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Facebook terms of use cause alarm

Discontent prompts reversal change, privacy questions linger

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This is the first installment of a three-part series that will explore the recent Terms of Use controversy involving Facebook and delve into the way interaction with and opinion of the site has changed since 2004, when Notre Dame students were first able to become users.

The Consumerist, a consumer issues blog, posted a story Feb. 15 that caused alarm throughout the Facebook user community and began a stream of complaints that quickly prompted Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and CEO of the popular social

networking site, to reverse a change made to the site's terms of use.

The blog post at consumerist.com pointed out that Facebook had changed some important language in its terms, which could affect the privacy of Facebook members.

When a person signs up to join Facebook, he agrees to the terms of use. In doing so, he grants Facebook a license to his user content. Early in February, Facebook removed the following lines from its terms of use, The Consumerist blog reported:

"You may remove your User Content from the Site at any time. If you choose to remove your User Content, the license granted above will automatically expire,

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Two sexual assaults reported

Observer Staff Report

Two alleged sexual assaults were reported on campus recently, according to an e-mail sent to the student body from the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) early Thursday morning.

The e-mail, dated Feb. 25 and sent through the IRISH-LINK listserv, came during the same week students and campus groups were observing Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

A University administrator reported receiving information of an alleged sexual assault committed by "acquaintances of the survivor" in a campus residence hall on Feb. 8, the e-mail said. The incident was not reported to NDSP.

Another alleged sexual assault, committed by an acquaintance, occurred on Feb. 23 in a residence hall, the e-mail said. The incident was reported to NDSP the same day.

Information about sexual assault prevention and resources for survivors of sexual assault is available at www.ndsp.nd.edu and from the Office of Student Affairs at <http://osa.nd.edu/health-safety/assault>, the e-mail said.

To report a crime in progress, suspicious activity or a fire or medical emergency, dial 9-1-1 from any campus phone or 574-631-5555.

Center joins "Quest" to raise funds for hospital

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Donating cents makes sense, according to Jeanie Martz, Program Manager in Employer Relations at the Career Center.

The Career Center has decided to take part in local country radio station B100's "Quest for a Million Pennies," in conjunction with the nation-wide "Country Cares for St. Jude Kids" Radiothon, Martz said.

"We're all blessed with healthy kids, but there are sick children," Martz said.

The "Quest for a Million Pennies" is meant to help these sick children at St. Jude's Hospital, Martz said. Members of the community outreach team at the Career Center heard about the program and decided to get involved.

The "Quest for a Million Pennies" began in January, according to Martz, but the Career Center didn't get involved until Feb. 4. The last day to donate is March 6.

"We have collection jugs on the first floor outside of the Interview Center and in the lobby of the Career Center on the second floor of Flanner Hall," Martz said.

Café de Grasta, on the first floor of Grace Hall, has also partnered with the Career Center with collection jugs, according to Anita Rees, Associate Director of the College of Arts and Letters department at the Career Center.

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OIS extends abroad invitations

STUDY ABROAD APPLICANTS 2009

348 APPLICANTS FALL
515 APPLICANTS SPRING
56 APPLICANTS WHOLE YEAR

= 955 TOTAL 1ST CHOICE

INCLUDING 2ND, 3RD & 4TH CHOICE:
1551 TOTAL APPLICANTS

Observer Graphic by Andrea Archer

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Earlier this month, the Office of International Studies (OIS) invited students to participate in study abroad programs after thoroughly reviewing applications.

"Everything went out on February 6, all of our letters," Kathleen Opel, director of the OIS, said.

The OIS received 384 applications from students whose first choice was to study abroad in the fall, 515 who hoped to go in the spring, and 56 who wanted to go for an entire academic year, totaling 955 first-choice applications. Including

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STUDENT SENATE

Affleck-Graves addresses ND finances

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

In light of the struggling economy, Student Senate hosted Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves to address questions about the University's financial situation at Wednesday's meeting.

"It is a very tough time for our country and our world," Affleck-Graves said. "We rely a lot on our benefactors, but our benefactors have lost a lot."

Affleck-Graves said the University is down 90 million dollars in gifts and pledges from last year's number.

"This is a very significant fac-

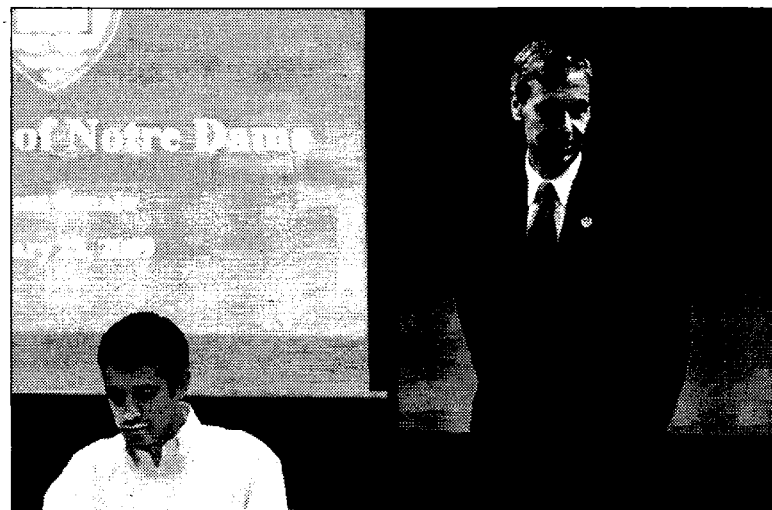
tor for us, and we don't see it picking up," he said.

The University also relies on government grants for research funding and money brought in from auxiliary operations such as the Hammes Bookstore and the Morris Inn, both of which are down this year, he said.

Affleck-Graves said the University's most critical goal is to continue to meet the demonstrated financial aid need of every student, but he predicted students will require more financial aid next year.

The University's budget allotted \$83 million for financial aid next year, but Affleck-Graves

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Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves, right, talks to the Senate, including student body vice president Grant Schmidt.

TOM LA/The Observer

INSIDE COLUMN

Hello friends =>

As I approach the last two months of college, my friends and I have been reminiscing about things we've done, things we haven't done, and things we didn't even know existed.



Katie Kohler

Assistant Managing Editor

This will be a very informative column, as, for people who know me, I tend to stay relatively active (in between bouts of sloth). So take note:

Go to Quarter Dogs at least once. And by once, I mean thirty or forty times. A quarter. For a hot dog. Even as a senior I've gone more than once this year. Not the healthiest midnight snack, but delicious nonetheless.

Buy men's basketball season tickets. This is the first year I've done it and I'm really happy I did. And at the very least, you get a free T-shirt.

Run the Holy Half. I tried to last year, trained, and then gave up. Because, come on, 13 miles is really, really far. But I commend those who do it and I will cheer for you again this year.

Do trivia at Between the Buns. For those of age, it is a very enjoyable way to spend your Tuesday evenings; second only to Corby's.

Go tubing at Saint Patrick's Park. It's only 10 minutes away and the price is right at \$3. Since it snows October through March, it's a good way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

Go to Studabagels. If you've never had it, you haven't lived.

Paint your body for a football game. While my parents didn't exactly approve of me strutting around in a sports bra and green paint, it was definitely a crowd pleaser and my roommates and I even made it on a banner or two. Note: do NOT use poster paint or acrylic paint. Poster cracks. Acrylic stains. I was blue for three days. Go team.

Go to Bengal Bouts. This is the first year I've gone, and it's awesome. You can see your friends shirtless, relive your greatest Rocky fantasies, or just watch complete strangers hit each other. And it's for charity.

Run the Finish on the 50. It will probably be the only time you will ever run out of the tunnel in the stadium. Also, free T-shirt.

Take advantage of the lakes. Feed the ducks. Run around them. Sit on a bench. Glare on the Dome; drink it in.

Go to mass at the basilica. Even if you're not Catholic, it's a magnificent piece of architecture and very entertaining to look at the ceiling.

Use a fake ID at CJs. And don't pretend you haven't done it. Because I know you have. And I may or may not have too. Jury's out.

Go to a pep rally. Not several pep rallies, just a few.

Domerfest. Even as a senior, I still reminisce exchanging awkward introductions under the romantic glow of strobe lights. Magic.

So basically, I guess this is a senior year bucket list. For what it's worth, these past four years have been unbelievable and there are things I haven't had the chance to do, but not a lot. Enjoy.

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CORRECTIONS

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO PEOPLE CALL YOU OTHER THAN YOUR REAL NAME?



Dan Florin
senior off campus

"Deef — man with the head of a white tiger. Or Flop."



John Dalhoff
senior off campus

"Pothee's broooother."



Clare Heintz
senior off campus

"Diddy Dwedle or just Doodle."



Allison Rider
senior off campus

"Nosilla or Lala."



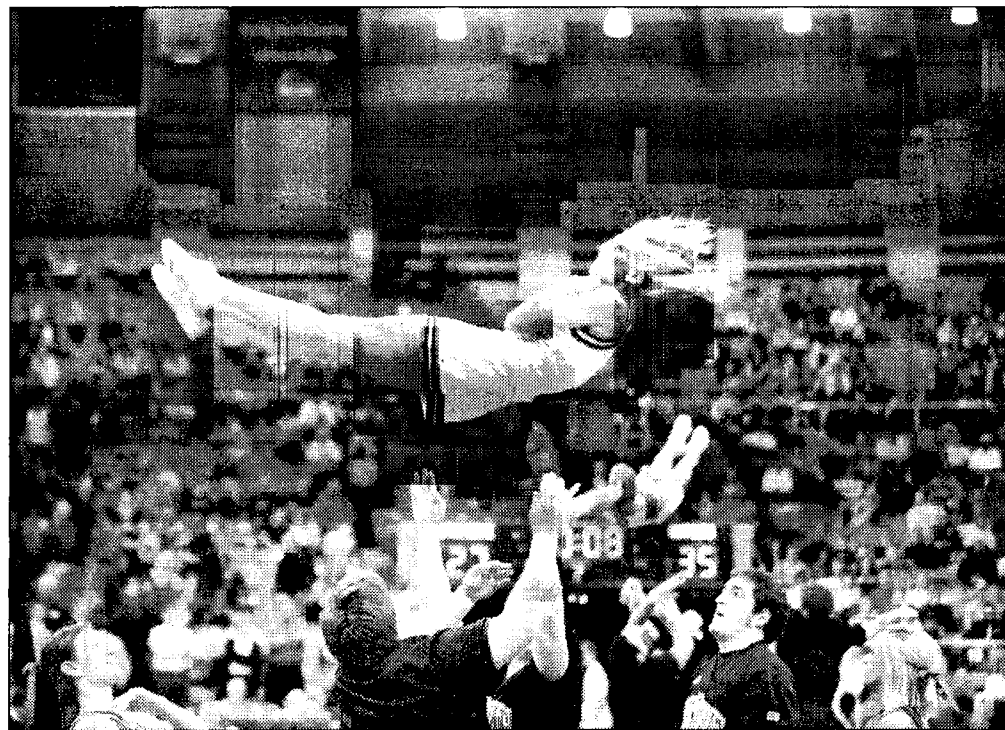
Jayde Kennedy
senior off campus

"Jayda-Q."



Emily Tarnacki
senior off campus

"I'm Ooomalie Taaanacki. I have unlimited taaaxt messaging."



PAT COVENY/The Observer

Cheerleaders perform a halftime routine at the Notre Dame men's basketball game against Rutgers Wednesday. Notre Dame defeated the Scarlet Knights 70-65.

IN BRIEF

Sexual Assault Awareness Resource Tables will be available in South Dining Hall, North Dining Hall and LaFortune Ballroom from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Tables are provided by Gender Relations Center.

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

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

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

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

The Notre Dame German Club is hosting a Sound of Music Sing-A-Long event Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of Hesburgh Library. Admission is free, and free food will be served at intermission. A costume contest will also be held.

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

OFFBEAT

Market warns thief, 'we will get you'

BEND, Ore. — A sign hangs amid the bottles of vinegar at Newport Avenue Market. It's simple, to the point: "Thanks to the Balsamic Vinegar Thief this area is now under surveillance. We will get you." The last sentence, it should be noted, is underlined. For about a year, a thief pinched bottle after bottle of balsamic vinegar from the store — and not the low-end stuff.

No, this thief was after bottles that go for \$30 or \$40 a pop. "Thieves with

good taste." That's how owner Rudy Dory explains them.

The store figured out what was going on when the order writer noticed he was buying a lot more balsamic vinegar than what the store was actually selling. The market has quite a large balsamic collection, but the thefts were noticeable.

So the sign went up.

Passenger douses bus driver with coffee

LOWELL, Mass. — Police said a bus passenger angry about a possible strike that would disrupt

his commute threw a cup of hot coffee on the driver, then ran away with the driver in pursuit. The Sun of Lowell reported that Debra Kemp, a driver for the Lowell Regional Transit Authority, told police the passenger was upset by a newspaper story about a possible drivers' strike.

Police Deputy Superintendent Deborah Friedl said the man then doused the driver with his coffee at about 8 a.m. on Tuesday and took off.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 47 LOW 30	HIGH 35 LOW 28	HIGH 32 LOW 15	HIGH -33 LOW 13	HIGH 35 LOW 20	HIGH 43 LOW 27

Panel discusses feminist stereotypes

Professors address gender equality during Women's Appreciation Week

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

A panel of four Saint Mary's professors addressed feminist stereotypes Wednesday evening in the Student Center as part of Women's Appreciation Week.

The panel was made up of psychology professor Bettina Spencer, communications professor Terri Russ, history and women's studies professor Amanda Littauer, and religious studies professor Stacy Davis.

The panel talked about different stereotypes against feminists including that they are all white, pro-choice, ugly and lesbians. Also, that feminism is outdated and no longer necessary.

Spencer opened the panel discussion with an overview of two types of sexism: benevolent and hostile. Hostile sexism is a term used to refer to the negative opinions associated with women. Benevolent sexism is a term used to describe how "positive" associations with women are used to reinforce women's gender roles, Spencer said.

"I always think of a hot dog commercial when I think of benevolent sexism," Spencer said. "In the hot dog commercial, a guy fumbles while trying to cook a hot dog — as though he is such a guy that

he can't figure it out. A woman comes into the kitchen, takes over the hot-dog cooking, and succeeded."

This type of commercial uses the idea that women are good at cooking as a positive re-enforcer for their gender role. Women use benevolent sexism to distance themselves from feminist stereotypes and the hostile sexism that goes along with the stereotypes, Spencer said.

Benevolent sexism is relevant at Saint Mary's College, she said.

"Our students score pretty high on benevolent sexism scale, much higher than other colleges," Spencer said.

Russ followed Spencer's topic with an argument about equal rights.

"The feminist argument is about equality," Russ said. "It is about people having the same rights as everyone else. We spend our time worrying about being an 'ugly feminist' instead of worrying about paying more health insurance than men as we

get older or making 77 cents to the dollar that men make."

Littauer first addressed the lesbian stereotype associated with feminists. By putting feminists on the defensive with this stereotype, people detract from the arguments, Littauer said.

Littauer also argued against the ideas that feminism is an outdated movement and the stereotype that all feminists are pro-choice.

Davis spoke against the stereotype that all feminists are white. Although white women started the feminist

movement, the things they were fighting for did not apply to African-American women, Davis said. Alice Walker coined the term "wōmanist" which encompasses equality on all levels, in terms of gender, race and class.

"The movement needs to be more than gender," Davis said.

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Terri Russ
professor

Funds created for pro-life activities

Special to The Observer

A fund has been established in the Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture to support pro-life activities within the University and beyond its campus.

The efforts supported by the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life will particularly concern issues arising from the plight of human life in its earliest stages, from conception to the early days of infancy.

According to David Solomon, W.P. and H.B. White Director of the center, "There are currently a number of different forces in the academy, as well as in the broader culture, that make it difficult to focus on the many threats to innocent human life in the womb and in its earliest stages.

"Christians thought at one time that they had defeated infanticide and its advocates, and driven it back into the darkness from which it had come, but infanticide now has influential and respectable defenders at the heart of many of our greatest universities. The bioethics establishment in this country and in Europe is largely committed to pro-choice positions and many of the countries that have traditionally staunchly opposed liberalization of abortion laws have changed their position under the pressure of modernizing influences. The current focus in the public sphere on narrowly economic matters has destroyed the

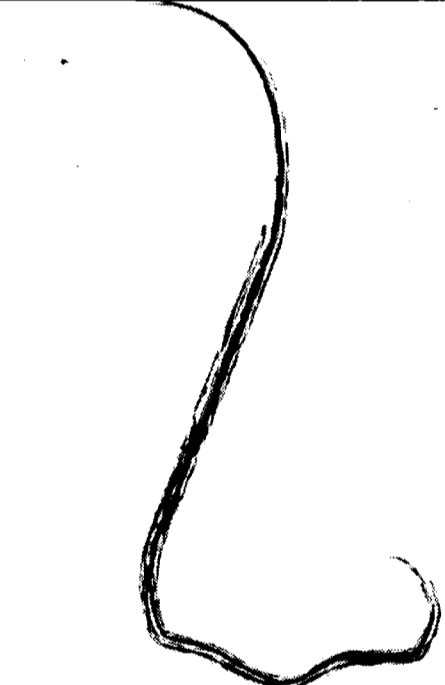
sense of urgency many have felt about life issues in the past. We know that many evil and dreadful practices have sprung into existence when good people are distracted by economic distress."

The fund will be administered by a committee chaired by Solomon. Its members will be Daniel McInerney and Elizabeth Kirk, associate directors of the Center for Ethics and Culture;

Rev. Wilson Miscamble, C.S.C., professor of history at Notre Dame; and O. Carter Snead, associate professor of law at Notre Dame and former chief counsel for the president's Council on Bioethics.

According to Kirk, "We want to educate Notre Dame students and others in the rich intellectual tradition supporting the dignity of human life, specifically in its beginning stages, and to prepare those students, through personal witness, public service, and prayer to transform the culture into one where every human life is respected."

As examples of the sorts of activities the fund will support, Kirk mentioned transportation and other costs of student participation in the annual Right-to-Life march each January in Washington, D.C., the expenses of the undergraduate and Law School student Right-to-Life clubs, essay contests and academic competitions encouraging scholarship on pro-life issues, and sponsorship of lectures and seminars on campus.




SEXUAL ASSAULT

AWARENESS WEEK

FEBRUARY 22 – MARCH 1

- 2/22–3/1 "Giving a Voice" Poster Campaign featuring GRC FIRE Starters
- 2/23 Take Back the Night
Prayer Service; 7:00 pm at Log Chapel
March around campus
Speak Out at Bonfire; 8:00 pm at Holy Cross Hill (with hot-chocolate, smores and free t-shirts)
- 2/24–26 Resource Tables from 11:30 to 1:30pm in LaFortune and the Dining Halls
- 2/25 Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention (CSAP) Student Forum
7:00 pm in Reckers Hospitality Room
- 2/27 "A Time to Heal" Dinner with Faculty and Student Speakers
Carolyn Nordstrom Professor of Anthropology
John Cavadini Department Chair and Professor of Theology
Kyle A.C. Rocca Survivor of sexual assault
Tim Latham President of Men Against Violence
Anonymous Student Survivor of sexual assault
5:00–7:00 pm at Legends. All are welcome and the dinner is free, but you must RSVP by February 23 to grc@nd.edu or 631-9340
- 3/1 SAAW Sunday featuring petitions, ribbons and prayer cards at Masses



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Charity event raises funds for Riley's

Dance Marathon committee holds third annual designer jean sale

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's Dance Marathon committee held its third Charity Denim event in the lower level of the Student Center, giving students the opportunity to shop and donate to Riley's Children's Hospital at the same time.

Event Fundraising Co-Chair and sophomore Kelli Minor, was in charge of planning the event.

"Every time we have it, we raise more money," Minor said. "It's always been successful and really easy to organize."

For a \$1 donation at the door, close to 100 students were able to sift through shirts and the over 500 pairs of designer jeans. Ten percent of each sale is donated to Riley Children's Hospital.

Since the designs are from last season, jeans that are normally sold starting at \$200 and up can be purchased at much lower prices. The prices range from \$65 — \$100 depending on the brand.

Brands included William Rast, — Justin Timberlake's new line — as well as Seven For All Mankind, Red Engine, J Brand and many others, Minor said.

The idea for Charity Denim came when Maura Clougherty, senior and organizer of the event, found a version of it online last year.

Charity Denim events are organized all over the country, Minor said. The committee contacted Steve Price, founder of Charity Denim, who brought the jeans and other clothes to campus.

Applications for Dance Marathon were also available at the event. So far, the group has collected over 50 names for dance, which will be April 3-4.

If applicants are able to provide 15 addresses, they will then be given a T-shirt with the Riley Children's Hospital emblem on it. The addresses will be used to send letters asking for donations to the Hospital, senior and Campus Marketing Chair Meg Varty said.

Varty got involved in the

group last year after participating in the event both her freshman and sophomore years.

"I wanted to get involved because it was for a good cause, it was year long, and it is fun," she said.

Dance Marathon also has activities planned throughout March to help raise money for the event. Organizers will be holding Salon Night in the basement of the Student Center March 3, senior Sarah Voss said. Also, they will be holding events at Steak 'n Shake and Max and Erma's. Portions of the sales will be donated to Riley's, Minor said.

This year, the committee is continuing to raise the bar. "Our goal is to stay above Purdue and raise over \$100,000," Minor said.

The committee also launched a new Web site, www.smcdm.org, where anyone interested in donating will soon be given the opportunity, Minor said.

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said he believes this number will not cover the costs.

"It is definitely a time when the University budget is feeling some pressure," he said.

Affleck-Graves said there is good reason to be optimistic because the University has managed its money wisely thus far.

"We have a history of being very fiscally conservative," he said. "Our operations are reasonably efficient."

The University has four main sources of revenue: 29 percent tuition accounts, 27 percent endowment, 21 percent auxiliary operations, 14 percent research contracts and 9 percent annual giving.

The University's budget is always balanced, and there is a low level of debt, Affleck-Graves said.

Also, while most colleges and universities pay out about five percent of the endowment, Notre Dame only pays out about 3.6 percent — a practice that has been heavily criticized in the past, he said.

But Affleck-Graves said this conservative spending approach has allowed the endowment to remain more stable than the endowments at some other schools.

Another policy that has helped the University remain strong in the economic recession concerns the construction projects on campus.

Currently, Ryan Hall, a female dorm, Geddes Hall, the new building for the Center for Social Concerns, Stinson-Remick Hall, an engineering building and the new Law School are being built on campus.

Affleck-Graves said he is not allowed to approve any construction project that is not 75 percent funded from the start, and the remaining 25 percent must follow within five years or less.

"We cannot put a spade in

ground until 75 percent of the cash is in hand," he said.

Because of this, all of the current construction projects are financially stable and will continue on the proposed schedule.

Several senators asked why tuition rates are so high when the endowment is stable and producing returns.

Affleck-Graves said the money that makes up the endowment is given by a donor with the promise that it will be used in a certain way, and the money is an investment, meant to grow, so the University cannot touch it, sometimes for as long as 25 years.

"It's restricted money," he said.

Affleck-Graves said another goal of the University's is to bring more faculty to campus in order to decrease the student-faculty ratio, but faculty salaries present a big expense.

"People with specialized skills that are hard to replace are demanding more money," he said. "People are loyal to their profession."

In order to maintain a qualified staff to teach the students, as well as meet financial aid needs, Affleck-Graves said tuition has to remain high.

He said the issue for students to consider is what kind of school they want to attend. The tuition is high in order to bring in top-notch professors to teach at Notre Dame.

Affleck-Graves also discussed the current status of the construction of Eddy Street Commons, a center of commerce just south of the University.

While the University bought the land, the project is owned and funded by a private developer, Kite Realty.

Affleck-Graves said there are many leases pending for shops and restaurants in the Commons.

"Chipotle might come here," he said. "We are trying to get that letter of intent."

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Group therapy popularity growing

Six groups are still available for students to join, discuss issues

By LIZ LEFEBVRE
News Writer

This semester, the University Counseling Center is offering 10 different counseling groups which cover a range of topics from eating disorders to alcohol and substance abuse to relieving stress.

The counseling groups are made up of six to 10 students who usually meet once a week during the semester to discuss common issues and struggles. This setting provides a place to evaluate personal relationships and learn new ways of responding to people or situations that may be problematic for students.

Groups are chosen for the semester based on "student interest and staff expertise," as well as the types of issues that lend themselves to group participation, said Dr. Rita Donley, the Associate Director of the University Counseling Center.

According to the Counseling Center's Web site, ucc.nd.edu, "The great advantage of group therapy is that you not only can count on the expertise of the counselors who facilitate the group but you also can get to know other students who are going through similar issues as you."

Although four of the groups have already been filled for this semester, six are still available for students to join, Donley said. Beyond Facebook, Sober 4 Good, Caught In The Loop, Graduate Student Therapy Group, Success Without Excess and Feel Better Fast all currently have openings, she said.

These six groups are designed for students who wish to: relate to each other through group interaction, achieve sobriety, reduce compulsions and obsessions, gain

greater confidence and self-understanding in light of adjusting to graduate school, experience legal social drinking without risking negative consequences, and improve their moods by reducing stress and attaining better sleep, according to the Web site.

Students interested in joining group counseling should contact the University Counseling Center.

Donley cited the importance of therapy and counseling within a group setting.

"I think that by far the biggest advantage of group counseling is learning from others and being assured that you aren't alone," Donley said. "In group counseling, it's a bit like a learning lab. You are learning how to express yourself and deal with feelings as they come up while learning how to relate with others."

Donley noted that in her over 20 years of work at the Counseling Center, rarely has there been a breach of confidentiality from a group session.

"Because most students want their own privacy protected, they feel it is important to protect the privacy of others in the group so that the group can function best and they have done a great job protecting each other," Donley said.

Overall, Donley has found that students have appreciated and grown from their experiences in group counseling.

"Life is full of risks. You have to decide what risks you are willing to take. The majority of students who have taken this risk have reported to us they are glad they did," she said.

After fall registration is complete, the Counseling Center will begin working with interested students to

coordinate schedules for group counseling. Visit the Counseling Center on the third floor of Saint Liam Hall or call 574-631-7336.

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Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the **Denny Moore Award For Excellence in Journalism**

Candidates must be seniors who exemplify the qualities for which Denny Moore was known, including personal integrity and character, commitment to Notre Dame, and writing ability.

Candidates may be nominated by faculty, staff, or fellow students.

For a nomination form, please visit our website at:
<http://osa.nd.edu/get-involved/student-activities-and-awards/denny-moore-award/>
Nominations are due by Thursday, March 5, 2009.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Both gov'ts seeking aid for rebuilding

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The rival Palestinian governments — U.S.-backed moderates in the West Bank and the Islamic militants of Hamas in Gaza — presented competing plans Wednesday for rebuilding war-ravaged Gaza, each seeking roughly \$2.8 billion in foreign aid.

The moderates, led by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, believe they can raise the full amount at an international donors conference for Gaza next week in Egypt. The U.S. is expected to contribute about \$900 million, and Saudi Arabia has promised \$1 billion.

However, Gaza would need open borders and an internationally accepted government for reconstruction to move forward smoothly. At the moment, it has neither.

Hamas is widely shunned as a terrorist group, and Israel and Egypt have kept Gaza cut off from the world since the militants violently seized the territory in June 2007, leaving Abbas only in control of the West Bank.

Turkish plane crashes, few deaths

HAARLEMMEERLIJDE, Netherlands — A Turkish Airlines jetliner plummeted out of the mist and plowed into a muddy field Wednesday near Amsterdam's main airport, but nearly everyone on board — 125 people — survived. The nine dead included both pilots.

The Boeing 737-800 was en route from Istanbul to Amsterdam carrying 134 people when it suddenly lost speed and fell out of the sky about two miles short of the runway at Schiphol Airport, investigators said.

The jetliner broke into three pieces upon impact: the fuselage tore in two near the cockpit and the tail was ripped off. Despite the catastrophic impact, the wreckage did not burn and scores of people walked away.

NATIONAL NEWS

Manual focuses on new warfare

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — For the first time since the end of the Cold War, the Army is updating its plans for electronic warfare, calling for more use of high-powered microwaves, lasers and infrared beams to attack enemy targets and control angry crowds.

The new manual, produced at Fort Leavenworth and set for release Thursday, also is aimed at protecting soldiers against remote-controlled roadside bombs and other nontraditional warfare used by increasingly sophisticated insurgents.

"The war in Iraq began to make us understand that there are a lot of targets that we should be going after in the offensive or defensive mode to protect ourselves," said Col. Laurie Buckhout, chief of the Army's electronic warfare division in Washington, D.C.

Witness taken out of Minn. trial

ST. PAUL, Minn. — An argument that Republican Norm Coleman hoped would draw him closer to Democrat Al Franken suffered a hard blow Wednesday in the Minnesota Senate trial when the judges threw out the testimony of the only witness to claim seeing errors that may have given some people two votes.

The testimony of Minneapolis election judge Pamela Howell was thrown out because she had supplied materials to Coleman's legal team that weren't given to Franken's lawyers. The judges deemed that a violation of civil trial procedures.

LOCAL NEWS

Demolition ordered for sinking hotel

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — An Allen County official has ordered the developers of a half-built hotel to begin demolishing the sinking seven-story structure in about a month or the county will do it for them.

Building Commissioner Dave Fuller said SAMS Hotel Group must provide a signed contract with a demolition company by Tuesday and begin tearing down the structure by March 27.

If that doesn't happen, Fuller plans to take bids and ask the County Council to pay for the demolition so the demolition can start by March 28, Fuller said Tuesday.

Obama demands stronger regulation

Possible system would keep risk-taking in check to avoid market meltdowns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After devoting money and time in search of a rescue for the ailing banking sector, President Barack Obama on Wednesday demanded tough new regulations to keep financial institutions in check and avoid future Wall Street meltdowns.

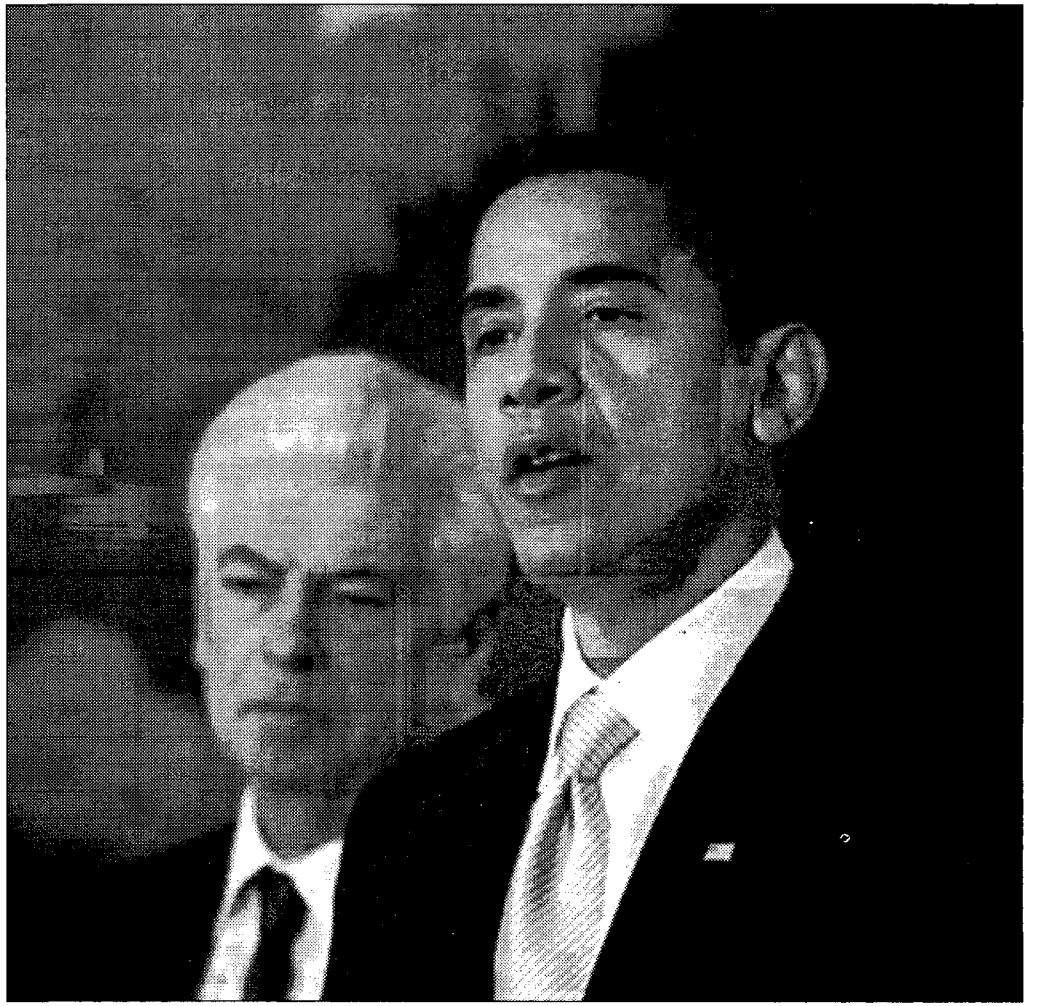
Obama pressed key lawmakers to overhaul the nation's financial regulatory scheme to restore "accountability, transparency and trust in our financial markets." He specifically called for a system that would monitor the risks that institutions can take.

"We can no longer sustain 21st century markets with 20th century regulation," Obama said after meeting with Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and the chairmen and top Republicans of the two House and Senate committees charged with writing new regulatory legislation.

Obama leveled a broad indictment of the industry, saying the current financial crisis occurred when "Wall Street wrongly presumed the markets would continuously rise and traded in complex financial products without fully evaluating their risks." But he also blamed government regulators for not adequately protecting consumers.

In calling for a sweeping regulatory change, Obama is providing ballast to his still unfinished effort to shore up the ailing industry. As such, he is taking both a policy and a political step designed to assure the public that bailing out banks is not his only prescription for the industry.

Members of Congress, echoing public sentiment, have been wary, if not hostile, toward the \$700 billion the government is spending to infuse capital into banks in hope of loosening credit. In his address to a joint session of Congress Tuesday



President Barack Obama, with Senate Banking Committee Chair Chris Dodd, D-Conn., answers questions in the Diplomatic Reception Room in the White House Wednesday.

night, Obama warned that the rescue effort could cost even more.

The president offered no specific regulatory framework on Wednesday, but called for a series of "core principles." Among them are consumer protections, accountability for executives and a regulatory plan that covers a broad series of financial transactions that have escaped regulation in the past.

"Let me be clear: The choice we face is not between some oppressive government-run economy or a chaotic and unforgiving capitalism," Obama said. "Rather, strong financial markets require clear rules of the road, not to hinder financial institu-

tions, but to protect consumers and investors, and ultimately to keep those financial institutions strong."

An industry lobbyist, Scott Talbott, said most of Obama's principles were broad enough to not raise alarms. But he said his call to monitor the scale and scope of risk and to strengthen supervision of financial products was potentially troubling.

"You have to allow for appropriate risk," said Talbott, the chief lobbyist for the Financial Services Roundtable. "You can overprotect consumers to the point of stifling ingenuity by regulating a product to death. That would limit the availability of products to

the consumer."

An administration official said Obama wants Congress to work on the regulatory overhaul in the next several weeks, before April's meeting of the world's 20 major economies. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to provide context to the president's remarks.

Among those at Wednesday's meeting at the White House was House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank. The Massachusetts Democrat has already begun working on legislation that would establish a regulator to oversee the kind of systemic risks that led to the market free fall last year.

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Glaciers melting faster than expected

Associated Press

GENEVA — Glaciers in Antarctica are melting faster and across a much wider area than previously thought, a development that threatens to raise sea levels worldwide and force millions of people to flee low-lying areas, scientists said Wednesday.

Researchers once believed that the Antarctic Peninsula, a narrow tongue of land pointing toward South America. But satellite data and automated weather stations now indicate it is more widespread.

The melting "also extends all the way down to what is called west Antarctica," said Colin Summerhayes, executive director of the Britain-based Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research.

"That's unusual and unexpected," he told The Associated Press in an interview.

By the end of the century, the accelerated melting could cause sea levels to climb by 3 to 5 feet — levels substantially higher than expected by a major scientific group just two years ago.

Making matters worse, scientists said, the ice shelves that hold the glaciers back from the sea are also weakening.

The report Wednesday from Geneva was a broad summary of two years of research by scientists from 60 countries. Some of the findings were released in earlier reports.

In Washington, as part of an overall update on global warming, top researchers on Wednesday sounded a similar warning to the U.S. Senate about rising temperatures in the Antarctic.

The head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a group set up by the United Nations, told lawmakers on the Environment and Public Works Committee that Earth has about six more years at current rates of carbon dioxide pollution before it is locked into a future of severe global warming.

For years, the continent at the bottom of the world seemed to be the only place on the planet not experiencing climate change. Previous research indicated that temperatures across much of Antarctica were staying the same or slightly cooling.

The report Wednesday was compiled as part of the 2007-2008 International Polar Year, an effort by scientists to conduct intense Arctic and Antarctic research over the past two Antarctic summers.

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One of Notre Dame's residence halls has gotten involved as well, Martz said.

"Cavanaugh Hall is participating by holding a section competition to see which section will raise the most pennies," Martz said.

Caitlyn Dix is running the competition, Martz said.

The five-gallon jugs were donated by Hawkins Water Tech, Inc., a water treatment facility in Middlebury, Ind., and hold roughly 70,000 coins, or \$700 in pennies, Martz said.

According to B100's Web site, anyone can participate, and get a collection jug from the station's studio. The last chance to turn in jugs is March 7.

The beauty of this fundraiser is that it doesn't require much effort, Martz said.

"Just tossing a few coins into a jug is giving back," Rees said.

However, any amount, and any denomination, can be donated.

"Pennies are the foundation of this fundraiser, however I heard a rumor that silver is the new copper and we will definitely take any loose change," Martz said. "Oh, and any other cash... We will turn no coin or bill away."

This is an easy project to get involved with, Martz said.

"The simple act of tossing a few cents into one of the collection jugs will help reach the goal of a million pennies," said Martz. "We want to see B100 successfully raise one million pennies for the St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee."

Danny Thomas founded St. Jude Children's Hospital in 1962, Martz said.

"Danny Thomas' dream was for the cure for cancer to be found in his lifetime. Now, that didn't happen, but wouldn't it be great if it happened in ours?" said Martz.

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S&P 500	764.90	-8.24	
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	7,589.95	+128.73	
FTSE 100 (London)	3,848.98	+32.54	

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IN BRIEF

Florida hedge fund manager caught

NEW YORK — A Florida hedge fund manager who disappeared for two weeks as investigators closed in on him can be freed on \$5 million bail after being accused of ripping off investors of as much as \$350 million, a judge said Wednesday.

U.S. District Court Judge Denise Cote rejected a prosecutor's arguments that no release conditions could ensure that Arthur Nadel would not flee.

Defense lawyer Todd Foster, however, said Nadel does not have the \$1 million in cash that Cote requires, so Nadel likely will remain behind bars unless the bail requirements are reduced.

The judge also said four financially secure people must sign Nadel's bond before he can go home, where he would be subject to electronic monitoring.

Foster said Nadel's friends are "very, very afraid to come and assist Mr. Nadel" because of bad publicity and inaccuracies they have heard about the case.

Stock market shows improvement

NEW YORK — Wall Street showed a little resilience as investors got answers to some of their questions about banks.

The major indexes closed down about 1 percent Wednesday but recovered from much steeper losses early in the day, continuing the volatile trading that has buffeted the market this week.

Stocks initially fell on growing pessimism about the banking industry and a home sales report that came in weaker than the market expected. But as the day wore on, some of the uncertainty about the troubled banking system lifted when the Treasury Department said it's beginning to "stress test" the banks. The test will use two economic scenarios to measure banks' health, and the process is expected to be done by the end of April.

The government also gave the market some reassurance by confirming that it will buy preferred shares from banks that can be converted into common shares. And investors found solace when Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke rejected for the second straight day the notion that banks could be nationalized.

Dem. Congress approves legislation

\$410 billion set aside for programs, while Bush admin. policies are criticized

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House pushed through \$410 billion legislation Wednesday that boosted domestic programs, bristled with earmarks and chipped away at policies left behind by the Bush administration.

The vote was 245-178, largely along party lines.

Republicans assailed the measure as too costly — particularly on the heels of a \$787 billion stimulus bill that President Barack Obama signed last week. But Democrats jabbed back.

"The same people who drove the economy into the ditch are now complaining about the size of the tow truck," said Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass., pointing out the large increase in deficits that President George W. Bush and GOP-controlled Congresses amassed.

From the GOP side, Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas said the legislation was "going to grow the government 8.3 percent ... but the family budget which has to pay for the federal budget only grew at 1.3 percent last year."

The debate occurred one day after Obama told Congress in a prime time television address that he intends to cut deficits in half over the next four years, and one day before he was submitting tax and spending plans for the coming year.

Officials said the president's first budget would call for a permanent tax cut of \$400 for lower- and middle-class workers and \$800 for families, a break modeled after the temporary provision in the economic stimulus legislation.

Obama also intends to ask lawmakers to approve a new cap-and-trade system of limits and pollution allowances, especially for industries such as utilities with coal burning power plants. The program would



White House press secretary Robert Gibbs takes a question during the daily press briefing in the White House Wednesday. Gibbs answered questions on the new legislation.

help reduce greenhouse gas emissions while generating revenue that could help finance other elements of an ambitious agenda that includes health care and education reform.

The spending bill that cleared the House drew the support of 229 Democrats and 16 Republicans. There were 159 Republicans and 20 Democrats opposed.

In a symbolic bow to the recession, Democrats included in the spending measure a prohibition on a cost-of-living increase for members of Congress for the year.

Overall, the legislation would provided increases of

roughly 8 percent for the federal agencies it covered, about \$32 billion more than last year.

The bill is intended to allow smooth functioning of the government through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year. The Senate has yet to vote on its version.

After persuading lawmakers to keep earmarks off the stimulus bill, Obama made no such attempt on the first non-emergency spending measure of his presidency. The result was that lawmakers claimed billions in federal funds for pet projects — a total of 8,570 earmarks at a cost of \$7.7 billion, according to Taxpayers

for Common Sense. Majority Democrats declined to provide a number of earmarks, but said the cost was far smaller, \$3.8 billion, 5 percent less than a year ago.

Among the earmarks was one sponsored by Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., who secured \$200,000 for a "tattoo removal violence outreach program" in Los Angeles. Aides said the money would pay for a tattoo removal machine that could help gang members or others shed visible signs of their past, and anyone benefiting would be required to perform community service.

Banks to be stress tested for downturns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration hopes to restore confidence in the nation's ailing financial sector by subjecting 19 of the largest banks to "stress tests" that will gauge whether each institution has adequate capital to survive a severe downturn.

Banks that need new funds will be given six months to obtain it from the private sector or, failing that, from the federal government's \$700 billion bank rescue program, the Treasury Department said Wednesday.

Government officials haven't specifically said which banks will be subject to the tests, but under the government's criteria they would include large nationwide banks such as Citigroup Inc., Bank of America

Corp., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Wells Fargo & Co. The 19 largest banks hold two-thirds of the banking industry's assets.

Treasury officials said the new support will be provided through the government's purchase of preferred shares of the banks' stock that are convertible into common shares at a 10 percent discount to their price before Feb. 9. The additional financing will be available immediately if needed, the department said.

The preferred shares will carry a 9 percent dividend and be convertible at the bank's option, subject to regulatory approval. They will automatically convert in 7 years. Banks seeking additional funds will have to demonstrate how they would use the money to support their lending activities. Those plans would be made

public. The option to convert the preferred shares into common shares is a change in the rescue program designed to give the government greater flexibility in managing its assistance. The conversions would give the government larger ownership stakes and dilute current shareholders. That has raised concerns the government could ultimately takeover, or nationalize, ailing banks.

The Treasury Department also provided details of how the new stress tests will function. The tests will be conducted by bank regulators, including the Federal Reserve, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and Office of Thrift Supervision.

Facebook

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however you acknowledge that the Company may retain archived copies of your User Content."

Gordon Wishon, Notre Dame's Chief Information Officer, Associate Vice President and Associate Provost, said the posting of terms of use language is fairly common on the Web.

"Every company that provides services or software on the Internet to a community of users typically protects its intellectual property rights," Wishon said. "The question that often arises is then, in the course of normal use of the service, who actually owns the content and what rights does the company providing the service have to the content? That's exactly what's come up in the case of Facebook."

The Consumerist's Feb. 15 blog post, with the alarmist headline "Facebook's New Terms of Service: 'We Can Do Anything We Want With Your Content. Forever,'" had more than half a million views and propelled coverage of the story by other news media.

The concern raised throughout the Internet did not go unnoticed by Zuckerberg. The Facebook founder posted an item on his site titled "On Facebook, People Own and Control Their Information" in the late afternoon on Feb. 16. He said the site had updated its terms of use on Feb. 4 to clarify points about information ownership. He wrote several paragraphs outlining Facebook's philosophy on privacy and why the terms were edited.

"Our philosophy is that people own their own information and control who they share it with," Zuckerberg wrote. "When a person shares information on Facebook, they first need to grant Facebook a license to use that information so that we can show it to the other people they've asked us to share it with. Without this license, we couldn't help people share that information."

Most people do not read through the terms of use before choosing "I Agree," Wishon said.

"The typical user isn't even aware of the concerns or knowledgeable enough to ask the right questions, to look for the right language in the end user licensing agreement or terms of service," he said.

It is "essential" that people look at the terms of service for all sites before agreeing to it, he said.

In his post, Zuckerberg spoke of the complexity of the terms language and of the management of the site content itself. Giving people full ownership and control of their information so they can turn it off at anytime and enabling people to share information with others and using shared information are two positions "at odds with each

other," Zuckerberg said.

"There's no system today that enables me to share my email address with you and then simultaneously lets me control who you share it with and also lets you control what services you share it with," he wrote.

But shortly after midnight Feb. 18, Zuckerberg and Facebook reversed the terms of use changes. Prompted by feedback from users, Zuckerberg decided to go back to the previous terms until they can create, with input from Facebook users, a clearly written set of terms that will govern the way users interact with the site and vice versa.

It was "gratifying" to see that users recognized the seriousness of the issue, Wishon said, and also that Facebook acknowledged it needed to take different steps to ensure user confidentiality.

Zuckerberg invited users to join the conversation about the governing documents in the "Facebook Bill of Rights and Responsibilities" group. The new Terms will be unveiled in "the next few weeks," Zuckerberg wrote Feb. 18.

Wishon said he was surprised by the initial changes to the terms of use on Facebook.

"It was surprising to find that at least there was an interpretation of the new terms of service that suggested that Facebook was reducing the level of protection, or making claims that they hadn't previously made to content," Wishon said. "I was happy to see, of course, the company reverse that position and change the language so it was more clear what their intent was."

Wishon said his impression of Facebook and of Zuckerberg is that they are concerned about the privacy rights of users.

"I think that their prior history has shown that they do have a concern," he said. "There are others that simply don't have that same level of concern, and the challenge of course is for the end user really to know, and in fact the end user never knows, what's in the mind of the people that are running these companies," he said.

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) has not performed a survey of the number of Facebook users at Notre Dame, but Wishon said he would guess the percentage is "quite high."

Facebook lists 27,638 people in the Notre Dame network. Of course, not all of these people are students at the University.

But Facebook has infiltrated Notre Dame student life to a great degree since its inception. Friendships are confirmed on the site, event invitations are sent out and photo albums shared.

The second installment of this series will explore how Facebook use has evolved at Notre Dame, from 2004 to now.

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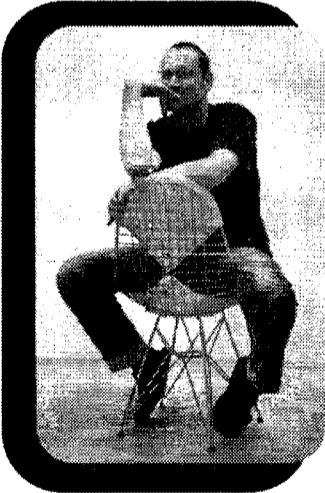
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Abroad

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first, second, third and fourth choice applications, the OIS received 1551 total applications from students, according to Opel.

Students who applied to study abroad programs may have been accepted, placed on a waitlist or not invited to a program.

"Being on the waitlist means you're eligible to go, and we have to see how many spaces become available," Opel said.

The number of openings for students depends on the host university, budgetary constraints and living accommodation spaces, she said.

"We want to give as many as possible the opportunity to go to a study abroad site that is appropriate for them," she said.

For each site, a committee of three people reviews applications and makes decisions, Opel said.

In evaluating applicants, the OIS must first consider the guidelines and requirements set by host institutions, Opel said. Some institutions may have minimum GPA or course requirements that students must meet.

After determining whether an applicant meets specific requirements set by the host university, they are screened to determine how well a program fits their needs and interests.

Selection committees consider how a site fits into a student's curriculum, major or career plans and whether internship or study opportunities would be available, Opel said.

Another aspect considered are a student's interests and reasons for wanting to study in a site and how the student plans to be involved in their community abroad, she said.

"What are students looking to do while studying abroad?" Opel said.

Applicants write essays as part of the application.

"For me, the most important piece of a student's application is the essay," she said. In the essay, students present an argument for why they would be good candidates for a study abroad site.

Two academic references provide insight into applicants as students, she said. A reference from a rector helps the committee get an idea of how a student will adjust to the living accommodations of an abroad site and may help determine whether a student would thrive in a dorm, an apartment or with a host

family, Opel said.

Applicants also need academic approval from the Office of Undergraduate Studies or the Office of the Dean, depending on the student's college, to show the selection committee that the student can study abroad and still meet graduation requirements on time, Opel said.

Kathleen Opel
director
OIS

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Parental consent and transcripts are also reviewed.

"We evaluate each file in its entirety," she said. "No one

part is the deciding factor." The selection committee then decides which students are qualified, and then, depending on availability, the most qualified students are invited to study at the site, according to Opel.

Once OIS determines which students to select and where to send them, a list is sent to the Office of Residence Life and Housing for review, she said.

"They'll tell us which students they might have reservations about or [which students] might not be appropriately placed."

The selection committee and Office of Residence Life and Housing consider the student's past behavior when making decisions.

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us," Opel said.

When the OIS goes through its first round of considering applicants, it only looks at the programs students select as their first choice, she said.

Typically, after acceptances are sent out, OIS starts to see how many spaces will be available and may offer them to students who selected the program as a second choice if there are no other students who selected the program as a first choice on the waitlist, Opel said.

In order to increase the likelihood of being accepted into a program, she said it helps if students apply to multiple programs.

Despite current economic troubles, the OIS received about as many applications from students this year as last year.

"It was fairly similar," Opel said. "I believe that we came out just as we did last year. We didn't see growth, but we didn't see a decrease."

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She said she was still not sure whether conditions will change and cause students to withdraw from an abroad program, but feels confident that students will be able to participate.

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Obama's jenga agenda

Tuesday night, President Obama addressed a joint session of Congress to put forth his agenda for the coming months and years. The plan was incredibly ambitious, outlining not only a plan for a revival of the short-term economy, but also imagining future reforms for education, energy and healthcare and greatly reducing the Federal deficit.



Jason Coleman

Man at Large

The first half of the speech was largely focused on the short-term economic woes facing the administration. He explained some of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and lauded the speed with which it was passed. He attempted to explain the government's actions in "bailing out" banks and financial institutions, and why these actions were necessary for the average American. And he, in his first bold proclamation of the address, urged congress to quickly begin work on a new legislative regulatory framework for the financial system. Even this widely supported endeavor (in this economics climate, at least) will be very difficult to pass quickly or easily.

Obama continued explaining that the best gifts one generation can give to the next are the investments in the future. With this in mind, he outlined health care, education and energy as the most important investments.

He began with energy. He noted that in three decades of talking, there has been little progress in energy independence. The stimulus package contains a considerable amount of money for renewable energy programs. Not settling, Obama exhorted congress to find him a market-based cap and trade system that would help make alternative

energy a profitable industry.

In the education department, Obama noted, correctly, that our educational edge has dulled over the last decades and that a retooling of the system is necessary. The United States rate of high school graduates has dropped to ninth among industrial countries, and the rate of college graduates has fallen to 10th. In an economy that is largely based on educated and trained professionals, in order to grow there has to be more, better educated people.

And finally, Obama acknowledged the elephant in the room in terms of budget problems: health care. Federal health care, namely Medicare and Medicaid, accounts for 4 percent of the US GDP, and is expected to more than double in the next 20 years. Not only did he pledge to lower costs through pushing for emergency medical records, but also in one of the few poorly worded phrases of the night, seemed to have promised a cure for cancer.

As the speech progressed and grew ever more ambitious, I began to think back to the game everyone played at least once growing up. Jenga was a game of skill, focus and daring. As the game progresses, it becomes much harder to play. Each block that is pulled out is stacked on top, and the tower's integrity is even further compromised.

Obama built himself a Jenga tower with this speech. He started at the bottom: layering bank refinancing and loan help for homeowners with new regulatory standards and job creation. Talk of education reform added a few more blocks, as did that cap and trade energy reform. Health care, an issue that has derailed the two previous administrations agendas, added an entire midsection to the tower.

Each policy goal and specific idea added blocks and rows to the agenda, and as if a very lofty tower were not sufficient, Obama added that the deficit

would be thoroughly examined and trimmed in his first term. This did not add bricks to the tower as much as it limited which blocks could even be pulled. It is as if Obama is allowing himself only to pull the middle blocks out of the tower. Although this would not be an issue for the first couple of efforts, as the final reforms, laws and ideas are attempted, the tower will begin to sway, and perhaps even collapse under its own weight. So is the case with the Obama agenda.

It is certainly my hope that Obama succeeds in all of these efforts. Each one is more than necessary to grow as a nation in an increasingly more competitive world. But with issues as complicated and often controversial as health care, social security, financial regulation and education, I can't help but imagine that an agenda built on all of these issues is prone to fail at some point in time.

However, Obama, reminiscent of his own Inauguration speech, recalled moments in our history where great progress followed great hardship. He spoke of the transcontinental railroad built in the throes of the Civil war, and talked about the growth of the public school system following the industrial revolution. He called to mind the G.I. Bill and the growth of university level education following the Second World War. As always, Obama eloquently provided a history of our country and attempted to let us imagine where we could fit in the story. He provides examples where American has risen to the occasions, and for our own sakes, I hope, in this sense, that history repeats itself.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The man who has confidence in himself gains the confidence of others."

Hasidic saying

This Lent I'm giving up Lent

A few years ago, I asked a friend, who had just finished his dissertation, "What are you giving up for Lent this year?" Still dazed from the research and writing hell he had just endured, he looked, slightly befuddled, slightly angry, at me and said, "I just finished Lent. This year for Lent I'm giving up Lent!" Seemed fair enough....

Fr. Lou DelFra

Faithpoint

For Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Catholics, Lent does arrive at a time that pretty much is Lent already — February, with Canadian winds air conditioning themselves over the Great Lakes before barreling into our little Shire. One student coming out of her dorm some frigid morning last week turned and said to her friend (in a great Southern drawl that absorbed and expelled her frustration with a wonderful, comic class) — "Sometimes I walk out here in the morning and want to say a prayer to start the day, but I feel that wind and the only thing going through my mind is, "Girl, what were you thinking coming here?!" Throw in midterms, no football, no Wrigley, now an economic recession — and the Church wants to throw Lent

into the mix?!! Just what we needed! Or is it?

I suppose if one understood Lent primarily as a season of suffering, we might reasonably find that there is already plenty happening in our lives and world to make the season rather redundant. Rubbing in the bad news, so to speak — a bad pun, I realize, after Ash Wednesday.

But what if the purpose of Lent is not understood to be the rubbing in of bad news, as much as it is a preparation for the reception of good news? What if the end result of Lent is not a heightened awareness of how grey and cold the Midwest winters, or our souls, are, but the stirring up of — right in the midst of winter — the hope for the bare-foot, Frisbee tossing warmth of the Spring?

As humans, we find it easier to recognize and ritualize our present limitations, more than our future glory. And this for an obvious reason — we live squarely in the former, while the latter exists beyond "what eye has seen or ear has heard." So it is perhaps not surprisingly that we celebrate the 40 days of Lent exceedingly more effectively than the 50 ensuing days of Easter. Ask most Catholics three weeks after Easter, "What day of Easter is it?"

and, especially on the East Coast, they will call you an insulting name. But ask any Catholic how many days of Lent left, and they will blurt out "18!" with images of cheeseburgers and chocolate dancing in their heads. It's just easier, this side of heaven, to sacramentalize our present incompleteness than our future wholeness.

In my favorite Mardi Gras Gospel — the one that prepares me for Lent better than any other — Jesus is asked, "Why do John the Baptist's and the Pharisees' disciples fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, then they will fast."

I love these words, for two reasons. First, they justify the Lenten fast from Jesus' own lips, which always helps when I am ready to succumb to that Bruno's sausage and pepperoni combo (have you had Bruno's homemade sausage yet — giving up Bruno's homemade sausage for Lent is the stuff of saints). Second, what I like most about this Gospel is that its focus — from beginning to end, from non-fasting to fasting — is the presence of Christ.

Fasting, this Gospel suggests, is not primarily ritualizing the curse of being

human, or the extinguishing of our hope. Or, more properly, fasting ritualizes the temporary absence of Christ — precisely to ones who have already deeply experienced His presence. And who have been promised eternal life with and through Him in the Resurrection, as inconceivable and difficult-to-ritualize that may be.

Lent, like everything we do as Catholics, must ultimately be about increasing our awareness of and responsive to the living presence of Christ. In our minds and hearts. In the lives of others, particularly the suffering. In our Church and worship. In our world. In every aspect of our lives. Perhaps we might choose a fasting that will heighten our longing in all these places for the joy and wholeness that is promised us through the presence of Christ. Though I do not recommend giving up Bruno's sausage to the feint of heart....

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why everyone always needs guns

The other day, a student attempted to enter the home of a 28 year old man. After showing deliberate malice by knocking threateningly at the door, the man reacted the only way he could. He didn't try to see who the person was, which is good, because if you can see them, then they can see you, and, by extension, KILL YOU. Instead, he enveloped himself in complete and utter terror — like he should — and fired his gun wildly through the door. I do have to denounce his aim, however. He only hit the victim, a 23 year old ND student, in the arm, while everyone knows that that won't stop your common hooligan, all hopped up on "mary-jane" and the "hook-up culture." Instead, it only makes them angrier, which is why you have to aim for the head. Like zombies. George Washington didn't make up the

second amendment just because God told him to. He also knew that you can TRUST NO ONE, and must be prepared at all times to unleash a panicked volley of bullets. This is why, whenever anyone tries to pass me on the highway, I brandish my uzi, because I never know when someone is going to swerve in front of me, block the road, bludgeon me with a shovel, and sell my unconscious body to Eckerd's Pharmacy for medical testing. This happens EVERY DAY. So, anonymous 28 year old gunman, I salute you. Keep fighting the good fight, against anyone and everyone, everywhere.

James Spitalere
 senior
 off campus
 Feb. 25

Apologizing in March

Thanksgiving in February is a wonderful event that gives the Notre Dame student body an opportunity to express their gratitude for the monetary support alumni and other donors offer to the school to make its academic mission possible.

Nevertheless, I think there is an additional, more important message we need to relate to alumni. It is my opinion that the student body should — on behalf of the University — apologize for the treatment to which the alumni have been made subject at football games in recent years. For this reason, I propose a corollary to Thanksgiving in February: Apologizing in March.

We're sorry that you are constantly harassed by ushers and police on game-day. We're sorry that you have to watch your step inside the Stadium, not because you're worried about falling and hurting yourself, but because the slightest slip or stumble seems to have turned into a clear sign that you are intoxicated.

We're sorry that showing your support for the team outside the student section has become reason to be ejected from the stadium. We're sorry that Cappy and many of the ushers are more concerned with hunting down and turning as many people as possible over to the police for arrest than with creating a safe and enjoyable environment for football fans. We're sorry the essential characteristic for a "good" game no longer involves the outcome on the field but whether or not you end up in jail that day. Finally, we're sorry that some of you had to voice your complaints and concerns on the Internet because many higher-ups here at the University would not listen.

This list of apologies can go on much longer than this, but I think everyone gets the idea.

James McCaughan
 junior
 Siegfried Hall
 Feb. 23

Health care purpose

By lumping Grandma's health care treatment together with patients who are in a persistent vegetative state (PVS), Professor Rice misses the point of what's at stake in providing health care treatment to the elderly ("Catholics and euthanasia", Feb. 24).

Patients who are in a PVS, such as Terry Schiavo, are usually stable and able to stay alive almost indefinitely if they receive food and water. It is only as to these PVS patients that the Vatican has stated that the denial of food and water, even through a feeding tube, would be a form of euthanasia.

By contrast, very few elderly patients wind up in a PVS. Rather,

they suffer from one or more progressive and irreversible illnesses, such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease or cancer. In many such cases, a terminal stage is reached where treatment can no longer prolong life or alleviate suffering.

Nothing in Church teaching, and specifically in the 2007 CDF statement, compels physicians or families to continue with a feeding tube or other forms of artificial nutrition and hydration in those circumstances.

Martin Hagan
 alumnus
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 Feb. 24

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By J.J. REES
Scene Writer

While certainly not a big city, South Bend is able to claim a fair influence on jazz. South Bend has yielded notables, from Junior Walker's star Motown drummer Billy "Stix" Nicks to the nation's oldest Collegiate Jazz Festival. Even legendary Wynton Marsalis has performed at Notre Dame twice in the last five years. Trying to capitalize on the city's jazz heritage is a fair number of jazz clubs, ranging from hole-in-the-wall (The Pub) to high-end (Club LaSalle). Somewhere in the middle falls Trio's Restaurant & Jazz Club, at Michigan and Colfax in the city.

Billed as an "upscale casual dining" experience, Trio's makes an attempt at emulating a bigger city offering.

The room is divided into one-third restaurant, one-third jazz club and one-third bar, although the short balustrades leave openness for all three to intermingle. Even though Trio's opened in the fall of 2007, the paintings and colors give the atmosphere a 90s feel, and uncomfortably so; I was almost wary of running into friends' parents on their date night. The bathrooms were in fine shape, but the bizarre faucets would have been more appropriate at Tomorrowland.

Next to the award-winning menu (the handout, not the food), certainly one of Trio's best assets is the music. While not exactly one of the city's more fun jazz clubs, the music seems to be on par with the rest. A live jazz pianist works Wednesdays and Thursdays, and South Bend favorites like Nicks' Quartet and Trio's house band, The Herb Wilson Ensemble, play Fridays and Saturdays. Their thorough website has an extended schedule (and also full menus). On Sundays, Trio's offers a Champagne Jazz Brunch, with menu

items including eggs benedict and homemade blueberry shortcake.

Executive Chef Brett Boomhower serves American food, highlighting the cuisine of Kansas City and New Orleans. Dishes like "St. Louis style" barbecue pork ribs and jambalaya are meant to evoke Boomhower's national worldliness, but these items don't exactly whisk diners out of South Bend.

Some of the best food from Trio's is hidden in the specials, like the voodoo flatbread pizza, with a taste of chipotle. For appetizers, the sampler provided perhaps the best part of the meal: an excellent red pepper hummus and pita, full spinach artichoke dip and chips and bruschetta with a slightly spicy tomato mix. On Mardi Gras, the crawfish and shrimp gumbo was a marvelous non-menu item treat.

Plates are served with generous portions, especially for upscale dining. The desserts run the gamut. The key lime pie is not bad, but too many things are slightly off. The pody is too creamy, the crust is too soggy and the pie is not tart enough to compensate for the sweet drizzle. The homemade peach bread pudding was something to acknowledge. Even the sweetest tooth won't be able to cope with the overwhelming primary taste of sugar, although in between the first and last few bites, the warm bread and sugary pud-

ding are able to be ashamedly enjoyed. The highlight of the desserts was the homemade whipped cream — almost a dessert in itself.

All things considered, the best way to describe Trio's is as a near miss. The service was excellent; our amicable wait-

ress chatted with us about the menu and even tried the specials. But, the sampler came out a minute after our entrées, leaving us to play a difficult game of lifeboat ethics with the food. The dips were fantastic, but the pita was stale. The gumbo was a treat, but lacking

a certain authenticity. The yankee pot roast was well-rounded, but the gravy sauce tasted canned. The desserts were tasty, but too sweet or too soft. Even the atmosphere was almost fit, but the lighting was much better suited for nighttime.

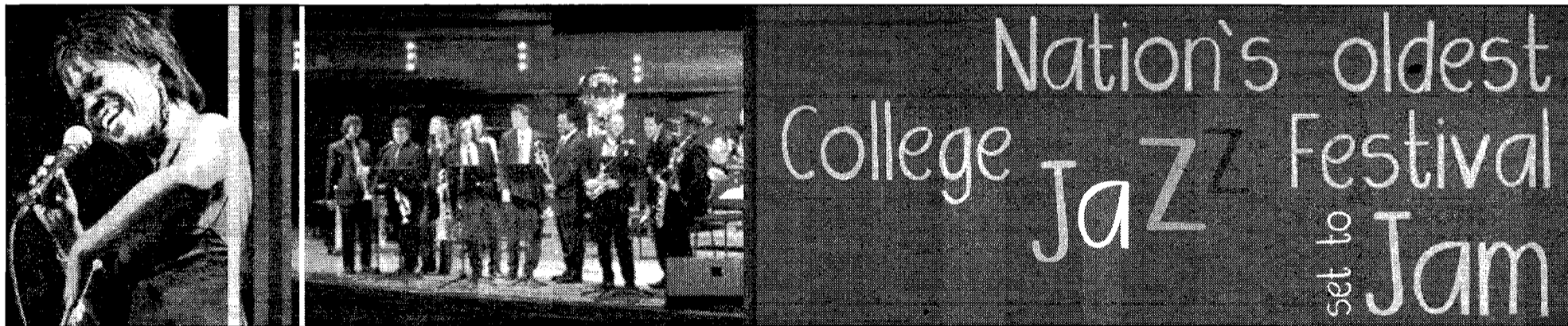
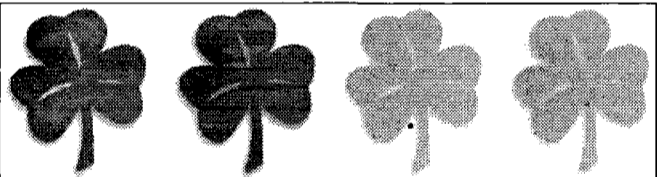
Trio's is only over a year old, and Boomhower and staff could do well to continue tweaking. With the great location (across the street from the South Bend Chocolate Company), and the great outlet for South Bend Jazz, Trio's has potential as a solid date restaurant. I haven't written Trio's off, but I'll wait for some minor changes before my next visit.

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By MARTHA KARAM
Scene Writer

Celebrating 51 years with Jazz bands from all over the country, the Intercollegiate Jazz Festival of Notre Dame starts today. The festival is the oldest college jazz festival in the nation and though judges will be presiding, the festival is not a competition, but a learning experience for the competing bands and the audience.

As the first collegiate Jazz Festival in the nation, the Intercollegiate Jazz Festival of Notre Dame is an integral reason why you listen to jazz today. The festival moved jazz into mainstream culture as "All-American Music", shifting away from the depictions of jazz as the background music only heard in dark, sinful smoky bars. The festival encour-

aged jazz as music to be studied, improved and learned, which before Notre Dame was unheard of in most Collegiate music programs. The educational goal of the festival is the most important aspect still.

The Festival started in 1959 and was hosted by Lyon's Hall, nicknamed the "hotspot of Jazz on the Notre Dame campus," and was sponsored by the "Collegiate Jazz Festival Committee." The festival included door prizes, many more bands than the festival currently does and was held in mid-March.

The festival consists of clinics — free for students to attend — that feature jazz bands and ensembles ranging in size from one performer to thirty in some instances. The featured judges, notable musicians invited by the University, answer questions and critique the performances.

Intercollegiate Jazz Festival of Notre Dame Friday and Saturday 7-11 p.m. Tickets are free for Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross Students

Previous performers and judges at the Intercollegiate Jazz Festival have been Bill Evans, Quincy Jones, Wynton Marsalis and Dee Dee Bridgewater, and if those names don't mean anything to you, then you have all the more reason to attend the festival.

This year's performers live up the festival's reputation with the Notre Dame Jazz Band, the Western Michigan Jazz Combo, two jazz ensembles from Eastern Illinois, Alma College Jazz Percussion and Steel Drum Ensemble, Notre Dame New Orleans Brass Band and North Carolina Central University Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

This year's judges include Nnenna Freelon, a five time nominated Grammy Award singer who has worked with acts such as Ray Charles, Ellis Marsalis, Al Jarreau, Anita Baker and Aretha Franklin. The other judges featured are Joel Holmes, Wayne Batchelor, Kinah Boto Ayah and Virginia Mayhew, who will all be performing with Freelon at 10

p.m. on Friday.

Even for students who do not know or are not remotely interested in jazz music, the festival includes other events on campus commemorating and celebrating the "jazz lifestyle." To kick the festival tonight there will be free swing lessons in the LaFortune Ballroom at 8 p.m. and open swing dancing at 9 p.m. featuring the Notre Dame Jazz Band II and Notre Dame New Orleans Brass Band.

The musical aspect of the festival is split into two sessions, Friday from 7-11 p.m. and Saturday from 7-11p.m. A free clinic with the Collegiate Jazz Festival Judges will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Ricci Band Building.

Tickets for the Concert Sessions are available at the LaFortune Box office. All events are Free for ND/SMC/HCC students. Non-student prices are \$5 for one session and \$8 for two sessions. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

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WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

THUR.



Valentiger: 8 p.m., Ewing Café

Anybody heard of Ben Kweller? What about The Format or Collective Soul? Having played with all of these artists comes Valentiger, a band hailing from Grand Rapids, Mich., who will perform tonight in South Bend's "Ewing Café" at 8 p.m. Valentiger's new album, "Power Lines to Electric Times (PLTET)" features Brent Shirey on the vocals and guitar, Eric Kehoe on the bass and keyboards and Scott Rider on the drums. Citing the 60s as a heavy inspiration for their style, the band seeks to cultivate a mixture of warm classic sounds with contemporary experiences. Enjoy sounds similar to that of Neil Young, The Beatles and The Kinks by coming out to the Ewing Café for what promises to be a fun and entertaining night.

Hula Girls (2006): 9:30 p.m., Browning Cinema

With a tagline that reads, "They danced their way into the heart of a nation," the film "Hula Girls" promises to be an inspirational, entertaining and heartwarming tale based on a true story. In 1965, when Japan's largest mainland coalmine Joban faced threats of an imminent closing, the town decided to rise up and save the industry that many of their families had come to depend on. The event "Hawaiian Paradise" was created to both raise money for the mines and to lighten the gloomy mood that had befallen the town, featuring a special hula show put on by the coal miners' daughters. As challenges befall the young women who will attempt to dance their way into the heart of their nation, they learn to knock down barriers and overcome trials.



FRI.

Yes Man: 8 and 10:30 p.m., 101 DeBartolo

Yes. Imagine making that the only word in your vocabulary. When Carl Allen (Jim Carrey) notices that his life is officially going nowhere, he realizes a change is in order. He decides to sign up for a self-help program and his life immediately veers off its monotonous course onto a path much more exciting and unexpected.

Things get increasingly better for Carl, but as we all know, what goes up must come down. Watch this hilarious Jim Carrey flick for a good laugh Friday night.

The film also stars Zooey Deschanel ("The Happening") as Allison, Allen's love interest. Tickets are \$3 for students.

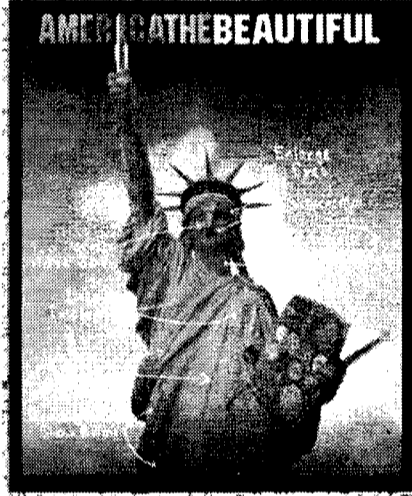


America the Beautiful (2007): 3:00 p.m., Browning Cinema

No topic is left untouched in the documentary "America the Beautiful," which conquers American's perceptions of beauty and the implications those perceptions have on our society. With topics ranging from child models to plastic surgery to celebrity worship, this winner of many international awards will make viewers question the heroes we look up to today and the industry that constantly manipulates our view of what is physically acceptable. Learn more about America's obsession with aesthetics this Sunday in Browning Cinema.

This is a free but ticketed event.

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Dining Hall Dish

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Hopefully Dining Hall Dish is doing a good job diversifying your dining hall meals, but if not, don't hesitate to come up with your own ideas. The last thing you want to do is get bored with what you eat; it's a long semester.

A good way to start is to pick one ingredient you haven't used in awhile and see what you can build around it. And when you're finished? Share it with the rest of us!

This week's recipes:

Grilled Chicken and Mushroom

This recipe requires you to wait for the next time the dining hall does grilled vegetables, but it is a good way to put a twist on something already good. Make sure to use good bread to give it the best start.

1. Pick up two good slices of bread and spread a thin layer of olive oil on one side. Grill in the Panini press until they are toasty.
2. Place a grilled chicken breast on the toast. Top with a slice of provolone or Swiss cheese.
3. Top with grilled mush-

rooms. (If you aren't a fan of mushrooms, try out the other grilled options like zucchini.)

4. Sprinkle some balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper on top of some spinach. Add to sandwich.

5. Close up the sandwich and enjoy.

Leprechaun Poo Shake

This is a very tasty—and creatively named—milkshake thought up by Charlie Vogelheim. Mint mixed with chocolate is hard to beat!

1. Fill three-quarters of a cup with mint soft serve.

2. Add some crushed Oreos and a little bit of chocolate syrup.

3. Fill the rest of the cup with milk and mix with a spoon.

Quick Tip

Tired of regular cereal for breakfast? Try replacing the milk with yogurt for a different start to the morning. Fruit and honey can add new elements as well.

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

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies beat Eagles for Calhoun's 800th win

Northwestern gets first-ever win at Assembly Hall over Indiana; Virginia Tech upsets No. 12 Clemson at home

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Jim Calhoun's 800th career victory came thanks in large part to senior guard A.J. Price, who scored a career-high 36 points as No. 2 Connecticut beat No. 8 Marquette 93-82 on Wednesday night.

Calhoun became only the seventh coach in Division I history to win 800 or more games. Stanley Robinson added 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Huskies (26-2, 14-2 Big East), who had a pronounced size advantage going into the game but ended up getting the best of Marquette on the perimeter, too.

Jerel McNeal scored 26 points for the Golden Eagles (23-5, 12-3), who played most of the game without guard Dominic James who broke a bone in his left foot in the first half.

James played only 4 minutes, and the school announced after halftime that he broke the fifth metatarsal in his left foot. No timeline was given for his return. James, one of the Golden Eagles' trio of standout senior guards, has 1,749 points and is considered one of the Big East's top defensive players.

Maurice Acker picked up the majority of James' minutes running the offense, and the Golden Eagles kept rallying after

Connecticut squandered several chances to run away.

After yet another Marquette rally, Price finally clinched the game by hitting a 3-pointer to put the Huskies ahead by eight points with 1:10 left in the game.

Trailing by 11 early in the second half after Price hit two 3-pointers and a jumper on three straight possessions, Marquette went on a 12-0 run that included two 3-pointers by Acker to take a 1-point lead with 12:07 remaining.

But Connecticut regained control with an 11-0 run that included three three-point plays — one by Kemba Walker and two by Robinson on consecutive possessions that put the Huskies up 82-74 with 4:28 remaining.

Marquette rallied again to cut the lead to three on a pull-up jumper by McNeal with 2:28 left. And the Golden Eagles appeared to come up with a defensive stop when Price missed a driving layup, but McNeal was called for a loose ball foul and Jeff Adrien hit two free throws to extend the lead to five.

Price hit the clinching 3-pointer from the left wing with 1:10 remaining, then added two free throws to put Connecticut ahead 91-81 with 45.5 seconds left.

Perhaps surprisingly, the Huskies didn't do much to

involve 7-foot-3 Hasheem Thabeet on offense very much in the first half, despite having a significant size advantage over Marquette's tallest starter, 6-8 Dwight Burke. But Thabeet scored nine of his 14 points in the second half and finished with 15 rebounds.

Thabeet remained a force on defense throughout the game, blocking five shots and altering just about anything Marquette did in the paint.

Marquette's student section didn't let Calhoun forget about his recent dustup with a freelance journalist, frequently chanting "not one dime" — part of Calhoun's terse response to a question about giving back part of his salary — and holding up signs with Calhoun's head on a coin.

Northwestern 75, Indiana 53

Northwestern waited more than four decades to win in Bloomington.

So imagine how it felt when the futility ended Wednesday night.

Craig Moore scored 17 points and Michael Thompson had 16, and the Wildcats pulled their starters in the closing minutes, putting away Indiana 75-53 for the school's first-ever victory at Assembly Hall.

It was a long time coming.

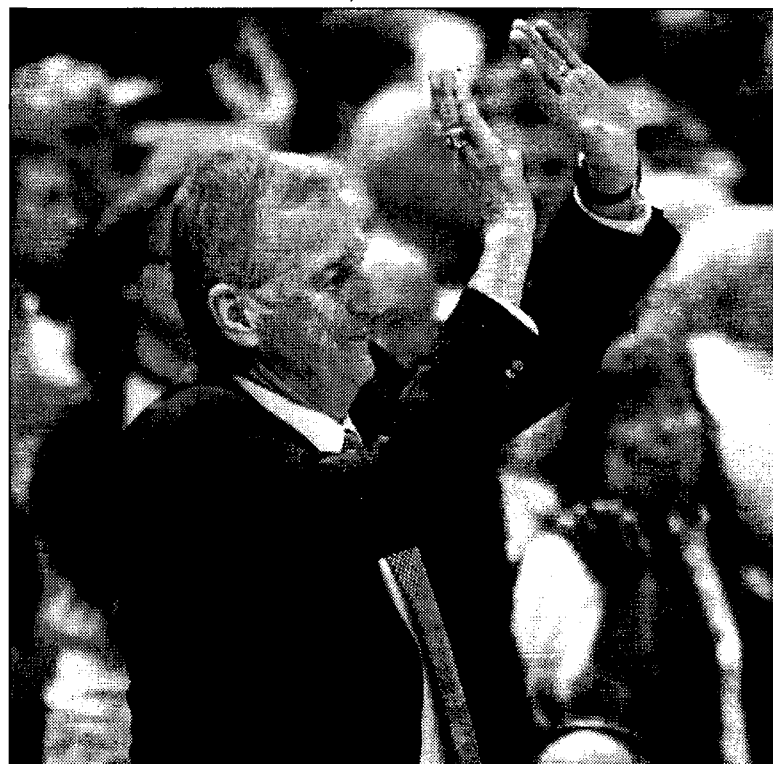
The Wildcats (15-11, 6-9 Big Ten) had lost 33 straight on the Hoosiers' home court, 35 in a row in Bloomington, and their last at Indiana came in 1968. After all that, and enduring some rugged moments Wednesday, they made this one look easy.

Indiana (6-21, 1-14) was led by Kyle Taber, who scored a career-high 12 points. Nick Williams had 11.

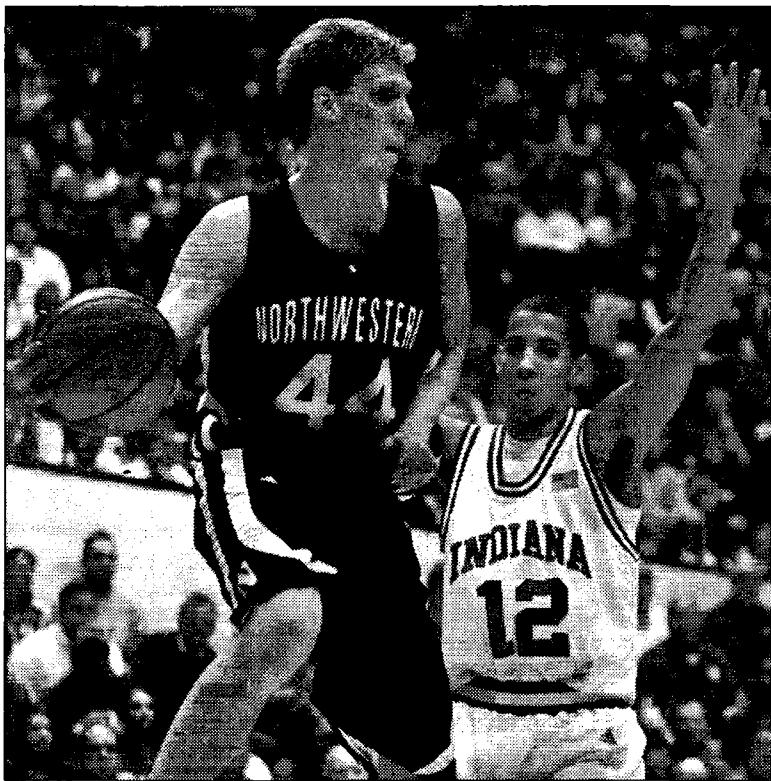
But the Hoosiers were outplayed by Northwestern's defense, committing 17 turnovers, and were outscored 24-12 over the final 12 minutes.

At times, it got physical. Craig Moore and Williams drew double technicals in the second half, and Moore crumbled to the ground when Indiana's Tom Pritchard was called for a moving pick. In the first half, Indiana guard Devan Dumes grabbed his right shoulder, wincing in pain after a tussle with Northwestern players, but continued to play.

To the Wildcats, it didn't matter. They were on a mission, one



Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun celebrates Wednesday after capturing his 800th career win over No. 8 Marquette.



Northwestern forward Kevin Cole passes during the Wildcats' 75-53 over Indiana in Bloomington on Wednesday.

that the short-handed Hoosiers could not derail.

Virginia Tech 80, No. 12 Clemson 77

Malcolm Delaney scored 26 points and Virginia Tech ended a three-game losing streak with a victory over No. 12 Clemson on Wednesday night.

Delaney put the Hokies (17-10, 7-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) ahead for good with 7 minutes left, then kept pushing them forward to keep their NCAA tournament hopes alive.

Clemson (22-5, 8-5) had a final shot to tie the game, but Demontez Stitt missed a desperation 3-point try.

The Hokies jumped on the court with Delaney leading the cheers. And why not? His latest performance capped an amazing two games against the Tigers this season. He had 37 points last month — still tops in the ACC this year — in Clemson's 86-82 win at Blacksburg.

Delaney didn't start out well, shooting 3-of-10 from the field for nine points in the first half. He and his teammates picked up the pace in the second half. Delaney hit three of his four 3-pointers down the stretch and the Hokies were 7-of-11 from behind the arc in the second half.

Terrence Oglesby had 22 points, including six 3-pointers, for Clemson. However, he couldn't get free on the Tigers' final play and Stitt had to force up a wild shot that did not have a chance of going in.

Trevor had 21 points and 11 rebounds, his 10th double-double of the season, for the Tigers and K.C. Rivers also had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

A.D. Vassallo added 21 points for Virginia Tech, which had lost its past four games to Clemson.

Delaney's free throw broke a 68-all tie with 6:42 to go. He hit his last 3-pointer with 3:35 remaining to put the Hokies ahead 75-70.

But this is a series that almost always goes down the wire — the past seven games have been decided by five points or less — and this one was no different.

Delaney missed a close-in shot in the final minute that Booker converted into a breakaway layup to bring the Tigers within 78-77.

Vassallo added Virginia Tech's final points moments later with two free throws, setting up Clemson's last chance.

Virginia Tech looked ready to pull away in the middle of the second half. Hank Thornes hit a go-ahead 3-pointer and a driving basket.

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NCBWA Division I Men's Baseball Poll

team	record	points
1 North Carolina	3-0	30
2 LSU	3-0	29
3 Texas A&M	4-0	28
4 Georgia	3-0	27
5 Florida St.	4-0	26
6 Arizona St.	4-0	25
7 Texas	4-0	24
8 Georgia Tech	3-0	23
9 Rice	1-2	22
10 Miami (Fla.)	3-1	21
11 Stanford	2-1	20
12 Oklahoma St.	4-0	19
13 Florida	3-0	18
14 UC Irvine	3-1	17
15 Fresno St.	2-1	16
16 Cal St. Fullerton	1-2	15
17 San Diego	2-1	14
18 Coastal Carolina	3-1	13
19 Clemson	3-0	12
20 Baylor	2-1	11
21 Pepperdine	2-1	10
22 Oklahoma	4-0	9
23 East Carolina	3-0	8
24 Mississippi	1-2	7
25 Michigan	4-0	6

USTFCCA Division I Men's Indoor Track and Field

team	points	previous
1 Oregon	168	3
2 Arkansas	149	1
3 Florida St.	101	5
4 Texas A&M	95	4
5 Nebraska	91	20
6 LSU	84	8
7 Florida	76	6
8 Texas	75	7
9 Oklahoma	68	19
10 Texas Tech	67	9
11 Minnesota	62	NR
12 Arizona St.	60	2
13 Georgia	59	11
14 UCLA	59	23
15 Baylor	57	21
16 Oklahoma St.	50	NR
17 Kentucky	50	18
18 BYU	46	12
19 Michigan St.	45	NR
20 Washington	43	NR
21 Auburn	43	NR
22 South Carolina	42	14
23 Missouri	42	25
24 Arizona	40	22
25 Kansas St.	40	17

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1 Connecticut	14-0
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3 Pittsburgh	10-3
4 Villanova	9-5
5 NOTRE DAME	8-6
6 DePaul	8-6
7 Rutgers	8-6
8 Georgetown	7-7
9 Marquette	7-7
10 South Florida	6-8
11 West Virginia	4-9
12 St. John's	4-10
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14 Providence	4-10
15 Seton Hall	3-11
16 Cincinnati	3-11

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PGA



Tiger Woods watches his tee shot Wednesday on the par-3 12th hole at the Accenture Match Play Championship. Woods defeated Brendan Jones 3-and-2 in his first competitive round in eight months after a knee injury.

Woods victorious in first round

Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Eight months later, Tiger Woods looked as though he had never been away.

Woods made a triumphant return to golf Wednesday in the Accenture Match Play Championship with a start that showed golf what it had been missing in the 253 days since he limped his way to an epic U.S. Open title.

Just past high noon in the desert, Woods fired an 8-iron into 5 feet for birdie. Then came a gentle fist pump when his approach to the par-5 second settled 4 feet

from the cup for eagle.

He closed out Brendan Jones of Australia with a 3-foot par on the 16th hole for a 3-and-2 victory.

"I told Stevie I felt like we haven't been away," Woods said, referring to caddie Steve Williams. "It was business as usual."

But this was no ordinary day.

Before thousands of fans who scurried through the high desert, eager to see every shot from the world's No. 1 player, Woods never showed any indication that he had reconstructive surgery on his left

knee a week after winning the U.S. Open.

"It held up," he said. "It felt good."

Woods said he had looked forward to the nerves of standing on the first tee and the rush of competing. It was as if all that time away from golf had been bottled up inside of him. And then it came gushing out on a scorching day north of Tucson, where temperatures approached 90 degrees.

Fans packed into the bleachers around the first tee, with more lined up behind the ropes all the way to the green, and the cheer when

Woods walked onto the tee could be heard all the way down the fairway.

Woods backed off his tee shot, and without much expression, belted a fairway metal down the right side of the fairway.

"You are back!" one spectator shouted.

Was he ever.

He won the first two holes before some rust settled in. Woods made three bogeys over his next five holes and was leading, 1 up, until he birdied the par-5 eighth with a 6-foot putt.

Jones never got any closer.

IN BRIEF

Brooks, Dunn, others released by Buccaneers

TAMPA, Fla. — Derrick Brooks, one of the top players in Tampa Bay history, was cut by the Buccaneers on Wednesday in a purge of the team's older players.

Brooks, the NFL's defensive player of the year when Tampa Bay won the Super Bowl after the 2002 season, was among five players cut, four of them older than 32-year-old Raheem Morris, the team's new head coach.

The others were wide receivers Joey Galloway and Ike Hilliard, running back Warrick Dunn and linebacker Cato June. The 29-year-old June is the only player under 30 and the only one younger than Morris.

The releases save more than \$10 million in salary cap space for a team that already is close to \$50 million under the projected cap of \$123 million. General manager Mark Dominik said the object of the cuts was less to save money than to get the team younger.

Rodriguez hits home run in spring training debut

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Back on the field, Alex Rodriguez was able to put aside the steroids scandal.

At least for a little while.

Booed and taunted by opposing fans in the Yankees' spring training opener, Rodriguez homered and drew two walks Wednesday in a 6-1 exhibition victory over Toronto that was anything but routine.

It was his first game since admitting he took performance-enhancing drugs from 2001-03 with Texas. He left after drawing a walk in the fifth inning, then signed autographs for five minutes before calling it a day.

"This is what I do. I know how to play baseball," Rodriguez said. "I just hope that's the start of something really special for this year. I feel really good about our team."

Running back Jacobs signs four-year deal with Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Less than two weeks after putting a franchise tag on him, the New York Giants signed bruising halfback Brandon Jacobs to a four-year, \$25 million contract on Wednesday.

The signing came less than two days before the start of the NFL free agency period.

"I was confident all along that this was going to get done I didn't panic one bit," Jacobs said in a statement released by the team. "I know the reason we did it the way we did; I knew I was going to be here. I was super-confident and I am here. I'm happy about it."

The deal includes \$13 million in guarantees. Jacobs will earn \$15 over the first two years.

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NFL

Jets release receiver Coles

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Jets restructured Laveranues Coles' contract Wednesday, allowing the veteran wide receiver to become an unrestricted free agent when the signing period begins Friday.

Coles, 31, was heading into the final year of his contract, but was looking for a long-term deal. Because of the compromise between the sides, the Jets are off the hook for the guaranteed \$6 million Coles was due this upcoming season.

"I spoke with him today and expressed my appreciation for his contributions both on and off the field," general manager Mike Tannenbaum said. "This move will allow Laveranues to explore his options, and we both agreed to keep the lines of communication open."

The move comes after a series of salary dumps by the Jets, who have also cut tight end Chris Baker, defensive back David Barrett, and linebackers David Bowens and Brad Kassell.

Coles will immediately become one of the top available free agents at wide receiver, joining a group led by T.J. Houshmandzadeh. Teams are allowed to begin signing free agents on Friday at 12:01 a.m. EST.

Coles caught 70 passes for 850 yards and seven touch-

downs from Brett Favre last season. He was a third-round pick by New York in 2000 and played two seasons before signing as a free agent with Washington. After two years with the Redskins, Coles was traded back to the Jets before the 2005 season.

"I have had the pleasure of getting to know Laveranues since he entered the league in 2000," Tannenbaum said. "He is a fierce competitor, a great teammate and a good friend who has always given his best to the New York Jets."

Before last season, Coles threatened to sit out during the offseason program because he wanted a long-term deal, but coach Eric Mangini — during a trip to the receiver's home — convinced him to back off his demands after expressing that he was an invaluable part of the team. The Jets then had the final two years of Coles' contract — about \$11 million — guaranteed in a good-faith move.

That would've put the Jets on the hook for his salary this season if not for the compromise.

Coles told The Star-Ledger of Newark that he could still end up re-signing with the Jets.

"We didn't leave on bad terms," Coles told the newspaper. "It's not out of the question that I could come back."

A team captain in 2007, Coles also became a fan favorite dur-

ing his second stint with the Jets while playing through numerous injuries in recent seasons, including at least two concussions. He had his streak of playing in 107 straight games end in November 2007 because of a concussion, and was briefly knocked unconscious when he was leveled by a hit by Miami's Zach Thomas in December 2006. He also suffered a concussion early last season.

Coles, who had a career-high 91 catches in 2006, has 631 career receptions for 8,095 yards and 44 touchdowns. He struggled to click with Favre early last season when the Jets cut his good friend Chad Pennington. A few days later, Pennington was signed by Miami and led the Dolphins to the playoffs while being voted NFL Comeback Player of the Year for the second time in three seasons.

Coles, from Jacksonville, could possibly seek a reunion with Pennington and try to sign with the Dolphins. Also, Bill Parcells, the man who drafted Coles when he was with the Jets as general manager, is currently the Dolphins' executive vice president of football operations.

If Coles doesn't return, it would leave New York extremely thin at receiver, with only Jericho Cotchery, Brad Smith and Chansi Stuckey having played a significant number of games.

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NBA

Marbury released by Knicks after five years

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donnie Walsh never enjoyed having a role in the Stephon Marbury soap opera, but was prepared to deal with it until he found the right conclusion for the New York Knicks.

When he finally did, Walsh let Marbury go in time to be eligible to play in the postseason.

That came Tuesday, when what began as an arbitration hearing turned into a negotiation, and the sides came to an agreement that ended Marbury's disappointing and distracting Knicks career. Walsh made it clear that Marbury had to make a substantial concession to arrange his exit.

"Obviously the buyout was significant enough for us to stop our worries about the risk of

the competitiveness side of it. I don't mean on the basketball floor, but from a financial situation," Walsh said Wednesday. "So we're willing to say, 'OK, we'll do it and you can find your team.'"

The sides had first tried to negotiate a buyout nearly three months ago, but that meeting lasted just 20 minutes before Marbury walked out, frustrated with the terms Walsh sought.

Marbury originally vowed he wouldn't give up any of the \$20.8 million he was scheduled to earn this season, then eventually said he would surrender \$1 million. Walsh likely sought double that to let Marbury leave.

They were face-to-face again Tuesday when an arbitrator heard Marbury's grievance of the nearly \$400,000 in salary the Knicks docked him after alleging he refused to play in a November game. That was quickly scrapped as buyout talks began after lunch.

Walsh could have held on to Marbury through this weekend, making him ineligible to play for another team in the post-season, but preferred to avoid that — if Marbury cooperated.

"Not if I saw he was making a legitimate effort to put us in the right position, acknowledging our position," Walsh said.

Walsh, in his first year in New York, acknowledged the situation being a distraction for him, and said he wasn't comfortable being at odds with a player.

The players didn't have the same difficulties. To them, Marbury was long ago gone and forgotten.

"He hasn't really been seen in a little while," forward David Lee said after the Knicks' morning shootaround. "Almost somewhat of a dead issue for us because we knew at some point it would probably happen."

Marbury's exit may have taken longer than expected — there was some surprise he was even with the team when training camp opened — but the Knicks haven't been spending much time thinking about their former captain.

"It's not like, 'Oh now we can really play basketball, we're not distracted,'" coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We weren't distracted before."

Nor does D'Antoni have any regrets about the way he handled his time with Marbury, starting with his decision to bench him on opening night that surprised both the point guard and Walsh.

"We said all along, tough situation," D'Antoni said. "We weren't on the same page."

Marbury is now free to join a playoff contender once he clears waivers, and he's already been linked to the Boston Celtics. Nobody knows how much he'll help though, since he hasn't played a regular-season game in more than a year.

"We'll see. I don't know," Knicks forward Quentin Richardson said. "I don't know what he's been doing. I assume he's been working out or whatever. I mean, only thing I can say is time will tell. Good luck to him."

Though Marbury had still been a Knick, he wasn't a part of the team much toward the end of his turbulent time in New York.

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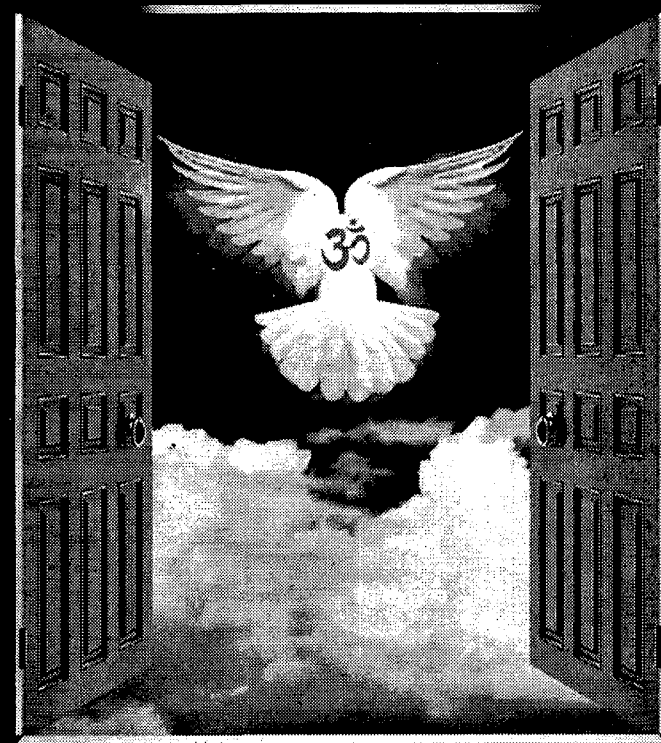
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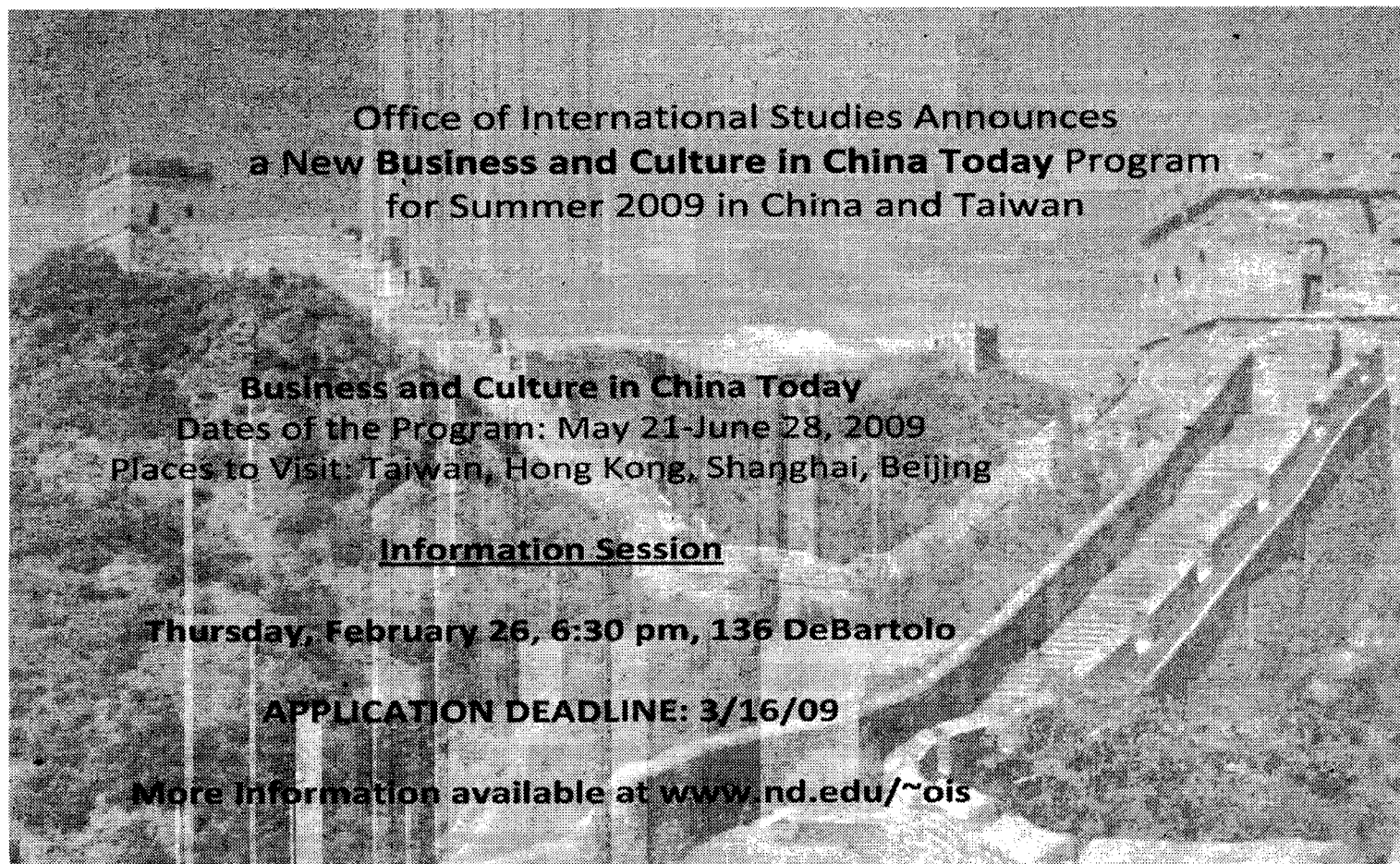
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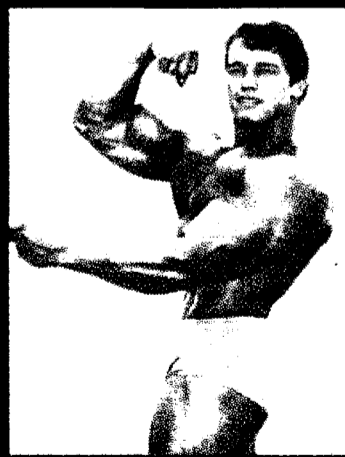
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NHL

Tortorella gives Rangers new rules

Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. —John Tortorella brought bluster and a new set of rules during his first day as coach of the New York Rangers.

The man with the booming voice and the rugged reputation got right to work Tuesday morning as he presided over practice and tried to turn around a slumping team that has lost its way.

You didn't have to look further than the dressing room to see where Tortorella has already left his mark. No longer will anyone — player, coach, trainer, or media member — step foot on the big Rangers logo in the center of the carpet. Respect starts there way before it ever shows up on the ice.

"There is not much room on the two sides there, so we're going to have to figure that out," Tortorella said less than 24 hours after replacing fired coach Tom Renney. "I just don't think you should do that. I don't think you walk on a logo anywhere. So, yeah, that's the way it's going to be."

While Renney preferred a defensive-oriented system that featured four lines and often produced low-scoring games decided after regulation, Tortorella favors an up-tempo, aggressive mentality that pressures the opposition.

He admitted that he stuck too long to that style last season in Tampa Bay when his defensemen couldn't handle it. Tortorella wants to try it again, and feels confident that if opponents get good scoring chances, Henrik Lundqvist — whom he called the NHL's best goalie — will bail out the Rangers.

Tortorella took time during practice to talk one-on-one with Wade Redden along the boards. The defenseman, who signed a lucrative six-year deal in the summer, hasn't lived up to expectations and has heard constant boos from the home crowd.

"He definitely has different philosophies than Tom brought, but we've got to feed off of it," Redden said. "It's a change and something to shake everybody up and get them going."

"I like what I see. I heard lots about him and played against him for a long time so I know the fire he brings and the intensity. It was evident in the first practice, for sure."

Not that it was so unusual, but many players were on the ice several minutes before the scheduled start time for practice. Tortorella's history of ruling with a strong hand is well-known throughout the league, and no one dared press his buttons yet.

"I'm always here early. I'm too scared to be late," forward

Scott Gomez said.

The mood was businesslike Tuesday as the large media throng tiptoed its way through the tight dressing room. There was some laughter and excited expectation as the cloud of Renney's tenuous job status was suddenly gone.

The Rangers (31-23-7) are still in position to make the playoffs, but their performance over the final 21 games will determine if they grab one of the eight spots in the Eastern Conference.

The stretch drive begins Wednesday at Toronto against the Maple Leafs, the team that helped seal Renney's fate with a 3-2 overtime win Sunday night at Madison Square Garden.

"Everyone knows that their personalities are probably different, but the one thing in common with Tom, Torts and all of us is we want to win," captain Chris Drury said. "Whatever that takes in the next 21 games, we've got to try to find a way to do it."

Tortorella doesn't have much time to completely change the culture from the laid-back Renney, but he will start Wednesday when the Rangers begin a run of three games in four nights.

"Tough is the wrong word," Tortorella said of his sometimes grating style. "Just being honest is what I try to be."

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ing the lead, with help from Jackson.

It was a Jackson jumper that gave Notre Dame a 38-37 lead with 17:16 left in the first half, Notre Dame's first lead since the score was 4-2. And it was Jackson who hit a key 3-pointer and assisted other pivotal baskets that helped Notre Dame build a 65-53 lead with 4:56 left in the game.

"Coach [Mike Brey] has been on me about that, just going out and playing," Jackson said. "He wants me to score too and my thing is, I try not to

put too much pressure on myself offensively and try to defend well, but today, what helped me out was, I didn't focus on any of that, I just went out and played my game."

But Notre Dame nearly relinquished that lead.

Rutgers guard Mike Rosario, who finished with 20 points, hit a 3-pointer to spark a 9-0 Rutgers run that cut Notre Dame's lead to 65-62 with 2:13 to play. But Harangody and Jackson hit their free throws late to prevent the comeback.

Senior guard Kyle McAlarney finished with 13 points. Harangody bounced back in the second half to end the game with 20 points and 15 rebounds on 7-for-25 shooting.

"My shot felt as good as it always is and every time it went up it felt like it was going in," Harangody said. "I just couldn't catch a break tonight."

Few games are easy in the Big East and Rutgers let Notre Dame know early that — even though it only has one win in conference play — the Irish wouldn't be able to take the night off. In the first half, the Scarlet Knights were able to get open shots against Notre Dame's defense, which, in the

first half, didn't look like the defense that held Louisville and South Florida to 57 points two weeks ago. Rutgers opened a 21-10 lead.

Sophomore forward Tyrone Nash helped to temporarily chip away at the lead by scoring four points off the bench, but Rutgers was able to prevent any Notre Dame run from forming, thanks to a 15-for-28 (54 percent) performance from the field in the half. Meanwhile, Notre Dame didn't help itself offensively

with seven turnovers, but came out with a renewed focus in the second half to capture the win. Notre Dame will face No. 2 Connecticut Saturday on the road.

"We're playing for something," Brey said. "There's no question about it and it's a fine line of 'Hey fellas, this is a really big game' and not getting too tight and tying yourself in knots. At times we did that in the first half."

Notes:

uIn his postgame press conference, Brey said he was a little more animated on the sideline than usual in order to try to motivate the crowd.

"I was worried about this game ... but once the crowd got going, man, that helped us defensively," Brey said. "Our crowd is loud when we're in half-court defense, especially down there in front of the students. That made all the difference in the world. I was just trying to get them going and get them up and get them rolling."

uSenior forward Zach Hillesland exited the game because of an injury early in the second half and didn't return. Brey said Hillesland was healthy enough to come back in the game, but did not want to mess with the rotation that was playing well at the time.

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"My shot felt as good as it always is and every time it went up it felt like it was going in."

Luke Harangody
Irish forward



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Junior forward Luke Harangody goes for a layup during Notre Dame's 70-65 win over Rutgers Wednesday.

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Buckeyes

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Alaska. The Nanooks finished their conference schedule last week, so the Buckeyes can jump them with a sweep.

That should be easier said than done, though, as they take on No. 7 Miami, who currently sits in second place behind the Irish. The Buckeyes won a huge game last weekend over No. 3 Michigan to keep their hopes for a bye alive.

Miami, however, won't be rolling over as they have plenty to play for as well. With the Wolverines nipping at their heels, Miami will need at least one win to hang on to the No. 2 spot in the postseason. If Ohio State sweeps Miami and Michigan sweeps Ferris State, the Wolverines will take that spot and be able to avoid Notre Dame until the finals.

Expect Ferris State to put up a fight as well. They currently sit in the middle of the pack with Northern Michigan and Nebraska-Omaha. All three of those teams are within one point in the standings.

Nebraska-Omaha struggled mightily down the home stretch, picking up only one point in their last nine games.

That effort gives Ferris State the opportunity to jump them with a win or a tie against Michigan. Northern Michigan is also in control of its own destiny at this point. They need to keep pace with whatever the Bulldogs do in order to maintain their own point lead and ensure a matchup against one of this season's bottom-dwellers, most likely Michigan State.

Sitting at the nine and 10 spots, respectively, Western Michigan and Lake Superior State aren't quite out of the mix yet either. Both teams play winnable series this weekend and are only three or four points away from taking over a home ice spot. They will need some help from the team's above them in order to make any serious moves.

However that middle section shakes out, the 7-vs.-10 and 8-vs.-9 matchups in the first round will be very evenly played. It would make sense for most of those teams to try to maneuver themselves into a game with Nebraska-Omaha, but right now there are too many question marks to figure out where any of them might end up.

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have."

In Tuesday's opening round play, the Belles disposed of No. 7 Adrian (14-11, 7-9 MIAA) 74-60 in a snoozer at the Angela Athletic Facility. After building a 12-point lead only five minutes into the first half, Saint Mary's superior shooting (41 percent from field goal range) and defense never allowed the Bulldogs to sniff the lead. Freshman forward Kelley Murphy led all players with 17 points, while senior forward Erin Newsom picked up her seventh double-double of the season with 13 points and 10 boards for the Belles.

"I think [Adrian] was a huge win for us," Henley said. "It is hard to see a team three times in a season. We did a great job of scoring in transition and out rebounding them."

Saint Mary's will also face the Knights (16-9, 9-7 MIAA) for the third team this season, having handed Calvin close losses in December and

January. The Knights dispatched No. 6 Alma with a 69-41 blowout victory in the first round to advance to the semifinals.

Tuesday night's victory featured the return of senior forward Marcia Harris, who scored 10 points in only 14 minutes in her first action since suffering an injury earlier this season. Harris is noted for her dominant post play on both sides of the court.

"Calvin is a very good team," Henley said. "They are playing very well right now with the return of [Harris]. We need to focus on keeping their points out of the paint. They also play aggressive and solid defense. We need to take care of the ball and continue to attack them."

The game begins tonight at 7:30 at the Belles' Angela Athletic Facility in Notre Dame, Ind. In the other semifinal game, No. 5 Albion will take on No. 1 Alma to compete for a spot at Saturday's MIAA tournament finals.

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Big East

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.600 so far this season.

Georgetown senior outfielder Sean Baumann went 2-for-5 with a run and four RBIs in the Hoyas' 10-4 win over Norfolk State Wednesday. Georgetown travels to Davidson, N.C. this weekend for four games.

Rutgers allowed 18 runs in a loss to Miami Sunday. Junior pitcher Kyle Bradley pitched 3.1 innings and

gave up six hits, five runs (three earned) against the Hurricanes.

The bottom: Cincinnati (0-3), Louisville (0-3), Villanova (0-3)

The Wildcats are last in the conference in batting average (.172), ERA (9.38) and runs (seven). Cincinnati sophomore outfielder Justin Riddell, however, has the second-highest batting average in the conference at .615.

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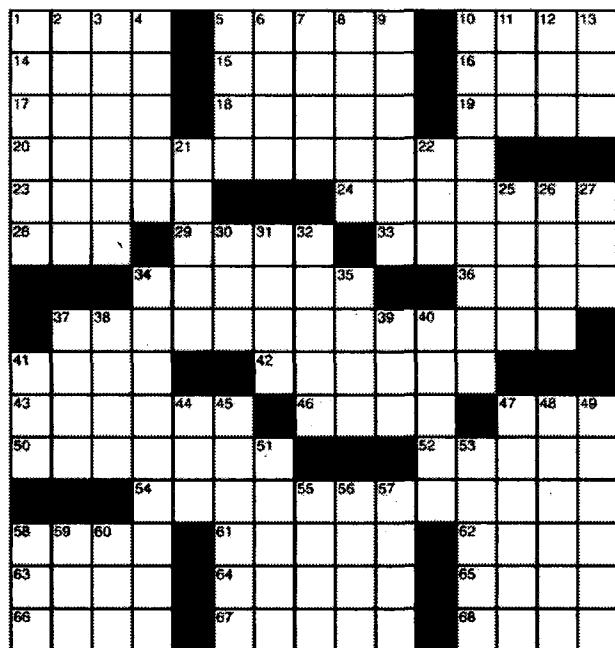
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 - 42 Genuine
 - 43 Alternative rock band with four platinum albums
 - 46 Repair shop figs.
 - 47 Cry out loud
 - 50 Conformation defect in a horse
 - 52 Words on a Wonderland cake
 - 54 Traffic sign that indicates a possible temporary road closure
 - 58 Deal preceder
 - 61 Cause for pulling a over
 - 62 Where Samson defeated the Philistines
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 - 2 Sainted king known as "the Fat"
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 - 9 Egoist
 - 10 Like a bishop's authority
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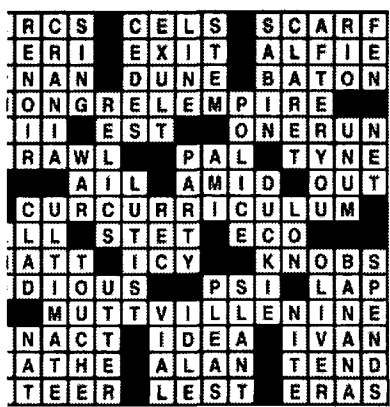


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- 41 Test for M.A. seekers
- 44 Done, to Donne
- 45 Nut jobs
- 47 English essayist Richard
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- 49 Lady Jane Grey's fate
- 51 ____-Mart
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Judge your next move based on your own position and what you want to see unfold. Talks will help but only with those who are already on board. It's OK to sit back and observe. ★★★

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone will pull a fast move that could derail your plans. Uncertainty regarding some of your social and family relationships must be put aside and not be allowed to influence what needs to be done immediately. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You've got more going for you than you realize. Take a stab at something you enjoy doing. Changes to your environment will enable you to find a space that contributes to your comfort and peace of mind. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love is skyrocketing and solid ground can be found on which to build your life. Past connections that were never allowed to develop will now help to fulfill your dreams, hopes and wishes for the future. ★★★

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your best offers will come from the past and, with your ability to develop and creatively and intelligently put things together, you will find yourself placed in a key position. Social activities and networking will be to your advantage. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get out and about where you can breath easy and discover what it is you really want to see happen. Get away from your normal routine and negative people. It will help you gain a clear picture of what you must do. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone will try to outmaneuver you by making last-minute alterations or decisions. Don't fall into an unstable trap. Follow your heart and stay within your means financially, mentally and emotionally. Positive changes should be made at work and at home. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Everything will be dependent on how you feel and what you do. Don't let an emotional relationship cause you to second-guess your next move. An interesting change in what you do to earn a living will allow you to go in a direction that has always interested you. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be looking through rose-colored glasses and must give yourself a reality check. Put things in perspective. You may be surprised to find out who's been watching and waiting for you to notice him or her. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be forgiving, open and respectful of others. Consider your own faults and fix anything you have left unfinished. Change will bring about stability and a better future. ★★★

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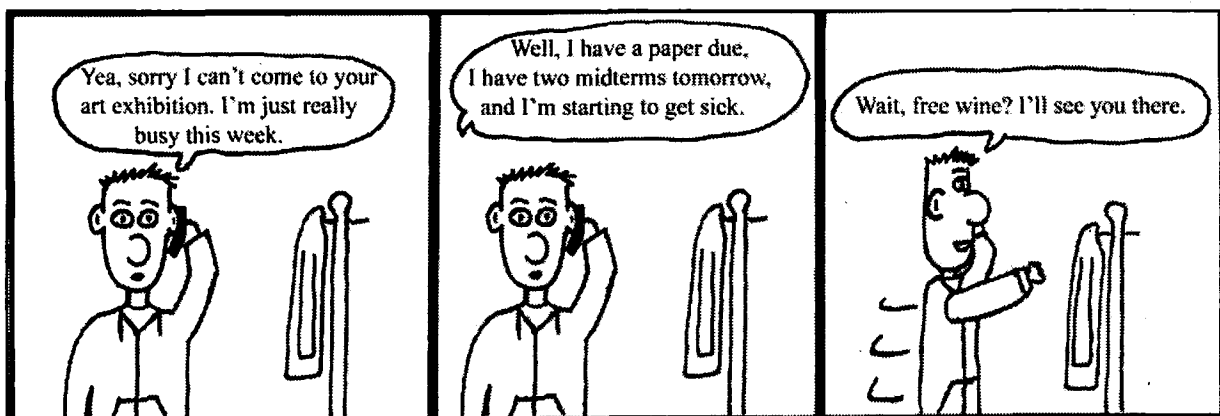
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Silent Knights

Jackson's 18 points push Irish past Knights

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

On Saturday, Notre Dame was able to beat Providence without much help from junior point guard Tory Jackson. But on Wednesday, after Notre Dame trailed by eight at halftime to lowly Rutgers and forward Luke Harangody hit just 2-of-12 first half shots, Jackson knew his team needed him.

He answered the challenge and scored 18 points to propel Notre Dame to a 70-65 win over the Scarlet Knights in the Joyce Center.

"When we played Providence, it was a reality check for me ..." said Jackson, who had just two points in 12 minutes against the Friars. "I can't play tight. My team needs me."

Jackson, however, had some assistance in inspiring the Irish in the second half.

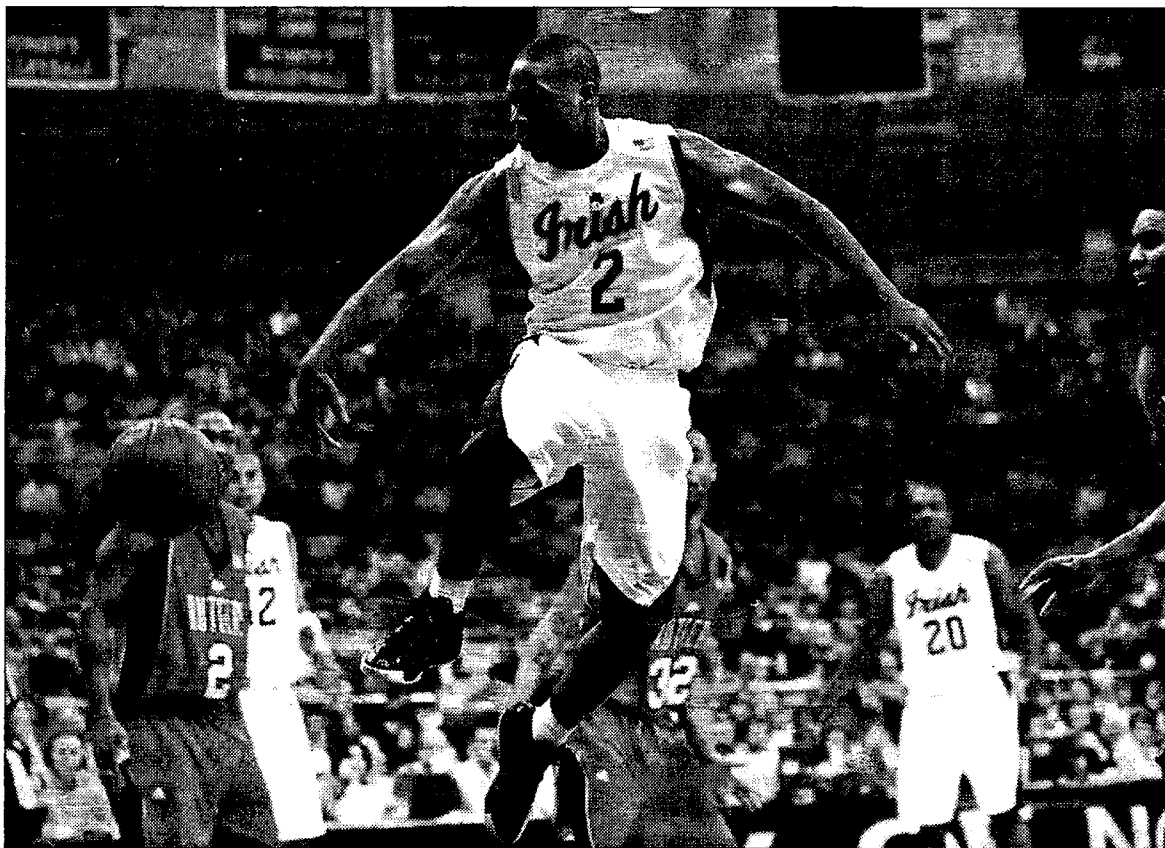
Senior forward Ryan Ayers has sparked Notre Dame with a key offensive play many times in his career at Notre Dame, but against Rutgers, it was a defensive play from Ayers that ignited his team.

With 18:04 left in the second half, 6-foot-11 Scarlet Knights junior Hamady Ndiaye went up for a shot in the lane. Waiting there was the 6-foot-8 Ayers, who put up his long right arm and plucked the shot out of the air, grabbed the ball and began a Notre Dame fast break that ended with a Luke Harangody 3-point play, assisted by Jackson. The sequence brought Notre Dame within one point of Rutgers.

"That put us in another gear, picked us up and got us pumped up a little bit," Jackson said. "He had a few blocks today like Dikembe [Mutombo]. He was Dikembe Ayers."

Ayers' block helped awaken the languid Irish, who wasted little time after that reclaim-

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Sophomore guard Tory Jackson jumps after a loose ball during Notre Dame's 70-65 win over Rutgers Wednesday. The win moves the Irish to 7-8 in conference play.

BASEBALL

Teams travel south to escape cold weather, begin play

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Cold weather still blankets half of the Big East campuses, but baseball is underway down south.

Notre Dame won two of three in the Big East/Big Ten Challenge in Florida last weekend, including a 10-inning win over Purdue Sunday. The Irish lost to Ohio State 2-0 Friday, but their bats heated up in a 14-7 win over Illinois Saturday.

Their early success puts the Irish (2-1) atop the Big East, but the season is too young for judgment yet. Here's a look at the conference:

The early leaders: Notre Dame (2-1), Seton Hall (2-1), St. John's (2-1), West Virginia (2-2)

The Irish travel south again this weekend when they face Gonzaga, Dayton and Creighton in Arizona. Sophomore outfielder Golden Tate hit .500 with four runs, two doubles and

two RBIs this weekend. Junior reliever Steve Mazur threw three hitless innings of relief and earned a win over the weekend.

Seton Hall beat Minnesota and Michigan State but lost to Penn State over the weekend. Junior pitcher Sean Black was named a Big East Player of the Week.

•The Red Storm scored 33 runs in their first two games, both wins, but lost 4-2 to Michigan. Sophomore third baseman Greg Hopkins also earned Big East Player of the Week honors.

The Mountaineers beat Indiana and Northwestern but dropped games to Minnesota and Illinois. They travel to Myrtle Beach, S.C. for a four-game swing.

The middle: Connecticut (1-2), Pittsburgh (1-2), South Florida (1-2), Georgetown (1-3), Rutgers (1-3)

Connecticut lost two straight before a 10-1 win against George Mason. The Huskies head to Florida again for another game against the Colonials and a

game at North Florida. Pittsburgh lost a 9-8 extra-inning game to Bradley and also dropped a game to Air Force, but beat Navy 3-1. Junior speedster Chris Sedon has stolen three bases in three attempts this season.

South Florida sandwiched a win over Purdue with losses to Michigan and Indiana and tied the Netherlands Tuesday night. Senior outfielder Mike Consolmagno is hitting .467 and slugging

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles face Calvin in semis

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

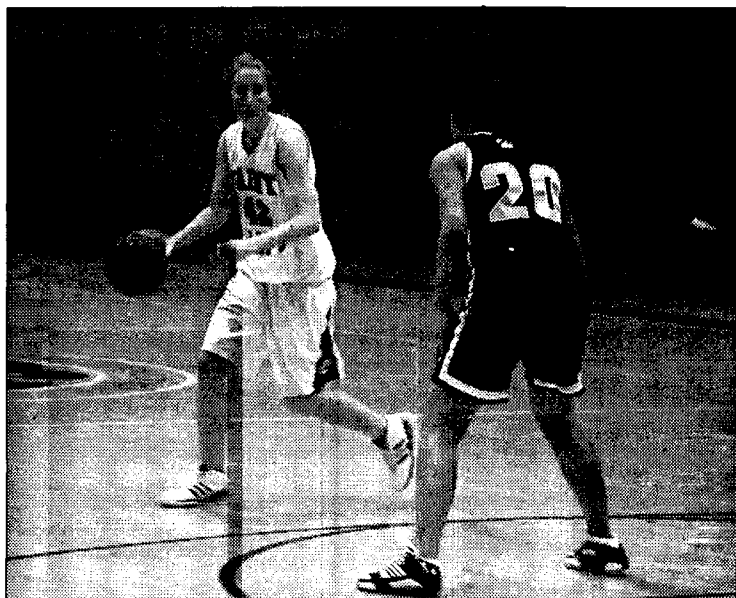
Tonight, the Belles could make history.

A victory this evening against No. 3 seed Calvin in the second round of the MIAA Tournament will give No. 2 Saint Mary's (16-9, 13-3 MIAA) a team-record 17th victory and vault the Belles into the finals.

While an opportunity to play for Saint Mary's first MIAA title weighs heavily on each player, head coach Jennifer Henley is certainly not overlooking Calvin.

"We continue to take one game at a time," Henley said. "At this point, that is all we

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Observer file photo

Senior forward Erin Newsom dribbles during a game against Adrian on Feb. 20, 2008.

HOCKEY

Battle for first-round byes, home ice heats up

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Coming into the final weekend of conference play, No. 2 Notre Dame has the top seed in the CCHA playoffs locked up, but the rest of the conference still has some sorting out to do.

The Irish current conference record is 19-4-3, but the team has won all three of those ties in shootouts giving them a total of 44 points thus far. That gives Notre Dame a first-round bye and home ice advantage in the second round.

The CCHA playoffs basically divide the 12 teams into three tiers. The top four teams

receive byes, the middle four have home ice in the first round and the bottom four have to fight against all odds to make it to Detroit's Joe Louis Arena for the semifinals and championship in late March.

The interesting battles to watch this weekend will be with teams on the verge of moving up or down a level in that three-tier system.

No. 15 Ohio State currently sits in fifth place, but the Buckeyes control their own destiny as far as earning a free pass to the second round. With 31 points, Ohio State is currently three behind fourth-place

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