point lead for everybody else," coach Mike D'Antoni said of his Pacific Division leaders. "The game is just not over."

Phoenix is the NBA's highest scoring team, but only five teams have allowed more points per game than the Suns, who couldn't stop Pierce in the second half.

He finished with 40 points after deciding to be more assertive, but the closest Boston came in the second half was 80-78 with 9:06 left in the game.

"I wasn't as aggressive as I should have been" while Phoenix built a 59-38 halftime lead, Pierce said. "There's no moral victories. We gave ourselves chances, but you can't let yourself get down that much and expect to win."

Still, the Suns were impressed.

"He's one of those players in the class of LeBron James, Kobe [Bryant], Steve Nash," D'Antoni said. "You're not going to stop him. You can't do it."

The Suns' scoring was more balanced with Shawn Marion's 21 points leading seven players in double figures.

Raja Bell scored 18 points and Nash had 13 points with eight assists. Marion led all rebounders with 12. Bell also sank a key 3-pointer that made it 96-89 with 3:56 to go, then finished the scoring with a 23-foot jumper with 21 seconds remaining.

"It has been a long road trip," Suns center Kurt Thomas said. "We had a nice start in the first half but we got in a funk in the third quarter."

Phoenix, coming off a 123-99 win at Philadelphia on Tuesday night, finished 4-2 on the trip. The Celtics lost their third consecutive game and are 1-3 since obtaining Wally Szczerbiak from Minnesota.

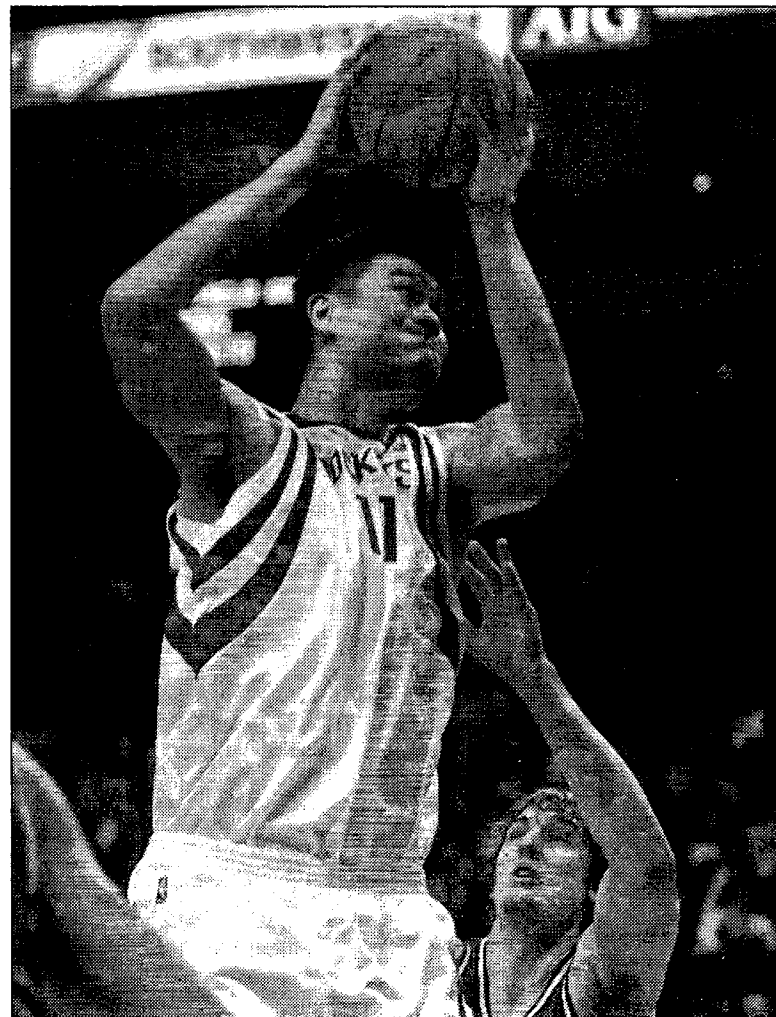
Al Jefferson had 17 points for Boston and Delonte West scored 12. Szczerbiak was just 1-for-9 from the field and had 10 points and six rebounds.

## Clippers 106, Magic 94

Elton Brand is playing the best basketball of his career and his Los Angeles Clippers teammates are happy to follow his lead.

Brand scored 35 points Wednesday night, leading Los Angeles over the slumping Orlando Magic.

The seven-year veteran hit 12 of 22 shots from the field, most of them fallaway jumpers. When he did take the ball to the



Yao Ming catches an inbound pass over the head of Milwaukee's Jiri Welsch in the fourth quarter on Wednesday.

basket, the Magic had to foul to stop him. He hit 11 of 12 free throw attempts.

"Elton has always played consistently, but now we're winning basketball games and people are finally taking notice," guard Sam Cassell said.

His success helped free up Cassell and Cuttino Mobley, who had 26 and 16 points, respectively. Los Angeles shot 53 percent from the field.

"Elton hasn't just been good lately, he's been good the whole season," Mobley said. "He's the reason I came here. He makes the job easy."

Brand is averaging 27.1 points and shooting 54 percent (61-of-113) over the last six games, during which the Clippers are 5-1. He won Western Conference Player of the week honors for the third time last week and has Los Angeles in good position for its first playoff appearance since 1997.

"Elton is having an MVP-type season," said Magic guard Keyon Dooling, who was a teammate of Brand's earlier in his career. "He's their guy. They

went to him and he delivered."

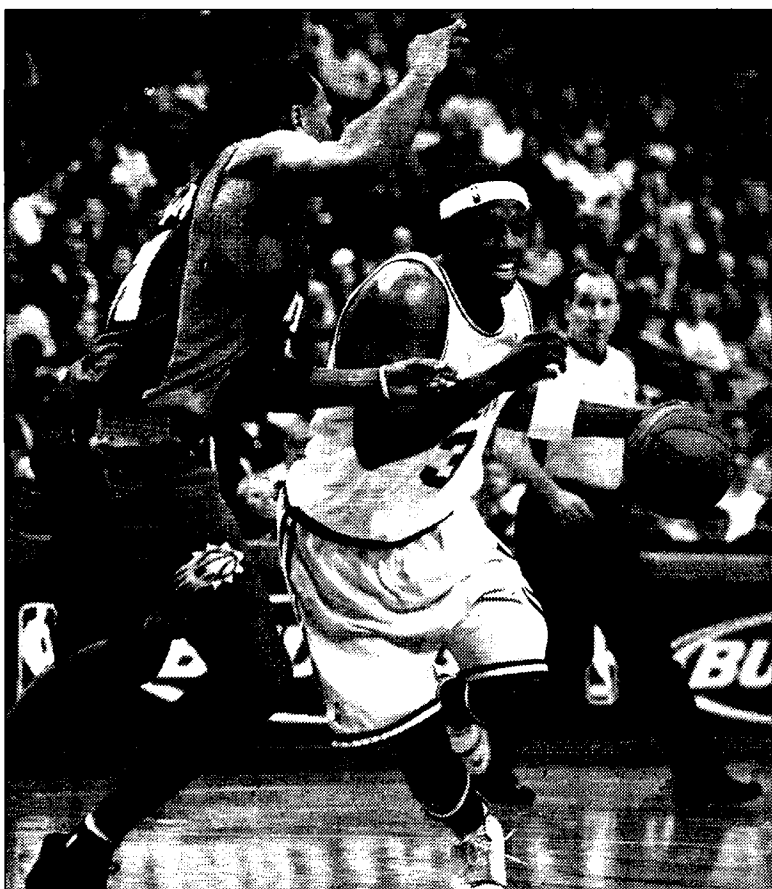
The Magic are having a hard time finding anyone who can deliver during their three-game losing streak, especially during prolonged stretches of the game when their offense falls out of rhythm.

Steve Francis led Orlando with 21 points, but was only 5-of-13 from the field. Dwight Howard had 15 points and 15 rebounds, but he missed a dunk on a three-on-none fast break in the second quarter.

The missed dunk bounded out to nearly halfcourt and the Clippers converted it into an easy dunk at their end. It was one of three open dunks the Magic missed on the night.

"That whole play upset me," Magic coach Brian Hill said. "When you're three-on-one and don't score, that's inexcusable."

Added Francis: "It looked like we didn't have a lot of energy out there. We've got to find a way to get some drives where we play good consistently and not just for four or five games and then tanking it for three or four games."



Paul Pierce drives to the hoop past the Suns' Shawn Marion in the first quarter of Wednesday night's game.

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## NBA

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New Jersey	23-20	.535	-
Philadelphia	23-22	.511	1
Boston	18-27	.400	6
Toronto	15-30	.325	9
New York	14-30	.326	9.5

### Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Detroit	37-6	.860	-
Cleveland	26-17	.605	11
Milwaukee	23-21	.523	14.5
Milwaukee	21-22	.488	16
Chicago	20-24	.455	17.5

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Miami	28-18	.609	-
Washington	21-22	.488	5.5
Orlando	18-24	.429	8
Atlanta	12-31	.279	14.5
Charlotte	11-35	.239	17

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Denver	25-22	.532	-
Minnesota	21-22	.488	2
Utah	21-24	.467	3
Seattle	18-26	.409	5.5
Portland	16-27	.372	7

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Phoenix	29-16	.644	-
LA Clippers	25-17	.595	2.5
LA Lakers	24-20	.545	4.5
Golden State	20-23	.465	8
Sacramento	19-26	.422	10

### Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
San Antonio	35-10	.778	-
Dallas	35-10	.778	-
Memphis	26-18	.591	8.5
New Orleans	22-22	.500	12.5
Houston	15-29	.341	19.5

## Men's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall	pct.
West Virginia	7-0	16-4	1.000
Connecticut	7-1	19-1	.875
Villanova	7-1	16-2	.875
Pittsburgh	6-2	17-2	.750
Georgetown	6-2	15-4	.750
Marquette	5-3	15-6	.625
Cincinnati	4-4	15-7	.500
Seton Hall	3-3	12-6	.500
Syracuse	3-4	15-6	.429
Rutgers	3-4	13-7	.429
St. John's	3-4	10-8	.429
Providence	2-5	9-9	.286
Louisville	2-6	14-7	.250
NOTRE DAME	1-7	10-9	.125
DePaul	1-7	8-11	.125
South Florida	0-7	6-14	.000

## NFL



Seattle's fan base, nicknamed the 12th man, celebrates a big play in the Seahawks' NFC Championship Game victory over the Panthers on Jan. 22. Texas A&M has filed a suit against the Seahawks over the use of the term '12th man.'

## Aggies file suit over use of school trademark

Associated Press

SEATTLE — As if the Terrible Towel-twirling faithful of the Pittsburgh Steelers weren't enough, now Seattle Seahawks fans have to ward off another set of rabid football partisans: the Aggies of Texas A&M.

Ever since the university launched a trademark dispute this week over who is allowed to refer to their fans as the "12th Man," David Israel has attracted plenty of abuse.

Israel is president of the Seahawks' official fan

club. Aggies alumni have sent him "rude e-mails" demanding he remove the free "12th Man" computer wallpaper from the club's Web site, the same way the school wants to halt Seattle from using the "12th Man" trademarked phrase.

"Who the hell do they think they are?" R.C. Merz said while making sandwiches at a lunch counter in Pike Place Market. "They didn't invent football."

Although they don't claim rights to the actual number "12," the Aggies do hold federal trademark

rights to the phrase "12th Man." A judge will take up the matter Thursday in court in Brazos County, Texas.

On Monday, a restraining order was issued calling on Seattle to halt any usage of "12th Man," or "12th Mania." A&M's chief marketing officer Steve Moore said he didn't want to ruin Seattle's fun, he just wanted to protect the university's trademarks.

Seahawks officials have declined to comment on the matter.

The origins of the term aren't exactly clear, but the traditions in Seattle

and at the Aggies' campus in College Station date back decades.

In 1984, the Seahawks retired the number 12 to honor the fans who made the old Kingdome one of the noisiest stadiums in football. Today it hangs alongside Hall of Fame receiver Steve Largent's No. 80.

During the Seahawks' run through the playoffs, a huge flag with the fans' No. 12 has flown from the top of the Space Needle. A flag with the same symbol greeted the Seahawks at their Detroit-area hotel for the Super Bowl.

## IN BRIEF

### Swann likely to win Penn. GOP nomination

MONROEVILLE, Pa. — Former Pittsburgh Steelers star Lynn Swann appears to have locked up enough support to win the Republican Party nomination for Pennsylvania governor.

In the last regional GOP meeting before state Republicans meet to endorse a candidate, the NFL Hall of Famer on Tuesday picked up 33 unofficial commitments from party representatives. If they all follow through, he will have just over the 180 votes needed to win the party's official endorsement on Feb. 11.

Swann, 53, is seeking to become Pennsylvania's first black governor. Though he has revealed little about his political philosophy, he has said the Democratic Party has "taken the African-American vote for granted."

Supporters say his high profile and charisma make him the best candidate to take on Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell, who is expected to seek a second term.

Swann's leading opponent for the GOP nomination, former Lt. Gov. Bill Scranton, 58, has sharply criticized Swann's qualifications and promised to stay in the race through the May 16 primary with or without the party's backing.

### Hall of Fame status remains in limbo

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The city and the College Football Hall of Fame have again failed to agree on a five-year contract aimed at keeping the hall in the city.

The two sides originally hoped to have an agreement by the end of December. Then they hoped to have the contract signed by the end of January. Now they hope the contract is ready by February's end, said Mikki Dobski, city director of communications and special projects.

Dobski said the city and Hall still are having good discussions about their partnership and are working on the details.

"They're just fine-tuning the draft,"

Dobski said Tuesday. "It's just good due diligence, essentially."

South Bend Councilman Derek Dieter said council members have not heard news about the contract and it's a "bad sign" that the new agreement is taking so long.

### Local fast food chain sponsors Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Each spring, the Kentucky Derby conjures images of powerful thoroughbreds, mint juleps and — fast food?

Yum Brands Inc. — the parent company of KFC, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut — became the first named sponsor of the Derby at Churchill Downs on Wednesday, striking a five year-deal with the Triple Crown race. The deal begins with this year's race on May 6.

Yum will display its logo beneath the famed twin spires at Churchill Downs, on a sign above the starting gate, on billboards around the track and even on the jackets of pony riders who escort horses.

## around the dial

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North Carolina at Maryland

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NFL

# Referees work hard to be unseen in big games

*Bill Leavy to head officiating crew that will work Super Bowl*

Associated Press

DETROIT — They're the guys in black and white. No names needed.

Unless they make a bad call. Then, everyone finds out who these NFL officials are. Criticized and vilified, their eyesight and sanity are called into

question. And a lot of them are making names for themselves lately.

In a postseason filled with questionable calls, the spotlight will be harsher than ever for referee Bill Leavy and his officiating crew when Pittsburgh plays Seattle on Super Bowl Sunday.

"What we want to do is to pick up the paper Monday and read about the game, not the officiating," said Mike Pereira, who oversees NFL refs. "We all want to be anonymous."

That can be tough sometimes. With more than 130 million people watching the Super Bowl in 234 countries around the world, a wrong move can lead to outrage.

"There's no such thing as perfection. Mistakes happen," Jerry Markbreit, the only person to be the head referee in four Super Bowls, said Wednesday. "Officials are so hard on themselves. When they make a mistake, nobody feels worse than they do."

Pete Morelli and his seven-

man crew found out firsthand while working the Indianapolis-Pittsburgh playoff game last month.

Morelli overturned an interception by Steelers safety Troy Polamalu on video review late in the game, and it nearly cost them. Pittsburgh held on to win 21-18 — linebacker Joey Porter later said the officials tried to cheat them out of a victory, and the NFL said Morelli made a mistake.

A few days later, a rock was thrown through the front window at Morelli's home in Stockton, Calif.

Police said it was unclear whether the vandalism was related to his school job or his role as a referee.

In Denver's 27-13 win over New England on Jan. 16, the Broncos' first touchdown was set up by a 39-yard pass interference call on Asante Samuel in the end zone. Replays showed contact by both players and Patriots coach Bill Belichick was irate.

"I don't really complain about the refs too much," Seattle cornerback Andre Dyson said. "We're all human."

They don't get to see instant replay on every play. The biggest thing is not to make a crucial call to change the outcome of the game."

Super Bowl officials are picked based on their regular-season performance. They must have worked five full seasons in the NFL, and cannot work consecutive Super Bowls.

Most officials wait about 10 years before getting called up to the big game. Many never make it there.

Retired official Bob McElwee,

the head referee for three Super Bowls, recalled being on the road in Maryland when he got the news that he got his first assignment.

"I must have jumped out of the phone booth," McElwee said this week while on vacation in Hawaii. "My dad was sitting in the car looking at me, he saw me holding my fist in the air." Like the players, officials can get nervous. But that can also make them better, McElwee said.

"The pressure raises you a level," he said. "Sure you know what it is. But doggone it, I always felt if I was properly prepared and I was ready, I was going to be OK. The nature of this business is you're not always going to be right."

"But do you see a quarterback who is right all the time? Of course not. If you're properly prepared, you'll do a good job. If not get out of the business."

Markbreit said he was "scared to death" before his first one in 1983. He wept on the sideline before his last one, realizing that would be his final Super Bowl. He retired in 1998.

Jerry Seeman worked two Super Bowls and later was head of officiating. He especially remembered the New York Giants' 20-19 win over Buffalo in 1991 when Scott Norwood missed a field goal at the end.

"You didn't even know we were on the field," Seeman said in a telephone interview from his winter home in Rancho Mirage, Calif. "That's what you love to have happen. You understand what your role is, you contribute to the success of the game, but you're not out there to get the credits or the discredits or what it is that happens. You want to stay out of it."

To prepare for the Super Bowl, the crew is sent videos of both teams so they can become more familiar with the formations and alignments. The officials arrive for the game Thursday and for the only time all season are allowed to bring their families with them.

On Friday, they start reviewing more video, then go to the field and practice the coin toss. Yes, even that has to be perfect.

They really start focusing on the game Saturday, going through all-day meetings where Pereira will go over points of emphasis and also review calls made in the playoff games.

That means he will explain to the crew why Morelli was wrong to overturn the interception in the Colts-Steelers game.

"I had several big-time mistakes," Markbreit said. "I felt at the time that it happened, 'Why am I here?' You're heartsick about a call that you made. You want everything to be perfect. But it's not a perfect science. There's nothing perfect."

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## NFL

# Super Bowl highlights problems in Detroit

*Game was last held in Motown in 1982 during a snowstorm*

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Super Bowl means big money to Keith Vanillo. Forty bucks cash on this day, and a chance to make even more on Friday scavenging for half-full liquor bottles and empty cans outside the Kid Rock concert.

Waving an orange flag on a downtown street corner Wednesday, Vanillo was an unwitting example that the trickle-down theory of economics sometimes does work.

He would get five hours' work at \$8 an hour to lure drivers into a pay parking lot. That's huge for someone whose idea of a good day is selling some food cards and finding a handful of empty cans he can redeem for a dime apiece.

The NFL, of course, wasn't thinking about people like Vanillo when it rewarded Detroit for building a new stadium by giving it the game a few years back. Their kind of client dines in luxury boxes, not off of cardboard boxes.

Detroit apparently wasn't paying much attention, either. It was too busy trying to make itself presentable, hoping the nation's news media would follow the party line and spread the message of a great city's rebirth.

Here's a news flash. It didn't work.

Try as it might, Detroit couldn't hide its warts this week

behind a fresh coat of paint, a few new downtown shops or some repaved roads. There's too many of them, and they're everywhere.

You see them on the way into Ford Field, where abandoned houses are sprinkled among muddy lots only a block or two from where captains of industry and wealthy fans will sip chardonnay and nibble on delicacies Sunday while the Steelers and Seahawks battle on the field below.

You see them downtown where buildings with distinctive architecture compete for attention with those boarded up and vacant, and you see them in adjoining neighborhoods where liquor stores seem to be the only businesses thriving.

As big as the Super Bowl is, 60 minutes of football can't undo a half century of decay. One game isn't nearly big enough to jump-start the rebuilding of a 304-year-old city whose main industry is teetering on the brink of collapse and whose residents are fleeing at the rate of 200 a week.

That, of course, hasn't stopped the politicians from trying.

"This is the kind of event that creates revolutionary changes in cities like Detroit," Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said earlier this week.

It didn't in 1982 when Detroit was the official host of the

Super Bowl, though the game was actually held in the suburb of Pontiac, Mich. That Super Bowl was remembered most not for fueling the economy but for a game day snowstorm that wreaked havoc on those trying to get to the game.

Don't blame Kilpatrick for seizing the moment. Going to Super Bowl events has to be a lot more fun than his usual duties, which include presiding over a city hemorrhaging so much red ink that even the layoffs of 1,396 city workers last year didn't stop the bleeding.

It might even take his mind off the \$8.6 billion that General Motors lost last year, the massive job cuts planned

by both GM and Ford in the Detroit area, or the city's average of nearly a murder a day last year.

"We want to introduce ourselves to the world and redeem ourselves from 1982," Kilpatrick said. "We're light years ahead of where we were just four short years ago."

That may be true. But Detroit, which has lost more than half its 2 million population since the 1950s, is also light years away from reclaiming its place among great American cities.

You don't need to study statistics to know unemployment is terribly high. Just look on the streets, where bands of idle men congregate on downtown streets, smoking and drinking

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**Kwame Kilpatrick**  
Detroit mayor



A worker hangs Super Bowl XL banners outside of Ford Field in Detroit on Wednesday. Pittsburgh will play Seattle on Sunday.

to fend off the cold.

The disparity between rich and poor screams out as you walk from the Renaissance Center on the Detroit River toward the city's two new ballparks. And, if people are coming downtown in greater numbers, it wasn't evident even with fans in town a few days before the Super Bowl.

It's easy to make fun of it all, especially if you don't have to come back.

One Pittsburgh columnist wrote that if his city was a shot and a beer town, Detroit was a town where you had a beer and

then got shot.

For those like Vanillo who have to live here, though, it's deadly serious.

On a normal week he sells his food card for 70 cents on the dollar to a friend, and pawns off partly filled liquor bottles he might be lucky enough to find. With steady work this day on the corner of Griswold and State, though, his biggest concern was being able to use the restroom of a nearby building before it closes at noon.

"I could be hustling liquor bottles or looking for cans instead," he said.

## NFL

## McNabb offended by Terrell Owens, again

Associated Press

DETROIT — Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb injected a race element into his rift with Terrell Owens on Wednesday, saying the receiver's criticism amounted to "black-on-black crime."

In an interview with ESPN, McNabb rehashed some of the low moments of his relationship with his teammate, making fun of Owens' driveway apology and bringing up the race angle.

In November, responding to a question from Michael Irvin during an ESPN interview, Owens said Philadelphia would likely be in a better situation if Brett Favre was the quarterback instead of the banged-up McNabb.

"It was like, it's unreal," McNabb said.

"That's like me going out and saying, 'Hey, if we had Steve Largent. If we had Joe Jurevicius. It was definitely a

slap in the face to me. It was a slap in the face because, as deep as people want to go into it, it was black-on-black crime."

Not long after that, an NAACP leader criticized McNabb for "playing the race card" in explaining why he didn't run the ball as often as he used to.

In November, the Eagles suspended Owens for the remainder of the season for his repeated criticism of the team, McNabb and several other issues. The team recently gave Owens permission to seek a trade, and this week he visited the Denver Broncos.

On Wednesday, McNabb brought up some of the criticism he had taken through his career, and said Owens was simply piling on with his statement.

"It's different to say, 'If we had Michael Vick or Daunte Culpepper or Steve McNair or Byron Leftwich,'" McNabb said of four black starting quarterbacks.

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**Donovan McNabb**  
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GOLF

# Mickelson feels at home with crowds, course

*Golfer won 2005 FBR Open with record setting round*

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Phil Mickelson loves the FBR Open, and the feeling is mutual.

He used to live in Scottsdale, and the rowdy crowds that flood the Tournament Players Championship Course still consider him one of their own. Mickelson won the tournament twice, in 1996 and last year, when he tied the course record with an 11-under-par 60 in the second round.

It was his best 18-hole score and, he said, the best round of

his life.

"This is one of my favorite weeks," Mickelson said Wednesday before his pro-am round. "There's a feeling we get at this course, with this many people, that we don't get anywhere else. It's pretty cool to have a chance to have won it now a couple of times."

Mickelson and Vijay Singh lead a field that will begin play Thursday on the par-71, 7,216-yard course. Tiger Woods hasn't played in the event since 2001. He reportedly is getting \$3 million to play in this week's Dubai Desert Classic.

So Mickelson is everybody's favorite in a tournament he hopes will kick-start his season, just as it did last year. Mickelson had an erratic final

round to finish two shots behind Woods, Jose Maria Olazabal and Nathan Green at last week-end's Buick Invitational. Woods won the tournament in a play-off.

"I've had a couple of chances but haven't really played very well," Mickelson said. "But I've been able to get the ball in the hole and get in contention."

He said he's made a few adjustments after talking with instructors Rick Smith and Dave Pelz.

"I think I may have ironed out a few things," Mickelson said. "I went out and played yesterday, and it seemed to be a little bit better, so I'm cautiously optimistic about playing well this week."

The left-hander's big drives should bounce even farther on the dry fairways.

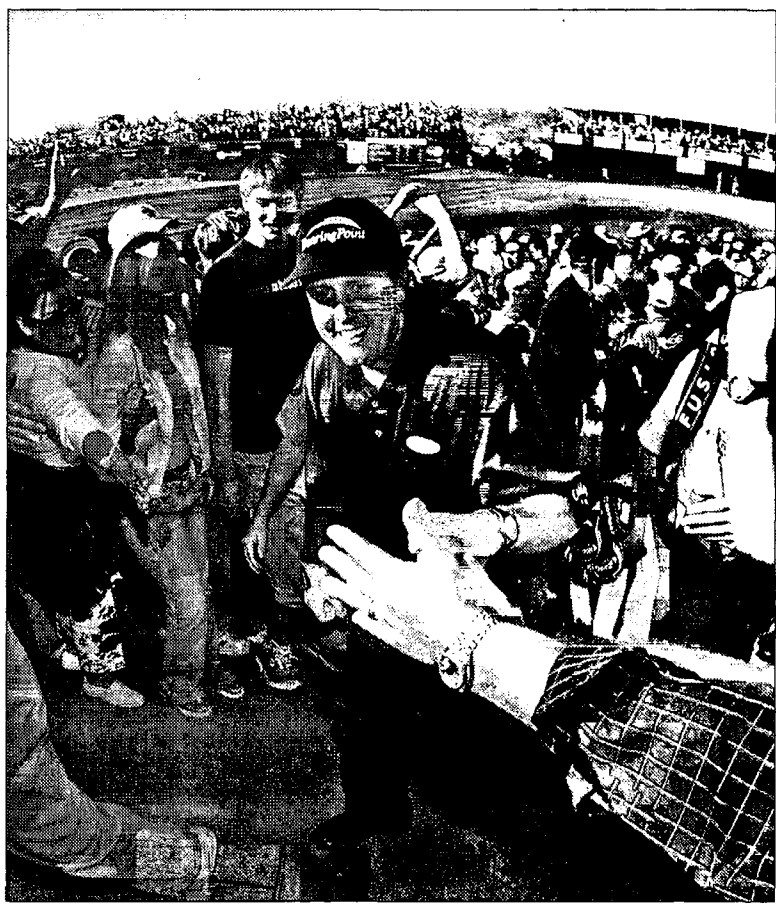
The Phoenix area has gone a record 105 days without rain, and sunshine with temperatures in the mid to high 70s is forecast through the weekend. Sprinklers can do only so much to soften the terrain.

"It will be a matter of guys trying to hit driver, trying to knock it on the surface of [the par-5] 17, trying to have short irons or mid irons into the par 5s. I think the weather will be a big factor," Mickelson said.

Booming shots should mean shrinking scores, unlike last year, when wind played havoc with the first round.

"The first day was brutal," Mickelson recalled. "Balls were rolling off the greens, and yet we still played, and you just tried to hang in there, and then when the wind died down, turn it on and try to make some birdies."

"This week I think it's going to



Fans congratulate Phil Mickelson as he leaves the 16th green at last year's FBR Open in Scottsdale, Ariz.

be more of a shootout. It looks like it's going to be beautiful weather. I think we're going to see a lot of low scores.

Mickelson has earned \$1.6 million at the FBR Open, formerly known as the Phoenix Open. That's more than any other golfer. This year's winner gets \$936,000.

Some golfers don't like the raucous atmosphere on the north Scottsdale course, where a crowd of 165,168 was reported for last year's third round.

The atmosphere is especially unusual on the par-3 16th hole, where the crowd surrounds the entire hole like a football stadium, cheering boisterously and singing the college fight songs of some of the golfers. They even boo bad shots.

Camilo Villegas, the 24-year-old Colombian given a sponsor's exemption to compete, said he can't wait.

"I've heard many stories, and I'm looking forward to that 16th tee," Villegas said.

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## GYMNASTICS

# Winter Cup unveils scoring system

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Winter Cup will have a different look this year.

The annual ranking meet for the top U.S. male gymnasts begins Thursday in Las Vegas, and will be one of the first to use the sport's new, open-ended scoring system. Instead of 9.6s and 8.5s, get ready for 12.4s and 15.2s.

"I think it's actually a good thing we're just jumping right into it," said Steve Penny, president of USA Gymnastics. "The speculation has been removed. Everybody's changing their routines. We have to move with the change if we're going to remain competitive."

The International Gymnastics Federation decided to overhaul its scoring system after several judging errors marred the Athens Olympics. Not only was Paul Hamm's gold medal in limbo for two months because of a scoring error, but routines that were vastly different all had the same value on paper, making it difficult for judges to separate

them.

Now, instead of a single score based on a maximum start value of 10.0, there's an open-ended, two-mark format that is supposed to give a truer representation of the worth of a routine.

One panel of judges will determine the difficulty mark, combining the preset value of the 10 highest elements and adding points for connections or required skills. A separate panel of judges starts at 10.0 and takes deductions for execution, presentation and artistry. The highest and lowest of those scores are dropped, and the remaining are averaged for the artistic mark.

The two marks are then added together for a final score.

Figure skating went through a similar transition after the 2002 Olympics. But instead of implementing the new system right away, it was

tested for two seasons before officials decided it was ready for use at the world championships and Olympics.

Gymnastics officials decided to jump right in. Though some tweaks will be made over the next 2 1/2 years, the system that will be used at the Beijing Olympics will be the same one used this week at Winter Cup and at next month's American Cup.

"We've kind of gotten over whether they should have used it as a test year," Penny said. "This will evolve a little bit over the next two years. Between 2006 and 2007, we're all going to be adapting. But we're hoping what we can do is get to the 2007 world championships and everyone will be able to hone in on Beijing."

While gymnastics officials were criticized most for abandoning the 10.0 mark that has defined the sport, many opponents also feared an open-ended scoring format would turn gymnastics into an X Games-like spectacle.

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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Tennessee Tech coach returns despite disease

*Mike Sutton leads Golden Eagles, fights possible paralysis*

Associated Press

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — For most of his life, Tennessee Tech basketball coach Mike Sutton has counted wins and losses. Now he measures success in smaller increments.

Raising an arm one week, both the next. Breathing without a ventilator, then having his tracheotomy tube removed a day later. Lying on his stomach for the first time in eight months — even if someone has to roll him over.

Sutton recently returned to coaching, but he still uses a motorized wheelchair in the slow recovery from Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a mysterious disorder in which the immune system attacks the peripheral nerves and weakens the legs and arms.

It can be life-threatening and leave the victim paralyzed.

Actor Andy Griffith couldn't walk for seven months after a bout with Guillain-Barre in 1983, and "Catch-22" author Joseph Heller wrote "No Laughing Matter" about his fight with the disease.

"I had never heard of it," the 49-year-old Sutton said.

A 29-year coaching veteran, Sutton was 58-13 in his three seasons at Tennessee Tech after being an assistant to Tubby Smith at five different schools, including Kentucky. He was coming off his best season yet, one in which Golden Eagles won the Ohio Valley Conference regular-season title.

But one weekend in April, Sutton had a cough, and pain in his feet and hands. He was

struggling to dial his cell phone or open a bottle of water. He thought it was the flu, so he decided against joining his wife in Tampa, Fla., to see his new granddaughter. Then he collapsed in the parking garage of a Virginia hotel.

Sutton immediately sought help from a friend who's also a plastic surgeon, a decision that may have saved his life. Instead of flying home to Tennessee, his friend told Sutton's brother to drive the coach to Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center in Norfolk, Va.

Sutton doesn't remember much after that. He gave his assistant coaches a to-do list over the telephone, and his friend, Dr. Richard Rosenblum, directed his care.

"He kind of took the bull by the horns: 'This is what you're going to do and who you're going to see,'" Sutton's wife, Karen, said.

Still, Sutton deteriorated rapidly and was put on a ventilator, medicated for the pain and needed a tracheotomy on April 13. He remembers seeing his mother and sisters two days later before being flown to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, but can't recall his daughter's visit in Tennessee.

His only form of communication was blinking his eyes to spell out words.

"You just had to do what you could do," Karen Sutton said. "They had charts you could point to, but he couldn't point."

His team didn't know how bad he was until after he had been moved to a rehabilitation hospital in Nashville to wean him off the ventilator. They had hoped he would be back within days, then weeks and then learned the prognosis was months.

"It was really scary," associate head coach Steve Payne said.

By June, Sutton was finally able to speak briefly and move his legs. He was taken off the ventilator July 18 and later that week moved to a hospital in Cookeville, about 70 miles east of Nashville.



Sutton

## SUPER BOWL XL

# Seahawks finally get respect

*Seattle has wallowed in mediocrity since coming into the league*

Associated Press

DETROIT — Jerramy Stevens grew up an hour outside of Seattle. He played his college ball in Seattle. And, like some Seattle-ites, he never bothered to root for the Seahawks.

That is, until they drafted him in 2002.

"I was always a Raiders fan — silver and black," the tight end said. "I didn't become a Seahawks fan until four years ago."

No wonder his team didn't attract a lot of attention outside the Pacific Northwest for most of 30 seasons spent somewhere within a game or two of .500.

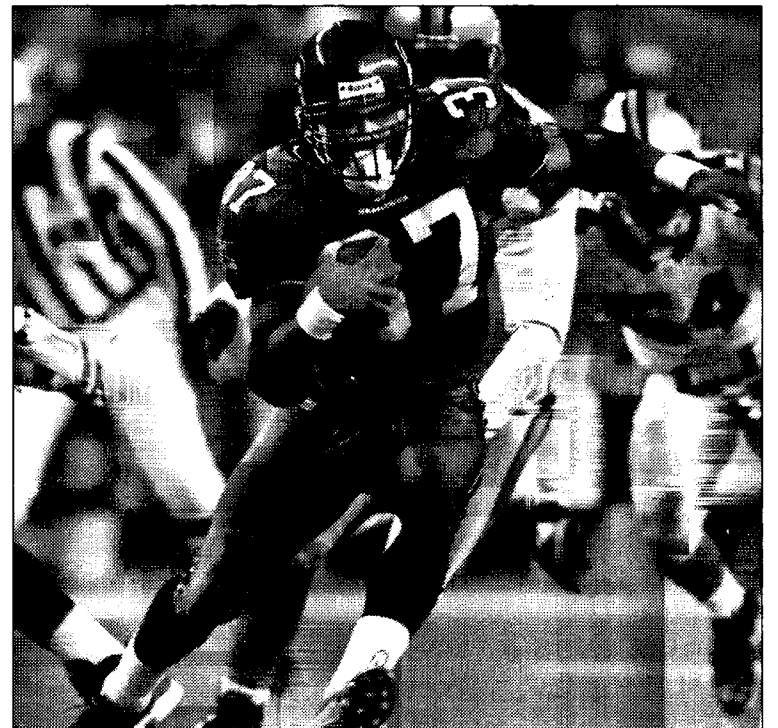
Sunday's Super Bowl between the Seahawks and the Pittsburgh Steelers couldn't present a starker contrast in franchise histories.

Pittsburgh's is long and rich — 73 years long and four Super Bowl victories rich. The Steelers have 16 Hall of Famers, 10 from the teams that won four Super Bowls in six seasons from 1974-79.

The Seahawks, in their first Super Bowl, have one Hall of Famer: Steve Largent, the star wide receiver on a few good Seattle teams of the 1980s and later a congressman from Oklahoma.

In fact, the Seahawks have fewer people in their own Ring of Honor than the Steelers have in the Hall — 10, including the late Pete Gross, the team's radio play-by-play man for its first 17 seasons.

"People dog the Seahawks because there's not history here, but there is," quarter-



Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander runs against the Carolina Panthers in the NFC Championship game Jan. 22.

back Matt Hasselbeck said recently. "Obviously, it doesn't go back as far as the Redskins or Packers or teams like that, but there's history here."

The Seahawks' chances of getting much national recognition — even negative recognition — were doomed from the start.

They entered the NFL as an expansion team in 1976 at the same time as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

No contest. While the Seahawks were winning a respectable seven in their first two seasons, the Bucs lost their

first 26 and became a national joke.

That's Seattle's history: never good enough to grab the headlines, never bad enough to become the butt of the jokes reserved for teams such as the Bucs, Bengals, Cardinals and most recently the Lions.

In the 22 seasons between 1983 and 2004, the Seahawks won between seven and nine games 15 times, the perfect definition of mediocrity in a 16-game schedule. Their win over the Washington Redskins this season was their first in the postseason in 21 years.

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## SUPER BOWL XL

# No Motown at big game

Few local acts will perform in Detroit during Seahawks-Steelers week

Associated Press

DETROIT — Looking for the Temptations on Super Bowl Sunday? They'll be in Charlottesville, Va.

Smokey Robinson? He's playing down the block from Ford Field the night before.

Diana Ross? Nothing on her schedule.

America's biggest sporting event is in Detroit this year, but there won't be any corresponding celebration of the Motown sound that has long defined the city.

At least not on the NFL's turf.

"Yeah, it's a little disappointing," said Fred Bridges, longtime road manager for the Four Tops. "But it's their show. You'd love to be in it, but what are you going to do? It's their party."

The Tops actually were recently added to the less-watched, less-prestigious pregame show, very little of which will be televised. Stevie Wonder will play and Aretha Franklin will sing the national anthem along with New Orleans native Aaron Neville.

"I was upset initially, and I voiced that," Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said Wednesday. "The NFL missed a golden opportunity. I'm glad Stevie Wonder was added —

late — and Aretha Franklin was added very late."

All were invited to perform after the NFL heard more than its share of complaints upon announcing that London's own, the Rolling Stones, would provide the halftime entertainment.

Since the current uproar began, NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy has said several times that the league a l w a y s intended to pay tribute to Motown in the pregame show.

Halftime, though, is a different story.

"The Super Bowl transcends the host city and even the country," he said.

That became very clear to Brian Pastoria last year when he showed the NFL his proposal for a halftime show that would feature the old and new of Detroit music — Kid Rock, Aretha, Bob Seger and more.

"They were obviously impressed by it," said Pastoria of Detroit's Harmonie Park Creative Group. "But they made strong point to say, 'This is all great, but at the end of the day, we've been trying to get the Rolling Stones and Prince to do halftime for many years. If the Rolling Stones want to do it, they're going to do it.'"

In any other year, in any

other city, that would have been great.

It's just that this year, they're in Detroit.

"Motown started here. That's about it," said Seattle running back Shaun Alexander when asked what, exactly, he knows about the Super Bowl host city.

Instead of flaunting that fact, the NFL chose to do very little with it, which didn't sit well with many folks — from the mayor, to the city council, to many of the musicians who either grew up in Detroit or came here to start their careers with the famed Motown recording label.

Aretha. Smokey. Diana Ross and the Supremes. The Commodores. Martha Reeves. Michael Jackson — OK, so maybe the NFL doesn't want to go there.

The point is, though, that there were plenty of choices.

"It was my feeling: 'How dare you come to Detroit, a city of legends — musical legends plural — and not ask one or two of them to participate,'" said Franklin, who grew up singing in the Detroit church where her father was a reverend. "That's not the way it should be. Of course, they made that correction with no sweat."

Still, for a league with such a meticulous eye on planning and details — there will be about 100 people on the field to participate in and document the opening coin toss — this has largely been viewed as another surprising miscalculation.

## NASCAR

# Stewart battles injury, prepares for new year



Tony Stewart gets into his car before a practice session at the Daytona International Speedway Jan. 27.

## Reigning Nextel Cup champ meets Bush, competes in Rolex 24

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Though his ribs are still sore from a sprint car crash last month, reigning NASCAR Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart would still rather be in a race car than sitting and fretting over his aching right side.

Stewart drove several long stints last weekend during the Rolex 24 sports car endurance race in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"Really, the only time I didn't think about the pain from the ribs was when I was in the race car," the Columbus, Ind., resident said Wednesday. "That's pretty much the best time for me, when I'm in a race car."

Stewart's No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Chevrolet was one of more than 40 Cup cars that took part in the three-day pre-season test session that ended Wednesday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Each car was allowed to participate in two of the three days of testing on the 1.5-mile track.

Asked about what kind of treatment he is getting for the sore ribs, Stewart shrugged and said, "It's nothing but watching the days go by on the calendar."

Stewart, who also won the Cup title in 2002, said he is confident he'll feel just fine by the time practice for the season-opening Daytona 500 opens on Feb. 10.

It's been an eventful few weeks for Stewart since he flipped a sprint car on Feb. 13 in Tulsa, Okla.

Besides racing and testing, Stewart and the rest of his championship team, visited the White House two weeks ago, meeting with President George Bush in the Oval Office and posing for photographs with a

show car on the South Lawn.

"It was cool," Stewart said. "It was fun. You know me, I'm always a guy who's off the beaten path, and we walked in there, and I said, 'Hi boss, and he said, 'Whats up, dude?'"

"For the president of the United States to say, 'Whats up, dude?' that made my trip right there."

Newly promoted car chief Jason Shapiro claimed the other highlight, according to Stewart. He said Shapiro gave the president a friendly pat on the backside. The Secret Service, it seems, wasn't fazed.

Still, Stewart said, "I started backing away from the president at that point."

Stewart will be among the title favorites again this season, but the champion said he won't make any predictions.

"A season's still a season," Stewart said. "Let's not reinvent the wheel. We're starting this year with the same guys and the same attitude we did the year before, and the year before that."

With new testing rules severely limiting testing by the Cup teams at tracks on which they will race, this is a key test — particularly for the upcoming races at the 2-mile California Speedway on Feb. 26 and Las Vegas on March 12.

That is apparently why so many teams took advantage of the opportunity to run here.

"For the racing aspect of the test, it's very vital," said 2004 Cup champion Kurt Busch, who moved from Roush Racing to Penske Racing South during the winter. "There's no more important test than Vegas. The next test the teams have will be at a track we race on will be in May, and that's very far down the line."

"We've got a ton of races until that test at Richmond. We've got quite a bit of guessing to get through the next part of the season, and that's why this test is very important."

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## NHL

# Red Wings motor to late 3-2 victory over Blues

*Zetterberg scores game-winning goal with 3:55 remaining*

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Red Wings overcame a slow start and got a break on the winning goal.

Henrik Zetterberg scored the tiebreaking goal with 3:55 remaining and Detroit rallied for a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Wednesday night.

Zetterberg got his 24th of the season when he put in the rebound of Andreas Lilja's shot just after Lilja had come out of the penalty box.

"Unfortunately for us, the guy steps out of the penalty box as soon as they start a rush," Blues goalie Curtis Sanford said. "And Zetterberg makes a great play to beat our defenseman."

Lilja came in off the left wing and took a shot that Sanford knocked away, but Zetterberg was there to slam the puck into the empty net.

"Andreas made a pretty good shot," Zetterberg said. "I came around. He would have been mad at me if I had missed that one."

Mikael Samuelsson and Brendan Shanahan also scored for Detroit, and Manny Legace made 29 saves. Defenseman Niklas Kronwall, playing in his first game after preseason knee surgery, had two assists.

Lee Stempniak and Keith Tkachuk scored for St. Louis, and Sanford stopped 35 shots.

Shanahan's goal 8:10 into the third period tied the game at 2. His slap shot from just inside the blue line beat Sanford for his 24th goal.

Stempniak opened the scoring at 8:37, when he put in Dean McAmmond's rebound.

Tkachuk — playing for the first time since breaking his right hand Dec. 16 — made it 2-0 with 5:06 remaining in the opening period, poking in Peter Cajanek's shot after it had slithered through Legace's pads.

"You've got to give their guys credit," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "A bunch of young kids, you know they're going to work hard."

And Detroit didn't work nearly as hard.

"The whole team wasn't involved," Kronwall said. "The second period, there was more offense and we created more chances."

Samuelsson capitalized on one to put Detroit on the board

5:05 into the second period, when he tipped in a pass from Zetterberg to cut the Blues' lead to 2-1.

Detroit outshot St. Louis 18-7 in the period.

"We're up 2-0 and they play almost the entire second period in our end," Tkachuk said.

## Devils 5, Senators 3

After going 2 1/2 games without a goal, the New Jersey Devils wasted little time ending their scoring drought against Dominik Hasek and the Ottawa Senators.

Zach Parise, Grant Marshall and Jamie Langenbrunner scored first-period goals and the Devils held off the Senators Wednesday night to end a two-game losing streak.

Sergei Brylin and Eric Rasmussen also scored for the Devils, and Martin Brodeur made 27 saves.

"The Senators are a team we are looking up at in the standings," said Brodeur. "They beat a lot of teams in our division. Any points we get against them is a plus."

New Jersey, shut out in its last two games, had not scored in a franchise-record span of 154:05 — since Viktor Kozlov's goal at 9:56 of the second period of a 4-0 victory against the New York Islanders on Jan. 24.

Parise ended the Devils' scoring drought 1:40 into the game after Brylin intercepted a pass between Ottawa defenseman Zdeno Chara and Chris Phillips, and sent the puck cross-ice to Parise for the tip past Hasek.

"They tried to rim the puck out of the zone and Sergei made a good play," Parise said. "He found me streaking to the backside. I just tried to lift it over his pad."

Antoine Vermette, Dany Heatley and Patrick Eaves scored for the Northeast Division-leading Senators, who lost their second straight game.

Ottawa, the top defensive team in the NHL, uncharacteristically surrendered five goals in both losses.

"We had some segments of the game where we played really well and then we let up for a shift or two," said Heatley. "Ten goals in two games, we're not playing the way we can defensively."

New Jersey's second and third goals were deflections — only one intentional. Marshall redirected Paul Martin's point shot past Hasek for a power-play goal at 14:39.

Langenbrunner was credited with the goal that made it 3-0 at 15:23 when Ottawa defenseman Christoph Schubert deflected

the shot into his own goal.

"We kind of gave them two of the three goals in the first period with mistakes we made," said Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson. "It's hard to play on the road that way."

The Senators cut deficit to 3-1 when Vermette knocked Brian McGrattan's rebound past Brodeur with 2:25 remaining in the first.

Heatley brought Ottawa within one at 7:44 of the second.

Brylin took a pass from Marshall and beat Hasek on the power play with 23 seconds remaining in the period to make it 4-2. Rasmussen scored his first goal in 32 games, at 2:59 of the third, to restore the Devils' three-goal lead.

Eaves closed out the scoring 2:45 later.

## Stars 2, Predators 1

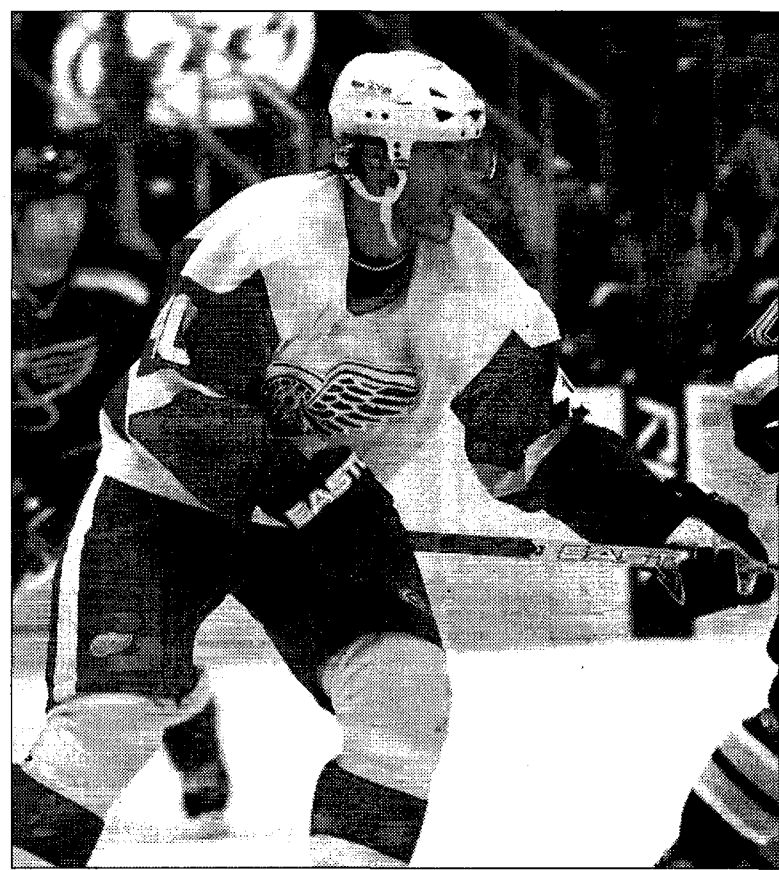
Dallas coach Dave Tippett spread the credit around after his team matched a season high with its sixth straight victory. He saved his highest praise for the Stars' penalty-killing.

Brenden Morrow had a goal and an assist and Marty Turco made 23 saves as the Stars beat the Nashville Predators Wednesday night.

Philippe Boucher also scored for the Stars, who needed overtime or shootouts to win their previous four.

The Predators went 0-for-6 on the power play, the last opportunity coming in the final minute with Stars defenseman Sergei Zubov in the penalty box for hooking.

Nashville pulled goalie Tomas Vokoun to give the Predators a 6-on-4 advantage, but a penalty-killing unit led by Jon



Detroit's Henrik Zetterberg searches for the puck in the first period of Wednesday night's 3-2 win against the Blues.

Klemm, Boucher, Stu Barnes and Jere Lehtinen kept the heat off Turco.

"I thought it was excellent," Tippett said. "We blocked a lot of lanes and didn't give them a lot to shoot at, and on the chances they did get to the net, Turco was real good. We got a couple of big goals but the penalty-killing was the key for us."

Martin Erat got Nashville's only goal, at 7:15 of the third period, and Vokoun stopped 21

shots.

Nashville controlled the action in the third period, outshooting Dallas 7-1, but the Predators' late power play failed to generate a shot on Turco in the final minute.

"We were trying to get guys open in front of the net and it just didn't happen," Nashville coach Barry Trotz said. "We didn't generate anything there. When you get a chance like that, you have to create havoc and make something happen."



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## Irish

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came fighting back.

Irish guard Colin Falls hit a 3-pointer with 5:28 left in the first half and Notre Dame went on a 10-2 run from there — forcing West Virginia to call a timeout. Quinn hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to cut West Virginia's lead to four at the half.

Brey said Monday the 3-point field goal could become a factor in the game with the way both teams play on the offensive end. He was right.

Both teams combined to attempt 56 3-pointers in the

game, 27 of which came in the first half. The Irish were 14-of-26 in the game, compared to West Virginia's 12-of-30.

Six players — Pittsnogle, Gansey, Herber, Patrick Beilein, Frank Young and J.D. Collins — all attempted 3s in the game for West Virginia.

Quinn led the Irish with 24 points on 8-of-16 shooting, 6-of-10 from behind the arc. The senior guard added four assists and a steal. Falls added 18 for Notre Dame on

*"You need to hit a runner there. You need to be a little lucky and hit that there."*

**Mike Brey**  
Irish head coach

6-of-12 shooting from 3-point range.

Brey has said throughout Notre Dame's slump the team needs to find some luck to get back on track. Wednesday night was no different. "You need to hit a runner there," Brey told the Associated Press. "You need to be a little lucky and hit that there."

The win was West Virginia's first against Notre Dame in its last 12 attempts. The last time the

Mountaineers defeated the Irish was Feb. 14, 1999.

The loss drops the Irish to 1-7 in the Big East and 10-9 overall. Even though the Irish are at the bottom of the league, their close losses show they are competitive every game.

"There is no difference in Notre Dame and the top of the league," West Virginia coach John Beilein told the Associated Press. "One shot makes, one shot misses. That's the ball game."

Irish forward Rick Cornett

was impressive off the bench for Notre Dame. The senior added 10 points on 5-of-9 shooting after being used sparingly this season. He also grabbed 7 rebounds in 16 minutes.

**John Beilein**  
West Virginia  
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Notre Dame outrebounded West Virginia 41-22. Both teams combined to attempt

seven free throws.

The Observer was unable to contact Brey Wednesday night.

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## Olivet

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"The matchup zone was definitely the key to our turnaround," said Saint Mary's coach Steve Bender, whose team led 40-28 at halftime.

The Belles did not let up to start the second half, extending their lead to 21 points with just 12 minutes left in the contest. But the Comets offense clawed back, narrowing the deficit to 7 points when Stephanie Smith hit a three-pointer with 1:45 to play.

The Belles held on to win it due to their solid free-throw shooting. They made 28 of their 36 attempts from the line, including 8-of-10 after Smith's shot.

Led by last week's MIAA Player of the Week Alison Kessler, who made 15-of-18 from the line and finished

with 28 points, Saint Mary's played what Bender called "a really great game."

"This was an absolutely huge win for us," Bender said, after his team secured at least a .500 record in league play.

Shelly Bender recorded a double-double for the Belles with 12 points. She also added 11 rebounds — a career high.

Audrey Graham led Olivet (12-7 overall, 8-3 MIAA) with 20 points. But, with the victory, Saint Mary's drew to within a half-game of the

Comets for third place in the conference.

The Belles host Calvin College at the Angela Athletic Center at 3 p.m. Saturday. Calvin is ranked 14th among Division III schools and Saint Mary's looks to record its first-ever win against the high-powered squad.

*"This was an absolutely huge win for us."*

**Steve Bender**  
Belles head coach

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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

# No. 2 Blue Devils edge Eagles

*Redick scores 28 for Duke, team improves to 20-1 overall record*

Associated Press

BOSTON — J.J. Redick scored 28 points, including four free throws in the final 65 seconds, to help second-ranked Duke hold off No. 15 Boston College 83-81 on Wednesday night.

Duke (20-1, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) led by as many as 18 early in the second half before BC (16-5, 4-4) whittled the lead to six. The Eagles made it a one-possession game in the final seconds without star Craig Smith, who fouled out with three minutes left.

But Sheldon Williams stopped Tyrese Rice on a coast-to-coast drive — sending him to the floor hard without drawing a foul. Williams, who finished with seven blocks, was fouled and made both free throws with 7.4 seconds left.

Williams had 21 points — including 13-of-16 from the line. Josh McRoberts scored 14 and Sean Dockery had 12 for Duke, which has won three straight since its only loss, at Georgetown on Jan. 21.

Jared Dudley had a season-high 28 points for Boston College, which had won four straight games in the ACC since opening its first season in the conference 0-3. The Eagles fell to 0-4 this year against ranked opponents.

**North Carolina State 66, Virginia 64**

RALEIGH, N.C. — Cameron Bennerman had a great view of both shots that decided the outcome Wednesday night. The first was his own attempt from in close that bounced off the rim into his waiting hands, and he put it back up and in to give No. 18 North Carolina State the lead for good.

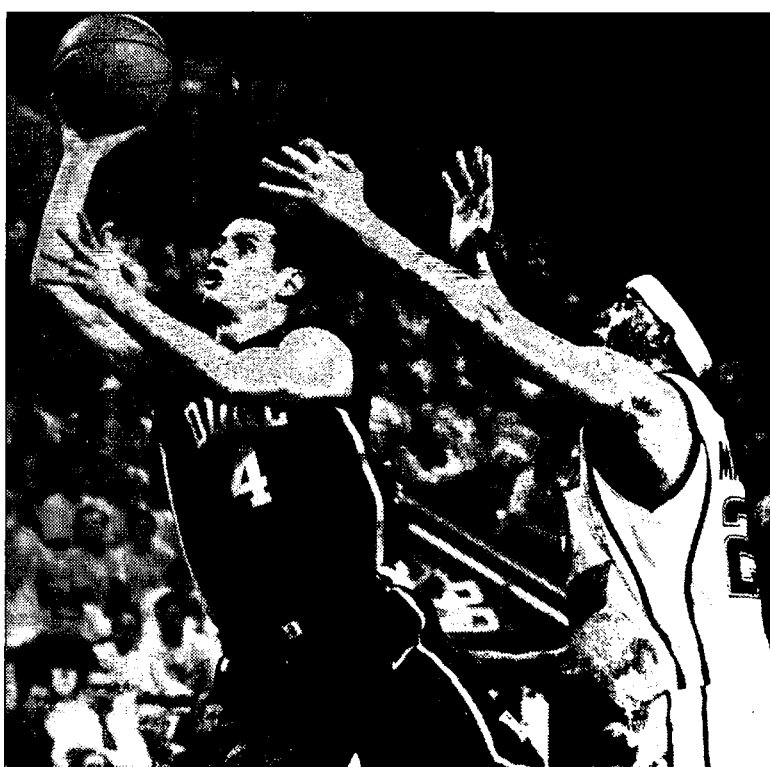
The next one was a 35-foot heave from Sean Singletary that would have won it for Virginia at the buzzer.

"All I could think about was, 'I hope he doesn't make that,'" Bennerman said.

Singletary didn't, allowing the Wolfpack to escape with a gritty victory.

Tony Bethel led the scoring with 16 points, Bennerman had that all-important basket with 74 seconds remaining and N.C. State solidified its hold on second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Singletary's last-gasp effort never really had a chance to go



Duke guard J.J. Redick, left, shoots during Duke's 83-81 win over Boston College Wednesday. Duke improved to 8-0 in the ACC.

in, but it still was too close for Wolfpack coach Herb Sendek.

"Your heart always stops," he said. "Every night, SportsCenter is filled with those shots."

Cedric Simmons had 15 points and three blocks for the Wolfpack (17-4, 6-2 ACC), who lost to Seton Hall in their previous home game to fall to 11-1 at the RBC Center. They trailed by four with 3 1/2 minutes remaining in this one and appeared headed toward another loss before a furious comeback.

**Texas 66, Missouri 53**

COLUMBIA, Mo. — P.J. Tucker's big second half helped No. 7 Texas overcome off-games from its other top scorers.

Tucker scored 18 of his 20 points after the break and added 11 rebounds in a victory over Missouri on Wednesday night. Many of the points came after the 6-5 Tucker moved from the perimeter to inside.

"In the second half Tucker took over the game," Missouri coach Quin Snyder said. "They went small with him and he was awfully tough for us to handle on the block."

Kenton Paulino added 14 points for the Longhorns (18-3, 6-1 Big 12), who shrugged off a 10-point loss at Oklahoma on Saturday and have won 10 of 11. The Longhorns led by eight at halftime despite 33-percent shooting.

"We weren't playing like we usually play," Tucker said. "So

we needed a spark. I tried to take it into my hands to try to get the guys going, try to make it happen."

Texas led by as many as 21 points in the second half, even though leading scorer LaMarcus Aldridge, Daniel Gibson and Brad Buckman never got rolling. Aldridge played 16 minutes due to foul problems and had five points and three rebounds, Gibson had eight points and Buckman four while missing all six shots.

**Memphis 84, Tulsa 61**

TULSA, Okla. — Memphis coach John Calipari thinks Rodney Carney should be mentioned right with Duke's J.J. Redick and Gonzaga's Adam Morrison as the best players in college basketball.

For a two-minute stretch Wednesday night against Tulsa, the Tigers' top scorer showed off an entirely different skill set than the two player of the year candidates.

Carney, a 6-foot-7 senior, scored 12 of his 19 points during an impressive first-half run and Darius Washington Jr. added 22 points as third-ranked Memphis streaked to a win.

"I know J.J. Redick is good and I know Morrison is good, but you've got to have him in the same breath," Calipari said.

"Neither one of those two are athletic like him. He shoots the ball the same as they do. His numbers are the same for his career."

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## Recruits

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Weis said in his signing day press conference. "This was kind of anticlimatic to sit up there, you're wondering how everything is going to happen. Everything just kind of fell in line."

The 27 commitments include six offensive linemen, five defensive backs, four wide receivers, three running backs, three defensive linemen, two quarterbacks, two linebackers, one tight end and one kicker.

Of the 27, three have already enrolled at the University, Weis said. James Aldridge, a running back from Crown Point, Ind., Chris Stewart, an offensive lineman from Spring, Texas and George West, a wide receiver/kick returner from Spencer, Okla., enrolled at Notre Dame in January, enabling them to participate in spring practice, which starts March 22.

The three scholarships also count against last year's class, enabling Notre Dame to have more than the NCAA-maximum of 25 scholarships per year. Weis said he left one extra scholarship available this year for a walk-on who might earn a scholarship.

The class, ranked fifth by ESPN.com and Scout.com, is one that has fulfilled Weis's

needs.

"As a matter of fact, I was satisfied," Weis said. "Our biggest areas of concern numbers-wise this year, we were going to overload on offensive line and defensive backs. We wanted to make sure we got two quarterbacks."

The Irish lose two offensive linemen this year and next year lose three more. As a result, Weis signed six offensive linemen, with 6-foot-7 Sam Young from Coral Springs, Fla. — a five-star recruit — the highlight of the group.

"This guy could have gone anywhere," Weis said of Young, who was one of the last to verbally commit to Notre Dame. "He picked us and really put a smile on my face. We're very happy to have Sam here."

The other linemen include: Matt Carufel of Forest Lake, Minn.; Eric Olsen of Staten Island, NY; Stewart, Bartley Webb of Springdale, Ark.; and Dan Wenger of Coral Springs, Fla.

The Irish were able to secure top commits at quarterback and defensive back as well. Cornerbacks Darrin Walls, of Pittsburgh, and Raeshon McNeil, of Cooleemee, NC, are expected to make an impact early, Weis said. McNeil was a U.S. Army All-American who blocked a field goal and ran it back 65 yards for a touchdown in the game, and Walls was selected for the game but did

not play due to injury. The duo should help improve an embattled secondary, providing both talent and depth.

"Both these guys were front-line corners that we had earmarked from day one," Weis said. "We felt we had to go out and get us some cover corners that could play, play at a young age."

The Irish also added defensive backs Sergio Brown of Maywood, Ill., Leonard Gordon of Clarksville, Tenn., and Jashaad Gaines of Las Vegas, Nev., whose sister, Tulyah, plays on the women's basketball team.

Two other big pickups for Notre Dame came at the quarterback position, where the Irish nabbed Demetrius Jones out of Chicago, Ill., and Zach Frazer out of Mechanicsburg, Penn. Both were selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American game and were tabbed four-star recruits by Rivals.com.

Notre Dame also signed three wide receivers to join West in the fall, including 6-foot-4 Robby Parris and 6-foot-3 Richard Jackson. Parris is listed as a three-star by both Scout.com and Rivals.com, and Jackson is a four-star according

to Rivals.com and a three-star according to Scout.com. Barry Gallup, a 5-foot-11 wide receiver from Wellesley, Mass., rounds out the position.

Weis also signed one tight end, Konrad Reuland, who hails from San Capistrano, Calif., and is a five-star recruit according to Scout.com.

"We're really happy to be able to take one out of Southern California," Weis said. "It's a tough thing to do."

Rounding out the offense and joining Aldridge at running back is 5-foot-10 Munir Prince, who went to junior high with Aldridge in St. Louis. Prince will be joined by 6-foot-3 Luke Schmidt, who could play either

running back or fullback, Weis said.

On the defensive side of the ball, Weis signed one defensive tackle, Paddy Mullen of St. Louis, who played high school football with Prince, and two defensive ends — John Ryan of Cleveland, who played high school football with Parris, and Kallen Wade out of Cincinnati.

Rounding out the defense are two Georgia linebackers — Morrice Richardson out of College Park and Toryan Smith of Rome. Weis said the biggest

thing he was excited about is these defensive players is they pressure quarterbacks.

"We wanted guys that could get after the passer," Weis said. "Because, if you just sit back there and wait all day, you can't blitz on every down just to create pressure. Sooner or later, some guys are going to have to win some one-on-one battles. So we wanted some guys that could get after the passer."

Finally, kicker Ryan Burkhart, a Wakarusa, Ind., native, finishes the class. He will be key to replacing graduating senior D.J. Fitzpatrick and will compete for the starting spot immediately.

Weis said his first full class was a great one that will be instrumental in the future, as both he and the Irish have come a long way since last year's videoconference.

"I told everyone in this class that this was going to be the class that started Notre Dame back to the top," Weis said. "That doesn't mean we don't have a chance to compete this year or next year. I'm talking about perennially being at the top."

"It's easy for a team once in a while to have a good year and a lot of times they flounder afterward. That's not what we're shooting for here. We want to be a top team every year."

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## Walsh

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es to weekend stories.

"What I've realized in my four years here is that by going out there and having fun everyday it takes the grind out of playing a full-year season," he said. "In general we try and just have fun, rip on each other."

But things haven't always been so fun for Walsh, as he has had to overcome impossible odds to be able to strap the pads on today. Walsh severed his right Achilles tendon and had surgery to reattach it in early March of his sophomore season. He spent the next five months in a cast, completing a slow, painful rehab during which his foot was steadily moved from a pointed down position back up to its normal position.

"Honestly, when it happened all the doctors said, 'You probably won't play hockey again,'" Walsh said. "It was a very difficult injury to come back from. I still don't have full range back in my Achilles, but it's something that definitely was one of the toughest things I've had to deal with in my life because it restricts just everything you do."

Along with rehabbing a torn tendon, Walsh overcame a complete atrophy of his calf muscle, an experience he describes as frightening. At best, the doctors told him, he would be able to skate again in December of the next year — but Walsh was back practicing with the Irish by August.

The injury came just prior to Notre Dame's first NCAA tournament appearance — a 5-2 loss to Minnesota — and a 6-5 loss to Ohio State in the CCHA

Super Six. Walsh remembers only bits of the Minnesota game due to a bad reaction to post-surgical medications, but the empty feeling he had watching the Irish play in the Super Six stuck with him.

"I just remember sitting up in the stands and thinking I'm not a part of the team," he said. "You obviously are, but it's tough sitting up in the stands and watching your team play. I didn't even know if I was going to even be on the bench again or on the ice again."

Walsh is the lone Irish player from Massachusetts — a prep-hockey hotbed — and the only one from the New England hockey stronghold. He joked that he likes to remind his Midwestern teammates that the

East does hockey well too, something they don't readily admit.

"I still keep in touch with my buddies because a lot of them don't matriculate out to the Midwest or a western conference," Walsh said. "So it's tough sometimes, it's a different way of living out here but I like it. It's nice to be the person that represents your area."

His suburban Boston hometown and standout performances at Noble and Greenough School put him in contact with a lot of Eastern schools looking to put him in their net — including Amherst College, Bowdoin and several Ivy League schools. But in the end a call from former head coach Dave Poulin — who offered Walsh a spot on the team — and the urging of his father, Brian — who is a former Notre Dame standout — convinced Walsh to commit to the Irish.

"Putting on the sweater every day, even putting on the practice jersey, seeing Notre Dame on the front of it, there's a sense of pride there," Walsh said. "Its

something that I will absolutely miss, even in the spring when the seasons finally over I will miss that. I'll miss putting on your equipment and taking it off and talking with the guys."

Walsh has logged many relief appearances in net over his four years, but his favorite game moment came when he was given the nod as the team's starter to open the 2003 season against Ohio State. He made 31

saves in a 5-2 Irish win — the last win over the Buckeyes until Saturday's 1-0 win.

He also notes the consecutive victories over Boston College in the previous two seasons, made sweeter with the friends he has on the Eagles. The 3-2 win over the No. 1 Eagles last October on a goal from T.J. Jindra with :17 remaining was exhilarating but Walsh is equally satisfied with the private locker room

moments with his buddies.

"Every day coming to the rink is something I'll remember, because being a part of a team is not so much the wins and losses, but enjoying the guys and making friendships that will last a lot longer than the four years here at Notre Dame," he said.

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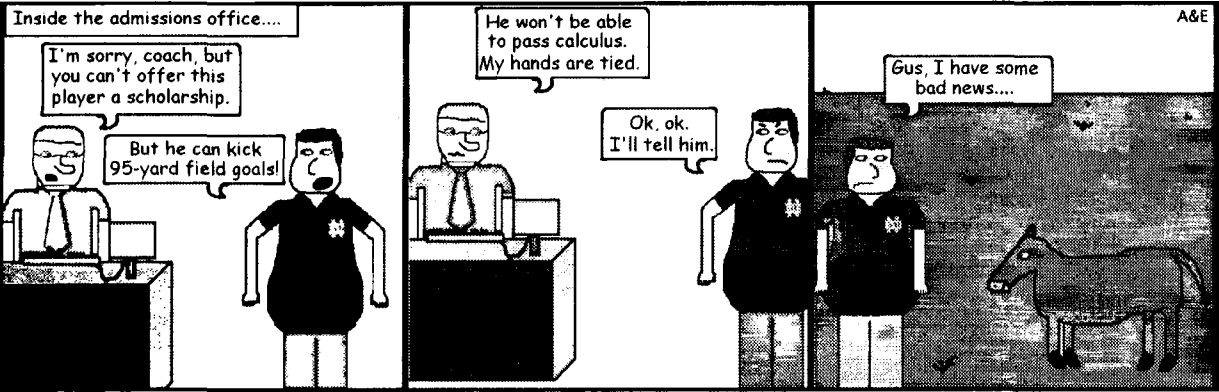
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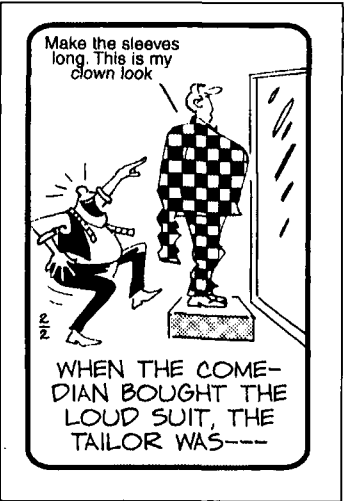
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BALKY QUEER MOSQUE HOOKED  
Answer: Buying an umbrella in a rainstorm left him — "SOAKED"

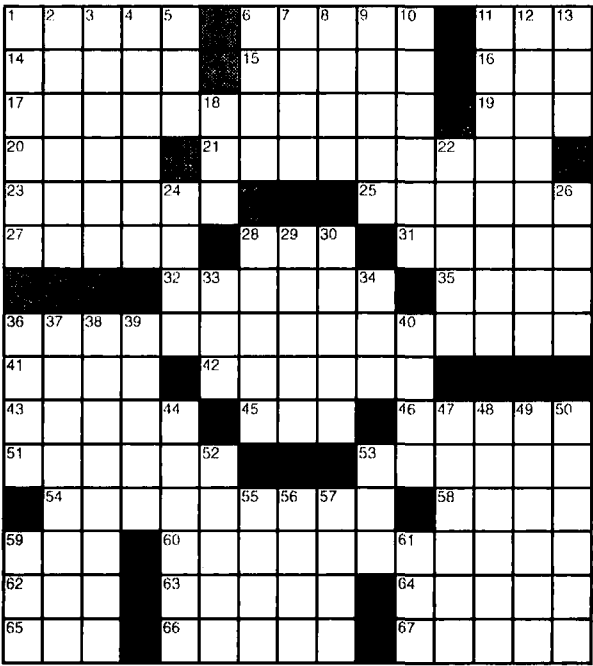
CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS
- 1 Cut closely
- 6 1970 Neil Diamond hit
- 11 "..... Adieux," a Beethoven 51-Across
- 14 Dog-.....
- 15 Conundrum
- 16 Four-time Japanese prime minister
- 17 Start of a quote by jazz legend Miles Davis
- 19 Unlikely to raise one's hand in class
- 20 Prefix with technology
- 21 Quote, part 2
- 23 They may be part of a moving experience
- 25 Some people at nude beaches
- 27 So yesterday
- 28 -Cat
- 31 Medicinal shrub
- 32 Inscrutable one
- 35 Rate (perform perfectly)
- 36 Quote, part 3
- 41 Villa ....., gold-mining center in 19th-century Georgia
- 42 Feeling that makes you go "hmm"
- 43 Appliance brand
- 45 Tennis ace Shriver
- 46 Some wampum
- 51 See 11-Across
- 53 End, after all is said and done
- 54 Quote, part 4
- 58 ....., Bora caves
- 59 Ewe, for one
- 60 End of the quote
- 62 "Thimble Theatre" name
- 63 ....., Bay, Philippines (site of 1944 fighting)
- 64 Designer Geoffrey
- 65 Recipe abbr.
- 66 Long baths
- 67 Isn't serious

DOWN

- 1 In stitches
- 2 "Oh, yeah, that's funny"
- 3 Play stations
- 4 Pertaining to blood vessels
- 5 Big name in ice cream
- 6 Side line
- 7 Alternative to a Twinkie
- 8 "Beauty ....., the eye ....."
- 9 "Unhand me!"
- 10 Swinging set
- 11 Heed
- 12 Means of computer networking
- 13 ....., sauce
- 18 They may follow bee stings
- 22 City in upstate New York
- 24 "..... we forget ....."
- 26 Court-appointed psychiatrist's ruling
- 28 Pen filler
- 29 Martial arts expert
- 30 Wee hour
- 33 Third degree, often
- 34 Super Bowl in which the Giants beat the Bills



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

- 36 Nest eggs, briefly
- 37 Hollywood's Dalton and Hutton
- 38 Good samaritan's assurance
- 39 Yemen's capital
- 40 Part of the back of an orchestra
- 44 Web sites
- 47 Admission
- 48 Some desert homes
- 49 Historian Will
- 50 Ground breakers
- 52 "Are not!" response
- 53 Hallucinogen
- 55 Taj Mahal site
- 56 Nut case
- 57 Forever and a day
- 59 Martini guzzler
- 61 Kind of case, in gram.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lola Forsberg, 7; Lee Thompson Young, 22; Lisa Marie Presley, 38; Pauly Shore, 38

Happy Birthday: The sooner you are upfront about who you are, what you are capable of doing and how much effort you are willing to put into your future, the sooner you will be successful. You have what it takes but stubbornness must be put aside if you want to excel. Your numbers are 9, 14, 16, 29, 35, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Very little will be out in the open. Keep your wits about you and focus more on what you are doing for others. Keep your reputation as stellar as possible so that no one can put you down or complain. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a very secretive approach to everything you do and you will be able to accomplish so much more. A new partnership will be iffy but that shouldn't stop you from getting to know this person better. \*\*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An older individual can have a profound impact on your life today, especially in your future plans. Emotional matters will only get in the way of discovering what you are truly capable of doing. Be totally professional and straightforward. \*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There is plenty happening around you so respond accordingly. Love is in the stars -- make a point of spending time with that special person. If you are single, you'll meet someone new. Be careful if traveling. \*\*\*\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel, trying new things and expanding your interests should all be penciled in today. A partnership will take on a new flavor but be sure it's going in a direction suitable to your future plans. Anger will get you nowhere. \*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Open up new doors that will lead to a more challenging and interesting future. Learning something new will help you determine what you might enjoy doing. Don't mince words with someone who has far more knowledge. \*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look at the big picture and you will get some creative ideas for making financial gains. Hold on to ownership or position yourself well with partners. Home improvements will cost but will raise the value of your property. \*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on the creative and don't let snide remarks by those you usually trust stop you from following through with what you want to do. A love connection looks promising. Leave some time for intimacy in the evening hours. \*\*\*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Everything is beginning to take shape and the chance to really get into what you want to do is apparent. Talks will lead to some interesting proposals. Don't let your emotions interfere with what you are trying to accomplish. \*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make your point and get things done today that will shape what happens to you in the future. Make your comments and don't be afraid to be a little bit different. Take charge and try something new. \*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stick to what you know and don't try to convince people that you know more. It will be sticking to things, not embellishing or taking on too much that will make the difference. Concentrate on projects that involve your community. \*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will enhance your reputation if you find solutions to problems that crop up. Someone you do business with may try to take advantage of you. Keep your money in a safe place and don't expect anything for nothing. \*\*\*

Birthday Baby: You are creative, intuitive and secretive. You are passionate and must be engaged in what you are doing in order to do it well. You can be the best at whatever drives you the most.

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## FOOTBALL RECRUITING

# Weis inks top-five recruiting class

*Irish coach signs 27 high school standouts for next year's class*

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN  
Sports Writer

A lot has changed since last year's Feb. 2 signing day when then-new Irish head coach Charlie Weis, in Jacksonville for the Super Bowl, announced via videoconference the signing of his first 15 Notre Dame recruits. Wednesday, after his first full year of recruiting, Weis announced the signing of 27 of the country's top high school players — a class many have ranked among the top five in the nation.

All of the players expected to sign with the Irish did on Wednesday, making Weis' day a little easier.

"This was a no sweat day,"

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### See Also

"Signed and Delivered"  
*Irish Insider*



Irish coach Charlie Weis addresses the media on national signing day Wednesday. Weis signed 27 top high school prospects from around the U.S. — the No. 5 class in the country.

## SMC BASKETBALL

# Belles pull off tough MIAA win

*Saint Mary's defeats Olivet 74-66; takes 10th game of season*

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's held off a late rush by Olivet to pull a huge MIAA upset Wednesday, winning 74-66 and improving to 10-11 overall and 8-4 in the MIAA.

It was the third win in a row for the Belles, who had lost to Olivet 92-55 in their first meeting of the season.

After falling behind 11-4 in the first three minutes, Saint Mary's took the lead and controlled the tempo for the remainder of the contest. The Belles switched to a 1-2-2 zone following their rocky start — frustrating Olivet in the process.

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## HOCKEY

# Walsh leads on rink and in locker room

*Goalie's contribution extends beyond his position on the ice*

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

Ask any Notre Dame hockey player or coach about Rory Walsh and they'll give you a smile and a laugh before praising him.

The senior Irish goaltender and locker room personality from Milton, Mass., has played a backup role in the crease for most of his college career, but on and off the ice Walsh's upbeat character is unmatched.

"He's always positive and never really negative — you

never really see him have a bad day," freshman goalie Jordan Pearce said. "He always has a smile on his face or cracks some jokes."

Pearce says he and Walsh have a non-competitive relationship on the ice — each just wishes the best for the other's game — and that Walsh's absence next season will be a downer due to the color he brings to the locker room and attitude he brings to the game.

"Sometimes you get to the rink and you might not be having the best practice and you look over and you see Rory trying his best, giving his all, and it's motivation," Pearce said.

Walsh recognizes when it comes to game time, everyone needs to focus their efforts towards a successful game. But in the down time he loves to kid his teammates for anything from on-ice performance

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Walsh

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish fall in familiar fashion

*Quinn misses runner with time running out and team loses by one*

By BOBBY GRIFFIN  
Associate Sports Editor

Irish guard Chris Quinn missed a game-winning runner as time expired and Notre Dame fell 71-70 to West Virginia Wednesday night in Morgantown. The Irish have lost seven Big East games by a combined 23 points this season.

Quinn caught the inbounds pass with 3.4 seconds left and drove towards the basket. The Irish guard released a shot, leaning into West Virginia forward Kevin Pittsnogle, but no foul was called.

"That's the guy we wanted taking the shot," Irish coach Mike Brey told the Associated Press after the game. "He made all the plays for us, and he wanted the ball again. But we're just not as old as some of the teams that have come in here and won."



West Virginia guard Mike Gansey, middle, drives past Notre Dame guard Colin Falls, left, and forward Torin Francis Wednesday.

Quinn cut the lead to one point on a 3-pointer out of a Notre Dame timeout with less than 50 seconds remaining.

West Virginia guard Johannes Herber drove to the basket but missed a layup that would have made it a 3-point game.

Pittsnogle led West Virginia

with 22 points and guard Mike Gansey added 13 points in the win.

West Virginia got out to a quick lead, leading by double digits for most of the first half. But like many of Notre Dame's games as of late — the Irish

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

### NCAA BASKETBALL

**Duke 83 Boston College 81**  
J.J. Redick scored 28 points and the No. 2 Blue Devils held on for the win.

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### NCAA BASKETBALL

**Texas 66 Missouri 53**  
P.J. Tucker scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the Longhorns win.

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### SUPER BOWL XL

Seattle is getting respect after years of being an outsider in the NFL playoffs.

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### NFL

Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb calls former teammate Terrell Owens' comments a "black-on-black" crime.

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### NBA

**Suns 102 Celtics 94**

Paul Pierce scored 33 points in the second half to give Boston a chance, but Phoenix held on.

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### NBA

**Rockets 86 Bucks 84**

Tracy McGrady was held in check with 22 points in the Houston win.

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