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Lecture discusses off-campus activity

Attorney C.L. Lindsay instructs students on how to organize police free parties

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Last night, Student Government brought speaker C.L. Lindsay to campus to inform students of underage drinking laws, and to share his legal advice on how to throw a police-free party and what to do if the cops do show up.

Lindsay, the executive director of the Coalition for Student and Academic rights, advised students to take a few key steps in

order to throw a police-free party, the most important step being making nice with your neighbors.

The most common reason for the police to show up at parties is because of a noise complaint from the neighbors, Lindsay said. In order to avoid this, students should approach their neighbors and let them know about the party beforehand, he said.

"Let them know that you are having a party and most importantly ... if there's a problem,

[tell them to] tell you. Don't tell the police," said Lindsay. "Don't ever underestimate the power of a crappy gift, [like] a \$5 bottle of wine ... Trust me, it's mid-night. It's loud. They're angry. But then they say, 'Oh but that's that nice boy who bought us a box of Franzia.'"

He also said students should make sure all of their parties are indoors, and in the basement, if possible. Not only does this help with noise, but Lindsay also said the law states that any signs of underage drinking or

alcohol that can be seen in public give the police reasonable suspicion, which gives them a legal opportunity to enter the residence.

He also said students need to be careful with invitations, especially online invitations.

"You don't want to make it a public event," he said. "If everybody's invited, that includes the enforcement."

Another suggestion when throwing a party is to put two

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Sessions provide support

'Let's Talk' program offers help beyond St. Liam

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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For students who just want to talk about a problem they are having, but don't know if they need counseling, there is now a room in LaFortune where, once a week, they can consult with a professional from the University Counseling Center.

The sessions, part of a program called "Let's Talk" are free, completely confidential and require no paperwork or appointment, staff psychologist Dr. Megan Brown said.

"We're aware that not all students are comfortable coming to the University Counseling Center or even need counseling, but they may still want to talk to a professional about issues," she said.

The 15-20 minute consultation sessions were inspired by a program of the same name at Cornell University, which shared the information with other colleges, including Notre Dame, at a conference and through e-mails and discussions.

"Notre Dame is the first 'franchise' of the 'Let's Talk' variety," Brown said.

The University Counseling Center hopes the program will expand its resources to students who normally would

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Jenkins speaks on Aquinas' legacy

Presentation emphasizes saint's work in unifying communities of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's



University President Fr. John Jenkins speaks during lecture given at Saint Mary's Student Center Lounge Wednesday night.

By SARAH GUNN
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University President Fr. John Jenkins in a presentation entitled "Faith, Inquiry and Community" discussed the legacy left by St. Thomas Aquinas for Catholic universities. Jenkins gave his presentation to a packed room at the college on the day of the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Jenkins emphasized the importance of Aquinas in unifying the communities of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Being a Catholic university and college, both institutions have a responsibility to properly integrate faith and inquiry in an intellectual community, he said. The schools are also responsible for teaching students how to live a good and virtuous life; he

said.

St. Thomas Aquinas exemplified the role of faith and inquiry through his discussions and works done at the University of Paris, where he was engaged in disputations, Jenkins said. In these disputations, Aquinas, students and faculty would discuss questions about a given subject and their correlating objections, he said. The sessions of questioning and objecting were followed with analysis where past theologians and great thinkers were utilized for evidence.

This is one thing Jenkins stressed as a great importance in an intellectual community — the communion of past and present thinkers for analysis and disputations. Jenkins said that Aquinas had

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Cold not causing delays

Winter weather closures and are based on a variety of factors

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

South Bend weather continues to reach extremes with temperatures dipping to record lows as students returned to campus earlier this month.

While the weather might continue to test the hardest of students, assistant vice president for news and information, Dennis Brown said the University said the decision to delay or cancel classes requires careful consideration by several parties.

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Students walk to class in the extreme winter weather of South Bend.

Keenan Revue tickets being distributed today

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Tickets for one of Notre Dame's most notorious sketch comedy shows, the Keenan Revue, will be distributed today. Last year's allotted tickets were snapped up in 20 minutes.

Revue director Danny Wheeland said he is very excited about this year's show, which has a superhero theme.

Those seeking coveted Revue tickets should come early, he said. "They're usually gone very, very fast."

About 100 men from Keenan

are participating in "It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's the Keenan Revue!" on all levels — writing, acting, working back stage and composing music.

"Superheroes are very in right now," Wheeland said, citing popular movies like "The Dark Knight" and "Iron Man" as inspiration for the theme.

"It gives a lot of options for skit ideas and cool artwork in terms of production, programs, T-shirts and posters," he said.

Besides the usual du Lac-mocking, the Revue will present new content, featuring some

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INSIDE COLUMN

McDonalds or BK?

Free will or fate? God or no God? The Chicken or the egg? These are all ageless questions that every man must answer before he can call himself a man.

Our modern society has provided us with new questions one must answer to be a man (or woman, of course) of the 21st century. Not the least among these is the endless debate: McDonald's or Burger King?

A very wise man once told me that the most important questions are those that do not have answers. This is not one of those questions. When it comes to fast food supremacy, the crown clearly goes to the King.

Mickey D's brings plenty of competition to the table. The Big Mac is as American as Uncle Sam driving a stock car blasting Toby Keith tunes; the Happy Meal was and still remains a pioneer; and the breakfast selection is second to none in the fast food community. But somewhere along the line the golden arches lost their way and Burger King picked up the slack.

In the aftermath of Morgan Spurlock's "Super Size Me" documentary and the "Jared Craze," burger joints from coast to coast tried to fat-proof their menus. Words like side salad, veggie wrap, and java mocha latte started sneaking out of fancy French coffee shops and into drive-thru menus. Words that would make Ronald McDonald or Dave Thomas turn over in their graves.

One place, Burger King, stayed true to their principles and in doing so set itself apart from the rest. While McDonald's was cleaning the grease out of its deep fryers, Burger King introduced the BK Stacker.

Your choice of up to four beef patties drenched in cheese, bacon and grease that serves as a microcosm of what BK is all about — if you can actually call something that massive "micro."

The King's court understands the role they play in the oxymoron that is the fast-paced and overweight American society. Instead of trying to convince themselves that they were a healthy establishment they went the complete opposite direction. They told their patrons to man up and they deserve to be saluted for it. If I wanted a salad I would go to Au Bon Pain; when I need a cheeseburger I'm heading to Burger King.

It's also time to dispel the myth that McDonald's fries are better. On occasion, if you are lucky enough to snag a fresh batch hot out of the fryer they taste delicious. But more often than not, you are stuck with a soggy mess of potatoes that turn cardboard into transparent tissue paper. They are the kind of fries that make the entire state of Idaho shake its head in disgust.

Burger King, on the other hand, is a model of consistency. Almost 10 years ago, in a campaign headed by Mr. Potato Head himself, Burger King changed their fry recipe, and since then they have maintained the right level of crispness and flavor. You may win the fry lottery at McDonald's, but the safe bet has to go the King on this one.

Fast food certainly isn't as pressing as of an issue as the economy, our historic new president or getting rid of the BCS. But while you are busy sorting through those issues, you know you can count on Burger King to keep you full.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DID YOU MAKE A NEW YEARS' RESOLUTION? IF SO, HOW'S IT GOING?



Claire Davis
freshman
Farley

"New Years' resolutions are for people who are flawed. I am already perfect."



Elise Jordan
freshman
Farley

"My New Years' resolution was to stop putting myself in embarrassing situations. It has absolutely not been going well."



Michael Kemp
freshman
Keough

"To be as perfect as Claire Davis. Obviously, it's not quite been successful."



Margaret Helen
Wydysh
freshman
McGlinn

"To be 'Ring by Spring ... of my freshman year' ... I'm single."



Jenn O'Neill
freshman
McGlinn

"My New Years' Resolution is to make my boyfriend act more human-like. It's going fabulously ...just kidding."



Kristy Cloetingh
freshman
McGlinn

"To stop somersaulting in guys' dorms pretending to be a SuperSpy. It's not looking promising."



ANDREW WEBER/The Observer

The Diversity Reception at the Joyce Center allowed students to network with potential employers and prepare for the Winter Career Fair in a more casual environment.

IN BRIEF

There will be an engineering blood drive today from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Engineering Lounge (2nd floor Cushing Hall) Room 217. Donors may sign up by calling Donna Fecher at 574-631-5432 or by going to the AME office in 365 Fitzpatrick Hall. This event is sponsored by Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honorary Fraternity.

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

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

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

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

OFFBEAT

Couple strolls down street naked

SINGAPORE — A couple treated open air diners to a 15-minute naked parade in Singapore, triggering both embarrassment and applause for a scene almost unheard of in the conservative city-state.

Pub manager Terence Chia told the Straits Times newspaper he saw the couple taking off their clothes Saturday night at a staircase in a block of flats in Holland Village, known for its popular nightspots.

"Then, clothes in hand, they coolly walked in their flip-flops toward the market,"

he said, adding when the couple did a U-turn a sea of spectators was ready and poised with cameras.

Cruise ship passengers party despite ice

TORONTO — A cruise ship carrying nearly 400 people has been stuck in thick ice in the St. Lawrence River in Eastern Canada for over a day, but passengers are nonetheless having a "festive" time, the company that owns the vessel said Tuesday.

The ship, CTMA-Vacancier, chartered by a group traveling from Montreal to the Gaspé Peninsula for a cross-

country skiing trip to celebrate the 475th anniversary of the region's settlement, is now inching through the heavy ice, said Leonard Arsenault, a spokesman for MTMA Group.

A Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker that was already in the area tried to assist the ship, but was also having difficulty getting through the thick ice, Arsenault said.

He said the 300 passengers, along with a crew of nearly 100, were in no danger and that there was plenty of food on board.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 30 LOW 15	HIGH 15 LOW 10	HIGH 23 LOW 10	HIGH 30 LOW 22	HIGH 27 LOW 18	HIGH 28 LOW 12

Atlanta 52 / 30 Boston 36 / 29 Chicago 28 / 17 Denver 36 / 16 Houston 62 / 39 Los Angeles 70 / 50 Minneapolis 18 / 11 New York 36 / 30 Philadelphia 37 / 30 Phoenix 70 / 44 Seattle 48 / 36 St. Louis 38 / 21 Tampa 70 / 63 Washington 40 / 30

STUDENT SENATE

Student government discusses off-campus safety issues

Schmidt proposes creating Web site for students to voice concerns about relations with South Bend residents

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt said off-campus safety is an important student concern, and he looked to senators for feedback on student government's role in addressing this issue at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

"In terms of going off campus at night, the general consensus, at least among my friends, is that [students] feel unsafe," Student Outreach committee chair Sarah Rodts said.

Lewis Hall senator Robin Brown agreed, stating that in her personal experience, girls are cautious to venture off campus.

"Some of my girlfriends hesitate to stay off-campus pretty late because if you call the cabs, they say it's an hour wait, and then students walk back to campus," she said.

Brown said she knew several girls who have been in the uncomfortable position of having to walk back to campus alone at 4 a.m.

However, several senators said students are willing to go off campus at night, and actually fear the police more

than other dangers associated with South Bend.

Siegfried Hall senator Ryan Hawley said he believes most students don't worry about the safety of going off-campus as much as being punished by South Bend police for underage drinking.

"It's the possibility of getting caught," he said. "I think that's most students' number one concern."

Chief executive assistant Karen Koski said student government's role in addressing these concerns so far has primarily been raising student awareness.

"Encouraging students to be proactive about their safety is something that really has been a focus of ours," she said.

Koski indicated last night's talk by attorney C.L. Lindsay about students' legal rights off campus as student government's most recent effort in educating students about off-campus safety.

Schmidt said student gov-

ernment is also looking into creating a Web site that would act as an open forum for students to air grievances and state their concerns about "town-gown" relations and their safety off-campus.

"We are looking more to separate from telling specific stories and have more of a student poll on issues that have been going on," he said.

Another idea that has been broached is implementing a system where students can use prepaid cards to pay for cabs when traveling off-campus, Schmidt said. However, this idea is complicated by the numerous cab companies that operate in South Bend.

Regarding other transportation options, senators asked why Notre Dame does not have its own bus that shuttles students to and from locations off-campus. Schmidt said Notre Dame's non-central location in South

Bend makes a bus system not feasible.

Schmidt said improving student relations with South Bend residents is a step in the right direction to achieving a safe situation for students off campus. The off-campus discount booklets, which give discounted prices

for students at businesses in town will foster better "town-gown" relations, he

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Student Outreach committee chair



ANDREW WEBER/The Observer

Student body president Bob Reish and student body vice president Grant Schmidt at Wednesday night's meeting.

said. The booklets will be sold for \$10 at the LaFortune box office on Feb. 1.

"Ultimately, there will be a more established relationship [between Notre Dame and South Bend] and you won't see as many issues," Schmidt said.

In other Senate news:

♦ Student Senate passed a resolution formally commending the Office of Information Technologies for working with student government to put printers in every dorm on campus.

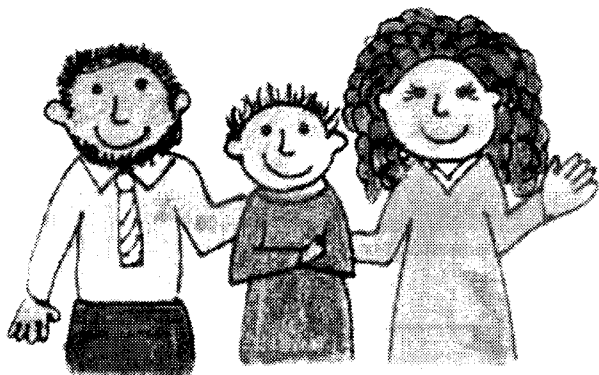
♦ Student body president Bob Reish said he has spoken with the student government presidents of Northwestern University and Washington University about the Midwest Intercollegiate Council, which will take place late March or early April.

♦ Gender Issues committee chair Patrick Tighe said he will participate in a steering committee created to examine the University's policies for dealing with sexual assault.

Grant Schmidt
student body vice president

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Students work with Uganda schools

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

About a dozen upper-level architecture students have teamed up with non-profit organization, Building Tomorrow, and are designing and raising money to build a school in Uganda.

"With this project we're acting on two fronts," said Elijah Pearce, a fifth-year architecture student and proponent of the University's involvement with the project. "We're trying to fundraise for a school in an underserved area of Uganda, and we're also looking, as architects, to see if we can improve the school's design."

The project was conceived last year when Pearce found out about Building Tomorrow's efforts to raise money for another school in Uganda. Pearce attended a talk where the president of the organization, George Srour, spoke about how the group had raised enough money to fund past projects in Uganda.

"I went up after the talk and spoke with George about possibly teaming up with the architecture program," Pearce said. "George said he thought that it would be a good idea."

After talking to Srour, Pearce started working on the project first semester, he said.

"Everything really got underway around September last semester," Pearce said. "George and I spoke over the summer and then things really got off the ground."

On the architecture end of the project, the group of student architects are working on designing a school that will be both practical and comfortable for the Ugandans.

"We're looking at any and every way to improve the school design," Pearce said. "There's very simple things that can be done in order to make the school more comfortable."

They've spent months learning about the country of Uganda and its climate, he said.

"We've done a lot of research on the climate in Uganda and have been gathering data along the lines of where the sun shines brightest in that particular area. This aids us in our design as to where the windows face, things like that," he said.

However, the school cannot be built without proper funding and this all comes from money raised by people involved in the project as well

as others.

"The organization won't even pick a site until all the money, which is about \$40,000, is raised. This makes designing the school very difficult because we have to make sure our design is adaptable," he said. "Luckily, we've been very fortunate to have had a dedicated group of students who have been very committed to the fundraising effort, but it's always great when more students get involved with the project."

The group's main organized fundraiser is the Best Gift Campaign, which allows people to donate money for specific items that will be used in the school.

"Instead of donating just to the school, the campaign makes the donation more tangible for those donating. Someone can give five dollars for a brick, or fifty dollars for a desk. It's been very successful," Pearce said.

There is even a Web site through Building Tomorrow that allows people to purchase these items and even entire classrooms for the school.

Once the total sum is raised and a site has been selected, it only takes a couple of months of construction until the school is completed. One of the reasons for this short amount of time is the support that the contractors receive from the community in Uganda.

"One of the key aspects to Building Tomorrow is community support," Pearce said. "Members of the community come in and perform the unskilled labor voluntarily. They do it because the school is their community's school."

Working on the project has taught the students a great deal about Uganda as a country, said Pearce.

"This project has been a great educating experience for all of us," he said. "In our research, we

studied the political structure of Uganda and how this affects the school system; it's been a real eye-opener."

The students have also been given a more realistic view of what life is like for themselves in comparison to students living in Uganda, he said.

"In working on this project, it's impossible not to see the huge gaps in disparity between where you and I went to school and where these Ugandans go to school. We didn't have to walk three hours to get to school," Pearce said.

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Memorial honors SMC workers

Mass held commemorating two community members who passed away

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Students and staff members commemorated two women of the Saint Mary's community who passed away recently.

Juanita Beasley, who died Dec. 25, and Katherine Jones, who died Jan. 15, were honored in a memorial mass Wednesday at 9 pm in Le Mans' Holy Spirit Chapel.

"Since the students were on break when

Juanita Beasley died and Katherine Jones died soon after the semester began, it seemed very important to have an opportunity for students to gather in prayer at the Eucharist," Director of Campus Ministry Judy Fean said, "since many who might have wanted to attend the services held locally were not able to attend."

Campus Ministry planned the memorial mass and a small reception with input from students and members of the staff who were familiar with Beasley and Jones.

"The readings, preaching and music were selected with these women in mind," Fean said. "We as a community have shared stories of each of these women and we will remember how they have impacted the community and been a witness of Jesus to many."

Those who attended mass stood outside the chapel, in the hallway of LeMans reminiscing and sharing what these women

meant to them personally with one another during the small reception. Pat Szalewski and Becky Woods were friends with Beasley for 28 years, since she started work at Saint Mary's where they work as well. Beasley worked in Saint Mary's Building Services.

"You could be sad, but if you talked to Juanita, she could make you smile no matter what."

Becky Woods
SMC building services

The two women described Beasley as a woman of strong faith and a great sense of humor.

"You could be sad, but if you talked to Juanita, she could make you smile no matter what," Woods said.

Beasley did not have children of her own, but considered the students of Saint Mary's to be her own kids, Szalewski said.

"Juanita was an amazing woman," said Shelly Michalski, LeMans building leader in building services. "If you met her, you would never forget her."

Money is being raised to pay for a tree to plant on campus dedicated to Juanita for her service to the school, the students, and her fellow staff, Szalewski said.

"We almost have enough money. The tree will probably be planted near McCandless and dedicated in the spring,"

Szalewski said.

Katherine Jones worked full time in Holy Cross Hall as a Night Assistant for 18 years. Katherine worked at the front desk at night to keep the hall running effectively and was a welcoming face to all the students and their guests, senior Anna Hoefer said.

"I really got to know Katherine last year," Hoefer said. "As an RA in Holy Cross, I worked closely with Katherine and spent a lot of time talking with her at the front desk. I will miss Katherine because she had such a presence in Holy Cross. She always has a smile or a kind word for everyone who walked past her. Katherine understood that the community of Saint Mary's extends far beyond the classroom and she played an integral part in teaching the residents of Holy Cross the importance of our community."

Hoefer believes that having this memorial mass was important because the influence of these women on the community of Saint Mary's needed to be recognized.

"These women dedicated much of their lives to the development of Saint Mary's women. It is so important that we remember them and honor them as a community."

Anna Hoefer
SMC senior

said. "It is so important that we remember them and honor them as a community."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iceland to appoint gay female minister

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — Iceland's next leader will be an openly gay former flight attendant who parlayed her experience as a union organizer into a decades-long political career.

Both parties forming Iceland's new coalition government support the appointment of Johanna Sigurdardottir, the island nation's 66-year-old social affairs minister, as Iceland's interim prime minister.

"Now we need a strong government that works with the people," Sigurdardottir told reporters Wednesday, adding that a new administration will likely be installed Saturday.

Sigurdardottir will lead until new elections are held, likely in May. But analysts say she's unlikely to remain in office — chiefly because her center-left Social Democratic Alliance isn't expected to rank among the major parties after the election.

Sudanese man convicted of spying

KHARTOUM, Sudan — A Sudanese man was convicted Wednesday of spying for the International Criminal Court ahead of its expected decision on whether to seek President Omar al-Bashir's arrest on charges of war crimes in Darfur.

Mohammed al-Sirri was convicted Wednesday of collecting and intending to leak police records and documents to the Netherlands-based court and was sentenced to 17 years in prison, Sudan's state-run news agency reported.

He is believed to be the first person anywhere convicted on charges of helping the international court, which is investigating war crimes allegations in Darfur.

Al-Sirri was a volunteer with government troops in Darfur, but no other information about him was immediately available.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama facing hard choices in wars

WASHINGTON — Emerging from his first Pentagon briefing as president, Barack Obama said Wednesday that his administration faces "difficult decisions" about Iraq and Afghanistan. But the new commander in chief offered no further details about his plans as the U.S. carries on wars in both countries.

"Our efforts to continue to go after extremist organizations that would do harm to our homeland is uppermost on our minds," Obama told reporters after spending about two hours at the Defense Department's headquarters.

Obama underscored that troops and their families have his support and said the U.S. military has carried out its mission under enormous pressure.

Food safety experts call for testing

LOS ANGELES — Billy the elephant is staying put, and Bob Barker isn't happy about it.

The City Council voted Wednesday to finish a \$42 million elephant exhibit and keep its lone pachyderm at the zoo, despite pleas by the "Price is Right" host and other celebrity opponents to scrap the project.

The decision came after an emotional hearing attended by several hundred people. Barker was among them after pledging \$1.5 million earlier this week to move Billy to a sanctuary in Northern California.

LOCAL NEWS

Record snowfall covers central Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — The heaviest snowfall in 13 years buried central Indiana under a foot of snow Wednesday, shuttering schools and stores while tens of thousands of southern Indiana residents faced days without power after ice brought down power lines.

More than 100,000 homes and businesses in the state's Ohio River counties remained without power Wednesday afternoon after power lines buckled under up to three-quarters of an inch of ice.

ISRAEL

US envoy urges stronger Gaza truce

Amidst air strikes, regional leaders held talks, asking for more than just cease-fires

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — President Barack Obama's new Mideast envoy promised a vigorous push for Israel-Palestinian peace, saying Wednesday that Gaza militants must end weapons smuggling and the territory's blockaded borders must be opened if the cease-fire is to last.

George Mitchell held his first round of talks with regional leaders to determine the next steps the Obama administration would take toward reviving peace negotiations after Israel's blistering military offensive against Gaza's Hamas rulers.

But a flare-up of violence underscored the more immediate priority — shoring up the 10-day-old cease-fire. Hours before Mitchell arrived in Jerusalem, Israeli warplanes pounded Gaza smuggling tunnels in retaliation for a Palestinian bombing on Tuesday that killed an Israeli soldier.

After talks in Jerusalem with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Mitchell said consolidating the cease-fire was "of critical importance."

He said a longer-term truce should be based on "an end to smuggling and reopening of the crossings" into Gaza. Israel and Egypt have kept their borders with Gaza largely closed since the Islamic militant Hamas seized control of the territory in 2007.

Mitchell embarked on his Mideast foray just a week after Obama took office. After finishing his consultations in the region and with European leaders, he said he would report his recommendations to the president and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

But the envoy was silent on details of his meetings, and he has no news conferences planned during his 7-day tour, suggesting he would say little publicly



A young Palestinian girl sits near the rubble of her destroyed home in eastern Jebaliya, northern Gaza Strip, on Wednesday.

before returning to Washington.

"The United States is committed to vigorously pursuing lasting peace and stability in the region," said Mitchell, who launched his diplomacy earlier Wednesday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo.

He was expected to hold talks with pro-Western Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank on Thursday. Mitchell has no plans to meet with Hamas, which the U.S., Israel and European Union consider a terrorist group.

It would be hard for the cease-fire to hold unless arrangements are made to stop the flow of arms to Hamas and to end the block-

ade of the coastal territory, which has deepened the deprivation of the 1.4 million Gazans trapped inside.

Mitchell said crossings should be opened on the basis of a 2005 agreement brokered by the U.S. that put the main border — between Egypt and Gaza — under the management of Abbas' Palestinian Authority, with European monitors deployed to prevent smuggling.

Hamas, which routed Abbas loyalists when it took over Gaza, has said it also wants a role at the crossings in recognition of its power in Gaza. Israel and Abbas do not want Hamas there.

Olmert told Mitchell that Hamas' power in Gaza "must diminish" and Abbas must "gain a foothold" there,

an Olmert aide said on condition of anonymity because the meeting was closed.

Olmert said crossings between Israel and Gaza "will only open permanently" after the freeing of Sgt. Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier Gaza militants captured in 2006, the aide said. Israel has been trying to negotiate a prisoner swap with Hamas to secure Shalit's release.

In Qatar, Hamas' supreme leader, Khaled Mashaal, said the group would not link the opening of crossings to the release of the Israeli soldier.

"We reject these Israeli conditions. We will not accept them," Mashaal said.

Hamas wants Israel to free hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in exchange for Shalit.

Experts curious as to last Blagojevich acts

Associated Press

CHICAGO — With Gov. Rod Blagojevich entering what could be his final hours in office, some politicians are watching closely to see whether he attempts some last-minute mischief by spending state money, issuing executive orders or granting pardons.

"I try never to be surprised anymore by anything he does," said Republican former Gov. Jim Edgar.

The Illinois Senate could vote as early as Thursday on whether to remove the governor by impeachment on charges that include trying to sell Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat for campaign cash or a plum job

for himself.

On Wednesday, Blagojevich surprised lawmakers by asking to make a closing statement Thursday at his Illinois Senate trial. Until now, the governor has refused to participate, complaining he was being railroaded.

Until Blagojevich is removed, he retains all the powers of his office, and he has not been shy about wielding them, even after his Dec. 9 arrest on federal corruption charges.

Just weeks after the arrest, Blagojevich picked former Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris for the Senate seat, brazenly defying politicians in Illinois and Washington who warned that any such choice would be tainted. After much hand-

wringing, the Senate decided to seat Burris.

For his final act, the governor can still spend previously approved state money, issue executive orders, even pardon state prisoners.

However, Blagojevich's pardon powers do not extend to members of his inner circle who have already been charged or convicted in the continuing federal investigation of political corruption in Illinois. The governor can intervene in state cases only.

Blagojevich spokesman Lucio Guerrero said that anything Blagojevich does will be well within his rights as governor, but that he doesn't plan anything "grandiose."

Lecture

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signs outside the party. The first should say, "This is a private party. No one is permitted to enter unless they have been specifically invited," Lindsay said. The second one should say, "You must be 21 or older to drink alcohol," he said.

Off-campus junior Steve DeLaurentis, who attended the lecture, said posting signs like this "was something I had never heard of before," and something that could be useful when throwing off-campus parties.

Lindsay also warned that it is illegal to have an entry fee to get into the party, or to charge for the liquor. He added that claiming to charge for a red cup but the alcohol was free will not pass in any court of law.

Despite following all these suggestions, Lindsay said the police may still show up. If that happens he said no more than two people, who are sober, should be sent outside. They should move the discussion away from the door and close the door behind them.

The most important rule to remember when dealing with the police, though, is "don't be a jerk," he said.

"So many people come out, want to be a hero, and say 'Screw you. You don't have a right to be here,'" said Lindsay, who went on to suggest thinking of dealing with the police like taking a test.

"You would never open up your bluebook and write, 'Dear Professor... I think professors suck. I resent your authority. You can't get me! ... Essay one, Agriculture,'" he joked.

He also mentioned that if the police ask to search the house,



Attorney C. L. Lindsay addresses students during a lecture on how to throw a police free party.

the owner does not have to give their consent.

"You absolutely have a right to say, 'I don't agree to a search,'" Lindsay said. But if the police insist on searching, you should allow them to do so.

The majority of the lecture was focused on off-campus parties, but Lindsay also mentioned on-campus parties.

"The one thing I can tell you is it really is pretty lenient," he said. "Don't complain, don't rock the boat. I know that's not what you want to hear, [but] it's not that bad."

Lindsay also said that the Fourth Amendment, protecting unreasonable search and seizure, only applies to government officials.

"Your [resident advisor], your rector, they don't have to follow the bill of rights [because they are part of a private institution].

Police do," Lindsay said. NDSP must abide by the Fourth Amendment, he said.

While DuLac creates a contract between students and the University and students therefore need to follow it, he said, but that contract can't override the Fourth Amendment.

Freshman Christi Chelsky, who attended the lecture to learn what the drinking laws were in Indiana and how they differed from her home state, said much of the lecture didn't apply to her because, "a lot of the stuff was geared towards the people who are 21 and throwing the parties."

But she said that Lindsay "was really informative and he presented it in a way that got people's attention and that was amusing."

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Sessions

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not use them.

"That's our vision here," Brown said. "To be able to make our services and our skills more accessible to students."

"Let's Talk" provides support for undergraduate and graduate students experiencing any number of problems, Brown said, from anxiety and depression to family problems or relationship struggles. During a "Let's Talk" session, Brown can suggest problem-solving options, provide information about resources or recommend counseling if that would be beneficial.

"That's really what it's all about," Brown said. "Let's find a solution, or let me tell you what counseling is like and how to pursue it."

The "Let's Talk" sessions, which run from 2 to 4 p.m. each Thursday in the Green Room on the second floor of LaFortune, started Sept. 4. The Cornell staff warned Brown that the first semester they started the program almost no one came to the sessions, but Brown said Notre Dame had better luck in its first semester.

Fourteen students visited Brown during the "Let's Talk" hours, 11 of which were unique visitors.

"What we hope is that anyone hesitant about counseling but feels they need to talk to somebody would come over to 'Let's Talk,'" Brown said.

Approximately 1,000 students used the University

Counseling Center last academic year, she said. Most students who go to the third floor of Saint Liam Hall are struggling with stress and anxiety or depression or symptoms of depression.

"This is a high-achieving university with high-achieving students who are under a lot of pressure," Brown said. The Counseling Center is always looking for "innovative" ways to be proactive with problems students have, such as by starting the "Let's Talk" program.

Brown hopes the "Let's Talk" sessions will eliminate barriers some students face in seeking help for problems, including the perceived stigma for some have of going to the Counseling Center, the paperwork requirements and the need to make an appointment.

Brown said "Let's Talk" could help the Counseling Center serve underrepresented groups, like men, international students, first year students and people of color, who are statistically less likely to seek out its services.

Going to "Let's Talk" is, for some, an easier step than going to Saint Liam, Brown said.

"Let's Talk" takes place on Thursdays during the school year from 2-4 p.m. in the Green Room on the second floor of LaFortune. Students can go to the reception area of the Office of Multicultural Student Services and Programs and International Student Services and Activities and ask to see the "Let's Talk" consultant.

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Revue

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songs that are "a little different from what we've usually done," Wheeland said.

He said the show will also feature some "useful" advice.

"There will be some great pick-up lines that you can maybe use in your real life," Wheeland said.

When pressed for detail about the show's content, Wheeland wouldn't give anything specific away.

"There's a lot of social commentary ... some very highbrow stuff," he said, sarcastically.

"It's going to be a very funny show — there is a good mix of material that is specific to Notre Dame and broad humor that pulls on pop culture references and slapstick comedy," Wheeland said. "It's such a broad range that everyone will find something to like."

The Keenan Revue, in its 33rd year, is the Hall's signature event and one of the biggest dorm-run events. Material for the final show, which will be performed Feb. 5-7 at O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's, is still being finalized.

Revue tickets will be distributed between 5 p.m. and 7 today at the Joyce Center box office. Wheeland said the exact number of tickets available for Notre Dame students depends on the amount left over from the Saint Mary's distribution, as well as the number reserved for residents of Keenan to distribute.

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Cold

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For weather related closings, particularly snow and ice, Brown said, the decision is made by vice president for business operations Jim Lyphout and provost Tim Burish, in consultation with Notre

Dame Security Police (NDSP) and grounds keeping crews, and may include executive vice president John Affleck-Graves.

Brown said the groups must "evaluate conditions" and consider a number of factors, including how well campus roads and paths can be cleared, how well roads can be cleared, and the weather forecast.

But, he said, there are no definitive guidelines.

"Every situation is different," he said. "There isn't a specific snowfall amount, for example. It would depend on a variety of issues — it might depend on wind, for example, or how fast snowplows can clear the roads."

Ensuring the safety of students, faculty and staff is paramount, he said, noting that if the roads around campus weren't passable and staff could not safely come to work, that would be a factor in the decision.

Brown did say that while the University does watch the closures of area schools and businesses, Notre Dame makes inde-

pendent decisions.

In some cases, other area colleges may close while Notre Dame remains open.

"Notre Dame is different than Bethel, different than [Indiana University-South Bend]," he said. "We're a residential campus, so [the comparison] is not apples to apples."

"We've looked at other schools around the Midwest," Brown said, and Notre Dame's policies compare to other residential campuses.

In the event of a closure or delay, Brown said the University would utilize the Connect-ED system, which can reach students, faculty and staff through a variety of methods including text message, e-mail and phone call.

"We still would rely on radio and TV broadcast" in addition to the Connect-ED alert, he said.

The last campus closure occurred in December 2000 during final exams week.

"It snowed hard," Brown said of the incident, stating that exams were rescheduled during the evenings of the three remaining exam days.

In the past 90 years, Notre Dame has closed the campus due to severe winter weather conditions only eight times, according to a Feb. 13, 2008 Observer article.

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Aquinas

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"an understanding of the inextricable connection between inquiry and community," and this is shown in his works and records of the disputations.

The responsibility of Catholic institutions of education to provide moral and spiritual growth of its students and community was another critical point of the discussion. This can be done in many ways according to Jenkins, one being "holding students accountable."

Students and the University should be committed to "seeking further truths" by inquiry and culminating past and present thinkers. Jenkins also said they must do this by "accepting key texts" and moving forward with them to "enhance the intellectual community."

This search for truth can help lead students to live a good and virtuous life as understood by the Catholic community. According to Jenkins, it is not necessary that all members of the University community be Catholic, for their diversity adds richness to the existing environment.

Prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance and theological virtues are "outlines of an educational ideal we strive to cultivate" Jenkins said, and added that all are a part of the growth he feels is necessary for students at Catholic universities to attain.

"Good human life cannot be understood except in light of

inquiry," he said.

This is why Aquinas' legacy is so integral to the Notre Dame community, because it is a manner of inquiry where questions are resolved in the intellectual community with current minds and the power of important texts and thinkers from the past Jenkins said. Previous key figures have shaped the tradition and their works are studied, not held as complete truths, but looked at seriously and add many dimensions to a question or a certain subject, he said.

Students, faculty, staff and community members were all present at Jenkins discussion.

An enthusiastic group of students from a fall class entitled "Aquinas's Search for God — Faith Meets Philosophy" sported matching green T-shirts emblazoned with the words "Team Aquinas."

Allison Greene, a junior member of the group, said "It was cool to be here at the lecture and have people recognize Aquinas's impact on [Catholic] colleges and universities where we're studying how faith meets philosophy."

Junior, Lizzie Pugh added, "We've been anticipating this for months," as she described Jenkin's presentation to have a "Super Bowl-like" hype and excitement for their class.

Mary Gross, a junior, thought it was important because of Aquinas' "inspiration for higher education."

This group of students felt that Jenkins successfully communicated the purpose of their studies.

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IN BRIEF

House defeats bill delaying TV transition

WASHINGTON — Bucking the Obama administration, House Republicans on Wednesday defeated a bill to delay the upcoming transition from analog to digital television broadcasting to June 12 — leaving an estimated 6.5 million U.S. households unprepared for the switchover.

The 258-168 vote failed to clear the two-thirds threshold needed for passage in a victory for GOP members, who warn that postponing the transition from the current Feb. 17 deadline would confuse consumers.

House Republicans say a delay also would burden wireless companies and public safety agencies waiting for the spectrum that will be freed up by the switch, and create added costs for television stations that would have to continue broadcasting both analog and digital signals for four more months.

Fed ready to provide fresh aid

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve signaled Wednesday that it stands ready to use new unconventional tools, or expand existing ones, to spur lending and consumer spending that could help lift the economy out of a painful recession.

The Fed also agreed to keep the targeted range for the federal funds rate between zero and 0.25 percent for "some time" to help brace the economy. Economists predict the Fed will keep the funds rate, the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans, at that record low level through the rest of this year.

With its key lending rate to banks already near zero, the Fed pledged anew to use "all available tools" to revive the economy.

Specifically, the Fed said it is "prepared" to buy longer-term Treasury securities if the circumstances warrant such action. At its previous meeting in December, the Fed said it was merely evaluating that option.

Jeffrey Lacker, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, was the sole dissenter on this point. He wanted the Fed to move forward on buying the securities.

Doing so would help drive down mortgage rates and provide help to the stricken housing market, economists said.

House passes record stimulus package

After much prodding by Obama, Senate and House approve \$819 billion bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a swift victory for President Barack Obama, the Democratic-controlled House approved a historically huge \$819 billion stimulus bill Wednesday night, filled with new spending and tax cuts at the core of the young administration's revival plan for the desperately ailing economy.

The vote was 244-188.

"We don't have a moment to spare," Obama declared at the White House as congressional allies hastened to do his bidding in the face of the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

The vote sent the bill to the Senate, where debate is expected to begin as early as this week on a companion measure already taking shape. Democratic leaders have pledged to have legislation ready for Obama's signature by mid-February.

A mere eight days after Inauguration Day, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Tuesday's events heralded a new era. "The ship of state is difficult to turn," said the California Democrat. "But that is what we must do. That is what President Obama called us to do in his inaugural address."

With unemployment at its highest level in a quarter-century, the banking industry wobbling despite the infusion of staggering sums of bailout money and states struggling with budget crises, Democrats said the legislation was desperately needed.

"Another week that we delay is another 100,000 or more people unemployed. I don't think we want that on our consciences," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and one of the leading architects of the legislation.

Republicans said the bill was short on tax cuts and contained too much spend-



President Barack Obama shakes hands with audience members while JetBlue CEO David Barger right, looks on, after Obama's speech about the economy Wednesday.

ing, much of it wasteful and unlikely to help laid-off Americans.

The party's leader, Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, said the measure "won't create many jobs, but it will create plenty of programs and projects through slow-moving government spending." A GOP alternative, comprised almost entirely of tax cuts, was defeated, 266-170, moments before the final vote.

On the final vote, the legislation drew overwhelming support among Democrats while all but a few Republicans opposed it.

The White House-backed legislation includes an estimated \$544 in federal spending and \$275 billion in tax cuts for individuals and businesses.

Included is money for traditional job-creating programs such as highway construction and mass transit projects. But the measure tickets far more for unemployment benefits, health care and food stamp increases designed to aid victims of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Tens of billions of additional dollars would go to

the states, which confront the prospect of deep budget cuts of their own. That money marks an attempt to ease the recession's impact on schools and law enforcement. With funding for housing weatherization and other provisions, the bill also makes a down payment on Obama's campaign promise of creating jobs that can reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil.

The centerpiece tax cut calls for a \$500 break for single workers and \$1,000 for couples, including those who don't earn enough to owe federal income taxes.

Mail days may be cut due to deficit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Massive deficits could force the post office to cut out one day of mail delivery, the postmaster general told Congress on Wednesday, in asking lawmakers to lift the requirement that the agency deliver mail six days a week.

If the change happens, that doesn't necessarily mean an end to Saturday mail delivery. Previous post office studies have looked at the possibility of skipping some other day when mail flow is light, such as Tuesday.

Faced with dwindling mail volume and rising costs, the post office was \$2.8 billion in the red last year. "If current trends continue, we could experience a net loss of \$6 billion or more this fiscal year," Postmaster General John E. Potter said in testimony for a

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs subcommittee.

Total mail volume was 202 billion items last year, over 9 billion less than the year before, the largest single volume drop in history.

And, despite annual rate increases, Potter said 2009 could be the first year since 1946 that the actual amount of money collected by the post office declines.

"It is possible that the cost of six-day delivery may simply prove to be unaffordable," Potter said. "I reluctantly request that Congress remove the annual appropriation bill rider, first added in 1983, that requires the Postal Service to deliver mail six days each week."

"The ability to suspend delivery on the lightest delivery days, for example, could save dollars in both our delivery

and our processing and distribution networks. I do not make this request lightly, but I am forced to consider every option given the severity of our challenge," Potter said.

That doesn't mean it would happen right away, he noted, adding that the agency is working to cut costs and any final decision on changing delivery would have to be made by the postal governing board.

If it did become necessary to go to five-day delivery, Potter said, "we would do this by suspending delivery on the lightest volume days."

The Postal Service raised the issue of cutting back on days of service last fall in a study it issued. At that time the agency said the six-day rule should be eliminated, giving the post office, "the flexibility to meet future needs for delivery frequency."

Blagojevich travels to Illinois for impeachment trial

Governor returns to home state to offer closing argument before the final vote; conviction all but certain

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich will leave Chicago as a governor Thursday morning. He may come home just an average citizen.

Blagojevich plans to fly to Springfield and address the Senate before the final vote in his impeachment trial. Even Blagojevich predicts he'll be convicted, costing him his job and all the perks of being governor.

"I hope he has a ride home because I don't think he'll have the state police to take him," joked Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno, R-Lemont.

A buzz swept through the Senate chambers Wednesday when Senate President John Cullerton announced that Blagojevich wanted to speak at the trial, which he has boycotted so far.

"It's my understanding that the governor wishes to file an appearance to give a closing argument, not to testify or to submit himself to cross-examination," Cullerton, D-Chicago, announced. "Just to give a closing argument."

The prosecution rested its case Wednesday, the third day of an unprecedented trial on whether Blagojevich has abused his power.

A conviction is all but certain. Blagojevich presented no defense, and virtually the entire Illinois political establishment has turned against him. The House voted 117-1 to impeach him, and the lone "no" vote came from his sister-in-law.

Despite the slim odds

Blagojevich faces, one of his few friends in the Senate scoffed at the idea of the governor using the statement to announce his resignation. It's just as likely senators will see the Easter Bunny hopping through the Capitol, said Sen. James DeLeo, D-Chicago.

"I think he wants to be heard," DeLeo said.

A Blagojevich spokesman agreed.

"I don't think he's going down there to resign, I think he's going down to make his appeal to the senators," Lucio Guerrero said.

Blagojevich repeatedly has said he won't resign. But he also said he wouldn't take part in the trial.

While the Senate has considered accusations that Blagojevich is corrupt, the governor appeared on one news show after another to proclaim his innocence and declare the trial rigged against him.

"It's a kangaroo court," Blagojevich said Tuesday on Fox News Channel. "My lawyers and I believe that to be part of a process like that is to dignify a fraudulent impeachment process that sets a dangerous precedent for governors in Illinois and governors across America."

But Wednesday afternoon, Blagojevich's acting chief of staff contacted Cullerton's chief of staff to ask that the governor be allowed to make a statement before the trial concludes.

The impeachment prosecutor called his last witness Wednesday and is scheduled to make his closing arguments Thursday morning. Blagojevich could be ousted from office by

afternoon.

By making his own closing statement instead of testifying under oath, Blagojevich avoids taking questions from senators and the impeachment prosecutor.

Sen. Dan Cronin, R-Elmhurst, called it "cowardly, but consistent with the way he has governed."

Cullerton, joined by the Senate's top Republican, recommended Blagojevich's unusual request be granted. He said the governor would be given 90 minutes to make a closing statement — in effect, acting as his own attorney.

Ironically, Blagojevich often has talked about how poorly he did in law school, joking that he barely knew where the law library was.

The two-term governor has denied any wrongdoing since being arrested last month on a variety of corruption charges, including scheming to benefit from appointing President Barack Obama's U.S. Senate replacement and demanding campaign contributions in exchange for state services.

No other Illinois governor has been impeached, let alone convicted in a Senate trial.

If Blagojevich is convicted, he will be removed from office and replaced by Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn, a fellow Democrat.

Earlier Wednesday, Cullerton challenged Blagojevich to show up and explain himself and objected to the governor's tour of national media. Blagojevich insists the wiretapped conversations released when he was arrested on federal corruption charges are being taken out of context.



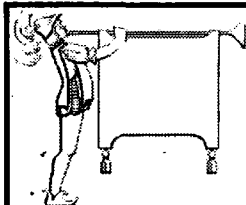
Illinois Senate President John Cullerton argues during Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's impeachment trial Wednesday.

"If he wants to come down here instead of hiding out in New York and having Larry King asking questions instead of the senators, I think he's making a mistake," Cullerton said. "He should come here and answer the questions and provide the context he claims that these statements are being taken out of."

The case against Blagojevich, presented by House-appointed prosecutor David Ellis, included audio of secretly recorded conversations in which the governor appears to discuss demanding a campaign contribution in exchange for signing

legislation. Senators also heard from an FBI agent who vouched for the accuracy of eye-popping Blagojevich quotes that were included in the criminal complaint against him.

And on Wednesday, senators heard testimony that Blagojevich and his aides agreed to pay \$2.6 million for doses of a flu vaccine that they knew couldn't be brought into the country. Auditor General William Holland also testified to a long list of management irregularities under Blagojevich — such as giving a lucrative contract to a company that didn't officially exist.



Announcing the Year 2009 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2009 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed \$3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

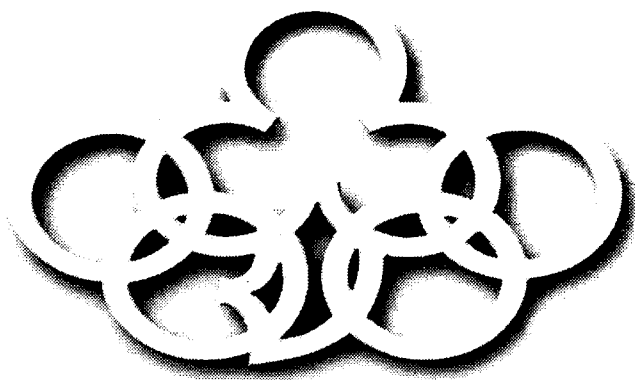
Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

- 1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame;
- 2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals;
- 3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
- 4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
- 5) two letters of recommendation;
- 6) a transcript showing all grades and courses completed;
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Nation's second set of octuplets born

Associated Press

BELLFLOWER, Calif. — The nation's second set of live-born octuplets were all breathing on their own Wednesday, 48 hours after a woman gave birth to the surprising bunch in Southern California.

Two of the babies were still receiving supplemental oxygen but were inhaling and exhaling on their own.

"They're doing amazingly well," said Socorro Serrano, spokeswoman for Kaiser Permanente's Bellflower Medical Center, where the babies were born nine weeks premature.

The mother, whose identity remains a secret, had not yet been able to hold any of the delicate babies — six boys and two girls — who were born weighing between 1 pound, 8 ounces and 3 pounds, 4 ounces. However, she was able to see them in their incubators Tuesday night.

In lieu of names, the babies have been assigned letters A through H, in the order of their birth Monday morning. The babies' incubators were being kept near one another in the same room for bonding, said Miriam Khoury, clinical director of inpatient obstetrical nursing at the hospital.

Four of the babies were receiving tube-feedings of donated breast milk, said Khoury.

The stomach of a fifth baby didn't absorb the milk he was given Wednesday and now was being fed intravenously, said Khoury. Two of the babies that were receiving milk also were being fed through a vein.

The mother has begun pumping

breast milk in anticipation of eight hungry babies, said Serrano.

Doctors were surprised by the birth of the eighth baby, because they were only anticipating seven, said Dr. Harold Henry, one of 46 staff members who delivered the babies by cesarean section.

Khoury said the addition of eight babies to the neonatal unit had not stressed the hospital.

"This is history for us, so of course we're happy," said Khoury, who helped coordinate the materials needed for the labor.

Details about how the octuplets were conceived have not been released, but doctors not involved in the delivery believe the mother was likely on fertility treatment.

Dr. Daniel Mishell, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine, recommends carefully monitoring pregnancies involving fertility drugs by ultrasound.

Multiple births can be dangerous for babies and their mother, and in some cases, may result in lasting health problems. However, in cases where a woman insists on having multiple births, there's a limit to a doctor's role.

"You can't mandate a reduction of pregnancies," Mishell said. "You can advise them, but you can't mandate them."

The babies were expected to remain hospitalized for several weeks and could face serious developmental delays because of their small size.

The nation's first live-birth octuplets were born three months premature in Houston in 1998. The tiniest baby, who was born at 10.3 ounces, died of heart and lung failure a week after being born.

Offshore fish farming allowed in Gulf

Associated Press

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — Offshore fish farming would be allowed in the Gulf of Mexico under a plan approved Wednesday by the agency that sets the body of water's fishing rules.

Fishermen complained that making the Gulf the first federal waters off the U.S. to allow the farming would cause pollution and drive them out of business. Supporters, though, say the farming would give the country a bigger piece of a multibillion-dollar industry.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council voted 11-to-5 in favor of allowing the farming. One member involved in aquaculture research abstained. The U.S. Commerce Department has final say on the rules.

Those against the plan claimed the large cages and pens that would raise fish far offshore would pollute the oceans with fish waste and chemicals. Farmed fish, which often get heavy doses of antibiotics, can also escape into the wild and interfere with native species.

"We simply do not want this," Avery Bates, vice president of the Organized Seafood Association of Alabama, told the council before the vote. "Do not allow this, I don't care who's pushing your buttons ... Don't put us out of business."

Bates, who represents about 200 commercial fishermen in Alabama, said there was fear that foreign companies would buy permits to farm fish offshore and then sell the fish at reduced prices, undercutting U.S. fishermen.

Harlon Pearce, a council board member, said farming would create jobs for struggling fishermen. Fishermen, he said, "have been over-regulated to death and we don't have enough wild production because of regulatory problems."

The United States takes in about \$10 billion in seafood imports a year and exports only about \$2.7 billion, according to data from the Commerce Department. About 80 percent of all seafood consumed in the United States is imported.

Commercial seafood company owner John D. Ericsson favors the plan. He said the United States has fallen behind countries like Greece, Norway and Chile, where offshore farming has taken off.

Board member Pearce agreed, saying it was time for the United States to "catch up with the rest of the world." Some states do allow fish farming close to shore.

Ericsson said his company, Florida-based Bio Marine Technologies Inc., is looking at growing fish in cages that could contain up to 60,000 cobia, also known as king fish in the Northeast, and amberjack. He said it would take about \$10 million to set up an offshore fish farm.

"It's a serious business commitment," he said.

Besides creating jobs, fish farming is important for the nation's food security, he said. "Just think if someone was able to wipe out our cows and other land creatures with an

anthrax. Where would we get our protein from?" he said.

Supporters of farms estimate that it would take only 2,000 acres of fish farms in the Gulf to match the amount of fish caught every year in the wild, but sport and commercial fishermen lined up against the plan being considered by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, which sets fishing rules. The offshore farming plan still needs final approval from the Commerce Department, which hasn't taken a position yet. The earliest Commerce could weigh in would be three months from now, after a comment period.

Charter boat fishermen also were opposed, saying it would limit the fishing waters, said Bob Zales II, the executive director of the Conservation Cooperative of Gulf Fishermen.

"They're going to take an area and put their cages there and I can't fish there anymore," Zales said.

Fish farming has so far been limited close to shore, but the Gulf council's proposal would establish sweeping regulation that would open up waters far offshore.

Former President George W. Bush's administration pushed for opening U.S. waters to fish farming and succeeded in drawing support for the idea.

Opponents said after Wednesday night's setback they were hopeful the new Obama administration would see the issue differently.

"The (Obama) administration is dedicated to protecting the marine environment and I hope it says, 'Not on my watch,'" said Zach Corrigan, a staff attorney with the Food & Water Watch, a Washington-based group that fought offshore fish farming.

In the Gulf, there is interest in transforming unused offshore oil and natural gas platforms into fish farms. Some oil companies have experimented with platforms to anchor underwater pens. The

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**Avery Bates
vice president
Organized Seafood
Association of Alabama**

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Good luck, Mr. Daschle

Over Christmas break, I was afforded the opportunity to spend a few weeks interning in a hospital working on some business projects. I spent some time analyzing and writing a report of the anesthesiologists' revenues and payments, their patient volume, and other measures of productivity and profitability. While the analysis was fairly straightforward, and the report was similarly cut and dry, the implications that followed were murky, opaque, and difficult.

These days, the media seems to divide health care policy into just two camps. On one side is the Liberal associated national health care plan, a la Canada or England's system. This system would entail universal coverage, little or no cost per visit, but also possible problems for choice of treatment or doctor. It could also be quite expensive.

On the other is the Conservative associated idea of free market health care, with very little government intervention, and a considerable weakening of the Medicare/Medicaid system. This option points to the necessity of doctor choice, treatment quality, vis-à-vis survival of the best doctors, but also leaves a great many people, possibly as many as 40 million, out of the health care loop.

The one debate that nobody is having right now, however, is the need for a better, more cost effective health care system. Research by the economist David Cutler indicates that only around 17 percent of Americans are currently satisfied with the health care system. The doctors and administrators gave personal weight to this number within just a few days of my arrival. There are issues with just about every facet of the business of providing health care, which in turn, makes it difficult for doctors to provide easily and effectively the care

that people need.

The first morning of the internship I sat in on a meeting my boss, a department administrator, was having with one of his anesthesiologists. Instead of treating patients or working on a difficult case, she had spent the morning scanning through a 100-plus page audit of their compliance with insurance payers. Then, she had no fewer than four other meetings during which she had to explain particular compliance errors and explain why the department still deserved to be paid. Immediately, I understood why the administrative overhead costs of one patient in America exceed \$1000 yearly.

The more I worked the better I could see the problems in health care. The greatest problems, and the reason for such exorbitant costs, for the doctors and patients are all focused around poorly aligned incentives, economically, not medically speaking. Patients, doctors, and insurers are all in agreement that a healthy patient is the best outcome. But when it comes to the question of who will pay for it, and for what will they pay, the three groups turn into a Scylla like creature, with every head pulling health care in a different direction.

Patients are most concerned, naturally, with their health and quality of life. For this reason, they will commonly choose the option that will provide the best chance of survival, regardless of the actuarial odds or tables. Sometimes these battles provide great stories of courage and strength, and sometimes they involve spending exorbitant amounts of money to extend a life by days if not hours. Often times, the costs of a particular course of action are not even clearly articulated or acknowledged. While patients and families shouldn't be faulted in the least for this mentality, the system cannot be improved if this issue is not addressed.

Doctors represent another difficult business issue. Atul Gawande, a Harvard educated surgeon at Brigham hospital spends an entire chapter of his

newest book, *Better*, pondering the inherent dilemmas in physician pay. Most doctors are chiefly concerned with the care of their patients, and with the amount of care they can provide, even to those with little means to pay. And while good intentions go far, there will always be the necessity, as Rod Tidwell would say, to "show me the money."

After all, most doctors have endured four to six years of strenuous schooling, beyond the undergraduate years, with six plus years of residency, and are still exposed to 60-plus hour workweeks in a high stress environment. Who would want to go through all of that and not be paid decently, despite best intentions?

The third head of this monster is the health insurance industry, including government insurance programs. They are burdened with the majority of costs of health care, and have to find ways to pass these costs on to their users. Unfortunately, they are also the only major player that is seriously compelled to turn a profit even while trying to provide insurance. An in-depth analysis of insurance in this country would take pages and pages, but suffice it to say that it is perhaps the most complicated, costly, and interesting problem of the bunch.

That's also why I will have to leave my discussion on that note. The issue is complicated, and even with a few weeks of observation under my belt; I still probably don't understand half of the problems with the system. One morning, while I was asking my boss about some of the issues I have noted, he said to me, "You know what Jason, you could stick 10 of the smartest people in the country in a room, and they would solve social security in a few days, but couldn't solve health care in a lifetime."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one."

Jane Howard
Countess of Westmoreland

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"I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be."

Douglas Adams
english author

THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

Thursday, January 29, 2009

March for life: a fragile journey

Jesus said to his disciples, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

**Fr. Lou DelFra,
CSC.**

Faithpoint

When I think about my own life, and the greatest signs of God's love in my life, I realize that none of them just descended on me, dropping forcefully out of the sky and into my lap. Rather, they almost all started out as small, precious, even fragile signs. I think of my 2nd grade teacher, Sr. Thomas Edward — she was a mustard seed herself at 4-foot-8. But she also prepared us for 1st Communion with the most extraordinary lessons and powerful personal witness. A love for the Eucharist is a very fragile thing, and she planted it within us 25 years ago.

My vocation to be a Catholic school

teacher, to be a priest — did not drop upon me out of the sky. It was much more tenuous, and up-for-grabs. It took a friend, who knew I was lurching about trying to find my way after college, telling me that I should apply for a teacher opening at my old high school. It took my girlfriend, sitting next to me at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan before we went to see Cats (yes, I admit it — but I didn't like it), telling me she thought I'd give a great homily (talk about a date-stopper). It took a lot of nights of holding on to what seemed to be a whisper of a calling, until the voice within grew stronger and stronger.

Even our Church itself began as a small town in Capernaum, gathered at the door to hear a former neighbor suddenly, surprisingly, preaching a new message. And after his life was over, he left his new Church in the hands of a handful of uneducated workers living in the middle of a desert.

The things that have come to represent the most certain presence of God in my life have almost without exception begun as very small, fragile, precious

things.

We see this powerfully in the mystery of the Incarnation. The greatest sign of the presence of God in the world — God's own Son — came as a little baby, his life hanging by a thread, born in a manger, willed to life by the courage of Mary and Joseph. But it all hung by a thread — and God did not choose to seek a more secure way of sending him to us.

Perhaps, in all this, is one way to understand the Church's stance on the Right to Life: as a deep realization of how precious and delicate are the greatest signs of God's Presence in the world. They all seem to hang by a thread. Like the mustard seed, they're extremely vulnerable — but if they are cultivated, they become our surest signs of the presence of God.

At its best, the object of the Church's stance on life is not to claim moral superiority, but to bring about a conversion of the heart in our culture so that all may see the preciousness of life and come to cherish especially those who are most vulnerable. This includes the

vulnerability of young women in crisis pregnancies, who don't have the support they need to raise a child. It includes the poor and the homeless, who, because it seems they can't contribute to society, are always at the risk of being ignored by society. It includes the elderly, who can be judged as "Their best days are behind them. Why should we waste time and resources on them?"

All of these groups are mustard seeds — small, vulnerable, even fragile. Yet, if we give ourselves to them, and nourish the gift of life that has been given to them, they can grow into very powerful signs of the presence of God in our world. For it is often by the most fragile and vulnerable ways that God speaks the most important messages to us.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Interhall Ice Hockey is a Joke

I have played ice hockey for almost my entire life. I am pretty good, but obviously you will not find me on the roster of the nation's No. 1 ranked ice hockey team. For the many of us hockey lovers that attend this University (a school which is growing in hockey tradition) and are not NHL prospects, it is really disappointing that the only playing time we have to look forward to are the 5 short hockey games over the next two weeks.

The Interhall ice hockey here is a joke. Our season starts tomorrow night, and if we do not make the playoffs it will be over in exactly two weeks. How does this school have the top ranked varsity team in the country and then the next level down is this? There is no club team, and unless you fork over the hundreds of dollars it costs to join a men's league in South Bend you are out of luck.

The games are played after midnight (not very helpful for academics), they last well

less than an hour, and they do not accommodate players who have experience. It's great that people want to learn how to play, but this is the only chance I get to relive playing competitively after high school and I don't think it is fair to anyone for players similar to me to skate with kids that have never skated before.

I don't see why it would be difficult to make the interhall season at least one game per week, and have it last six to eight weeks at least, and then playoffs. Of course, the games should be a little longer so everyone can get more than five minutes of playing time. It would give hockey players something really to look forward to during second semester.

Matthew McManus
sophomore
Fisher Hall
Jan. 27

Batman

Miss Jess Shaffer is a wonderful friend and writer, but she is absolutely wrong. Batman should never be kicked out "the Superhero club" (Inside Column "If I Were a superhero..."). While our allegiance has always been to Superman, Batman deserves the utmost respect and admiration. Miss Shaffer tries to say that Batman does not fit the term "superhero." Hah! Having saved Gotham and its peoples from various nefarious foes, he is most certainly a "hero." And as a mere human man his ability to perform these feats while risking his own mortal life it was makes him "super." Contrary to Miss Shaffer's claim that "clearly the etymology of superhero is a combination of supernatural and hero" the OED tells a different story. The prefix of 'super' does not relate to the supernatural but rather to designate something that surpasses all others. Therefore, Batman does not need supernatural abilities to be classified as a superhero.

Furthermore, Miss Shaffer admits that Superman and Wonder Woman are superheroes. Funny, we believe they are in the Justice League with none other than Batman himself.

Bruce Wayne did not simply fall into this lifestyle by being bitten by a spider or born on Krypton. He chooses to help others,

which makes him even more heroic. In Christopher Nolan's most recent interpretation the Caped Crusader sacrifices the opportunity of love, taints his reputation by using the cover of an egotistical billionaire, and even allows the people of the city to see him as a 'dark knight' and murderer. That is a true superhero; one that is not looking for praise or worship but simply has the best interest of the community at heart. While people like Miss Shaffer may abuse superpowers for superficial things like crepes others have a strict adherence to a code of justice like Batman. Bruce Wayne is intelligent, caring and selfless. And while Christian Bale's voice is admittedly humorous in his portrayal, that does not prevent him from being a total badass. Batman should definitely be included in "the Superhero club," and we would even nominate him to be appointed president.

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Jan. 27

For your consideration...

I am writing to add my voice to the recent Viewpoints published regarding the great squirrel quandary present on our campus. The latest submission from Sirs Helgesen and Stein suggested that we create a special taskforce of felines trained to specifically target Notre Dame's squirrel problem.

I say that this solution would be both irresponsible and downright unintelligent. It is highly likely that these well-trained and highly-disciplined cats would dispose of their big-eyed prey quite quickly, leaving them with nothing else to engage their energies. When this happens, who will become their next targets?

It is well-known that cats are incredibly fickle creatures that show little to no actual love for their masters. Their special training and experience may give them the confidence to turn to larger prey. Namely, us. Instead of writing about "Our big-eyed bushy-tailed problem" we would be discussing a new "sharp-clawed, lightning-quick problem." This, my friends, is unacceptable.

Who knows what manner of grievous scratch- or allergy-related injuries may

result from such recklessness? I agree with the gentlemen previously mentioned that Ms. Adam's suggestion of "working with nature, not against it," is an insult to this university.

I propose that the only viable solution to the squirrel issue is an administration-coordinated squirrel fight. Each dorm could sponsor one or two of our little "friends" in a campus-wide, bracket-style tournament. This would not only take care of our problem, but it would also be a clean, fun-filled occasion for the whole family. The proceeds from this event could be donated to charity, such as the local animal shelter or the Humane Society of St. Joseph County.

Having weighed all of the options presented, I humbly submit this proposal for the consideration of Our Lady's University and the surrounding community. Only by taking decisive action can we persevere in this struggle.

Patrick Gill
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Jan. 28

Unnecessary Aggression

I was immensely distraught after reading Mr. Helgesen's and Mr. Stein's proposed solution to the squirrel problem in their letter "Seriously?" (Jan 28). Their proposed feline task force is utterly at odds with common sense.

It is cruel to subject innocent cats to the thankless task of defending our quads from squirrels. The stresses of hunting down these squirrels will make it difficult for participants in this "task force" to readjust to domestic life when the squirrel problem is taken care of, if ever — the sheer scale of the problem could mean that this task force is out patrolling for years before we see any real results.

Additionally, the amount of funding needed for such a job will be phenomenal — providing adequate shelter for the cats, food to supplement their diet of squirrels, and medical care for when the squirrels fight back.

In this current economic climate, I would much rather have my tuition

money go to something that directly benefits the students of this University, such as leaving on the lights in Nieuwland.

By this point, the Notre Dame community has let the squirrel problem go unchecked for too long. A task force or any similarly aggressive measure will only increase squirrel hostility and waste our tuition money — it is time for divine intervention.

Let's take advantage of our university's Catholic identity and call in some favors. I propose a candlelight vigil at the Grotto as we pray for the souls of these squirrels, that they may realize the error of their ways, stop their hostility, and move on to better feeding grounds. Or that God will take care of it Old Testament-style and smite them.

At this point, we can't be picky.

Laura Schmoe
freshman
Pasquerilla West Hall
Jan 28



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Franz Ferdinand's Latest: Nearly disco

By RYAN RAFFIN
Scene Writer

In 2004, Franz Ferdinand released their self-titled debut album to rapturous acclaim and high sales bolstered by the success of hit single "Take Me Out." A follow-up came in late 2005 with "You Could Have It So Much Better," which, though an excellent album, did not sell nearly as well.

Since then, the group has been operating under the radar, recording songs for movie soundtracks and producing music by other groups. So more than three years after their last release, where is the group at now?

Can they maintain their standard of excellence?

Luckily for fans of the group, the answer is assuredly yes. "Tonight: Franz Ferdinand" is the group's most dance-centered effort, at times being only a degree or two removed from straight-up disco. Make no mistake, this is still Franz Ferdinand, only now with an even more pronounced affinity for dance music. The nods to forebears like the Kinks are mostly gone (except on album closer "Katherine Kiss Me"), replaced with a sleek sheen and dance floor-ready beats.

An early criticism of the album has been that its songs are too similar and sterile. This displays a fundamental misunderstanding of what "Tonight" is trying to accomplish. It's a party album, so the music needs to keep people moving, hence the music will generally be up-tempo and very dance-oriented. Even within the bounds of dance music, the group experiment, from 8-minute long "Lucid Dreams" to the heavy keyboard use displayed on "Twilight Omens" and "Live Alone." At 42

minutes, the record is a perfect length, leaving an impact without overstaying its welcome.

First single, "Ulysses," kicks the album off in style, comparing that mythical hero to the party lifestyle:

"You're never going home." It's a strong way to begin, setting the tone from the outset. In fact, the overall "arc" of the album, if one chose to look at it that way, follows the experiences of a partier from the beginning of the night to the next morning. It's not a strict concept album in the traditional sense, but the overriding theme of the record works well.

The midsection of "Tonight" contains the killer one-two punch of "What She Came For" and "Live Alone," where the guitars hit their hardest on the former and keyboards do the same on the latter. As "What She Came For" with its shout-along chorus gives way to the dance-ready beat that introduce the next track, it becomes clear that the group will never completely cut ties with their guitar based post-punk roots, no matter how much their sound evolves.

The aforementioned "Lucid Dreams" is a standout song, and defi-

nately the most ambitious the group has ever written. Heavily processed, with vocals low in the mix, the song segues into a nearly four and a half minute long electronic outro. This sounds like a terrible idea, but the

group pulls it off well. They've always been masters of splicing two different song ideas together, even as early as "Take Me Out," and it works again here.

Many people will be disappointed by this album simply because it's not the same as their first.

However, the experimentation on "Tonight: Franz Ferdinand" shouldn't deter fans of the group willing to hear growth. They've long threatened to go in a more dance-oriented direction, and if this effort is any indication, doing so was the correct choice.

After years out of the spotlight, the real deal finally returns to remind us what all the hype was for in the first place. In the world of music, going three for three in terms of producing good albums is remarkable, so here's to hoping Franz Ferdinand can continue their streak in the future.

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Tonight: Franz Ferdinand Franz Ferdinand

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DIABOLO mixes extreme athleticism with the abstract

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Scene Writer

Dia: Greek for "from point to point." Volo: Latin for "I fly." Diavolo: an abstract dance group under the artistic direction of Jacques Heim who the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be hosting this weekend. They will be performing their new and original work "Foreign Bodies."

The 10-member dance company was founded in Los Angeles in 1992 by Heim, and the company carries more than a dozen works in their reper-

toire. Diavolo is not just composed of dancers, but also gymnasts and actors that bring a new dimension to the performance. The performers must be extremely athletic. The sets are creative and surreal and add a critical element to the show. Diavolo's dance routines emphasize both teamwork and individual expression.

Heim's mission is to offer a new perspective on everyday relationships, actions, troubles, decisions and the constant struggle of humanity. This is why many of the props used are every day objects like doors and chairs.

"Although no two Diavolo pieces are created identically, they do always start with a passionate idea born out of artwork that moved me in a certain way, or an exchange I watched between two people on the street," Heim said.

Heim doesn't draw the choreography straight from his mind but rather lets it develop by giving his dancers an improvisation period with a certain set. The piece then largely emerges from the dancers' interaction with each other and the set.

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Jacques Heim
director

Diavolo encourages trust, community and brotherhood. The different members of the company perform rather risky moves, but they are supported through the net of teamwork.

Diavolo tours internationally but is most famous in California. They are one of the leading modern dance companies in the Los Angeles area. Lewis Segal, a dance critic of the Los Angeles Times, said that Heim is "a creative force in the community, someone with both a compelling vision and the ability to inspire others to uncompromising performances."

Diavolo will perform a number of sepa-

rate dances during the show this weekend, all of them contributing to the theme of community and humanity in the modern world. "Foreign Bodies," the piece that will premiere at Notre Dame, will take the audience on a journey through mankind's evolution. The scenery will be constantly shifting and transforming to reflect man's ever-changing environment. Next, Diavolo will perform "Tete en L'Air," which is French for "head in the sky." The theme of this segment is the isolation people feel with the modern world, and the barrier technology creates resulting from a lack of intimacy with fellow humans. "Knockturne" is a love duet centered on a set of a door. D2R-A represents the hardships of war, and the dancers even feign wounds that affect their dancing ability and range of movement. After a twenty minute intermission the company will finish the show with "Trajectoire," which is set on a 21st Century Galléon. This dance explores the ideas of surviving in a rapidly changing society and competing with destiny.

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faculty/staff, \$30
seniors and \$15 for
students.

WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

THUR.

FRI.

Thurs: The Films of Yuri Norstein: An Animator's Journey, Browning Cinema, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

The Russian want-to-be painter turned award-winning animator Yuri Norstein's film selections will play in DeBartolo's Browning Cinema this weekend to a crowd that is sure to be entertained. Norstein has accomplished much as an animator, having studied at an art school before eventually finding work at studio Soyuzmultfilm in 1961 where he got his start in the animation industry. His unique use of multiple glass planes to give his animations a three-dimensional look and decision not to use computers to create his animations make his productions truly unique. Witness a glimpse of his masterpieces this tonight. Tickets are \$6, \$5 for faculty/staff, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for all students.

Fri: Paul Aldrich at the Morris Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

With a motto of being Pure Comedy — 100 percent clean and 100 percent funny — Paul Aldrich promises to tear up audiences this weekend with his stand-up comedy and musical impressions (ranging from Jimi Hendrix to Bono to Adam Sandler). Not only does he promise to deliver humorous lines, but he also guarantees to do it with a Christian mindset.

"[I] use humor and music as vehicles to touch hearts with the good news of Jesus Christ," said Morris. His funny parody of the Beatles' "Let It Be" entitled "Let it Be/Hillary" about Hillary Clinton's campaign for the presidency is just a sample of the material that is sure to come Friday night.

Sat: Happy Go Lucky (2008), Browning Cinema, 3:00, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

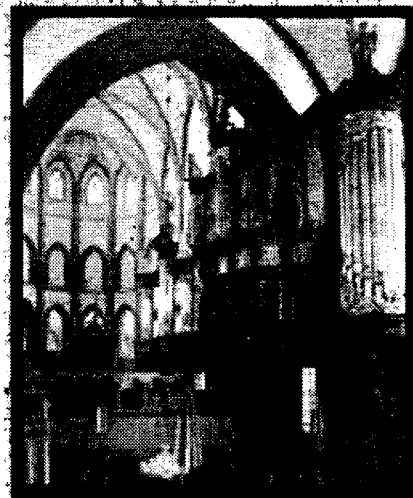
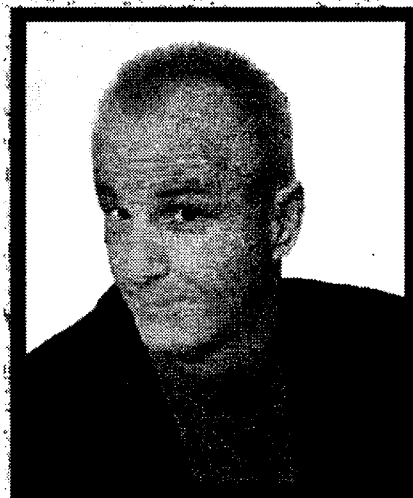
Sally Hawkins' Golden Globe winning performance, as the unnaturally cheerful Poppy in the Oscar-nominated "Happy Go Lucky," will bring a smile to your face as you watch this quirky woman tackle the challenges life presents her with endless doses of optimism. Faced with various tests, such as the stealing of her bike (her only means of transportation), an unrequited lover's pursuit of her and an intense sisterly feud, Poppy still manages to keep a bright outlook and refuses to let problems get her down. Take a leaf out of Poppy's book this weekend and learn how to always have a PMA — positive mental attitude — no matter what life throws your way. Tickets are \$6, \$5 for faculty/staff, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for all students.

Sun: Thiemo Janssen: 2008-2009 Organ Recital Series, Reyes Organ and Choral Hall, 2:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Hamburg, Germany's very own Thiemo Janssen will be visiting the Notre Dame campus this weekend for a special performance of his Organ Recital Series. After having studied in Hanover, Lyon and Hamburg with the famous Louis Robilliard and Wolfgang Zerer, he became choirmaster and organist at St. Nikolaur Kirche in Friedrichshafen. Because of his amazing talent on the organ he has also been selected to regularly play concerts at the Basilika in Weingarten, Sanit-Germain-des-Pres in Paris and the cathedral in Brussels. Don't miss the opportunity to be dazzled by the magic he will create Sunday afternoon on the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall's beautiful instrument.

SAT.

SUN.



Dining Hall Dish

By **MICHELLE FORDICE**
Assistant Scene Editor

Studies have shown that children who eat breakfast do better in school. Since we are all pretty much just an advanced stage of school-child and we probably need all the help we can get (I know I can), this week Dining Hall Dish offers another breakfast edition. So grab yourself a cup of coffee and get ready to start your day.

This week's recipes:

Hash Brown Casserole

This is basically your aver-

age egg breakfast cooked up into a casserole to make it a little more warm and homey. Layer it all up and enjoy!

1. If you are in North: Head to the make your own eggs bar. Scramble one or two fresh eggs, diced tomatoes, diced white onion and either sausage or bacon. (Feel free to experiment with other ingredient to add into the egg mixture, like green pepper or salsa.) Put into one of the soup bowls.

2. If you are in South (or don't want to spend time at the make your own eggs bar): Mix the pre-made scrambled eggs, diced white onion, diced tomatoes and bacon (or you can slice

sausage links) into one of the soup bowls.

3. Top egg mixture with a layer of shredded cheddar cheese.

4. Top with hash browns.

5. Heat in microwave for about a minute and a half, or until the cheese melts.

Peanut Butter and Banana Bagel

This is probably one you've heard off before, but it doesn't make it any less tempting.

1. Toast bagel.

2. Spread with a layer of peanut butter.

3. Slice bananas on to bagel.

4. Other toppings to try:

honey, apple, and raisins.

Quick Tip

One of my favorite things my mom used to make for me when I was little was cinnamon toast, and it's pretty easy to make in the dining hall. Just toast some bread, spread butter over the toast, and sprinkle with cinnamon (you'll probably have to wait for the days when they serve it with applesauce.) You'll have to provide your own TLC.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.

NBA

Raptors edge New Jersey for third straight win

Wade leads Heat to blowout victory over Wizards; Wallace nets 25 points, 10 rebounds as Pistons beat Timberwolves

Associated Press

TORONTO — Jose Calderon had 17 points and 11 assists and the Toronto Raptors beat the New Jersey Nets 107-106 on Wednesday night for their first three-game winning streak since the start of the season.

Devin Harris had a chance to steal the game for the Nets in the closing seconds, but his step-back jumper from the right edge of the foul line hit off the rim at the buzzer.

Anthony Parker added 21 points, and Chris Bosh had 18 for the Raptors, who shot almost 56 percent and had six players in double figures. Andrea Bargnani had his streak of 15 straight games of at least 15 points stopped, scoring eight.

Vince Carter had 27 points to lead the Nets, who rallied in the final minutes by hitting four of their 15 3-pointers. Harris added 25 points and 10 assists, but he missed the biggest shot of the night after Calderon had left the door open by missing a jumper with about 21 seconds to play.

Toronto, which opened the season with three straight wins and then floundered, appeared to take control late in the fourth quarter when Joey

Graham converted a three-point play for a 102-90 lead with 4:47 to go.

Bobby Simmons, who added 16 points, then hit two 3-pointers in an 11-2 spurt to bring New Jersey within 104-101.

Bosh's two free throws with 2:17 to play pushed the edge back to five points, but Parker only made one of two free throws and Carter nailed a 3-pointer to close the gap to 107-104 with 1:05 to go.

Bosh drove the baseline and appeared to be fouled on a layup attempt but nothing was called.

After a time out, Harris drove the left side of the lane for a layup to get New Jersey within a point.

After Calderon missed, Harris took the ball upcourt, worked his way for an open shot and simply missed it, putting his hands to his head in disbelief at the buzzer.

Graham added 15 points for the Raptors and Jason Kapono and Jamario Moon had 10 apiece.

Keyon Dooling had 17 points and Brook Lopez 14 for New Jersey.

Despite shooting 61 percent from the field in the first half, the Raptors trailed 54-50. The difference for the Nets was

eight 3-pointers, including four by Carter in the opening four minutes, and 12 second-chances points.

Heat 93, Wizards 71

Dwyane Wade knew he was on the cusp of a triple-double. He didn't mind getting a break instead.

Wade had 14 points, nine rebounds and nine assists before sitting out the entire fourth quarter, and the Miami Heat pulled away in the second half to beat the Washington Wizards 93-71 on Wednesday night.

"Anytime I can get rest, I'm fine," Wade said.

Daequan Cook and Michael Beasley each had 16 points for the Heat, who've won three straight, all against Southeast Division rivals. Udonis Haslem scored 14 points, and James Jones and Mario Chalmers had 10 each for Miami, which closed the game on a 44-21 run.

It's the first time since March 2005 that Miami held consecutive opponents under 80 points. The Heat beat Atlanta 95-79 on Monday night, and are a season-best six games over .500 (25-19). Miami's bench outscored Washington's reserves 50-14, and the Heat had a 26-2 edge in points off turnovers.

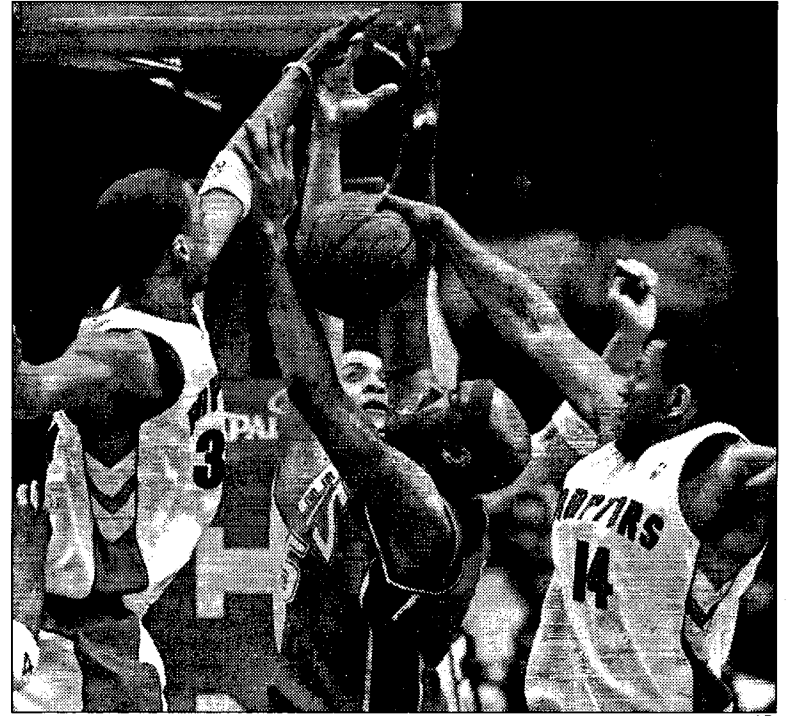
"Our activity level was consistent pretty much the whole way through," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "That's what we're looking for."

Antawn Jamison had 21 points and 12 rebounds for Washington, an NBA-worst 9-36. Caron Butler added 18 points, and Darius Songalia had 10 for the Wizards.

"We talked about playing with discipline and within our design," Wizards coach Ed Tapscott said. "That's critical for us. ... And we held that, for a while."

For a while, indeed. Washington controlled the pace throughout the first half, holding the lead for 16:46 in the opening two quarters.

Miami needed Wade to make a play just to send them into halftime with the lead. He stripped the ball from Juan Dixon, dribbled upcourt and found Cook for a 3-pointer with 18.1 seconds remaining until



Nets forward Vince Carter has his shot blocked by two Raptors Wednesday in Toronto's 107-106 win over New Jersey.

intermission, giving Miami a 41-39 edge at the break.

It wasn't Wade's best offensive night, nor did it have to be. The league's scoring leader was a mere 6-for-16 from the floor, finishing with the second-fewest points in 44 games this season.

Pistons 98, Timberwolves 89

Rasheed Wallace tied a season high with 25 points and had 10 rebounds to lead the Detroit Pistons to a victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday night.

Allen Iverson added 19 points and Antonio McDyess had 14 points and 10 boards off the bench for the Pistons, who snapped a two-game losing skid with a gritty victory over an improving Timberwolves team.

Al Jefferson had 24 points and six rebounds for the Wolves, who entered the night with the best record (10-2) in the NBA in January and a three-game winning streak.

Rookie Kevin Love had 17 points and 10 rebounds, but Minnesota had no answer for Wallace most of the game.

Too big for Love and Craig Smith and a bit too quick for Jefferson, Wallace got his shot nearly whenever he wanted it. He scored seven straight points

— two free throws, a fallaway jumper and a 3-pointer — for Detroit during a 13-3 run to close out the game.

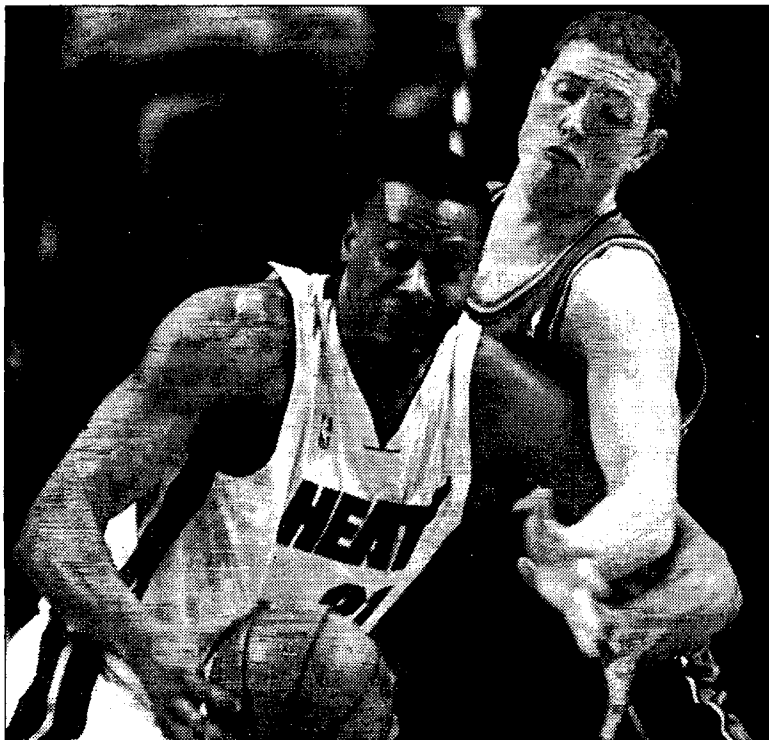
Minnesota led by 11 points with just over four minutes to play in the third quarter after an 11-2 run.

But Wallace threw down a weak side dunk and then hit a 3-pointer from the wing to help the Pistons close the period with a 13-3 spurt to make a game of it going into the fourth. After Iverson hit one of his trademark floaters in the lane and Rodney Stuckey scored on another drive to the hoop, Detroit cut the lead to 84-83 with just under five minutes to go before Wallace took over.

It was his 11th double-double of the season. He had 10 all last season.

This was the first meeting between the teams since a hallmark moment for both squads on Nov. 23 at The Palace: That's when a struggling Minnesota team came to Detroit and embarrassed the Pistons with a 106-80 romp for just their third win of the season.

The Wolves won once in the 15 games following that victory, but have turned things around in 2009 behind new coach Kevin McHale, Jefferson and Randy Foye.



Heat center Jamaal Magloire posts up against Wizards forward Darius Songalia in Miami's 93-72 win on Wednesday.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 524 South Dining Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 5 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

WANTED

Volunteers Wanted: The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC), located at Notre Dame, is looking for volunteers. If you would enjoy spending 2 hours per week reading to preschool children, building with blocks and playing games, please attend one of the Volunteer Sign-Up Sessions on either Thursday, 1/29 or Friday 1/30 from 3:00-5:00. Volunteering at ECDC is a wonderful opportunity to support the development of delightful children and is an excellent addition to your resume. ECDC-ND is located on the ND campus on Bulla Road, across from O'Hara Grace Residences at the corner of Leahy and Bulla. For more information please call 631-3344 or www.nd.edu/~ecdnd

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PERSONALS

Quotations by Mitch Hedberg, RIP.

I like rice. Rice is great if you're hungry and want 2000 of something.

OBSERVER CORRECTION:

It was errantly placed in these classifieds that Detroit Pistons have no white players. Walter Hermann is white. Sorry Walter and Pistons.

With a stop light, green means 'go' and yellow means 'slow down'. With a banana, however, it is quite the opposite. Yellow means 'go', green means 'whoa, slow down', and red means 'where the heck did you get that banana?'

I like an escalator because an escalator can never break, it can only become stairs.

There would never be an escalator temporarily out of order sign, only an escalator temporarily stairs.

Sorry for the convenience.

AROUND THE NATION

NCAA Men's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	points	record
1	Duke (62)	1,789	18-1
2	Connecticut (6)	1,694	18-1
3	Pittsburgh (3)	1,647	18-1
4	Oklahoma (1)	1,539	19-1
5	North Carolina	1,529	17-2
6	Wake Forest	1,509	16-1
7	Louisville	1,351	15-3
8	Marquette	1,209	17-2
9	Michigan State	1,136	16-3
10	Xavier	1,084	17-2
11	Texas	1,017	14-4
12	Clemson	929	17-2
13	Butler	916	18-1
14	Arizona State	834	16-3
15	Syracuse	808	17-4
16	Purdue	724	15-4
17	UCLA	544	15-4
18	Memphis	530	16-3
19	Illinois	401	17-3
20	Gonzaga	381	14-4
21	Villanova	276	15-4
22	Saint Mary's	247	18-1
23	Washington	218	15-4
24	Kentucky	217	16-4
25	Georgetown	189	12-6

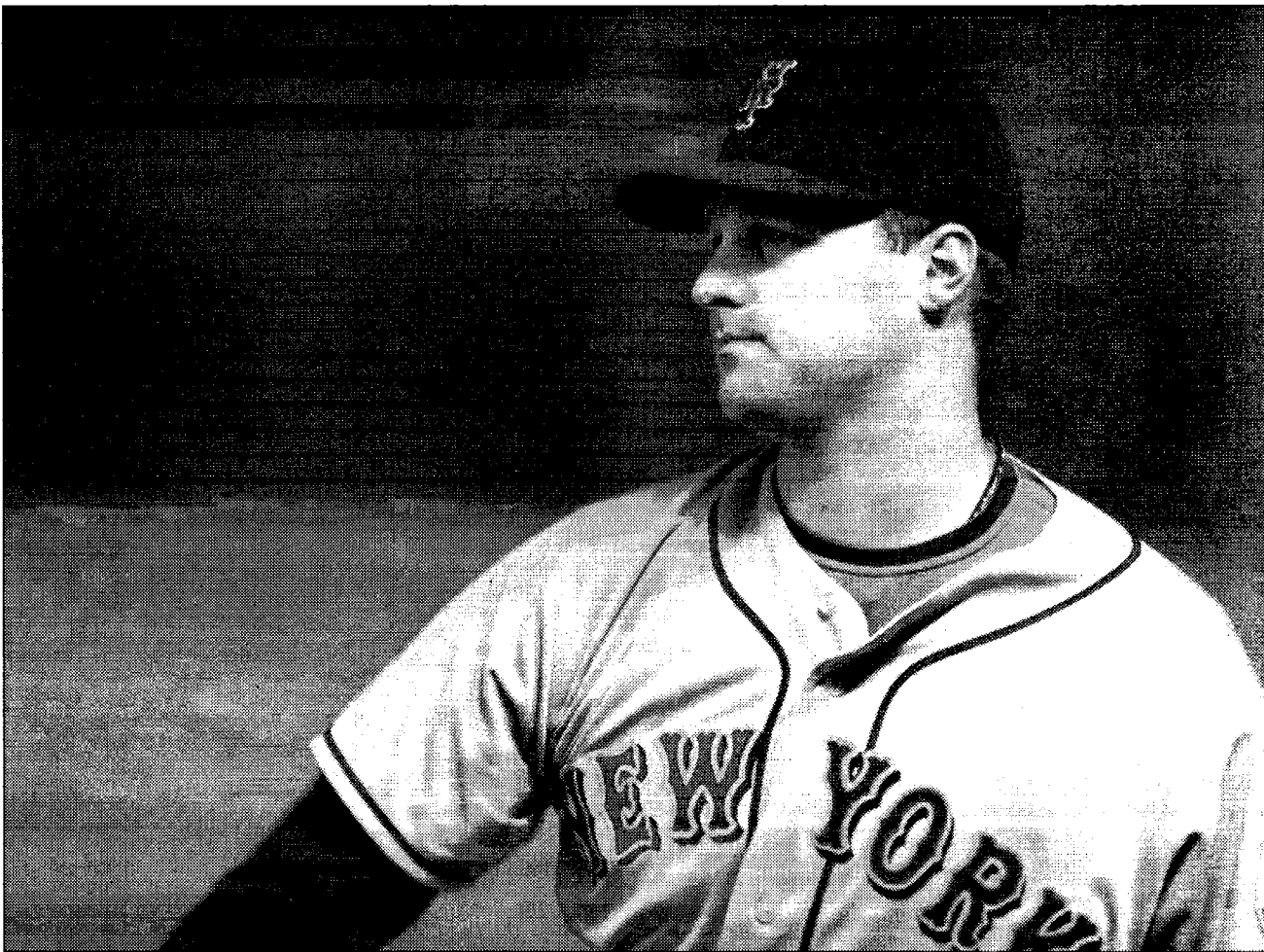
NCAA Men's Basketball ESPN/USA Today Poll

	team	points	record
1	Duke (30)	774	18-1
2	Connecticut (1)	733	18-1
3	Pittsburgh	706	18-1
4	Wake Forest	666	16-1
5	Oklahoma	663	19-1
6	North Carolina	636	17-2
7	Louisville	547	15-3
8	Marquette	538	17-2
9	Michigan State	475	16-3
10	Xavier	458	17-2
11	Clemson	425	17-2
12	Texas	402	14-4
13	Butler	384	18-1
14	Arizona State	378	16-3
15	Syracuse	321	17-4
16	UCLA	311	15-4
17	Purdue	267	15-4
18	Saint Mary's (CA)	212	18-1
19	Memphis	193	16-3
20	Illinois	181	17-3
21	Villanova	113	15-4
22	NOTRE DAME	97	12-6
23	Georgetown	92	12-6
24	Minnesota	84	17-3
25	Gonzaga	60	14-4

NCAA Swimming CSCAA Rankings

Men	Women
1 Texas	Georgia
2 Michigan	Stanford
3 Stanford	Texas
4 Arizona	California
5 California	Auburn
6 Florida	Florida
7 Auburn	Arizona
8 Indiana	Texas A&M
9 Minnesota	Minnesota
10 Ohio State	Tennessee

MLB



Mariners relief pitcher Aaron Heilman reacts as he walks off the field after giving up three runs and the lead to the Pittsburgh Pirates in the eighth inning of a game in Pittsburgh while playing for the Mets.

Cubs trade for Mariners' Heilman

Associated Press

CHICAGO, Ill. — Aaron Heilman needed a change of scenery after his struggles last season with the New York Mets. He's gotten it. Twice.

Heilman was traded from Seattle to the Chicago Cubs on Wednesday, seven weeks after the Mets shipped him to the Mariners as part of a three-team swap. Chicago gave up utility infielder Ronny Cedeno and left-hander Garrett Olson, who had just been acquired in a trade with Baltimore.

The Cubs will give Heilman a chance to become their fifth starter

but he could land in the bullpen, where he's been used exclusively the last three seasons. A year ago, when the Mets had their second straight late-season swoon, Heilman went 3-8 with a 5.21 ERA and three saves in 78 games.

He blew five of eight save chances and heard steady boos from the disenchanted fans at Shea Stadium.

"Categorize last season as kind of an aberration. I didn't throw the ball the way I was capable of and didn't have the results I would have liked," said Heilman, a 6-foot-5 right-hander. "I don't think there was one thing that

was the sole cause of last year. I think there were a lot of different factors that played into it."

The 30-year-old Heilman grew up a Cubs fan in Indiana and graduated from Notre Dame. He said he mostly enjoyed his six seasons in New York and acknowledged that going back could be an interesting experience.

"I didn't have any ill feelings toward anyone or anything there in New York. I enjoyed my time there," he said. "The fans treated me pretty well for the most part. They're a fickle crowd. They know what they like and they want to see their team do

well. Sometimes they let it be known."

Seattle general manager Jack Zduriencik said Cedeno could compete for a job at second base and shortstop, prodding incumbents Jose Lopez and Yuniesky Betancourt.

"Ronny's young. My goal for Ronny is to come in and push these guys and not have any thought other than, 'I have a shot for one of these two spots,'" Zduriencik said.

The new GM has put Mariners veterans on notice that past performance doesn't necessarily guarantee starting jobs. After all, Seattle is coming off a 101-loss season.

IN BRIEF

Federal agents raid home of Bonds' trainer's family

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Twenty federal agents raided the home of the mother-in-law of Barry Bonds' personal trainer on Wednesday.

Madeleine Gestas and her daughter Nicole Anderson, the trainer's wife, are the target of a tax investigation that the lawyer for Greg Anderson said is aimed at pressuring the trainer to testify at Bonds' upcoming trial.

Bonds, baseball's career home run leader and a seven-time MVP, has pleaded not guilty to charges he lied to a federal grand jury in 2003 when he denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs.

"Even the mafia spares the women and children," said Anderson's lawyer, Mark Geragos.

Lead prosecutor Matthew Parrella didn't immediately return a telephone call Wednesday.

Cardinals' Fitzgerald offers to pitch in to keep Boldin

TAMPA, Fla. — Larry Fitzgerald would look at restructuring his contract if it would help keep fellow Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Anquan Boldin on the team.

"Someone asked me a question if I would be willing to do something to help the team, and I said, 'No problem,'" Fitzgerald said Wednesday. "This opportunity right here to be playing deep in the postseason, this is an amazing feeling. I'll do whatever it takes to get back to this point going forward in my career."

The question came up as the Cardinals prepared for Sunday's Super Bowl matchup with Pittsburgh.

Fitzgerald and Boldin form arguably the best receiving tandem in the NFL. Fitzgerald caught 96 passes for 1,431 yards and 12 touchdowns in the regular season. Boldin, despite missing four games with injuries, caught 89 passes for 1,038 yards and 11 scores. Both players made the Pro Bowl.

Wings lock up Zetterberg with 12-year, \$73m deal

DETROIT, Mich. — Looking to keep one of hockey's top teams on steady footing, the Detroit Red Wings knew exactly where to start.

The Stanley Cup champions announced Wednesday that they signed Henrik Zetterberg to the longest contract in team history, a 12-year, \$73 million deal that could keep the star forward in Hockeytown until 2021.

"Henrik is one of the world's premier players at both ends of the ice," general manager Ken Holland said. "This is a tremendous commitment on the part of the organization as well as by Henrik. ... We are thrilled that a player we drafted and developed will play out his career in Detroit with this lifetime contract."

Zetterberg could have become a free agent at the end of this season, his sixth in the NHL, but Holland said the team decided Zetterberg was "one of the players we wanted to build our franchise around." Negotiations began last June.

around the dial

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL
Saint Mary's (CA) at Gonzaga
11 p.m., ESPN2

NBA Basketball
Cleveland at Orlando
8 p.m., TNT

NBA

House's 3's carry Boston over Kings

Associated Press

BOSTON — Eddie House is all warmed up and ready for the 3-point shooting contest on All-Star weekend.

All he needs is an invitation.

The Boston sharpshooter scored 28 points on a career-high eight 3-pointers, going 8-for-9 from beyond the arc on Wednesday night to lead the Celtics to their ninth straight win, 119-100 over the Sacramento Kings.

"He needs to be in the 3-point contest," forward Kevin Garnett said afterward. "That's what this press conference is about: Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett are here to say that we think Eddie House needs to be in the 3-point contest."

It was the seventh straight loss for Sacramento, which opened a 10-point lead in the first quarter. Boston scored the next six points and went on a 25-9 run to start the second quarter that turned a two-point deficit into a 14-point lead.

The Celtics led by 24 in the fourth, when House was 4-for-5 from 3-point range.

"I wish I could have thrown a net out there and held him on one end of the floor," Kings coach Kenny Natt said. "Give the guy credit: He is a great shooter and his teammates looked for him and he moved well without the basketball."

House has hit at least seven 3-pointers in three of the last four games and his teammates aren't the only ones campaigning for him to be invited to All-Star weekend. The crowd chanted "Ed-die! Ed-die!" whenever he touched the ball in the fourth and gave him a standing ovation when he left with 4:02 left and Boston leading by 23.

"Any given night it could be anyone," House said. "If they invite me, great. If they don't, it's a chance to rest up."

One of the players standing in the way of House's free weekend in Phoenix is teammate Ray Allen, who is second in the league with 112 3-pointers.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles edge Knights in overtime

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

It took overtime for Saint Mary's to win the third game on its current four-game road trip. The Belles (11-7) defeated Calvin (10-7) 72-68 in the extra period.

The Belles and the Knights played close in the first half, with neither team being able to take control early. Jill Thomas for the Knights hit a 3-pointer as time expired before halftime to give Calvin a 32-31 advantage.

The contest remained close until the Belles took a seven point lead with just over four minutes to play in the game.

The Knights fought back but the Belles extended their lead to three points when senior Erin Newsom hit a free throw with just over a minute to play. It took another Thomas 3-pointer with four seconds to play to send the game into overtime.

The Belles got off to a slow



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Saint Mary's forward Anne Krammrath drives against an Adrian defender in a 61-51 Belles win on Feb. 2, 2007.

start in the extra period as they fell behind by three points. But they responded and took the lead with two and half minutes to play. Belles junior forward Anna Krammrath made two free throws with four seconds to play to ice the game.

Newsom, Krammrath, and freshmen Patsy Mahoney and Kelley Murphy each scored 13 points for the Belles as their bal-

anced offense continued to roll. Maggie Ronan added 12 points.

The Belles will finish their four game road trip Saturday against Hope College (15-1) in a game that might decide who wins the MIAA regular season title. The Belles handed Hope their only loss on Jan. 3.

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SMC SWIMMING

Six seniors lead Belles heading to MIAA meet

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

As the Saint Mary's enters the last month of its 2008-2009 season, six seniors likewise enter the last month of their collegiate careers. Leah Bocinsky, Katie Carroll, Mary Kate Daday, Melissa Gerbeth, Jennifer Nicol and Kate Orbon have each posted a team top-five time (or score, in the case of diver Bocinsky) and has contributed to the team in some way.

Bocinsky, the lone diver among the seniors, has posted top scores for the Belles in both the one meter and three meter dive competitions. She set the school record for one meter (six dives) last year, and is second all-time for the Belles in three meter (11 dives), the format for the MIAA championships.

"As a diver, it feels so great to be able to contribute to the swim team and help make SMC competitive for the first time in over a decade," Bocinsky said.

Gerbeth, a distance swimmer for the Belles, has put up top times for the Belles as well. She has the best time on the team in both the 1000 yard and 1650 yard freestyle events. Gerbeth also holds the Saint Mary's record for the 400-yard individual medley and was a part of the school record-setting 800-yard freestyle relay team from last season.

Orbon is the only other senior to have recorded the top time for an event this season, doing so in the 200-yard freestyle event. She was a member of both the top 200-yard freestyle relay and the

top 800-yard freestyle relay teams for the Belles this season. Orbon was also a part of the 400-yard freestyle relay team who finished in first place in the dual meet against Calvin earlier this season.

Daday competes in the backstroke competitions, holding the 4th best time this season for the Belles in both the 50 yard and 200-yard backstroke. Daday said the Saint Mary's team has improved in her three seasons on the squad.

"The team has dramatically improved during all of the seniors' time here," she said. "Each new class brings so much to the program and each class is getting faster and faster."

Carroll swims the breaststroke for the Belles, and she recorded the 4th best time in the 100-yard breaststroke competition in Saint Mary's dual meet against Hope.

Nicol, a butterfly competitor, holds the 4th best time for the 200-yard fly this season. She said she thanks her fellow swimmers for giving her the motivation she needed to continue competing.

"I could not have survived all this butterfly if it were not for my fellow flyers; they give me strength when I am worried I cannot finish," she said.

All of the seniors look to finish the season on a good note, with two dual meets left before the MIAA championships.

"I'm confident that all of the girls will continue to push each other at practice, our last two dual meets, and the conference championships February 19-21," Daday said.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ceremony held in honor of Kay Yow

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Bob Davis and his wife, Judy, always followed the North Carolina State women's basketball team, from buying season tickets to making the hourlong drive to Greensboro each year for the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

It was for the same reason that they showed up at Reynolds Coliseum on Wednesday night: Kay Yow.

"She's an angel walking among men," the Raleigh retiree said before a campus tribute to Yow, who died Saturday after a long fight against cancer. "She was so much more than human and so much more than basketball."

Davis, like many of about 2,500 fans who attended the hourlong ceremony, came wearing a pink T-shirt and a pink ribbon — the color of breast cancer awareness — affixed to his red N.C. State hat. The tribute was designed to be a celebration of Yow's life, and even included the pep band playing the Wolfpack fight song and featured a campus capella group that was a favorite of Yow's.

"She was a teacher as much as she was a coach, and this was her classroom," N.C. State athletics director Lee Fowler said. "She was N.C. State through and through. ... This is a celebration tonight and let's make it that."

Still, it was an emotional night, starting with the sight of seeing an N.C. State jersey hanging on Yow's empty seat on the Wolfpack bench. Soon, the team and coaching staff filed in wearing pink N.C. State T-shirts and carrying pink roses that they placed one-by-one on Yow's chair.

At the end, the players and coaches Yow left behind stood on the court that bears her name to mingle with fans who offered hugs, consoling words of support and their own stories of how Yow had inspired them.

It was appropriate, interim coach Stephanie Glance said, considering how important the fans were to Yow.

"She won't be able to say that to you anymore," Glance told the crowd, "but I hope you will, as we will, hang onto her words and know how important all of you have been in her life as well."

Yow won more than 700 games in 38 seasons, 34 coming with the Wolfpack. She also coached the U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal in 1988, won four ACC tournament championships, earned 20 NCAA tournament bids and reached the Final Four in 1998. Her resume was good enough for her to be inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 2002 and for the school to dedicate "Kay Yow Court" in Reynolds in 2007.

But for many fans, Yow was best defined by her unwavering resolve while fighting cancer, from raising awareness and money for research to staying with her team through the debilitating effects of the disease and chemotherapy treatments. She was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987; the disease recurred during the

2004-05 season and lingered until her death over the week-end.

Assistant coach Jenny Palmateer, who played for Yow in the 1990s, remembered her coach as "the kind of person who wrote a thank-you note for a thank-you note." She then read a poem Yow gave her about five years ago that ended with the line, "God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best."

"Kay Yow lived in a way most of us can only aspire to," chancellor James Oblinger said. "And because she chose to do so, North Carolina State University and all the lives she touched will be forever changed. ... Thank you Coach Yow for being you and sharing with us the incredible gift of your life."

The tribute is part of an emotionally wrenching week for the Wolfpack. The team returned to practice Tuesday for the first time since Yow's death and will play its first game Thursday night against Boston College. Yow's funeral is scheduled for Friday, with the burial coming the next day in her hometown of Gibsonville.

BC assistant coach Stephanie Lawrence Yelton, who played at rival North Carolina, and director of basketball operations Chris Brann were among those who attended the tribute Wednesday night.

"She was a role model for all of us in the coaching profession: how to treat your players, how to treat the people around us, how to motivate each other and how really to care for each other and be a team and a family," Yelton said. "Obviously, all of us respect her for that and living the example of how to do that."

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wake Forest takes out No. 1 Duke

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — James Johnson's layup with 0.8 seconds remaining helped No. 6 Wake Forest upended No. 1 Duke 70-68 on Wednesday night.

Johnson finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds and freshman Al-Farouq Aminu had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Demon Deacons (17-1, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

They bounced back from last week's home loss that knocked them from No. 1 by leading the Blue Devils for nearly the entire way — before letting a late 13-point lead slip away and recovering just in time to claim the fifth victory over a top-ranked team in school history.

Kyle Singler had 22 points and 12 rebounds for Duke (18-2, 5-1), which had its 10-game winning streak snapped.

Gerald Henderson added 20 points, and his jumper over Johnson with 10 seconds left tied it at 68, and capped the late 20-7 rally that got them back in the game.

Wake Forest raced downcourt, and Teague and Aminu missed layups in traffic, but during the rebound, Henderson was called for traveling. That gave the back to Wake Forest with 2.6 seconds left, and L.D. Williams inbounded it under the basket to Johnson, whose layup in the final second banked through to the delight of a packed crowd at Joel Coliseum.

Singler's full-court inbound pass for Henderson was tipped by Williams, sending Wake Forest's tie-dye-clad student section spilling onto the court for the second time this month. They whooped it up in similar fashion 2 1/2 weeks ago when they knocked off then-No. 3 North Carolina.

Jon Scheyer had 13 points and McClure finished with 12

rebounds for Duke, which was playing its first game as No. 1 since 2006 and wound up becoming the latest top-ranked team to fall in Winston-Salem.

Jeff Teague scored 11 points — 10 fewer than his average — on 4-of-14 shooting for the Demon Deacons, who were playing for the first time since their loss to Virginia Tech a week earlier cost them the second No. 1 ranking in school history.

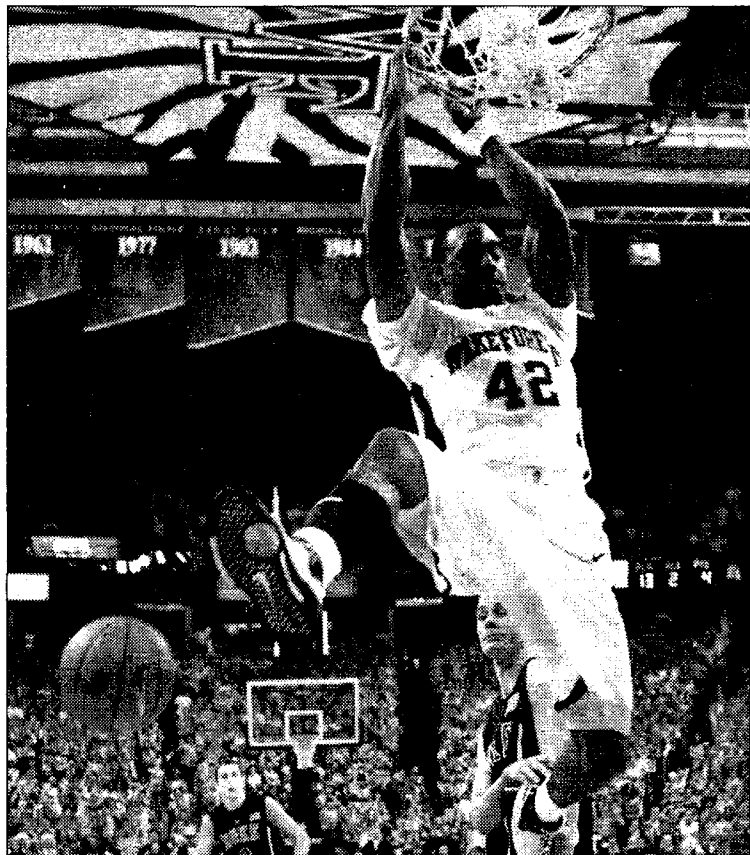
Henderson's jumper capped a remarkable rally for the Blue Devils, who trailed 61-48 with 8:49 remaining.

Singler had 10 points during the burst, which ended with a flurry in the final seconds. Scheyer's 3-pointer from the corner over Johnson hit the front of the rim, but the Duke

guard hustled for the rebound and called the Blue Devils' final timeout with 17.4 seconds left. Henderson inbounded the ball to David McClure, who got it back to Henderson for his big jumper.

Wake Forest took its first double-figure lead of the game after a pair of spectacular plays in the open court.

Johnson put the Demon Deacons up 54-43 with 11 1/2 minutes left when his steal from Nolan Smith led to a breakaway dunk. That came seconds after Aminu's highlight-reel jam when he took a between-the-legs feed from Ishmael Smith. They later stretched their lead to 13 when David Weaver laid in Smith's alley-oop pass with 8:49 remaining to make it 61-48.



Wake Forest guard L.D. Williams dunks in the first half of the Demon Deacon's 70-68 win over Duke in Winston-Salem.

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Holmes' life a turnaround story

Associated Press

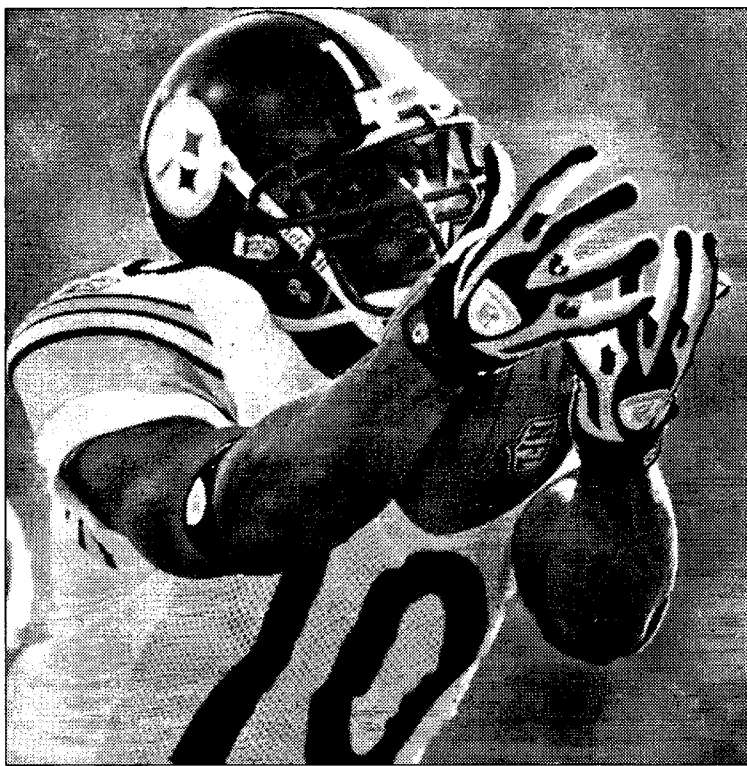
TAMPA, Fla. — Steelers wide receiver Santonio Holmes' childhood was much like that of any other youngster in rural south Florida. He played backyard football. Chased squirrels. Ran around with his friends.

This was different: Despite being a promising athlete, Holmes also spent a year selling drugs on a street corner in his small hometown.

He chose to make his surprising admission at the Super Bowl, knowing millions of impressionable youngsters will be closely following the game and its players. By revealing his secret, Holmes hopes he may persuade other at-risk youth to choose a path that leads to the athletic field and a classroom, not to a detention center or a jail cell.

"I've only told three or four people about it," Holmes said Wednesday. "I feel it's time to share things. I'm on the biggest stage, everybody's going to be watching. I'm pretty sure some kids can get a feel for changing their lives and not doing those type of things, and can get an opportunity to get out of the ghetto, the 'hood, to be successful."

Holmes, who initially made the admission in an interview with the Miami Herald, became exposed to the lifestyle while growing up in Belle Glade, Fla. Some family members and friends made money selling drugs, he said, and he found it an easy way to make money, too, though he didn't specify exactly what he sold.



Pittsburgh wide receiver Santonio Holmes, who admitted to dealing drugs as a youth Wednesday, catches a pass on Dec. 21.

Holmes avoided detection by his mother by going to school, then leaving and going to the street corner. He and his family didn't need the money for food or essentials, and he used it mostly on gifts for himself, like shoes.

"My friends were always doing it and I felt comfortable doing it at the time," Holmes said. "As the years grew older, I just felt like that wasn't what I wanted to do. I wanted to play football. I don't want to end up like a lot of my friends, in jail, standing on the corner, not going to school."

Several pivotal events turned Holmes away from selling and

pushed him to football, where he starred as Glades Central High won Florida state titles during his sophomore and junior seasons and went 12-1 during his senior season.

Holmes and his mother became worried as they repeatedly returned home to find bullet holes or broken locks in their apartment. Another time, Holmes' mother found cocaine in the youngster's dump truck. That seemed to be what prompted her to relocate to another area.

The move, Holmes said, was pivotal in turning his life around.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Vaughn leads UC to upset of Hoyas

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Turns out there are still new depths for No. 25 Georgetown to find.

Deonta Vaughn scored 20 points Wednesday night, and Cincinnati extended the Hoyas' midseason misery by sending them to a 65-57 loss; their fourth in a row.

The Hoyas (12-7, 3-5) were coming off a deflating 65-60 loss at Seton Hall, which hadn't won a game in the Big East until Sunday. Afterward, coach John Thompson III proclaimed that his team was in a "bad situation right now."

It got a whole lot worse against Cincinnati (14-7, 4-4), which finally got a distinguishing win. The Bearcats were 0-2 against ranked teams this season.

It's Georgetown's longest losing streak since 2004-05, Thompson's first season.

"We have to evaluate, re-evaluate everything," Thompson said. "We have to do everything significantly better than we are right now. We're missing shots."

Chris Wright scored 15 points for Georgetown, which saw its usually dependable defense fold down the stretch. Cincinnati shot 45.8 percent from the field, only the 14th time in the last 90 games that an opponent shot so high.

And, there was one new worry for a team with already more than enough: DaJuan Summers twisted his left ankle, leaving the Hoyas uncertain how much he can play the next few games. The junior forward is Georgetown's leading scorer at 16.1 points per game, but sat out the second half and finished with seven.

"We will figure this out, regardless of how bad DaJuan's injury is," Thompson said. "We are in a bad place, but I told the guys, we will figure this out."

The Bearcats are on an unexpected upswing. They've won four of their last five, overcoming a limited offense and poor ball handling. They had 10 turnovers in the first half on Wednesday.

"It means a lot to us," Vaughn said. "We're getting our feet on the ground. We're letting everyone know we're coming out to play hard."

Neither team played very well

in a sloppy first half, setting a back-and-forth pace that held until the closing minute. Cincinnati's final lead was the biggest of the game.

"After the game, we are all disappointed about the loss, but we've got to keep fighting," said Wright, who went 7-for-12 from the field. "That's the only thing we can do. We can't get mad or feel bad about ourselves now because we've got a lot of games left in the Big East. Today, again, unfortunately, our shots didn't fall."

Many of them did — Georgetown shot 40 percent — but the Hoyas missed several open shots in the closing minutes, helping Cincinnati pull away.

"We got the shots we wanted; just didn't go in," Thompson said. "A bad time for bad bounces."

Omar Wattad and Nikita Mescheriakov hit 3-pointers to cut Cincinnati's lead to 27-26 at halftime and gave the Hoyas a sense that they were finally shooting their way out of their slump. In the last two games, Georgetown went 5-for-38 from behind the arc.

Didn't last long. The Hoyas finished 5-of-17 on 3-point attempts.

By that point, it was apparent that Cincinnati's stagnant offense was going to need another big half from Vaughn to get another win. The junior guard had 20 points in the second half of a 71-60 win at St. John's last week. He had eight points and four turnovers in the first half against Georgetown.

Vaughn hit a 3 from the left wing to open the second half, an indication he was willing.

Each basket brought another lead change or tie over a six-minute span in the second half. Both teams tried something different on defense to try to change the pace — Cincinnati went to a full-court press, Georgetown to a 2-3 zone defense.

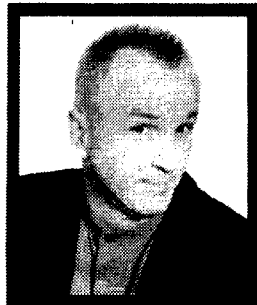
Yancy Gates' tip-in and Vaughn's two free throws put Cincinnati ahead 54-49 with 6:02 left, the biggest lead by either team in the second half up to that point. That lead didn't last long, either, taking it down to the final minute.

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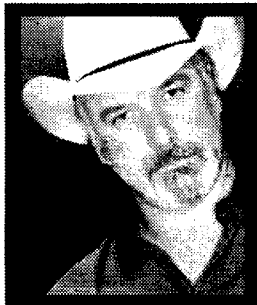
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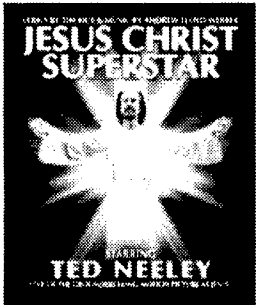
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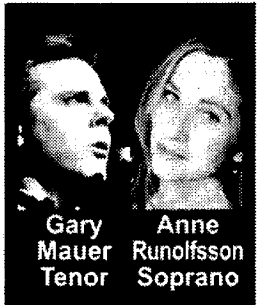
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Villanova, Providence pick up upset victories

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A Philly guy had a career night in the last college basketball game to be played in the Spectrum.

That will be Reggie Redding's only memory of the place as he never saw a game in the building where he had a career-high 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds as No. 21 Villanova beat No. 3 Pittsburgh 67-57 on Wednesday.

"My father is a big basketball fan. When I was younger, he would talk to me about Dr. J, Moses Malone, Andrew Toney. I never got the chance to watch a game here. But I knew about it coming from a basketball background," the junior guard said of the building that opened in 1967 and will be torn down later this year. "But coming from Philly, it's the Spectrum. Everyone loves the Spectrum, respects it. It's just great to finish it off like that."

Dante Cunningham added 15 points for the Wildcats (16-4, 4-3 Big East), who beat a ranked team for the first time in five tries this season and they did it by coming up big on the boards and playing good perimeter defense in the second half.

"The reason we wanted to get this was because they're really good," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "It wouldn't have got us down if we didn't come back and beat a ranked opponent. We pride ourselves on not letting one game turn into a problem."

Sam Young had 14 points for the Panthers (18-2, 6-2), who

had one field goal over the game's final 5 minutes and were outrebounded 19-16 in the second half. Pittsburgh entered the game averaging 40.6 rebounds per game and it lead the Big East with a plus-9.3 rebound margin.

Redding made two free throws with 8:03 left to break the game's final tie and start a 7-0 run that gave the Wildcats a 55-48 lead with 5:26 to play.

Pittsburgh, which came into the game fifth in the conference in 3-point shooting at 35.4 percent, missed all 10 of its attempts from behind the arc in the second half and with center DeJuan Blair saddled with foul trouble throughout the game, the Panthers didn't have an inside or outside game.

Blair finished with seven points and eight rebounds in 23 minutes. He entered the game fourth in the nation in rebounding with a 12.7 average and he was limited by foul trouble in the Panthers' other loss, at Louisville.

"We missed DeJuan a lot, just his presence helps," Pittsburgh guard LeVance Fields said. "Obviously the two losses have been with him in foul trouble. We've got to do a better job of playing without him."

Panthers coach Jamie Dixon agreed with Fields.

"All our guys were in foul trouble and we just had to play through it. You can't put yourself in that situation," he said. "We have to learn after a loss and we did after Louisville. Tonight we just couldn't play our game and do the things we

do. That's for us to figure out."

Pittsburgh closed within 59-53 with 2:32 to go on a free throw by Fields, but the Wildcats, the best free throw shooting team in the Big East, went 8-for-10 from the line over the final 2:17 to seal the win. Redding finished 10-for-10 from the line and the Wildcats were 19-of-28.

"The home team wins that game. Just two really tough teams," Wright said. "We were really tough tonight, we were physically tough."

The Spectrum opened in 1967 and was the home for almost 30 years for the NBA's Sixers and NHL's Flyers. It hosted two Final Fours (1976 and 1981, both won by Indiana) as well as what many consider one of the best NCAA tournament games, the 1992 East Regional final when Christian Laettner hit a turnaround from the top of the key at the buzzer to give Duke a 104-103 victory over Kentucky.

Villanova played 59 games at the Spectrum, winning 31. Pittsburgh and Villanova had met here one other time, a 75-72 victory for the Wildcats on Jan. 30, 1991.

The Wachovia Center opened across the parking lot from the Spectrum in 1996.

"I know it was a big night in this building," Wright said. "I looked up at the end and it was awesome."

Providence 100, Syracuse 94

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Providence coach Keno Davis knew his 3-point shooters would eventually force strug-

gling Syracuse to come out of its usually steady zone defense.

Sharaud Curry scored a season-high 22 points to lead six players in double figures, carrying Providence to a victory over the 15th-ranked Orange on Wednesday night.

"When you're a 3-point shooting team and you can put three, four players on the court that can shoot from the outside, then you can get them to extend and get the ball inside more," Davis said after his Friars shot 67 percent from the floor in the second half.

Marshon Brooks scored 17 points, and Geoff McDermott and Jonathan Kale each had 15 for Providence (14-6, 6-2 Big East), which won for the seventh time in nine games and matched its best Big East start since 2000-01. Randall Hanke and Weyinmi Efejuku had 12 points apiece for the Friars.

Curry thought his team had a good idea how to attack Syracuse.

"We've played zone for a few years so we knew where we could get our shots against them," Curry said.

Jonny Flynn led Syracuse (17-5, 5-4) with a career-high 35 points and Eric Devendorf had 27. The Orange lost their fourth in five games.

"I told Jonny and Eric before the game that they were going to have to be somewhere in the neighborhood of 25-30 points for us to win," Orange coach Jim Boeheim said, expecting that Providence's offense would be tough to contain. "I knew it was going to be a high-scoring

game. They get up and down the floor and have good perimeter guys. They shoot the ball well."

Providence opened a 14-point lead after consecutive 3s by Curry and Brooks 22 seconds apart midway into the second half and Syracuse never got closer than five points the rest of the way.

"If we don't stop anybody and we don't play better D, we can't be the team we want to be," Flynn said. "It was just a lot of things that killed us this game."

The Providence students stormed the court when the game ended despite many requests from the public address announcer to stay off "for their safety."

Providence scored 10 straight points and 16 of 19 during a 4-minute stretch early in the second half, opening a 63-51 lead on Hanke's layup with 14:24 to play.

The Orange closed to 73-65 on Flynn's three-point play, but Curry and Brooks hit their consecutive 3s to spark a 10-4 run that made it 83-69 with 6:47 to go.

The Friars came out shooting in the second half, hitting 15 of their first 20 shots from the floor. Many came on short jumpers in the middle of Syracuse's zone.

In the first half, the Friars also didn't have any trouble solving the Orange's zone, getting the ball inside for several easy baskets, while Syracuse relied on Devendorf's outside shooting and Flynn's transition game to keep it tight.

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in the match, and after falling behind 4-1 early, fought back and made the match close before falling 9-7 to the Seminoles doubles team.

"Our freshmen are very talented yet untested," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Casey Watt is a tremendous shot maker, as is Niall

Fitzgerald. Sam Keeton has the ability to flat out rip the ball from the backcourt. Each has skills that rank up there with some of the better players we have ever had here. The question with our young guys is whether or not they can each adopt the practice and daily life habits."

Stephen Havens and Casey Watt also had a tight doubles match in which the lead shift back and forth before the Irish pair fell to the No. 47 doubles

team of Andrew Bailey and Maciek Sykut in a tiebreaker.

The Irish were able to secure one doubles win on the day when No. 37 senior Brett Helgeson and sophomore Tyler Davis teamed up to defeat the No. 23 doubles team of Jean Yves Aubone and Clint Bowles by a final score of 8-7 (8-6).

No. 112 Irish sophomore Dan Stahl fell to No. 72 Sykut by a final of 6-1, 6-3.

Fitzgerald was the next to come off the court after falling

6-2, 6-3.

"Fitzgerald is brimming with talent," Bayliss said. "The No. 5-6 spots will likely come from a nucleus of Tyler Davis, Sam Keeton, David Anderson, and Niall Fitzgerald, with Matt Johnson right there with them. Davis and Keeton are lefties; Anderson is very solid."

Keeton earned the first Irish singles win over Bailey by a score of 7-5, 6-2. Watt played the No. 4 singles match for the fourth straight match and won

by a score of 6-4, 6-2.

Havens took on No. 29 Bowles and lost 7-6, 6-4.

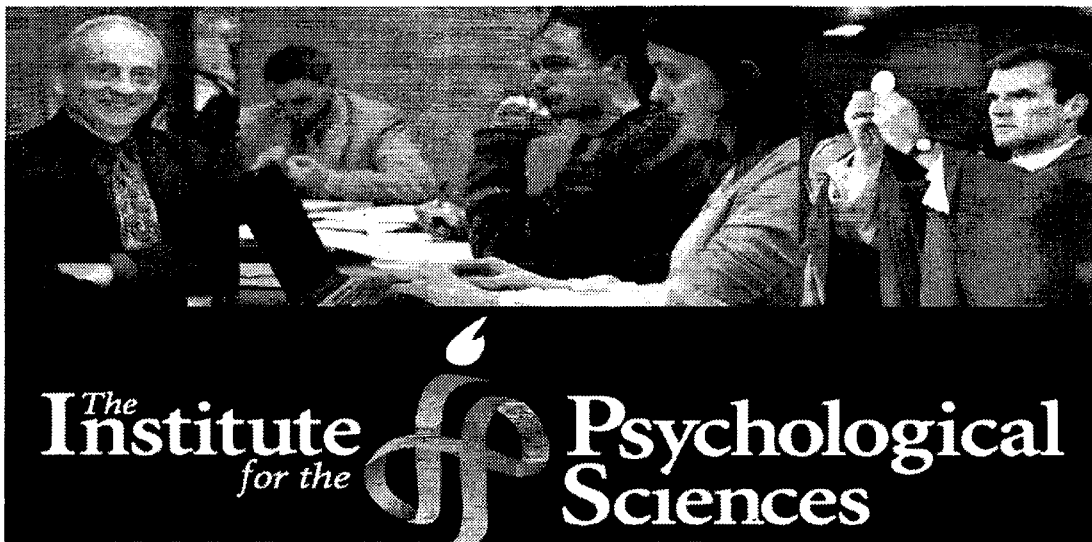
No. 20 Helgeson matched up against No. 30 Aubone. Helgeson battled with Aubone all the way through the match through three sets before winning 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

The Irish will travel to Tulsa, Okla., for the ITA National Indoors on Saturday.

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Lytle

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From the age of six Lytle competed in Clearfield, Penn., and fell in love with the sport. As Lytle continued to swim competitively, he immediately made a large impact on his high school team. Lytle was named freshman of the year on the Clearfield Area High School team, and the next three years was earned team MVP honors.

"I was fortunate enough to swim well and make some major improvements from season to season in high school," Lytle said. "Eventually I was lucky enough to be noticed and recruited by Notre Dame."

Once he arrived on campus, Lytle enjoyed the tougher challenges both in the pool and classroom.

"I wanted to be surrounded by the best, not only athletically, but academically as well," Lytle said. "It was exciting to race against fast guys everyday in practice, and it's something

that only makes you better."

As a freshman Lytle made an instant impact, collecting five individual wins and placing first among Notre Dame swimmers in the 100- and 200-meter freestyle at the Big East championships.

Lytle continued to rack up wins as one of the Big East's best freestylers as a sophomore, and set school records in the 100- and 200-meter freestyle.

The highlight thus far of Lytle's 2008-2009 season was the team's winter training trip to Puerto Rico.

"The workouts were demanding on the winter trip, but everyone was in good spirits and had a great time," Lytle said. "The weather was perfect, and we were even able to make it to the beach in between practices."

After another year leading the Irish as a junior, Lytle hopes to help the Irish defend their Big East championship Feb. 18-21.

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pulled him over to pole vault and said 'Try it.' So he did. In a couple of years, he ended up doing really good, went to nationals a few times ... Everyone else just decided to try it, too."

The pair still does not acknowledge pole vault as the family sport, however.

"We're actually a family of gymnasts," Kevin said. "Coming from gymnastics is good for pole vaulting because it's kind of the same thing. A lot of people says it's like gymnastics on a stick, which it

pretty much is."

In fact, they said, gymnastics is still a large part of their training.

"We do as much gymnastics as we can," Kevin said. "They have a high bar and rings over in Loftus, so we'll stay after practice sometimes and get in some time on those."

Along with that, their training consists of vaulting twice a week, lifting weights three times a week and running six days a week.

However, Matt said, they maintain a good tone at practice despite the hard work.

"Before practice, we throw a football around, try to keep the team together," he said. "We mess around a lot. That

keeps it exciting."

"Then when it's time to practice, we're ready to go," Kevin added.

With all of the work in and out of practice, the brothers spend a lot of time together. They are also both residents of Fisher Hall.

This would put a strain on a lot of fraternal relationships, but the Schippers said that's not the case.

"Honestly, we get along like 95 percent of the time," said Kevin.

And the other five percent of the time just helps to fuel their competition.

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started playing together," Louderback said. "Kelcy is really easy to play with because she is not only a good player, but she has a great mental attitude."

The combo went 13-1 in doubles play during the fall season, earning them the No. 1 doubles ranking heading into the spring dual-match season. They are already off to a good start after putting away Ohio State 8-3 in the season's opening match.

Louderback said the early success can be attributed to the players' complementary styles.

"Kristy has a big [hard-hitting] game," he said. "It

works really well with Kelcy's game, which is more of a touch game."

Tefft credits their off-court relationship as well.

"We are very close friends, so that helps our chemistry on the court," she said. "As a whole we are also very confident doubles players. That has helped us start off strong from the beginning."

Tefft's experience has been beneficial to the team, especially the freshman Frilling.

"[Tefft] is like a coach on the court," Louderback said. "She has really helped Kristy with her patience and talking her through the different formations and strategy."

Through all the years that Tefft has played, she said she has never played with someone like Kristy.

"[Frilling] is much more

aggressive than anyone I have ever played with," Tefft said. "She is also the only left-hander that I have ever partnered up with."

As for the rest of the spring season, Tefft has high hopes for Frilling, herself and the rest of the Irish squad.

"Hopefully Kristy and I can continue to improve throughout the semester to help the team and win NCAAs," she said. "We have three very solid doubles teams so we should not lose many, if any, doubles points this semester."

Notre Dame's spring dual-match season continues this weekend as they take on Pepperdine in Fayetteville, Ark.

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Doubles pair is top-ranked duo in country

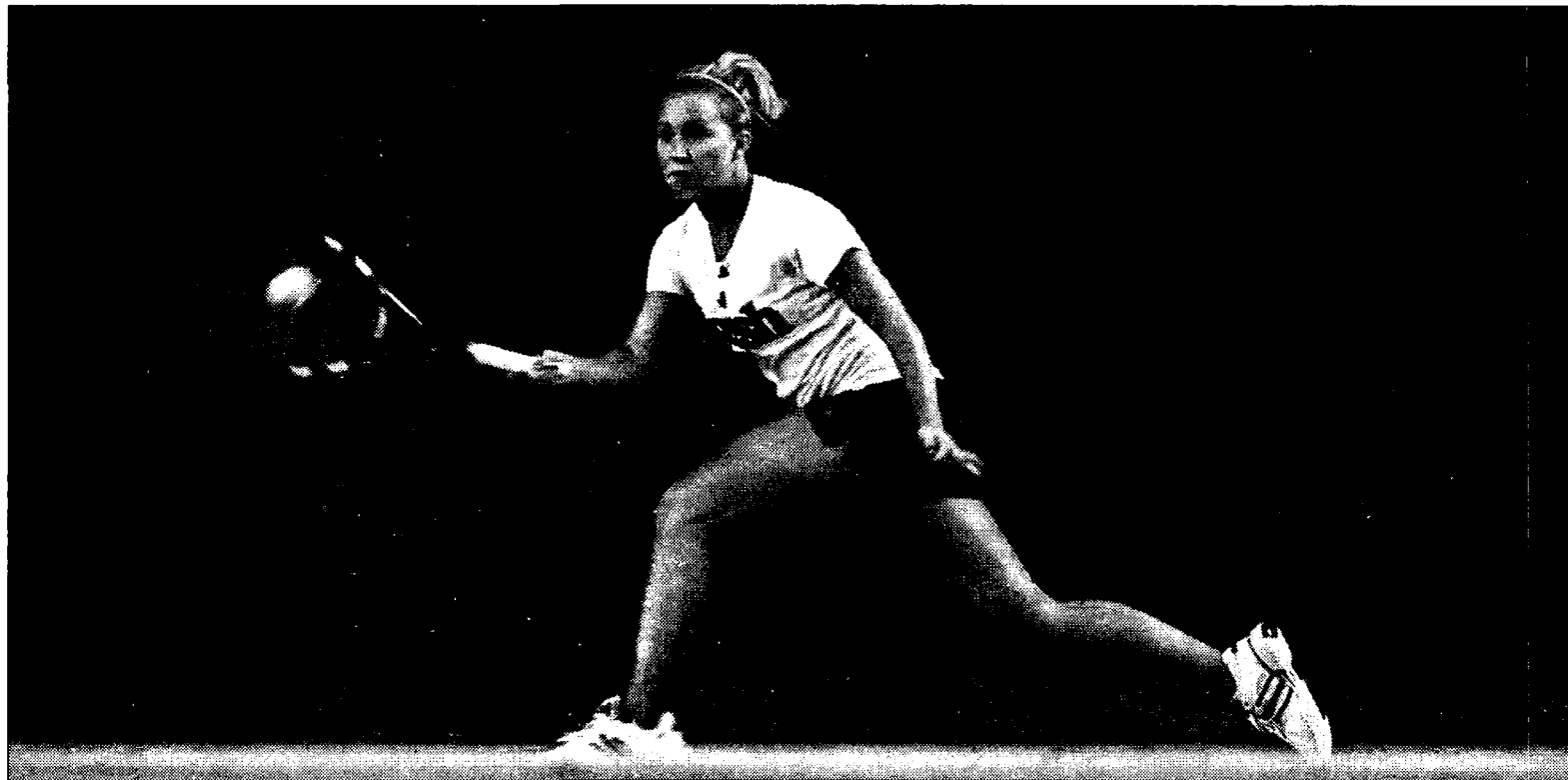
By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

A battle-tested veteran is exactly what you want leading your team at the No. 1 spot. Pair her with a super-talented freshman who has a promising collegiate career ahead of her and you really have created something special.

Irish head coach Jay Louderback found that out clearly this past fall. When he paired returning senior Kelcy Tefft and freshman Kristy Frilling together as the No. 1 doubles team, even he couldn't have predicted how fast the duo would become the best doubles team in the country.

"They seemed to mesh really well as soon as they

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Irish senior Kelcy Tefft hits a forehand during Notre Dame's 4-0 win over Marquette Apr. 14, 2008. Tefft and her doubles partner, freshman Kristy Frilling, are ranked No. 1 in the country. The duo won its first match of the spring season.

MEN'S TRACK

Schipper twins push each other to go higher in pole vault

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's top two pole vaulters are not your typical athletes.

One is a junior that has worked hard to go from slightly above average to winning two of his first four meets this season. The other is an upstart freshman who vaulted 17 feet in high school, finished fourth at the Junior Nationals meet and has already won his event at one meet.

The two are fierce competitors and often each other's top competition — and they're

brothers.

"It's something I've never experienced before," said freshman Kevin Schipper about competing and training with his older brother, Matt. "We push each other. It actually helps a lot because we're both really high level. It works out well."

The older Schipper has beaten his brother three times this season, while Kevin has topped Matt once.

"One of us hits a big height, the other one comes back and hits a bigger height," Matt said. "We just keep getting better, both of us, until eventually one has to win. You can't both win."

Both brothers have already set marks high enough to qualify for the Big East indoor championships in March, but each has different goals for that meet.

"I don't know what the Big East meet record is," Matt said. "But I want to win the Big East and set the meet record. I also want to make it to nationals."

Kevin's goals are not quite as high — for the indoor season, at least.

"I haven't done as well as last year," he said. "But I'm working on it. I want to compete in the Big East, and give it my best shot to go to nationals ... I jump better in the outdoor sea-

son. My height is better."

Matt said he hopes to continue to do well into the outdoor season.

"If I do beat the indoor school record, I just want to stay at that level," he said.

Kevin said that seeing the progress he's making is his favorite part of vaulting.

"When you make a height that you've never made before," he said. "It took me 35 attempts, over the course of years, to hit 17 feet. It gave me chills. It was really exciting."

Matt, on the other hand, enjoys messing up.

"You just do front flips off of the pole," he said. "The fact

that you can go through that pain and not get injured — that's the fun part."

Pole vaulting is not new in the Schipper family, which consists of nine children — one girl and eight boys ranging in age from seven to 27.

Both of the Schippers' older brothers were All-American vaulters at Div. III Rose-Hulman, and Kevin said that their younger brothers will probably try it in high school as well.

"Our oldest brother was a distance runner [in high school]," Kevin said. "His coach

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MEN'S SWIMMING

John Lytle leads Irish in team's Big East season

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Irish junior swimmer John Lytle earned all-Big East honors in five events as a freshman and six events as a sophomore. But heading into this season's Big East championships, Lytle said he is only focused on is the performance of his team.

"If I miss my personal goals, but we still win the Big East meet and send guys to the NCAA Championship, the season will be successful to me," Lytle said.

The season has already featured several successes for

Lytle, who has 10 individual wins on the year. The freestyler recently won Big East athlete of the week honors for swimming and diving after winning the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events in a dual meet with Northwestern.

Lytle's career in the pool began at an early age, and as the youngest of three siblings he had little choice in the matter.

"My older brother and sister both swam, and my parents figured that I might as well swim since I would have to be at their meets anyway," Lytle said.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Squad falls to Seminoles

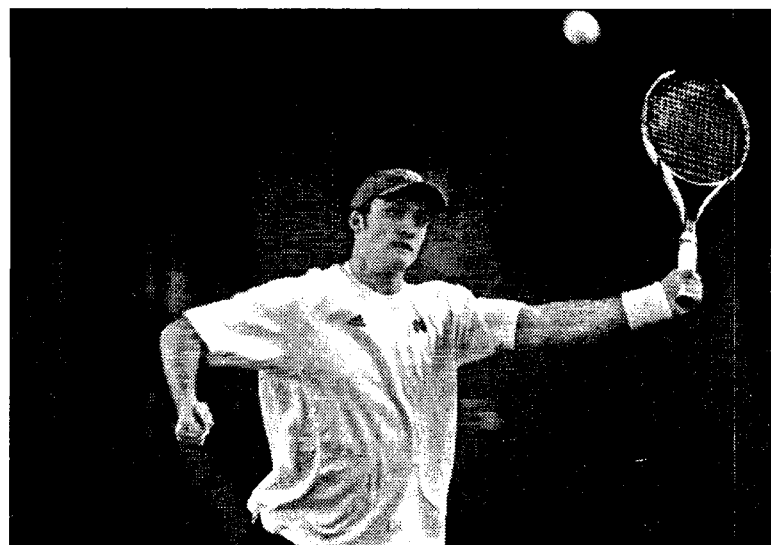
By KATE GRABAREK
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No. 30 Notre Dame dropped a 4-3 decision to No. 11 Florida State Wednesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Irish fell behind early by losing the doubles point.

While the home team grabbed early leads on all three doubles courts, the Seminoles tied the score back up and made the Irish fight.

Freshman Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Matt Johnson were the No. 3 doubles team for the Irish



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Irish sophomore Tyler Davis hits a forehand during Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to Florida State at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Wednesday.

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THE PLAYMAKER

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Ruth, Cole play for U.S. in World Junior tourney

Irish defensive duo helps Team USA earn fifth-place finish

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

While the rest of the Notre Dame hockey team got some well-deserved recovery time over the Christmas break, there was no such breather for sophomores Ian Cole and Teddy Ruth, who played on the United States National Junior team in the 2009 IIHF World Championships in Canada.

Cole tallied two goals and two assists in six games for the U.S. team, which finished in fifth. Ruth didn't score any points, but managed to lead the team in penalty minutes, thanks largely to a 20-minute game misconduct he received in the third period of the Americans' overtime win against the Czech Republic in the fifth-place game.

Both players said the speed of the international game was the most noticeable difference from American college hockey.

"It's just so much faster up there," Ruth said. "You've got to think faster and move the puck quicker."

Team USA started the tournament hot, beating Germany 8-2, the Czech Republic 4-3 and Kazakhstan 12-0 before its much-anticipated group

stage finale against Canada. Both Cole and Ruth said that game was the highlight of their World Junior experience.

"[My favorite moment was] coming out of the tunnel and getting on the ice surface for the Canada game," Cole said. "And seeing that sea of red, except for the small pocket of maybe 50 people, mostly just our parents. It was absolutely electric."

"It's probably the biggest game I'll ever play in," Ruth said. "Unless I play in the Stanley Cup finals someday."

Team USA jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first period, but Canada tied the game up before the stanza was over. The teams traded goals at the beginning of the second, and Canada scored again to take a 5-4 lead going into the third. USA pushed hard to tie the game in the third, but two empty netters from the Canadians put the game out of reach.

"Even though we lost, the atmosphere up there was unbelievable," Ruth said.

In the quarterfinals of the medal round, the U.S. fell 5-3 to Slovakia despite a power-play goal from Cole. Canada ended up winning the gold medal.

"Obviously we would have liked to finish better than fifth," Cole said. "I think we were the best team there, we just didn't put it together when it counted in the medal round."

Despite the disappointing result, Cole said he would take some things away from the international tournament, most notably the ability to approach all games the same way.

"Against Canada, there were 22,000 people screaming, but it was just another game," he said. "So I'm trying to take that back here, too. Hopefully we'll make it farther and play in some bigger venues. I love the Joyce Center, but it's not exactly where you want to end your season."

This was Cole's second year on the team; he also played on the U.S. team that finished fourth in the Czech Republic last year.

"Last year, being an under-age guy, I didn't have as big a role as I did this year," he said. "It was definitely a different role for me, but I just approached it like I do any other game. I just try and make plays when I can."

It was Ruth's first year playing on the team, and Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said he can already see improvement.

"Last year, when Ian played in the World Juniors, he came back a little bit better," Jackson said. "And I'm sensing that from Teddy right now."

Joining Ruth and Cole on the U.S. team were two players the Irish will be facing this weekend. Michigan forwards Matt Rust and Aaron Palushaj notched four and five



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Irish defenseman Ian Cole plays the puck during Notre Dame's Oct. 17 3-0 win over Sacred Heart.

points, respectively, for team USA. Not to worry, though, Ruth said that any camaraderie between the players would stay off the ice this weekend.

"Me and Palushja and Rust are pretty good friends," he said. "But when you get on the ice you don't have any friends. I mean, me and Palushaj probably hate each other more than anybody else when we're on the ice."

Palushaj is leads the

Wolverines in points with 31, and Rust has netted five goals of his own this year.

Cole said that he planned to take advantage of tendencies he noticed while playing with the duo in Canada.

"Palushja likes to dangle a little bit," he said. "So I've just got to make sure to watch the body on him or he'll make you look stupid."

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COMMENTARY

Irish winning streak faces true test vs. UM

Despite Notre Dame's win over Michigan in last year's Frozen Four and the No. 1 national ranking the Irish now boast, there still lingers a sense that the road to CCHA dominance ultimately runs through Ann Arbor.

"It doesn't matter where they are in the national polls or in the CCHA," Irish senior center Christian

Hanson said. "You know they're going to bring their 'A' game. Year in and year out, they're one of those teams that's always in the Frozen Four."

So if it were possible for the nation's top-ranked team to have a pair of must-win (or tie) games in the midst of a 20-game unbeaten streak — which it's not, by the way — this would be that weekend for the Irish.

Notre Dame has topped both national polls for eight straight weeks, but skepticism still exists in the unforgiving world of the online message board. Certain BCS-like formulas rank the Irish behind several teams with less-impressive records, and the general consensus of non-Notre Dame fans on these boards is that the Irish may be the best team in the nation, but they haven't proved it yet.

The Irish could silence some of

those critics by beating No. 7 Michigan — a team Irish coach Jeff Jackson called the "fastest...most potent offensive team in the country."

But, on the flip side, a disappointing showing, especially at home tonight, could stop Notre Dame's momentum dead in its tracks.

It's hard to doubt a team that's gone three months without a loss, but the Irish have played just two ranked teams during that stretch. Notre Dame's only impressive road win of the year came at Boston College on Nov. 7. The Golden Eagles were then ranked No. 2 but have since fallen to No. 11 in the polls while sputtering to an 11-8-3 record.

The Irish didn't allow a goal in a pair of convincing home victories over then-No. 19 Alaska on Jan. 9-10, but the Nanooks have since dropped out of the polls.

That leaves Notre Dame at 1-3 against currently ranked teams heading into a stretch of four straight against top-15 foes, as the Irish travel to No. 14 Ohio State next weekend for a pair of crucial conference games.

Of course, it should be noted that those three losses came in the season-opener at No. 6 Denver on Oct. 11 and in the first two CCHA contests, at home against No. 10 Miami on Nov. 24-25 — the last time the Irish lost.

But the losses are still on the books.

Notre Dame is a team far superior to the one it was when it lost those early-season games.

Senior captain Erik Condra has recovered from a knee injury that ended his season a year ago, and he has begun to heat up with points in seven of his last eight games. Hanson has established himself as a powerful offensive force and leads the team with 14 goals and 12 assists.

And the Irish have found a pair of young dynamic scorers in sophomore Calle Ridderwall (10 goals, 13 assists) and freshman Billy Maday (9 goals, 9 assists).

To discredit Notre Dame's incredible run based on its opponents would be ridiculously unfair. Likewise, to dismiss the Irish if they were to drop a pair against the Wolverines — arguably the nation's most talented team with the added incentive of getting revenge on the team that ended their season a year ago — would be ridiculous.

That doesn't mean Irish detractors won't do it anyway.

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Culture shocker

Notre Dame's captain has taken his team from worst to first in his four-year career

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

In the four years before senior captain Erik Condra arrived at Notre Dame the hockey team won 58 games. Since then, the No. 1-ranked Irish have racked up 97 wins and counting — an average of almost 10 more per season.

Condra's freshman year saw a new coaching staff and the beginning of a new culture for Notre Dame hockey.

"Erik has had as much of an impact on the culture of this program in the last four years as anyone, including myself," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

Serious praise from a generally tight-lipped coach who already has two national championships under his belt and a .708 career winning percentage.

Jackson ended a nine-year hiatus from college hockey by returning to coach the Irish in 2005. He said that players like Condra were the reason he returned.

"That's the reason I came back to college hockey, because of kids like him," Jackson said. "He's got great personality and he works extremely hard."

When Condra and his classmates came to South Bend four years ago the team was coming off a 5-27-6 season.

The Irish lacked the attitude, work ethic and discipline to be a serious threat in the world of college hockey. Three years, two NCAA playoff appearances and a CCHA championship later, the No. 1 Irish have found that attitude.

Condra said he never doubted they would.

"The year before I came was a rough year because I was getting made fun of with my junior

team because [the Irish] were the worst team in the league. Coach Jackson took over and I was a little nervous because I committed to Coach [Dave] Poulin," he said. "But I just thought they were a program on the rise."

Like so many Domers, Condra also had family ties at Notre Dame. His uncle Kirt Bjork played hockey for the Irish in the early 1980s.

"He didn't push [coming to Notre Dame] too much. I just always heard him talking about it growing up," Condra said.

Bjork's picture still hangs outside the Irish locker room in the Joyce Center honoring him as one of the eight All-Americans

to skate for Notre Dame. Bjork is also still in Notre Dame's record books ranked in the top 10 in both goals scored (76) and game-winning goals (9).

Bjork's influence along with the atmosphere at Notre Dame were enough to pull the Livonia, Mich. native

away from the Wolverines and Spartans who he had been watching his whole life.

Big skates to fill

Condra had a lot to live up to on campus, but he has no problem keeping the family legacy alive.

Three weeks ago in a pair of shutout wins over Alaska the senior picked up both his 40th goal and his 100th assist.

"It just means that I've played with great players and that coach Jackson has given me great opportunities while I've been here," Condra said.

He has added a goal and an assist since then but still needs 19 more points down the home stretch in order to catch Uncle Kirt's career mark of 161.

Condra's numbers are

impressive, but even more important has been his ability to improve the team as a whole.

"He just makes everyone around him better," junior Ryan Thang said. Thang has been a linemate of Condra's since joining the team as a freshman and has already racked up 46 goals in his first two and a half years.

"He's a really versatile player," Thang said. "He knows where everyone is going to be, he just has a second nature of finding people."

Condra agreed that his vision his most important tool.

"That's my skill," he said. "I'm not a great skater. I don't have the hardest shot, but I can see the ice well and I'm smart enough to know what to do out there and where to be at the right time. I think that's what has led to my success."

Condra has led the team in scoring in his first three seasons at Notre Dame and is currently in third place this season behind fellow senior Christian Hanson and sophomore Calle Ridderwall.

His 101 career assists currently leave him one behind 1996 graduate Jamie Ling for ninth-place all time. With 10 games and the postseason remaining he probably won't reach the top of the list (145), but he has a good chance to catch assistant coach Mike McNeill who is currently in fifth with 115 career helpers.

Condra couldn't care less.

"Numbers really don't mean much now that I'm a senior. I really just want to win a national championship, that's really the goal now," he said.

Sidelined

Last year Notre Dame came within one game of reaching that goal, losing to Boston College 4-1 in the national championship game. Unfortunately, Condra could do nothing but watch his teammates as the clock finally struck midnight on their Cinderella run.

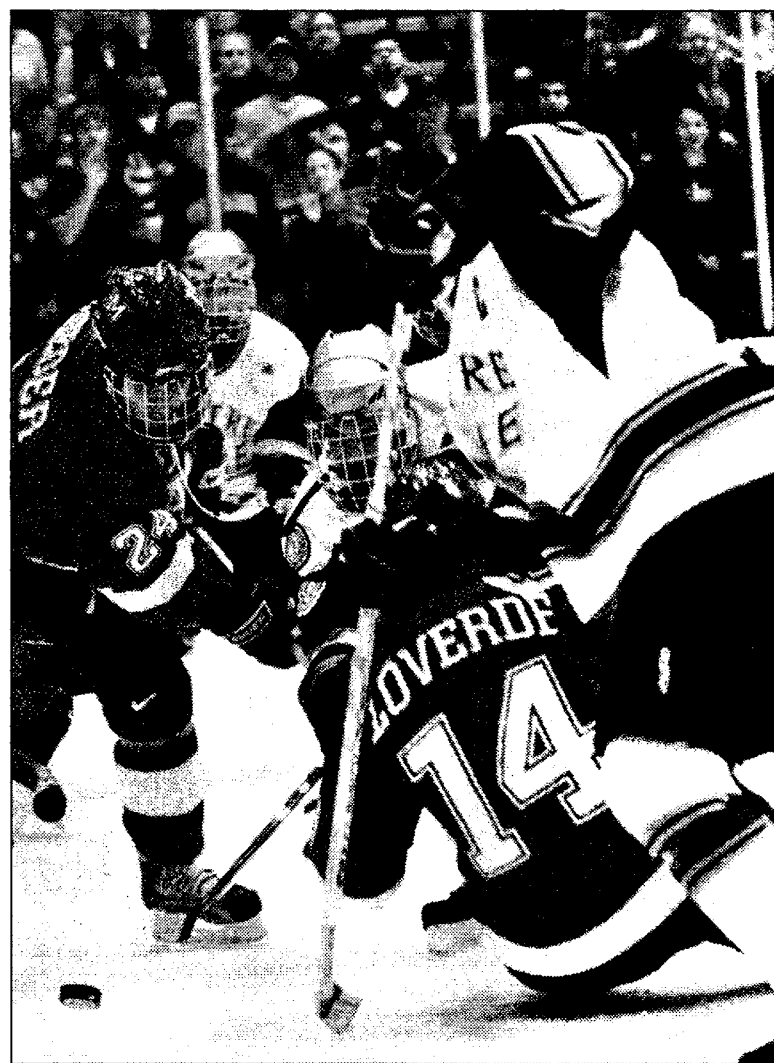
In the third game of the CCHA playoffs Condra suffered a left knee injury that ended his season. He was leading a rush down the ice when Ferris State's Mike Embach hit Condra low, directly on the knee. The hit sent him flipping through the air and knocked him out for the remainder of the postseason.

"It was one of the hardest things I've ever gone through," he said. "It was just a battle watching everyday."

The Irish lost in the CCHA semifinal but were able to pick up a fourth seed in the NCAA Tournament. The underdogs went on a remarkable run without their playmaker before losing to the Eagles, including a 5-4 overtime win over No. 1 Michigan to reach the championship game.

"I was so proud of how far they went. It was hard seeing that last game, though, knowing I couldn't do anything to help," Condra said.

In order to keep his sanity, Condra said he spent as much



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Notre Dame captain Erik Condra, right, and his teammates fight for a loose puck during the team's 2-0 loss to Miami on Oct. 24.

time in the locker room and around the team as he possibly could.

"I would just sit and watch them get dressed and watch them tape their sticks, for my own benefit really," he said.

His teammates were happy to have him.

Condra has always been a welcome presence in the locker room, where his tireless work ethic and goofball antics have made him a leader since day one.

So much of a leader that last season Jackson asked his playmaker to captain the team as a junior. Condra declined, saying

that he didn't want to step on the toes of the seniors ahead of him.

"He has been the leader of this team for three, four years, but he didn't want to bypass some of the upperclassmen before it was his time and you have to

respect that," Jackson said. "He can lead by example, but he is also always one of the guys, I think the team respects that."

There is no doubt that Captain Condra has earned the respect of his teammate, but that doesn't mean they won't take some shots at him.

"We usually make fun of him for having an old man's body," Thang said. "We call him Jacked 200. You look at him off the ice and you think there's no way you're a hockey player. He really is a pretty strong kid, you just can't tell."

Condra said that Jackson has been bugging him about getting into the weight room since the first time they spoke.

After Jackson was named Notre Dame's new head coach

in 2005, Condra said he got a phone call from his new coach within a week.

"The very thing he said to me was checking to see if I was in the weight room after my junior season had finished up. He said, 'You have to get stronger, you're going to be playing against 21 and 22 year old men out there,'" Condra said.

"He was all business. I think that's just what this program needed."

Condra's own business-like work ethic has helped bring his team to the next level. He also takes that attitude into the classroom.

After spending hours on the ice, and in the weight room, the senior has a heavy workload as a pre-med major.

"It really helps that [Irish goalie] Jordan Pearce is pre-med as well. We kind of manage our time together," he said.

Condra will graduate this May and currently holds a 3.56 GPA — so much for the dumb hockey player stereotype.

"He's one of those very rare kids that can be a grade A player on the ice, get grade As in the classroom, and still have a great personality," Jackson said.

Condra's work on the ice and in the classroom has earned him a nomination for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award this year. The award is given to one player across the country in each sport who excels in sports, academics and service to the community.

His teammates may not think he looks the part but they all know he is the complete package.

"There's really nothing bad you can say about the kid," Thang said. "He's a poster child."



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Irish center Erik Condra picked up his 100th career assist in a 2-0 win over Alaska on Jan. 13 in the Joyce Center.

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Irish look to run streak to 21 vs. Wolverines

By SAM WERNER
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When these two teams last saw each other, the Irish were piled on the center of the Pepsi Center ice after Calle Ridderwall's overtime goal gave Notre Dame a national semifinal win over Michigan and sent the No. 1 overall seed Wolverines home for a long summer.

Now the roles are reversed. Notre Dame is the near-unanimous No. 1 team in the country, and looking all but invincible riding a 20-game unbeaten streak that dates back to an Oct. 25 loss to Miami (OH). No. 8 Michigan, on the other hand, started the season a bit slowly, going 11-7-0 in their first 18 games. Since then, though, the Maize and Blue have reeled of eight of their last nine, including a sweep over the CCHA second-place RedHawks.

"Their team is good," Irish sophomore defenseman Ian Cole said. "They might not be having the best year, but they have the players to be a dominant team."

Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson also said that the Michigan team coming to the Joyce Center on Friday is similar to the one the Irish lost to twice during the regular season last year, despite losing some key players.

"They just seem to reload," he said. "They don't appear

to be a whole lot different to me."

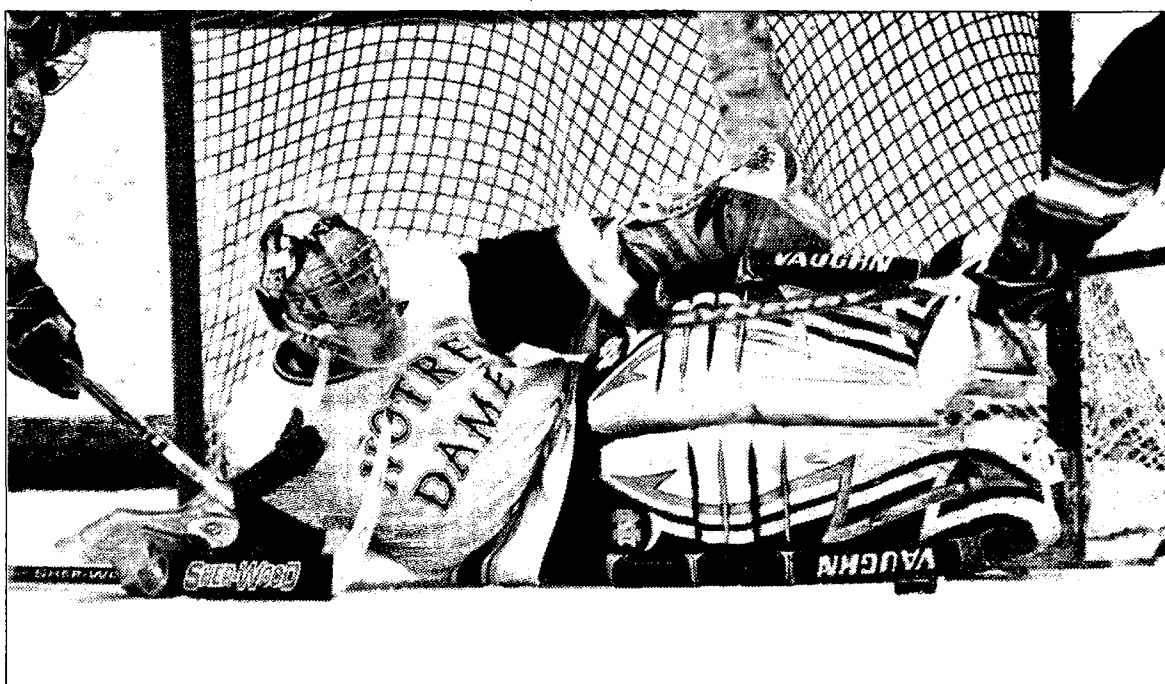
The Wolverines lost three of their top four scorers from last year's Frozen Four squad, with seniors Kevin Porter and Chad Kolarik graduating and freshman Max Pacioretty leaving early for the NHL.

Also since the teams' last meeting, Michigan netminder Billy Sauer has all but officially lost his starting job to sophomore Bryan Hogan. In last year's national semifinal, Sauer was pulled after giving up three first-period goals to the Irish, and replaced with Hogan, then a relatively untested freshman. This season, Hogan has played in 18 games to Sauer's 9, and has a 1.91 GAA to Sauer's 2.33, third and fourth in the CCHA, respectively. Jackson said he expects to see Hogan in net both nights this weekend.

The Irish coach also said that the key to both games would be to withstand Michigan's trademark early attack. So far this season, the Wolverines have outscored opponents 16-5 in the first period of games.

"In the first period, they try to blow things out," Jackson said. "They blitz you, and that's the nature of their game. They try to intimidate you with their speed. When they come at you with their pressure, you just have to make sure that doesn't break you."

That pressure could be



Irish goalie Jordan Pearce makes a save during Notre Dame's 5-1 win over Bowling Green on Nov. 21. Pearce is second in the CCHA with a 1.58 goals against average.

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especially effective Saturday night, when the teams play at Michigan's Yost Arena, dubbed by Jackson as "one of the greatest buildings in college hockey as far as atmosphere goes."

The trip to Yost will be especially meaningful for Cole, an Ann Arbor native.

"It'll be a great place to play and I'm excited to get back," he said. "Growing up watching them, and now I get to play against them, it's just awesome."

Jackson also said, though, that he didn't want to get his

team to get ahead of themselves.

"I'm not going to blow it out of proportion," he said. "It's still January. This is a big weekend, but the two points on Friday night are no different than the two points we got last weekend against Lake Superior. I don't look at last weekend's games any different from this weekend's games, except for the fact that it's Michigan and you have that rivalry factor."

Senior Erik Condra and junior Ryan Thang have been doing their part to add to the

intensity of the rivalry, as the two have been wearing temporary Michigan face tattoos during practice this week. Condra said the team has also been playing Michigan's fight song in the weight room this week.

"Me and Erik Condra did [the tattoos] after workouts today," Thang said. "We surprised everybody with them on our face to get everybody fired up a little bit and it worked."

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Baghdad High (2008) Directed by Ivan O'Mahoney and Laura Winter

NR, 88 minutes Arabic and Kurdish languages with English subtitles

Baghdad High views the current war in Iraq through the eyes of four Iraqi teens as they enter their senior year of high school. Filmed by the boys themselves, the documentary follows their friendships during the entire academic year and offers unique insight into ordinary adolescent Iraqi lives.

Collectively, the teens recorded more than 300 hours of tape, which were woven into the final project by the supervising producers. A mix of religious and ethnic backgrounds, the young men featured in Baghdad High include Hayder, who yearns to be a singer-songwriter; Anmar, who thinks he is a stud with girls and plays soccer like David Beckham; Ali, who dreams of being an architect; and his best friend, Mohammed, who doesn't yet know what he wants to be and is content being the joker of the bunch. They could be teens in any city around the world, but their lives are actually very different: Every day, they are surrounded by suicide bombings, mortar attacks, kidnappings, and citywide curfews.



Director Laura Winter will be present to introduce the film. She will discuss the film after the first screening.

Friday, January 30, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

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