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## Law prof, ND group react to Gitmo action

President Obama to sign executive order to close detention facility within one year

By EMMA DRISCOLL  
News Writer

As one of the first moves of his presidency, President Barack Obama halted prosecutions at Guantanamo Bay, and the Associated Press reported that Obama would sign an executive order Thursday closing detention facility in Cuba within a year.

Professor Mary Ellen O'Connell, a Notre Dame professor of international law and a specialist on the law of war, said she was pleased with the action.

"This was very good news, very good news indeed. The military commissions process that was set up at Guantanamo Bay is widely considered to have been seriously flawed, very defective ... so halting those commissions proceedings now was a very important move by the president to get the United States back into good standing with the rest of the world," O'Connell said.

Senior Catherine McKinney, the president of Human Rights-ND, was extremely pleased with the announcement as well.

"It's a great step in the right direction on the road to close Guantanamo," McKinney



President Obama has signaled that he will consider closing the U.S. military detention facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

said.

Both O'Connell and McKinney agreed that the timing of the announcement indicates that the Obama administration will place an emphasis on human rights.

"He sent such a strong signal that he cares about fundamental human rights, that he understands how problematic Guantanamo

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## STUDENT SENATE

### Printers to be installed in all dorms

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Writer

During the first Student Senate meeting of the semester, the group reviewed work done over break, including a resolution to get printers in every dorm, and discussed committee agendas for the spring semester.

The resolution that requested printers in every dorm on campus was passed before break by the Campus Life Council and was approved by Fr. Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, over break, student body president Bob Reish said.

"By the time you get back to school next fall, there will be printers in every dorm," Reish said.

Reish also updated the Senate on the progress of the Midwest Collegiate Council, an idea that originated in Reish and student body vice president Grant Schmidt's campaign.

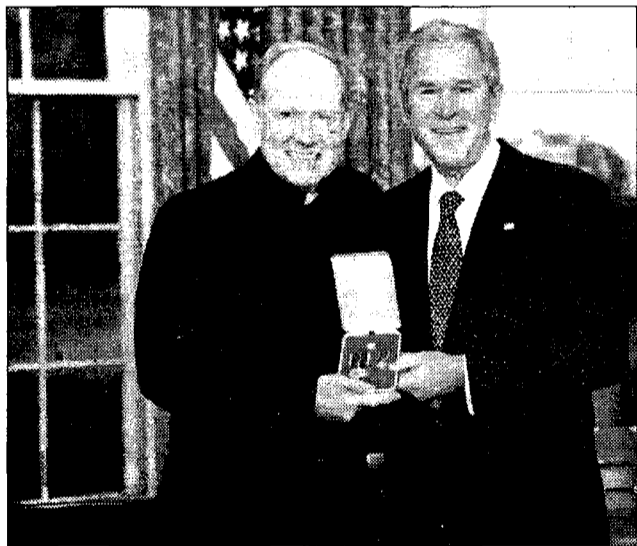
"As you know, the purpose of the Midwest Collegiate Council is to bring other college's to Notre Dame's campus to discuss relevant issues," he said.

Reish told the Senate several prominent universities have agreed to make the trip to Notre Dame. Student Government has received responses from University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Purdue University and Washington University in St. Louis, he said.

Another project the Senate will be working on this semester is creating a forum to educate students about their legal rights off campus, Reish said.

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## Scully given presidential medal for ACE work



Fr. Tim Scully received the Presidential Citizens Medal in December at the White House.

By NORA KENNEY  
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Sitting in his office last semester, Fr. Tim Scully, received an interesting phone call — from the White House.

A member of President George W. Bush's staff called to inform Scully he had been chosen as a recipient of the Presidential Citizens Medal.

"I was struck by complete surprise," Scully said.

He went to Washington, D.C. on Dec. 10 to receive the award, one of the highest medals a civilian can receive in the United States, second only to the Medal of Freedom.

According to the White House, the award is given in recognition of the recipient's "exemplary deeds of service for their country or for their fellow citizens."

Scully and three of his closest friends — fellow Holy Cross priests — traveled to the nation's capital together. Fr. Richard Warner, who lives a floor below Scully in Fisher Hall, as well as his longtime friend Fr. Lou DeFra, and Fr. Sean McGraw, a priest at Harvard University with whom Scully co-founded the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program were there with Scully when he received the award.

"The four of us went to the White House and it was very beautiful and just very moving," Scully said.

At the White House, Bush asked Scully to accompany him to his desk in the Oval Office, where he presented Scully with his medal.

Since graduation from Notre Dame in 1976, Scully has had a profound impact on Notre Dame. He served as executive

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## Nine seniors given scholarships

National program selects high school students for full tuition scholarships

By SARAH MERVOSH  
News Writer

High school senior Emerald Woodberry was in the middle of learning a song at gospel choir rehearsal when she checked her e-mail on her cell phone and learned that she had won a \$200,000 scholarship to Notre Dame.

"I always check my email [during rehearsal]," the Toledo, Ohio, native admitted, who wasn't thinking

about the scholarship at the time because she expected the e-mail to come later that day.

"I just sat there for a little bit and was like, were they serious?"

"I showed one of my best friends and she stopped the whole rehearsal and showed the e-mail to everyone," she said.

Woodberry is one of nine high school seniors who won a scholarship to Notre Dame through the QuestBridge National College Match pro-

gram, an organization that focuses on providing "low income, high achieving high school kids" with scholarships, she said.

The nine students from hail from California, Michigan, Texas, Washington, Minnesota, Florida, Georgia, Illinois and Ohio.

Woodberry said the application process was like any other college application, asking for basic information

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## Robbins speaks about 'theatre as community'

By CATHERINE MILLER  
News Writer

Academy-Award winning actor and social activist Tim Robbins told an audience at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Wednesday night that the goal of theater is to "create a lasting, shared experience that will be remembered."

He related that definition to the inauguration of President Barack Obama, saying that just as the inauguration united humanity in

hope and possibility, theater should have the same effect, he said.

Robbins gave a lecture called "Theater as Community" in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center to students, faculty and staff.

"Theater by nature is unique and more relevant when it involves community. It does not work if you pretend community isn't there," Robbins said.

He illustrated the definition of community by singing "Mary

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Change of plan

Tuesday was all about change for a lot of people. During the afternoon, I was sitting on my futon, innocently checking my e-mails, and found out that I got a job offer. Instead of being relieved and excited to prove to every single relative I have that my English major was in fact worth something, I immediately burst into tears.

Emma Driscoll

I'm not typically a crier, but something about the moment completely overwhelmed me and I felt inexplicably devastated. Sitting there, sobbing, I felt so ridiculous because I had no idea why I was so sad and I felt like I should have been more grateful to have a potential option.

News Writer

The longer I sat there, the more I realized that it wasn't the strange city or any surprises about the job itself that had upset me. It was the fact that I may have found a plan, and the plan would include a lot of changes: moving away from Notre Dame, away from friends, away from everything that I have spent the last three and half years building.

As much as I have stressed out over the last three and a half years about finding a plan, I think I always secretly thrived on the fact that I didn't have one. For me, options and ambiguity are kind of comforting and plans have always felt limiting.

But after casually (and even proudly) proclaiming "I have no idea what I want to do with my life" thousands of times, I may have arrived at something.

I've always known that the future was coming, but it seemed so far away. Suddenly, it is getting real.

All of my pre-med friends who spent countless hours in the library and religiously attended MCAT classes will no longer be trying to get into med school. They will be in med school, and soon they will be doctors and surgeons.

My business major friends are no longer seeking temporary summer internships to help move on to something more permanent. They are looking for something permanent.

Those considering graduate school may soon be the inspiring professors — the ones that everybody knows of and talks about — in just a few years.

People who have always talked about doing service abroad or teaching abroad will actually be living abroad.

While all of these changes — or really progressions — are so obvious, they didn't seem quite as real to me until Tuesday.

Maybe there is just too much emphasis on the idea of a plan. All of the plans that I have ever made have been thwarted in some huge way that frustrated me at the time, but then ultimately lead me to the very best parts of my life. Things tend to have a way of working out.

As for me — regardless of whether or not I take this job — I plan to make the most of the rest of my senior year (and we do still have a lot of time). I'll be by The Fan, soaking in views of the dome and spending as much time as possible with the people that have made college a time of which I am scared to let go. That's a plan I can live with.

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: IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON YOUR FIRST DAY IN OFFICE?



Dillon Bailey

sophomore  
Stanford

"What would Bill Clinton do?"



Casey Larkin

sophomore  
Pasquerilla West

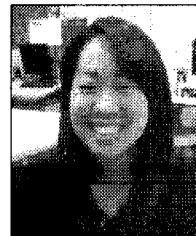
"Pull a Bill Clinton."



Bri Krafcik

sophomore  
McGlinn

"Order everything on the White House menu."



Leslie Hung

senior  
off campus

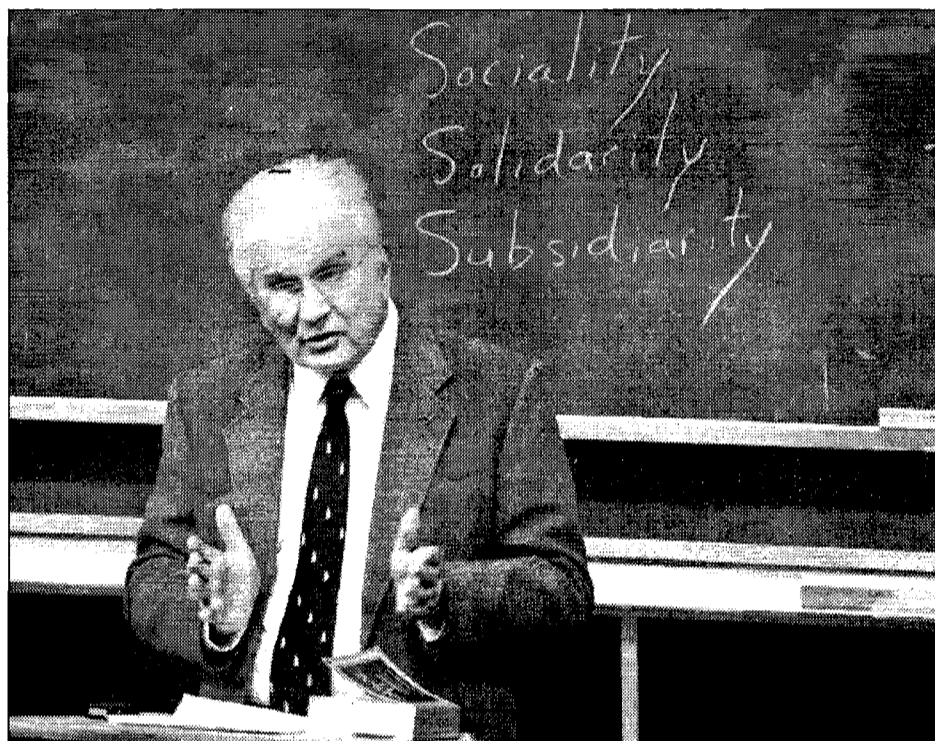
"I would make Paul Down king."



Michael Winding

sophomore  
Alumni

"I would jump off a building."



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Walter Nicgorski, a professor in the Program of Liberal Studies, spoke Tuesday, Jan. 20, at a lecture about the Second Vatican Council.

## OFFBEAT

### Man loses car in river on search for dog

PORT HURON TOWNSHIP, Mich. — A man driven to find his lost dog also lost his car after he drove onto the frozen Black River in St. Clair County, locked himself out of the idling vehicle, then watched as heat from the 1994 Buick's exhaust pipe melted the ice beneath it.

WPHM-AM, the Detroit Free Press and the Times Herald in Port Huron reported that a police dive team were expected Wednesday to help pull the car from the frigid

river off Port Huron Township, about 55 miles northeast of Detroit.

The newspapers said the Buick was a loaner while the man's vehicle is being repaired at a collision shop.

### Woman forced to use iPod to pay cabbie

NEW YORK — The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is investigating an incident where a California woman said she was forced to use her iPod as payment for a cab ride. Natalie Lenhart, 20, of

Sacramento, took a cab to the airport in early December, but her credit card was declined.

The driver called 911, and Port Authority police responded. Lenhart was told she had to give the driver some compensation, so she turned over the iPod.

A spokeswoman for the Port Authority said the incident was being investigated by the internal affairs office. The story was first reported by the New York Post.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame Student Film Festival will take place today, Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at Browning Cinema in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The festival will show 20 student films. Tickets can be purchased at performingarts.nd.edu.

John Smart, president of the Acceleration Studies Foundation will give his lecture entitled "Foresight Development in a World of Acceleration Change: Thoughts from an Evo Devo Futurist" in the Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business as part of the Ten Years Hence Lecture Series. This event will be held on Friday at from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

There will be a panel discussion entitled "Pornucopia: Living in a Pornified Culture." It will be held in Room 100, Hesburgh Center Auditorium on Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with a reception to follow in the Great Hall. This event is sponsored by Gender Relations Center (GRC), Gender Studies, Ethics & Culture, Philosophy Dept, Phys Ed Wellness, Campus Ministry, and IDND.

Tim Robbins' The Actor's Gang will present "1984" Saturday at 2 p.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play is an adaptation of George Orwell's classic novel.

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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# SMC offers conditioning classes

*Course offers student athletes opportunity to stay in shape during off season*

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
News Writer

Saint Mary's College is offering students the opportunity to keep their New Year's resolutions to get in shape with open conditioning classes.

The classes, held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Angela Athletic Facility, are open to all students.

"These classes are especially geared towards students that are interested in becoming better soccer and volleyball players, but are open to anyone interested in a solid conditioning program this semester," said Saint Mary's athletic director Julie Schroeder-Biek, in an e-mail sent to the student body on Sunday.

Due to Div. III restrictions, athletes cannot be required to practice year round. These sessions give athletes the opportunity to stay in shape during the off season. The class was held in the fall and many of Saint Mary's basketball players took advantage, strength and conditioning coach Matt Young said.

However, all students are welcome to come to the class.

"Our goal is to make the athletes more athletic," Young said.

The classes focus on a wide variety of exercises including balance, vertical power and speed.

"The classes will contain drills to increase range of motion of muscles and the joints, challenge the proprioception and balance, and incorporate movements that will help

reduce the chance of knee injuries," Schroeder-Biek said.

The coaches for the sports that are featured in the classes will also be in attendance at some of the sessions.

"This is a great opportunity for athletes to come work with coaches," Young said. "The classes started on Monday and the turnout is looking good."

Young said they expect

around 25 girls to participate in these sessions.

Dale Henry, a senior and participant in the class, said she enjoys the guidance she receives.

*"We prepare for our season and we work on specifics that will help prevent injuries."*

**Mickey Hedinger**  
SMC junior

in attendance at Wednesday's class and said they appreciate the opportunity to stay conditioned in the off-season.

"We prepare for our season and we work on specifics that will help prevent injuries," Mickey Hedinger, a junior soccer player, said.

One of the goals is to make the athletes quicker and more explosive by the end of the semester, Young said.

"I would love to encourage all athletes to come and participate from all sports," he said.

Classes run from 6 p.m. to 7:15 on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 4 p.m. to 5:15 on Fridays.

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# College celebrates history this week

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Saint Mary's students have the chance to reflect on over 150 years of history at the College during the annual Heritage Week events, which began Monday.

Heritage Week replaced Pride Week almost four years ago. The event seeks to unite the College and educate students about its rich background.

Coinciding with the feast day of Blessed Basil Moreau on Jan. 20, Board of Governance Chief of Staff Lauren Theiss has organized the events throughout the week.

"Heritage Week is a time for students to learn about the history of Saint Mary's and to be able to appreciate the wonderful college that we attend," Theiss said.

While the event runs for a week in late January, the planning has been going on since November and continued over Christmas break.

Remaining events during the week — open to everyone on campus — include Bingo with the Sisters on Thursday in the convent and a reading of the poetry of Saint Mary's President Emeritus Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, known as Sister Madeleva, in the Reidinger House on Friday.

Keeping up with the tradition, tours of the Reidinger House,

where Saint Mary's students once went to learn traditional etiquette, will be available on Friday. This House is where alumni stay when they return to campus and is only open a few times during the academic year.

On Wednesday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., Heritage Week T-shirts were passed out in the Student Center.

"The front left corner of the shirt has the SMC script and says Heritage Week 2009. The back has a picture of the avenue with the quote, 'It is not the honor you take with you, but the heritage you leave behind,'" Theiss said.

The culmination of Heritage Week is the gathering Friday night.

"The highlight for the week will be the Heritage Dinner on Friday night," said Theiss. "The Sisters, administrators and students gather for dinner in Stapleton Lounge and exchange stories and experiences shared at Saint Mary's."

Saint Mary's first year Alexandra Lowe picked up a free shirt and said she is excited about Friday's Heritage Week events.

"I live in Holy Cross Hall so I pass the Reidinger House multiple times a day. I am excited to finally see what it looks like inside," Lowe said.

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Chief Executive Assistant Karen Koski and Student Body President Bob Reish discuss the Student Senate's agenda for the semester.

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Schmidt said Student Government is still working out the details of distributing booklets with discount coupons for off campus locations. They are looking into selling the booklets at the LaFortune box office, he said.

In the next few weeks, the Senate will look into complaints from students about ND-secure, the new campus-wide wireless connection, Campus Technology chair Devin Fee said. There have been reports of problems printing from ND-secure and some students say it is slower than Nomad, the previous wireless connection.

"People have been complaining that printing from ND-secure still doesn't work," he said. "That's something we are going to confront the Office of Information Technology about."

The Campus Technology Committee will also look into reported problems with Verizon's cell phone service, Fee said.

Kristin Lewis, the Student Affairs chair of the Faculty Senate, said the group took a survey regarding a request by

Student Government to support a resolution that would allow graduate school or job interviews to be a University approved excuse for absence from class. Lewis talked to faculty from different departments on campus to gauge if there is any sort of policy, and how professors would feel about this resolution.

"For the most part, most of the professors reported that their departments don't have an official policy," she said.

However, Lewis said most faculty members she spoke with said they personally would not have a problem with a student missing class because of a job interview.

### In other Senate news:

◆ Social Concerns chair Michelle Byrne said the committee is discussing organizing a skate night in the Joyce Center. The event would be free, but students would be asked to donate money for a charity.

◆ Ryan Brellenthin, chair of the Senate Academic Affairs Committee, said his group is working hard to put together Majors Night, which will take place on Thursday, January 29.

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## Robbins

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Don't You Weep" with the audience, demonstrating that a shared journey unites people and creates a sense of community.

Robbins explained that theater must do more than simply offer entertainment; it must provoke thought and a lasting effect.

"People want an ice cream sundae of entertainment in their belly, but in the morning the feeling has disappeared," he said. "What we really need is a good laugh, but community needs more. We need to feel something the day after."

It is not enough to wiggle around on stage and be cute and charming, he joked.

Robbins said he has been asked why it is necessary to merge art and social issues.

"I don't know how art can exist without involving the world around it," he said.

Over the past two years, Robbins has directed the Actors' Gang performance of George Orwell's "1984" and has travelled to 40 states and four continents.

Robbins explained that the play has sparked similar discussions concerning civil liberties and the use of rule by fear at each location. He used that as an example of the provocation of thought by production.

"Art is essential in moments of

transformation and change. Art is essential in moments of despair," Robbins proclaimed.

Pablo Picasso's artwork "Guernica" — another example Robbins cited — was created after Germany's bombing of civilian territory in Guernica, Spain. When Colin Powell petitioned for the War in Iraq in the United Nations building, the painting was covered, he said.

"It showed art's immense power," Robbins said. Powell saw Guernica as such a threat that he could not stand in form of Picasso and lie, he said.

Robbins also spoke about the necessity for theater to be accessible.

"Theater must exist outside walls," Robbins said. Theater and culture must be open to all, and the message of the production must resonate beyond a stage. He said that this can be accomplished by the actor, whose goal is to transform the soul and reach to the roots of theater.

Robbins concluded his talk by stating that theater and its goals continue to be relevant.

"If actors have done their job, the journey of theater continues. The important thing is that there is communication in the community to provide a common journey. This is why art is relevant. This is why it will last," he said.

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## Seniors

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and essays. Applicants listed their top schools they wished to attend, and if they were selected, they would be matched with the top school they were accepted into.

Notre Dame was the only school that Woodberry listed because other schools were binding, and because of her experience as one of 50 students who attended the African-American Scholars Program at Notre Dame the summer before her senior year.

"When I was down there

*"Notre Dame was the only one that I knew for sure was my number one school."*

**Emerald Woodberry**  
high school senior

this summer, I really fell in love with the whole atmosphere of it, the way everyone is so close knit. The campus is so pretty and I love football," said Woodberry. "Notre Dame was the only one that I knew for sure. That was my number one school."

Atlanta, Ga., high school senior Cedric Strickland, who also received a full-ride to Notre Dame from QuestBridge, said that he is excited to go to school that not only excels academically, but also athletically.

Strickland has never been to a high school or college football game.

"Right now I still have the

view like in the movies everyone's in the bleachers cheering on their team," he said.

The scholarship is especially valuable because QuestBridge focuses on low-income students.

"I couldn't actually afford to go to [college without the scholarship]," Strickland said.

Woodberry wanted to wait to tell her mom of the scholarship as a Christmas present, but was only able to last a week before telling her.

"She started crying, like 'Oh my gosh, I can't believe it.' She couldn't even talk," Woodberry said of her mother's reaction.

Woodberry said that her major is still undecided, while Strickland would like to pursue a degree in Business.

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vice president from 2000 to 2003 and is the current director of the Institute of Educational Initiatives.

One of his endeavors that has most affected the Notre Dame community is the establishment of the ACE Program.

Placing graduates from Notre Dame and other colleges around the country in under-funded Catholic schools, the ACE program has been one of the most influential projects in education.

The inspiration for the program came from Sister Lourdes Sheehan, one of Scully's spiritual directors, who was worried about Catholic schools in her area of Savannah, Ga., that could not find talented teachers to fill open positions.

Scully was unsure of how to help her, so he put an ad in The Observer that said "Tired of getting homework? Then give

some!" That week, he walked into a meeting for the responders to the ad in the Notre Dame room of LaFortune, expecting 12 or 15 people to show up.

"I walked into the room that night and there were 150 graduating seniors from Notre Dame and I thought 'Wow, that's just amazing.'"

Scully said he felt this was an indication that the Holy Spirit was asking him to think bigger than just a program in Savannah. Today, he has developed the program to include well over 1,000 young teachers in 33 communities in the U.S., as well as a program for principals and a consulting firm for at-risk Catholic schools.

The ACE program has come a long way since its first budget of two \$5,000 checks from then-University President Father Edward "Monk" Malloy's office, he said.

"The Holy Spirit really wanted this to happen and ACE has become kind of a juggernaut. The

Holy Spirit has really been bouncing off the walls with this thing, and I think she is just getting started," Scully said.

When Scully was asked if receiving the award from the White House was one of his greatest accomplishments, he said that he does not think in the terms of his own achievements.

"If anything, it certainly isn't a recognition of my life. It's a recognition of all of the work and the passion and the creativity of the hundreds and hundreds of the young men and women — ND grads — who have been ACE teachers," he said. "To that extent, I am very proud of their work and their accomplishments. The President was recognizing the work of the ACE teachers and the ACE principals — and Notre Dame. To the extent that it gives glory to Notre Dame and the congregation of Holy Cross, I think [the award] is great."

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## Gitmo

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Bay is for human rights and for America's reputation, and the fact that he moved quickly was very strong ... that he is going to be decisive with respect to those important obligations and values," O'Connell said.

McKinney agreed the urgency of this announcement sends a message.

"Generally what happens in the first hundred days or even first hundred hours of any administration or regime sets the tone for the time in power," McKinney said. "It was a very powerful stance on human rights and how it seems this administration is going to be protecting them on multiple levels."

Ultimately, O'Connell and McKinney expect that the detention center will be completely shut down and they hope that this happens sooner rather than later.

"I think [shutting down the detention center] is at the end of the road that has been sort of started with this announcement," McKinney said. "I come from the position that sooner rather than later it should be, but I understand that [the Obama administration is] working through a lot of other issues as well at this time."

O'Connell agreed.

"It's important that we move expeditiously — within the next few months to close Guantanamo Bay," she said. "I'm sorry to hear that he's been getting advice to move slowly. ... I think the people who have been advising him ... may not be sufficiently expert as to what America's legal obligations are."

O'Connell said she sees a need for international law experts to advise the president, calling the advice oft-employed constitutional or criminal law experts "inadequate" when it comes to international law.

"Unless you know the treaties, the customary law rules, and the human rights principles that are at stake, you may be giving the president the wrong advice or inadequate advice," O'Connell said.

If the Obama administration does dismantle the detention center, it will need to consider what to do with the people who are currently detained.

Approximately 250 people are currently detained at Guantanamo Bay — down from a peak of almost 800 — and some of these people do not have any charges or evidence against them, O'Connell said.

"We simply have been unable to convince their home countries or the places we took them from to take them back or it is not safe for them to be returned," O'Connell said.

Some of the evidence against people detained at Guantanamo

has been obtained from "unlawful methods" and cannot be used in courts, O'Connell said. "If we have no usable credible, lawfully obtained evidence against them, we cannot conclude that they are guilty of a crime. Not in our system."

In situations when credible evidence cannot be found against a detained person, O'Connell believes that these people must be released back into the United States.

"The only solution I see for individuals in that category is to repatriate them to the United States. It will be very bitter for some people to contemplate, but that is the cost of creating the prison at Guantanamo Bay," O'Connell said.

"We've made a terrible mistake in ever using methods of torture and abuse, and we may have to pay a high price for that mistake," she said.

During the period that the administration has halted the prosecutions, O'Connell and McKinney said that the proceedings will be reviewed.

"They're going to review if these are fair or just or even effective ways to prosecute these prospective terrorists. I think after that is done they're going to create a more effective mechanism for these prosecutions ... there won't be a need for Guantanamo," McKinney said.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Troops to observe, not fight

DAKAR, Senegal — Congo's invitation to its longtime enemy Rwanda to deploy up to 2,000 troops marked an extraordinary reversal of alliances, but the Congolese government said Wednesday the Rwandan forces were there only to observe, not to fight Hutu militias.

Some fear the presence of Rwandan soldiers could spark more violence or lead to further destabilization in Congo. And the unusual deal may already be facing opposition: U.N.-backed Radio Okapi quoted the head of Congo's National Assembly, Vital Kamerhe, as saying he was shocked by the news and had not been informed about it beforehand.

Congo allowed the Rwandan troops to cross its border Tuesday, ostensibly as observers, to help disarm deeply entrenched Rwandan Hutu militias who fled to Congo after Rwanda's 1994 genocide, Congo government spokesman Lambert Mende said.

### Gaza casualty tally released

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip — Squatting in the rubble, his briefcase perched atop his knees, the human rights researcher interviewed residents of a house shelled by Israel as he compiled a list of Gazans killed and wounded during Israel's offensive against Hamas.

Yasser Abdel Ghafar's work is part of a painstaking endeavor by the Palestinian Center for Human Rights to count the casualties of the 23-day war. The group released a final tally Wednesday, saying 1,284 Gazans were killed and 4,336 wounded, the vast majority civilians.

Israel has accused Hamas of inflating the civilian casualties, saying it has the names of more than 700 Hamas militants killed in the fighting.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Nashville may make English official

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nashville could become the largest U.S. city to make English the mandatory language for all government business under a measure being put before voters Thursday, but critics say it might invite lawsuits and even cost the city millions in federal funding.

Though similar measures have passed elsewhere, the idea has ignited an intense debate. Proponents say using one language would unite the city, but business leaders, academics and the city's mayor worry it could give the city a bad reputation, because, as Gov. Phil Bredesen put it, "it's mean spirited."

### Study finds cleaner air adds to life

LOS ANGELES — Cleaner air over the past two decades has added nearly five months to average life expectancy in the United States, according to a federally funded study.

Researchers said it is the first study to show that reducing air pollution translates into longer lives.

Between 1978 and 2001, Americans' average life span increased almost three years to 77, and as much as 4.8 months of that can be attributed to cleaner air, researchers from Brigham Young University and Harvard School of Public Health reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Bill to ensure end-of-route checks

INDIANAPOLIS — School bus drivers would have to do end-of-route inspections to make sure no child is left behind under a bill endorsed by an Indiana Senate committee.

The bill approved Wednesday would require drivers of a school bus or special purpose bus to inspect each seat at the end of each trip. Failing to do so would be a Class C infraction with a maximum penalty of a \$500 fine.

Three South Bend students were left on school buses last year, and earlier this month a 4-year-old child was left unattended inside a parked school bus in Richmond.

## President Obama begins office duties

*Economy, Iraq, Guantanamo Bay, among others at the top of his to-do list*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a first-day whirlwind, President Barack Obama showcased efforts to revive the economy on Wednesday, summoned top military officials to chart a new course in Iraq and eased into the daunting thicket of Middle East diplomacy.

"What an opportunity we have to change this country," said the 47-year-old chief executive, who also issued new ethics rules for his administration and hosted a reception at the presidential mansion for 200 inauguration volunteers and guests selected by an Internet lottery.

After dancing at inaugural balls with first lady Michelle Obama past midnight, Obama entered the Oval Office for the first time as president in early morning. He read a good luck note left behind by President George W. Bush, then began breaking cleanly with his predecessor's policies.

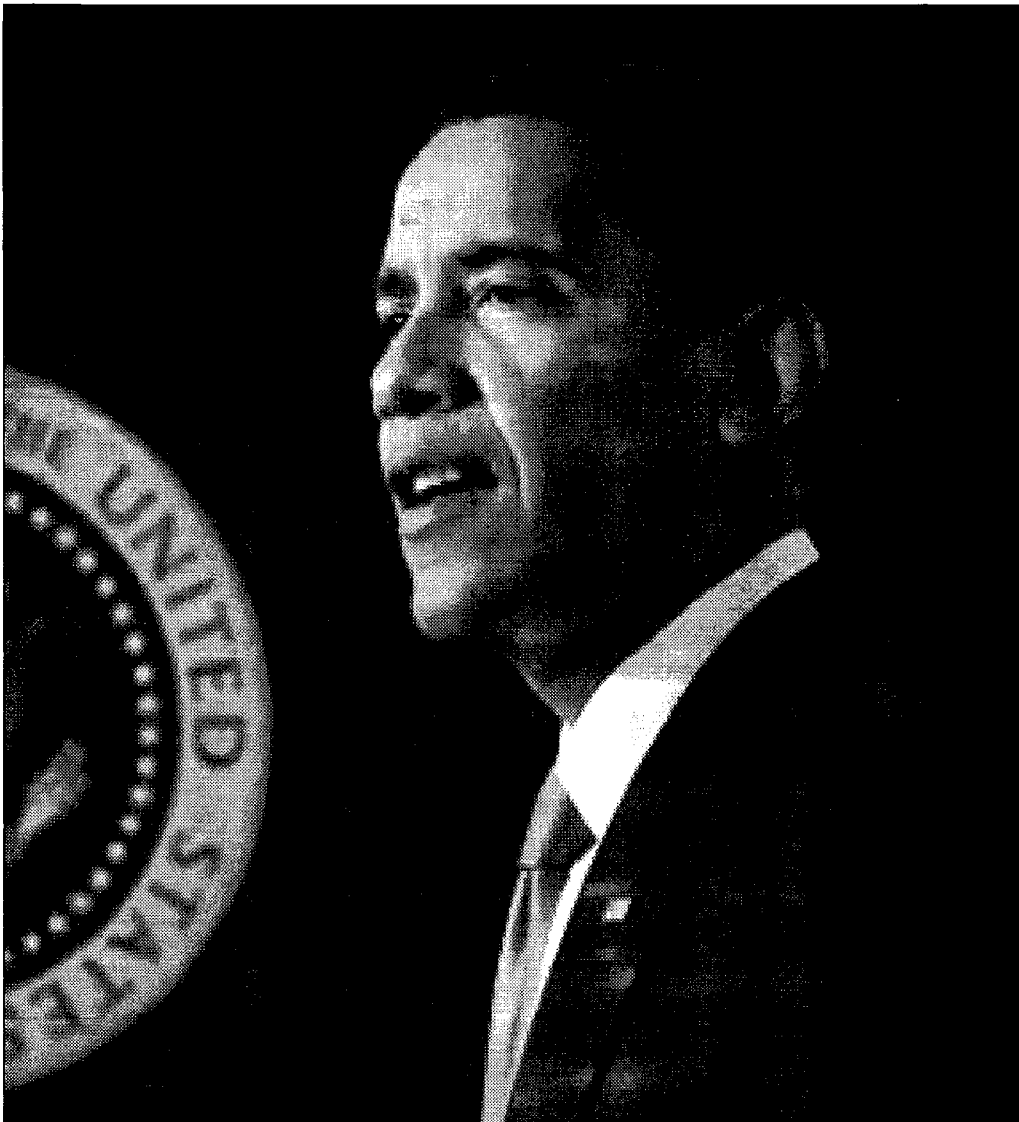
Aides circulated a draft of an executive order that would close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, within a year and halt all war crimes trials in the meantime.

Closing the site "would further the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States and the interests of justice," read the draft prepared for the new president's signature. A copy was obtained by The Associated Press.

Some of the 245 detainees currently held at Guantanamo would be released, while others would be transferred elsewhere and later put on trial under terms to be determined.

Obama's Cabinet was moving closer to completion.

At the Capitol, the Senate confirmed Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state after a one-day delay forced by Republicans. The vote was 94-2, and spectators seated in the galleries erupted in applause when it was



President Barack Obama speaks to his senior staff on Wednesday at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. AP

announced.

Treasury-designate Timothy Geithner emerged unscathed from his confirmation hearing, apologizing for having failed to pay \$34,000 in taxes earlier in the decade.

To the evident anger of Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Republicans on the panel invoked longstanding rules to postpone a vote on Eric Holder's appointment as attorney general.

Six Cabinet members have been confirmed so far, as have the two top officials at the Office of Management and Budget.

Obama's schedule for the

day included separate sessions on the economy and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The new president has pledged to take bold steps to revive the economy, which is struggling through the worst recession since the Great Depression. Last week, he won approval to use \$350 billion in leftover financial industry bailout funds.

He presided over the White House meeting on the economy as the House Appropriations Committee moved toward approval of \$358 billion in new spending, part of the economic stimulus package making its way to his desk.

The new commander in chief held his first meeting in the Situation Room, where he, Vice President Joe Biden and senior military and foreign policy officials discussed war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Obama campaigned on a pledge to withdraw U.S. combat forces from Iraq within 16 months, and to beef up the commitment in Afghanistan.

The new White House press secretary, Robert Gibbs, said Obama's phone calls to leaders in the Middle East were meant to convey his "commitment to active engagement in pursuit of Arab-Israeli peace from the beginning of his term."

## CUBA

## Fidel Castro says Obama is 'sincere'

Associated Press

HAVANA — Fidel Castro watched the U.S. inauguration on television and said Wednesday that Barack Obama seems "like a man who is absolutely sincere," Argentina's president said after meeting with the ailing Cuban icon.

"Fidel believes in Obama," Cristina Fernandez said.

The meeting with Fernandez, just before she ended a four-day visit to Cuba, dispelled persistent rumors that the 82-year-old Castro had suffered a stroke or lapsed into a coma in recent days.

"I was with Fidel about an hour or more," she told reporters at the airport as she left. "We were chatting, conversing. He looked good."

Fernandez said Castro wore the track suit that has become his trademark since he fell ill in July 2006 and vanished from public view. A spokesman said the two met alone.

"He told me he had followed the inauguration of Barack Obama very closely, that he had watched the inauguration on television all day," Fernandez said. "He had a very good perception of President Obama."

Fernandez said Castro called Obama "a man who seems absolute-

ly sincere," who believes strongly in his ideas "and who hopefully can carry them out."

Raul Castro, who took over the presidency from his brother, appeared with Fernandez, scoffing at the rumors about his brother's health.

"Do you think if he were really gravely ill that I'd be smiling here?" Raul Castro said. "Soon I'm going to take a trip to Europe. You guys think I could leave here if Fidel were really in grave condition?"

Castro, 77, said his older brother spends his days "thinking a lot, reading a lot, advising me, helping me."

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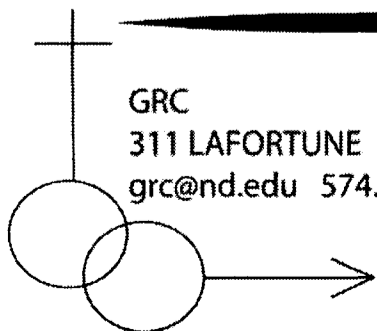
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## IN BRIEF

### Wall Street bounces back from sell-off

NEW YORK — Investors acted Wednesday as if they had overdone it a day earlier.

Wall Street snapped back from a steep sell-off with a rebound in the same financial stocks that were pummeled Tuesday. Upbeat comments from banks, stronger-than-expected results from IBM Corp. and hopes that Washington will offer more help to the economy powered a rally that recovered most of the previous session's losses.

The Dow Jones industrials surged nearly 280 points and all the major indexes rose more than 3.5 percent. Some bounce would have been expected after the Dow tumbled 332 points Tuesday but forecasts from PNC Financial Services Group Inc. and Bank of New York Mellon eased concerns that the troubles at financial giants like Citigroup Inc. were hitting all banks.

### Inauguration boosts newspaper sales

NEW YORK — Barack Obama's inauguration as president gave struggling newspapers another sales boost Wednesday as readers temporarily looked beyond the Internet and snatched up multiple printed copies as keepsakes.

At News World in downtown Washington, Moira Tsanga indiscriminately grabbed copies of any newspaper that had Obama splashed across the front page.

"I'm getting some for my mother in Zimbabwe," said Tsanga, who is from the southern African country but now lives in Virginia.

Rhonda Hazelock also stopped by seeking to commemorate Tuesday's historic event — just as she had the morning after Obama was elected. She had her hands full as she clutched nine newspapers, including The Washington Post and The Washington Times.

"I have almost all of them," Hazelock said. She planned to give some of the papers to her boss and frame the rest or use them for a scrapbook.

The Obama-driven demand won't lift a newspaper industry besieged by falling advertising revenue, but the one-time sales boost could help avert a layoff or two down the road, while serving as a reminder that even the Internet can't replace the value of printed newspapers in marking history.

## Toyota's sales trumped GM's in 2008

*First time in 77 years that General Motors has fallen from highest-selling spot*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toyota Motor Corp. sold more cars and trucks worldwide than any other automaker last year, seizing the crown General Motors Corp. held for 77 years. But with its overall sales having fallen for the first time in 10 years and the entire industry mired in a slump, there's little for the Japanese company to celebrate.

GM said Wednesday it sold 8,355,947 cars and trucks around the world in 2008, falling about 616,000 vehicles short of the 8.972 million Toyota announced Tuesday. GM said the shortfall was mainly caused by the economic downturns in the U.S. and Europe that slashed vehicle demand in those major markets, where Toyota doesn't have as large of a presence.

Mike DiGiovanni, GM's executive director of global market and industry analysis, downplayed the significance of the drop to No. 2, saying that the automaker is focused on profitability rather than sales volume.

"I don't think being No. 1 in vehicle sales means much at all to the American consumer," DiGiovanni said in a conference call with reporters and analysts. "I think what matters most to the consumer is strong brands and strong products. And the key thing right now with what the industry is going through now is viability and profitability."

Detroit-based GM, which has closed plants and laid off workers to cut production as it faces the worst U.S. auto market in more than 25 years, received a \$13.4 billion lifeline from the federal government last month. But the bailout requires GM to submit a plan for long-term viability, and the loan may be called back if the government hasn't determined by March 31 that the plan can succeed.

DiGiovanni said all automakers are currently



Unsold Denalis populate the showroom floor at a GMC Truck dealership in Littleton, Colorado on Dec. 19, 2008.

facing risks and challenges not seen since the Great Depression, and he pointed out that even Toyota expects to post an operating loss for the current fiscal year — its first in 70 years.

Toyota's overall global sales fell 4 percent for 2008, marking that automaker's first decline in a decade. The Japanese automaker has cut production in both North America and Japan to align its product offerings with slowing consumer demand.

GM posted an 11 percent drop in global sales, including a 21 percent drop in North America. GM Europe

sales fell 6.5 percent, including a 21 percent plunge in the fourth quarter as the global economy melted down.

Those declines were partially offset by a 3.2 percent increase in sales at GM's Latin America, Africa and Middle East region, and 2.7 percent growth in Asia-Pacific sales. Sales outside of the U.S. accounted for 64 percent of GM's global sales in 2008, up from 59 percent the year before.

Toyota's move into the top sales spot wasn't unexpected. The automaker nearly leapfrogged GM in 2007, selling only about 3,000

fewer vehicles than the U.S. company did that year.

DiGiovanni said Toyota's move to the top of the sales rankings doesn't necessarily signal a turning point in the industry. He said it's entirely possible that GM could regain the No. 1 spot once U.S. and European markets recover and sales in key emerging markets pick up.

"That story has yet to be written," DiGiovanni said. "Nobody knows what's going to happen."

GM shares rose 3 cents to end at \$3.53, while Toyota's U.S. shares rose \$1.64, or 2.5 percent, to \$67.52.

## 125 products recalled due to outbreak

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 125 products have been recalled in a salmonella-and-peanuts investigation that keeps getting bigger, federal health officials said Wednesday.

The list ranges from goodies like cookies and ice cream to energy bars. Even food for pooches may not be entirely safe, with a national company recalling some of its dog treats.

On Tuesday, PetSmart recalled seven kinds of its Great Choice dog biscuits. On Wednesday, the weight loss company NutriSystem issued a recall for peanut butter granola bars. And some Asian foods made with peanut sauces are starting to turn up on the recalls list.

To help consumers, the Food and Drug Administration has set up on its Web site a searchable database of

recalled peanut products. "We expect (the) number to continue to increase," said Stephen Sundlof, head of the FDA's food safety program. No major brands of peanut butter sold in jars are implicated.

Peanut butter is not normally thought of as a high-risk product for salmonella. The bacteria, a frequent source of food poisoning, is supposed to be killed off in the roasting process.

In this investigation, the common denominator is that all the products contain peanut paste or peanut butter made at a Peanut Corp. of America plant in Blakely, Ga.

Originally the problem appeared limited to peanut butter shipped in big tubs to institutional customers like nursing homes. But then peanut paste was implicated. Made from ground roasted peanuts, it is used as

an ingredient in dozens of other products sold directly to consumers.

Last week, Kellogg recalled some of its Austin and Keebler brand peanut butter crackers. Salmonella was later confirmed in a package of Austin crackers.

At least 486 people in more than 40 states have gotten sick since the outbreak began in the fall. Six have died.

Investigators found salmonella contamination at the PCA plant, which has suspended production. In one of the curious twists in the investigation, the salmonella strain at the plant is not an exact match to the one that has gotten people sick, the FDA said. However, the outbreak strain has been positively identified in a sample from an unopened jar of peanut produced at the Georgia plant.

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## Inauguration

Liberals aren't supposed to be religious. They're not supposed to buy into a young savior who explodes onto the scene. They're not supposed to wake up to join together and sing and chant and, yes, worship.

The first and only time I saw Barack Obama speak live was at American University last spring, when Sen. Kennedy, Rep. Kennedy, and maybe-senator-to-be Kennedy endorsed the now-President.

It was the sort of thing that probably won't go down in history — endorsements, as a rule, do not — but at the time, it mattered. It legitimized Obama/Kennedy comparisons, and it legitimized Obama's experience in Washington vis-à-vis Hillary.

But for the people at the rally — like the people at most Obama rallies — it was something more. The room had an energy and excitement I usually only experience on six or seven fall Saturdays each year.

Liberals aren't supposed to be religious, but this was a religious experience. We yelled about being fired up and ready to go. We chanted that yes, we could. We wanted to be part of something.

And, sure enough, it felt like a movement was taking hold. This was a tent revival for young liberals.

Obama whipped the crowd into a political frenzy. To take the religious implication to a new level, everybody drank the Obama Kool-Aid that day. When he asked for an amen, we gave him an amen. Everybody at the rally would have gone to war for Barack by

the end.

As George W. Bush took office in 2001, David Brooks called the typical college student today "The Organization Kid." He wrote, "The new elite does not protest. Young achievers vaguely know that they are supposed to feel guilty about not marching in the street for some cause ... Today's elite college students don't live in that age of rebellion and alienation."

The reason we didn't rebel or protest, people said, is because our generation was apathetic. Passive. We didn't care enough.

But Barack — sorry, President Obama — was supposed to make us loud. He was supposed to energize us to be politically and socially active the way others have been in the past. He was supposed to make us more like our parents: rallying, protesting, and actively working for change. Revival-style rallies were supposed to show that we were more political than ever before.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the Inauguration. People had it all wrong. For all his rallying during the campaign, Obama turned out to be pragmatic at heart. He isn't an ideologue. He is a liberal who acknowledges bravery at Khe San in his Inaugural Address. He wasn't born of protest or rebellion.

In other words, he is one of us. He proves what we know: that relative quiet is not apathy. We're not passive bystanders. Just because we don't march doesn't mean we don't care.

We don't "vaguely know that [we] are supposed to feel guilty about not marching in the street for some cause." We're not supposed to feel guilty about not marching in the street for some cause. We have other ways of demonstrating that — we spend a lot of time volunteering in our communities and

abroad, we Teach for America, we vote in record numbers when somebody speaks our language.

The excitement of his campaign was not because it charged us to act like our parents generation expects. It was because he spoke to us in language we understood, because he approached political activism the way we did. Tent-revival endorsement events were thrilling because Obama taps into something our generation knows, not because he was changing us.

Obama won't make us more like our parents. Instead, he'll make our parents more like us.

Of course, not everybody has realized this yet — least of all, our news media. But it is time we develop a new way to talk about politics. Trying to understand the impact of Obama on young people through the political lens of Vietnam and 60s-style activism makes no sense. It just doesn't work.

This is what President Obama means when he says that "the stale political arguments that have consumed us for so long no longer apply." The techniques of political activism of the past, rooted in the "stale" ideological clashes of the past, no longer apply, either.

It seems like President Obama gets that intuitively. We get it intuitively, too. It's time that everyone else finally catches up.

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Andrew Nesi

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"An onion can make people cry, but there has never been a vegetable invented to make them laugh."*

Will Rogers  
comedian

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value."*

Albert Einstein  
physicist

## A week of reasons to hope

Well, this week has certainly provided food for thought and a reason to get out of the regular drill. If we ever get lulled by sheer monotony, sub-zero temperatures, exhaustion or apathy into allowing the circles of our thoughts to become circumscribed in narrower and narrower ways, will this week shake us out of our winter-in-northern-Indiana stupor?

Kate Barrett

Faithpoint

The celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 19 could not help but be tinged with the anticipation of Barack Obama's inauguration on January 20. King could say in 1963, when the future looked desolate in so many ways for people of color, "I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together." ... With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day."

President Obama was all of two years old at the time of King's speech. We would probably all have to agree that now, two days ago on Jan. 20, when the new president gave his inaugural address facing the very monument from which King spoke, many of the "jangling discords of our nation" have not been transformed. We aren't free today, though what binds us has changed. In addition to racial and ethnic prejudices not yet fully healed, war threatens to grip us like quicksand and economic fear and despair hover around us as we hear story after story of layoffs, foreclosures and bankruptcies, even as we live in a culture that refers to us all as simply "consumers."

Tuesday's address, a mix of realism and hope, as well as all the events of Inauguration Day, reminded us that we are citizens, not merely consumers, a distinction which implies giving of ourselves rather than simply collecting what we can obtain or purchase. President Obama described the demands of citizenship: "...we have duties to ourselves, our nation and the world; duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task."

And yet as Christians, we must add another, even more fundamental layer of truth onto all the inspiring words and

images the celebrations of these last few days have given us. Our faith calls us to believe that we will find all that we hope and yearn for if we place Jesus of Nazareth at the center of our lives. Catholics believe that we will find Jesus Christ in his Body, the Church, and that therefore the entire focus and purpose of the Church is to point the world to Christ.

As compelling and attractive as the world seemed to find President Obama on Tuesday, it would be unfair — and foolish — to place too much hope in him. As one commentator said later that day, "He's the President, not the Messiah." President Obama's relationship with Christians of all denominations will probably remain filled with a complex mix of agreements and disagreements, unity as well as discord. Senior Catholic leaders from around the world have already praised his position on immigration at a time when many of the poorest people seeking to come to the United States are caught, with growing desperation, in the global economic downturn whether they seek work in their home countries or here. At the same time, the new president's support of the pending Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), which establishes abortion as a woman's "fundamental right" throughout her nine months of pregnancy, remains an enormous, though unsurprising, disappointment. Furthermore, other aspects of his inaugural address, though inspiring, lose their

credibility in light of his willingness to back FOCA. "People will judge you on what you can build, not what you destroy," he stated. Does this not apply to each and every one of us as much as to the foreign leaders he addressed?

Today, perhaps even as you're reading this, the March for Life fills the very same National Mall in Washington, D.C. where Martin Luther King spoke 46 years ago and President Obama took the oath of office just two days ago. The United States Bishops ask us to pray for and defend "the basic rights of those who are weakest and most marginalized: the poor, the homeless, the innocent unborn, and the frail and elderly who need our respect and assistance."

We may find much hope for the future in the words and the person of Barack Obama, and in taking note of how far we've come since Martin Luther King, Jr. told the nation and the world that he had a dream. We can't risk forgetting, however, that all our hopes will only truly come to fruition as we seek together to find and follow the person and example of Jesus Christ.

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## To whom it may concern

Just as any other recurring event, the transition and inauguration are fraught with tradition. There are those dictated by the Constitution: the time and manner in which a new president is to be handed power, dating back to George Washington. And there are those that are much more informal, such as the precedent set by Mary Todd Lincoln of wearing a white gown to the Inaugural Ball.

There are few traditions that interest me more, however, than the assorted letters written by those leaving for those arriving. This is a tradition, depending on the position, dating back to the founding of our country.

The most mysterious of the bunch, of course, is the letter sealed and left on the oval desk by the outgoing president. What does it say, and to what effect? In leaving the White House, James Buchanan reportedly said to Abraham Lincoln, "If you are as happy entering the presidency as I am in leaving it, then you are a truly happy man." While I'm not sure Mr. Bush's will be quite as explicit, I can't help but imagine that the letter is written as a warning of the difficulties and trials facing the newest



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member of the world's most exclusive club.

It will warn of the inevitable time when the honeymoon wears off and the press again turns rabid. It will talk about the inevitable failures of the presidency: having new legislature blocked and Congress call your bluff. And it will foretell the times when the tasks at hand become nearly impossible, and that it is probably in these times that sentiments similar to Buchanan's arise. It might talk about the difficulty of being a mere mortal, but being compared to some of the immortals of history, those whose faults history has long forgotten.

In recent months, Mr. Bush has seemed to become far more introspective and reflective of his time in office, as I'm sure outgoing presidents are, and it's perhaps in this simple letter he can find the only audience who will soon be able to understand his travails.

There is also the distinct possibility that I am completely wrong, and it mostly just advises to be cautious of the second floor toilet; that sometimes it's necessary to jiggle the handle.

Another instance of letter passing that I find amusing is the Flack Jacket, a suit coat hanging in the office of the White House press secretary that holds in its pockets words of advice from every former press secretary dating back to Ron Nessen of the Ford administration. Allegedly the job of press secretary is second in difficulty

job only to the chief executive himself, so I'm sure the advice left in the jacket is appreciated.

What might the collective group of outgoing Bush administration front men leave as advice for Robert Gibbs? I imagine Ari Fleischer would warn against getting thrown under the bus, and to beware anything related to undercover CIA agents and corrupt vice presidential chiefs of staff.

Scott McClellan probably talked about the horrors of working in the White House, and may have even mentioned future intent to make a fool out of himself. He might have explained the difficulties of working in an environment where a conflict of conscience can arise. But he certainly didn't allude to confronting those issues; it's better to wait and make a hefty profit.

The latest secretary, Dana Perino, most likely would give the best piece of information: Beware speaking off the cuff, and keep it simple. That way you can avoid proclaiming, in reference to Mr. Bush's low poll numbers, "Both the president and the vice president have long believed, and it's a part of what has made them the leaders that they are, which is not to chase popularity polls but to hold themselves to a standard that requires people not to like them." Ouch.

The newest, and perhaps my favorite incarnation of the letter writing tradition began this cycle when the Bush twins

penned a letter of advice for the incoming Obama girls, Sasha and Malia. Speculation is not necessary for this letter; it was quickly reported and published along with some of the highlights. The girls warned that over time people will come to think differently, sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worst, but to always remember who your father is, not the sketch or image in the newspapers.

They emphasized the "magical" aspects of living in the White House. I'm not entirely sure how the "magical" experiences of the 27 year old twins, who were 18 and going to college at inauguration, wholly relate to 7 year old Sasha and 10 year old Malia, but I'm sure they have something to offer.

They emphasized the importance of first daughter experiences, such as sliding "down the banister of the solarium ... and playing sardines on the White House lawn." I actually also heard there was an unpublished postscript: Until you're 21, watch the bar scene. With a full secret service escort, you'll draw some attention.

That's probably the most prudent advice of all.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Fairness in hiring

Charles Rice's editorial on "Catholic identity" and Notre Dame arrives, by a circuitous route, at the conclusion that the University's president should "veto" appointments of faculty candidates who are not Catholic. Unless one believes that it is in the interest of the Church in America to have the country's leading Catholic university bereft of academic credibility, Rice's proposal is most unwise. It is also unwarranted.

Rice seems determined to blame Notre Dame's commitment to excel-

lence as a research university for various ills, including driving up the cost of undergraduate education. In fact, costs have risen comparably at good private colleges, without graduate students or major research agendas. Compare Notre Dame's \$46,600, for example, to Amherst College's estimated \$51,000 to \$53,000, Kenyon College's \$47,000, the College of William and Mary's \$40,000, and Holy Cross College's \$49,000. More to the point, he blames the pursuit of

"research repute" for a putative lack of concern for teaching, citing the claim of an unnamed "liberal arts professor" that undergraduate teaching is irrelevant in promotion decisions. In fact, teaching is weighed very heavily in all the liberal arts I know, through faculty efforts, careful consideration of student evaluations, and labor-intensive peer observation and mentoring. It is not just Notre Dame's "research repute" but its reputation for intellectual seriousness and its influential

leadership that would vanish overnight if Rice's advice were followed.

Vetoing appointments on the basis of faith would be imprudent. In view of Notre Dame's stated commitment to fairness in hiring, it would also be unethical.

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## 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY NOTRE DAME STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL '09

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A Native American student struggles to acclimate to life at the University of Notre Dame.

### our lady's bouncers

*danielle sclafani, christina marzo, katie dare*



A transfer student discovers that getting accepted to Notre Dame is easier than getting past the infamous security gate guards.

### believe in you

*mark weber, ian cooney*



The John Conroy Band freshens things up with a music video along the Lake Michigan coastline.

### the birthday wish

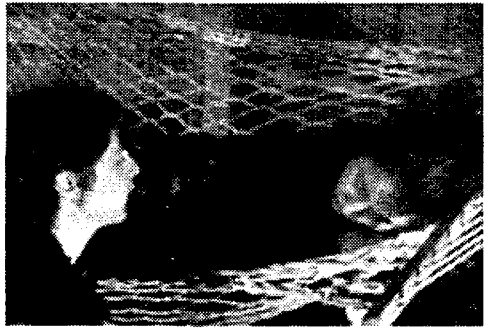
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Everything changes with a birthday wish.

### prologue

*joe piarulli, dan milan*



A teenage boy reconstructs the events of a night in which his best friend was raped, a rape he could have prevented.

## STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL *celebrates 20 years*

MARY JESSE | Observer Graphic

By ANALISE LIPARI  
Scene Editor

For two decades, students studying film and film production at Notre Dame have had the chance to showcase their films at the annual Student Film Festival. This year, the Film, Television and Theatre department is celebrating the festival's 20th anniversary, starting tonight.

Ted Mandell, a professor in the FTT department and a 1986 graduate of the University, started the film festival in 1990. Back then, Mandell said in a recent interview with The Observer, the setting was hardly as dressed up as its current residence, the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

"The Festival then was more like a public screening," Mandell said. "We had about 50 people show up, and it was down in the basement of the Center for Continuing Education." Currently, the Festival is an opportunity for students in any of the department's production courses to showcase preselected sampling of their best work. "It's not a competition," Mandell said, "but it's more of a showcase of their work, and the types of work that our students are doing."

In its early days, Mandell says, the Festival was much less formally structured.

"It was a screening of any student film they wanted to put up there," he said. "We had maybe two production courses then, and the students who wanted their films shown put them all together and put them on screen." In those days, the festival featured a little less than three hours of material. Now, Mandell said, "it's changed, and it's grown into the best student work over the past year."

Mandell also notes that the Festival is a rare opportunity for film students to air their films "to a larger audience," both within the University and in the greater South Bend community.

This year's crop of films, ranging from documentaries to period pieces, is a varied one. Highlights of the selections include "Our Lady's Bouncers," the saga of trying to get your car past a Notre Dame Security booth, and "Dana," a documentary piece about a Native American student adapting to student life in the Midwest after growing up on a Navajo reservation.

"It's a wide variety," Mandell said, noting that students can check out

descriptions of each film on the Film, Television and Theatre department's Web site. "There are films about being at a party on a weekend, to being stuck at home by yourself on your birthday, to following a member of Opus Dei."

An impressive number of students who've participated in the Festival in past years have gone on to careers in the larger film and entertainment industry. Mandell notes that Stephen Susco, a professional screenwriter who wrote the American adaptation of "The Grudge," is a former Domer, and

other alumni have gone on to work for HBO, the NFL network and EA Sports.

While the success may come later, tough production schedules and tight deadlines can characterize these students' learning experiences, for better and for worse. Mandell recalled a memorable episode in one of the early years of the Festival that brought procrastination to a humorous new level.

"One time when we were showing the Festival, there was one guy finishing his film while the Festival was actually running. He was doing his final edit, and [the film] was supposed to show 60 minutes into the screening. He got it done 20 minutes ahead of time," he said.

To Mandell, it's this organized chaos that characterizes what he calls "the filmmaking age," and that his students can experience each time they go behind the camera. "It's about problem solving, writing the script, finding the actor, figuring out what's wrong with the battery power, and staying up 24 hours to try and edit films. It's a lengthy and very rewarding process."

What makes this year's festival unique is its impressive anniversary: Twenty years of student films are being celebrated as the department features its students' work, and two decades of memories are packed into each night's showing.

To Mandell, however, the real legacy of the Festival comes alive when we watch the fruits of these students' labors onscreen and beyond.

"Honestly, the real satisfying thing is to see the students bring their films to the festival, then go out in the real world using the skills and experience they've learned. When they say, 'We've learned a lot here, so we can do a lot of things out in the world — documentaries, features, et cetera — that's the most satisfying thing," he said.

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## WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

### THUR.

### FRI.



#### Chicken Jackson, 10:00 p.m., Legends

Listen to Notre Dame's very own band, Chicken Jackson, shake up the audiences with their live performance at Legend's this Thursday night. Blending a mix of rock and jam with a touch of funk, this group will perform their original music inspired by icons such as the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Allman Brothers Band, Sublime and the Rolling Stones. Chris Terschluse and Nick DePrey will rock the vocals, bass and guitar, accompanied by guitarist Patrick Needham and drummer Michael Spencer. For samples of their work, visit their Facebook page "Chicken Jackson." Take a study break Thursday night and head over to Legend's for an energized and entertaining performance.



#### Tim Robbins' The Actors' Gang presents 1984, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m., Decio Mainstage Theatre

"Big Brother is Watching You." The haunting reality that characters in George Orwell's "1984" face is one in which their every move, word and decision is monitored by an ever-present government that refuses to allow dissidence. Oscar-Award-winning actor Tim Robbins directs an adaptation of this story for the Decio Mainstage Theatre this weekend in a thought-provoking performance that will force audiences to examine the government's role in their own lives. Using the interrogation of the rebellious protagonist Winston as the center of the plotline, Robbins unfolds the rest of the drama with the authority figure's questions, which force Winston to travel through his memory and recall significant details from his past.

#### Baghdad High (2008), 6:30 and 9:30 pm, Browning Cinema

Thousands of miles away teenagers wake up every morning, get dressed and make their ways through high school, just like American students do. Directors Laura Winter and Ivan O'Mahoney want to show Westerners that their age-equivalents living in Baghdad really is not that different, giving four Iraqi high school seniors video cameras to document their lives for a year. This completely different and new perspective on life in Iraq will show audiences what it is like to be a teenager in a world ravaged by uncertainty and discontent, and how Iraqis still hold on to their faith that a better tomorrow will come. This is a free, but ticketed event. Please call the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Ticket Office at 574-631-2800 to reserve tickets.



#### Citizen Kane, 3:00 p.m., Browning Cinema

This 1941 classic utilizes multiple flashbacks and newsreel clips to expose the life of Charles Foster Kane (a character whose story seems to parallel the real-life William Randolph Hearst), a millionaire newspaper mogul who passed away but left reporters stupefied when he cryptically spoke his last word, "Rosebud." As the search to discover the meaning of these words continues, more details come to surface revealing who the real Charles Kane was and how the rise of his power and fortune inversely affected the fall of his happiness. Orson Welles poured his heart and soul into the creation of this piece serving as its director, star and producer and the release of this piece met much due praise for its profound storyline and the secrets it reveals about human nature.



### SAT.

### SUN.

## Dining Hall Dish

By MICHELLE FORDICE  
Assistant Scene Editor

Today we have a turkey theme. Turkey is nutritious, providing things like folic acid and vitamin B, and relatively low-fat (without the skin). Each of these recipes adds a twist to the classic sandwich, putting a new spin on this frequent member of your brown bag lunch.

Of course, these sandwiches provide plenty of sustenance and definitely deserve the transition to dinner. Whenever you decide to eat them, they'll certainly be tasty.

This week's recipes:

#### Turkey and Blue Cheese Sandwich

This sandwich has a good bite to it — the red wine vinegar cuts through the blue cheese and savory turkey nicely and the red onion adds a crisp spice. Remember to go for the nicer bread. It will make the sandwich that much better.

1. Pick up two slices of good wheat bread.
2. Spread a thin layer of mayonnaise on one side of bread.
3. Toss some spinach in red wine vinegar, oil and a touch of salt. Place on sandwich
4. Place slices of red onion and turkey (don't forget to check if they are carving turkey that day) on sandwich.
5. Crumble on blue cheese

and top with the other side of bread.

6. Serve with apple slices or a quick salad.

#### Open Faced Turkey Sandwich

This is usually a post-Thanksgiving meal, but with the dining hall's regular serving of things like stuffing and mashed potatoes, you can have it whenever you want. It's a fun take on a sandwich too, so smothered with gravy you need a knife and fork.

Sadly, the dining hall doesn't have cranberries that often, but you can always try to substitute a glass of cranberry juice.

1. Pick up one slice of good white bread.
2. Top with a layer of stuff-

ing and slices of turkey (again, don't forget to see if they are carving turkey that day).

3. Ladle gravy over the top.
4. Serve with mashed potatoes.

#### Quick Tip

Of course, there's nothing wrong with traditional! You can always jazz up the basic version of a turkey sandwich with a couple of condiments.

Try hot sauce, a dash of salt and a little mayo. Don't forget the pickle!

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail [mfordice@nd.edu](mailto:mfordice@nd.edu).

## NCAA BASKETBALL

# Hokies hand No. 1 Wake first loss of season

Michigan State upset at home by Northwestern behind Coble's 31; Gamecocks knock off Florida with buzzer beater

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Virginia Tech made sure there are no unbeaten teams left in Division I.

Malcolm Delaney scored 21 points and the Hokies held on to upset No. 1 Wake Forest 78-71 on Wednesday night.

A.D. Vassallo and Jeff Allen added 16 points apiece for the Hokies (12-6, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference). They led nearly from the opening tip to the final buzzer, pushed their lead to 16 and made it stand up for their first victory over a No. 1 team since they beat North Carolina two seasons ago in Blacksburg.

Jeff Teague scored 23 points and James Johnson added 18 before fouling out with 1:17 remaining for Wake Forest (16-1, 3-1), which was playing as the nation's top-ranked team for the first time since November 2004.

The Demon Deacons' early 16-point deficit was by far their biggest of the season, and they trailed by 10 at halftime before they made it a game again. They used a 14-4 run early in the second half that brought them within single digits, then cut it to two twice in the final 4 minutes — the last coming when Teague's 3-pointer with 1:49 remaining made it 71-69.

But Delaney hit two free throws 7 seconds later and the Hokies allowed one field goal after that to clinch one of the biggest victories in school history.

Virginia Tech improved to 2-7 against top-ranked teams — and continued its dominance of the Demon Deacons. The Hokies have won five of their last six meetings with Wake Forest.

The Demon Deacons' school-record 16-0 start is history, and its next home game — a Jan. 28 showdown with Duke — suddenly looks less appealing now that it might not be a 1-vs.-2 matchup.

L.D. Williams finished with 12 points and Al-Farouq Aminu added 10 for Wake Forest, which looked nothing like the nation's top-ranked team early on.

That's largely because the Hokies' physical defense took the Demon Deacons out of their game.

Virginia Tech erased its only lead of the half by outscoring them 23-6 over an 11-minute span, going up 30-14 on Victor Davila's layup with 4:18 remaining.

Wake Forest didn't attempt a free throw in the first half — while the Hokies were 10-for-14 from the stripe — and for a stretch of 13 minutes, Teague was the only Demon Deacon to score. The rest of his teammates were a combined 0-for-9 during that span.

## Northwestern 70, Michigan State 63

Kevin Coble scored 31 points and Northwestern stunned No. 7 Michigan State on Wednesday

night, ending the Spartans' 28-game home-court winning streak.

The Wildcats (10-6, 2-4 Big Ten) used clutch 3-point shooting and an aggressive 1-3-1 zone to beat a turnover-plagued Michigan State team that got little from leading scorer Raymar Morgan.

Averaging 14.8 points per game entering Wednesday, Morgan did not start because of lingering flu-like symptoms. He came off the bench early in the first half but finished with only one point in 18 minutes.

Michael Thompson had 20 points for Northwestern.

Kalin Lucas led the Spartans (15-3, 5-1) with 20 points.

Michigan State's home-court winning streak had been tied for third-longest in the nation. Only Notre Dame (45) and Kansas (35) had longer runs.

Wednesday's game was the 300th played at the Breslin Center, Michigan State's on-campus arena that opened for the 1989-90 season. The Spartans are 262-38 in the building, winning 87 percent of the time.

Michigan State's 5-0 start in the Big Ten was its best in conference action since 1977-78, when the Spartans opened with seven straight wins.

But Northwestern, relying on its aggressive defense and Coble's 19-point first half, trailed just 34-33 at halftime.

The Wildcats grabbed a 44-39 lead when Coble nailed a runner in the lane with 13:33 remaining. His leaning, 3-pointer off the glass just moments earlier had broken a 39-all tie.

Northwestern's lead grew to 48-43 with 9:22 left on a turnaround jumper by Luka Mirkovic.

Michigan State fought back to take a 49-48 lead on a pair of free throws by Durrell Summers. But back-to-back 3s by Craig Moore and Thompson gave Northwestern a 54-49 lead with 6:31 remaining.

The Spartans trimmed the lead to 57-55 on Lucas' 3-pointer with about 4:30 remaining, but Moore responded with a 3-pointer with 3:54 left to put the Wildcats ahead 60-55.

Coble's basket gave Northwestern a 62-55 edge with 2:14 left. The Wildcats made just enough free throws down the stretch to hold off a Michigan State comeback.

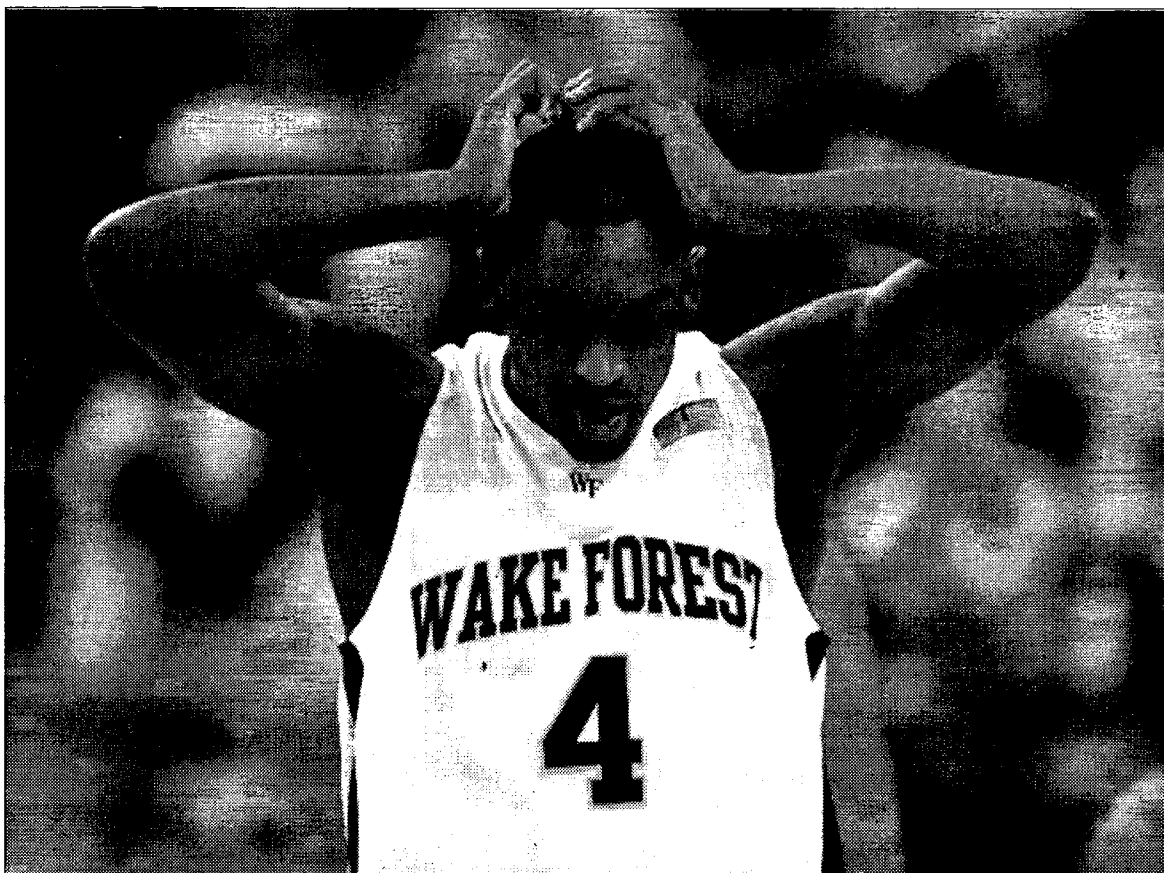
Moore finished with 11 points.

Goran Suton had 15 points and 14 rebounds for the Spartans.

## Connecticut 89, Villanova 83

A.J. Price scored a career-high 29 points to lead No. 3 Connecticut to its sixth straight victory, over No. 20 Villanova on Wednesday night.

Jerome Dyson added 19 points and Jeff Adrien had 12 points and 14 rebounds, his fourth double-double in as many games, for the Huskies (17-1, 6-1 Big East), who



Wake Forest's Harvey Hale reacts during the second half of their 78-71 loss to Virginia Tech in Winston-Salem, N.C., Wednesday night.

improved to 5-1 this season against ranked teams, with the only loss coming at home to Georgetown.

Dwayne Anderson had 15 points for the Wildcats (14-4, 2-3), who have dropped three of five, with all the losses to fellow ranked teams in the Big East.

The matchup of teams ranked in the league's top five in defense looked nothing like that as the first half ended tied at 48. The defense picked up on both sides in the second half, although both teams allowed more than 20 points over their season average.

Price, the fifth-year senior whose career has been marred by a life-threatening brain injury, a season-long school suspension over on-campus thefts and major surgery after a knee injury in last season's NCAA tournament, had 20 points in the first half. He hit all of Connecticut's four 3-pointers in the game, finishing 4-for-6 beyond the arc.

His previous career high was 26 points against Notre Dame last season and his best outing this season was 24 points in a win over Gonzaga. This was the third time in Price's career he had 20 points in consecutive games — he had 23 in Sunday's win over Seton Hall.

Price was 10-of-13 from the field and had five rebounds and five assists.

The Huskies used a 10-0 run to go up 66-59 on a drive by Dyson with 13:24 to play.

Reggie Redding of Villanova hit a 3-pointer to cut the margin to four, but Price answered with his only 3 of the second half with

12:04 left to make it 69-62.

Connecticut's biggest lead came at 75-64 on a free throw by Kemba Walker with 7:42 to go, but the Wildcats managed to get back to 84-81 on a 3 by Scottie Reynolds with 28 seconds to go. The Huskies went 5-of-6 from the free throw line the rest of the way.

Reynolds had 14 points for the Wildcats, who had won their last two meetings and three of four against Connecticut, while Antonio Pena, Redding and Corey Stokes all had 12.

Adrien's double-double was the 41st of the senior's career and his eighth this season.

Dante Cunningham, Villanova's leading scorer and rebounder with averages of 17.4 and 7.4, fouled out with 8:16 to play and finished with six points and three rebounds.

These teams met in the same building in 2002 with Connecticut winning 46-40.

## South Carolina 70, Florida 69

Zam Fredrick's layup as time expired lifted South Carolina to 70-69 victory over No. 24 Florida.

The Gamecocks (13-4, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) trailed 67-60 with less than three minutes left. Devan Downey began the comeback with four straight foul shots and his 3-pointer with 26.5 seconds left cut the lead to 69-67.

After Nick Calathes missed a foul shot, Fredrick had the chance to tie the game as he went to the line with 4.7 seconds to go but missed his second attempt.

Chandler Parsons had the chance to ice it at the line for Florida with 3.3 seconds remain-

ing. He, too, missed the foul shot.

Mike Holmes rebounded the miss, and threw a long pass to the streaking Fredrick who laid the ball in as time expired.

The loss ended the 10-game win streak of Florida (16-3, 3-1).

Calathes led Florida with 20 points. However, only two of those came in the final 11 minutes as the Gators watched their lead shrink.

Downey finished with 20 points and Fredrick 15 for South Carolina, which defeated the Gators for the first time since the 2006 regular season.

Florida got back in the national rankings this week — the SEC's only representative in the top 25 — due in part to its long win streak.

And it looked as if the Gators did just enough down the stretch to hold off South Carolina and first-year coach Darrin Horn.

Evaldus Baniulis' fourth and final 3 got the Gamecocks within 62-60. But then Chandler Parsons answered with a 3 of his own and Walter Hodge extended the margin with an inside basket.

Calathes looked like he had saved the day with his reverse from beneath the basket with 35.4 seconds to go to make it 69-64.

Then Downey, the SEC's second-leading scorer at 19.6 points a game, shook off a poor shooting night with a floating 3 to set up the crazy final moments.

Fredrick's momentum after the winning bucket carried him into the crowd and his teammates followed.

Baniulis had 12 points, all on 3-pointers.

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## Division I Men's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	points	record
1	Wake Forest (68)	1793	16-0
2	Duke (4)	1721	16-1
3	Connecticut	1590	16-1
4	Pittsburgh	1569	16-1
5	North Carolina	1510	16-2
6	Oklahoma	1498	17-1
7	Michigan St.	1394	15-2
8	Syracuse	1146	17-2
9	Louisville	1090	13-3
10	Clemson	1043	16-1
11	Marquette	1003	16-2
12	Georgetown	979	12-4
13	UCLA	897	14-3
14	Texas	858	13-4
15	Xavier	848	15-2
16	Butler	726	16-1
17	Arizona St.	671	15-3
18	Purdue	553	14-4
19	NOTRE DAME	469	12-5
20	Villanova	353	14-3
21	Minnesota	298	16-2
22	Memphis	208	14-3
23	Gonzaga	201	12-4
23	Florida	175	16-2
25	Illinois	159	15-3

## Division I Women's Track and Field Preseason Rankings

	team	points
1	Texas A&M	149
2	LSU	127
3	Michigan	119
4	Tennessee	117
5	Florida State	109
6	Arizona State	84
7	Virginia Tech	82
8	Oregon	81
9	Texas Tech	81
10	Minnesota	74
11	Arkansas	69
12	Texas	68
13	Florida	67
14	Penn State	67
15	Arizona	66
16	South Carolina	64
17	Stanford	61
18	North Carolina	46
19	UTEP	44
20	Miami (Fla.)	39
21	TCU	37
22	Kentucky	36
23	Alabama	33
24	Nebraska	33
25	Louisville	31

## MIAA Women's Basketball Rankings

	team	record
1	SAINT MARY'S	7-1
2	Hope	7-1
3	Albion	5-3
4	Adrian	4-4
5	Trine	4-4
6	Calvin	4-4
7	Alma	3-5
8	Olivet	2-6
9	Kalamazoo	0-8

## around the dial

### NBA

Celtics at Magic  
8:00 p.m., TNT

Wizards at Lakers  
10:30 p.m., TNT

### NBA



North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough, right, and Clemson's Demontez Stitt reach for the ball during the second half of the Tar Heels' 94-70 victory. Hansbrough finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

## North Carolina routs Clemson

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Wayne Ellington had another big game against Clemson, and No. 5 North Carolina added another year of misery to the 10th-ranked Tigers' streak of futility in Chapel Hill.

Ellington had 25 points to help the Tar Heels beat the Tigers 94-70 on Wednesday night, keeping North Carolina perfect in 54 home games against Clemson.

Tyler Hansbrough added 20 points for the Tar Heels (17-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), whose 54-0

run against the Tigers here is an NCAA record for the longest home winning streak against one opponent. North Carolina took control late in the first half and used a 24-4 run spanning the break to build an 18-point lead early in the second half.

Clemson (16-2, 2-2) never got closer than 13 the rest of the way and trailed by as many as 27 points. It was the Tigers' second consecutive defeat after a 16-0 start, following Saturday's home loss to Wake Forest that propelled the Demon Deacons to the No. 1 ranking this week.

Ellington was coming off a 23-point performance last weekend against Miami in which he hit eight straight shots in the second half, seven from behind the arc, after a slow start to the season. He followed that by picking up where he left off in last year's season-long torture of the Tigers.

Ellington averaged 29 points in three meetings against Clemson last season, including a career-high 36 and the last-second 3-pointer on the road for the win in the first meeting. This time, he finished 9-for-15 from the field to go with a

career-high seven assists and six rebounds.

It marked the first time in his career that he's had consecutive 20-point games.

With Ellington rediscovering his shot, North Carolina's offense looked about as sharp as it has in weeks despite Hansbrough being relatively quiet against Clemson's physical front-line until the game was in hand. North Carolina shot 53 percent for the game, while Deon Thompson — after failing to reach double figures in the first four conference games — had 15 points.

### IN BRIEF

#### Jeff Kent to announce retirement at 40

LOS ANGELES — Jeff Kent plans to announce his retirement from baseball on Thursday at Dodger Stadium.

Kent spent 17 years in the major leagues and leaves as the career home-run leader among second basemen with 351, 74 more than Ryne Sandberg.

He spent the last four seasons with the Dodgers, hitting .291 with 122 doubles, 75 homers and 311 RBIs. Los Angeles issued a statement Wednesday announcing the news conference.

A five-time All-Star and the 2000 NL MVP, Kent hit .253 during the first half of last season, improved to .353 in August, then injured his knee on Aug. 29 and had surgery four days later. He returned to make the postseason roster, but was relegated to a bench role. He went a combined 0-for-9 with four strikeouts during the two playoff series and became a free agent in November.

He'll be replaced at second base by Blake DeWitt, who took over when Kent was sidelined.

#### Olympic champion Dementieva into 3rd round

MELBOURNE, Australia — Olympic champion Elena Dementieva improved her 2009 winning streak to 12 matches on Thursday, beating Iveta Benesova 6-4, 6-1 to reach the third round of the Australian Open.

Dementieva, who won titles at Auckland and Sydney before the season's first major, struggled with her serve early but recovered to finish the match in 72 minutes.

The 27-year-old Dementieva reached the French Open and U.S. Open finals in 2004, beaten both times by fellow Russians, and has not returned to the championship of a Grand Slam tournament since.

Her highlight last year was a win over fellow Russian Dinara Safina in the gold medal match at the Beijing Olympics. She was ousted in the semifinals at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 2008 and has never advanced beyond the fourth round at Melbourne Park.

#### Fight between Pacquiao and Hatton off for now

LAS VEGAS — Manny Pacquiao's refusal to accept terms already agreed to by his promoter has apparently scuttled the planned May 2 fight between him and British fighter Ricky Hatton.

Promoters for both fighters said Wednesday the fight is off, with little chance of it being revived.

"You never say never, but right now it's off," said Bob Arum, who promotes Pacquiao. "Hatton's shopping around for a new opponent now."

Arum said the original agreement was for the two fighters to split their shares 50-50, with Pacquiao having a \$12 million guarantee. That deal fell through when Pacquiao demanded the bigger percentage, and a new agreement called for him to get 52 percent of the purse.

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## NFL

# Ryan promises Jets a much brighter future

Rex Ryan will replace Eric Mangini as the New York Jets' head coach after four seasons as a defensive coordinator

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Making one bold declaration after another, Rex Ryan gave his vision for the New York Jets: a Super Bowl trophy and a White House visit.

"With all the cameras and all that, I was looking for our new president back there," Ryan said with a big, bright smile Wednesday, moments after being introduced as the team's head coach.

"You know," he added, "I think we'll get to meet him in the next couple years anyway."

Whoa! Talk about putting pressure on yourself. After all, this is a franchise that hasn't been to a Super Bowl since his father, Buddy, was an assistant on the 1969 champions.

"I'm not afraid of expectations," the 46-year-old Ryan said. "My goal is to win a Super Bowl. It's not to just win X number of games."

And that sounded like the perfect game plan to an excited Woody Johnson.

"Why else are we here?" the Jets owner asked. "Yee-haw! That's good."

Ryan, Baltimore's defensive coordinator the last four seasons, said all the right things in meeting with the

media for the first time since being hired Monday to replace the fired Eric Mangini.

"We want to be known as the most physical football team in the NFL," Ryan said. "The players will have each other's backs, and if you take a swipe at one of ours, we'll take a swipe at two of yours."

More big statements from the big man now in charge of turning around a franchise that's parched for a title.

After spending big bucks in the offseason, trading for Brett Favre and starting out 8-3 last season, the Jets were talked about as a potential Super

Bowl team. Then came the late-season collapse in which the team lost four of its last five and stunningly missed the playoffs.

"We expect to win," Ryan said. "We have a lot of talent here that's already in place."

Several of those players attended Ryan's press conference, including cornerback Darrelle Revis and wide receiver Jerricho Cotchery, who wanted to get a first look at their new coach.

"He's relaxed and he's not tense," Revis said when asked to compare Ryan with Mangini. "He's exciting and you can just tell he's going to



New York Jets coach Rex Ryan, center, poses with Jets general manager Mike Tannenbaum, left, and Jets owner Woody Johnson during a news conference Wednesday at the Jets' training facility.

bring a lot of stuff over here that we'll like."

Whether Favre is a part of this team remains uncertain. The 39-year-old quarterback is mulling retirement again after tearing a biceps muscle and throwing nine interceptions in the Jets' last five games.

"I would think anybody would want him as their quarterback," Ryan said, adding that he planned to speak to each one of the players during the next sev-

eral days, including Favre.

Ryan, who signed a four-year deal reportedly worth \$11.6 million, has already started assembling his coaching staff, announcing that he hired Ravens outside linebackers coach Mike Pettine as his defensive coordinator. Pettine, who spent seven years as an assistant in Baltimore, will replace Bob Sutton.

Offensive line coach Bill Callahan and special teams coordinator Mike Westhoff will be retained, and Ryan hopes to have offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer on his staff. Both Callahan and Schottenheimer were beaten out for the job by Ryan in a lengthy interview process by the Jets. Ryan said he would meet with Schottenheimer during the next few days.

It became apparent Ryan was at the top of the Jets' list of candidates when several other teams filled coaching vacancies and New York's remained open. The Jets needed Baltimore's season to end — which happened Sunday with a 23-14 loss to the Steelers — before offering him the job.

"I think you saw a coach that was very comfortable in his own skin," Johnson said.

Ryan sat with beat writers in a conference room after the introductory news conference for more than a half-hour, answering questions, cracking jokes and showing off an impressive PowerPoint presentation detailing the team's goals and philosophy. He also talked about how he still sometimes seeks advice from his father, a longtime NFL assistant who had head coaching jobs with Philadelphia and Arizona.

"I know my dad is known as one of the best defensive coaches in the history of this

league," Ryan said. "I want to be a better head coach than my father."

Buddy Ryan had some advice for Rex.

"I told him the Jets were my team, just don't (mess) them up," Buddy Ryan said during a phone interview with The Associated Press.

The 74-year-old Ryan, now retired and living in Kentucky, said he doesn't expect it to take long for his son to put his own stamp on the team.

"He's qualified and certified," Buddy Ryan said. "They did themselves a good favor by hiring him. He's happy with the job, that's what he wanted."

Rex Ryan, the twin brother of Cleveland defensive coordinator Rob Ryan, has no previous head coaching experience, but has been an assistant at the pro and college levels for more than 20 years. Nicknamed 'The Mad Scientist' by his players for his aggressive and unpredictable game plans, Ryan spent the past 10 seasons with the Ravens.

"The message to the rest of the league," he said, "is, 'Hey, the Jets are coming, and we're going to give you everything we got. And I think that's going to be more than you can handle.'"

Ryan's Baltimore defense has been ranked in the top six in total yardage allowed the past four years and led the NFL this season with 34 takeaways. Ryan prefers to run a 3-4 defensive scheme, which the Jets already have in place.

"I'm not a one-hit wonder," Ryan said. "When you look at my background, I think I've been successful at all stops along the way. I know the kind of responsibility it takes to be a head football coach. Again, you got the right guy — and I plan on proving that each and every week."

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## NBA

# Villanueva, Bucks run over Mavericks

*Prince's strong third quarter leads Pistons to win*

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Charlie Villanueva had 32 points and 10 rebounds and Michael Redd added 27 points, lifting the Milwaukee Bucks to a 133-99 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night and snapping a two-game losing skid.

The Bucks didn't have Andrew Bogut for the fourth straight game due to back spasms. But after a 1-2 West Coast trip, they didn't need his physical presence or rebounding at home.

Milwaukee shot 69 percent for the final three quarters en route to a season-best 133 points and handed Dallas its worst loss of the season to halt the Mavericks' two-game winning streak.

Dallas gave up midway through the fourth, with coach Rick Carlisle taking out both Jason Kidd, who finished with 18 points, and Dirk Nowitzki, who went 7-of-16 from the field and 16-of-17 from the free-throw line to finish with 30.

The duo even walked onto the court toward the locker room before the final seconds ticked off.

Ramon Sessions added 21 points and Richard Jefferson scored 15 for Milwaukee.

Kidd hit a 3-pointer to tie it at 67 early in the third quarter, but Dan Gadzuric, who started with seven straight misses, tipped in a shot and Redd began to find his stroke, hitting 3-pointers on three straight possessions to spark a 19-2 run.

Redd wasn't finished.

With Nowitzki guarding him on a switch, the veteran guard did a quick crossover for a little space and then hit a 16-foot jumper while fading to the baseline.

Then Redd used a pump fake to shake his defender, burying another jumper over Nowitzki. Moments later, Villanueva was left uncovered for a 3-pointer that made it 97-76.

Nowitzki, who had his left thumb taped early in the second quarter, scored 14 points in the third, including a jumper that made it 101-85 heading into the fourth quarter, but Dallas never made a run leaving Mavs owner Mark Cuban shaking his head just behind the bench.

## Detroit 95, Toronto 76

Tayshaun Prince scored 12 of his 25 points in the third quarter, helping the Detroit Pistons pull away from the Toronto Raptors in a 95-76 win Wednesday night.

Prince's play overshadowed the story of the game.

The Pistons used Richard Hamilton as a reserve after the All-Star shooting guard started his first 611 games, including the playoffs, in his seven seasons with the team.

Detroit coach Michael Curry inserted 6-foot-9 forward Amir Johnson in place of Hamilton and kept superstar Allen Iverson in the starting lineup.

Chris Bosh had 19 points for the Raptors, who have lost seven straight.

Prince led a balanced attack for the Pistons, who won their second in a row after losing five consecutive.

Rodney Stuckey scored 17 points, Jason Maxiell had season highs in points (16) and rebounds (11), Iverson scored 11 and reserve Antonio McDyess had 10 points and eight rebounds.

Hamilton scored seven points in his first game off the bench since Feb. 1, 2002, when he was playing for the Washington Wizards. The following offseason, they traded him to Detroit for Jerry Stackhouse.

Toronto's Andrea Bargnani scored 16 points and reserve Jermaine O'Neal had 11 points, playing for just the second time in 13 games. O'Neal has been slowed by a sore right knee.

The slumping Raptors got off to a solid start, leading 22-17 after the first quarter and trailing by three at halftime.

Prince helped the Pistons dominate in the third as they outscored Toronto 30-19 to earn a cushion big enough to set up an easy fourth quarter.

## Hornets 102, New Jersey 92

Chris Paul narrowly missed his fifth triple-double of the season with 29 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, and the New Orleans Hornets defeated the New Jersey Nets 102-92 on Wednesday night.

Peja Stojakovic had 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Vince Carter scored 20 for the Nets, who lost their fourth straight, unable to take advantage of the absence of Hornets starters Tyson Chandler (left ankle) and David West (back spasms).

Stojakovic adjusted his perimeter game to make up for the Hornets' lack of size, sneaking inside to grab double-digit rebounds for the first time all season.

Rasual Butler added 14 points for New Orleans, which has won three straight. Julian Wright had 11 points and James Posey 10.

Bobby Simmons scored 16 points for the Nets and Keyon Dooling added 12, while rookie Ryan Anderson grabbed a career-high 10 rebounds and Jarvis Hayes added 10 points.

New Orleans put the Nets in a deep hole with a 16-2 run that started with Melvin Ely's reverse layup early in the third quarter. Stojakovic and Posey each added 3-pointers during the spurt and Paul converted a spinning layup as he was grabbed by Carter, though no foul was called.

It was a poor start for the Nets, who started 3-of-12 from the field and turned the ball over five times, including three times on offensive fouls.

Down by 15 in the final period, the Nets made one last charge with a 9-2 run ignited by Dooling's third 3 of the game and capped by Carter's putback, cutting New Orleans' lead to 91-85 with 3:33 left.

After Paul hit a pull-up in the lane, Simmons' third 3 of the game cut it to 93-88 with 2:24 to go. New Jersey missed its next two shots, and Paul hit a running floater as he was fouled with 59 seconds left, giving New Orleans a 96-88 lead. Paul then added a fast-break, one-handed dunk to punctuate his dominant night.

## NFL

# Ward ready for Super Bowl

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Hines Ward is so certain his sprained knee won't keep him out of the Super Bowl, he believes he could play this week if necessary.

The Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver didn't miss a game to injury all season, and he said Wednesday he's not about to miss a Super Bowl. Especially one against his former practice field acquaintance, Larry Fitzgerald.

Ward became friends with the Arizona Cardinals' All-Pro receiver when Fitzgerald played at Pitt, and the two have stayed in touch. When both teams won their conference championship games Sunday, they exchanged text messages.

"He texted me the other day and it was like, 'Let us win, you already have a ring,'" Ward said. "My response is, 'I want two rings.'"

Ward went to several Pitt games when Fitzgerald played for the Panthers in 2002-03, and he realized immediately how good the young receiver was.

"He was always asking me stuff," said Ward, who regularly bumped into Fitzgerald in the practice facility the

Steelers share with Pitt. "He asks me questions to this day. He'll text me and ask me about certain defensive backs and what not. He's a great student of the game and he's got tons of talent."

Fitzgerald has set an NFL postseason record with 419 yards receiving in three games and the Super Bowl still to play.

"He's very excited to be on the biggest stage in the Super Bowl,"

Ward said of Fitzgerald, who predicted while in college he would play in the Super Bowl. "Hopefully we can contain him and not let him go wild."

Ward isn't the downfield threat Fitzgerald is, but he is one of the NFL's most consistent receivers and was the Super Bowl MVP three years ago when the Steelers beat Seattle.

Ward's injury — a sprained medial collateral ligament — can sideline a player for an extended period, with run-

ning back Willie Parker missing four games earlier this season. But with nearly two weeks to rest before the Feb. 1 game in Tampa, Ward is confident he will play.

"Just have to wait for the swelling to go down," Ward said. "But (I) should be ready to go. I'll be OK. It feels good, it feels better than it did yesterday."

Ward was injured during the first quarter of the AFC championship game against Baltimore on Sunday and did not play most of the final three quarters.

"I said, 'Where's Hines? He must really be hurt, because of how tough he is,'" cornerback Deshaea Townsend said. "Two weeks? That's too many days for him to miss a game."

Left tackle Max Starks said he played with a tear in his meniscus, not just a sprain, during the Steelers' last Super Bowl.

"A sprained knee is a relative term, especially

with the braces they have now, the technology," Starks said. "He might not be able to move as fast but, knowing Hines, I can't see him not playing. Maybe if somebody had a big tear, but to have a sprain and to have two weeks off, most guys can usually come back from that."

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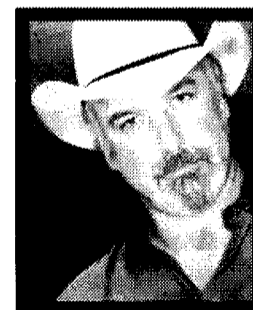
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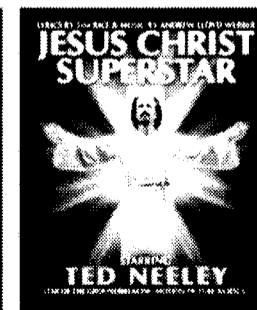
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# Defense

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struggle with finding their game defensively against St. John's last Saturday, playing an accordion-style game where they could not put the Red Storm away, despite an 11-point second half lead.

After that game, the remarks centered on the ability of the team to "fight" to stay alive in that game.

"We have the fight and the drive and we just kept pushing today," guard Ashley Barlow said in the post-game news conference Saturday.

"We had to keep fighting, and if we wouldn't have fought, it definitely wouldn't have been pretty," freshman forward Erica Solomon said.

It is easy to say that the Irish have that fighting spirit — and even easier after a gutsy victory like the one Saturday — but the real question is "Why wasn't it there earlier in the game?" The younger players need to understand quickly that you can't start fighting once the game is close and late, but from the first whistle to the last. Letting teams back into games when they don't deserve to be is the best way to start losing.

The Irish are lucky that their opponent Saturday was only St. John's. That is not to say the Red Storm are a bad team, but in this year's Big East, they are a team the Irish could have —

and should have — beaten by more than three points.

With trips to Pittsburgh — who knocked Notre Dame out of the Big East tournament a season ago — and top-ranked Connecticut remaining in the Big East schedule, the team will have to find a way to deal with a lead much better than it did

against St. John's. Allowing a double-digit, second-half comeback against a stronger team in the conference will not be so easily salvageable in the coming weeks.

*"We have the fight and the drive and we just kept pushing today."*

**Ashley Barlow**  
Irish guard

For point guard Melissa Lechlitner, it is a matter of when — not if — the team will find its defensive energy and intensity.

"[The freshmen] all have [a killer instinct], it's just a matter of it coming at the right time and each person having the confidence to just know it's game time and we have to get that win no matter what," she said.

But on a team as young and injured as the Irish are (having only one senior and lost two players to ACL injuries), they will need to find that quickly for the team to survive the upcoming conference schedule. Waiting around for the younger players to realize when they need to play hard will lead to more nailbiters — and not all of them can fall Notre Dame's way.

*The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

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## NHL

# Blues top host Blackhawks

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chris Mason and the St. Louis Blues put in all together for a night.

Mason made 21 saves for his second shutout of the season, and Jeff Woywitka and Keith Tkachuk scored in the Blues' 2-0 victory over Chicago on Wednesday night.

Mason was not heavily tested in earning his 14th career shutout as the injury-depleted Blues outworked Chicago and limited the Blackhawks' chances.

"In order for us to be successful, we have to work very hard and we did that tonight," Mason said. "We did a great job in our zone, did a great job on the penalty kill and did what it took tonight."

"They let me see the shots, cleared the rebounds, were tough in front of the net, they were tough in the corners, they cleared the puck. We just battled hard and we're starting to see the results."

The Blues have the fewest points in the Western Conference — and seven players on injured reserve, including forwards Paul Kariya and Andy McDonald, and defenseman Eric Brewer and Erik Johnson. On Wednesday night, they made up for it with consistent effort and close checking.

"Tonight I thought we played smart, took their space away," St. Louis coach Andy Murray

said. "We wanted to come into this building (the United Center), which has a great deal of energy, and wanted to suck it up."

Cristobal Huet made 27 saves for Chicago, shut out at home — and before a 23rd sellout crowd in 23 games this season — for the first time since March 12, 2008. The Blackhawks have lost two straight games at United Center in regulation to drop to 14-4-5 at home.

Mason made one of his few tough saves just 2:45 into the first, stopping Andrew Ladd from the edge of the crease. The goalie needed to be alert during goalmouth scrums a few times in the second and third, but Chicago generated little sustained pressure.

The Blackhawks entered the game averaging 3.45 goals, but have scored just five in their last four. After going 10-1-1 in December, they're 5-5-1 in January.

"We didn't come out playing the way we should have for consecutive nights," Chicago captain Jonathan Toews said. "We know what kind of team we are, we showed it in December. We want to keep going down that path."

On Wednesday, the Blackhawks were clearly detoured.

"We're disappointed with tonight's effort," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said. "You can use a lot of different words

to describe tonight's game. Bad would be one."

"I think we're getting sick and tired of people telling us how good we are instead of how hard we worked," he added. "I think that's what's going to get us out of it."

Thanks to three power-play chances — including a 5-minute advantage set up by a major penalty to Chicago's Cam Barker for a hit on David Backes — the Blues outshot the Blackhawks 16-3 in the first period. However, they led only 1-0 after 20 minutes.

The Blues didn't beat Huet until Woywitka scored a power-play goal on their 16th shot with 1:55 left in the first. Woywitka's drive from the point slid over Huet's left pad and into the net.

Following a scoreless second, Chicago's Matt Walker poked a rebound of his own shot under Mason and into the net at 2:46 of the third. The goal was not allowed, however, because one of the referees had whistled the play dead when Mason covered the original shot with his pad.

Tkachuk made it 2-0 during a 4-on-4 at 7:28 of the third. From the edge of the crease, he stuffed a shot between Huet's pads.

A shot by Chicago's Martin Havlat hit the post at 10:33 of the third. Mason made a point-blank save on Dave Bolland during a Chicago power-play with 4:25 left.

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# CCHA

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next night.

**Notre Dame (32 pts, 19-3-3, 13-2-3-3)**

What more can you say? The Irish are pretty good.

Riding a school-record 20-game unbeaten streak, Notre Dame is clearly the team to beat in the CCHA. Senior Christian Hanson and sophomore Calle Ridderwall are the top two in the conference in points scored, and senior netminder Jordan Pearce is second in goals-against average.

The only quality wins during the 20-game run, however, have been a Nov. 7 win at Boston College and a home sweep of Alaska on Jan. 9-10. Jeff Jackson's squad will be tested over the next two weeks, with a home-and-home against rival Michigan and a series at fourth-place Ohio State.

**Miami (Ohio) (25 pts, 13-8-3, 11-5-2-1)**

Despite Notre Dame's 20-game run, the RedHawks have given the Irish little room to breathe atop the standings.

Sophomore Carter Camper leads the squad with 14 goals and 30 points, and the freshman goaltending duo of Connor Knapp and Cody Reichard have provided a solid backing to the RedHawk defense that leads the CCHA in killing penalties.

Despite their hot start, Miami has struggled recently, going 1-5-0 over their last six games, with a Jan. 17 win over Michigan State as the lone bright spot. The road doesn't

get any easier going forward, with a road series against fifth-place Nebraska-Omaha this weekend.

**Alaska (25 pts, 11-8-5, 9-7-4-3)**

Picked to finish 11th in the conference by both the coaches and the media, the Nanooks have been the surprise of the CCHA so far. Alaska has played two more games than both teams ahead of them, but could still find itself in contention for a top-four spot, with two road games at Ohio State the only real test remaining on the schedule.

First year coach Dallas Ferguson's squad has gotten the job done with an air-tight defense that leads the CCHA, giving up only 1.55 goals per game, and goalie Chad Jackson leads the league in both GAA and save percentage.

A top-four spot would be especially advantageous for the Nanooks, as it would require their second-round CCHA play-off opponent to travel all the way to Fairbanks for their series.

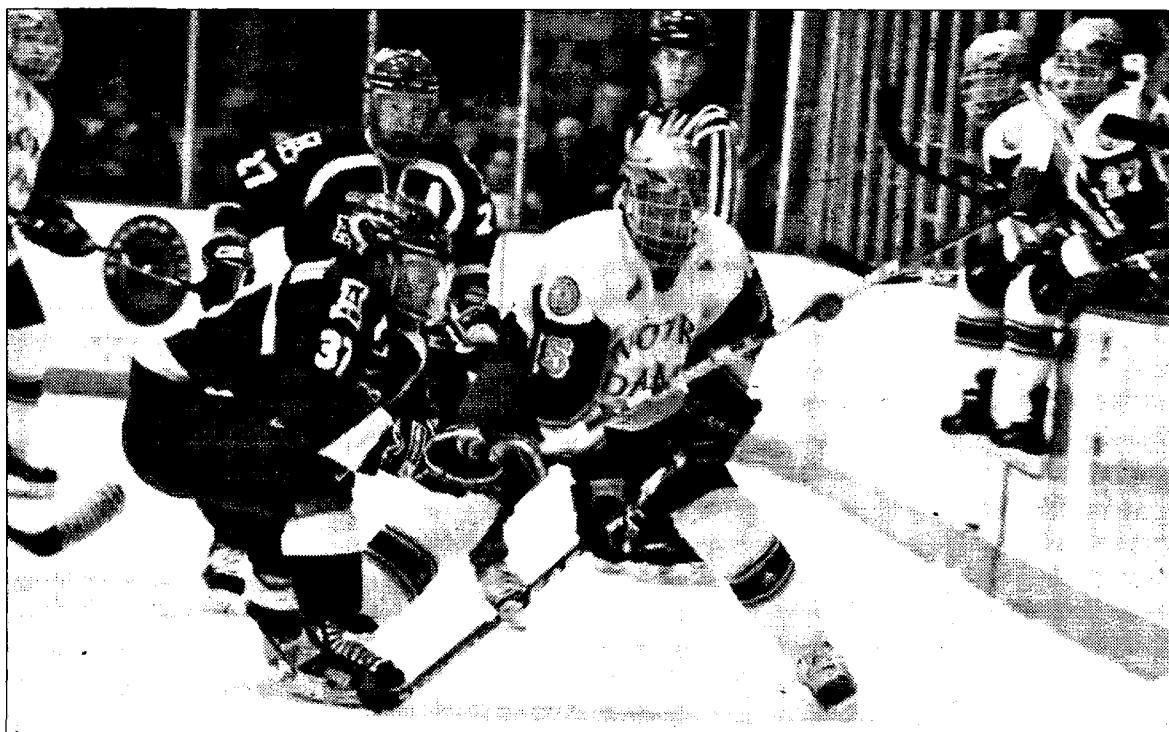
**Ohio State (22 pts, 16-6-2, 9-5-2-2)**

The Buckeyes have also surprised the league this season, after finishing last year in 11th place.

Riding a 10-game unbeaten streak, Ohio State is second in the CCHA in scoring offense, netting 3.31 goals per game.

Having played at least two fewer games than all three teams above them, the only question is whether a Buckeye team with only four upperclassmen can withstand the pressures of late-season conference

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Junior right wing Christiaan Minella, right, battles for position with Alaska's Justin Brossman during Notre Dame's 3-0 home win over the Nanooks on Jan. 10.

games.

The road isn't easy either, with two games each against Notre Dame, Miami, Michigan, and Alaska.

**Nebraska-Omaha (22 pts, 13-8-4, 8-6-4-2)**

The Mavericks have also taken advantage of a relatively easy early-season schedule to propel to the top of the conference.

Without a win against a top-four team this season, Nebraska-Omaha will be tested in upcoming matchups against Miami, Michigan, and Notre Dame.

**Michigan (20 pts, 16-8-0, 10-6-0-0)**

Casual college hockey fans may be surprised to see the Wolverines this low in the standings, but after losing some key players from last year's Frozen Four team, Red

Berenson's team has undergone some understandable growing pains. However, after back-to-back wins against Miami on Jan. 10 and 11, the Maize and Blue appear ready to make a late season push. Games against Notre Dame, Nebraska-Omaha, and Ohio State stand out as potential roadblocks to Michigan's quest for a second consecutive CCHA title.

**Ferris State (17 pts, 10-11-5, 7-8-3-0)**

With a relatively easy schedule the rest of the way, the Bulldogs seem poised to make a run towards a top-four spot. Only a final-weekend series against Michigan could pose a problem. With their defensive trapping style of play, Ferris State has the potential to take down any team in the CCHA playoffs.

**Lake Superior State (13 pts, 6-**

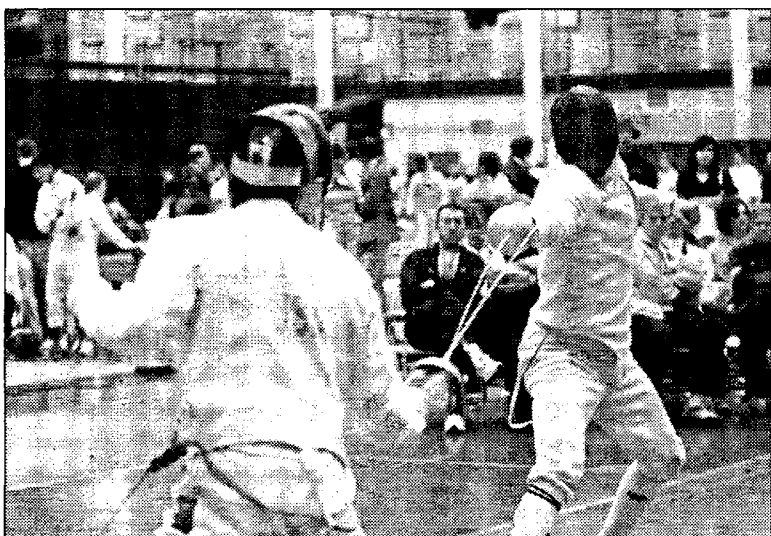
**10-8, 3-7-6-1); Michigan State (12 pts, 7-14-3, 4-10-2-2)**

The Lakers and disappointing Spartans, picked to finish fifth in the CCHA by the coaches, are fighting for the eighth seed and the right to host a first-round CCHA playoff series.

**Bowling Green (11 pts, 8-13-3, 5-10-1-0); Northern Michigan (11 pts, 6-13-3, 3-10-3-2); Western Michigan (11 pts, 6-13-5, 3-9-4-1)**

While anything can happen in the conference tournament, the Falcons, Wildcats, and Broncos appear to pose little threat to any of the top teams. The season has been especially disappointing for Northern Michigan, who was picked to finish fourth in the CCHA after a third-place showing in last year's tournament.

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Senior Karol Kostka, right, competes at last year's Midwest Fencing Championships, held at Notre Dame on Feb. 24, 2008.

## Youngsters

compete now with the best collegiate teams in the nation," Bednarski said. "We are probably not the No. 1 team, but we will challenge

anyone who tries to fence against us.

"What the end result will be I don't know. I can't promise. But I know only that our kids are ready to fence."

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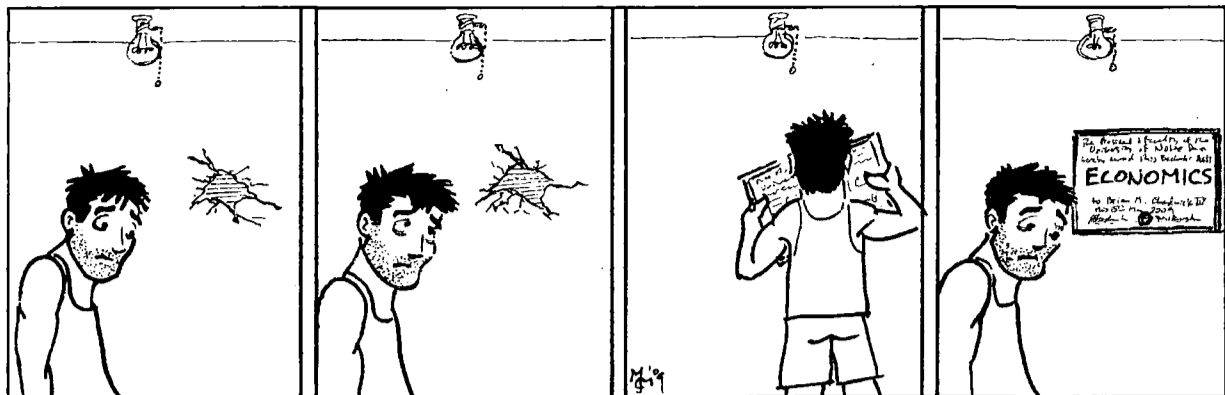
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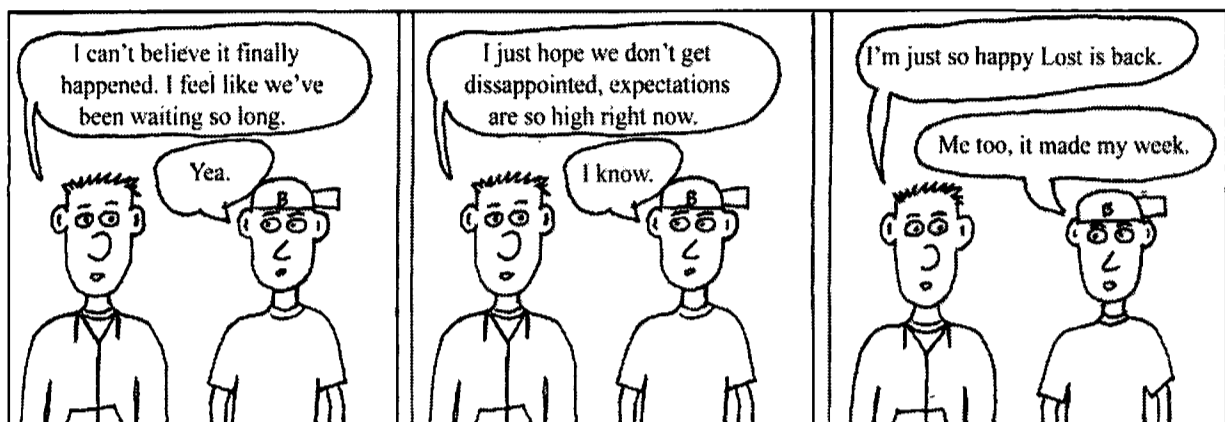
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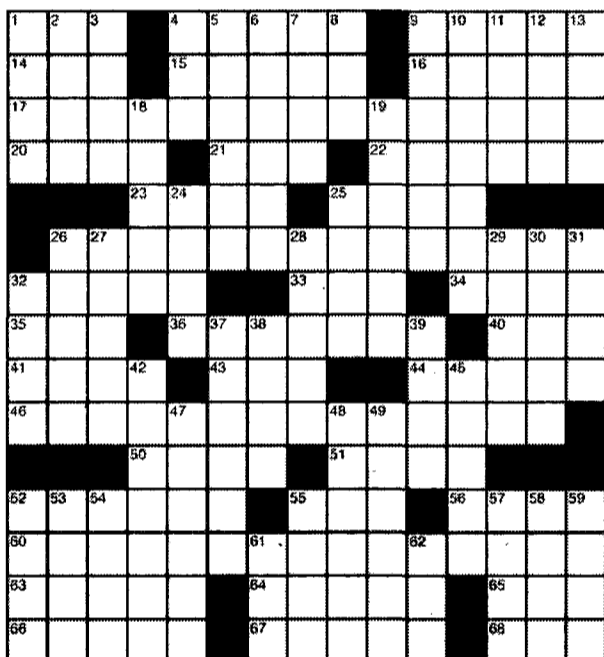
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WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 "Numb3rs" airer
  - 4 Bearded
  - 9 In \_\_\_\_ (quickly)
  - 14 Where to go in Greenwich?
  - 15 It may be tragic
  - 16 They start in the middle
  - 17 Keeper of confidential information
  - 20 Noodle
  - 21 Sneaking
  - 22 Wrongs
  - 23 The last King Edward of England
  - 25 "O terra, addio," e.g.
  - 26 Like a keeper of confidential information
  - 32 Title role for Valentino
  - 33 \_\_\_\_ Majesty
- Down**
- 34 Fruit used in English jelly
  - 35 Slippery one
  - 36 Subject of Exodus 20:10
  - 40 "Can't fool me!"
  - 41 \_\_\_\_ fides (bad faith)
  - 43 Cause of a scare
  - 44 Daisylike flower
  - 46 With 60-Across, what a keeper of confidential information might say
  - 50 Leeway
  - 51 Unoccupied
  - 52 Scammer's skill
  - 55 Certain qualifications
  - 56 Djin's home in a popular tale
  - 60 See 46-Across
  - 63 Bring out
  - 64 Buck for a song?
- Down**
- 1 Listing in a high-school yearbook
  - 2 Something to pick
  - 3 Part of many a drink order
  - 4 Bearer of cones
  - 5 Inverse trig function
  - 6 "Enough!"
  - 7 Part of a famous septet
  - 8 Alter, in a way
  - 9 With French, one of two official languages of Chad
  - 10 Porsche alternatives
  - 11 Day of destiny
  - 12 Numismatist's classification
  - 13 They may be thrown
  - 18 Poetic coda
  - 19 Most prized, often
  - 24 Gets to
  - 25 Part of a famous septet
  - 26 Stack of papers
  - 27 "\_\_\_\_ never!"
  - 28 "Yippee!"
  - 29 Lift up

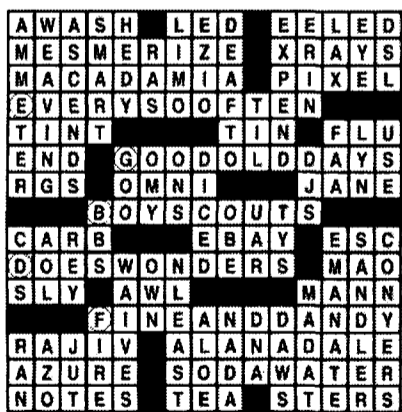


Puzzle by Michael Vuolo

- 30 Singer/songwriter Leonard
- 31 Sophomores, e.g.
- 32 Rest stop sight
- 37 Wear away, as a metallic surface
- 38 Factor in a wine rating
- 39 Bad feeling?
- 42 Tranquil
- 45 Hard case
- 47 Tapenade ingredients
- 48 Out of tune
- 49 Bearish
- 52 Legislature
- 53 Icelandic volume
- 54 Confidant
- 55 Home of Private Ryan in "Saving Private Ryan"
- 57 First side to vote
- 58 Spicy chocolate sauce
- 59 Big brand in athletic footwear
- 61 Rocky peak
- 62 Cause of tripping?

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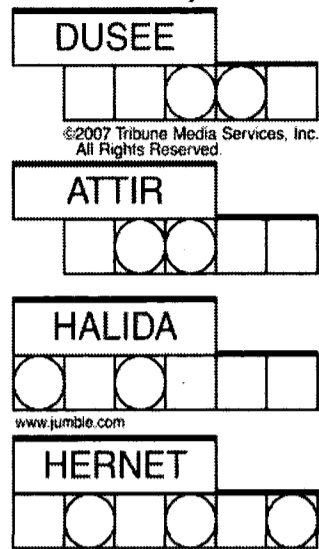


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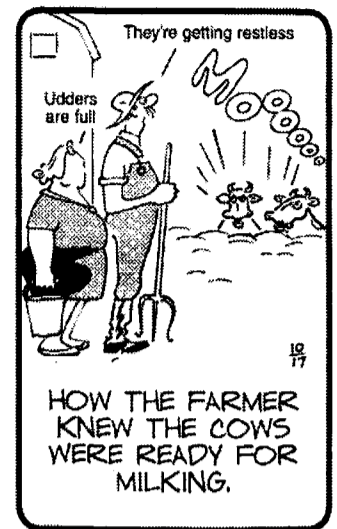


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Yesterday's Jumbles: SMOKY LOFTY GLOOMY LOTION  
Answer: When he was told about the hole in the wall, the cop said he'd — "LOOK" INTO IT

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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## HOCKEY

# Top of the heap

*Irish lead CCHA, but plenty of games to play*

By SAM WERNER  
Sports Writer

With only a third of the season remaining in CCHA play, the conference standings are beginning to take shape.

The important cutoffs are between fourth and fifth place and eighth and ninth place.

The top four teams receive a first-round bye and host a second-round series in the CCHA playoffs, and the next four seeds host a first-round conference playoff series.

The CCHA tournament's first round is set for the weekend of March 6-8, and the second round follows the next weekend. Each of the first two rounds consists of a best-of-three series.

The final four teams will travel to Detroit, where the semifinals will be held on March 20 at Joe Louis Arena — home of the NHL's Detroit Red Wings. The CCHA tournament championship game will be played the

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Left, Irish goaltender Jordan Pearce makes a save during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Minnesota-Duluth on Jan. 3 at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates, Ill. Right, senior center Justin White handles the puck during a 3-0 Irish home win over Alaska on Jan. 10.

## FENCING

# Underclassmen helping young squad to strong start

By CHRISTOPHER MASOUD  
Sports Writer

After yet another impressive performance at the North American Cup D last weekend, the talented cast of freshmen and sophomores is emerging as the backbone of the promising Irish squad.

Led by sophomore Avery Zuck and freshmen Gerek Meinhardt and Courtney Hurley, the Irish took home

three gold medals and a combined five top-five finishes at the competition held in Kentucky.

"We never had such a good result like this year," seventh-year coach Janusz Bednarski said of last weekend's tournament. "We won a lot of medals, that's a positive of this competition. I believe that it was one of the best starts in national tryouts for the Irish."

The Irish were successful in the men's sabre and epee divisions.

sions.

Zuck battled through a field of 113 athletes in the sabre for a first-place title, while fellow sophomore Barron Nydam finished tied for third. Senior Karol Kostka's experience ensured him a fifth-place finish in a record field of 245 in the epee.

But the freshman combo of Hurley and Meinhardt stole the show, earning first-place finishes in both the open and junior categories in the

women's epee and men's foil respectively. Meinhardt, an Olympian in Beijing, is coming off a recent knee surgery that sidelined him for the greater part of the preseason.

"After competing in the Olympic Games, it's natural to be off for a couple of weeks in the preseason," Bednarski said. "Others are already in the middle of the run and they have to catch up. But on the men's side, Gerek Meinhardt is one of the best."

Equally impressive was Hurley's performance, the younger sister of Olympian Kelley Hurley.

Bednarski's young stars still have a long way to go before the 2012 Olympics in London, but they appear ready for the start of intercollegiate play this week.

"They are positioning themselves well for the national team, but we are ready to

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ANALYSIS

# Defense will determine course of team's season

If Notre Dame wants to stay near the top of the Big East, it will need to find its defensive rhythm.

The Irish have only two losses so far this season, but in their last two games, they have played lackluster at times under their own basket. The team's first loss in the Big East came at Marquette

Jay Fitzpatrick  
Sports Writer

on Jan. 13, in a game in which Irish coach Muffet McGraw said her team played without a solid effort.

"I think we lost our commitment to the defensive end of the floor. We did not play our normal game defensively. They got a lot of easy shots and that was disappointing," McGraw said in an interview Jan. 14.

But the Irish continued to

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## SMC BASKETBALL

# MIAA leaders win again

By ALEX WEST  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's started its four-game road trip the right way Wednesday night, cruising to a 81-63 road victory over winless Kalamazoo.

Senior forward Erin Newsom and freshman guard Patsy Mahoney each scored 14 points to help the Belles (9-7, 7-1 MIAA) stay atop the conference standings.

The Belles jumped out to a 17-4 lead after just five minutes and

never trailed.

The Hornets were able to cut the lead to eight with six minutes to play in the first half, but the Belles responded with a 15-8 run to take a 44-29 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Belles put the game away early, leading by 23 with 14 minutes to play in the contest. The Hornets never cut the gap closer than 18 points for the rest of the contest.

Offense wasn't a problem for the Belles with four players scoring in double figures.

Liz Wade also added seven assists and recorded six steals to

help out defensively.

The Hornets' Andrea Bedway led all scorers with 22 points.

The Belles followed through on head coach Jenn Henley's promise to focus on defense, holding the Hornets to shoot less than 40 percent from the field. The Belles also forced 36 turnovers in the game.

The Belles play their second game of their road trip Saturday at Trine. Saint Mary's' next home contest is Feb. 4 against Olivet.

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