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ND joins ranks of Columbia with African effort

Universities make unique contributions to development of Millennium Villages Project

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

For an institution steeped in tradition, Notre Dame's venture with the Millennium Villages Project has it treading on relatively fresh ground — so fresh, in fact, that only one other university in the world has been there before.

Though it has already sparked a worldwide effort, the Millennium Villages Project (MVP) is a very

recent development, created by the Earth Institute at Columbia University — directed by economist and Notre Dame Forum speaker Jeffrey Sachs — in response to a set of Millennium Development Goals issued by the United Nations in 2002. Those goals include the reduction of extreme poverty, disease and hunger by 2015.

The Project's first two research villages were established in 2005 — and, in addition to Notre Dame's vil-

lage in Nindye, Uganda, 10 more have already been added.

Commitment and connections were what allowed Notre Dame to become involved in MVP, according to Father Bob Dowd, director of the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (NDMDI).

"Although other universities in the United States have expressed interest in participating in the project, only Notre Dame has actually made that commitment real

at this point," Dowd said. "We are blessed with a generous trustee and benefactor, Mr. Ray Chambers, who has offered to support the project in the name of Notre Dame."

Chambers is chairman of Millennium Promise — the non-profit corporation behind MVP, whose declared mission is to end extreme poverty worldwide by 2025. University President Father John Jenkins also sits on

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SMC staff downsized over break

SAO loses two top admins, restructures

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

The Saint Mary's Student Activities Office downsized over winter break after its director resigned and assistant director was terminated, College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said Wednesday.

Director of Student Activities George Rosenbush retired for health reasons, McDonald said, and Assistant Director of Student Activities Frances Bruder's position was eliminated as part of an ongoing "strategic restructuring plan" for Student Activities.

The plan calls for Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson to spend the rest of this year assessing the needs of the office, researching staffing levels at peer institutions and determining how Saint Mary's can better meet the needs of its students, McDonald said.

Both Johnson and McDonald said the College plans to hire a new director of Student Activities, but has yet to set a definite date of replacement.

Rosenbush worked at Saint Mary's for 23 years and announced her retirement in late December, a move that surprised Johnson.

"I spoke at great length with George, and tried to convince her to have a goodbye party," she said, "but she preferred to say goodbye in her own way."

Bruder's position was eliminated on Jan. 2 — a decision that

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STUDENT SENATE

Shappell discusses semester goals

Community, student-alumni relations addressed in State of the Student Union speech

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Student government has accomplished many of its objectives since the Shappell-Andrichik administration took office last April, student body president Lizzi Shappell said Wednesday, but it still has more goals to achieve before turnover occurs in the spring.

Shappell focused on community and student-alumni relations in her second State of the Student Union address, which she delivered before Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting. She told senators she was confident in the progress they would make together in the coming months.

"We have a lot of work to do to fulfill these goals, but the progress thus far proves that

we can and will follow through," she said.

Student government representatives met with the South Bend Common Council last spring to discuss a controversial amendment to the disorderly house ordinance. Passed in summer of 2005, the amendment allows the city to send residents a notice to abate after just one reported noise violation — a measure that can result in quick evictions.

Shappell, student body vice president Bill Andrichik, Senate Community Relations committee chair Josh Pasquesi, Judicial Council chair Liz Kozlow and Northeast Neighborhood Council student representative Krystal Hardy met again with the council this fall to discuss their opposition

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Student body president Lizzi Shappell delivers her second State of the Student Union address to student senators Wednesday night.

Folk Choir raises funds for south



Photo courtesy of Steven Warner

Members of the Notre Dame Folk Choir practice in Mepkin Abbey, outside of Charleston, S.C., during their Deep South Tour.

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

When the University community headed south to the Sugar Bowl, the Notre Dame Folk Choir wasn't far behind with one goal in sight — using its talent to benefit those in need.

The group's Deep South Tour took choir members throughout the region from DATES, performing concerts that raised money solely for hurricane-ravaged Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) schools in Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss.

"We've never done a tour where we say the entire tour is going to go to one thing," Folk Choir director Steve Warner said.

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Service opportunities attract many students

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

For hundreds of Notre Dame students, winter break was more than an endless chain of lazy mornings, football games and home cooked meals.

More than 300 students utilized their month off as a time to immerse themselves in one of the Center for Social Concerns' four winter service-learning seminars.

The Church and Social Action: Urban Plunge; Organizing, Power and Hope; the Holy Cross Mission in Education; and Border Issues seminars drew 302 students — an increase from last year, said the CSC's urban programming director Rebecca Pettit.

Junior Dmitri Martinez and sophomore Michael Angulo took advantage of these seminars, which are only offered during winter break.

Martinez decided to attend the Holy Cross seminar since he has aspirations of teaching.

"I'm considering applying to the ACE program, so the Holy Cross Education seminar was an easy choice," he said.

Pettit said other participants were motivated by their personal passions or faith.

Angulo said the "experiential learning" element of the seminars was important to his decision to attend.

"I've been on the Appalachia

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INSIDE COLUMN

Relocated memories

My high school was legendary for its crowded hallways. In eighth grade, when my friends went on their high school visits, they would return to school the next day talking about the cafeteria food, the uniforms and the classes of course, but a visit to Good Counsel invariably resulted in the same comment about congestion in the hallways. When I went to Good Counsel for the first time, I too returned with tales of a school bursting at the seams. But I decided to venture into the rush.

Kaitlynn Riely
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News Editor

Walking through those hallways required skill. You had to deftly maneuver through crowds of people going to class and retrieving books from their lockers. Propelling myself through hundreds of high school students in matching uniforms is not something I miss, but it is a fond memory I have of my high school days.

When I visited Good Counsel over winter break, I moved through the hallways effortlessly. The surging masses were nonexistent, because the hallways were much wider. The reason for the breathing room — Good Counsel relocated to a different town and a larger facility over break.

So I went to GC to walk through a school I graduated from but had never attended. Everything was bigger and better. The cafeteria was nicer, the labs were larger and the technology in the classrooms was impressive. I had a half-sized locker during my high school years, but all the lockers at this school were full-sized.

The place looked pristine as I walked around it. There were no scuff marks on the floor, no crumbs on the carpet.

For the money it costs to attend a Catholic high school, this was a much improved facility over the old Good Counsel. But when my former teachers asked me if I wished the new school had been finished a few years earlier, I could honestly say no.

The school was nice, but it had no character. No one had made any memories there yet. They had picnic tables in the courtyard, but they were missing the messages and notes written on them from years ago.

During junior year, my daily drive to school ended in a brief moment of panic as I tried to maneuver my car in the poorly designed junior parking lot. Now every student who drives can get a parking pass that assigns them his or her own numbered parking space. That should cut down on the number of car accidents that occurred each day at the old Good Counsel, but I would rather take the memory of pushing my driving skills to the limit every day to make it in and out of that parking lot with no scratches over the day I pulled into my very own parking spot.

In a few years though, the new Good Counsel will mold its own character. Future students will probably not have to walk through the crowded hallways of my day, but classes will be taught, students will graduate and memories will be made.

And my memories will stay with that small school long after it has been torn down.

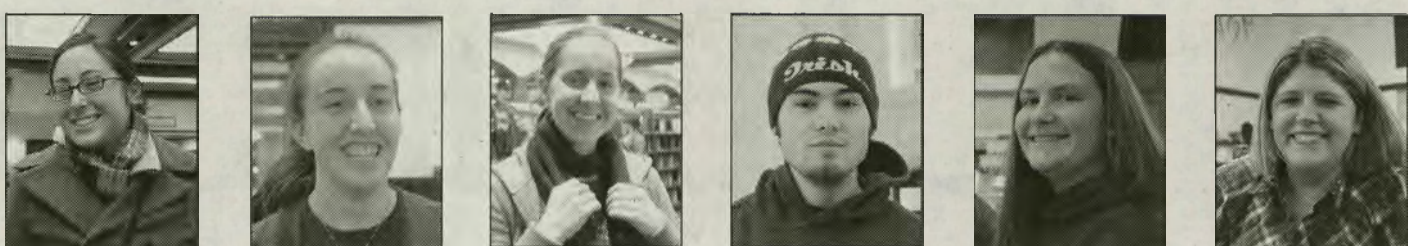
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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the Jan. 17 article "Nindy selected as project partner village" stated that Notre Dame is giving money to the Millennium Promise Corporation [MPC] for the implementation of the project. The money is actually being given to the MPC in Notre Dame's name by benefactor and trustee, Ray Chambers. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE WINTER TIME ACCESSORY?



Andrea Teske *freshman Breen-Phillips* **Annie Legault** *freshman Farley* **Gina Camarata** *freshman Howard* **Michael Henry** *freshman Zahm* **Michelle Hoefler** *freshman Farley* **Nicole Campo** *freshman Farley*

Andrea Teske: "Scarves — they keep me nice and warm!"
Annie Legault: "My earmuffs! To keep my ears from freezing."
Gina Camarata: "Scarves! I have way too many."
Michael Henry: "Thermals!"
Michelle Hoefler: "My skis. Yay for places with big mountains!"
Nicole Campo: "My Uggs. I am from Florida so I finally have a legitimate excuse to wear them."



Notre Dame sophomore Emerson Spartz, left, founder of mugglenet.com, and Ben Schoen, webmaster of mugglenet.com, share their thoughts on J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" in the Hammes Bookstore Wednesday.

OFFBEAT

Escaped chimp raids fridge, does housework

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — An escaped chimpanzee at the Little Rock Zoo in Arkansas raided a kitchen cupboard and did a little cleaning with a toilet brush before sedatives knocked her out on top of a refrigerator.

The 120-pound primate, Judy, escaped Tuesday into a service area when a zookeeper opened a door to her sleeping quarters, unaware the animal was still inside.

As keepers tried to woo Judy back into her cage, she rummaged through a refrigerator where chimp

snacks are stored. She opened kitchen cupboards, pulled out juice and soft drinks and took a swig from bottles she managed to open.

Keeper Ann Rademacher says Judy went into the bathroom, picked up a toilet brush and cleaned the toilet. Rademacher says the 37-year-old Judy was a house pet before the zoo acquired her in 1988, so she may have been familiar with housekeeping chores.

Father of chimpanzee baby remains mystery

SHREVEPORT, La. — It's

both a surprise and a mystery. At Caddo Parish's Chimp Haven, where retired male chimpanzees all get vasectomies, a female chimp has turned up pregnant. Chimp Haven managers knew something was up when they could not find one of their chimps last week.

Teresa, who's been at Chimp Haven for the past year and a half, was missing during the morning rounds. Later, she appeared with a newborn chimpanzee in her arms.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Snite Museum is hosting a new exhibit of 290 photos taken during the Vietnam War by photojournalists who died in the violence. The exhibit, titled "Requiem," will be on display at the museum from Jan. 4 through March 4. Admission is free.

A lecture titled "Grand Challenges in Environmental Science and Engineering" will be held today from 4-5 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo.

Student Activities is presenting the movie " Fargo " tonight at 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. The movie is free, and so is a cup of hot chocolate.

Play pool for free tonight from midnight on at Legends. Tables have been carted in for one night only.

The Notre Dame Track and Field indoor opener will be held Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Loftus Sports Center.

The Notre Dame women's basketball team will play Syracuse Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will play South Florida Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Students interested in joining the Wednesday Lunch Fast to fight poverty should e-mail their full name and NDID number (the number on student IDs that begins with 90) to whc@nd.edu by Feb. 2.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 30 LOW 21	HIGH 25 LOW 21	HIGH 25 LOW 12	HIGH 25 LOW 14	HIGH 27 LOW 19	HIGH 27 LOW 14

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STUDENT SENATE

Committee chairs set new goals for spring semester

Senate members enthusiastic about improving ND-South Bend area relations, plan to hold community summit

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Student Senate committee chairs echoed student body president Lizzi Shappell's enthusiastic outlook for the remainder of their terms Wednesday as they presented several objectives for the spring semester.

Community Relations committee chair Josh Pasquesi

will head the planning of a community summit in February. The summit — a gathering of government leaders and representatives from local colleges and universities — will aim to improve relations

"[The committee is] starting to get the ball rolling."

Aly Baumgartner
University Affairs committee chair

between college students and the South Bend and Mishawaka communities.

Pasquesi said he has also been speaking with Mikki Dobski, director of communications and special projects for the South Bend mayor's office, about

running a tour of South Bend for next year's freshman class. Approximately 100 freshmen attended the first sponsored tour of South Bend last August.

Off-campus senator Mark Healy told the Senate the Social Concerns committee is

"We are going to try to put [the Millennium Village Project] forward."

Mark Healy
off-campus senator

researching ways to charge each class council with a certain part of the Millennium Village Project to build on Notre Dame's recent commitment to partnering with a village in Uganda.

"We are going to try to put that forward for the incoming class council coming in on April 1," Healy said.

Sheena Plamoottil, chair of the Social Concerns committee, said students can anticipate a Darfur week this semester as well as stall notes that feature different countries involved in global conflict, the goal being increased awareness of the geography, flag and current events of that country.

The schedule of events for the Eating Disorders and the Campus Culture Conference is now available on the Center for Continuing Education's Web site, Shappell said. Students do not need to register to attend, but they are encouraged to do so through the site.

The Residence Life committee has an alcohol awareness week planned for later this semester, said committee chair Pat Knapp. The Senate should also expect a resolution next week concerning Domer Dollars on campus, he said.

Residence Life committee vice chair Mariana Montes said she has several meetings planned to discuss upgrading Web sites like WebCT for better integration between faculty and students. She is also looking into a plan for the library to provide iPods for podcasts.

The University Affairs committee is "starting to get the ball rolling" on the Catholic Think Tank lecture series, said committee chair Aly Baumgartner. Politics and women are two topics that will be addressed in the lectures.

Destinee Delemos, chair of the Minority Affairs committee, said she will explore ways for students to facilitate minority faculty recruitment. She also plans to evaluate the services available for minority students and talk with multicultural clubs on campus about planning events.

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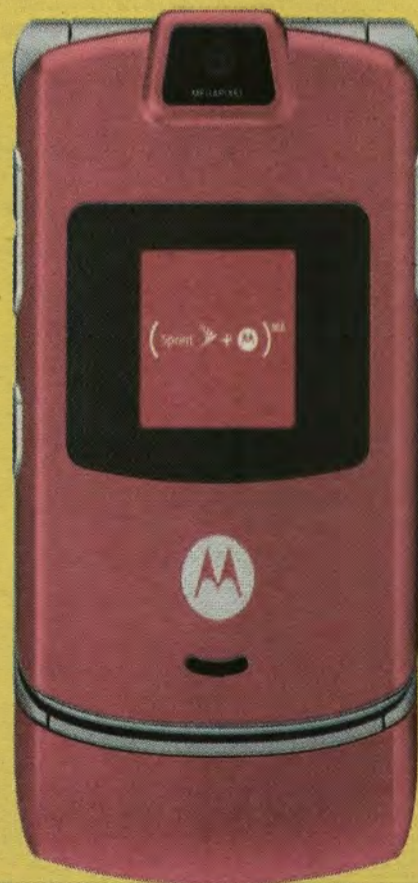
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Urban Plunge, and now the Organizing, Power and Hope seminars, and I think that the method the CSC uses of taking thoughts from the classroom and putting them into practice is a great educational tool," Angulo said.

As part of the seminar, students are required to attend lectures and complete readings and write

a short reflective paper in the spring, which earns them one theology credit.

Through the service seminars, participants engaged in various forms of direct service. Students in the Border Issues seminar worked in a house for migrant refugees in El Paso, Texas. Holy Cross Education seminar participants worked with children and teachers in a Catholic school in Goodyear, Ariz., as well as in a homeless shelter and in a program for expectant mothers.

Urban Plunge, the most popular winter seminar, attracted 273 students. Participants worked in social service organizations in different urban environments across the country while spending their nights in the inner city.

Since Urban Plunge sites were located in 35 different cities, Pettit said the program admitted more applicants than the seminars, which were limited to 15 partici-

pants each.

Notre Dame's bowl appearance did not deter applicants, Pettit said, and provisions were made for participants to watch the game.

"The bowl game was integrated into our experience," Martinez said. "One evening we had a bowl watch with the ND alumni club of Phoenix."

For Angulo, the chance to watch

the Irish take on LSU paled in comparison to the opportunity provided by the CSC seminar.

"I take learning about social justice and democracy over Notre Dame football any day," Angulo said. "You have to prioritize your life. Luckily the CSC scheduled this seminar the week after the game."

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Choir

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Having a single goal and a familiarity with the ACE program "provided focus" for Folk Choir members, he said, and allowed choir members to "actually see at the end a final figure."

Although the grand total of funds raised is yet to be determined, Warner said it would be "in excess of \$55,000."

Money was raised through free-will offerings at each of the Folk Choir's 10 tour stops.

"We were really fortunate in that several alumni associations [in northern Florida and in Mobile] stepped up with \$500 to \$1,000 donations," Warner said.

Bishop Robert Lynch of St. Petersburg, Fla. also made a \$10,000 donation — a contribution Warner said was "obviously something we were not counting on."

Warner said the Folk Choir usually allows a parish to decide how to raise funds during the concert.

"Whenever the Folk Choir tours, we always do our work for free," Warner said. "We say to the church, 'You use us any way you want.'"

Parishes sometimes "dream very big" when the Folk Choir comes to town, he said, citing the scholarship task force campaign conducted by Saint Agnes Cathedral of Rockville Centre in Long Island, which raised a million and a half dollars before the Choir arrived.

Forty-two members of the choir traveled more than 3,600 miles by bus to perform in Nashville, Mobile, Ala., Tampa, St. Petersburg, Fla., Jacksonville, Fla., Savannah, Ga., Mepkin Abbey in South Carolina, Charlotte, N.C., Alpharetta, Ga. and Columbus, Ohio.

These cities were chosen because "we knew there would

be a strong financial backing and ... because there was a tradition of ACE already working [in these areas]," Warner said. Columbus was chosen because it was on the route back to Notre Dame, he said.

Warner said the tour did not go to the Mississippi areas of Gulfport and Biloxi simply because "there was nothing there. No funds to be had."

The Folk Choir began to work on the tour "as soon as Katrina hit," Warner said, and he anticipated a media "drop off" in hurricane damage coverage.

While Warner said Sugar Bowl reporting included some coverage of the Katrina destruction, he thought there was more of a focus on the newly restored Louisiana Superdome.

"I think [the Superdome] is a very damaging icon because you can look at it and say 'Wow, things are back to normal,' while really, less than a mile from that place, things are still in crisis," he said.

The tour was funded through normal club allocations with a little help from the Club Coordination Council and from World Library Publications from Chicago, Warner said. Students on the tour stayed with host families.

ACE staff members Amy Seamon and Matt Kloser spoke during the concerts about the ACE program and their goals, Warner said. They also discussed the problems that still stem from the hurricane damage, specifically on the Mississippi coastal areas.

"We've been given a wonderful gift of singing, but that doesn't mean it ends with us," Warner said. "We make music because we're trying to make some kind of situation better for someone. So in that respect, it's a fusion of arts and social justice."

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Affairs is named, Johnson said she would work closely with Assistant Director of Student Affairs Abby Van Vlerah, Administrative Assistant Tena Johnson and Executive Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs Sandy Zielinski to make sure "everything happens in the best way possible."

Johnson said she meets weekly with Van Vlerah to make sure all planned events are carried out, and she looks forward to hearing "new and old ideas" from the student body.

McDonald said she also hopes to squelch circulating rumors regarding the restructuring plan and administrative decisions.

"It is just important that people understand there can be the tendency to believe rumors ... when this is ordinary College business," she said.

The Observer was unable to contact Rosenbush and Bruder Wednesday.

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Johnson and Rosenbush had previously discussed, Johnson said.

The elimination was not a budgetary issue, Johnson said, but rather part of the reorganization of Student Activities.

Johnson dismissed rumors that Bruder's position was eliminated to boost or redistribute College funding, and said she "is working to understand Board of Governance spending, not take away from it."

An e-mail sent to The Observer by College alumna Becca Doll claimed that "the new [vice president of Student Affairs] wanted to divert \$30,000 of the student activities budget to her own" — an idea that baffles Johnson.

"My job is to make sure the students get what they want," she said. "Decisions were made not about money at all, but about providing good service."

Until the new director of Student



Coffee at the Como

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

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The Core Council invites gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to an informal lunch at the Co-Mo.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suicide car bomb kills 17 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomber killed 17 Shiites at a teeming Sadr City market Wednesday, while gunmen in a predominantly Sunni neighborhood of Baghdad shot up a convoy of democracy workers in an ambush that took the lives of an American woman and three bodyguards.

The attack on the marketplace came one day after car bombings killed scores of university students just two miles away, indicating that al-Qaida-linked fighters are bent on a surge of bloodshed as U.S. and Iraqi forces gear up for a fresh neighborhood-by-neighborhood security sweep through the capital.

Although nobody claimed responsibility for either day's car bombings, such attacks are the hallmark of Sunni militants, who appear to be taking advantage of a waiting period before the security crackdown to step up attacks on Shiites. There had been a relative lull in Baghdad violence since the first of the year.

U.N. supports traffic fine crack down

UNITED NATIONS — The new U.N. secretary-general expressed support Wednesday for New York City's goal of recouping nearly \$18 million in traffic fines owed by U.N. diplomats and members of the consular community.

Most of that debt came prior to a city crackdown four years ago on envoys who routinely were cited for illegal parking on city streets but rarely paid because of diplomatic immunity.

When asked what he would say to diplomats to get rid of the backlog, Ban Ki-moon said: "It is important for diplomatic officials who enjoy diplomatic immunities and privileges to abide by and comply with all necessary regulations in force in the countries where one is working."

NATIONAL NEWS

Kidnapped teenage boys resurface

ST. LOUIS — More than four years ago when Shawn Hornbeck was snatched near his home, he was known as a spunky little boy who liked to ride his bike, play basketball, draw cartoons and spend time with his stepfather.

Last week when he surfaced in a stunning conclusion to a kidnapping case, Shawn was a 15-year-old who had grown more than a foot, had a pierced lip and shy smile. But the change went beyond his appearance.

As details trickled out, it appeared Shawn had settled into a domestic life with Michael Devlin, the man who allegedly abducted him and then on Jan. 8, snatched a 13-year-old boy and brought him to his suburban St. Louis apartment. Both boys were rescued last week by police after acting on a tip.

Proposed bill sparks party tension

WASHINGTON — A far-reaching ethics and lobbying bill, the first initiative of the new Democratic-controlled Senate, appeared headed for collapse late Wednesday.

Republicans, upset that Democrats were blocking a GOP-sponsored amendment, were poised to vote against allowing debate on the proposal to proceed, effectively driving it from the Senate floor.

Both parties blamed the other for the temporary demise of what they hailed, when debate on the legislation started a week ago, as a model for bipartisan cooperation.

LOCAL NEWS

Court continues Timberlake debate

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The Indiana Supreme Court stayed the execution Wednesday of a man scheduled to be put to death Friday in the 1993 slaying of an Indiana State trooper.

The court, in its 3-2 decision, stated that the arguments raised by Norman Timberlake's attorneys that he should not be executed because he is mentally ill are similar to those in a case the U.S. Supreme Court is reviewing in the case of a condemned Texas man.

UNITED KINGDOM

'Doomsday Clock' ticks faster

Scientists discuss dangers to Earth caused by climate changes, nuclear threats

Associated Press

LONDON — The world is nudging closer to nuclear or environmental apocalypse, a group of prominent scientists warned Wednesday as it pushed the hand of its symbolic Doomsday Clock closer to midnight.

The clock, which was set two minutes forward to 11:55, represents the likelihood of a global cataclysm. Its ticks have given the clock's keepers a chance to speak out on the dangers they see threatening Earth.

It was the fourth time since the Soviet collapse in 1991 that the clock ticked forward amid fears over what the scientists describe as a second nuclear age prompted largely by stand-offs with Iran and North Korea. But urgent warnings of climate change also played a role.

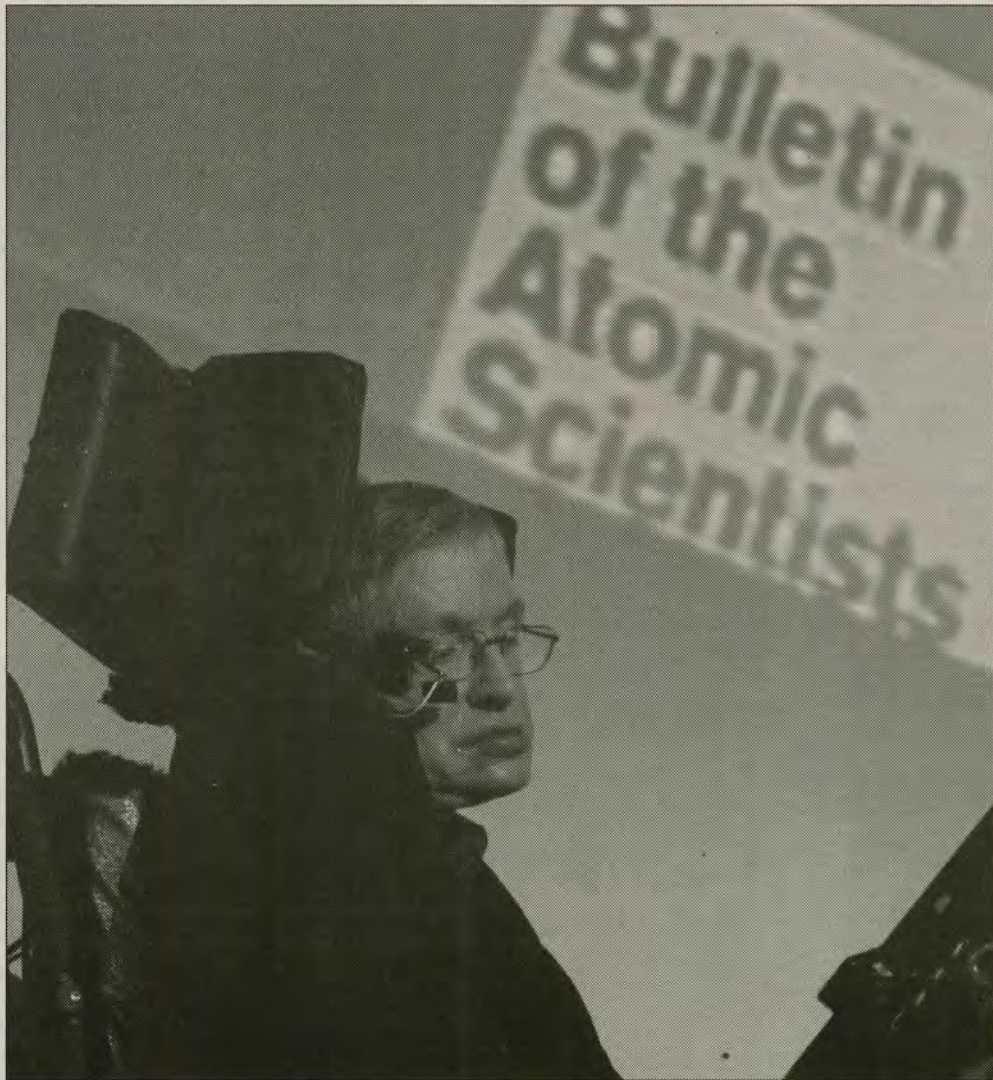
The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, which sets the clock, was founded in 1945 as a newsletter distributed among nuclear physicists concerned about nuclear war, and midnight originally symbolized a widespread nuclear conflict. The bulletin has grown into an organization focused more generally on manmade threats to human civilization.

"The dangers posed by climate change are nearly as dire as those posed by nuclear weapons," said Kennette Benedict, director of the bulletin.

Stephen W. Hawking, the renowned cosmologist and mathematician, told The Associated Press that global warming has eclipsed other threats to the planet, such as terrorism.

"Terror only kills hundreds or thousands of people," Hawking said. "Global warming could kill millions. We should have a war on global warming rather than the war on terror."

This is the first time the bulletin has explicitly addressed the threat from



At the "Doomsday Clock" press conference, British scientist Stephen Hawking explained the threat of climate change at the Royal Society in London on Wednesday.

climate change.

"We are transforming, even ravaging the entire biosphere. These environmentally driven threats — threats without enemies — should loom as large as did the East-West divide during the Cold War era," said Martin Rees, president of the Royal Society, Britain's academy of science.

"Unless they rise higher on international agendas, remedial action may come too late," he added.

There is no actual Doomsday Clock in keeping with the bulletin's symbolic exercise. But the group has used several makeshift clocks or replicas over the

years in logos, images and publications.

Since it was set to seven minutes to midnight in 1947, the Doomsday Clock has been moved 18 times, including Wednesday's adjustment. It came closest to midnight — just two minutes away — in 1953 after the successful test of a hydrogen bomb by the United States. It has been as far away as 17 minutes, set there in 1991 following the demise of the Soviet Union.

The decision to move the clock is made by the bulletin's board, composed of scientists and policy experts, in coordination with the group's sponsors, who

include Hawking and science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke.

Despite the organization's new focus on global warming, the prospect of nuclear war remained its primary concern, the bulletin's editor, Mark Strauss, told The AP.

"It's important to emphasize 50 of today's nuclear weapons could kill 200 million people," he said.

The organization floated a variety of proposals to help control the threat of nuclear proliferation and repeated a call to nuclear nations to whittle down their arsenals and reduce the launch readiness of their weapons.

Airplane crash in Kentucky kills 49

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the minutes before the crash of a commuter jet that took off from the wrong runway, the pilots discussed their families, their dogs and other job opportunities, and the airline said Wednesday that part of the conversation violated a federal rule against extraneous cockpit chatter.

The National Transportation Safety Board released a transcript Wednesday of the cockpit recording aboard Comair Flight 5191. The recording also showed that one of the pilots noted something was amiss when he looked down

the Lexington, Ky., airstrip and said it looked "weird" because it had no lights.

The transcript was the first public disclosure of the pilots' conversations during the ill-fated flight, which killed 49 people in the deadliest American aviation disaster in five years.

The transcript revealed that the flight crew "did not follow Comair's general cockpit procedures," Comair spokeswoman Kate Marx said. "It is unclear what role, if any, this played in the accident, so it would be premature to determine that."

In 1981, the Federal Aviation Administration adopted a so-called

"sterile cockpit rule" that forbids, among other things, extraneous conversation during taxi, takeoff and landing.

As the pilots went through pre-flight procedures, Capt. Jeffrey Clay talked about his young children having colds, and co-pilot James Polehinke discussed his four dogs. The two men also talked about pay and working conditions, even as the controller occasionally interrupted to provide instructions.

"How old are they?" Polehinke asked six minutes before the crash.

"Three months and two years old," Clay answered.

"That's a nice range, age range," Polehinke said.

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Millennium Promise's Board of Directors.

Notre Dame has also forged connections with Sachs and others at Columbia, who helped provide a model for university involvement in the MVP. Dowd said he and NDMDI assistant director Tim Lyden have spent time both with Sachs and the faculty and staff of the Earth Institute in order to learn from their experiences, and intend to keep in touch to share their own findings.

"That's another great aspect of this project [NDMDI]," Dowd said. "We are not only collaborating with Uganda Martyrs University, but we are also working hand-in-hand with other universities so that we can learn about and contribute to human development as much as possible."

While receiving guidance from other universities, Notre Dame will also be charting its own course with NDMDI. Dowd noted that not only does Nindye (the village where Notre Dame will be involved) present different challenges and situations than Ruhira (where Columbia

is involved), but that Notre Dame and Columbia themselves are very different institutions.

"There really is no template carved in stone that we attempt to replicate. [...] Our strengths are different than Columbia's strengths and our involvement in this project will be distinctive," he said. "I cannot emphasize enough that what we make of this opportunity is up to us."

And while Notre Dame's Catholic character is perhaps its most notable difference from Columbia, Dowd said it was not a driving force in determining the University's involvement.

"Religious affiliation should never be an issue when it comes to a project like this. Many members of the Notre Dame family may be involved in this project because we are motivated by our faith. This is great," he said. "[...] However, this project is about human development, not about Catholic development, Protestant development or Muslim development. Religious sectarianism has absolutely no place in this project."

Education, however, does have a place. Though MVP has other sources of funding and support — including everyone from individual

donors to national governments — Dowd said educational institutions like Notre Dame and Columbia can play a unique role in the project.

"I think the distinctive contribution that a university makes has to do with

research that is devoted to identifying and explaining change," he said. "For example, as a social scientist, I want to know if Millennium Villages Project is actually empowering people as it is intended to do. If not, why

not? ... As students and professors, we can make contributions to the goals of the project through our research."

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to first offense evictions. "From this meeting we agreed upon the spirit of the ordinance and gained allies in opposing first offense student evictions," Shappell said.

A later meeting with the manager of Turtle Creek Apartments demonstrated the interpretation of the ordinance has changed, Shappell said. She called this "major progress" in light of the several evictions that occurred in fall of 2005.

"We are now confident that students will not be evicted from their homes after the first violation of the disorderly house ordinance," Shappell said.

A central goal of the student government over the past two years has been to improve relations between Notre Dame students and the local community, she said.

"We have challenged each other to truly engage in the South Bend and Mishawaka communities, to move beyond the stereotypes of 'townies' and to live as good neighbors," Shappell said. "The concept of community relations is now common language on our campus and it has resulted in incremental improvements."

One method the student government employed to improve the relationship was a tour of South Bend available for freshmen during their first weekend at Notre Dame, co-sponsored by the South Bend mayor's office. Shappell said the tours — which attracted approximately 100 freshmen — were "widely regarded as successful."

"The purpose of this initiative is to assure that students have a positive impression of the community from their first weekend forward," Shappell said.

But her administration's job of improving community relations is not over.

"We have a lot of work left to

do," Shappell said.

Shappell is planning a community summit this February with the theme of integrating students into South Bend. Notre Dame will invite local area leaders and representatives from Saint Mary's, Holy Cross, Indiana University South Bend and Bethel College to discuss ways to enhance interaction between students and community members through community service, internships and other initiatives. Shappell called the summit a "novel event."

"The community summit will provide an opportunity to both formally talk about these issues and informally get to know our community leaders and fellow area college students," Shappell said.

With regard to alumni-student relations, Shappell wants to continue to bridge what she called the "perceived disconnect" between students and alumni by making the Go Irish networking group more accessible to students.

"Seniors and graduate students are now able to access the network of over a hundred thousand alumni in every region and professional field," Shappell said.

The network currently provides contact information and search engines for users, but Shappell said she will work to increase the usability of the site with resume posting, opportunities for alumni to volunteer as mentors for undergraduate students and general information sharing capabilities.

Andrichik is the undergraduate representative who will work on this project with the Alumni Association, Shappell said. He will sit on the career networking committee to incorporate student needs into the Web site and the social networking committee to continue the administration's work of providing student-alumni receptions on football weekend Fridays.

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Stocks		
Dow Jones	12,582.59	+26.51
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AMEX	2,060.80	+2.77
NASDAQ	2,497.78	-5.04
NYSE	9,139.56	-0.38
S&P 500	1,431.90	+1.17
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,078.12	-124.34
FTSE 100(London)	6,215.70	-47.80

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-0.07	-0.03	45.28
INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.77	+0.17	22.30
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	0.00	0.00	6.06
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.16	-0.05	31.16

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.42	-0.020	4.751
13-WEEK BILL	0.00	0.000	4.955
30-YEAR BOND	-0.35	-0.017	4.844
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.46	-0.022	4.737

Commodities		
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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-1.00	625.90
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.83	91.70

Exchange Rates	
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IN BRIEF

Experts warn health club members

NEW YORK — Many people who made New Year's resolutions to slim down are in the process of joining health clubs. Fitness and finance experts alike suggest consumers make sure they're selecting clubs with the facilities and amenities they want and that they read contracts carefully before signing to avoid problems if they don't stick to their new regimes.

It's often easier to join health clubs than it is to quit, and failure to take that into account can cost the unwary consumer a lot of money.

"We know memberships rise at the beginning of the year, generally because of resolutions and because people are motivated to make lifestyle changes," said Sheila Adkins, spokeswoman for the Council of Better Business Bureaus in Arlington, Va. "But by April or May, we start getting complaints, mainly from people with cancellation or refund issues."

The Better Business Bureau logged more than 4,425 consumer complaints about health clubs in 2005, ranking it 30th among the 3,000 types of businesses the BBB tracks.

The problem, Adkins said, is that people are often in such a hurry to sign up that they don't pay attention to details.

Crude oil falls after two week high

NEW YORK — Gold futures settled higher Wednesday, hitting a two-week high as crude oil contracts rallied off their lows and the dollar declined. Natural gas dropped 6 percent after a forecast of warm weather.

At settlement, most-active February gold was up \$7.40 at \$633.30 a troy ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Wednesday's strongest level of \$634.80 an ounce was a two-week high for the contract.

February gold had gotten off to a weak start Wednesday. Larry Young, senior trader at Infinity Brokerage, said a sell signal was touched off at the \$623.20 an ounce level, taking the contract to a session low of \$620.80 an ounce.

However, buyers stepped in and took February gold into positive territory, just as the dollar fell from its highs and tumbling crude oil futures bounced off a fresh 20-month low of \$50.28 a barrel.

Apple achieves record profit

Holiday sales of iPods, Macintosh computers yield best fiscal first quarter

Associated Press

SAN JOSE — Apple Inc. on Wednesday posted a record profit in its fiscal first quarter, beating Wall Street estimates as earnings rose 78 percent amid strong holiday sales of its iPod music players and Macintosh computers.

Investor enthusiasm over the blowout quarter, however, was curbed by a second-quarter outlook that fell below analyst expectations. Apple officials said the March quarter forecast partly stems from expectations of slightly lower gross margins and slower software sales ahead of the company's spring release of its upgrade to the Mac OS X operating system, dubbed Leopard.

During the final three months of 2006, the Cupertino-based company Apple said it earned \$1 billion, or \$1.14 per share, compared to \$565 million, or 65 cents a share, in the year-ago period.

Revenue for the quarter hit a record, reaching \$7.1 billion, up 24 percent from \$5.7 billion the previous year.

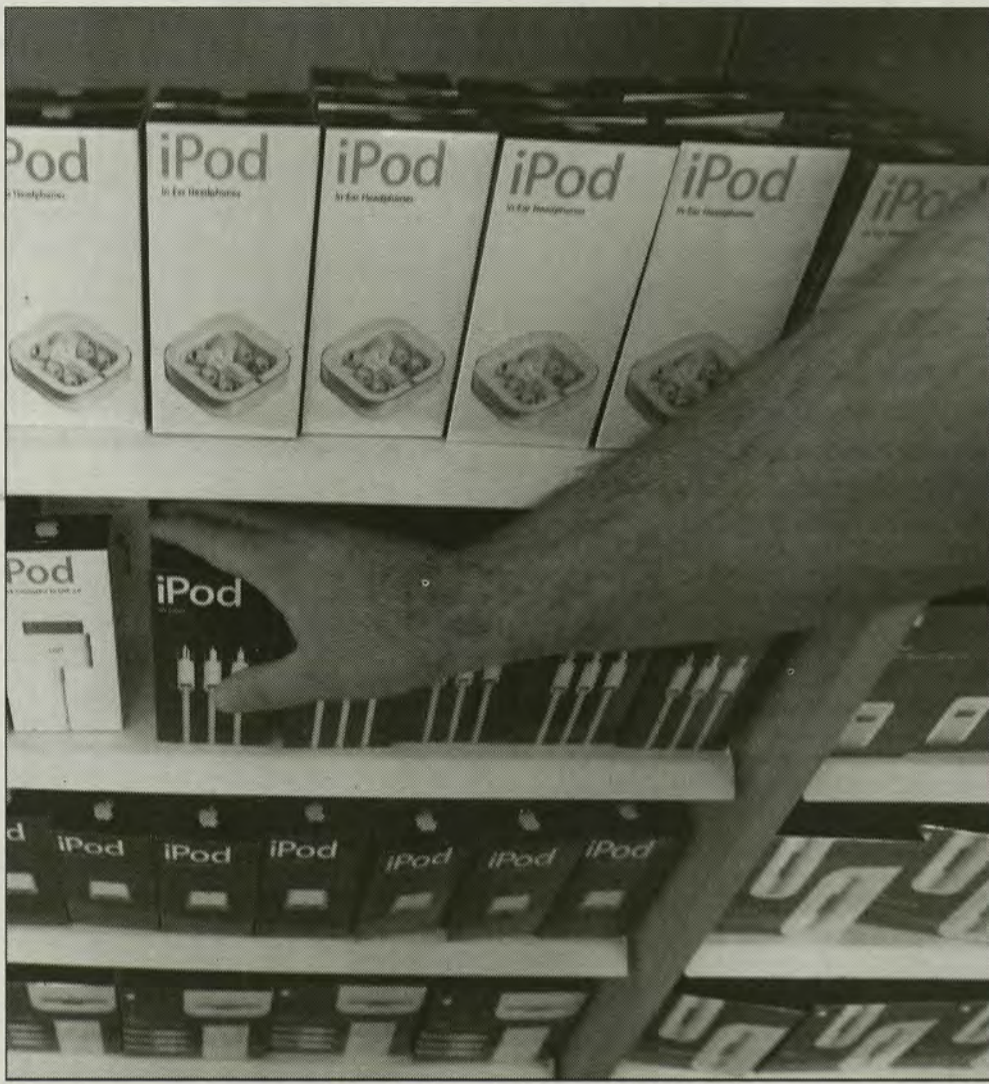
Analysts, on average, were expecting earnings of 78 cents per share on sales of \$6.42 billion, according to a Thomson Financial survey.

"This one was for the record books," Apple Chief Financial Officer Peter Oppenheimer said in an interview.

Apple shipped 1.6 million Macs and more than 21 million iPods during the quarter, representing a growth of 28 percent and 50 percent respectively from the year-ago holiday season.

That's an iPod sold for nearly every Texan. Sales of the iconic device accounted for \$3.43 billion, or nearly half, of the company's total revenue.

Mac sales continued to be strong, Oppenheimer said, with a growth rate



An Apple customer scans iPod accessories at a store in Palo Alto, Calif. Tuesday, before the company announced its fiscal first quarter earnings.

that was three times higher than the PC industry's during the quarter. The IDC market research firm also reported Wednesday that Apple's share of the PC market in the U.S. had grown to 4.7 percent in the quarter, up from 3.6 percent a year ago.

Still, shares of Apple lost \$2.15 to close at \$94.95 on the Nasdaq Stock Market as technology stocks in general tumbled. In extended trading following its report, Apple shares initially jumped by about 4.5 percent then declined by 1 percent to \$94.

Apple forecast fiscal second-quarter revenue of \$4.8 billion to \$4.9 billion and earnings per share of

54 cents to 56 cents. Analysts had projected revenues of \$5.22 billion and earnings per share of 60 cents, according to Thomson Financial.

Apple is one of the most prominent among dozens of companies facing scrutiny over its past accounting of stock options but Wall Street has largely shrugged off the matter.

Last week, federal prosecutors confirmed that they had opened an investigation into stock options irregularities at Apple, including an award granted to CEO Steve Jobs that carried a false October 2001 date when it was actually approved in December of that year.

Apple's own internal probe last year had disclosed that discrepancy, among thousands of other mishandled grants. The company, however, said its probe exonerated Jobs and any current management from any wrongdoing, while raising "serious concerns" about the actions of two former officers.

Investors remain optimistic about Apple's future as it reinvents itself as a consumer electronics company. It even changed its name last week — from Apple Computer Inc. to just Apple Inc. — to better reflect its broadening portfolio beyond computer products.

Investors surprised by PPI increase

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street finished mixed Wednesday after the Federal Reserve reported slow but steady regional economic growth, deflating hopes for an interest rate cut that were already dampened by a larger-than-expected producer price index.

Investors' rate worries trumped their optimism about strong earnings in the financial services sector, which earlier in the day helped nudge the Dow Jones industrials above 12,600 for the first time.

The Labor Department said before the market opened that the PPI, an indicator of inflation, rose by 0.9 per-

cent in December — slower than in November, but faster than the market expected. Later, the Fed reported in its Beige Book of regional economic conditions that the economy is moderating at a steady pace. Investors believed the reports not only lowered the chances of a rate cut, but also that the Fed might raise rates to curb inflation, a move that could crimp consumer spending and hurt corporate profits.

"Inflation may be a worry, and that is job one at the Fed: to control inflation," said Kim Caughey, equity research analyst at Fort Pitt Capital Group in Pittsburgh. Wednesday's PPI figure "makes it more unlikely that easing will happen, and may

make it likely for the Fed to raise rates."

Also weighing on stocks was a rebound in oil prices and an outlook from Intel Corp., the world's largest chip maker, that suggested profits in the technology sector might weaken this year.

The Dow fell 5.44, or 0.04 percent, to 12,577.15, after hitting a new trading high of 12,614.00 earlier in the session and after three straight days of record closes.

Broader stock indicators also slipped. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 1.28, or 0.09 percent, to 1,430.62, and the technology-laden Nasdaq composite index fell 18.36, or 0.74 percent, to 2,479.42.

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Speaking in tongues

Most of us probably spent our winter break crying ourselves to sleep over the bowl game, keeping tabs on the 24-hour coverage of the Rosie/Trump feud, or watching re-runs of "That's So Raven." What, that's not just me, right? Anybody?

But while we Americans were busy returning Christmas gifts and revising our rash New Year's resolutions, those industrious Canadians were at it again. Scientists from our Neighbor to the North announced last week the results of a

research project which found that people who are fully bilingual, by using both languages on a day-to-day basis throughout their lives, can delay the onset of dementia by up to four years. Apparently, the extra effort needed to speak two separate languages boosts blood to the brain and exercises your nerve connections, two important defenses against the debilitating elderly disease.

This probably comes as a shock to many of us in the good old U.S. of A., where our official language is American and we eat our cheeseburgers sans mayo, thank you very much. Oops, I slipped and used a foreign word there. Mea culpa.

As it turns out, knowing a second language can actually do more for you than merely teach you dirty phrases or random gibberish, such as "the monkeys are stealing my pineapple underpants" (although things like that are fun to say). Know that second language well, and you could be on the happy end of some solid health benefits. Your non-native tongue can help sharpen your

brain and keep it in good shape, like seniors doing water aerobics at the Y. Except for your brain, not your wrinkly thighs.

I always thought it would have been pretty awesome to be raised in a bilingual family, or at least a family who used a different form of speech than the standard. But really, even if you're born and raised American, it shouldn't set you back. There's no reason why you can't practice another language and put your brain to good use. Here at Notre Dame we have language requirements, but the end of schooling is no reason to give up your study of foreign communication. If you have never tried learning a language, no age is too late to dive right in. Give yourself more of a mental hurdle to leap than a daily sudoku.

Besides all those health benefits, moreover, knowing a second language makes you look cool. Of course, we all know there is an entire world of academics opened up to you with a second language — reading philosophy in Greek, literary theory in French, theological documents in Latin, Chinese history in Mandarin — the list goes on. Nothing compares to the original. But set all that aside for a minute, and picture yourself at a chic French restaurant. Knowing a second language, you wouldn't have to blubber while trying to get yourself "some of that chicken cordon bl... bl..." and just settling for "the chicken." Instead, you can confidently order your chicken cordon bleu dish, impress your girlfriend and rescue the date from doltish disaster, show her your intelligent side, wind up married with four kids and a waterfront villa, and live happily ever after.

Sometimes we can get annoyed when people speak in their own language. It creates a barrier between them and you, which makes it all the more rewarding when you breach it by learn-

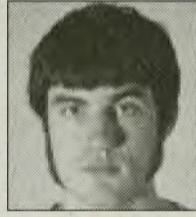
ing the language. But once again, this is America — no mayo on our burgers, and sure as heck no other language. Need I reiterate? The terrible price we all pay for having to comply with the saturation of other languages in our modern world takes its toll. We need to force our eyes past all that Spanish text printed on signs, and the extra step needed to select your language over the phone or on an internet site that, well just eats up a lot of our precious time.

The "official language" discussion opens up a whole new bag of worms, presenting a prickly and difficult subject. So often in this country of immigrants, we focus so much on unity — for instance, through a common language — that we shun any effort to preserve things that may impede that assimilation. And "diversity" has become such a catch-all term, devoid of any real meaning, that we consider discussion of it trite and cliché. But the next time we get mad in Wal-Mart while shopping for our ketchup and mustard and overhear a discussion in a language we can't understand, we can remember that maybe we should see past our own limitations and put in some work to learn another language ourselves. The existence of one unifying language does not mean it has to be our only language.

If you can't appreciate that, remember that using a second language regularly will help your brain later on in life. Most importantly of all, it can bring you happiness, companionship and endless joy. And that waterfront villa.

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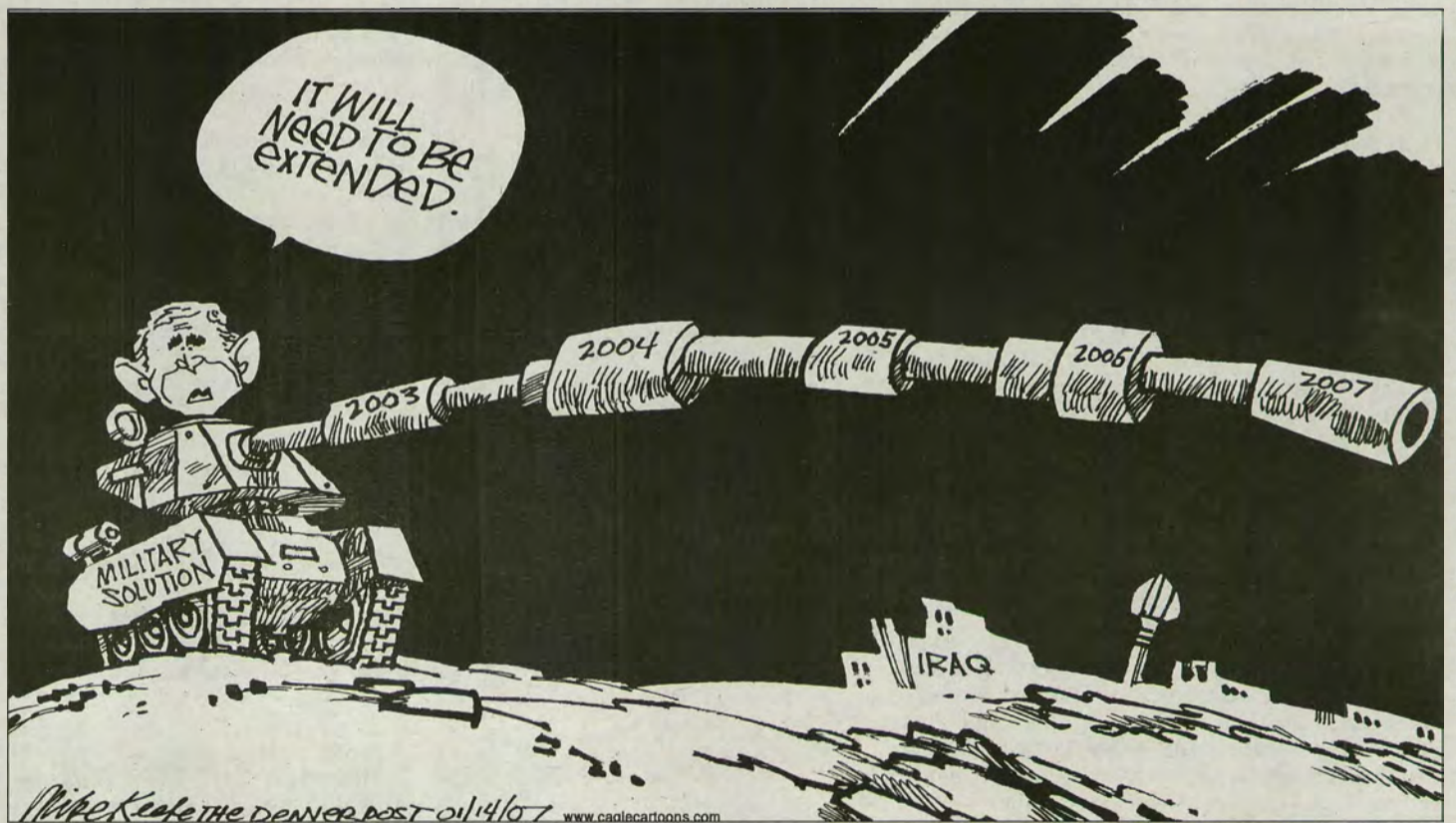
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James Dechant

Foregone Conclusion

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Question with boldness even the existence of a God; because, if there be one, he must more approve of the homage of reason, than that of blind-folded fear."

Thomas Jefferson
former U.S. president

Finding community

Having trouble with spam, viruses and untimely hard-drive crashes? More seriously, have you felt guilty lately about how much time you're spending on the Internet (or about what sites you're visiting)? You might consider praying for guidance to St. Isidore of Seville, the patron saint of computer users and the Internet.

Kate Barrett

FaithPoint

A patron saint of the Internet — who knew? Well, about eight years ago, a group of Internet and computer experts who work for one of the pontifical councils of the Vatican did some research to figure out which saint might be an appropriate patron of the (then) new frontier of cyberspace, and they decided on Isidore, a 6th-century scholar from Seville, Spain.

Now before you snicker and turn to the back page to see who won the ND-Villanova game, think about this: don't we often say to family members or friends, "Pray for me, please"? In a time of need, sorrow or fear, we pick up the phone; we turn to our roommate; we send an email; we ask for help. Put this together with our Christian belief in the resurrection, that believers who have died now live in communion with God, and it makes a lot of sense that we could also ask the dead (especially those whom the Church recognizes as particularly holy) to pray for us as well.

Community, for Christian believers, stretches not only

across geography, but across time. We form a community of faith with believers around the world today, but also with people who lived, died, struggled and found joy hundreds of years ago or a thousand years ago. And people who aren't even born yet will become a part of our community hundreds of years into the future. As ill-suited a match as a saint born in 556 might seem with YouTube, Google and blogs about blogs, the pairing of St. Isidore with contemporary computer users could give each of us a wonderful chance to think more clearly and carefully about just how we use the time and resources available to us every day.

If you want to learn more about particular patron saints, they are certainly easy to find with a Web search. The wider lesson about asking anyone to pray for us, however, whether it's the friend in the room next door or the ancient saint who nonetheless knows our modern doubts and fears, is not that we're gathering the troops to lobby God for a particular outcome. We absolutely have to recognize how much we need each other, and how much our lives on earth will look more like heaven — not because God's going to change the course of events for us, but because we've found God in our connections to one another.

I had the privilege of attending the funeral Monday of one of the newest members of the communion of saints. Jody Schrage was new to the Notre Dame community as

well as the local St. Joseph parish and school community, but her life of faith, energy and joy had already made an impact in both places. Anyone who had the privilege of meeting her before she died after a short, valiant battle with cancer knew how important it was to gather in the Basilica with her husband and daughters to celebrate her life. Father John DeRiso, who presided and preached at her funeral, spoke of how lucky we are to have the Schrage family in our midst, to have had even a brief taste of Jody's boundless enthusiasm for life, her ability to reach out and make friends wherever she went, her love of children of all ages.

Perhaps if St. Isidore were alive today, he would urge us to take the time to remember what real community means — the strengthening of our invisible bonds of shared life and death; the attempt to bring our lives on earth a little closer to a glimpse of the Kingdom of God; the joy and gratitude found with others that we will never find alone. Never underestimate the power of asking another person to pray for you — or of offering to do so for someone else.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'But' can be the most important part

In Eric Kosmo's Nov. 30 Letter to the Editor, "Stop using the 'but,'" he discusses the politicians today who use the "I am personally opposed, but..." line as a means to help legislate that which they claim to be morally opposed to. Kosmo is staunchly against this method of politics, claiming that "a politician cannot support publicly what he knows is wrong personally."

This tactic seems to be ever more popular among current politicians, and politicians should not run for office under a moral campaign as a means of getting elected just to completely disregard these promises once in office. However, there are some cases when politicians need to realize that what they personally believe is not going to best suit the country. It is in these cases when it is important and necessary to go against their own morals. As former governor of New York Mario Cuomo said, "All religiously based values don't have an a priori place in our public morality. The community must decide if what is being proposed would be better left to private discretion than public policy" (Religious Belief and Public Morality delivered to the University of Notre Dame on Sept. 13, 1984). A politician should use his morals as a framework for his decision making, but also know that as an elected official for the people, he will have to sometimes go against his beliefs to create a better country. Take, for example, a Catholic senator who does not believe in sex before marriage. This senator may try and impose his values on the society by banning the use of contraceptives, but by doing so he would not be doing his job; he is supposed to ensure that the legislation passed will best benefit the nation. In fact, there are some situations when a politician can support publicly what he knows is wrong personally.

I know that I want my elected official to have a moral backbone to help guide him on important decisions. At the same time, I can only hope that our elected officials have the sense to realize when they can or cannot impose their moral beliefs on society.

Jennifer Burke

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Dec. 6

Identifying resources for treating eating disorders

A recent article in Scholastic, "Confronting the Silence," stated that eating disorders receive little attention at Notre Dame and student government has planned a conference in February to address the issue. I enthusiastically support efforts to increase a dialogue among students, faculty and staff about eating disorders. I also think it is important to heighten awareness to what is being done to address this problem. The University has a comprehensive approach to the treatment of eating disorders that includes a multi-disciplinary team of providers who collaborate to develop individual treatment plans for students who present with eating and body image concerns. The treatment team consists of a physician and nurse at Health Services with expertise in eating disorders. The University Counseling Center provides individual and group counseling services and nutritional consultation for students. This team consults regularly about clinical needs of students in treatment and has been involved in expanding collaborative efforts to include the dietitian in the athletic department. Team members also provide consultation to faculty, staff and students about eating disorders and how to approach individuals who they have concerns about. Statistics on the number of students on campus with eating disorders may not be available, but the development of this multi-disci-

plinary team and comprehensive approach to treatment is evidence of the University's awareness of this problem and commitment to providing resources for students. In October 2005, the UCC hosted a professional conference on eating disorders that brought together treatment providers and experts from across the country to focus on treatment interventions. The conference in February to be hosted by student government seems to be focused on creating a dialogue within the campus community about eating disorders which could be an exciting next step — challenging the campus community to take responsibility for this issue. How can we as a community create an environment that supports direct communication when there are concerns about an individual engaging in unhealthy diet practices or unhealthy comparison of body shape and weight? Can we as a community recognize our biases and beliefs about weight, food, appearance, competition and success and how this impacts the Notre Dame environment? There are eating disorder treatment resources on campus. My hope is that the February conference will encourage members of this community to identify themselves as resources.

Valerie Staples

University Counseling Center

Dec. 6

Resolution ineffective

Contrary to the rest of the Student Senate, I did not support the idea of the Fair Trade Coffee Resolution. Setting aside my personal disagreement with the concept, I think the resolution should have been pursued differently. The resolution, as passed, pairs an aggressive educational drive with the lofty goal of largely eliminating non-fair trade coffee on campus. In the weeks since the Student Senate passed the Fair Trade Coffee Resolution, we have received several updates about the progress of meetings between Student Senate and University officials, but I do not believe I have heard of any dorm visits to get the word out among the students. This highlights one problem with this resolution — when the policy is implemented by Notre Dame Food Services, the incentives for the education drive would evaporate. If the goal of exclusive fair trade coffee were accomplished, what would be the point of an educational drive? It's not as if we would be able to make a choice. Educating the student body about the differences between free trade coffee and fair trade coffee is a very worthwhile cause; it would be more meaningful if in addition to knowing the difference, we had a choice and a chance to make a statement by our actions, not by the decisions made by our student government. Foregoing the educational drive and leaving students with only one "choice" does nothing to extend the idea of "social responsibility" beyond the Notre Dame bubble. Everyone should be willing to let his beliefs stand on their merits in public rather than doing his work behind closed doors and beyond the view of the public. I would have rather seen the resolution split into two resolutions that happen one after the other instead of simultaneously. The educational drive should be pursued first so we can gauge the support fair trade coffee could garner across campus. After assessing the success of the educational push, we could address the issue of chasing the evils of freedom and capitalism off our campus in the name of Catholic Social Teaching.

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CD REVIEWS

Akon's 'Konvicted' is guilty of mediocrity

By TAE ANDREWS
Assistant Scene Editor

After the great success of his single "Locked Up" in 2004, the real question now is, who let Akon back out again?

Out on parole with the release of his second album, "Konvicted," the whiny crooner is guilty of creating an uninspired album sure to elicit as lukewarm a response as the R&B artist's ill-fated appearance in Notre Dame's The Show during fall 2005.

Depending on the listener's personal point of view, Akon's nasally voice can be considered either annoying or whiny. Regardless of the choice description, it is an irritating and tired gimmick that gets old even after a few minutes, never mind a few songs.

At his best, Akon should be reserved only for use as the occasional hook on someone else's single. At his worst — well, if you're intrigued, or just don't mind wasting a few bucks, pick up the album.

The only certainty about Akon songs

is that they are bound to be depressing. The creative genius that brought the public "Lonely" continues to build on his career portfolio of mournful songs in "Konvicted," cementing his status as the Eeyore of the hip-hop world.

Akon paints a rather dreary picture throughout the album, and his "glass half empty" mindset pervades the entire disc. Halfway through the album, Akon's synth-heavy pop vocals beg the immortal question, "Would you like some cheese with that whine?"

To make matters all the more confusing, Akon cannot seem to decide if he is condemning or glorifying the world of hip-hop — one moment he is lamenting life on the streets, and the next he is bragging about the bullets-and-babes ethos of life as a gangster. Akon's street cred is somewhat suspect as well.

Sure, he drops enough four-letter words to slap a PARENTAL ADVISORY sticker on the front of his disc, but his whiny voice and general demeanor bring to mind the image of Dashboard

Confessional trapped in the body of a young R&B singer. In other words, Akon is the pioneer of an entirely new genre of music: emo-hop.

Much like in his previous album, "Trouble," Akon is rescued from himself by a few

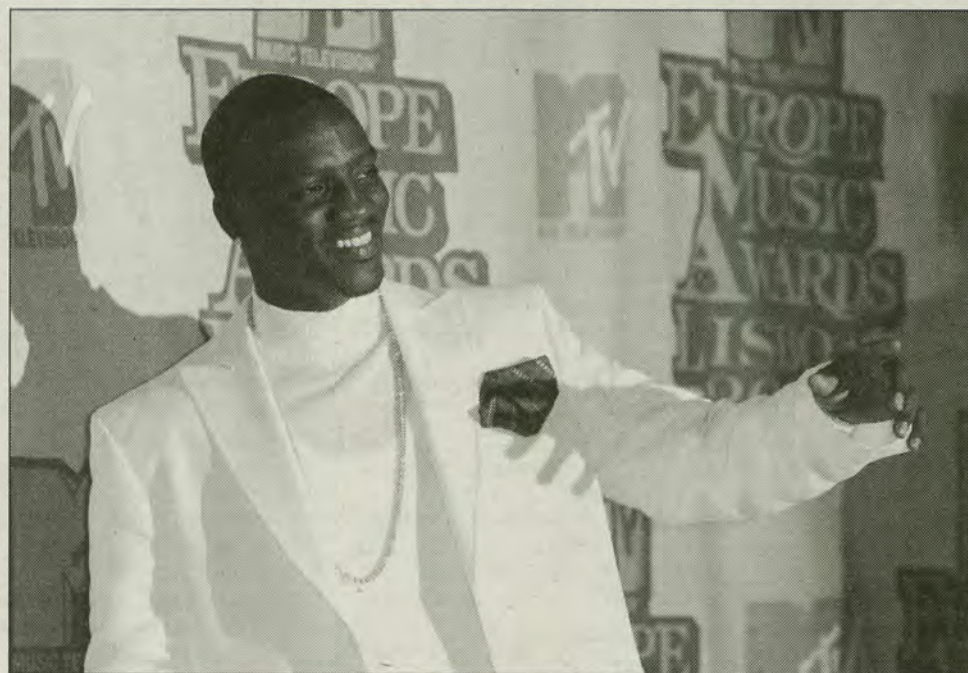


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Since his debut, **Allaune Thiam** — or Akon — has enjoyed mixed levels of success around the world. Above, Akon poses for pictures at the European MTV awards.

extremely catchy beats, some guest spots and a couple of club bangers. Said bangers include the chart-topping single "Smack That," a naughty track about the finer points of dance-floor spanking, and the sultry "I Wanna Love You," featuring the lyrical talents of the one and only Snoop Dogg.

Akon also teams up again with the rapper Styles P on "Blown Away," the first radio single off of the album. Unfortunately, it is no coincidence that the three best tracks all feature other artists. Akon appears to suffer from Nate Dogg syndrome — he is much



better off with his name after the word "featuring" on track titles than before it.

The only convincing thing about "Konvicted" is that Akon can't carry an album himself and should stick to guest spots.

Fortunately, Akon's new pop-happy faux hip-hop album will in all likelihood rattle around dance floors and college campuses for a few weeks, before it slips and swirls its way into the cesspool of forgotten songs that no one cares about.

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Akon
Konvicted
Umvd Labels

Recommended tracks: 'I Wanna Love You,' 'Blown Away,' 'Gangsta Bop' and 'Smack That'

Chumbawamba misses mark with newest album

By CHRIS McGRADY
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When examining the long list of 1990s era one-hit wonders, the name Chumbawamba almost always finds its way into the discussion. After all, the band's historically catchy party-pop hit "Tubthumping" still reminds most of us of middle school dances.

Perhaps dissatisfied with its "one hit then quit" status, Chumbawamba is making another run at the stop. This time, however, the band is ditching the electronic aids for an acoustic act.

"A Singsong and a Scrap" is the name of Chumbawamba's latest release, a brand new take on the group's sound. What most people do not know is that the band is not really just a one-hit wonder, but has actually enjoyed moderate success (with a few very large successes) since its formation in 1984.

The band formed in Leeds, England with an extremely political point of

view. Considered anarchists, group members often wrote songs bashing the political goals of then-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and even held benefit concerts to protest her position in office. It was not long after this that Chumbawamba's anti-government status elevated, and the group became the target of police raids.

However, the average listener would be surprised to hear this after taking in the soft sounds of "A Singsong and a Scrap."

The new album, although still steeped with political messages, is more likely to lull the listener to sleep rather than inspire any revolutionary spirits to take arms and storm parliament.

The album opens with "Laughter in a Time of War," a harmonic folk-inspired song that uses melodic guitar-picking to produce a feel-good sound. The lyrics, however, hint at a darker message as the band points out the irony in the general attitude towards war.

"Walking into Battle with the Lord" is the fifth track on the CD and brings religious shading to the predominantly political album. The song is mostly a cappella, and the band does an impressive job in this context. The lyrics are



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Chumbawamba, although best known for the breakaway pop single "Tubthumping," has long been involved in controversial political activism.

poignant and moving, and it is at this point that the listener begins to wonder if this is the same group behind "Tubthumping."

"Fade Away" is another light-hearted piece. The song will draw comparisons to some of the happy-go-lucky sounds of folk singers from the past, such as Simon and Garfunkel. But it is this déjà vu that causes the downfall of the album — where is the originality?



The album is surprisingly well thought-out and performed. A far cry from the "expected" Chumbawamba, the band has shown a musical diversity that would generally be unaffiliated with a group reputed to be a one-hit

wonder. However, the music from the album is largely homogeneous and lacks anything new and refreshing to set itself apart from other groups that pioneered the folk genre. The lyrics and writing do take Chumbawamba to a slightly higher level, but overall the actual melodies do not help the album rise above mediocrity.

Maybe Chumbawamba meant to subdue its music in order to further spread its political message, but unfortunately, suppressing the sound makes for a very bland album.

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Chumbawamba
A Singsong and a Scrap
Edel Germany

Recommended tracks: 'Laughter in a Time of War' and 'Walking into Battle with the Lord'

MOVIE REVIEW

Lively 'Museum' entertains young at heart

By MARTY SCHROEDER
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Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Robin Williams and Steve Coogan have made much better films than this winter's "Night at the Museum." The caveat, however, is that the five-year-old in every family could not see most of those movies. "Night at the Museum" is easily accessible to people of all ages to watch and have a great time.

Directed by Shawn Levy, who helmed family film "Cheaper by the Dozen" and teen-flick "Just Married," "Night at the Museum" is an attempt at blending those two genres. It is tame enough for the little brother and sister, but at the same time has just enough romance and historical trivia for the teenaged and parental crowd.

However, that creates a significant problem. "Night at the Museum" tries to fit in both categories and in the attempt does not manage to do either particularly well — just decently. The relationships established between the characters — except for perhaps Teddy Roosevelt and his surprising wax figure's love interest — could have been fleshed out more, but that might have been more drama than the film could really handle.

The plot is a very simple one: Stiller's

Larry Daley becomes the night guard at the New York Museum of Natural History, trying to hold down an actual job after a string of inventions and start-up companies left him with empty pockets. The surprise in store for Daley is that the denizens of the museum come to life during his shift.

This includes everything from war-mongering Huns, cavemen, Teddy Roosevelt and one really pesky monkey. The film revolves around the problems Daley encounters in trying to do his job and some unexpected thievery occurring in the museum.

The best acting in this film comes in groups. Wilson, as the fast-talking head of the Old West miniature display, and Coogan, as the Roman general Octavius,

bantered in what are perhaps the funniest parts of the film — minus a certain driving scene that may have been funny for little kids, but just seems ridiculous to anyone over the age of six. Next to these younger actors were some

well-known faces from the previous generation of actors. Dick Van Dyke, Mickey Rooney and Bill Cobbs are the aging night guards Daley is hired to replace. They put in fine performances and prove to the audience they still know how to light up a big screen. If "Night at the Museum" is any indication, they are not



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Larry Daley (Ben Stiller, left) and Teddy Roosevelt (Robin Williams) explore the incredible events taking place all around them in a natural history museum.

Night at the Museum



Director: Shawn Levy
Writers: Ben Garant and Thomas Lennon
Starring: Ben Stiller, Dick Van Dyke, Robin Williams and Steve Coogan

done with their careers yet. Also, Ricky Gervais, the awkward boss from the British version of "The Office," fills the role of the overly concerned museum director. There are some humorous scenes between Stiller and Gervais; however, Gervais' comedic genius does not reach its full potential in this film.

Overall, "Night at the Museum" is a fun way to spend just under two hours without having to think too much or worry about being offended. This is a great film for kids, as well as for any person who loved museums as a child. However, it is worth waiting for it to

reach the dollar theater. What the film could have been is one thing, but the final result is something else entirely. "Night at the Museum" is worth seeing on the big screen — just not one that costs more than six dollars.

The actors in this film have certainly done more rewarding projects. However, it has already taken in over \$190 million, so they will surely be pleased with the paycheck, if not an award-winning performance.

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DVD REVIEW

'Talladega Nights' earns place among Ferrell's finest

By SEAN SWEANY
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Bill Murray, Steve Martin, Jim Carrey and Mike Myers were all comedians before they became acclaimed Hollywood superstars. One of the latest names to add to this list is Will Ferrell, who jumped from "Saturday Night Live" to the big screen with mega-hits like "Old School" and "Anchorman."

His latest comic vehicle, "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," recently hit DVD shelves and is quickly becoming another Ferrell classic. In the usual way of the "SNL" alum, the movie showcases his talents while also poking fun at its subject matter — the world of NASCAR racing — in a subtle yet effective manner.

The movie stars Ferrell as Ricky Bobby, a NASCAR superstar and crowd favorite who wins at all costs. His teammate and friend, Cal Naughton, Jr. (John C. Reilly, "The Aviator"), always finishes second to Bobby's first, which earns the duo the nickname

"Shake 'n Bake."

When French Formula One driver Jean Girard (Sacha Baron Cohen, "Borat") arrives to challenge Ricky Bobby in his NASCAR dominance, Bobby must overcome a new influx of personal problems involving both racing and his personal life to return to the top of the racing world.

"Talladega Nights" was clearly created with the intent of mimicking the style of Ferrell's previous movies that has brought him such success. The film is full of the non-sequiturs and absurd situations that audiences have come to expect from Ferrell's movies and most of these do not disappoint.

Ferrell shows his usual skill and wit in delivery, and Reilly — who was originally cast in "Anchorman" as Champ Kind, only to withdraw due to scheduling conflicts with "The Aviator" — gives a good performance in another supporting actor role. Cohen also demonstrates his comedic talent and gives a better performance here than he does in "Borat."

Other actors such as Michael Clarke Duncan, Amy Adams, Gary Cole, Jane Lynch and Andy Richter are perfectly cast in supporting and cameo roles and provide a good assortment of characters for Ferrell and Reilly to interact with throughout.

If this movie suffers from anything, it is that at times the writing

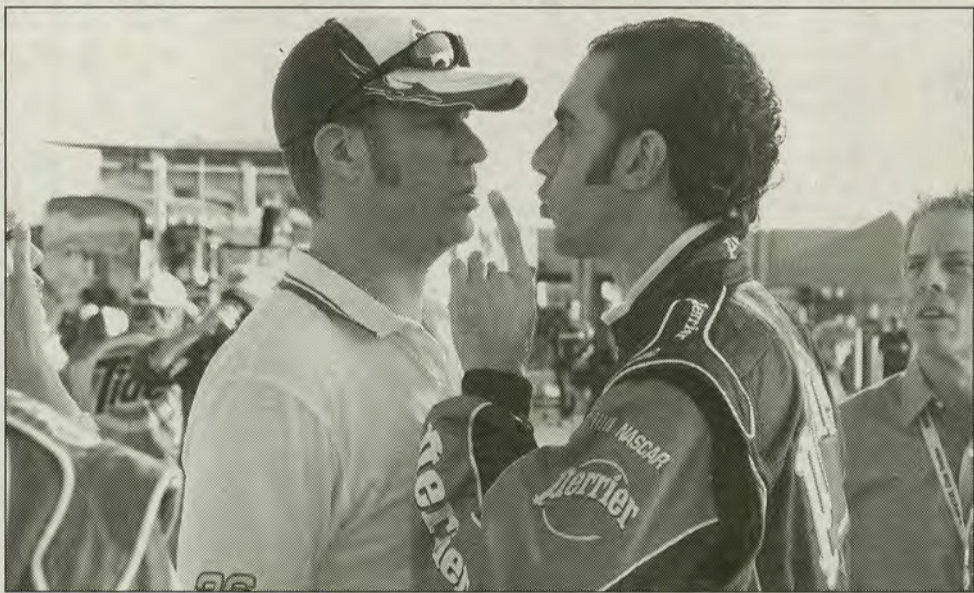


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Ricky Bobby (Will Ferrell), left, is confronted by his biggest opponent — the former French Formula One driver Jean Girard (Sacha Baron Cohen) in "Talladega Nights."

fails the actors, in spite of their good performances. Although Ferrell and Adam McKay wrote both "Talladega Nights" and "Anchorman," this film does not demonstrate the same hilarity that "Anchorman" had at every turn.

The unrated DVD comes loaded with special features, some of which are worthless promotional spots that were no doubt included to cram as much product placement in the movie as possible, given the heavy built-in marketing that NASCAR already uses.

Other features, however, such as a gag reel, extended scenes, interviews and deleted or alternate scenes with Ricky Bobby, Cal and Jean Girard reveal humorous material inexplicably

left out of the final cut of the film. These show the comic ability of the actors, especially Ferrell, and make the film funnier on a second viewing.

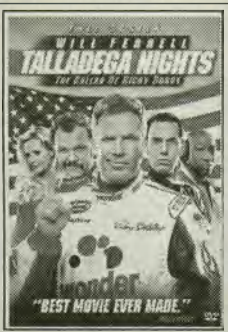
Indeed, like many other Ferrell movies, "Talladega Nights" becomes better and funnier each successive time it plays. This is something all good comedies have in common and is a testament to not only the acting, but also the writing of a film.

In this respect, Ferrell has produced another success in his ever-increasing litany of films. While not on the elite level of "Anchorman," "Talladega Nights" finishes a close second.

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Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

Sony Pictures



NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Flowers leads Wisconsin in win over Purdue

Ohio State tops Northwestern in Big 10 action, Vanderbilt upsets Alabama, Tar Heels cruise past Clemson

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Michael Flowers scored 15 points to lead No. 2 Wisconsin to its 14th consecutive victory, 69-64 over Purdue on Wednesday night.

The Badgers (18-1, 4-0 Big Ten), who are enjoying the highest ranking in school history, led by 10 points midway through the second half.

Keaton Grant's fast break layup with 39 seconds left brought the Boilermakers (13-6, 2-3) within 67-62. Kammron Taylor made one of two free throws for Wisconsin with 36 seconds left. Purdue missed and rebounded two 3-point attempts, finally settling for a putback by Carl Landry that made it 68-64 with 4.3 seconds left.

Gordon Watt had 18 points for Purdue, which hasn't won on the road in nearly three years.

The Badgers' winning streak tied with New Mexico State for longest in the nation.

Wisconsin missed its first nine shots and was 3-for-17 from 3-point range for the game.

The Badgers did put together a 14-4 run midway through the second half — though there wasn't much actual running involved, as they methodically opened a 10-point lead over nearly 6 minutes.

Wisconsin center Jason Chappell hit a 3-pointer to put the Badgers ahead 40-39 with 13:32 remaining, Wisconsin's first lead of the second half.

Flowers threw up a haphazard shot as he was stumbling out of bounds, and it fell in to put the Badgers ahead 51-43. Alando Tucker later scored on an inside move to push the Badgers' lead to 10 with 7:47 remaining.

North Carolina 77, Clemson 55

Brandan Wright wouldn't let one bad game get under his skin. That's a freshman trait North Carolina fans can learn to love.

Wright, the Atlantic Coast Conference leader in field goal percentage, was a miserable 1-of-8 in a loss to Virginia Tech last Saturday that cost the Tar Heels their perfect conference mark and No. 1 ranking.

Wright shook that off by scoring 17 points on 8-of-10 shooting to help the fourth-ranked Tar Heels recover with a victory over No. 19 Clemson.

"That's not the type of team that we are," Wright said referring to the 94-88 loss to the Hokies. "We wanted to show who we were. We put that behind us and took it to the next game."

The smooth 6-foot-9 freshman certainly did that. He hit his first

seven shots as North Carolina (16-2, 3-1) won its sixth straight over Clemson (17-2, 3-2).

Less than a week ago, Clemson had been 17-0 and the nation's only Division I unbeaten. The perfect record ended last Saturday with a 92-87 loss at Maryland. And the Tar Heels' speed and pressure made sure the Tigers wouldn't start another winning streak.

"If people want to run with us, we can run with them. That's what we want to do," North Carolina guard Wes Miller said.

The Tar Heels' quickness turned what was expected to be a tight game into a laugher.

Ohio State 73, Northwestern 41

Greg Oden had a new look and a couple of his teammates had a new approach.

Ohio State's point-guard tandem of Mike Conley Jr. and Jamar Butler showed they could do more than pass in leading the seventh-ranked Buckeyes past Northwestern.

Conley scored a career-high 17 points, Butler added 16 and both had big baskets in the opening half as the Buckeyes (15-3, 3-1 Big Ten) pulled away to continue their home domination of the Wildcats.

"Coach told us to penetrate, attack that middle man and try to make plays," Conley said of the Buckeyes' plan to slice through the Wildcats' 1-3-1 zone defense.

Northwestern (10-8, 0-5) has not won in Columbus since Feb. 24, 1977 — a string of 24 consecutive losses on the Buckeyes' home court.

Othello Hunter added 10 points for the Buckeyes, who have won five of their last six.

Conley had 10 assists — two more than Northwestern.

"They couldn't trap Mike and Mike made a lot of plays," Butler said.

Oden — clean shaven for the first time in his brief collegiate career — finished with five points, six rebounds and five blocked shots.

"He looks faster," Conley said with a grin of his former high school teammate. "Our old coach says after you get a haircut or shave that you look faster."

Asked if he knew why Oden shaved, Conley laughed and said, "He said it was personal reasons."

Vanderbilt 94, Alabama 73

Shan Foster scored 27 points and Vanderbilt beat No. 10 Alabama with its best shooting game this season.

The Commodores hit a season-

high 15 3-pointers in 28 attempts and shot 58 percent overall in pulling off their second home upset of a ranked team in eight days. They beat then-No. 16 Tennessee 82-81 on Jan. 10.

Vandy (12-6, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) never let Alabama (14-3, 1-2) get close after the opening minutes in handing the Tide a ninth straight loss in Nashville. Alabama hasn't won in Memorial Gym since 1990 under coach Wimp Sanderson.

Alabama's other conference loss this season was 88-61 at Arkansas.

The Tide missed its first four shots and last led 14-12 after a basket by Richard Hendrix. That was it as Vanderbilt just kept hitting shots in taking a 54-37 halftime lead and the Commodores were up by as many as 25 points in the final minutes.

Derrick Byars scored 15 points for Vanderbilt, while Ross Neltner added 14 and Alex Gordon and Dan Cage each had 12.

Mykal Riley led Alabama with 21 points, while Jermareo Davidson added 18, Hendrix 14 and Alonzo Gee 11. Ronald Steele, who had been averaging 10.5 points, had only five.

Vanderbilt, which has beaten three straight ranked teams including a Dec. 9 win over then-No. 25 Georgia Tech, needed this victory badly. The Commodores had lost two road games to start SEC play, and three of their next four are on the road at No. 25 Kentucky, No. 16 LSU and top-ranked Florida.

Bulter 67, Youngstown State 39

Pete Campbell gives Bulter instant offense, especially from behind the 3-point line.

Campbell scored a season-high 17 points and the 18th-ranked Bulldogs hit a season-best 14 3-pointers in a victory over Youngstown State.

The 42 points on 3s, including 15 by Campbell, were enough to beat the Penguins.

"That's what I was initially brought here to do. I've been a shooter. That's my strength," said Campbell, who transferred from IPFW in 2005 and sat out last season.

"I came out and didn't want to force anything, though when I get a good look, that's my job," he said of his 6-of-10 shooting. "My teammates did a good job setting me up and the coaches ran a few plays to get me open."

Campbell, whose previous high with Bulter was 12 points, was 5-of-7 from long range. He has hit 16-of-25 3-pointers over the past four games.



Vanderbilt guard Alex Gordon, front, fouls Alabama forward Alonzo Gee during the first half of the Commodores' 94-73 upset win over the Tide.

"He's a very capable shooter," Bulter coach Todd Licklitter said.

The Bulldogs (16-2, 4-1 Horizon League) made 14 of 24 3s and hit seven straight in a 4-minute stretch that broke the game open midway through the first half. Campbell hit all five of his 3-point tries in the first half.

"It's my best shooting game (at Bulter), for sure," said Campbell, whose career high was 28 points with IPFW two years ago. "I'm getting a lot more looks because I'm getting used to the system, getting used to knowing how to find my shot in the system."

The Bulldogs were 10-of-13 on 3s in taking a 42-18 halftime lead. They widened it to as many as 33 points with under 2 minutes left in the game.

LSU 62, Mississippi 55

Tasmin Mitchell and Terry Martin combined for 22 second-half points to lead No. 16th LSU to a victory over Mississippi.

Mitchell scored 14 of his 19 points in the second half, while Martin had eight of his 15 after the break.

With the Tigers (13-4, 2-1

Southeastern Conference) leading by one point and less than 5 minutes to play, Martin and Mitchell both hit big shots.

Martin knocked down his fourth 3-pointer of the game to give LSU a 50-46 lead with 4:44 remaining. On the Tigers' next possession, Mitchell hit a 3 that put them ahead 53-46. Mississippi didn't get closer than five points the rest of the game.

Glen Davis added 11 points for LSU.

Clarence Sanders paced the Rebels (12-6, 1-3) with 12 points, while Dwayne Curtis had all of 11 in the second half and reserve Kenny Williams added 10.

Two baskets by Mitchell gave LSU a 24-13 lead with 7:36 left in the opening half. The Tigers made just one field goal the rest of the half and had their lead trimmed to 29-23. Williams scored six points in the final 7 minutes.

The Rebels fell behind 34-25 early in the second half, but Curtis hit three field goals as Mississippi got within 37-34.

Mississippi got within one point three times in the second half.

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Women's Basketball Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Duke	18-0	1235
2	North Carolina	19-0	1212
3	Maryland	18-1	1128
4	Tennessee	16-1	1122
5	Ohio State	15-1	1005
6	Connecticut	14-1	1000
7	Oklahoma	12-1	972
8	LSU	16-2	873
9	Stanford	14-3	856
10	Arizona State	16-2	766
11	George Washington	14-2	673
12	Purdue	16-3	671
13	Baylor	14-3	636
14	Vanderbilt	16-2	633
15	Louisville	17-1	503
16	Georgia	14-4	485
17	Texas A&M	12-3	444
18	Bowling Green	14-2	367
19	Marquette	16-2	359
20	Middle Tenn. St.	15-3	268
21	California	13-4	210
22	Texas	13-4	177
23	Michigan State	13-4	159
24	Mississippi	15-4	125
25	Kansas State	14-2	74

Women's Basketball ESPN/USA Today Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Duke	18-0	764
2	North Carolina	19-0	752
3	Maryland	18-1	705
4	Tennessee	16-1	693
5	Connecticut	14-1	625
6	Oklahoma	12-1	610
7	Ohio State	15-1	600
8	LSU	16-2	567
9	Stanford	14-3	509
10	Arizona State	16-2	476
11	Vanderbilt	16-2	434
12	Baylor	14-3	419
13	George Washington	14-2	403
14	Purdue	16-3	401
15	Louisville	17-1	334
16	Georgia	14-4	322
17	Bowling Green	14-2	267
18	Texas A&M	12-3	258
19	Marquette	16-2	197
20	Middle Tenn. St.	15-3	180
21	Michigan State	13-4	124
22	California	13-4	106
23	TCU	13-4	64
24	Texas	13-4	43
25	Pittsburgh	13-3	39

Women's Basketball Big East Standings

	team	Big East record	overall record
1	Connecticut	4-0	14-2
2	Rutgers	5-1	10-5
3	Marquette	4-1	16-2
4	Louisville	3-1	17-2
5	South Florida	3-1	14-4
6	NOTRE DAME	3-1	12-5
7	Providence	2-2	12-5
8	Cincinnati	2-3	11-5
9	West Virginia	2-3	11-7
10	Syracuse	2-3	8-11
11	Pittsburgh	1-2	14-3
12	DePaul	1-3	12-6
13	Villanova	1-3	7-11
14	Georgetown	1-4	11-7
15	Seton Hall	1-4	9-8
16	St. John's	1-4	5-11

NBA



Former Irish forward Troy Murphy watches from the bench in Golden State's 108-93 win over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday. Murphy was traded to Indiana Wednesday as part of an eight-player deal.

Warriors and Pacers complete trade

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Almost every player involved in the Indiana Pacers' eight-man trade with the Golden State Warriors on Wednesday is likely to welcome the change of scenery.

The Pacers traded Al Harrington and Stephen Jackson to Golden State for forwards Troy Murphy and Mike Dunleavy in a large, bold deal to shake up two struggling teams.

The Pacers also sent guard Sarunas Jasikevicius and forward Josh Powell to the Warriors, who gave up forward Ike Diogu and guard

Keith McLeod. According to Chris Mullin, the Warriors' vice president and a former player for both teams, the wholesale shuffle will benefit everyone involved.

"This is a situation where both teams feel good about what's going to happen," Mullin said. "They're all key components. All these guys that are in the deal, they're going to have good roles with their new teams."

Murphy, Dunleavy and Diogu had been reduced to high-priced backups for failing to produce more in new coach Don Nelson's offensive-minded system. Both Murphy and

Dunleavy have hefty contracts that allowed Golden State to finish the deal with significantly less financial impact than the Pacers.

Harrington, the most accomplished player in the trade, struggled to get comfortable alongside Jermaine O'Neal in his first season back with Indiana. Meanwhile, Jackson has been dogged by legal troubles and attitude problems all season, embarrassing the club with an early season fight at a strip club and a spat with coach Rick Carlisle last month.

"I think he was in a difficult environment for him,"

Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh said of Jackson, who averaged 14.1 points this season. "No matter what he was going to do, he wasn't going to outlive that environment. So I think it's good for him to go to another city and start fresh, and I think it's good for our team as well."

The deal left injury-plagued Golden State with just six healthy players on its roster for Wednesday night's game against the Los Angeles Clippers — two fewer than the NBA minimum required to avoid forfeiting a game. The Warriors quickly signed NBA Development League forward Renaldo Major.

IN BRIEF

Pirates complete deal for Braves first baseman LaRoche

After two months of trying, the Pittsburgh Pirates finally landed a deal for Atlanta power hitter Adam LaRoche on Wednesday when they agreed to acquire the first baseman for left-handed reliever Mike Gonzalez and another player.

The trade will be announced after physicals are completed, according to a baseball official familiar with the negotiations who requested anonymity because the deal was still being finalized. The identity of the other player was not immediately known.

The Pirates, who hit an NL-low 141 homers during a 95-loss season last year, have been desperate to add a left-handed power bat to take advantage of PNC Park's short right-field deck. They targeted LaRoche weeks ago, but the Braves previously sought both Gonzalez and one of the Pirates' young starting pitchers.

Sosa set to make comeback with Texas after year off

Despite being out of baseball since 2005, Sammy Sosa showed enough pop in his bat to get an offer from the Texas Rangers.

"He's strong. He's healthy," Rangers rookie manager Ron Washington said Wednesday. "I saw good bat speed. The ball made a lot of sound off his bat. I saw a great attitude. I saw a guy that is very confident in his ability."

An agreement on a minor league contract appears likely, and could be completed by the end of the week.

The 38-year-old Sosa, 12 home runs shy of 600, last played with the Baltimore Orioles. The seven-time All-Star hit .221 with 14 homers and 45 RBIs in 102 games.

That year got off to a poor start when Sosa testified during spring training before a congressional committee looking into steroids use by professional baseball players.

Tennis great Sampras elected to sport's Hall of Fame

As a tennis history buff, Pete Sampras can't wait to walk around the sport's Hall of Fame when he goes there for the first time this summer.

He's especially looking forward to seeing his own plaque.

Sampras was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame on Wednesday, joined in the 2007 class by Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Sven Davidson and Russ Adams.

"It's kind of icing on the cake for having a good career," Sampras said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "It's an honor to be included with (Rod) Laver and the older generation, (John) McEnroe and (Jimmy) Connors. All those guys."

Sampras has never visited the Hall of Fame in Newport, R.I., but he'll get a chance when he's there for the July 14 induction ceremony.

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TENNIS

Clijsters advances in Open

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Kim Clijsters extended the winning start to her farewell tour, beating Akiko Morigami 6-3, 6-0 Thursday to reach the third round of the Australian Open.

The 23-year-old Belgian, who has announced she is retiring at the end of this season in the hope of starting a family, recovered from an inconsistent opening set to run through the second in 24 minutes.

She started the year with a win over Maria Sharapova in the final of a Hong Kong exhibition tournament and last week won the Sydney International.

Recently engaged Martina Hingis, into the second year of her comeback after three seasons on the sidelines, had a 6-2, 6-2 win over Russian Alla Kudryavtseva to move closer to a quarterfinal rematch with Clijsters.

Clijsters won her first-round match without dropping a game but was erratic early against Morigami, making more unforced errors (12) than winners (11) and dropping serve twice.

She clicked into gear in the



Kim Clijsters returns a serve against Akiko Morigami in the second round of the Australian Open. Clijsters won 6-3, 6-0.

second, making only three unforced errors in the last six games.

She blamed the slow start on a late night, staying up to watch Frenchman Gael Monfils upset last year's finalist Marcos Baghdatis on Wednesday.

"I went to bed maybe a little too late," she said. "But I'm playing well, and it's nice to be back on this court again."

Sixth-seeded Hingis, who became engaged to Czech player Radek Stepanek last month, moved closer to another quarterfinal showdown with Clijsters.

Hingis won three straight Australian titles from 1997 and then lost three consecutive finals before quitting the tour because of nagging foot and ankle problems.

NFL

Schottenheimer will stay with San Diego

Chargers head coach to return for 2007 season

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Marty Schottenheimer might be down to one last chance to get the San Diego Chargers to the Super Bowl.

Three days after the talented Chargers melted down in a stunning 24-21 playoff loss to New England, team president Dean Spanos decided Wednesday that bringing Schottenheimer back for the final year of his contract gives San Diego its best chance to win.

Schottenheimer, though, declined the team's offer of a one-year extension for 2008 worth \$4.5 million, with a \$1 million buyout.

The coach didn't offer specific reasons, but they could have to do with the spiraling salaries given to other NFL head coaches, and perhaps to his strained relationship with general manager A.J. Smith.

"Right now, I wasn't comfortable accepting it," said Schottenheimer, who will earn more than \$3 million in 2007, the final year of an extension he received after the 2004 season.

Spanos said Schottenheimer didn't give him a reason.

"I offered what I thought was a fair offer and it was surely up to him to make the decision as to whether to accept it or not, and he chose not to, and I respect that entirely," Spanos said.

With a regular-season record of 200-126-1 with Cleveland, Kansas City, Washington and San Diego, Schottenheimer is the most successful coach never to have reached the Super Bowl.

His 5-13 playoff record has taken on a life of its own. Sunday's loss was his sixth

straight in the postseason dating to 1993, and the ninth time a Schottenheimer-coached team lost its opening playoff game. His teams have failed four times to capitalize on the home-field advantage that comes with owning the AFC's No. 1 seed.

He is 47-33 in five seasons with the Chargers, including 35 wins and two AFC West titles in the last three seasons.

Led by league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson, the Chargers were thought by many to be Super Bowl-caliber, with an NFL-best 14-2 record. But they had four turnovers and made numerous other mistakes in losing to the Patriots, their first defeat at home this season.

Speculation grew following the loss that Schottenheimer might be fired, due in part to the front office's expectations of a deep playoff run and his icy relationship with Smith, believed to have developed over personnel moves.

Smith said that following the loss, it wasn't automatic that he would recommend that Schottenheimer return.

"Not in my mind. We had to stop and think," he said.

Smith said he spent Tuesday speaking with Spanos, players, front-office personnel and people around the league about Schottenheimer.

"I made a recommendation which may surprise all of you, that we continue next year with Marty Schottenheimer based on the fact that we are so talented of a football team and the information that I got from everybody was, we're so close," Smith said. "We made some mistakes in that football game and still almost won I just felt that it was the best for this organization to continue."

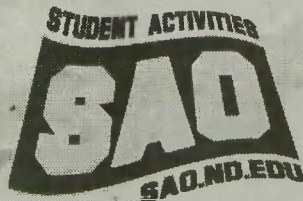
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multiple drug tests and avoid further arrests for 12 months in order for the charges to be dropped. He is also responsible for paying mandatory fees to the court.

McAlarney was arrested in the early hours of Dec. 29 after being pulled over in a routine traffic stop. The officer reported that McAlarney was driving erratically, and found a burnt blunt in the guard's car — which McAlarney admitted was his.

The University, as of Wednesday evening, has not made a decision regarding his

disciplinary punishment. Related offenses are grounds for suspension or expulsion, as dictated by Du Lac, Notre Dame's official handbook.

He is expected to appear before Residence Life and Housing in the coming days now that school is back in session. Irish coach Mike Brey suspended McAlarney indefinitely following the offense and the guard has missed the previous six games, including Notre Dame's loss at Villanova Wednesday.

McAlarney, despite being suspended, is still practicing and traveling with the Irish.

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Wildcats

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when I thought we were in pretty good defensive position," Irish coach Mike Brey said in his post-game radio interview. "That was frustrating."

Freshman guard Scottie Williams led the Wildcats with 27 points, while forward Curtis Sumpter added 21. Forward Dante Cunningham and guard Mike Nardi both came just short of the 20-point barrier, scoring 19 and 18, respectively.

Notre Dame fell to 15-3 and 3-2 in conference with the loss, its second straight road defeat.

"I'm going to talk to [the team] about having a better road demeanor," Brey said.

Villanova jumped out to an early 16-6 and held the 10-point margin for most of the game, scoring nearly every time down the floor.

"They jumped on us early," Brey said. "It was a tough hole to climb out of."

Three-point shooting kept the Irish close, with six threes by guard Russell Carter and five more by guard Colin Falls. As a team, the Irish shot 44 percent from beyond the arc.

Notre Dame made a late run, pulling within seven at 79-72

with a little over five minutes remaining. The Wildcats responded with an 11-4 run, capped by a three from guard Shane Clark that sent the Pavillion crowd into convulsions.

"I liked the effort throughout the second half," Brey said. "But I didn't like the execution."

Villanova sunk its free throws the rest of the way to stretch its lead.

Carter led the Irish with 26 points on 9-of-19 shooting from the field. Falls added 17 points, 15 of them on his five three-pointers. Freshmen forward Luke Harangody scored 13 points.

Senior forward Rob Kurz added 11 for Notre Dame, but shot just 3-of-9 from the field.

Irish freshmen point guards Tory Jackson and Jonathan Peoples combined for nine points on 3-of-9 shooting and nine assists. The two rookies have seen increased playing time since sophomore Kyle McAlarney was charged with marijuana possession Dec. 29 and suspended indefinitely.

The rest of the Irish will be back in action Sunday at the Joyce Center against South Florida. The Bulls are 10-9 overall and 1-4 in the Big East.

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Albion led by just four.

Saint Mary's was, for the most part, out shot. Albion shot 72 percent from the free throw line, while Saint Mary's was 53 percent. Saint Mary's hit just one of 10 three-point attempts in the first half. And in overtime, Albion shot 40 percent from the field to Saint Mary's 20 percent.

The Belles defense was over-matched facing Babcock, who had 19 points on the night — her second-highest total this season. Kessler had a career-high 31 points, and Lipke earned her first double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 assists. Freshmen center Anna Kammrath pulled down 12 rebounds on the night.

After tonight's game, Saint Mary's is tied for third place in the MIAA with Albion and Olivet.

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Irish coach

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Belles

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Babcock came right back with a four-point play after Kessler committed a foul, sending the game into overtime.

With the score tied at 67 in the extra period, after four missed shots and four offensive rebounds for Saint Mary's, Babcock fouled Kessler, who missed the first free throw and made the second to put the Belles up by one.

Babcock returned fire, sinking a jumper to put the Britons ahead by one. With 40 seconds left, senior guard Bridget Lipke fouled Briton guard Megan Garvey. Garvey sank both free throws, sealing the victory for Albion.

The game was close throughout. Albion's largest lead was eight points and Saint Mary's was four points. At the half,

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Recruits

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United States — where fencing is not as popular as it is in Europe — is difficult, especially with tight NCAA limitations on scholarships. Each school has just 4.5 scholarships for men and five for women, numbers Bednarski said he and other coaches around the country would like to see increase.

“We need to produce more of our own fencers to the high levels,” he said. “It’s not easy to bring them here through recruiting. We need simply to be able to produce more walk-ons, but we need the coaches to be able to do that.”

While Notre Dame may have filled the talent gap with the approaching departures of its signature seniors and Olympic champion, another void remains. The Irish have only two coaches — Bednarski and assistant Gia

Kvaratskhelia — even though the NCAA limit is four. Notre Dame was already understaffed when former Irish assistant Zoltan Dudas accepted the head coaching position at Princeton this summer. Bednarski hired Kvaratskhelia this fall to teach foil, but holes remain.

The biggest problems with the current coaching situation, Bednarski said, are the lack of one coach per weapon and the limitations placed on individual instruction.

“We need coaches,” he said. “It’s hard to bring them from Europe. It’s hard to find them in this country.”

Bednarski said the athletic department supports the search for a third paid coach on the staff, though meeting the NCAA limit of four may take time.

Still, he said, with the new recruits and current fencers, he believes Notre Dame remains atop the nation for fencing programs.

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Break

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"I think we looked at that game and really learned a lot from that game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think the thing I was most impressed with this team is the resiliency, their ability to bounce back. They don't dwell on losses."

The Irish were able to shave off an 11-point second half deficit in order to win 67-58 against the Boilermakers Dec. 6.

"I think to beat Purdue was a huge win for us, a great win for the NCAA Tournament," McGraw said. "It was really important for our confidence."

Notre Dame's two captains — junior guard Tulyah Gaines (20 points, five assists) and senior guard Breonna Gray (22 points, two assists) — helped will the team to victory, scoring almost two-thirds of the team's total points.

One of the keys to the Irish's success in stopping the Boilermakers, especially in the second half, was their effective 1-3-1 zone.

A strong 14-4 second half run by the Irish, capped off by a strong inside shot made by Gaines, brought the Irish to within one at 45-44. With three minutes to play in the second half, Gray made a three-pointer to put Notre Dame ahead for the first time in the game at 53-52.

Sloppy play by the Boilermakers, including shot clock violations and late turnovers, helped extend the Irish lead in the second half.

Using momentum from Purdue, the Irish were able to cruise past IUPUI on Dec. 16 75-65 before a showdown at Valparaiso Dec. 19. Notre Dame used a similar strategy against the Crusaders as they had already done against Michigan Dec. 1 — stay close the length of the game and nail free throws late.

"We always play poorly up there [in Valparaiso]," McGraw said. "I knew it was going to be a close game — I didn't know it was going to be a one-point game."

The Irish led by three with 26 seconds left when Crusader forward Becky Rietema sank a layup while being fouled by Irish guard Charel Allen. Rietema made the free throw to tie the score.

The Irish held onto the ball until almost the end of regulation, when Gray was fouled with 1.2 seconds remaining.

Gray sank the first of her two free throws to give the Irish a 60-59 lead, one they would hold onto in the final second to win.

For McGraw, this game was crucial because it helped set the tone for the tough upcoming matches her team would have to face.

"It was just really good to win that game because I think we were thinking about going home, it was the last game before break, and there was a lot going on," she said.

Following the big win against Valparaiso, the Irish finished their four game win streak with an easy 94-55 win over Prairie View A&M Dec. 28 before heading south to face Tennessee in Knoxville.

Tennessee

The Irish entered the Thompson-Boling Arena riding a four-game win streak, but left with a 78-54 loss to the No. 4 Lady Volunteers to extend their overall record to 0-18 against Tennessee Dec 30.

For both teams, it was their

final game before heading into conference play. For the Lady Vols, they were playing an unranked Irish team that would help fine tune their game before heading into SEC play. But for McGraw and the Irish, this game was crucial in establishing where they stood as a team and how well they could expect to perform in the Big East.

"It's kind of a barometer of where you are and how things look for the NCAA Tournament," McGraw said.

In the first half, the Irish were able to hang tough against the Lady Vols, trailing by no more than eight the entire half. Moreover, the Irish went on an 8-2 run to finish the half down only 29-27.

"We played really well in the first half of the Tennessee game and made them played bad," McGraw said. "I think the defense did a lot of good things."

Even though Notre Dame continued to hustle throughout the second half, they were no match for the overpowering Tennessee lineup, who had three players in their starting five with double-figures in scoring — Sidney Spencer (17 points), Candace Parker (22 points) and Shannon Bobbitt (17 points).

Tennessee's lead slowly grew in the second half, but the Irish never gave up — made evident by their 13-2 run to finish off the game. The final score was even more important in showing Notre Dame's effort as Tennessee led by as many as 34 with less than five minutes remaining in the game.

McGraw credited her team's resilience as a constant factor in their successes this season, especially against the Lady Vols. "That's really been the most impressive thing about this group is that they're just ready to move on," she said. "We never have to try to get them to practice hard. They're just ready. Their intensity and their work ethic — they bring it every day."

The main reason McGraw wanted her team to play in Knoxville in front of a sell-out crowd of over 19,000 was for the experience for later against Big East foes. "We need to know how to play when we go to Connecticut and when we go to some tough places in the Big East on the road," she said "It prepares us for that."

The Big East

Notre Dame opened its conference play with strong wins over Seton Hall and Cincinnati before losing at USF in overtime.

The first game against Seton Hall Jan. 2 was important for the Irish in establishing itself as an NCAA Tournament team. The 64-61 victory showcased Notre Dame's ability to win close games down the stretch, in addition to providing a quality conference win on the road.

"We went to Seton Hall and that we knew was going to be a tough game because they beat us last year," McGraw said. "Seton Hall plays really well at home and that was a must-win game

for us. So I was really pleased to come out of there with a win."

The Irish were unable to put the Pirates away, despite leading for most of the second half. The one time the Irish did fall behind in the second half, they were able to go on an 8-2 run to reestablish their lead. Allen led the Irish in scoring with 16 points and 10 rebounds for the first double-double of her career.

Late free throws by Gray cemented the Irish victory, giving them a three point lead with only seconds remaining. Despite a late layup by forward Heta Korpivaara to cut the lead to three, the Irish were able to hang onto their first conference win.

After topping Seton Hall, the Irish returned to the Joyce Center to face off against Cincinnati Jan. 10, easily winning by a final score of 81-70. Against the Bearcats, the offensive spark came from Gaines, who scored 27 points and notched five assists while leading Notre Dame's offense.

Cincinnati was able to shut down the Irish early, scoring the game's first five points and maintaining the lead for the first six minutes of the game. But a Gaines layup gave the Irish the lead with 12:46 remaining, and they never looked back. Cincinnati would trail by as many as 19 in the second half.

The first real test for the Irish came in their final game during break on the road against South Florida Jan. 13.

The Irish struggled throughout the game, committing a season-high 33 personal fouls against the Bulls, sending them to the line an Irish-opponent record 45 times en route to an 87-78 USF win in overtime.

"We had three people foul out and four people with four fouls, so it was a hard game for us," McGraw said. "But to take it into overtime when they beat us here last year was big."

Freshman center Erica Williamson led the Irish effort against USF, tallying the first double-double of

her career with 10 points and a Notre Dame freshman record 18 rebounds. Another Irish freshman — guard Melissa Lechlitner — was also integral for the Irish, totaling 11 points and four assists in the loss. Most importantly for Lechlitner, three of her 11 points game at the end of regulation, when she sank a shot from beyond the arc to send the game into overtime.

Despite the loss, Notre Dame has still started strong in its Big East schedule with a 3-1 record including Tuesday's win over St. John's.

"Last year we started 0-2 and two games we should have won. This year we've taken care of beating the team's we're supposed to beat," McGraw said. "We feel like we're off to a great start. We're playing well, we're confident. It's nice to see us in the top part of the conference."

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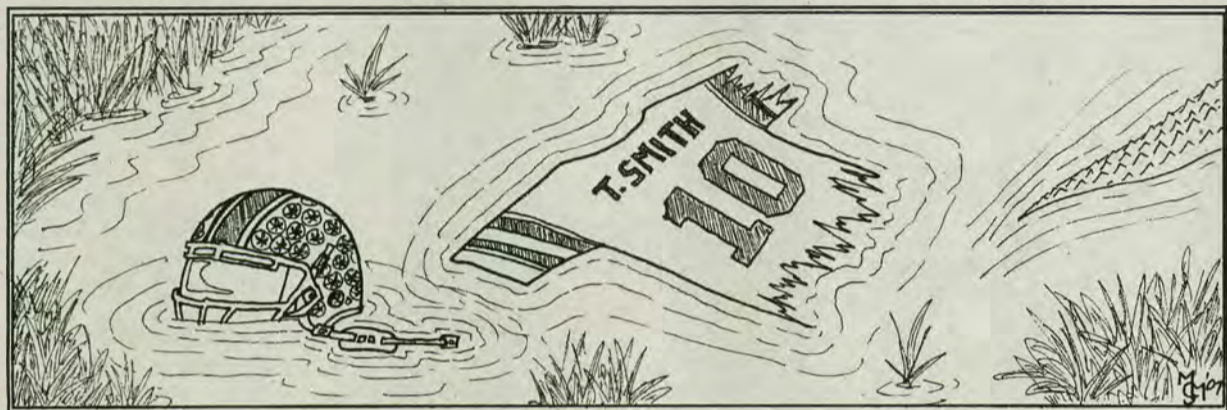
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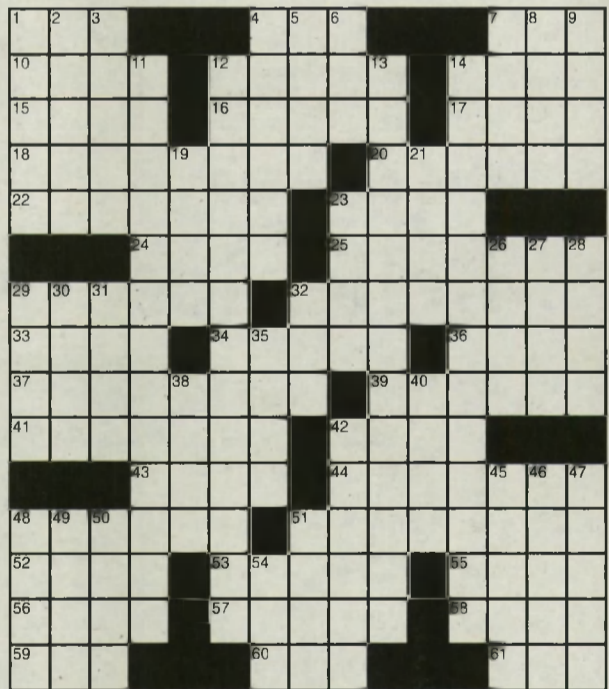
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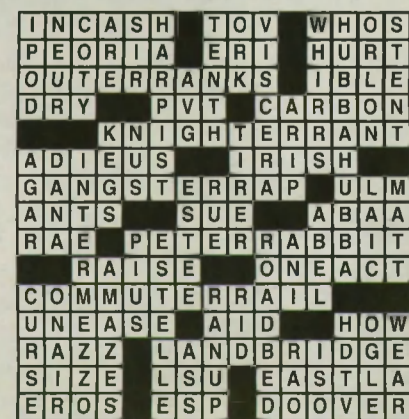
- ACROSS
29 Time off, maybe
32 Semidry American white wine
4 Sight in a coffee ad
7 Cloth
10 Hindu V.I.P.
12 Gross unit
14 Proceed with difficulty (through)
15 Maintain
16 Remorseful
17 Something to click
18 Studs
20 Snub
22 Addresses for churches
23 "And she shall bring forth...": Matthew
24 "Anyone ___?"
25 Like orchard trees



Puzzle by Kelly Clark

- DOWN
1 Some show horses
2 Montana college town named after a French port
3 Say derisively
4 Soup or salad
5 Fearsome weapons
6 Slammer
7 Kind of shell
8 Effluvium
9 Intron and exon site
11 Play down?
12 Dummy up?
13 Line up?
14 Bear down?
19 Hand (out)
21 Joint problem
23 Way out there
26 Huey, Dewey and Louie, e.g.
27 Prefix with spore
28 Honor society no-nos
29 Put into words

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

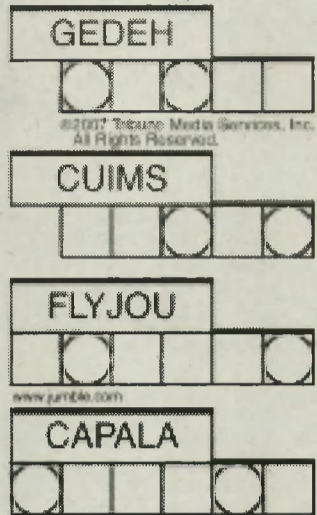


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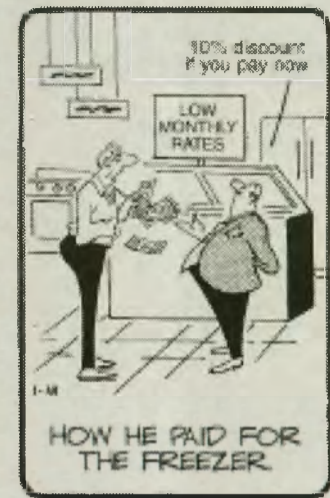
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer here: [Grid of circles]

Yesterday's Jumbles: EXUDE AMITY MUFFIN OVERDO Answer: What the piano player worked on - A MOVEMENT

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME



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

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kid Rock, 35; Jim Carrey, 44; Susanna Hoffs, 47; Maury Povich, 67
Happy Birthday: It's what you do for others that will carry you along this year. You can make incredible gains if you are giving, helpful and resourceful. This is a great year to invest wisely. An older person in your life may cause worry but giving your time, knowledge and assistance will reap rewards. Your numbers are 7, 12, 19, 22, 35, 40
ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may have to prove yourself today. Don't take chances or assume anyone knows who you are or what you can do. Money can be made and a good position obtained but not without your undivided attention. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Gear up, get ready and put on the big push today. You have everything going for you if you are honest and keep a close watch over anyone you feel may be stringing you along. Leave nothing to chance. *****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can expect to feel a little left out today. So much will be going on but it will be difficult for you to get a piece of it. Don't think so much about what everyone else has. Consider your own attributes. **
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will look at things differently today and that is a good thing. Don't back away from something because it appears to be too complicated. Now is the precise time to ferret through the debris and come out with a treasure. ****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've been so serious lately. Put that side of you to work and you will prosper. Today is the perfect time to promote what you want to do. Don't let anything or anyone upset you. ***
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Love, money, fame and taking a creative step into the future are possible today. You will discover something or someone who will grab your interest. You should mix business with pleasure if at all possible. ***
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will do much better dealing with acquaintances rather than with those close to you. A problem with your home or personal life appears to be pressing. You can move forward with a financial deal but do check the fine print. ***
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Form alliances or talk matters over with people you want to do things with in the future. A partnership is looking good but set up rules and boundaries. Change will be necessary but also very good for you. ****
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Seal a deal or advance your position. Discussing your plans with the people you feel will play a role in what you do should be your top priority. Being knowledgeable and informative will do the trick. **
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make a move and know that it is your time to excel. Don't hold back, waiting to see what everyone else is going to do. Set the standard and you will be a strong, prosperous leader. ****
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's time to weed out a few of the things that are taking up space but not benefiting you in any way. It can be very liberating and can help someone who can use those things for which you no longer have a use. ***
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional ups and downs will leave you confused today. Try not to read something into what's being discussed. Keep things simple and you will stand a much better chance with both money matters and relationships. ***
Birthday Baby: You have a strong will power and a very firm set of rules that you live by. You are persistent, loyal and quick to try to convert others to see things your way.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Irish fall to 3-2 in Big East with road loss at Villanova 102-86

By **CHRIS KHOREY**
Sports Writer

Fifty-seven percent field goal shooting, 102 points and two players scoring 20-plus were recipe for defeat in Notre Dame's road contest against Villanova Wednesday.

A Wildcats offensive explosion handed the Irish their second conference loss, 102-86 in front of a rowdy sell out crowd at The Pavilion in Philadelphia.

Villanova (12-5, 2-3 Big East) scored the most points of any Irish opponent this year. The previous high the Irish allowed was the 87 scored by Lehigh Nov. 27.

"They made some big shots

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Irish guard Tory Jackson, right, and Villanova guard Scottie Reynolds battle for possession in Notre Dame's 102-87 loss in Villanova Wednesday night. The Irish are now 15-3 overall.

McAlarney could expunge drug charges by entering program

By **BOB GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

Weeks following Notre Dame guard Kyle McAlarney's arrest on marijuana possession charges, questions concerning legal ramifications and the sophomore's future with the team and the University are slowly being answered.

McAlarney will enter the St. Joseph's County pretrial diversion program — not uncommon for related incidents regarding underage drinking and drug possession — which will potentially allow him to have the charges expunged from his record.

McAlarney must undergo mul-

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FENCING

Coach inks four recruits to replace seniors

By **KEN FOWLER**
Sports Editor

Notre Dame head coach Janusz Bednarski knows the cost of success for the Irish is steep. He also knows how to minimize that cost.

As Notre Dame loses its four top sabres next season to graduation and national teams in preparation for the

2008 Olympics, Bednarski signed four coveted fencers in the discipline to national letters of intent.

Three of the newcomers — Avery Zuck, Sarah Borrmann and Eileen Hassett — are from the same area in Oregon as senior sabres Valerie Providenza and Patrick Ghattas and junior sabre Mariel Zagunis. Providenza and Ghattas will

graduate this spring — along with All-American Matt Stearns — and Zagunis will leave the team next season as she trains to defend her Olympic gold medal.

Both Borrmann and Hassett are in the USFA's current women's sabre top-12, with Hassett owning eighth in the rankings and Borrmann at No. 12.

"I am absolutely thrilled to

be going to Notre Dame," Hassett said in a statement issued by the Notre Dame athletics department on und.com. "I was extremely impressed with the campus and the students during my visit last September. ... I'm really looking forward to fencing under coach Bednarski and being part of a great collegiate fencing squad."

On the men's side, Zuck is No. 11 on the American under-20 list.

The fourth signee was Barron Nydam of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., who enters Notre Dame ranked No. 35 in the senior USFA standings.

For Bednarski, pulling in a strong class was important. He said recruiting in the

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Strong road victories dictate productive break

By **JAY FITZPATRICK**
Sports Writer

While most Notre Dame students went home for winter break, the Irish continued their season, winning six of eight games — including road victories at Valparaiso and Seton Hall.

Notre Dame finished its non-conference schedule in style, going on a four-game winning streak before falling to No. 4 Tennessee in Knoxville 78-54. The Irish carried their quality play from their non-conference schedule into early matchups

against Big East opponents, starting off 3-1 against conference foes, including an 83-65 win over St. John's Tuesday night.

Non-conference play

Going into the break, Notre Dame was coming off a tough home loss to in-state rival Indiana in front of one of the biggest crowds in Joyce Center history. But the Irish were able to regroup and recover in order to prepare for their next game against Purdue Dec. 6.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles lose overtime thriller

By **BILL BRINK**
Sports Writer

In a game decided in the final minute of overtime, one foul made all the difference.

The Albion Britons defeated Saint Mary's 71-68 Wednesday. A 62-62 tie at the end of regulation forced the extra period.

The Belles led 59-58 with 43 seconds left in regulation when junior guard Alison Kessler hit a three-pointer to stretch the lead to four. Albion senior guard Jessica



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Saint Mary's junior guard Allisson Kessler takes a shot during the Belles Feb. 4, 2006 game against Calvin. The Knights won 76-64.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

NFL

San Diego coach Marty Schottenheimer will remain with the Chargers despite their disappointing playoff loss to the Patriots.

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Australian Open

Akiko Morigami falls to Kim Clijsters in the second round 6-3, 6-0.

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NBA

The Pacers and the Warriors complete an eight player trade that sees former Irish hoopster Troy Murphy dealt to Indiana.

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MLB

Former Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa signs minor league deal with the Texas Rangers.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

**North Carolina 77
Clemson 55**

The Tar Heels rebound after their loss to Virginia Tech by defeating the Tigers.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

**LSU 62
Mississippi 55**

The Tigers improve to 2-1 in the SEC with win over the Rebels.

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