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Ford donates \$6 million to Kellogg Institute

Teaching, research, outreach in development studies to be incorporated through new program

By JOHN TIERNEY,
News Writer

University trustee W. Douglas Ford has donated \$6 million to fund a new program in development that will focus on research — including some in connection with Notre Dame's Millennium Development Initiative.

The Kellogg Institute announced the creation of the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity, which will be

directed by Father Bob Dowd, an assistant professor of political science specializing in African studies.

The program is designed to reflect the mission of the University at large by "channeling the incredible power of the human mind toward service of God and the common good," Dowd said.

The new program will incorporate teaching, research and outreach in the field of development studies, Dowd said. It will allow student and faculty research in development studies to be

"devoted to real problems experienced by real people," he said.

The Ford Family Program is about to begin conducting a survey in conjunction with the people of Nnindye, a small village in central Uganda. Dowd said Notre Dame students will work with Uganda Martyrs University students this summer to help develop and implement this survey. Once the survey is concluded, the Ford Family Program will work with the people of Nnindye to implement its

results.

"The Fords' gift allows us to transform the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative into a rather comprehensive program that integrates teaching, research and outreach," Dowd said.

The Ford Program plans to welcome the participation of Notre Dame undergraduates in all steps of its research. "We will always do our best to work with Notre Dame students to develop research

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Valentine's fever hits campuses

Holiday to be celebrated with usual enthusiasm

By ANN MARIE WOODS
News Writer

Despite a weekly high below freezing, sub-zero wind chills and near-blizzards, students and faculty will feel the artificial warmth of February on Valentine's Day.

Signs of the holiday are hard to miss at Notre Dame, with flower sales soaring at Irish Gardens, the florist shop in the basement of LaFortune.

"We have every type of flower in, including orchids, and we have special Valentine's Day packages," general manager Ann Marie Szymanski said. While men dominate the customer base, female students are getting balloons or flowers for their friends, Szymanski said.

For those who don't expect to give or receive flowers this Valentine's Day, students can enjoy the Glee Club's "Singing Valentines," plus a Valentine's Day dessert dinner at both dining halls tonight — and even the opportunity to find love at Legends' speed dating at midnight. Legends will provide students with the opportunity to meet other students.

But the day of love is not only about romance and having that special someone to

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Braun, Reish spar in final debate

Current VP focuses on passion, experience

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Student body president and vice presidential hopefuls Maris Braun and George Chamberlain highlighted their experience and passion for the job Wednesday in an attempt to differentiate themselves from opponents Bob Reish and Grant Schmidt in the final debate before today's run-off election.

Reish and Schmidt emerged from Monday's primary with more than 48 percent of the vote. Braun-Chamberlain placed second with 22 percent. Today's voting — from 8

a.m. through 8 p.m. — will decide the next student body presidency.

Braun, who is the current student body vice president, has built a campaign around several platform ideas as well as her experience this year working with the South Bend Common Council to alter significantly the proposed party permit ordinance.

Braun said she wants to improve community relations by increasing security on campus. She believes that students would be more willing to go out into the community if they felt safer on campus.

"The city ordinance proved that community relations are no where near what they should be," Braun said.

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Student body presidential and vice presidential candidates Maris Braun and George Chamberlain speak during a debate Wednesday.

DUSTIN MENNELLA / The Observer

Former Irish coach aids Katrina victims

By ELIZABETH KELLY
News Writer

On Wednesday, former Notre Dame basketball coach and current ESPN commentator Digger Phelps returned to his favorite place in the world — Notre Dame.

In conjunction with the University's annual Ethics Week, Phelps delivered a lecture entitled "Community Service: An Ethical Imperative," in which he shared his experience starting his own organization to build homes in New Orleans for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

While watching coverage of Hurricane Katrina on the news, he saw footage of the famous 1950s rock-and-roll

musician Fats Domino being carried out of a building during the evacuation process, Phelps called. Seeing Fats Domino on television amid the devastated city reminded Phelps of one of Domino's songs, "Walking to New Orleans." Listening to the lyrics, Phelps was inspired to help the displaced families in the New Orleans area.

"I went out, bought the CD," Phelps said, "and when I heard the words, I cried."

Phelps started his organization, which he named Walking to New Orleans — after the Fats Domino song that gave him inspiration — by donating \$90,000 of his own money. He then raised

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Dungy delivers opening address

Executive director of NASPA speaks to begin three-day conference

By LIZ HARTER
Assistant News Editor

Saint Mary's third-annual Diverse Student Leadership Conference began Thursday with remarks by Gwendolyn Jordan Dungy, the executive director of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) in higher education.

"Diversity is not something that you are going to do just today, just this conference," Dungy said. "It is something that is being planned for this institution."

College president Carol Ann Mooney outlined the College's

plans for diversity in her strategic plan, "The Path to Leadership 2012," which was delivered earlier this year.

"Everything [that plan said] talked about empowering these women [who attend Saint Mary's] to lead," Dungy said.

Part of teaching students to lead is helping them engage in their campus environment and become active in the national environment, she said. The way students are engaging in the national environment is partly why this year's presidential primaries have become charged with such enthusiasm.

"Part of the excitement has to do with the fact that there is something different than what we have seen before in this election," Dungy said. "McCain is the oldest person who has run for president, and it's the first time we've seriously looked at a person who is a

woman or who isn't white [as candidates for the presidency]."

It also has to do with the fact that the nation is turning toward the idea of a "Newnited States of America," she said.

"When a black male chooses [to vote for] a white female instead of a black male and when a woman chooses [to vote for] a man instead of a woman, it's different," she said, emphasizing how these ideas are new to the country.

Right now, Dungy said, we are in the "best worst" times. There are a lot of problems in America, but there are also a lot of resolutions to past problems, she said.

Dungy said students are the generation that she is most excited about.

"This is the greater generation. ... Our hope is in you," she said.

Students today want to heal the

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Dungy

INSIDE COLUMN

Be your Valentine

Men and women of Notre Dame, Spring Break is nearly two weeks away.

We all want to be tan, fit and beautiful when we're basking on the beach.

Though the tan will have to wait for the sun, achieving the perfect figure should be no problem. Rolfs and the Rock are open seven days a week! So sign up for six boxes on the fancy Precor treadmills, climb the Stairmaster, beat everyone on Rolfs tiny track, and crunch those abs harder than you ever have before.

Spring break is coming, people. And as the good Notre Dame students you are, you've got to be at your best.

Right? Wait. Set your Elliptical level down a few digits and listen up. You're beautiful just the way you are.

In the preface to her play, "The Good Body," Eve Ensler urges every person on earth to do the one thing so many never will: Love your body.

"Tell the image makers and magazine sellers and the plastic surgeons that you are not afraid," she writes. "That what you fear the most is the death of imagination and originality and metaphor and passion. Then be bold and love your body. Stop fixing it. It was never broken."

Maybe Eve Ensler is just an idealistic playwright out of touch with the pressures of college life and the pursuit of perfection at Notre Dame.

But I'm inclined to believe she's on to something.

Maybe it's time we stop lifting and twisting and crunching and pressing ... and start loving ourselves.

It's puzzling how eager Notre Dame students are to help the world, but how slow we are to take care of ourselves. We volunteer at levels unheard of at other schools.

And when the day is nearly done — when we've served the poor, finished our homework, ate a salad for lunch, spoken up in class, cleaned our rooms and snagged the summer internship, we head to the gym. Even with a growling stomach or a tired body.

Because, God forbid, we fail at looking flawless in our swimsuits.

But the perfect body is as elusive as a 4.0 at Notre Dame. Many want it, few have it, and those who do probably aren't much happier than those who don't.

So on this Valentine's Day, I'm choosing to not work out. Eve Ensler is keeping me from the frenzied afternoon rush at Rolfs.

Though a part of me says I need the exercise, a better, bolder one says take a break.

I'm going to take a nap and eat a deliciously unhealthy dinner.

It's not laziness. It's care for the soul.

Try it. I dare you.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WORD THAT SOUNDS DIRTY BUT REALLY ISN'T?



Anne Laughlin
sophomore
McGlinn

"Humdinger."



Don Whitley
sophomore
Stanford

"Wenis. You know, that cute little wrinkly flap of skin on your elbow."



Marina Cardona
senior
off campus

"Saturated fat."



Molly Boyle
freshman
Pasquerilla East

"Krumkake. Some people think it's a swear word, but it's actually a Scandinavian dessert."



Nicholas Chambers
senior
off campus

"Puse. it means 'I put,' as in, 'I put the toy away,' in Spanish."



BRITT BURGESSON/The Observer

Freshman Anne Marie Weber makes a snow angel on South Quad Wednesday. Even with the snow accumulation, Notre Dame has not cancelled classes since 2000.

OFFBEAT

Boston man finds postcard from 1929

BOSTON — The message on the postcard to a "Miss Margaret McDonald" was short. Its path to the intended address was much longer. Nearly 79 years after it was sent, a postcard of Yellowstone National Park's Tower Falls arrived in a Boston mailbox recently with the one-word message, "Greetings."

Its intended recipient had long since left the Victorian on Sparhawk Street, and the sender was not identified by name.

Michael Cioffi was shocked

to find the card dated June 1929 in his mail. He says the McDonald family did own his house for generations, but he doesn't think there is anyone left in the family to pass the postcard to.

A U.S. Postal Service spokesman says it's impossible to know what happened with the card. It somehow got into the mail and was sent with a one cent stamp from Seattle earlier this year.

Wisconsin ends sturgeon season

FOND DU LAC, Wis. — The sturgeon-spear season on Lake Winnebago ended after

just four days with a mammoth catch.

Ed Blatz bagged a 172-pounder that that measured 78 inches in length, the third-largest sturgeon taken from the lake since record keeping began in the 1950s. The only larger ones were a 180-pounder caught in 1953 and a 188-pounder caught in 2004.

Spearers place shanties on the lake, cut holes through the ice and wait until a sturgeon swims beneath them, within range of the spear.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame women's tennis will play Ohio State today at 3:30 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Admission is free.

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies is hosting a lecture entitled "Unsettling Accounts: Neither Truth nor Reconciliation in Confessions of State Violence" today at 4:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center.

The film "9 Star hotel" will play at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 7 as part of the "Immigration: A Notre Dame Perspective" film series.

NDtv (Notre Dame Television, Chan. 53 on campus) will be broadcasting live tonight with election results, analysis and candidate interviews starting at 7:15 p.m.

There will be Stations of the Cross Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will play Canisius Friday at 5 p.m. in the Loftus Center. Admission is free.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is hosting its annual Black Coffeehouse Friday at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Tickets cost \$6.

The Pasquerilla East Music Company (PEMCo) will perform "Kiss Me, Kate" Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Student tickets are \$6.

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

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College named to service Honor Roll

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

The Corporation for National and Community Service has named Saint Mary's to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts, especially regarding disadvantaged youth.

"Our commitment to the education of the whole person, a commitment that has been with us since our founding, remains unwavering; but the focus on the development of each student is not individualistic," College President Carol Ann Mooney said in a news release.

"We are always conscious that human beings live in community. As our Mission Statement implies, our commitment to education is not solely to or for the benefit of the individual student, but also for the benefit of the broader society."

The Community Service Honor Roll is one of the the highest federal recognitions a college or university can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Saint Mary's was one of 117 schools that received the "honor roll with distinction" award. Honorees were chosen based on several factors including innovativeness of projects, percentage of student participation and the academic service-learning courses offered at the school.

Four programs at Saint Mary's were recognized, said Carrie Call, director of the office of civic and social engagement. These programs are under the umbrella of the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program where students mentor students from local primary schools and include the Read-to-a-Child program, Pen Pals program and teaching assistants.

"For the CAT program alone, we had over 160 students involved in 2007, which is 10 percent of the

student body," Call said. "This is very high for a single program. Our numbers are quite high actually, higher than many other institutions. While we would love to see the numbers grow, I still feel very happy and proud of where we are now."

Chief Executive Office of the Corporation for National and Community Service David Eisner recognized Saint Mary's commitment to service and the correlation with the College's mission.

"College students like those at Saint Mary's College are tackling the toughest problems in America, demonstrating their compassion, commitment and creativity in by serving as mentors, tutors, health workers and much more," Eisner said in a news release. "They represent a renewed spirit of civic engagement fostered by outstanding leadership on caring campuses."

The Community Service Honor Roll awarded six schools with "presidential awards," four with "special achievement awards," 117 as "honor roll with distinction" and 391 as "honor roll members."

"There are three levels of recognition: the Honor Roll itself, the Honor Roll with Distinction, which we won, and then the Presidential Awards," Call said. "I feel strongly that it [the award] reflects the 'heart' of the Saint Mary's student body."

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll was launched in 2006. It is cosponsored by the USA Freedom Corps and the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development.

Call hopes the enthusiasm for service at Saint Mary's will continue in coming years.

"It's a nice recognition and I believe it shows we are living up to our Holy Cross tradition of educating the mind and heart."

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STUDENT SENATE

Group discusses Catholic faculty

Informing undergrads about hiring process key at meeting

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

The Student Senate began implementing plans to inform undergraduates about the hiring and retention of Catholic faculty and to give students an avenue to voice their opinions.

Carol Hendrickson, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, said sophomore Kathleen Donahue and seniors Amy Meyers and Brian Boyd will speak at a town hall meeting next week and give different perspectives on the issue. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Feb. 18 in Room 102 of DeBartolo Hall.

Meanwhile, senators have been listening to student opinion by discussing the issue at Hall Council meetings with their dorms. Senators who discussed the issue said the majority of students they spoke with did not support the use of a quota to ensure a certain percentage of Catholic faculty at Notre Dame. Howard Senator Erdina Francillon said, most students she in her dorm did not feel Catholic faculty were crucial to spiritual life on campus.

"Basically there was pretty much a unanimous agreement that faith at Notre Dame is exercised more outside the classroom," she said.

Walsh Hall Senator Anna Amberkar said she received a similar response. Although students would be concerned if there were no Catholic professors at Notre Dame, a professor's religion did not seem to be an important factor in the classroom.

"The majority of people did-

n't feel too concerned that we were losing the Catholic majority because they felt like our Catholic identity [comes from] outside the classroom, and a lot of students didn't know [which] of their teachers were Catholic," she said.

Some senators recognized that alumni may disagree with student opinion and wish to maintain the tradition of having a Catholic majority among faculty. Lyons Hall Senator Kelly Kanavy said that alumni have often been wary of major changes at Notre Dame, such as making the University co-educational, and that students should still be open to new policies.

"If you look back on the history of ND, or of any college, whether it is about to go co-ed or is about to start accepting minority applicants, I'm sure the alumni were up in arms about saying it's not right, but that doesn't mean that objectively, it's not the right thing to do," she said. "I don't think that what they say should deter us."

Although the senators reported that most students were not concerned about a predominantly Catholic faculty, Hendrickson stressed the importance of listening to both sides of the issue at the town hall meeting.

"It will be interesting to see what people's opinions are once they've heard a really good break down [of the issue]," she said.

In addition to discussing student opinion about the hiring of Catholic faculty, the Senate passed a resolution supporting the installation of clocks in every classroom on campus. Hendrickson said

that if both the Student and Faculty Senates pass the resolution, it will be implemented.

Pasquerilla West Senator Megan Sennett said she met with Joseph Schellinger, the director of academic space management, who said it would be "very feasible" to install clocks in the older classroom buildings that do not have clocks.

Sennett added that the University would use a satellite clock system, connecting clocks in the building together and reducing the possibility of theft, because they will not work if taken off the system.

In other Senate news:

♦ Multicultural Affairs Committee Chair Ninny Wan discussed the progress of one of her committee's main initiatives, a cultural competency requirement in the Notre Dame curriculum. Wan said, some academic programs reported fitting another requirement into their curriculum would be difficult. For example, architecture students are already required to spend a year abroad, and engineering students have room for only one elective.

♦ Social Concerns Committee Chair Karen Koski said the Center for Social Concerns and the Kellogg Institute are hosting a symposium entitled "Solidarity in Pursuit of Authentic Human Development" on Feb. 23. A pre-symposium event to inform students about the issues will take place Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Dooley Room of LaFortune.

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BCM plans faith dialogue

Club hopes to promote communication among Christian denominations

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

In an effort to foster understanding and discourse between Christian faiths, the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM), in conjunction with Notre Dame's Campus Ministry, is planning a Catholic-Protestant Dialogue and reception on Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

The discussion will feature scholars from two different Christian backgrounds. Offering a Protestant perspective will be Mark Noll, a professor from the history department. Theology professor Lawrence Cunningham will provide a Catholic perspective.

Tim Matovina, another theology professor, will moderate the discussion.

Brett Perkins, director of student resources for Campus Ministry, said the event will be divided roughly into three sections.

Each professor will present a statement of his Church's current perspective on the current relationship between Catholics

and Protestants, followed by a summary of important doctrinal beliefs of their faith and how they differ from that of the other faith. The last portion will be left open to questions.

Perkins said he polled students from Catholic fellowship groups Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI) and Four:7 about which issues they wanted the professors to address during their summary of doctrinal beliefs.

"It's like a metaphor for entering into a relationship with Jesus and seeing where he might take you."

Allan Thompson
minister

"We really want to address what kinds of questions students are asking," Perkins said, adding that it is important to clarify any misunderstandings between the two faiths.

Allan Thompson, a local minister and member of BCM, said he wants professors to clarify certain issues that might often be misunderstood.

"One main area of difference between the faiths is the role of tradition, the role of scripture, and how the two interact," said Thompson, who helped plan the event.

Perkins emphasized the importance of understanding the differences and similarities between the two faiths.

"How close are we to being one again?" Perkins said.

Noll addresses that question in his book — "Is the Reformation Over?" — which examines the current state of affairs between Catholicism and Protestantism.

Perkins said the event is a follow-up of the Prayer for Christian Unity events that Campus Ministry sponsored in January, where services were offered at the Basilica and featured leaders of different denominations and different choirs.

But this event, he said, is more scholarly and aimed at dialogue and understanding.

"This is more of an academic setting," Perkins said.

Perkins and Thompson sent e-mails to students and faculty belonging to Campus Ministry special interest clubs such as ISI and Four:7 to encourage people to attend.

Thompson said BCM seeks to engage students from all faiths. Calling its weekly meeting "The Journey," BCM aims to focus on Jesus Christ rather than one specific doctrine of a certain faith.

"It's like a metaphor for entering into a relationship with Jesus and seeing where he might take you," Thompson said.

Thompson said BCM held a similar event last April.

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an additional \$30,000 after getting support from South Bend's Rotary Club and the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

By December 2007, the organization was able to build its first home in New Orleans for a family that had been displaced by the hurricane, he said.

After completing the first house last December, Phelps has been focusing on gaining additional support for Walking to New Orleans. Now, the organization is close to its goal for its second house-building project, thanks to additional support from Notre Dame faculty and students in the MBA program.

Phelps urged students at Notre Dame to garner even more recognition and support for his organization's home-building plan. "There is a college in your community, there is a Rotary Club in your community," Phelps said. "Take the plan with you."

After promoting Walking to New Orleans, Phelps touched on other topics as well — including his famed career coaching Notre Dame basketball — to emphasize the unique qualities of the Notre

Dame community.

"I love talking to students. I love being around this place. I love being a part of this community," Phelps said.

He hopes that in the future, the Notre Dame community can become an even stronger partner with his organization.

After the lecture, Phelps took student questions on a variety of subjects, even sharing with the audience who his picks were for the NCAA Final Four.

One audience member asked if Phelps planned on using his position as an analyst on ESPN to publicize his organization. Phelps said he doesn't plan on using his on-air time

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Digger Phelps
former Irish
basketball coach

at ESPN as a vehicle for promoting Walking to New Orleans, but he does plan on using some of his connections within the coaching community to get more donations to the organization.

Two years after Katrina, the Gulf Coast area is still suffering, Phelps said.

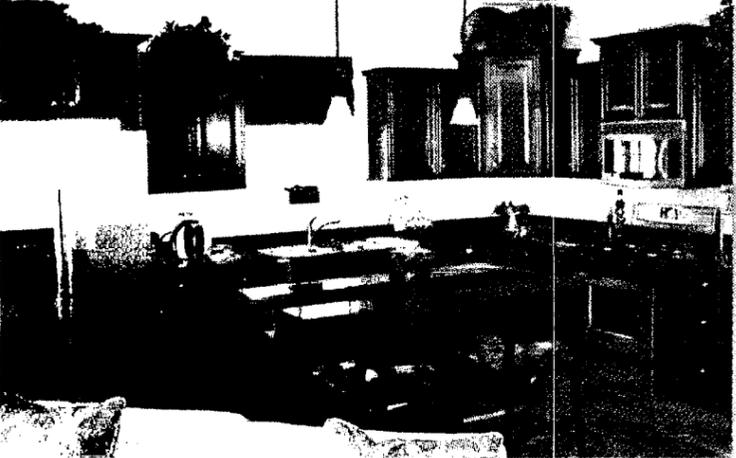
"Some people forget, and that's the sad thing," he said.

He is optimistic, however, that people will witness the struggle of New Orleans at least once a year. "Every August, it makes the news. Every August, there's a flashback to Katrina."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran experiments with uranium

VIENNA, Austria — Iran's new generation of advanced centrifuges have begun processing small quantities of the gas that can be used to make the fissile core of nuclear warheads, diplomats told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The diplomats emphasized that the centrifuges were working with minute amounts of uranium gas. One diplomat said Tehran has set up only 10 of the machines — far too few to make enriched uranium in the quantities needed for an industrial-scale energy or weapons program.

Still, the information revealed details of the state of Iran's experiments with its domestically developed IR-2 centrifuges, which can churn out enriched uranium at more than double the rate of the machines that now form the backbone of the Iranian nuclear project.

Pakistani politician accuses Musharraf

KAHUTA, Pakistan — A leading opposition politician on Wednesday accused President Pervez Musharraf of planning to rig next week's elections, describing it as a move that could trigger uncontrollable unrest and tear Pakistan apart.

Ex-Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif also told The Associated Press in an interview that U.S. support for Musharraf was deepening anti-American sentiment in Pakistan and that only democratic rule could end rising Islamic militancy.

"We stand for democracy. He stands for dictatorship," Sharif said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama announces economic plan

JANESVILLE, Wis. — Democrats Barack Obama said Wednesday that as president he would spend \$210 billion to create jobs in construction and environmental industries, as he tried to win over economically struggling voters.

Obama's investment would be over 10 years as part of two programs. The larger is \$150 billion to create 5 million so-called "green collar" jobs to develop more environmentally friendly energy sources.

Sixty-billion dollars would go to a National Infrastructure Reinvestment Bank to rebuild highways, bridges, airports and other public projects. Obama estimated that could generate nearly 2 million jobs, many of them in the construction industry that's been hit by the housing crisis.

"This agenda is paid for," Obama said as the Republican National Committee promoted an "Obama Spend-O-Meter" online to track his proposals and portray him as a tax-and-spend liberal.

Winter storm blamed for 15 deaths

ALBANY, N.Y. — A powerful winter storm spread more than a half-foot of snow across parts of the Northeast on Wednesday, closing hundreds of schools and switching off the lights for thousands of homes and businesses.

The National Weather Service reported 10 inches of snow in Maine at Auburn and Lisbon Falls, 8.5 inches at Fitchburg, Mass., and up to 6 inches in eastern New York state, where ice was up to a half-inch thick.

The storm system had been blamed for at least 15 deaths since Monday. Combined snow and sleet accumulations could reach a foot in parts of northern New York.

LOCAL NEWS

Prosecutors charge murder suspect

INDIANAPOLIS — Prosecutors filed a murder charge Wednesday against a man accused of shooting at a home, killing an 8-year-old girl inside.

Emmanuel McClendon Jr., 26, was arraigned in Marion Superior Court a day after the parents of Karissa Hitchings were removed from a previous hearing. He was being held without bond in Marion County Jail.

"Can I tell my side?" McClendon asked Judge Robert Altice during the hearing Wednesday. The judge advised him to speak with his lawyer first.

Karissa died after she was hit by bullets fired into her family's home on the city's north side Friday night.

Bush signs stimulus package into law

Legislation includes rebates for more than 130 million people, tax breaks for businesses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The checks aren't in the mail, but they will be soon.

President Bush signed legislation Wednesday to rush rebates ranging from \$300 to \$1,200 to millions of people, the centerpiece of government efforts to brace the wobbly economy. First, though, you must file your 2007 tax return.

More than 130 million people are expected to get the rebates, starting around May. Congress, Bush, the Federal Reserve and Wall Street are hoping the money will burn such a hole in people's pockets that they won't be able to resist spending it. And the spending is supposed to give an energizing jolt to a national economy that is in danger of toppling into a recession if it hasn't already.

Whether people actually spend the money remains to be seen. A recent Associated Press-Ipsos poll indicates most people have other plans. Forty-five percent said they planned to pay off bills, while 32 percent said they would save or invest it. Only 19 percent said they would spend their rebates.

The measure Bush signed — a \$168 billion rescue package passed with lightning speed by Congress last week — includes not only rebates for individuals but also tax breaks for businesses to spur investment in new plants and equipment. That, too, would help bolster U.S. economic activity. The package also contains provisions aimed at helping struggling homeowners clobbered by the housing collapse and the credit crunch refinance into more affordable mortgages.

The emergency plan marked a rare moment of cooperation among political rivals fearful that an ailing economy during an election year would invite voter retaliation.

Bush, who called the measure "a booster shot for our economy," praised the bipartisan cooperation. "We



President Bush, surrounded by members of Congress and Cabinet members, signs the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 Wednesday in the White House.

have come together on a single mission — and that is to put the people's interests first," he said.

Who gets a rebate? Most people who pay taxes or earn at least \$3,000, including through Social Security or veterans' disability benefits. Singles making more than \$75,000 and couples with income topping \$150,000, however, will get smaller checks, up to the top limits for any rebate: incomes of \$87,000 for individuals and \$174,000 for couples.

To get any rebate, you must file a 2007 tax return and have a valid Social Security number. If you already filed your 2007 return, the IRS says you don't need to do anything extra.

Most taxpayers will receive a check of up to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for couples, with an additional \$300 for each child.

People earning too little to pay taxes but at least \$3,000 — including elderly people whose only income is from Social Security and veterans who live on disability payments — will get \$300 if single, or \$600 if a couple.

The IRS will send out rebates — by mail or by direct deposit into your bank account — through the late spring and the summer. The rebates come in addition to any regular tax refund.

To pay for the rebates — which are estimated to cost about \$117 billion over the next two years — the government will have to borrow

more money, enlarging the budget deficit.

The Bush administration and some private economists are hopeful the rebates, tax breaks and aggressive interest rate reductions by the Federal Reserve will help the country narrowly dodge a recession. An increasing number of economists, however, believe the country has already fallen into its first recession since 2001, and they are simply hopeful the rescue package will limit the damage. Most people — 61 percent — say the economy is now in a recession, according to the AP-Ipsos poll.

"I do think this will give the economy a shot of adrenaline," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

SYRIA

Major terror figure killed in car bombing

Associated Press

DAMASCUS — One of the world's most wanted and elusive terrorists, Imad Mughniyeh, was killed in a car bombing in Syria nearly 15 years after dropping from sight. The one-time Hezbollah security chief was the suspected mastermind of attacks that killed hundreds of Americans in Lebanon and of the brutal kidnappings of Westerners.

The Lebanese Shiite militant group Hezbollah and its top ally, Iran, blamed Israel on Wednesday for the assassination. Israel denied any role.

Mughniyeh was also on the FBI's list of most wanted terrorists, and the U.S. State Department had offered a

\$5 million reward for information leading to his arrest or conviction. He was indicted in the U.S. for his role in planning the 1985 hijacking of a TWA airliner in which a U.S. Navy diver was killed.

The United States welcomed Mughniyeh's death.

"The world is a better place without this man in it," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said. "One way or the other, he was brought to justice."

The hijacking was the only attack on Americans for which Mughniyeh was charged, but he carried out or directed a series of terrorist spectacular aimed at the United States and Jewish targets.

Mughniyeh's death was the latest in a series of blows to major terror figures in recent weeks. Abu Laith al-Libi, a senior al-Qaida leader, was killed in Pakistan in late January by a missile fired from a U.S. drone. This week, Pakistani security forces critically wounded and captured Mansour Dadullah, a top Taliban figure, in a firefight near the Afghan border.

But Mughniyeh, a Shiite Muslim not known to be connected to the Sunni al-Qaida or Taliban, harkened back to an earlier era of terror. A secretive, underground operator whose name was not even known for years, he was one of the first to turn Islamic militancy's weapons against the United States in the 1980s.

Cupid

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share a dining hall dessert with. Love comes in all forms, from roommates to sisters, boyfriends and girlfriends to parents and children, fiancés to best friends.

Students on campus are embracing the holiday with acts of kindness; special outings and activities with friends; confessions of love; and, perhaps, engagements.

"My friends and I are going to Yesterdays in Granger for dessert this Valentine's Day," senior Lindsay Poulin said. Sophomore Katrina Peller also said she and some friends were going to see "Enchanted," the SUB movie for the weekend, tonight at 10.

Some students from Farley Hall are enjoying the night with friends, decorating cookies and watching movies. "You don't need a boyfriend to celebrate Valentine's Day,"

freshman Caitlin Ferraro said. "Taking extra time for your girlfriends is just as important today.

Men at Notre Dame are also stepping up and sometimes employing the holiday in order to confess their interest and hope for a relationship. "I plan on asking the girl I like to be my girlfriend on Valentine's Day," one male student, who asked not to be named, admitted.

Another student had flowers delivered to an unsuspecting student during one of her classes yesterday, along with a note asking her to meet him at the Dome tonight.

And of course, there will be many couples, here and throughout the country, who will get engaged on this day of love. The Diamond Information Center estimates that 10 percent of the 2.3 million couples that get engaged each year, do so on Valentine's Day.

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world, she said.

"They have done more service ... than any generation in our past," Dungy said. "[When evaluating the nation] the first thing we need to do is look at the promise of our students."

Dungy showed pictures of golfer Tiger Woods, actress Halle Berry and Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama to the audience and said most students she has come in contact with want a post-racial future; that is something embodied by these celebrities because they claim neither to be white nor black, but self-identify as multiple races.

"They want to look at people as people and get beyond race," Dungy said.

She also said young people are more involved in the election process because they have realized the leadership of the country is important.

Dungy also spoke about the different aspects of diversity in education and how they affect students today.

"There's no way we can talk about diversity and multiculturalism without talking about religion," she said.

Recently, Dungy spoke to a chaplain about the lack of religious diversity on college campuses and asked for advice on how to change it.

A chaplain replied that public school campuses can't make it seem as though they favor one religion over another or that they believe that everyone in the United States is a Christian, Dungy said.

She added that while many believe that the Jewish faith and race is one of the most discriminated against in academia, a 2006 Washington Post survey showed that Jews were the most favorably looked upon by faculty and staff in America.

"These are the best times [for America] in a lot of ways when you think that we have moved forward a long way when it comes to

anti-Semitism, but we don't love all religions," Dungy said.

Dungy also said that this is the "best worst" of times for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer and transsexual community in the United States.

"People became more accepting of it because of talk shows like 'Ellen' and 'Oprah,' and shows like 'Will and Grace,'" she said. "The progress being made by transgender [persons] is enormous. You don't have to say you're male or female, you just say self-identity. A transsexual

person can participate in the Olympics now if it's two years since your surgery."

At the same time, 64 percent of middle school students report that they have been affected by anti-gay bullying and name-calling, Dungy said.

"These students reported that they cannot learn if they don't feel safe,"

Dungy said. "They're trying to find safe spaces for students who are questioning. This is not a safe place for them at middle schools, however it's getting much better in high school."

Dungy emphasized that it is everyone's responsibility to make students who are different feel welcome.

"You can recruit as many students of color as you want but if they don't feel a sense of belonging you had rather have closed your doors because, first of all, they aren't going to stay," she said. "This is what happens to international students, you want them engaged; they come here to have an American experience. If you don't talk to them when it's time to eat they'll go find the people who came from the same country and eat with them."

Everyone, not just the Office of Multicultural Affairs, needs to engage these students to give them a sense of belonging, Dungy said.

The Diverse Student Leadership Conference will continue through Friday.

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WTO denounce China taxing practices

GENEVA — The World Trade Organization on Wednesday issued its first official condemnation of Chinese commercial practices, siding with the United States, the European Union and Canada in a dispute over car parts.

The WTO found that China was breaking trade rules by taxing imports of auto parts at the same rate as foreign-made finished cars, according to a copy of the ruling's conclusions obtained by The Associated Press.

In the sweeping decision, the three-member WTO panel found against China on nearly every point of contention with the U.S., the 27-nation EU and Canada. The panel found that Chinese measures "accord imported auto parts less favorable treatment than like domestic auto parts" or "subject imported auto parts to an internal charge in excess of that applied to like domestic auto parts."

Its final message to Beijing: "The dispute settlement body requests China to bring these inconsistent measures as listed above into conformity with its obligations."

Scientists developing alternate power

BOSTON — Someday, your shirt might be able to power your iPod — just by doing the normal stuff expected of a shirt.

Scientists have developed a way to generate electricity by jostling fabric with unbelievably tiny wires woven inside, raising the prospect of textiles that produce power simply by being stretched, rustled or ruffled by a breeze.

The research, described in Thursday's edition of the journal *Nature*, combines the precision of ultra-small nanotechnology with the elegant principle known as the piezoelectric effect, in which electricity is generated when pressure is applied to certain materials.

While the piezoelectric effect has been understood at least as far back as the 19th century, it is getting creative new looks now, as concerns about energy supplies are inspiring quests for alternative power sources.

Retail sales experience rebound

Economists call unexpected increase a temporary blip, attribute to gas prices

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retail sales posted a surprising rebound in January following a dismal December, although much of the strength reflected rising gasoline prices. Economists saw the increase as a temporary blip rather than a sustained recovery.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that retail sales rose by 0.3 percent last month after having fallen by 0.4 percent in December as retailers suffered through their worst Christmas shopping season in five years. The increase was led by higher demand for new cars and a big jump in sales at gasoline service stations that primarily reflected rising pump prices.

On Wall Street, the better-than-expected reading on retail sales helped lift spirits by easing concerns about the severity of the economic slowdown. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 178.83 points to close at 12,552.24.

But the positive retail number did little to change the view of economists who are forecasting the economy will fall into a recession in the first half of this year. They said the slump should be shorter and milder given that Congress quickly passed and President Bush signed on Wednesday a \$168 billion stimulus package designed to jump-start growth by showering consumers with rebate checks starting in May.

The January gain in retail sales came as a surprise following reports from the nation's big retailers that January had been a disappointing month. Wal-Mart had said strapped consumers were using their



Shoppers put aside worries about the economy to go to malls and auto dealerships in January, propelling retail sales to a surprising rebound following a dismal December.

holiday gift cards to purchase basic items such as diapers and laundry detergent rather than iPods and the latest DVDs.

Economists had predicted a 0.3 percent decline in January sales. They noted that without the big jump in gasoline, sales would have risen by a much smaller 0.1 percent. They pointed to a number of areas connected to the troubled housing industry where sales took a tumble including declines at furniture, hardware and appliance stores.

Given all the troubles fac-

ing the economy from a prolonged slump in housing to rising food and energy costs, job losses and turbulent financial markets, analysts said it was not surprising to see lackluster retail sales. Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for two-thirds of economic activity.

"Consumer spending is still decelerating quite dramatically," said Nariman Behraves, chief economist at Global Insight, a private forecasting firm, which is predicting the economy will

be in a recession in the first half of this year, contracting at annual rates of 0.4 percent in the current quarter and 0.5 percent in the second quarter.

"It will be one of the milder recessions we have had. We don't expect anything awful, but it will be a recession," Behraves said. Part of the reason for the optimism about a short downturn is the view that spending will be bolstered by the 130 million tax refund checks of between \$300 and \$1,200 — more for families with children.

Yahoo battles Microsoft for News Corp.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo Inc. is discussing a possible Internet partnership with media conglomerate News Corp., its latest effort to repel Microsoft Corp.'s takeover bid or pry a better offer from the unsolicited suitor, a person familiar with the situation said Wednesday.

The specifics of the proposed joint venture haven't been worked out, according to the person, who didn't want to be identified because the talks are considered confidential.

Both The Wall Street Journal and a prominent blog, TechCrunch, reported that News Corp. is interested in folding its popular online social network, MySpace.com, and other Internet assets into Yahoo — an idea that first came up last year. News Corp. owns The Wall Street Journal.

News Corp. and a private equity firm reportedly would buy significant stakes in Yahoo as part of a

complex deal designed to boost the Sunnyvale-based company's market value above Microsoft's initial bid of \$44.6 billion, or \$31 per share.

A Yahoo spokesman said the company continues to "carefully and thoroughly" evaluate alternatives that will enrich its long-term shareholders. Yahoo's board reportedly is to meet again Thursday or Friday to consider the company's next move.

News Corp. spokeswoman Teri Everett declined to comment on the Yahoo talks.

Yahoo shares climbed 31 cents to \$29.88 Wednesday while Microsoft shares gained 62 cents to \$28.96. News Corp. shares slipped 10 cents to finish at \$19.93.

Based on Microsoft's current market value, its cash-and-stock bid for Yahoo now stands at \$29.50 per share, or about \$41 billion.

Yahoo rejected Microsoft's offer Monday, insisting that its Internet franchise is worth more money. Microsoft has held firm so far, call-

ing its original "full and fair" while threatening to launch a hostile takeover attempt.

"What's unclear now is whether Yahoo is just trying to get a higher offer or if the company really doesn't want to sell to Microsoft," said Peter Falvey, a technology investment banker with Revolution Partners.

Although News Corp. Chairman Rupert Murdoch unequivocally said during a conference call last week that his New York-based company isn't interested in an outright acquisition of Yahoo, he didn't rule out the possibility of a deal involving MySpace.

When asked whether he might renew the previous discussions with Yahoo about a MySpace alliance, Murdoch replied: "I think that day has passed, but you never know."

A News Corp. stake in Yahoo might hinge on whether the two sides can agree on how much MySpace is worth.

Debate

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Braun and Chamberlain listed their most important goals as community relations and "sustainability." Braun discussed helping to change the attitudes of off-campus attitudes, which would help both community relations and student safety. "I think there is an impression that when you move off-campus, you are a transient member," Braun said. She said their focuses were formed with that goal in mind.

Reish and Schmidt have been attending ordinance committee meetings for the past few months in order to understand the proceedings and progress made by outgoing student body president Liz Brown and Braun.

"Showing the Council members as well as other city officials that, hey, we're here and you know who to talk to," Reish said.

Reish strongly emphasized having a presence at the Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meetings and suggested having CCAC members come to student govern-

ment meetings as well.

While Braun and Chamberlain noted their passion and experience, Reish and Schmidt tried to add to that an ability to recognize a variety of student concerns.

"One thing that separates, not only that we are passionate, we are willing to look at all the issues," Reish said.

Braun and Chamberlain opened the debate discussing their plan to create student legal services. These services would offer students legal council from alumni, third-year law students or lawyers in the community at a discounted price.

"This would help students try to navigate something they wouldn't already know," Braun said.

Reish and Schmidt emphasized the work they have been doing to obtain student discounts off campus.

"It's never been done at Notre Dame and it is something different," Schmidt said. "It allows you to get out into South Bend."

The two pairs then discussed their academic initiatives and how they hope to accomplish them.

Reish and Schmidt argued for an online syllabus database that would allow students to review the requirements of a course before signing up, and they said they would work to reinstate the "Last Lecture Series," which allows professors to offer a talk as if it were their final class period.

Braun and Chamberlain presented their idea for student-initiated courses. "These would allow student to apply for funding, teach the material, and give them a wider global perspective in that particular arena," Chamberlain said.

Braun also raised the issue of student forum follow-ups that could be used for the different colleges on campus. "By taking that forum follow up to other colleges, you are going to find a whole slew of ideas and initiatives that really appeal to a wide range of students," she said.

Reish and Schmidt's most ambitious and innovative goal is creating the "Midwest Council," which would allow Notre Dame to have contact with other universities that share similar academic standards.

The goal from conferences with other school's student government leaders would be to share information about issues that have risen among the schools and ideas on how to apply solutions from one institution to another. "It would not only affect our term, but also future terms. It wouldn't just help our administration, but other administrations," Reish said.

While academics and community relations dominated the forum, gender relations — in regards to same sex and opposite sex relations — became the focal point. Both parties discussed the importance of the issue as early as Freshman Orientation.

"One thing that separates, not only that we are passionate, we are willing to look at all the issues."

Bob Reish
student body
presidential candidate

Braun and Chamberlain wanted to improve Freshman Orientation by emphasizing the relationships of students on their own floors and dorms.

"We hope we can improve gender relationships in that way and make it a little less awkward, and make 'Frosh-O' a little more comfortable for students," Chamberlain said.

Reish and Schmidt offered a different approach.

"We want to focus not only gender issues between different sexes, but with same sexes," Reish said.

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Ford

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projects that address real needs — projects that are respectful of our partners, such as the people of Nnindy and Ruhira," Dowd said.

The Ford Program will co-sponsor its inaugural event, a student-organized symposium on human development, on Feb. 23 with the Center for Social Concerns and the Kellogg Institute. Notre Dame

and Uganda Martyrs students will present their research on human development at the symposium, which was organized by seniors Sara Snider and Joel Steiner and will be hosted at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Ray Offenheiser, president of Oxfam-USA, will deliver the keynote address, Dowd said.

While the Ford Program will open additional opportunities to Notre Dame undergraduates, Notre Dame students are just a small part of

the program's mission. "Through the Ford Program, we aspire to build a transnational and interdisciplinary alliance of students, faculty, development practitioners and policy makers that will be devoted to promoting respect for human dignity for a long time to come," Dowd said.

In other news of donations to the University, Richard Notebaert, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, donated \$10 million to the Graduate School, the University

announced Monday. The Notebaert donation will go toward the creation of Graduate School fellowships, which will provide merit-based financial aid to doctoral candidates.

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provide doctoral candidates with full tuition, health insurance, and a generous stipend, according to a University press release.

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Police hunt for psychologist's killer

Man entered office and stabbed doctor repeatedly before escaping

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Police hunted Wednesday for a man who entered a psychologist's office with a bag of knives and a meat cleaver, hacking her to death so savagely that blood splattered the walls and floor and the entire room was torn apart.

A colleague who responded to the victim's screams was seriously injured, and investigators were trying to determine whether the attacker was a patient at the clinic. Three knives were recovered at the scene, including a 9-inch knife and the cleaver, which was apparently bent from the attack, police said.

Kathryn Faughey's office was in shambles: Furniture was overturned, shades torn and blood was on the walls and pooled on the floor. She suffered 15 stab wounds, including a gash to her head believed to be from the cleaver, police said.

"The condition of the room was that of a fierce struggle," police spokesman Paul Browne said.

Investigators do not know the name of the suspect. Authorities released a sketch of a balding, middle-aged man believed to be the killer along with surveillance videotapes of the attacker entering and leaving the building.

He left behind two bags that contained bizarre clues, authorities said.

A roller suitcase was filled with adult diapers and women's clothing, including blouses and slippers, and a smaller second bag was filled

with eight knives, rope and duct tape, tools apparently not used in the attack, police said.

Believing the killer might have been injured in the attack, authorities issued alerts to area hospitals and looked through Faughey's computer files for clues. They also examined surveillance footage to see whether he had been to the office prior to the attack.

The attack rattled residents of the affluent neighborhood. They feared a violent slasher was in their midst. It also shocked the mental health care community and raised questions about safety protections at therapist's offices.

"Everyone in the building is very nervous, because we know that this person is loose. It's very frightening," said Linda Elliott, who lives in the building where the attack occurred.

The attack happened Tuesday night in a 13-story apartment building on East 79th Street, in a bustling neighborhood just blocks from a major hospital complex, police said.

The suspect, carrying the two bags and dressed in a three-quarter-length green coat, knit cap and gloves, breezed past the building's doorman, saying he had an appointment with Dr. Kent Shinbach, a 70-year-old geriatric psychiatrist who worked in the same office suite as the victim, according to police.

The suspect walked into the suite waiting room, where a female patient was waiting to see Shinbach, and at some point went into Faughey's office and started to attack her, police said.

It wasn't clear how long the

struggle continued before Shinbach heard Faughey's screams and ran to help. The traumatized female patient, who was in Shinbach's office during the attack, was being questioned by authorities.

The suspect apparently didn't recognize Shinbach when he opened the door and said, "She's dead," referring to Faughey, who was lying behind her desk, police said. He then attacked the psychiatrist, stabbing at Shinbach and pinning him to the wall with a chair before stealing \$90 and escaping through a basement door.

Shinbach was in serious condition at New York Hospital with slash wounds on his head, face and hands.

Blood was found on the basement doorknob, and police said the route outside from the first-floor office wasn't very obvious; it was possible the suspect knew where he was going. Surveillance tapes show the suspect deliberately leaving the luggage by the basement door before walking out.

Shinbach rushed out to the street from Faughey's office for help, and the building doorman called 911 around 9 p.m., but by then the suspect had escaped.

The attack sent shock waves through the city's large community of mental health professionals.

"This is, I think, an extraordinary occurrence," said Sharon Brennan, a psychologist in Manhattan and a spokeswoman for the New York State Psychological Association. "It has had a shocking impact on the whole New York community."

WJHY-FM owner settles concert case

Company promoted fatal event where 110 died

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The owner of a radio station that promoted a rock concert where pyrotechnics ignited a deadly blaze reached a tentative \$22 million settlement with survivors and victims' relatives, according to court papers filed Wednesday.

The deal with Clear Channel Broadcasting is the latest in a series of settlements stemming from the Feb. 20, 2003, fire at The Station nightclub in West Warwick that killed 100 people and injured more than twice that many.

The fire began when pyrotechnics used by the rock band Great White ignited flammable foam used as soundproofing on the club's walls and ceiling.

Victims' lawyers sued Clear Channel, saying the rock radio station WJHY-FM promoted the show by running on-air advertisements, distributing free tickets to the show and having a disc jockey serve as master of ceremonies and introduce the band.

Lawyers say the station knew or should have known that the concert it was advertising featured a band that regularly used pyrotechnics at its shows. They say the DJ, Mike Gonsalves — who was among those killed — had the authority to stop or delay the concert for safety reasons but failed to do so.

Clear Channel Broadcasting is a unit of Clear Channel Communications Inc., the largest operator of radio stations in the United States, and one of the brand-name defendants sued after the fire.

The company has said in court papers that it had no control over what happened at the club that night and did not arrange, pay for or control Great White's performance.

Clear Channel said in a statement Wednesday that it was saddened by the "tremen-

dous harm" caused by the fire.

"While Clear Channel had no role in causing or contributing to this fire, we are pleased to resolve these claims and, hopefully, contribute in some way to a sense of resolution for the affected victims and their families," the statement said.

The settlement requires the approval of all the plaintiffs and the federal judge overseeing the case, among other conditions, the court papers said. A Duke University law professor has been appointed to create a formula for the distribution of settlement money.

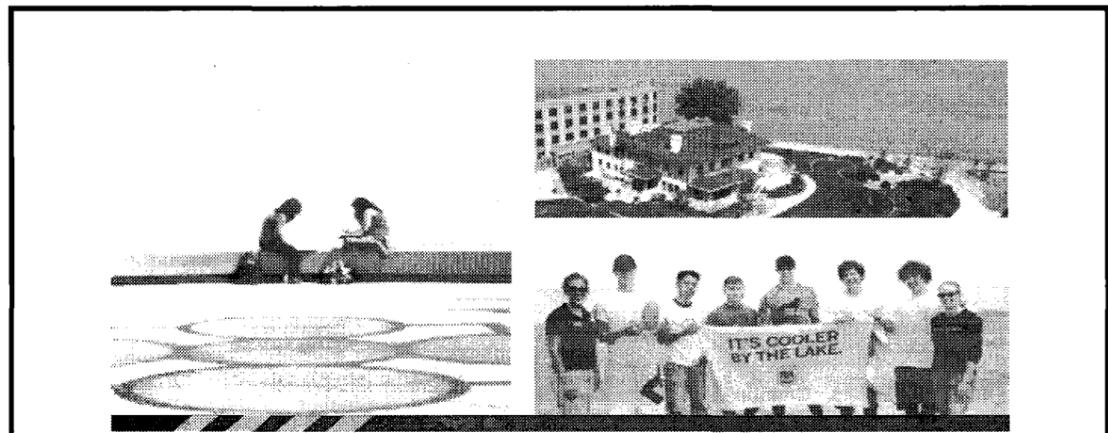
The settlement also covers the radio station itself and Capstar Radio Operating Company, which is part of Clear Channel, according to the documents.

The tentative deal brings to more than \$70 million the total amount of settlement money offered to survivors and victims' relatives. Other defendants that have reached settlements in recent months include The Home Depot, a manufacturer of insulation material, a pyrotechnics maker and a TV station whose cameraman was accused of blocking an exit while filming the fire.

Dozens of people and companies remain part of the case, including Anheuser-Busch, members of Great White and the state of Rhode Island.

The three men criminally charged, club owners Jeffrey and Michael Derderian and former Great White tour manager Daniel Biechele, reached plea deals on involuntary manslaughter charges in 2006.

Biechele and Michael Derderian were each sentenced to four years in prison, while Jeffrey Derderian was spared jail time and ordered to perform community service.



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What do Wii really need?

During what seemed like the 27th snow day of 2008 this past Monday, I found myself very tempted to invite my children to write this column for me. Stuck inside (again), unwilling to brave the -17 degree wind chill when there wasn't even enough snow to play in, we engaged in a recurring conversation throughout the day about why they really need — excuse me, NEED — to have a Wii. “Please write 650 words, plus or minus, on what it means to NEED something,” I could have said. Of course, they would have immediately responded, “If we do it, can we get a Wii?”

To their credit, they are remarkably tolerant of their parents' reluctance to even attempt to keep up with what they see as the basic NEEDS of any 21st century family (although our seventh grader is already hinting that when he gets to high school and will receive a cell phone he'd at least like “a decent one” — read, “not like yours and Dad's”).

Smack in the middle of this first week of Lent, I have been thinking about both the gospel we heard last Sunday as well as the one we will hear this coming Sunday. They couldn't be more different: Last week, a hungry and vulnerable Jesus sparred in the desert with the devil, hurling scripture passages at him until he seemingly gave up and left. This Sunday we will find a dazzling, transfigured Jesus on a mountain with Elijah, Moses, and the completely awestruck Peter, James and John. These two readings together quite fittingly kick off the season of Lent each

year, and if, rather than simply reading them passively, we engage ourselves in how they speak to our lives and hearts, they ask us two critical questions for Lent: “Who am I?” and “What do I need?”

“Who am I?” I suppose, is an evolving question — perhaps it's better to ask ourselves, “Who am I becoming?” Either way, however, we can always at least begin to answer by going back to question No. 2, “What do I need?” Peter, James and John certainly would have asked themselves, “Who IS this Jesus?” after experiencing the Transfiguration, leading them naturally to wonder, “So then, now who am I? If I've given up everything else in my life to follow him, what do I need now?” Jesus himself challenges us to ask ourselves, “What do I need?” as we watch him deflect all the “needs” the devil dangles before him.

We would do well to hold both these readings in our hearts as we move through Lent (and beyond!). The devil told Jesus, “Just say the word and you'll have bread from these stones,” but Jesus could see the reality behind the “needs” the devil wanted to convince him to grab. They would lead him not to fullness of life with God, but to death. We also must examine if what we think we need leads us toward, not away from, our waiting, inviting Lord. The promise of easy results, allure, power, or status entice us toward illusions, like those shimmering pools which continuously elude the grasp of the parched desert traveler, that remain nothing but false gods.

Peter, James and John thought they knew Jesus, but in the moment of the Transfiguration they saw him more

fully revealed. How could this event do anything else but turn upside down not only what they thought of him, but also their understandings of themselves? The question, “Who am I becoming?” would have taken on a whole new light. And they, like us, would find the answer to that question in the choices that made up their (and our) daily lives. What does it take to follow Jesus, the more and more fully we understand him? As we become the people we are meant to be, what do we need? The apostles seemed to find — as we might, too — that as they discovered who they were becoming, and the more closely they followed and imitated the person of Jesus Christ, the less urgent and numerous their other needs became.

So do my children really NEED a Wii? No, no one does. But for countless complicated reasons, ranging from the plain old fun of it through to the ways millions of marketing dollars can make us feel like our Wii-less lives are incomplete and inadequate, on some days they do believe they need one. The tricky part, as they figure out their own answers to “Who am I?” and “What do I need?” is to help them recognize how inseparable these two questions are, one from the other, and the impact they have on our lives of faith. Maybe we get a chance to return to Lent every year so that we can continue to ask them of ourselves.

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“If you ever injected truth into politics, you have no politics.”

Will Rogers
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In defense of caucuses

I am writing in response to Mr. Caruso's article, ("Dissecting the Democratic Primary," Feb. 12), and as a student who comes from a state that uses the caucus system in our nominating process, I implore him and his candidate, Hillary Clinton, to please stop criticizing our political process after it does not yield the outcome they desire.

Over Christmas break, I went back to my home state of Iowa and was bombarded by mailings, telephone calls, visits to my home, and any other means necessary to convince me to caucus for Hillary Clinton. This I have no problem with, in fact, I rather enjoy it. What I do have a problem with, and what I hope and suspect is true in other caucus states, is when a candidate puts time and energy in campaigning and garnering caucus-goers, and then turns around and writes off the process and the people involved when they don't succeed as Mrs. Clinton has done. Mr. Caruso, and most notably Mrs. Clinton, claim that the primary

process is superior and more "representative" than a caucus because it is an all-day process (which may actually be a valid argument) and it is in private.

However, what they fail to mention (and often times misrepresent) is that a caucus does not force one to stand up and share an opinion, nor is it a negative way to run a primary process. It certainly allows one to stand up and defend their candidate and share with others the reasons and grounds for why they have chosen a certain candidate. If Mr. Caruso has attended a caucus, he would know that each candidate's constituency is given the opportunity to be heard if they want, and in the end, the collective group comes to a decision on which candidate is viable, usually based on the beneficial and legitimate reasons given by the caucus-goers.

What primary-supporters like Caruso and Clinton fail to mention is the fact that a caucus is an efficient way to have issues heard,

debated, and leaders subsequently chosen from the preceding discussion. What they fail to mention is that the privacy of a primary allows for voters to flip coins, blindly guess, or vote for candidates on the basis of hair, name, or other ridiculous qualities. While it is every citizen's right to vote and support a candidate for any reason they choose, this is the risk a private primary poses. I'm not claiming that primary voters are ill-informed and prone to voting on a whim, I'm just asking that the Clinton campaign and Mr. Caruso not write off caucus-goers that have already had their voices heard in Iowa, Nevada, Maine, Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, Washington, Nebraska, and Washington D.C., and those that will eventually in Wyoming and Hawaii.

Mrs. Clinton and her supporters have repeatedly made comments about their opinion of caucus states, and since Nevada, she has all but ignored those states that

have caucuses when campaigning. This is coming from the candidate who will likely fight tooth and nail to "have the voices of Floridians and Michiganders heard" when it comes time to tally delegates, nevermind the fact that she has already publicly said things to the effect that she doesn't really value the voices of the people in the 13 states and one district listed above. Instead of disparaging the process, the Clinton campaign should call it like it is: They simply haven't gotten the job done in a majority of caucus states.

While I'm at it, could I request of The Observer some political parity? Could we at least have a couple other candidate views published in Viewpoint instead of the usual Clinton-Return-to-Glory-Fridays we get with Caruso's column?

John Whitty
 sophomore
 Stanford Hall
 Feb. 12

Respect the educated

In Gary Caruso's recent letter to the editor, ("Dissecting the Democratic Primary," Feb. 12) he discussed the constituencies of support for Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. He described one pocket of support, the highly educated liberals, as "the upscale elite Starbucks... wing of the party." In saying this, he is marginalizing part of Obama's support. I think it speaks volumes that a large portion of Barack's base is the highly educated, but Caruso, being a Hillary supporter, dismisses this base entirely when he calls describes them as such. He does this, not realizing that he's insulting the liberal community of Notre Dame.

As Domers, WE are the highly educated, and we know what higher education looks like, because it looks like us. But Caruso implied that to be a highly educated left-leaning person, we are the coffee connoisseurs that hold conversations with the baristas behind the counter at Starbucks. Part of writing for newspapers is removing your own bias from your article, and Mr. Caruso didn't do this, and as a result he was disrespectful to those of us who do support Obama.

Daniel Tostado
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 Feb. 12

Conservatism?

In response to the Greg Yatarola's article ("Are you a fascist?," Feb. 8), I must say that I feel he is completely missing the point. You refer to conservatism as the opposite of fascism, and in principle, you may be correct. In principle, conservatism is, in a general sense, the advocacy of caution regarding radical change. In the political arena, again in principle, it espouses limited government and decentralization.

The rub here, unfortunately, is what policies the Bush administration has enacted under the banner of conservatism. You refer to those who compare our current regime to that of Nazi Germany as "morons," while criticizing liberal advocacy of gun control as Hitler-esque. You go on to claim that the only thing the "conservative" Republican party wishes to take away from Americans is the right to "abortion on demand." If only that were the case. This Bush White House has fostered a culture of fear and restricted more individual rights than any administration in the last half century. It has sold us on things like the Patriot Act, the restriction of Habeus Corpus, and torture of political prisoners in the names of "freedom" and "liberty." It has grown the size of our (supposedly limited) federal government to record proportions, advocating spending north of \$3 trillion in 2009, all while cutting the tax burden for the top 5 percent of earning Americans and saddling future generations with the bill. We were misled through (intentionally?) false intelligence into believing that Iraq was in possession of WMD's and an immediate threat to our national security. Meanwhile, Al Qaeda continues to build support in places like Pakistan and Saudi Arabia with little to no diplomatic action on the part of our government.

All in all, over the last eight years our federal government has ignored domestic issues, fiscal responsibility, our dependence on fossil fuels and our global reputation in order to play Cowboy in the Wild, Wild Middle East. It is this foreign policy, not some fundamental hatred of "freedom," that has stirred up such a strong distaste for America around the world and especially in the Middle East.

So in conclusion, Mr. Yatarola, I would ask that you take a step back and look at the bigger picture. Yes, there are ignorant people on the left, just as there are ignorant people on the right, and the "Bush is Hitler" pundits are, admittedly, more than slightly off the mark. You are correct in stating that conservatism is the political opposite of totalitarianism, but please, take a moment to look at the record of this president and the current size of the federal government, before you completely dismiss claims of Bush totalitarianism.

Tim Flannery
 senior
 off campus
 Feb. 12

I'm no fascist

Regarding Mr. Yatarola's article, ("Are you a fascist?," Feb. 8): I find myself personally quite offended by some of the generalizations offered in his extreme argument that the modern left is a borderline fascist movement. In particular, his assertion that "abortion on demand is what's most important to most of the far left" is, to me, pigeonholing and generalizing to the extreme.

I am not writing with a fistful of my own mud to sling back at Mr. Yatarola. Instead, I offer an alternate view of the left. In my view, American liberals, spearheaded by the Democratic Party, hold first and foremost the ideal of tolerance and respect. We believe that all individuals are important and that the differences between us are critical to the preservation of our great society. I share Mr. Yatarola's annoyance with the constant invocation of Nazism and fascism — but I find it equally ridiculous from every quarter. To be honest, what frustrates me even more is the constant reference to abortion in every political stance and debate.

Can't we move beyond these generalizations? Let's respect the life of all people by not putting them into little boxes and misconstruing their priorities. I'm sorry Mr. Yatarola's observations have led him to this extreme conclusion, but the reality is much more reasonable. And to answer the question, no, I'm not a fascist. I'm a liberal.

Greg Engle
 senior
 Stanford Hall
 Feb. 12

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SCENE STAFF REVEALS ROMANTIC COMEDIES THEY HATE

"You've Got Mail" (1998)

The idea for this movie is brilliant. Let's have the audience watch Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks send e-mails to one another for two hours.

I feel sorry for the people who actually said, "Hey, let's go pay good money to watch two people send e-mails." If you really want to watch somebody send e-mails for two hours, go sit outside a cyber-café and watch some college nerd jam the world's inboxes with spam; it might be less brain-numbing. Fortunately, I rented this romantic abomination and watched it at home, keeping my proximity to the bathroom close for when I inevitably got the urge to throw up.

I'm not sure which was worse, the accentuation of Tom Hanks' receding hairline, or that anyone could believe that an Internet dating scenario could end up with any result other than some creepy 40-year-old getting arrested for posing as a younger man to seduce a high school girl. What ever happened to handwritten letters?

-Mark Witte

"Failure to Launch" (2006)

Matthew McConaughey is poison to romantic comedies and his 2006 vehicle with Sarah Jessica Parker is no exception. There is little to love and little to laugh at in this miserable movie. Surprisingly, McConaughey has the more sympathetic character this time since Parker's character essentially tries to justify prostitution. This romantic comedy contains one big mystery that is never fully explained: Why hasn't McConaughey's Tripp moved out of his parents' house yet? That's a pretty big hurdle to overcome considering it's the whole premise of the movie. But the most repulsive part is when the romantic leads reference "A Philadelphia Story." Tripp and Paula shouldn't even be allowed to utter that movie's name.

-Cassie Belek

"She's All That" (1999)

It's a favorite among our generation, but when you watch "She's All That"

Scene Staff

Scene & Heard

when you're not 12 years old, you get a whole new impression of the romantic comedy. Let's just say that it doesn't exactly hold up almost 10 years later like "10 Things I Hate About You" does. The acting is painful, the performance art is scary and Sixpence None the Richer has lost its charm. The choreographed group dance at the prom is pretty spectacular, but why is Anna Paquin in this movie again? The girl won an Academy Award at age 11. And how about this line for the romantic climax: "I feel just like Julia Roberts in 'Pretty Woman.' You know, except for the whole hooker thing." Oh Laney Boggs, you sure know how to woo your man.

-Cassie Belek

"Over Her Dead Body" (2008)

If the ghost of your boyfriend's dead fiancé hovers over you when you're about to get it on, does that somehow become creepily reminiscent of necrophilia? Though I can't quite put my finger on it, something about the new Eva Langoria Parker flick is just not right. Perhaps it's the bad acting. Maybe it's the unoriginal plot line. Or, most likely, the basic premise of a love triangle, in which one or more members is deceased, is just plain wrong. However you look at it, this film is destined to be on our list. Might as well get it over with.

-Jess Shaffer

"Must Love Dogs" (2005)

In an attempt to combine the celebrity force of '80s teen stars, "Must Love Dogs" unites John Cusack and Diane Lane on screen. But this middle-aged loving was far from being interesting, engaging, or even remotely funny. Basically on a scale from being compared to greats like "Something's Gotta Give" and horrors like "Gigli," "Must Love Dogs" falls much closer to J. Lo quality. Overall, it's mediocre and unmemorable. That's disappointing, considering the fame of "Say Anything" and "The Outsiders" — both pinnacle works of the '80s. It just goes to show that as with dirty laundry, some things do not get better with time.

-Jess Shaffer

"Fever Pitch" (2005)

"Fever Pitch" is directed by the Farrelly Brothers and it stars Jimmy Fallon and Drew Barrymore. That should be all the reason you need to avoid it like the plague. The directors haven't helmed a remotely decent movie since the late '90s and nothing truly good since "Dumb and Dumber." Jimmy Fallon is a blight on everything he touches. Drew Barrymore is more boring than an "American Dad" marathon. Not a good combination, so the results were not unexpected.

A date movie about an obsessed Red Sox fan is not appealing to anyone outside Boston, and probably not even there. If you have seen this movie, you are either extremely brave or unforgivably stupid. Either way, it's a 100-minute exercise in suppressing your gag reflex. "Fever Pitch" will make you want to swear off cinema forever, move to Cheyenne, Wyo. and begin plotting the downfall of everyone involved in making this travesty of a movie.

-Ryan Raffin

"50 First Dates" (2004)

"50 First Dates" is Adam Sandler at his worst. With the success of "The Wedding Singer" to back them up, he and Drew Barrymore teamed up for an absolutely horrible film. Sandler plays a Hawaiian bum who spends his time showing vacationing women a good time. Barrymore is a sweet but unfortunate victim of constant amnesia. Every day she wakes up and thinks it is the same day, the day she got in a car accident and dented her brain. Sandler falls hopelessly in love with her, and this gimmick of a plot leaves Sandler finding new ways of convincing her to go out with him that night. Nothing new, nothing special and lots of bad sexual innuendo. The only upside is watching Sean Astin, the star of "Rudy," as Barrymore's body-building, protective brother.

-Stephanie DePrez

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Film, television writers back to work after 100 days on strike

TV series prepare to resume production, but movie studios practice caution awaiting Screen Actors Guild negotiations

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Writers have a reputation as master procrastinators, yet they eagerly faced the blank page Wednesday as Hollywood sputtered back to life after a punishing 100-day strike.

One day after the Writers Guild of America voted to end the walkout, writers on idled TV shows were back at the studios, reviewing projects with executives or pestering their agents to set up meetings. Agents were pitching, producers were assessing how to resume interrupted projects, and the little guys who keep the dream-factory engines running were just glad to be back at work.

"It's back to school with all the trepidation of, 'Do you remember how to do your job? And did you forget the characters' name?'" said Eddie Gorodetski, a writer for "Two and a Half Men." "I want to forget all the strike stuff and just make people laugh."

"We, like every other writer in town, have a million calls in to our agents and managers to see what's next," said Brian Sawyer, who with partner Gregg Brossan had sold a sitcom pilot to Fox before the strike began Nov. 5.

Amid the relief, however, was caution: The Screen Actors Guild could go on strike after its contract expires June 30.

"Heralding that the strike is over is a half-truth because we have the Screen Actors Guild," said producer Peter Guber, former head of Columbia Pictures, current chairman of the Mandalay Entertainment Group and co-host of AMC's "Shootout." "The studios, unless they're going to start production in the next 10 days so they can finish it before June, aren't going to start the pictures."

The strike reduced prime-time TV to reruns and reality shows and forced the

late-night comics to write their own material. For shows that went into reruns, producers and writers began meeting to figure out how much of the season they could salvage and how they would meet tight deadlines to write and shoot new episodes.

Dates were announced Wednesday for some series to return to the air. Among them were "How I Met Your Mother," "Two and a Half Men" and "The Big Bang Theory" on March 17; and "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" on April 3.

Rainn Wilson, a Writers Guild member and co-star of "The Office," said he was hearing that everyone on the show will report back on March 10 to shoot six more episodes.

Early on, the strike was a hiatus from the daily grind for some. By Tuesday night's overwhelming vote to end the walkout, it was clear they were eager to get back to work.

"The break has been long enough," Wilson said. "Everyone slyly around December was like, 'Actually, this is kind of cool.' Then it was January, February, you know, so we're ready to get back."

Writers for "CSI: NY" were back in their CBS conference room in Studio City, tossing around ideas for two episodes they need to write from scratch in the next two weeks, about half the time they normally would need.

"There's a fire, and it's clearly arson," said executive producer Pam Veasey, outlining a story premise.

Under such a tight deadline, the writing crew had little time to readjust to work after so much time off.

"It was like we were all sent to a really weird summer camp for three months, but now we're able to come home," said "CSI: NY" writer Samantha Humphrey. Added colleague Peter Lenkov: "We want to deliver



"Saturday Night Live" head writers past and present Tina Fey, left, and Seth Meyers, picket in New York City. Fey was an important presence during the strike.

something good to thank the audience for sticking with us."

Writers returned after guild leaders and producers came to terms on a key sticking point — compensation for shows and movies distributed over the Internet. Guild members are expected to ratify the contract in voting over the next 10 days.

Along with the 10,500 writers who walked out, the strike immobilized thousands of technicians, makeup people and other production workers. The Los Angeles Economic Development Corp. estimates the strike cost the local economy \$3.2 billion in lost wages and revenue.

"Hollywood labor problems can cripple this town. Everything depends on making films here," said Charles Griffin, an NBC sound technician out of work since December.

With a much longer lead time, big-screen movie production generally carried on as usual during the walkout. Knowing writers were likely to strike, studio executives stockpiled scripts they felt were polished enough to put before the cameras without screenwriters there to make on-the-spot touchups.

That could raise some quality issues down the road for films hitting theaters this fall and into 2009 — or it might result in some improvisational gems from actors ad-libbing when a scene was not working. Unable to do rewrites themselves or even coach actors on dialogue changes, directors had to adhere to scripts or let performers wing it.

Mousa Kraish, who has written four screenplays and directed two independent films but is not a guild member, worked as an actor on Adam Sandler's upcoming comedy "You Don't Mess With the Zohan" and said the production stuck to the screenplay word for word.

"It was difficult," he said. "We couldn't even improv."

A few high-profile movies such as Ron Howard and Tom Hanks' "Angels & Demons," a follow-up to "The Da Vinci Code," were put on hold during the strike to await script revisions. That work now can resume, and development executives can move ahead with writers on scripts new and old.

"There will be a flurry of activity. Whether it results in a flurry of deals is something else," said Larry Turman, a former producer whose credits include "The Graduate" and "American History X" and who now heads the Peter Stark Producing Program at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

"Agents, writers and studios are chomping at the bit. It's no different than if you fast all day today, the next morning you'll be hungry. Everybody's hungry, but it doesn't mean everyone's going to get fed."

Agent Toochis Morin, a partner in the Brant Rose Agency, said studios will have huge backlogs of "spec scripts" — finished screenplays writers shop around on the open market — to choose from.

"In a way, it really benefits the studios. They'll be able to sit back and have the pick of what they want," Morin said.

How long it takes before it's business as usual in Hollywood is anyone's guess. But screenwriter John Ridley, whose credits include "Undercover Brother," expects one constant to quickly resurface: That talent writers have for putting off work.

"Writers, and I include myself, are the whiniest bunch of people on the planet," Ridley said. "I'm sure the first day back, somebody's already saying, 'Where's lunch? Did anybody order lunch?' And the producers are saying, 'Oh, they're whining about lunch again. We're back. It's really over.'"



A writer's sign addresses the issue of new media. An important issue during the strike was fair compensation for content developed for new media.

'The Pillowman' serves dark humor on Valentine's weekend

By MARK WITTE
Assistant Scene Editor

"The Pillowman," presented by St. Edward's Hall Players, opens tonight at Washington Hall and will run through Saturday. The play, written by Martin McDonagh, focuses on Katurian, a writer living in a totalitarian state who is being interrogated by police over his gruesome short stories. The following is a Feb. 12 interview with "Pillowman" star Stephen Iwanski, a junior.

You play the role of Katurian, the protagonist of "The Pillowman." What can you tell me about his character?

He's kind of a very simple, very mundane person on the outside. He works at a slaughterhouse in some unnamed totalitarian dictatorship, but what he really loves to do, what he's been doing since he was a kid, is writing these stories. It all started when his parents cultivated this environment for him of writing stories and being creative and so he's written about 400 of these stories, only one of [which] has ever been published. And they're not great literary masterworks at all, they're kind of like gruesome Grimm Fairy

Tales, even more gruesome than the regular ones. What is great about them though is that you can see his environment in them and they all involve the art of storytelling to some extent. They're all self-consciously stories about stories ... But the real other facet to him comes out in his relationship to his sister, who is mentally retarded ... he tells her all these stories and she's his only audience.

I've heard rumors that this is one of Martin McDonagh's darkest works to date, and even considered by some to be the darkest black comedy ever written. What should an audience member expect from the show?

One of the reviews I saw on television of the play, when it originally came out, said ["The Pillowman"] would make other black comedies pale grey in comparison. The great thing about the play is that there are literally moments where from one phrase of a sentence to the next you can actually be laughing hysterically and just throwing up in your mouth a little bit. That's the kind of reaction I hope we can get out of it. You're laughing, but you're kind of guilty for laughing about it. What I would say to anyone coming to the show is don't be afraid to laugh, because it is supposed to be very funny.

What have you enjoyed most about working with the St. Ed's Players?

The cast that we have is really quite an all-star cast. It's a lot of people who I've worked with before and people I know from other shows and I respect them a lot from what they've done and I've seen their work in other things and it really is a great assembly of people. [It's a] very small cast, total cast and crew is about 10 people, that is all the people who work on it. I really like working with them, but no slight to them, but I think the real pleasure has been in the actual text of the play itself. I have been in three Shakespeare plays and there are parts of this that are better written than Shakespeare could have even written it.

If you had to sum up the experience of "The Pillow Man" in one sentence, how would you describe it?

It's been the best nightmare I have ever had. The play is scheduled to open on Valentine's Day? Is there any special or ironic reason for that choice?

I think we derive quite a bit of irony from that [opening on Valentine's Day] because it's not really a date play and its not a very romantic play either, but I think if you come to see it you will notice some costume decisions that may or may not be coincidental with Valentine's Day.

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NBA

Iguodala leads 76ers to fifth straight win

Toronto trumps New Jersey for second time this season; Ginobili scores 46 points as San Antonio defeats Cleveland

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The All-Star break is coming at the worst possible time for the Philadelphia 76ers. They would much rather keep playing.

Andre Iguodala had 29 points, eight rebounds and eight assists as the 76ers won their fifth straight and completed a perfect homestand before the All-Star break with a 102-88 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday night.

"It's unfortunate that the All-Star break is coming now," Sixers coach Maurice Cheeks said. "But it is here and we have to think about where we are and where we're trying to get to."

Samuel Dalembert added 16 points and 12 rebounds and Andre Miller had 14 points and 11 assists for the Sixers, who improved to 23-30. Philadelphia has also defeated Washington, Miami, the Los Angeles Clippers and Dallas on its home court since Feb. 5.

The 76ers are in a three-way tie for seventh place in the Eastern Conference with New

Jersey and Atlanta.

"It puts us in position to compete for a spot," Iguodala said of the playoffs. "We need to get better and understand that we need to get better as a group."

Hakim Warrick and Rudy Gay scored 23 points each for the Grizzlies (14-38), who dropped their ninth straight road game. Memphis, in last place in the Southwest Division, fell to 4-20 on the road this season. Kyle Lowry contributed 15 points and Mike Miller had 13.

"We're going through some tough times right now," Memphis coach Marc Iavaroni said.

The Sixers scored the first 11 points of the third quarter — five by Iguodala — for a commanding 66-45 advantage. Philadelphia went on to hit seven straight field goals en route to a 78-60 lead.

Memphis eventually won an 11-2 run, including eight points by Warrick, and got within 92-86 on a thunderous dunk by Warrick with 4:08 remaining. But Philadelphia responded with back-to-back baskets by Miller and Iguodala for a 96-86

advantage with 2:45 left.

"Since we traded Pau (Gasol), it's a matter of everyone stepping up," Warrick said. "It isn't just one player who's going to fill his shoes. We all have to step up together and be determined. We can't afford any lapses."

Raptors 109, Nets 91

Still reeling from news that Jason Kidd was likely to be traded soon, the rest of the New Jersey Nets didn't put up much of a fight against the Toronto Raptors.

Chris Bosh had 27 points, Jose Calderon had 22 points and 12 assists and the Raptors beat the Nets in the final game for both teams before the All-Star break.

Toronto built a 13-point lead in the first quarter and had the game all but won by halftime, when they led 61-42.

"You would think that we were already on vacation in the first half," New Jersey's Vince Carter said.

Earlier in the day, the Nets seemed on the verge of a blockbuster trade that would send Kidd to Dallas, and the All-Star point guard was not around for this game.

But the trade hit a snag when Dallas' Devean George blocked it by not wanting to give up his "early Bird rights," a provision earned by being in his second year and on his second contract with the Mavericks.

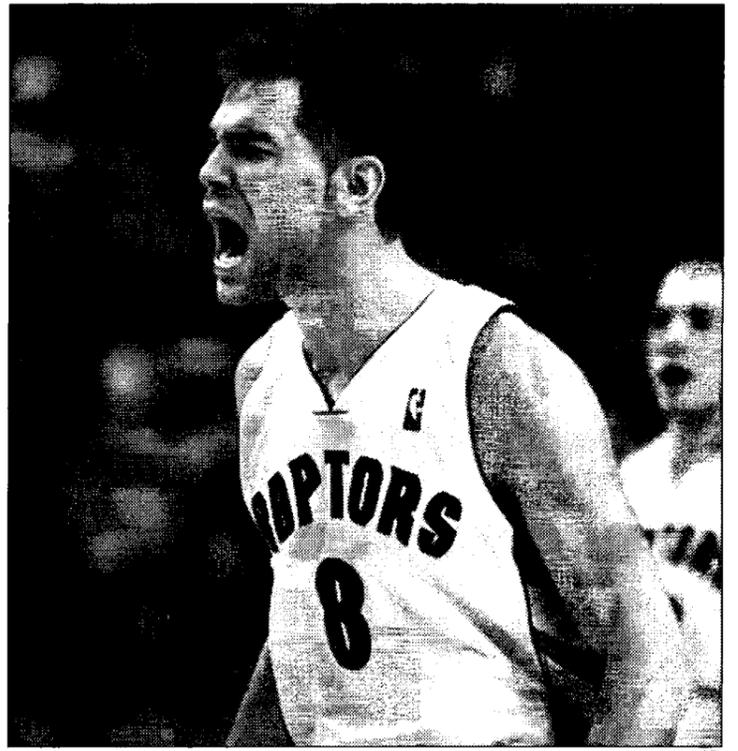
"Right now it is what it is," Carter said. "I'm not a GM. I can't do anything about it or I'd have tried to block it already."

Life without Kidd did not look pretty for the Nets, who never led and trailed by as many as 30.

"It's been a very emotional day," Nets coach Lawrence Frank said. "It was hard. I wish we had competed a lot harder but you've got to give Toronto credit. It's been a crazy day."

It's the second time this season the Raptors have won big against the Nets, the team that eliminated them in the first round of last season's playoffs. Toronto posted a 106-69 win at New Jersey on Nov. 2, its largest margin of victory this season.

With Kidd, Malik Allen and



Raptors guard Jose Calderon reacts to his team's 109-91 win over New Jersey Wednesday night.

Antoine Wright all inactive and center Jamaal Magloire at home in New Jersey, the Nets had just nine players available.

Spurs 112, Cavaliers 105

Manu Ginobili is planning a trip to Las Vegas during this weekend's NBA All-Star break. Alert the roulette wheels, blackjack tables and pit bosses.

Watch out. This guy's on a serious roll.

Ginobili made a career-high eight 3-pointers and scored a season-high 46 points as the San Antonio Spurs, back on the floor where they won the NBA title last season, beat the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night.

Knocking down shots from every corner of the floor, Ginobili made 4-of-4 3-pointers and scored 18 points in the fourth quarter to rally the Spurs, who began the final period down by four.

"I'm just happy he's on my team," Tim Duncan said. "He's unbelievable when he gets rolling like that. The funny part is, I've seen him do it before."

Following Ginobili's hot hand, the Spurs went 7-of-8 on 3s and

shot a blistering 78 percent (14-of-18) in the final 12 minutes. Even when San Antonio missed, which wasn't too often, the Spurs out-hustled the Cavaliers to loose balls.

Duncan added 23 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs, who completed their annual rodeo road trip at 6-3.

LeBron James scored 39 points — 18 in the fourth — but Cleveland's superstar again came up a little short against the Spurs, who swept the Cavaliers in last June's finals. James added nine assists and six rebounds in 43 minutes, but walked off the floor shaking his head at Ginobili's marksmanship.

"It was unbelievable," James said. "There's nothing you can do when a guy get hot like that. He shot step-back 3s. He shot pull-up 3s. It was a great performance by Manu."

Larry Hughes added 26 points for the Cavs, who went ahead 91-89 on James' 3-pointer with 5:57 remaining.

That's when Ginobili, who also had eight assists and five rebounds, began taking target practice.



Grizzlies forward Rudy Gay posts up against 76ers forward Andre Iguodala during Philadelphia's 102-88 win Wednesday.

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NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	32-19-5	69	167	152
New Jersey	31-21-4	66	147	134
Philadelphia	30-21-5	65	178	160
NY Rangers	28-24-7	63	144	147
NY Islanders	25-25-7	57	138	167

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Ottawa	34-19-4	72	197	169
Montreal	29-19-9	67	178	163
Buffalo	27-21-8	62	170	157
Boston	28-23-5	61	147	153
Toronto	23-25-9	55	157	184

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Carolina	28-27-4	60	171	130
Washington	27-25-5	59	164	156
Atlanta	27-27-5	58	157	148
Florida	26-27-5	57	158	159
Tampa Bay	24-27-6	54	164	160

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Detroit	41-13-5	87	194	130
Nashville	30-22-6	66	169	156
Columbus	26-23-9	61	141	148
St. Louis	25-22-8	58	142	159
Chicago	24-25-6	54	150	160

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Minnesota	32-21-4	68	157	152
Calgary	29-20-8	66	165	164
Colorado	30-22-5	65	163	156
Vancouver	28-22-7	63	149	145
Edmonton	26-27-5	57	155	172

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Dallas	35-20-5	75	176	148
Anaheim	32-22-7	71	150	151
San Jose	31-17-8	70	149	137
Phoenix	28-25-4	60	155	159
Los Angeles	24-32-3	51	167	194

NCAA Men's Hockey USCHO Poll

rank	team	record	previous
1	Michigan	23-3-4	2
2	Miami	25-4-1	1
3	North Dakota	17-8-2	3
4	New Hampshire	18-7-1	5
5	Colorado College	21-8-1	4
6	Denver	19-8-1	7
7	Boston College	14-6-7	9
8	Michigan State	18-8-5	6
9	NOTRE DAME	20-10-2	8
10	Wisconsin	13-11-6	11

MLB



Former Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens testifies before a House committee Wednesday as part of an investigation into steroid use in Major League Baseball. Clemens spent four hours answering questions from committee members.

Clemens, McNamee testify to Congress

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Separated by only a few feet, Roger Clemens and his accuser were never further apart.

There they sat, the star pitcher and his former personal trainer, Brian McNamee, sharing a wooden witness table Wednesday while speaking to Congress under oath and facing blistering questions. For 4 hours, both men stuck to their versions of the he-said, he-said disagreement over whether McNamee injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone.

Clemens insisted it never

happened. McNamee insisted it did.

His reputation and Hall of Fame candidacy potentially at stake — not to mention the possibility of criminal charges, should he lie — Clemens said: "I have never taken steroids or HGH. No matter what we discuss here today, I am never going to have my name restored."

For some members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Clemens' denials rang hollow, particularly in light of a new account of his discussion of HGH use, revealed by his friend and former teammate Andy Pettitte in a sworn affidavit.

"It's hard to believe you, sir," Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., told Clemens. "I hate to say that. You're one of my heroes. But it's hard to believe."

Clemens and McNamee by all accounts once good friends, rarely looked at one another. Seated between them was a third witness, Charles Scheeler, a lawyer who helped compile the report on drug use in baseball headed by former Senate majority leader George Mitchell.

Occasionally, Clemens stuck out his famous right arm — the one that earned 354 major league wins, seven Cy Young Awards

and \$160 million — to jab a finger in McNamee's direction. Even when the pitcher gestured, though, he stared straight ahead. Just like the Rocket's mound glare.

"I have strong disagreements with what this man says about me," Clemens intoned.

Just like their stories, Clemens' Texas drawl was in strong contrast to the clipped cadences of McNamee, a former New York police officer.

"I told the investigators I injected three people — two of whom I know confirmed my account," McNamee said. "The third is sitting at this table."

IN BRIEF

Kidd-Mavericks deal nearing completion

DALLAS — Jason Kidd appears headed back to where his career began, rejoining the Dallas Mavericks in the latest Western Conference megatrade.

Kidd is the centerpiece of a proposed deal between the Mavericks and New Jersey. Various media reports say Dallas will send emerging point guard Devin Harris, veteran Jerry Stackhouse and reserves DeSagana Diop, Devean George and Maurice Ager to the Nets, with forward Malik Allen going from New Jersey to the Mavericks.

The details still were being worked out, but Nets coach Lawrence Frank already was talking about life without his All-Star point guard.

"I love him. He's a very special person, but it's time for both him and the organization to part ways," Frank said before the Nets' game in Toronto.

Quinn denies alleged New Year's Day altercation

CLEVELAND — Cleveland Browns quarterback Brady Quinn denied that he was involved in an altercation on New Year's Day in which a man claimed on an emergency phone call that Quinn made a slur at him.

On a 911 call early Jan. 1, Seth Harris told Columbus police that Quinn was with a group at La Fogata Grill and that they were insulting gays outside the restaurant.

"There's a group of football players, Brady Quinn from the Browns ... and he's trying to cause a fight," Harris told the operator. "His friends are yelling at all of the gay people that are around here."

Harris said he had a verbal exchange with Quinn.

In a statement released Wednesday through the Browns, Quinn said he had dinner on New Year's Eve with his girlfriend and other couples but that nothing else happened.

Goodell stands behind decision to destroy tapes

WASHINGTON — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell told Sen. Arlen Specter face-to-face that he doesn't regret destroying the Spygate tapes.

"I think it was the right thing to do," Goodell said Wednesday after meeting for more than an hour with Specter, the ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary committee. Goodell noted that "we were the ones that disclosed" the New England Patriots' illegal taping of the New York Jets' defensive signals.

"I have nothing to hide," Goodell said.

Specter, R-Pa., requested the meeting so Goodell could explain his decision to destroy the tapes and notes from the case, which go back to 2002. Patriots coach Bill Belichick was fined \$500,000 and the team was fined \$250,000. The Patriots also forfeited a first-round draft pick.

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NASCAR

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Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — Tucked away in the back corner of the garage, far from the overwhelming attention surrounding NASCAR's biggest stars, a world-class group of drivers went overlooked in their quest to make the Daytona 500.

It was a surreal scene: A former NASCAR champion, a two-time Daytona 500 winner and a Formula One star.

Dale Jarrett, Sterling Marlin and Jacques Villeneuve were fighting to make the 500 field. None were guaranteed a spot in the season-opening race, and all must race their way into the 500 field in one of Thursday's two qualifying races.

Only four spots are available. And for all of them, it could be their last chance for the Daytona

500. Jarrett will retire next month, Marlin is running a partial schedule and Villeneuve needs sponsorship to run a full season.

"I haven't really allowed myself to think in the direction," Jarrett, a three-time Daytona 500 winner and former series champion, said Wednesday.

"We need to stay in a positive frame of mind in that we are going to be able to race our way in. It would be disappointing to say the very least, because this is going to be my last opportunity at Daytona. So I want to be involved in it."

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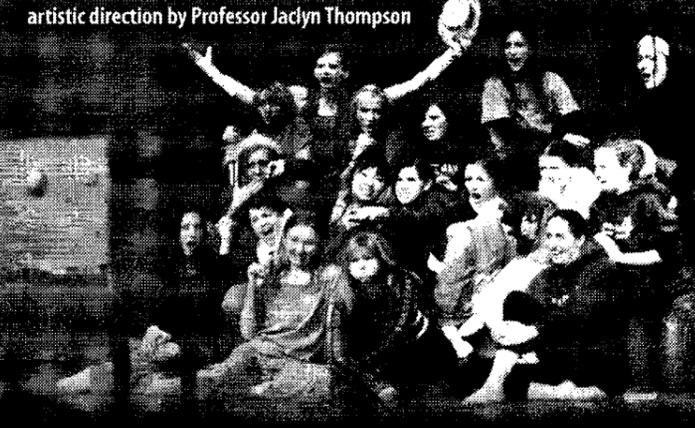
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PGA GOLF

Young golfers have tough benchmark

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With two years left in his 20s, Sergio Garcia already has won 16 times around the world and seriously contended in the majors, including runner-up finishes to Tiger Woods and Pádraig Harrington.

"Sergio Garcia, he's a failure. Really," Charles Howell III said in a voice hoarse from a commercial shoot and dripping with sarcasm. "The guy has had a hell of a career, but in a lot of people's eyes, he hasn't won a major, so he needs to hang it up and quit."

Majors aren't the only problem, and maybe not even the biggest.

It's Tiger Woods.

Howell knows from experience, part of a growing list of young players who arrive on the PGA Tour with high expectations and get buried under an avalanche of comparisons with Woods.

Howell, 28, won at Riviera last year by closing with a 65, getting into a playoff thanks to a late mistake by Phil Mickelson, and making three clutch pars to outlast Lefty on the third extra hole.

It was only the second victory of Howell's career, feeding the perception that he's an underachiever. Take Woods out of the picture, and Howell's career might not look that bad. He earned his card without going to Q-school, was voted rookie of the year, has made the Presidents Cup team twice and is a regular at the Tour Championship.

Howell is the defending champion at a tournament now called the Northern Trust Open, a strong field that includes eight of the top 10 players in the world, minus only Woods and Ernie Els.

Riviera is loaded with talented young players, all of them held to a higher standard because of Woods.

"Tiger has skewed the bar to an extent where a lot of times, the young players are judged on a little different scale, as opposed to being patient, knowing that in the peak of many careers, guys are in their mid to late 30s," Howell said.

When he turned 30, Woods already had won 54 times worldwide and 10 majors, including the career Grand Slam twice over. No one before or after Woods came along has won so much so soon.

"At some point in time, it's going to be unfair to compare Jack Nicklaus to Tiger Woods," Paul Goydos said earlier this year. "What he's accomplished is nuts. It's nuts. To even mention Tiger in the same conversation with young players and what they're going to accomplish

is blatantly unfair."

Adam Scott took the trophy home from Riviera in 2005, although it wasn't an unofficial victory because rain allowed for only 36 holes, and Scott beat Chad Campbell in a one-hole playoff Monday. Scott, 27, has five other PGA Tour victories in reputable places, such as The Players Championship, Tour Championship and the Deutsche Bank Championship.

He has climbed as high as No. 3 in the world, yet getting to No. 1 can look next to impossible at times.

"For me, all my life as a kid dreamt of being No. 1 in the world," Scott once said. "How am I going to live up to that dream? I've got to somehow figure a way to play better than this guy over a pretty long period of time."

Garcia is making his PGA Tour debut this year at Riviera, trying to put behind him a season in which he was on the cusp of his first major until a bogey on the 72nd hole at Carnoustie, then losing the British Open in a playoff.

Also at Riviera is Justin Rose, 27, who captured the Order of Merit on the European tour last year. Luke Donald is now 30, and while he has played on the last two Ryder Cup teams for Europe, he only has two victories on the PGA Tour.

Donald joked Tuesday that his U.S. schedule has him playing many of the same tournaments Woods enters.

"Whether that's why I've only won two tournaments on the PGA Tour, I'm not sure," he said.

The spotlight seems to shine on one newcomer every year, from Garcia to Howell, from Scott to Geoff Ogilvy, and others such as J.B. Holmes, Anthony Kim and now Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland and Jason Day of Australia.

Scott said this would be an important year for the 20-year-old Day, a rookie on the PGA Tour, as long as the bar was set moderately.

"Just to get himself steady out here," Scott said. "Not saying that he can't come out and win tournaments, because he certainly has the ability, but a good, solid year out here would be great for Jason."

Even now, that's what Howell is trying to achieve.

Scott made great strides in 2006 when he was consistently in contention, and that's where Howell was headed last year. He finished one shot behind Goydos at the Sony Open, and was playing well enough to win at Torrey Pines except that he was going up against Woods, who played a little better and won by two.

"At some point in time, it's going to be unfair to compare Jack Nicklaus to Tiger Woods."

Paul Goydos
PGA golfer

NHL

Zednik injury nearly fatal

Panther players still refuse to wear neck guards despite wingman's accident

Associated Press

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. — Even a neck guard may not have prevented Richard Zednik's near-fatal injury on Sunday.

Just ask Jassen Cullimore, whose jersey was splattered with blood as he helped his Florida Panthers teammate off the stained ice.

Cullimore has come close to having his neck cut open — and the veteran defenseman has the scars to prove it. But don't expect him, his teammates or other NHL players to start wearing neck guards because of Zednik's accident. Like helmet cages, neck guards are something worn by junior and amateur players, not pros.

"I've gotten skates up there," Cullimore said. "It's just something that happens. You could wear a whole armor suit out there but you're still going to have broken bones and stuff like that."

Zednik was cut during the third period Sunday in Buffalo when Panther captain Olli Jokinen was upended and his skate swung up, hitting Zednik in the right side of the neck, nearly severing his carotid artery. He underwent emergency surgery and required five units of blood, and is recovering in a hospital. The accident happened almost 20 years after Sabres goaltender Clint Malarchuk severed his jugular vein when an opposing player's skate clipped him. He also recovered.

"Right after (Zednik's accident) happened, somebody on

our team said maybe we should wear neck guards," Los Angeles Kings forward Michael Cammalleri said. "I don't know if it would fly, to be honest with you, but there's been a couple of scary incidents and you never want to see that."

The NHL always has had a macho culture. Goalies didn't regularly wear facemasks until the 1960s and helmets weren't until 11 years after Minnesota North Star Bill Masterton died from striking his head on the ice in 1968. Only a fraction of the players today wear helmet visors, even though their eyes are constantly threatened with sticks and pucks.

So it's not surprising that NHL players don't wear neck guards, which are made of reinforced material like Kevlar or nylon, foam and Velcro. There are also hockey undershirts that include a neck guard — they look like a turtleneck. Some players, like Panthers forward David Booth, say wearing a guard is uncomfortable and "chokes you." Others say they just give a false sense of security.

"What happened a couple days ago, a neck guard wouldn't make any difference. The neck guard just comes this high, you know?" Jokinen said, gesturing about halfway up his neck. "If you watch what happened to Richard, the cut was a lot higher. It's one of those things."

Dave Fischer, a spokesman for USA Hockey, which governs amateur play in this country, said that's one reason the guards aren't even mandated at

junior levels, although many players wear them. There is a concern, he said, that the guard can deflect the skate higher into the neck. A study on neck guards commissioned before Zednik's injury is expected to be finished this summer.

"There's no foolproof way to protect any part of the body from injury," Fischer said.

The NHL said there has not been any discussion of mandating neck guards.

"Players are free to use them if they so choose," spokesman Gary Meager said in an e-mail.

Paul Kelly, executive director of the NHL Player's Association, said it will take a closer look at neck guards.

"The NHLPA will review this matter in detail and will continue to ensure that our members are fully educated about all aspects of on-ice safety," he said.

But there are a few players who say the league should do with neck guards what it did with helmets — require them for new players while letting current players choose.

"If you start right now, the rule for newcomers, rookies, coming into the league, they have to wear it, it's mandatory, no one's ever going to complain," said Anaheim Ducks forward Teemu Selanne, who has ordered neck guards for his three children. "That's what Europe has done with their program. Nobody complains. You start wearing them in juniors, in mites. I tell you, it's going to save a lot of lives. Even if it saves one it's worth it."

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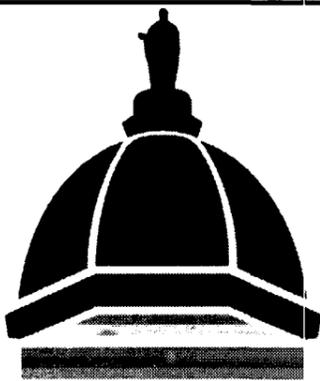
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MLB

**Pitcher describes
secret steroid use**

Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado Rockies reliever Matt Herges says he's actually glad he was implicated in the Mitchell Report on drugs in baseball because it led him to do some soul-searching and clear his conscience over his "dirty little secret."

"I didn't used to be this way, but I'm at the point where I know what I did was wrong 100 percent, no excuses, not justification, no rationalization. I screwed up and I crossed the line," the 37-year-old pitcher told The Associated Press in an interview from his home in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Wednesday.

"I feel like I've been shown mercy in all of this," Herges said. "If I'm not standing there naked in front of the world with my big secret, I'd still be holding onto it, hiding it. It would still be eating at me. It's not fun by any stretch holding onto something like that, so secretive, so dirty. I'm grateful it's out there. I'm freed a little bit, a lot actually."

Rockies first base coach Glenallen Hill, who was also implicated in the Mitchell Report, and Herges broke their silence on the matter Wednesday by issuing written apologies for using performance-enhancing drugs. They said they would work to make sure impressionable youngsters don't make the same mistakes.

They issued their statements on the same day Roger Clemens and his former personal trainer, Brian McNamee, testified before Congress about drug use in baseball.

"It was on in the back-ground while I was working out," Herges said. "It's not a place I wanted to be, let's put it that way."

Although Herges declined Mitchell's invitation to respond to allegations he used HGH, Hill, who played for seven teams over his 13-year career that ended in 2001, was required to meet with Mitchell because he's a club employee.

After his name surfaced in the investigation as having purchased performance enhancers in 2000 or '01 while with the Anaheim Angels, Hill told Mitchell he did indeed buy anabolic steroids but insisted he didn't use them.

On Wednesday, he said he did use them.

"My brief use of performance enhancing substances embarrassed me, both personally and professionally, and it was something that I did not want to discuss with anyone," Hill said. "After much thought and reflection, I felt that I owed it

to God, my family and the Rockies' organization to be completely forthcoming and truthful. I would like to extend my deepest apologies to the Rockies organization, to my family and friends, and to baseball fans across the country."

Herges resurrected his career in Colorado last year, going 5-1 with a 2.96 ERA in 35 relief appearances to help the Rockies win their first NL pennant. He was rewarded with a one-year, \$2.5 million contract two weeks before the Mitchell Report was released in December.

That report culminated a 20-month investigation by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, hired by commissioner Bud Selig to examine the game's Steroids Era.

In the report, former Mets clubhouse attendant Kirk Radomski said Herges bought human growth hormone on two or three occasions in 2004-05, when Herges was with the Giants and Diamondbacks.

"I just tried to get to the bottom of why I did it. Deep down, in my core, I'm not as good as I'd like to be. I'm flawed big-time," Herges said. "And I think the incredible amount of insecurity I have contributed to me basically not selling my soul but crossing that line."

Herges said there was no connection between his apology and Clemens' testimony on Capitol Hill.

"It was just the right time," he said. "I've done my soul-searching and I've realized why I did it. And I didn't want it to be a circus when I got down there to spring training, either."

The Rockies' pitchers and catchers report to spring training in Tucson on Friday.

Herges said he knows he's going to pay the price in the public's eye but has been surprised by the forgiveness shown him by those close to him.

"You talk about leading a double life. My wife, Jane, didn't know, my family didn't know, my mom and dad, who are so proud of me and what I've done, they didn't know," Herges said. "You can imagine the phone calls, sitting in front of my wife. I tried to hold onto a secret, a dirty little secret. That's not how you really want to live."

Herges said that when the Mitchell Report came out, "I slept better than I'd slept in months," because he knew he would have to confront the reasons he delved into drugs to cheat.

The funny thing is, Herges added, was that he didn't notice that much of a difference on HGH, which he said he only used in the offseason.

"I'm grateful it's out there. I'm freed a little bit, a lot actually."

**Matt Herges
Rockies pitcher**

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

School refuses female ref

Officials investigating decision not to allow woman to call boys game

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas activities officials are investigating a religious school's refusal to let a female referee call a boys' high school basketball game.

The Kansas State High School Activities Association said referees reported that Michelle Campbell was preparing to officiate at St. Mary's Academy near Topeka on Feb. 2 when a school official insisted that Campbell could not call the game.

The reason given, according to the referees: Campbell, as a woman, could not be put in a position of authority over boys because of the academy's beliefs.

Campbell then walked off the court along with Darin Putthoff, the referee who was to work the game with her.

"I said, 'If Michelle has to leave, then I'm leaving with her,'" Putthoff said Wednesday. "I was disappointed that it happened to Michelle. I've never heard of anything like that."

The Activities Association said it is considering whether to take action against the private religious school. St. Mary's Academy, about 25

miles northwest of Topeka, is owned and operated by the Society of St. Pius X, which follows older Roman Catholic laws. The society's world leader, the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, was excommunicated by Pope John Paul II in the late 1980s.

Gary Musselman, the association's executive director, said the organization will not make a decision until it confirms whether St. Mary's Academy has a policy of not allowing female referees to work boys basketball games.

If that is indeed the school's written policy, Musselman said, the association could decide to remove St. Mary's Academy from the list of approved schools and take away its ability to compete against the association's more than 300 member schools.

St. Mary's Academy officials declined comment when contacted by The Associated Press on Wednesday.

St. Mary's Academy is among 30 schools on the list that are not full association members but compete against schools that are. Musselman said St. Mary's Academy plays one or two games per season against member schools but has no

more scheduled this school year.

He said if removed from the approved list for next school year, St. Mary's Academy still would be able to compete against approved schools that are not members of the association.

Musselman said the association hopes to resolve the matter sometime this week. He said he sent a letter to the school's principal, Vicente A. Griego, the day of the incident but has not heard back from him.

Putthoff and other supporters of Campbell said they believe state activities officials will handle the situation properly.

Campbell did not return phone calls seeking comment Wednesday.

However, she told The Kansas City Star that she was "dumfounded" by the incident but that she is not angry at the school. She said she does not want the situation to go any further than it already has.

"This issue was going to come up eventually," said Campbell, 49, a retired Albuquerque, N.M., police officer who now lives in Ozawkie, Kan. "I just happened to be the person who was there this time."

"I was disappointed it happened to Michelle."

Darin Putthoff
high school referee

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Michelle Campbell
high school referee

MLB

Giants prepare for 2008 season without Bonds

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The San Francisco Giants of 2008 are all about Matt Cain, Tim Lincecum and Barry Zito. Not to mention hard-nosed center fielder Aaron Rowand and a cast of youngsters eager to get their chance with nothing left to prove in the minor leagues.

Barry Bonds, the hype of the home run chase and All-Star game, well, that's all history.

"It's the post-Bonds era," Rowand said Wednesday after working out with his new teammates. "We're definitely going to have fun. It's not Barry's fault. It's that he is who he is and there was a lot of attention. That happens when you're one of the best players of all time and you're chasing a record."

San Francisco will start life without Bonds when pitchers and catchers hold their first official workout Thursday. Players began trickling in Wednesday to get ready and take physicals.

"It's on. It's time," second baseman Kevin Frandsen said, walking across the field at Scottsdale Stadium to the covered batting cage to take some cuts. He sported a black and white camouflage T-shirt with the team's new theme: "Warrior Spirit. Find the Swagger."

"Do you have the spirit?" he hollered to a few teammates.

After last season, manager Bruce Bochy spoke of the need for a new culture in the clubhouse and that "warrior spirit."

There's nothing left of Bonds' stuff and Zito now holds down the corner locker where No. 25 dressed in the past. There were still a few questions floating around about whether the indicted home run king would sign with a club or not play at all, perhaps walking away with 762 homers to his name.

"It seems kind of odd," said Cain, the right-hander at the front of a talented rotation. "For so long we've seen them build it around Jason Schmidt and Bonds. It seems kind of crazy that Tim and I and Zito are stepping into that role. It's a whole new experience. It came on a little quicker than we probably thought. It's going to be great to take that challenge on."

General manager Brian Sabean said all winter it would take an extraordinary offer to part with Cain or Lincecum — all but calling them untouchable — but he would always listen. For now, they're staying put.

San Francisco parted ways with Bonds after 15 seasons, with owner Peter Magowan telling the 43-year-old slugger in September he wouldn't be re-signed.

"Bonds was just a pylon for this team," Lincecum said. "The team was built around him because he was such a big deal. Breaking records like that, how can you not be? I'm

sure the feel is going to be a little different without him because he's been there so long."

Zito signed a \$126 million, seven-year contract before the 2007 season that was a record deal for a pitcher before Johan Santana topped it this month. Zito then experienced his first losing campaign in eight major league seasons, posting career worsts with an 11-13 record and 4.53 ERA in 196 2-3 innings. It marked the first time he hadn't reached 200 innings since he was a rookie.

Santana, the two-time AL Cy Young Award winner, received a \$137.5 million, six-year contract from the New York Mets after they acquired him in a trade with Minnesota.

Zito, who turns 30 in May, should be feeling much less pressure as he begins his second year in San Francisco. His struggles were a far cry from the left-hander's 23-5 Cy Young season of 2002 with the Oakland Athletics.

"Last year, it was such a heightened sense of everything

because of all the craziness going on. This year, it's more like business as usual," Zito said. "Last year, I felt I was singled out and I didn't feel the same as all of my teammates because there was a microscope on me.

Even if there still is, I'm not perceiving it that way. It's all good now."

He might not even be the Giants' opening-day starter this time around, and Zito insists he won't mind a bit. Bochy has several options and planned to sit down with pitching coach Dave Righetti to map out the schedule, probably announcing his opening-day starter Thursday.

It sunk in Wednesday that this team was truly moving forward without Bonds.

"I think we've had that feeling for a while," Sabean said. "In some ways you prepare yourself and in other ways you have to wait until you see it all play out."

With Cain, Lincecum, Zito, Noah Lowry and probably Kevin Correia in the mix, the Giants expect to have a deep staff in the pitching-heavy NL West. And a strong defense behind them, featuring catcher Bengie Molina, 11-time Gold Glove shortstop Omar Vizquel and newly acquired Rowand up the middle.

The 23-year-old Cain went 7-16 despite a 3.65 ERA in his third major league season and reached 200 innings exactly. He is happy the Giants have shown such confidence in him and the hard-throwing Lincecum, who was 7-5 with a 4.00 ERA in 24 starts last year as a rookie.

"It feels good to know that we don't really have to worry about maybe moving," Cain said. "It's cool that Brian came out and said that verbally. We have a pretty good idea we're going to be here until something crazy happens."

"This year, it's more like business as usual."

Barry Zito
Giants pitcher

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Indiana coach investigated for 'major' violations

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Kelvin Sampson's future at Indiana was in doubt Wednesday following the release of an NCAA report that says he committed five "major" violations.

According to the report released Wednesday, the basketball coach and his assistants provided false and misleading information to university and NCAA officials.

The allegations stem from a phone-call scandal that occurred while Sampson was still under recruiting restrictions following a similar episode at Oklahoma. The NCAA ruled in May 2006, less than two months after Sampson took the Indiana job, that the Sooners coaches made 577 illegal calls between 2000 and 2004.

The NCAA banned Sampson from calling recruits and making off-campus visits for a year.

In October, however, new allegations surfaced after an internal review.

Just five months after coming off of probation, an Indiana investigation found Sampson's staff made more than 100 impermissible calls, and that Sampson had participated in at least 10 three-way calls that were prohibited as part of the sanctions during his probationary period.

"It is regrettable, to say the least, that we are in this position, to respond to the allegations that have been made about several of our basketball coaches," athletic

director Rick Greenspan said at a hastily arranged news conference.

"I'm personally, professionally and profoundly disappointed with even the hint of inappropriate behavior."

Sampson declined to comment before the 13th-ranked Hoosiers hosted No. 15 Wisconsin on Wednesday night.

At the time of the Indiana investigation, Greenspan called the infractions secondary, although he said additional NCAA infractions could lead to Sampson's firing.

On Wednesday, following the release of the NCAA report, Greenspan would not say whether the school planned to impose additional sanctions, but acknowledged Sampson's contract contains a clause in which he could be fired for cause if the NCAA rules Sampson committed major violations.

Indiana has already forced Sampson to forfeit a \$500,000 pay raise and one scholarship next season.

"I think the sanctions we established on Oct. 3, we felt were very significant and we felt very appropriate for the information at that point in time," Greenspan said. "Any additional self-imposed sanctions would come out of a collective thought process and we have not made any decision on that."

The NCAA saw the infractions as more serious than secondary violations.

The report said Sampson and his assistants failed to meet the "generally recognized high standard of honesty" expected in college sports and failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance within the program.

Greenspan promised Wednesday the university would cooperate with all NCAA requests.

Indiana has until May 8 to provide a written response. The report says Indiana officials will appear June 14 in Seattle at a hearing before the Division I

infractions committee.

Major violations of NCAA rules can carry significant punishments, including postseason bans. Sampson could also be subjected to more recruiting restrictions and the imposition of a show-cause report, which would require any school that hires him to explain to the NCAA why he should be hired.

The NCAA reaffirmed some of Indiana's findings, that Sampson had engaged in a series of three-way calls that are permissible

under NCAA rules but prohibited as part of the coach's previous NCAA punishment.

It also says Sampson was present when his staff called recruits, had assistant coach Rob Senderoff call a prospect and hand him the phone and knowingly participated in three-way calls with at least three recruits. Sampson contended he was aware of only one three-way call last fall. The report said Senderoff, who has since resigned from the staff, initiated those calls.

MLB

Cubs pitcher predicts World Series triumph

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Ryan Dempster plans to move from closer to starter for the Chicago Cubs this season. On the first day of spring training, he took on another role: prognosticator.

"I think we are going to win the World Series. I really do," Dempster said.

That's a bold prediction before the start of a season that marks the 100th anniversary of the Cubs' last World Series winner.

"Funny when people make predictions or they say things and people are like, 'How could you say that?'" Dempster said Wednesday, as pitchers and catchers reported to camp.

How?

"Like you believe it, you really do," Dempster added. "Enough of all the ... you know the curse this, the curse that, the goat this, the black cat, the 100 years, whatever it is. We're a better team than we were last year, I truly believe. And last year we made it to the playoffs."

The Cubs did make it to the postseason last season after a slow start, winning the NL Central before being swept in three games by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the first round.

A year ago in spring training, it was Carlos Zambrano guaranteeing the Cubs would win the World Series.

Dempster made no guarantees, but he's convinced the century-long drought will end.

"I wouldn't show up here and work as hard as I did and everybody work as hard as they did to

not believe that," he added.

Reminded that Zambrano's prediction fell short, Dempster didn't back down.

"And we were close, maybe we need some more guys saying it," he said. "You see these teams and they come together, they battle together and they endure through everything and they start believing that they are that good."

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all the points."

How did those post players do? Center Erica Williamson had nine points, six rebounds and three blocks. Forward Becca Bruszewski and center Melissa D'Amico each added six points. All six of D'Amico's points came from foul shots, as did two of Bruszewski's and three of Williamson's. Five combined field goals from the post players. Not exactly stellar.

It's a testament to the spread of talent on the team that Notre Dame still had 28 more points under the basket than Marquette and shot 64.3 percent from the field.

"When you're shooting in the paint, you're probably going to do really well," Golden Eagles coach Terri Mitchell said.

Gaines did what the Irish post players couldn't — she made high-percentage shots.

Although she's known for her defense and assists —

she ranks seventh in the Big East with a 1.6 assist-to-turnover ratio — Gaines has stolen the offensive spotlight this week. She could be frustrated with scoring only 6.8 points per game after averaging 9.4 last season. Who knows? Whatever the catalyst, the Irish better hope it sticks around.

Truth be told, Notre Dame needs this unexpected offensive explosion from time to time. In a perfect world, the Irish could feed the ball to Williamson and D'Amico all day, and when their opponents tried to double-team them, they could kick the ball out to guards Ashley Barlow, Charel Allen, Lindsay Schrader and Melissa Lechlitner for open looks.

But life ain't perfect. Allen sat out most of the first half after two quick fouls and didn't score a point until two minutes into the second half. The centers scored 15 points. Gaines did what she had to do for the Irish to win.

The Irish don't have a go-to frontcourt presence to hold down the fort in the post for 20 points and 10 rebounds

every night. They don't have a lights-out perimeter threat. They have hybrids that complement each other, and sometimes take over when necessary. See Barlow's 23 points against DePaul and Allen's 26 against Louisville for proof.

The speed of the Irish fast break makes it necessary for every player to be able to score, regardless of position, and that type of system is conducive to big individual nights from time to time. It isn't just Gaines who played

well; Schrader hit 7-of-9 field goal attempts, and had 17 points and six boards. Allen scored all 13 of her points in the second half. But that doesn't surprise us. Schrader and Allen are supposed to score. Gaines isn't, at least based on past precedent. Right?

She made us re-think our convictions.

Notre Dame players have a penchant for hot streaks this season. For four games, from Jan. 2 through Jan. 16, Allen led the team in scoring and averaged 18 points per game. The next four games, Barlow

did the same, averaging 18.8 per game. The last two games, it has been Gaines, who has averaged 17.5 in those contests.

Gaines has averaged 14 points per game while scoring in double figures

in each of the last four contests. Before that stretch, she reached double figures only three times this season. She's on a roll, and she kept it going by getting close to the basket and making the easy shot. After Wednesday's game, Gaines is shooting 45.2 percent from field goal range. It's tough to do that when you're taking jump shots.

Want ultimate proof that getting the ball inside wins games? Marquette made nine of its 13 3-point attempts tonight. The Irish took three 3-pointers tonight and made one of them. They didn't need treys. They needed, and got, the ball in the paint. Even if their guard had to do it for them.

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Gaines sliced to the basket all night en route to a season-high 22 points.

The Irish have hybrids that complement each other and sometimes take over when necessary.

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enough to her," McGraw said. "We went to the box-and-one and, I thought, pretty effectively shut her down."

Ellis finished the game with 18 points on 7-of-15 shooting.

The modified zone defense caused takeaways, which led to easy buckets on the other end. Notre Dame finished with 33 points on 24 turnovers.

"We were really good on transition tonight," McGraw said. "We moved the ball, we threw it ahead, we got great shots. I thought all-in-all the shot selection and the break was great."

Marquette coach Terri Mitchell said she did not understand why the box-and-one was so effective against her team; she said Marquette had played against it much of the season.

"Every Big East game has been a box-and-one. We see it every game," she said. "The bottom line is, if you screen and run the plays, the slips will be there and when Krystal has two defenders, someone's open so someone else has to score."

The one Golden Eagles player able to take advantage of Notre Dame's defensive focus on Ellis was guard Courtney Weibel. The 5-foot-8 freshman came into the game averaging only 1.4 points per contest, but went 4-for-4 from beyond the arc and finished with 14 points.

"Courtney is getting minutes in the latter part of this season because she has an excellent shot," Mitchell said.

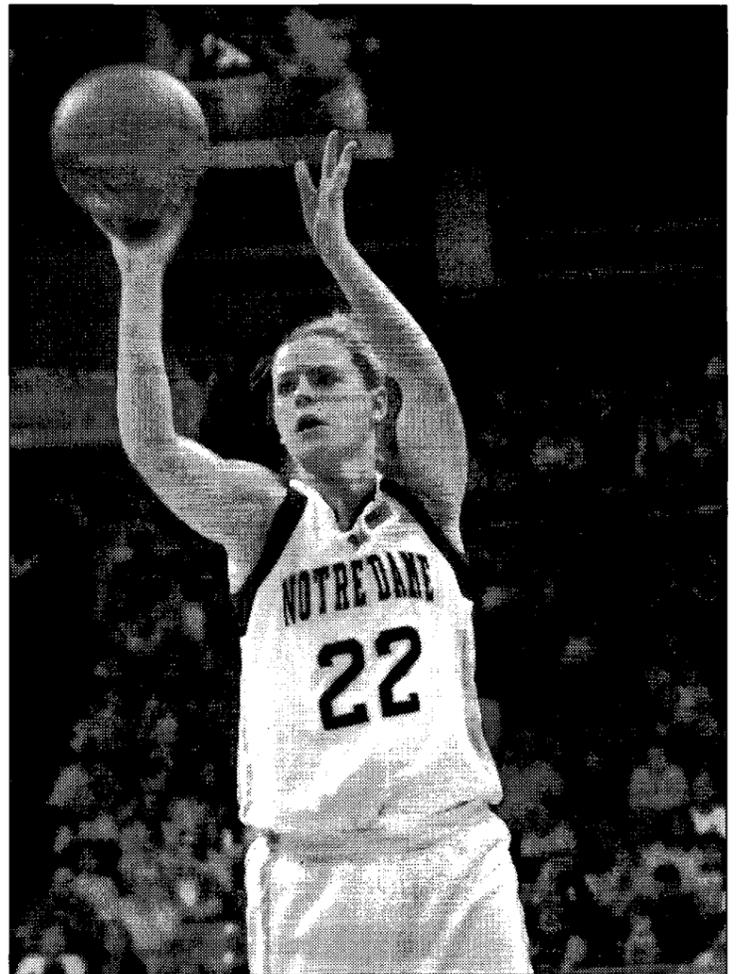
The Irish outscored Marquette in the paint 52-24, something McGraw said was more indicative of the guards' ability to drive the lane for layups than a particularly strong post performance.

"It's a little deceiving in the paint because we were getting points from a lot of the guards," she said.

In part because of its abundance of close shots, Notre Dame finished with a season-high 64.3 field-goal percentage. Coming into the game, the Golden Eagles had not allowed an opponent to shoot better than 49 percent all season.

"We're not going to win any ball games when we let a team shoot 64 percent," Mitchell said.

Guards Tulyah Gaines (with a season-high 22 points) Charel Allen (13) and Lindsey Schrader (17) scored in double



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Sophomore Brittany Mallory shoots during Notre Dame's loss to Connecticut on Jan. 27. The Irish beat Marquette Wednesday.

figures. But another three players — center Erica Williamson and guards Ashley Barlow and Brittany Mallory — each finished with nine points, and every player that saw minutes except seldom-used guard Amanda Tsipis scored at least six.

One major adjustment that McGraw said she was glad her team made was that it outrebounded Marquette 36-26. Pittsburgh dominated the Irish on the boards 56-42 in Notre Dame's 81-66 win on Sunday.

"We really needed to outrebound them after getting crushed [in that area] by Pitt," McGraw said. "That was something we talked about, how everybody was going to step up and do a little bit more."

Notre Dame was stuck on 99 points for the last 3:20, but got the ball with 16 seconds remaining after a Marquette turnover. McGraw had guard Melissa Lechlitner use up the remaining time instead of trying for 100 points. McGraw said she did not want to run up the score on Mitchell, her close friend.

"There was no way I wanted to get a hundred on them," she said. "I thought it would be in poor taste."

"I thought all-in-all the shot selection and the break was great."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

Starting Saturday, Notre Dame begins a three-game road trip against at least two ranked opponents. The Irish start off with No. 21 Syracuse, followed by No. 5 Rutgers on Tuesday. They finish the road trip in Chicago against DePaul, who is not currently ranked but was earlier in the season.

Notes:

◆ Notre Dame was selected as one of eight host site for the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament in 2009 and 2010.

The NCAA announced last season that the Joyce Center would house the first two rounds of the 2010 Tournament. After the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball committee voted to increase the number of host sites from four to eight in 2009 (reversing a decision made in 2005), it chose the Irish to host next year's Tournament as well.

"Our women's basketball team has enjoyed tremendous success in the NCAA Tournament over the years," Athletic Director Kevin White said. "We believe this selection is a fitting and just reward for the hard work and dedication Muffet [McGraw], her players and her staff have put in to make Notre Dame an elite national power in women's college basketball."

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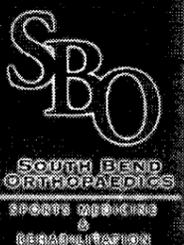
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Buckeyes

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ers are all undefeated.

"There's not a lot of difference from their No. 1 to No. 6 [singles players]," Louderback said. "They're a lot like us in that respect."

None of Ohio State's singles players is nationally ranked, but the doubles pair of Angela DiPastina and Christian Keesey is No. 33 in the country.

"They have a great No. 1 doubles team that did great at the nationals," Louderback said, referring to DePastina and Keesey.

DiPastina and Keesey upset the No. 1-seeded pair from Miami in the first round at the ITA National Championships in October before losing a close second round match. The Irish doubles team of Brook Buck and Kelcy Tefft won that event.

Notre Dame's doubles attack will have to improve as the No. 1 pair of Buck and Tefft lost twice last weekend, with the Irish dropping the doubles point in all three matches.

The Irish look to rebound and correct those weaknesses in front of their home crowd. The match with the Buckeyes begins a three-game home stand over the next four days.

The Irish won their only home match earlier this year and feel they have an edge playing at home.

"We had a pretty good crowd last time, and the kids are excited to play at home. Having three in a row here will be good," Louderback said.

The Irish look to increase their lead in their series against Ohio State at 3:30 p.m. today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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"Minus the loss, I feel we played great tonight, especially in this tough of an atmosphere. It was like a tournament game atmosphere here," Harangody said by phone. "I thought we played really well. Things just didn't go well for us down the stretch."

Throughout the second half, Connecticut did not let the Irish mount a significant run — Notre Dame's biggest lead after intermission was 65-60 with 10:14 to play.

After Harangody hit a layup with 7:44 left, Connecticut's defense clamped down, allowing Notre Dame a lone field goal the remainder of the game.

The Huskies had a hard time scoring, but a dunk from guard Doug Wiggins after a rejection by forward Gavin Edwards at the other end got the crowd on its feet and gave the Huskies momentum.

"It just feels like we had this one the whole way and we couldn't pull it out," Harangody said. "They're a great team

and it's an intense atmosphere to play here, especially on campus. So it was a good test for us."

At 8-for-20, the Huskies weren't spectacular from behind the arc. But most of their 3s came at critical times.

Early in the first half, a basket by Jackson gave Notre Dame an 11-6 advantage. A tip-in by Connecticut guard Craig Austria and consecutive 3s from Austria and Price quickly erased that lead. Later in the half, Connecticut double-dipped again.

This time, Wiggins and Price hit from 3-point range to cut into an eight-point Notre Dame lead and stop a 9-2 Irish run.

In the second half, after a Kyle McAlarney three gave Notre Dame a four-point lead, Austria answered to keep the Irish from gaining momentum. McAlarney, who scored 32 in Notre Dame's 73-67 win over Connecticut on Jan. 7, netted 12 this time on 4-for-14 shooting. Jackson finished with 13 points, nine rebounds and four assists.

Harangody, who shot 5-for-23 against Connecticut's 7-foot-3 center Hasheem Thabeet in the teams' earlier meeting, Harangody found ways to score Wednesday against the taller — but slower — Thabeet.

Harangody produced a fair amount of points posting up and finding his way around Thabeet, but he also knocked down a few mid-range jumpshots and even beat Thabeet off the dribble.

The Big East player of the year candidate scored Notre Dame's first eight points of the game and first 12 points of the second half. He finished 13-of-24 from the floor and tied his career high with 16 rebounds.

"The coaches were working with me to change it up and taking him inside and outside," Harangody said. "I did a good job of that and when he came up and I just drove up the lane."

Notre Dame will hit the road again to face Rutgers on Sunday. The Scarlet Knights are tied with South Florida for last place in the Big East with a 2-10 conference record.

"It was a good game and we fought hard," Jackson said of Wednesday's loss. "But we can't dwell on it because we have a big game against Rutgers."

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Irish point guard



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Irish sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu hits a forehand during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over North Carolina on Feb. 16, 2007.

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Husky bites

UConn's Price drops 26, Irish fall on road

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Connecticut overcame shaky foul shooting down the stretch and a career-high 32 points from Irish sophomore Luke Harangody to capture its eighth straight victory with an 84-78 win over Notre Dame Wednesday in Storrs, Conn.

Huskies forward Gerald Robinson, an unlikely 3-point threat, nailed a trey against Notre Dame's 2-3 zone with the shot-clock winding down to give No. 17 Connecticut (19-4, 8-3 Big East) a 79-74 lead with 1:57 to play. Connecticut hit only 5-of-10 free throws the rest of the game, but No. 20 Notre Dame (18-5, 8-3) managed only four points in that span, thanks seven straight misses from the floor.

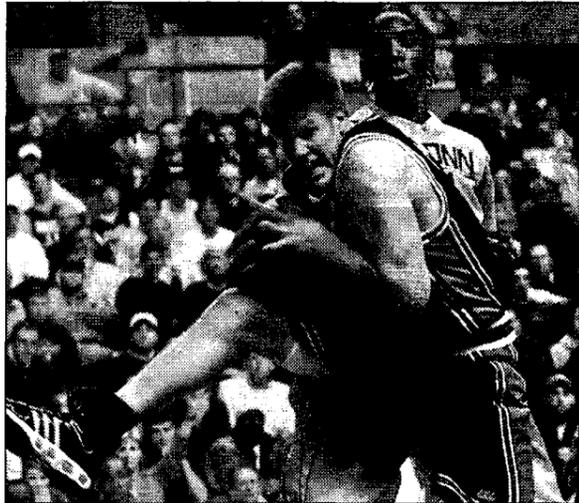
"We still had a good chance," Irish guard Tory Jackson said by phone after the game. "They gave us every opportunity in the world to come back and take the lead or just tie it. We just couldn't seem to knock down some shots at the end."

Connecticut guard A.J. Price scored 26 for the Huskies, who trailed most of the game until a pair of Jeff Adrien free throws with 3:25 left put Connecticut up for good.

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At top, Irish guard Kyle McAlarney defends Connecticut's Craig Austrie. At right, Notre Dame forward Luke Harangody protects a rebound.



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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Buckeyes to test squad at Eck Center

Team prepares for three-game homestand

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

After facing three top-15 teams last weekend, the schedule does not get any easier for No. 14 Notre Dame (3-4) when the Irish face No. 47 Ohio State at home today.

The Buckeyes are undefeated, though they have not faced any top-50 opponents in the dual season. Irish coach Jay Louderback knows that their perfect record is no accident.

"Ohio State is solid. They just have not played high-ranked teams yet," Louderback said. "They're well-coached, and we always have clean matches with them."

The Irish lead the all-time series against Ohio State, 15-3, and have not lost to the Buckeyes in 18 years. Notre Dame's dominance is representative of the strength of the program, but Louderback recognizes that things could have gone either way.

"We've been lucky and won some tight ones," Louderback said. "They've been good matches, and we've been fortunate to come out on top."

This year's Ohio State team is deep. Its No. 3 through No. 6 singles play-

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish shoot down Golden Eagles at JACC

Ballers finish with big edge inside paint

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

All the progress Notre Dame had made defensively against Pittsburgh on Sunday looked lost early Wednesday night against Marquette.

The Irish were down by six at the second TV timeout and appeared lost. But things finally clicked, and the Irish didn't look back.

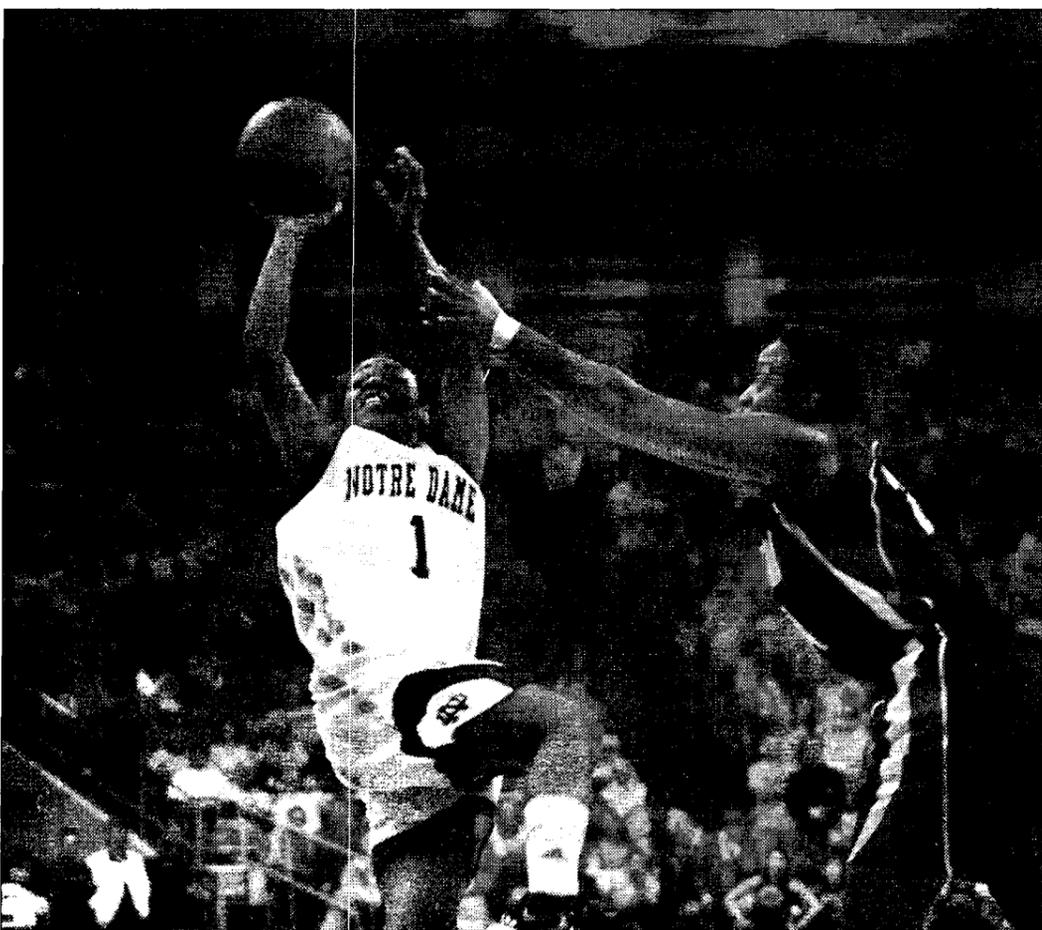
A defensive switch led to a 21-1 Notre Dame run, and the Irish stormed past the Golden Eagles 99-76 at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame used a box-and-one defense to shut down Golden Eagles guard Krystal Ellis and a good transition offense to pull away from Marquette.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she made the defensive change after Ellis had made three early 3-pointers against her squad.

"[Ellis] was the one person we were concerned about guarding. We didn't get close

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Irish senior guard Tulyah Gaines attempts a fade-away jumper during Notre Dame's 81-64 loss to Connecticut Jan. 27. Gaines had 22 points in a 99-76 win over Marquette Wednesday.

Team gets big effort from Gaines in victory

For a 5-foot-7 guard, senior Tulyah Gaines played awfully well in the paint.

Of Gaines' 10 field goals Wednesday in Notre Dame's 99-76 win over

Marquette, nine of them were layups. Gaines sliced her way to the basket all night en route to a season-high 22 points.

"She really drove the ball well today,"

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We kept talking about how we needed to drive and attack the basket, and she really did everything we needed her to do."

The Irish outscored the Golden Eagles in the paint 52-24, but the points didn't come from only the post players.

"We were getting layups from our guards," she said. "It wasn't like our post players were getting



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