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Suspension recalls past cases, raises questions

High-profile nature of McAlarney marijuana incident brings debate to new level

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

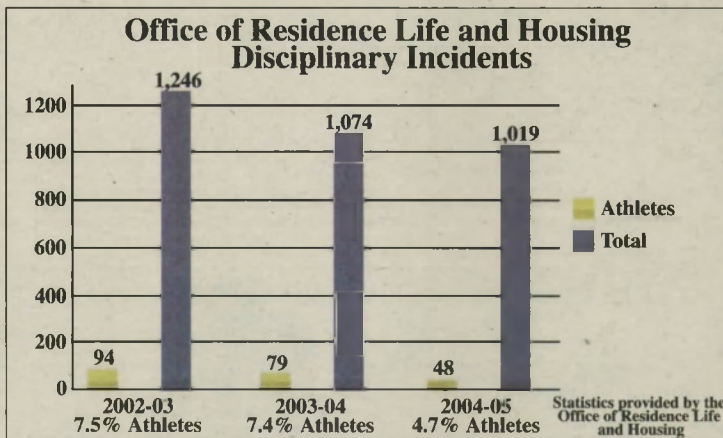
When the University sent sophomore guard Kyle McAlarney home last Monday, it wasn't just the basketball player's name that got splashed across national headlines.

The decision to suspend McAlarney — who was arrested Dec. 29 on charges of marijuana possession — immediately projected Notre Dame into the debate.

"The bad news is everyone always looks at cases that involve athletes as some kind of litmus test for the school or program," said Mike Coffey, the men's basketball editor of NDNation.com.

But despite the extensive media attention McAlarney received, he certainly isn't the first student athlete to get in trouble with the University. Like its students, Notre Dame's varsity athletes face disciplinary action from the Office of Residence Life and Housing on a

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PEMCo. organizes new forum

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

After months of rehearsal, the cast of the Pasquerilla East Musical Company's (PEMCo.) production of *Ragtime* — along with a panel of guest speakers — will step out of character to reflect on the play's themes of prejudice and the pursuit of the American dream.

Senior Tim Masterton, the show's co-producer, helped plan an academic forum for next Wednesday to complement the four performances of the play. The forum will give the Notre Dame community — which hails from all over the country and the world — a chance to discuss the social and cultural observations of *Ragtime*, Masterton said.

"We figured this would be the best way to take a step back from the show and try to make more relevant some of the things that were discussed in our show," he said.

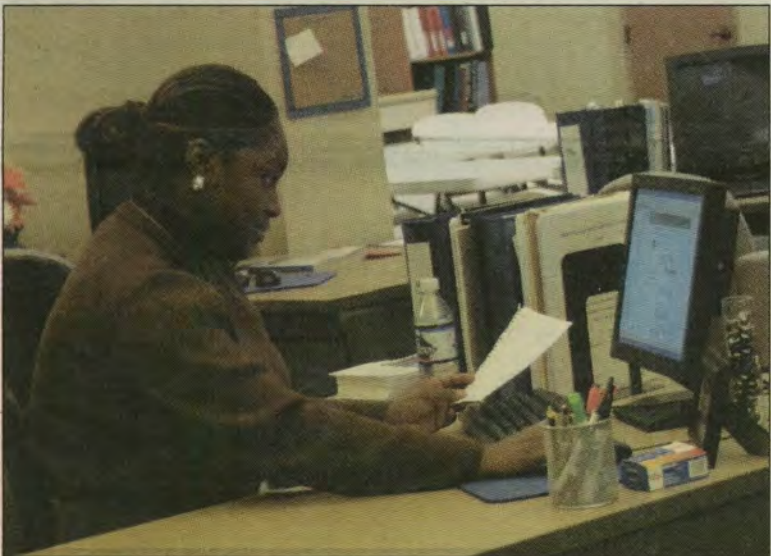
Ragtime, a musical based on E.L. Doctorow's 1975 novel of the same name, is about three different groups that come together in America in the early 1900s, Masterton said.

The play's depiction of the interactions between the established white aristocracies, African Americans in Harlem and immigrant groups from across eastern and west-

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Hodges makes College history

Junior becomes first black student body president at Saint Mary's after close election



On April 1, Kim Hodges will officially become the first black student body president of Saint Mary's.

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Junior Kimberley Hodges arrived at Saint Mary's College in the fall of 2004 wanting "to be the first at something," a goal she quickly accomplished when she became the first black student to join the College's softball team. But last week's victory in the student body president race marked an even bigger first for Hodges and for the College — she became the first black woman in the school's 152-year history ever to hold the position.

"Going into it, I knew it — that there had never been an

African American student body president. And I just thought, 'Hey, this could be really cool to be the first,'" Hodges said. "But beyond that I felt really blessed to know I was the best candidate despite my color."

After what she called a "crazy" run-off election where she was "going against two great leaders," Hodges — a first generation College student — made history.

"[African American students] have run before and they've lost...to my knowledge there hasn't even been a class president who has been African American,"

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Dining Halls to replace 40,000 stolen objects

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Nearly 40,000 items — ranging from dinner plates and utensils to coffee cups and bowls — have been stolen from both North and South dining halls this year alone, said Dave Prentkowski, Director of Notre Dame Food Services.

At a cost of about \$25,000, approximately 11,000 spoons, 8,000 knives, 4,000 forks, 6,000 coffee cups, 5,000 plastic cups, 1,500 dessert plates, 1,500 brown bowls, 3,000 blue bowls and 2,500 dinner plates will need to be replaced due to theft this year.

The trend has remained steady over recent years, Prentkowski said, even after the dining halls began to offer Styrofoam cups and plastic spoons for take-out items during September of 2005. He

said that the addition of those options has helped — but not solved — the problem.

There was a significant increase in theft several years ago when both dining halls allowed book bags and backpacks to be brought inside the cafeterias in response to problems of theft occurring in the lobby while students ate, Prentkowski said.

Students who choose to steal and are caught "loading up their backpack with cups or sandwiches" often face disciplinary action from the Office of Residence Life and Housing, he said.

"I think it's [sometimes] a matter of convenience ... other times I think it's intentional," Prentkowski said.

Part of the problem, he said, is that students may not know there are plastic spoons available and will instead walk out

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Senior works at homeless shelter

Summer Service Learning Project popular choice for internships

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

For Notre Dame senior Sheldon Dutes, last summer was anything but ordinary. For two months of the respite between spring and fall semesters, Dutes worked in Kansas City, Kan. serving homeless men, immigrants and children.

Dutes participated in the Center for Social Concern's (CSC) domestic Summer Service Learning Project (SSLP), a program which hopes to draw over 200 participants again this summer SSLP Director Andrea Shappell said.

Eight weeks of Dutes' summer were spent on his SSLP assignment serving at the Shalom House, a shelter for homeless men. Dutes said that the experience pushed and challenged him from the start.

"I went in with a sort of ideal-

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Senior Sheldon Dutes worked at Shalom House in Kansas City, Kan. for his eight-week Summer Service Learning Project.

Photo courtesy of Sheldon Dutes

INSIDE COLUMN

Magical phone calls

When my little sister, Evelyn, turned three last year, my mom called from home with a special request: Could my roommate call Evelyn and pretend to be her favorite Disney princess, Cinderella?

I understand how cheesy this sounds. I get that some people think that encouraging children to hold unreal beliefs does them a serious disservice. However, anybody who lives over half way across the country from their little siblings knows that you do what you can — even if it means awkwardly asking your freshman year roommate to be a Disney character. Fortunately, my roommate quickly agreed, found her inner princess voice, and called to wish my sister a “magical” birthday and to inspire her to be the best princess she could be.

Last weekend, Evelyn turned four and I had to ask a similar favor. Evelyn no longer preferred Cinderella, but would love it if Belle and Ariel could give her a call. My current roommate and some of our other friends readily expanded on this, and by the end of the night, Evelyn had reminisced with Jasmine about her pet tiger, Raja, and Ariel about her sidekick, Flounder. Snow White had told her that her gift would soon be in the mail. We carefully plotted so that when Evelyn answered the phone, the princesses were already on the line. If she knew that I was involved, it would ruin the pretense (at least that’s what we thought).

Later that night, Evelyn hurriedly told me about her presents (and shamelessly called me out for not sending one). Suddenly, her voice grew really excited and she anxiously asked me if she could talk to Snow White. Somehow, she had discovered that I was associated with the princesses. That’s when I realized that either my sister thinks that I go to college in a castle and hang out with a bunch of Disney princesses, or, as another friend suggested, she knows it’s all pretend and just chooses not to care. Knowing Evelyn, it’s probably a little bit of both.

After laughing with my friends over their princess impressions, I found myself admiring Evelyn. She did not waste any energy overanalyzing her phone conversations. If she had, she could have noticed that half of the princesses had the same voice. She may have realized that at one point, when I accidentally took the phone too soon, she was really talking to me when she thought she was still chatting with Belle. Sure, if she had thought about it a bit more, she may have seen through to the real. In this situation, though, if she had seen the real, I think she would have missed the point.







Maybe in this case the real is a matter of interpretation. Despite its less-than-enchanted exterior, Pangborn Hall might really be a castle. And in my opinion, Evelyn really did talk to some princesses on the phone... Cheesy? Yes, but at least I can claim that it runs in the family.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT CELEBRITY DO YOU MOST RESEMBLE?

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| Brianna Muller freshman Lyons | Justine Duffy freshman Lyons | Sean Fox senior off-campus | Tim Loh senior Keough | Nick Zarazua junior Carroll | Claire Connell freshman Lyons |
| "Gonzo from The Muppets." | "Lindsay Lohan. Screw that." | "Kiefer Sutherland, at least that's what Tim says." | "Mike Jones, cause we tippin' on 4-4's." | "Tom Cruise. The smile." | "Brad Pitt. I get that all the time." |



Gwendolyn Oxenham, the 2006 Sparks Prize winner, reads from her book "Essence Game" in the Hospitality Room of Reckers. The University's creative writing program sponsored the 2006 Master of Fine Arts graduate's visit.

OFFBEAT

Western screech-owl moves into home
UGENE, Ore. — Saws buzz and carpenters hammer nails, set up ladders and run an air generator. Al doesn't give a hoot. The brownish Western screech-owl showed up at Laura Fenimore's house as she began adding what will be her new great room.

"I thought the construction noise, the dog or the power tools would scare him off, but the next day he comes right back," said Fenimore, 50, a lawyer who works from home.

But it seems Al is handy to have around. He doesn't

make a mess, he isn't noisy and he helps with rodent control.

When she moved into her house in 2000, Fenimore spent a couple of years battling mice, and hired exterminators who shooed them into burrows in her backyard.

Bears helmet breaks on statue of lion
CHICAGO — An effort to honor the NFC Champion Chicago Bears hit a snag Tuesday morning when a huge football helmet broke as it was being placed on one of the lion statues that stands guard outside the Art Institute of Chicago.

It seems the frigid weather, often referred to as Bears weather in Chicago, may have been to blame.

"They're made of Fiberglas and (one) broke," said Art Institute spokesman Chai Lee.

Some theorize the broken helmet had nothing to do with the weather at all.

"I think the lions got swelled heads since we won," joked Gary Heitz, project manager for Chicago Scenic Studios Inc., the company that made the helmets.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Tenor Mark Beudert performs a faculty recital with mezzo-soprano Karen Lykes and pianist Timothy Cheek at Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 8. Tickets are \$3 for students.

The Winter Career and Internship Fair will be held Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Field House.

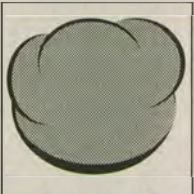


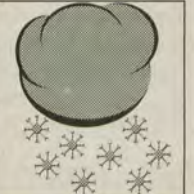
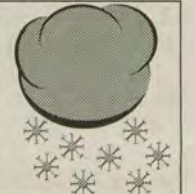

Sabine MacCormack, the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C. Professor of Arts and Letters Chair, will deliver the lecture "The Worlds of José de Acosta (1540-1600)" Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

The student group, Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMCO), proudly presents "Ragtime" on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. "Ragtime" will also be playing Feb. 3, 9 and 10. Tickets available at LaFortune box office and are \$6 for seniors and \$8 for adults.

The Late Night Olympics will be held from Friday at 6 p.m. to Saturday at 4 a.m. in the Joyce Center. The event raises money for St. Joe County Special Olympics.

The Notre Dame Scrabble Club is hosting a Scrabble Tournament Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. There is an entry fee of \$50.00. There will be different divisions for players of all skill levels.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUB proposes reforms

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Student Union Board (SUB) manager Patrick Vassel proposed amendments to sections in the constitution relating to budget structure at the Council of Representatives (COR) meeting Wednesday.

Budget oversight was among Vassel's main concerns, as current procedure dictates that the Financial Management Board (FMB) must approve organization spending over \$5,000.

SUB often exceeds \$5,000 in expenditures and is often working with agents on tight schedules.

"Raising it to ten [thousand dollars] would make a big difference to us," Vassel said. "It's more just being able to have a little more flexibility within our own organization."

While the oversight mark may be low for SUB, other members pointed out that it suits other student organizations just fine.

"If a club only has a few thousand dollars in their account and they want to plan this huge trip somewhere then that's something FMB needs to see," Class of 2008 president Bridget Keating said.

Breen-Phillips senator Maris Braun said that "the amount of money [SUB] deal[s] with on a regular basis is so much more than everyone else's," suggesting that SUB could be made an exception to oversight restrictions.

Vassel also noted that a section of

SUB's budget is meant for "policy-based programming" and should be relocated under student government funds. When the fund was created, it was thought that all programming should be very explicitly kept under programming bodies, namely SUB, and not student government, Vassel said.

"As far as we're concerned it's student government's money," he said.

Vice president Bill Andrighik voiced concern that relocating the division of SUB funds to student government funds could result in FMB adding less money to policy-based programming.

"If we took it out of SUB [we need] to make sure it's still considered a separate entity ... so that it's not lumped under a student government budget," he said.

Vassel agreed, saying that he doesn't "want that money to disappear ... it just doesn't need to be under SUB."

In other COR news:

♦ Student body president Lizzi Shappell announced the Community Summit will take place on March 2. Letters will be sent to local leaders and there are plans to further network with other universities in the area. She also encouraged members to attend the Notre Dame Eating Disorders Conference, set to take place next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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Graduates see diploma flaws

Spelling error in 'chairman' prompts Registrar's office correction

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

As the seniors of the class of 2007 begin their final semester at Notre Dame, visions of having a diploma in hand are fast approaching. For the graduated class of 2006, however, the certificates verifying the completion of their undergraduate studies were slightly flawed.

The diplomas that were distributed for August 2005 and May 2006 contained a spelling error in the word "chairman."

"It was a transposition of two small letters under the signature of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in the word 'chairman' ... you could hardly see it," Assistant Registrar David Kil said.

The error was first brought to the attention of the University after the May 2006 commencement ceremonies when a sibling of a graduate noticed the spelling mistake, Kil said.

"You can hardly see the word 'chairman,' but we decided that if it was our child, we would not want it ..."

David Kil
assistant registrar

"As soon as we found out about it, the Registrar's Office did not hesitate to rectify [the mistake]. It was in the students' interest that we acted with haste," Kil said.

Kil explained that although the error was hard to catch, the University felt that it was necessary to correct the mistake.

"You can hardly see the word 'chairman,' but we decided that if it was our child, we would not want it, so we went ahead and dealt with the company and had them replaced," Kil said.

Alumna Amelia Vogelheim, who graduated last May, said that she did not notice the spelling mistake until she received a notice from the University about the error.

"I was at home [when I received the notice], laughed and then immediately ran to my room to verify the misspelling," Vogelheim said.

According to Kil, Herff Jones — the company responsible for printing the diplomas — replaced all of the defective diplomas by September 2006 following the commencement ceremonies.

"[Herff Jones] covered everything — the replacement, mailing and postage," Kil said.

Vogelheim explained that she was not surprised that the diplomas were replaced.

"It was probably the right thing to do. I was ... delighted that at no cost to myself, I received an extra diploma that for all intents and purposes as good as the first."

Amelia Vogelheim
alumna

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"I was ... delighted that at no cost to myself, I received an extra diploma that for all intents and purposes was as good as the first. I suppose the other option was to have people request a new one free of charge," Vogelheim said.

Kil said that the Office of the Registrar has already checked the diplomas for Aug. 2006 and Jan. 2007 to ensure that the error is not repeated.

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with a stainless steel spoon while eating a cup of yogurt.

Other times, a student steals to "stock up their dorm room," Prentkowski said.

For junior Emma Pineda, though dining hall theft isn't "right," she said she can understand why some students do it.

"It's convenient to steal — for grab 'n go, or for cereal in your room ... you need a spoon," she said.

And with no one watching some of the time, sophomore Erica Sanchez said that, even though it "isn't acceptable to steal," sometimes it can just be a joke.

In some cases, a student's ID number will be specially flagged in the card services system, Prentkowski said. When that student's card is swiped at the dining hall entrance, a notice appears stating that the student has previously committed a theft of dining hall property. As a result, they are not allowed to carry their book bag inside, he said.

"Ultimately, [the cost] ends up being passed on to the students, through room and board costs," Prentkowski stated.

Food Service's annual budget is in the process of being submitted for next school year, he said, and will include estimates to cover the cost of replacing stolen items.

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ist vision of making a difference," Dutes said. "By the third day, I wanted to go home."

That third day was disrupted by the violence of a substance abuser on site, Dutes said. Still, he was able to move past the incident and continue to help "those less fortunate."

In a neighborhood that almost "always led the five o'clock news, never for anything positive," Dutes said he worked with the center's staff to help the 25 men who stay each night. The Shalom House a shelter that is a part of the national Catholic Worker House organization.

Cooking, cleaning and painting were some of the jobs assigned to Dutes, in addition to his daily task of cleaning the three shower stalls used by the residents daily. As a part of the experience, Dutes said he left anything excessive — from his iPod to laptop — at home, working to "better empathize with the community I was serving."

"It was definitely a humbling experience," Dutes said of the work.

He spent time with the men at the site, who arrived at 4:30 p.m. each day and had to leave by 8 a.m. each morning, sleeping in what "looked kind of like an old hospital ward."

Whether playing a pick-up game of soccer, starting a game of chess or simply listening, Dutes said he learned a great deal from those he served.

"They weren't homeless for the reasons we often think they are homeless," he said.

Some were born into poverty and others had been hit by misfortune. But some of those he worked with even had advanced degrees, Dutes said.

The Shalom House caters to immigrants, Dutes said, and that helped him to see the plight of migrants in a new light.

"The experience deepened my understanding of the immigration debate," he said.

In addition to his work at the Shalom House, Dutes said he spent time at a neighborhood learning club, tutoring children in first through eighth grade.

Dutes said the whole experience was well worth his effort and "very rewarding."

"To see that they are no different that we are" was especially important to Dutes.

Shappell said there are important benefits to both those participating and those receiving services.

"Many students find these eight weeks as a spark to continue to be engaged in ... a social issue, either as a career, as a volunteer or as board members for organizations," Shappell said.

The SSLP program places students in approximately 200 sites around the country with the help of Notre Dame Alumni Clubs in area cities each summer, according to Shappell. Participants spend eight weeks immersed in a poverty experience, with "the opportunity to address the injustice of poverty," while earning three Theology credits, she said.

Types of work vary from community to community, as chosen by the local Alumni Club, which also arranges for housing and food for participants.

"Many sites relate to persons who are homeless ... and many involve working with children, but there are also sites who address the needs of [disabled people], youth in the juvenile justice system and even environmental projects," Shappell said.

The program, often called an internship, provides students with supervised experience in a specific profession, including sociology, psychology, architecture, business, law and social work, Shappell stated.

In addition to earning three credits — which can now apply to the CSC's new Catholic Social Tradition minor — students receive a scholarship for the fall semester after participating in

the program.

"All SSLP students receive the \$2,300 scholarship," Shappell said. "The AmeriCorps Educational Award of \$1,000 is also available for those students who do not plan to participate in a two year post-graduate service program."

Shappell stated that there will be information sessions for the program held on Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. in the CSC building classroom. All students are welcome to attend, she said, even if they are not sure they want to apply. Past participants will speak at all sessions.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuela seeks defense missiles

CARACAS — Venezuela plans to obtain air defense missiles to guard strategic sites such as oil refineries and major bridges against any air strike, a top military adviser to President Hugo Chavez said Tuesday.

Gen. Alberto Muller said Venezuela is looking to buy surface-to-air missile systems from Russia or another country to defend "strategic points in the country."

"They are for air defense," Muller told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "They are not for attacking anybody."

Chavez, a close ally of Cuban leader Fidel Castro, has repeatedly warned against a possible U.S. invasion, and his government is bolstering military defenses in Venezuela, one of the world's largest oil exporters. American officials insist they have no such military plans, but Chavez insists Venezuelans must be ready just in case.

Russia's Interfax-Military News Agency reported Tuesday that between 10 and 12 Tor-M1 missile systems could be supplied to the South American country.

Shiite pilgrims ambushed, 58 dead

BAGHDAD — Bombers struck Shiite worshippers in two cities Tuesday and gunmen ambushed a busload of pilgrims in a series of attacks that killed at least 58 people as more than 2 million Shiites jammed major shrines for ceremonies marking Ashoura, the holiest day of the Shiite calendar.

The bloodshed took place despite heightened security following a battle with messianic Shiites who authorities said planned a large assault on Ashoura ceremonies. With security so intense at the main venues, extremists chose targets in smaller cities where safety measures were less stringent.

NATIONAL NEWS

Doctor accused of aiding terrorists

NEW YORK — A doctor accused of pledging to treat al-Qaida members can be prosecuted because medical care counts as material support to terrorists under federal law, a judge said Tuesday.

Dr. Rafiq Abdus Sabir, an Ivy League-educated doctor, had argued it was unconstitutional to prosecute a doctor for providing medical services.

He was arrested in May 2005 at his home in Boca Raton, Fla., accused in a plot to assist terrorist organizations along with a New York jazz musician, a Brooklyn bookstore owner and a former Washington, D.C., cabdriver. Sabir has pleaded not guilty and remained jailed since his arrest.

He was charged with conspiring to provide material support or resources to a terrorist organization from October 2003 through May 2005 by providing and trying to provide medical support to wounded terrorists, knowing that al-Qaida engages in terrorist activity.

Climate change may be down played

WASHINGTON — Federal scientists have been pressured to play down global warming, advocacy groups testified Tuesday at the Democrats' first investigative hearing since taking control of Congress.

The hearing focused on allegations that the White House for years has micromanaged the government's climate programs and has closely controlled what scientists have been allowed to tell the public.

LOCAL NEWS

Cold spell hits Central Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis is getting hit this week with some of the coldest weather of the season, most days bringing high temperatures only in the 20s with a chance for snow.

Although most forecasts call for no significant accumulation, salt trucks and plows from the city and state will be on the roads, especially the bridges and overpasses that freeze first.

Not since a weeklong stretch in early December — when nighttime lows were in the teens, and even down to 7 degrees on Dec. 8 — has Central Indiana experienced winter weather this cold.

PALESTINE

Gaza cease-fire starts after 36 killed

Truce ends five days of intense fighting between rival groups, Hamas and Fatah

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Gaza's warring factions began to hold their fire Tuesday as a truce took effect across the volatile territory and brought hopes for an end to the infighting that has left 36 people dead in five days.

But the killing of a Hamas militant by rival Palestinians—combined with an Israeli airstrike on a smuggling tunnel following a suicide bombing—underscored the fragility of any lull in Gaza's bloodshed.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas called for a total halt to the violence.

"The past few days were difficult, and everyone paid in blood," he said in Gaza. "Everyone is facing a difficult test, either we maintain this calm ... or everything collapses again, and then everyone will be held responsible."

Previous truces between Hamas and Fatah militants in Gaza have quickly collapsed into new fighting, and it appeared unlikely the two sides would comply with all the terms of the current agreement, such as handing over all those involved in killings and abductions.

Late Tuesday, the two sides began releasing hostages—fighters kidnapped over the past week—both sides said.

Hamas and Fatah gunmen have used prior lulls to prepare for more fighting.

On Tuesday morning, the streets of Gaza were calm, as radio stations loyal to Fatah and Hamas groups played national songs instead of factional music and stopped inciting their supporters against their rivals.

Hopes for an enduring truce fell in the afternoon after a Hamas gunman



Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh announces a cease-fire between rival factions Hamas and Fatah at a press conference in Gaza City Tuesday.

was killed in the southern Gaza town of Khan Younis. Hamas officials blamed the shooting on Fatah militants, and Hamas supporters took to the airwaves, saying those behind the campaign against their group must be targeted.

However, Hamas officials said they would not retaliate.

Both Fatah and Hamas say bringing suspects to trial is crucial to maintaining the truce.

"If the killers remain in the streets, the cycle of bloodshed will not stop," said Maher Mekdad, a Fatah spokesman.

"Families of victims will take the law in their own hands, and revenge will

rule," he said.

The truce agreement did nothing to resolve the underlying power struggle between Hamas and Fatah that has fueled the fighting. The two sides have been at odds since Hamas defeated Fatah in legislative elections a year ago, dividing power in the Palestinian government.

President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah, elected separately two years ago, has urged Hamas, which faces international isolation because of its anti-Israel ideology, to join Fatah in a more moderate coalition. He hopes a softer platform will help end a crippling international aid boycott imposed after Hamas' victory and allow

him to resume peace talks with Israel.

Coalition talks have broken down and appear unlikely to resume soon, though both Saudi Arabia and Egypt have offered to mediate.

Even if the truce holds, it does not necessarily mean peace for Gaza after a Palestinian suicide bomber from Gaza killed three people in the Israeli resort city of Eilat on Monday.

Early Tuesday, the Israeli army bombed a tunnel it said was meant for use by Gaza militants for another attack. No casualties were reported. In the past, militants dug such tunnels to attack Israeli army outposts and other targets.

Miller refutes Libby in CIA case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Reporter Judith Miller testified Tuesday that former vice presidential aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby identified a CIA operative to her on two occasions on dates earlier than he has told investigators he first heard the information from another reporter.

Miller, the former New York Times reporter who spent 85 days in jail trying to avoid revealing these conversations, said Libby identified the wife of a prominent Iraq war critic as a CIA employee in face-to-face meetings on June 23 and July 8, 2003.

Libby, then Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, told the FBI and a grand jury that he thought he

was hearing Valerie Plame's CIA job for the first time from NBC's Tim Russert on July 10, 2003.

Five government officials, including ex-White House press secretary Ari Fleischer, also have testified that they discussed Plame and her CIA job with Libby before July 10.

Earlier Tuesday, the jury saw notes Libby took on or about June 12 that indicated Cheney himself told Libby then that the war critic's wife worked at the CIA.

The discrepancy over when Libby learned about Plame is a major element in the charges on which he is being tried. He is not accused of leaking her name but rather of perjury and obstruction of the investigation into how her name leaked. Libby now says his memory failed him

when he spoke with Russert and other reporters.

Miller became a heroine to many press groups when she went to jail rather discuss conversations with a source whose identity she had agreed not reveal. She since left the Times for freelancing amid a controversy over her reporting techniques. Her appearance at the trial filled the courtroom seats for the first time and drew several retired reporters.

Accompanied to court by her defense attorney, Bob Bennett, Miller answered Fitzgerald's questions in a calm, clear voice never taking her gaze from him. She seemed less calm when questioned by defense attorney William Jeffress; her eyes darted occasionally to the jury and she cleared her nose into a handkerchief.

Hodges

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Hodges said.

Hodges was admittedly a different type of candidate.

"I'm not Catholic. I'm not the typical 'what people would view Saint Mary's as being' type of student," Hodges said. "But I live my values and when you do that, you truly push diversity. When you truly defy diversity, it's far beyond ethnicity and race."

Although Hodges will be taking on a new title, she is certainly not a beginner at addressing issues of race and diversity on the Saint Mary's campus.

As the student diversity board vice president this year, Hodges was active in recruiting black students to the College. Her interest was peaked when she realized that there was only one black student in the class of 2009. She marched into the office of Dan Meyer, the vice president of enrollment management and said, "We need to do something about that."

Meyer agreed and began to work with Hodges to do "what was necessary."

"I went to high schools throughout Chicago and recruited. I did multi-cultural calling. I said, 'You need to apply.' And I turned in at least 50 applications [for students of diverse backgrounds]," she said. "And I did more calling after students were accepted to make them come to Saint Mary's."

Hodges' hard work resulted in another first for the College — a record-high number of black women in the freshman class.

"There were four black girls from my high school alone and we made history with 13 black students [in the class of 2010]," she said.

Her role on the Student Diversity Board (SDB) — which Hodges said has had black and Hispanic presidents — is one that Hodges cannot take on again.

"I know that we'll have students next year that will step up in my position, but I'll always be a loud mouth and a

huge voice for Saint Mary's wherever I go," she said.

Still, the goals she set out to fulfill on the SDB remain high priorities for Hodges. Though diversity was not an issue addressed on her presidential platform, Hodges plans to continue her efforts during her term.

"I'm a huge advocate on our campus," she said. "I find [pushing diversity] to be something that we'll have to do."

And throughout her three years at Saint Mary's, Hodges has recognized a need for such an advocate's presence. She said she has had many conversations with young women of color of the College's campus who do not think they fit in.

Luckily for those students, those are feelings she understands well. Hodges came to Saint Mary's from Seton Academy, an all-girls college preparatory school in South Holland, Ill., where she was "president of everything you can name."

Though she called the school a "mini-Saint Mary's," there was one distinct difference — it was at least 90 percent black.

So when she arrived at Saint

Mary's to find that she was just was one of just three black students in her class, she "wanted to leave."

Hodges prayed and decided to stay at the College, recognizing her importance as one of only a handful of black students on campus. Instead, Hodges propelled herself to find her purpose at SMC, which she found relatively fast. At the start of her second semester freshman year, she was elected to the first year board.

"It's funny because freshman year I was like, 'I'm going to be student body president.' I made that up in my mind before I came," she said. "And I decided to run because I knew that I wouldn't be complete or be fulfilling my mission if I didn't."

Next year, Hodges imagines her duties being a bit more "structural" than in years past — focusing on issues of programming and retention. She said that she will not be able to do as much grassroots work as she is used to.

Rather than traveling to local high schools and meeting with potential black Saint Mary's students, Hodges will use her new position of leadership to

"make sure that diversity is not just in our student body, but also in our faculty."

"We have literally one handful [of black faculty members]. We just had a few leave," she said.

Hodges is inspired by the Saint Mary's diversity initiative, which states that with the hiring of faculty and staff there must be at least one multi-cultural or diverse candidate before the hiring actually occurs. As student body president, Hodges said she will be part of that hiring committee.

Hodges lives, breathes and sleeps thinking about diversity issues — literally. She lives on the inter-cultural floor in Regina Hall and shares a room with her sister Kristle, a freshman.

"It's amazing because we have people from all different nationalities — some from Bulgaria, from China, some African American and some main-stream Saint Mary's students."

Since her victory last week, Hodges has received "tons of emails" from different people in the administration, who she didn't "even know were rooting for me."

And Hodges' family was just as excited. Her sister was "crying and praising God" with her once the announcement was made. Her mom came to South Bend the night before with her pastor from back home.

"They were ridiculous. Of course they were excited," she said. "I feel like with my parents, they know that I'm kind of always involved and always active."

Hodges appreciates all the support she can get. While she said the student body president "is for the students of course," she acknowledged that sometimes in order for goals to be fulfilled, alignment with the administration is essential.

"For me to have that support, my job will be so much more meaningful," she said.

And when Hodges takes office on April 1, she will be sure to hit the ground running.

"Everything that we put on our platform we will definitely accomplish. If we needed to do them tomorrow, we could," she said. "I am almost positive that I can deliver that, if not before the first semester is over."

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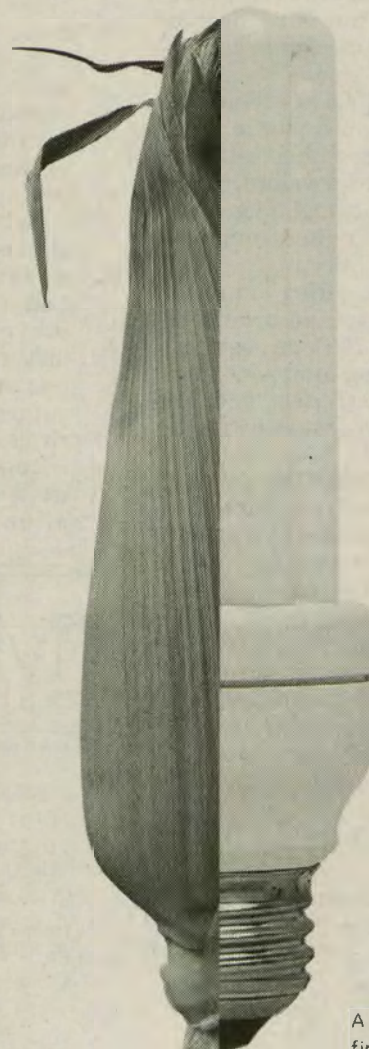
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IN BRIEF

Wyeth and Merck share prices fall

TRENTON — Shares of drug makers Wyeth and Merck & Co. took a hit Tuesday after disappointing earnings reports, but for different reasons: Wyeth missed analysts' expectations by a wide margin, while Merck's profit plunged due to ongoing legal and restructuring costs.

Merck surprised some analysts by boosting its reserve for litigation over withdrawn painkiller Vioxx for a second straight quarter. That charge and others cut Merck's fourth-quarter profit by 58 percent despite higher revenues.

Shares fell 60 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$44.91 with nearly double normal trading volume.

Wyeth shares fell \$1.24, or 2.5 percent, to \$49.36, also on the New York Stock Exchange, as the Madison, N.J.-based company boosted quarterly profit by 17 percent but came in a nickel below analysts' consensus of 71 cents in earnings per share.

Few purchase newly released Vista

NEW YORK — Consumers can finally get their hands on Microsoft Corp.'s long-delayed Windows Vista, but unlike the mad midnight rushes retailers saw with the recently released video game consoles, stores saw only a trickle of early adopters Tuesday.

Retailers around the world held special midnight events Monday or opened early Tuesday morning, as the Vista operating system and Office 2007 business software went on sale in 70 countries. Some stores, including a Best Buy in midtown Manhattan, brought in extra employees to handle pent-up demand for Vista.

At a CompUSA in San Jose, Calif., David Keller, a 40-year-old information-technology consultant from Jacksonville, Fla., was among the first in line to pick up a new Hewlett-Packard Co. laptop at midnight (3 a.m. EST).

"I've been waiting and waiting, and I've been using my personal laptop for work—it's not working well," he said. "This is a big deal for me. I'll hopefully get the better performance that I need, and I won't have to go through the trouble of upgrading later."

Bernanke receives high marks

After tough start, new Federal Reserve chairman runs economy effectively

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The economy tested Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke during his first year on the job. A sinking housing market and a troubled auto industry threatened to short-circuit economic activity. Gyrating energy prices threatened as well.

By most accounts, the Fed chairman passed.

"I think he has done a pretty masterful job playing with the hand he has been dealt," says Terry Connelly, dean of Golden Gate University's Ageno School of Business.

Inflation calmed down along with once-raging energy prices. The jobs market is sturdy, the nation's unemployment rate last year fell to a six-year low of 4.6 percent. And economic growth in 2006 is estimated at just over 3 percent, a solid performance.

Bernanke and his colleagues gather Tuesday for a two-day meeting to discuss what is needed to keep the economy on track and improve the central bank's communications with Wall Street and Main Street.

They were widely expected to hold an important interest rate steady at 5.25 percent. If so, commercial banks' prime interest rate for certain credit cards, home equity lines of credit and other loans would stay at 8.25 percent.

Since August, the Fed's key interest rate hasn't budged, giving borrowers a break. Before that, the Fed had steadily boosted rates to fend off inflation.

Economists give Bernanke, who took the helm last February, high marks for his handling of the economy thus far. They believe he has recovered from communications blunders early in his chairmanship that sent stocks on Wall Street into a nosedive and cast doubt on his credibility.

"Mr. Bernanke's C+/B- performance in the early months of his chairmanship has become a B+/A- performance in the past few



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke stands in headquarters board room in Washington Friday, ready to discuss economy at meetings Tuesday.

months," observed Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at Global Insight.

Still, even when Bernanke's message was clear and consistent—notably his mostly upbeat assessment last year about the economy's growth prospects—many on Wall Street had taken a decidedly dimmer view.

A respected economist who spent most of his professional life in academia, Bernanke never worked on Wall Street. Skilled communications are critical because a single utterance by a Fed chief can affect the financial fortunes of millions of investors.

Bernanke speaks clearly and plainly, a sharp contrast to his often deliberately cryptic

predecessor, Alan Greenspan, who ran the Fed for 18 1/2 years, and was owlishly inscrutable peering out from black horn-rimmed glasses.

The new Fed chief, whose beard and less buttoned up demeanor bring to mind the rumpled professor he once was, is trying to create a more democratic central bank by gently shifting the spotlight of monetary policymaking to the institution rather than its chairman.

The change in style from the bespectacled one to the bearded one may take some getting used to, investors and economists said.

"Bernanke is more of a teacher than a preacher," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow

Financial. "He is more of a behind-the-scenes guy. He speaks more plain English, using football analogies and things like that. But the jury is out on whether that is the right way to go or not."

Inside the Fed, Bernanke is well liked. "People feel like they have more of a say in policy decisions. There is a sense within the Fed there is more contribution, less of the benevolent dictatorship," Swonk said.

At four of the Fed's interest rates meetings last year, Bernanke was faced with one dissenter: Jeffrey Lacker, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va. Lacker had wanted to boost rates, while the rest of his colleagues voted to leave them alone.

Strategists: more than rank to funds

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wanted: M. fund w/ top 25 percent rank.

Given the scads of mutual funds out there, investors might be tempted to turn to the want ads rather than sort through heaps of funds in hopes of finding a good match. More often, befuddled investors depend on fund rankings to bring a cool empirical eye to their search. But those who invest solely based on rankings risk disappointment.

"Using historical top quartiles to predict top quartile performance is a bit like rolling the dice," said Srikant Dash, an index strategist at Standard & Poor's Corp. S&P found in a recent

study that few funds which ranked among the top 25 or even 50 percent of their peers managed to consistently maintain their performance.

In the past five years, only 13.2 percent of large-cap funds, 9.9 percent of mid-cap funds and 10 percent of small-cap funds were able to remain ranked among the top half of funds for the entire period.

The top 25 percent ranking proved even more daunting a challenge, with only 3 percent of large-cap and 2.5 percent of mid-cap funds staying in that zone for five straight years. Stats for small-cap funds were even more grim: None were able to hold onto a top 25 percent ranking for the entire period.

"The numbers are similar to what would happen if you just pick a fund randomly," Dash said.

Dash isn't against using the ratings and reviews, though he contends investors often rely on parameters that are too narrow. Limiting a search to funds that, for example, rank in the top 25 percent of their category can be too restrictive, he argues. He noted that many of the top funds were once those ranked in the middle 50 percent—formerly B and C students that eventually made the honor roll.

"Just the fact that maintaining a top quartile performance is so difficult means you are leaving out some very good funds," he said.

Athletes

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fairly regular basis.

The numbers

"I think with athletes, when you get in trouble, it's usually reported," said Ashley McConnell, a senior and former football player who was suspended for fall of 2004. "This stuff happens pretty frequently."

In 2002-03, 94 disciplinary cases involving varsity athletes were brought to the University, according to statistics provided last fall by the Office of Residence Life and Housing. There were 1,246 incidents that year, putting athlete-related cases at 7.5 percent.

In 2003-04, 79 of 1,074 disciplinary cases involved varsity athletes — a similar frequency from the year earlier, at 7.4 percent.

The 2004-05 year saw a drop in the proportion of athlete-related cases, down to 4.7 percent. Varsity athletes were involved in 48 of 1,019 cases handled by the Office of Residence Life and Housing that year.

The statistics are for the number of incidents, not the number of individuals, meaning they don't account for repeat visits. Director of Residence Life and Housing Jeff Shoup declined to comment and said he is not responding to The Observer's requests for information.

During each of the three years, the football team accounted for the most incidents: 21 in 2002-03, 22 in 2003-04 and 15 in 2004-05. The football team roster usually has around 100 players.

Men's basketball, which usually has 14 players, had three cases reported to the Office of Residence Life and Housing in 2002-03, nine in 2003-04 and two in 2004-05.

High profile scrutiny now...

While the numbers help put the McAlarney incident into context — add one to men's basketball, 2006-07 — this case is different, on certain levels.

It's about the starting point guard, for one. And it involves marijuana.

Blue and Gold Illustrated writer Bob Chmiel, who served as Notre Dame's recruiting coordinator from 1994-97 and the coordinator of football operations from 1998-2000, said he couldn't remember the last reported case involving a Notre Dame athlete and marijuana. Neither could Coffey, who runs the NDNation message board.

"Usually when something like that happens, my experience is Notre Dame doesn't usually come out and say, it's because of drugs," said Coffey, who graduated from the University in 1991, started NDNation in 1999 and published "Echoes on the Hardwood: A History of Notre Dame Basketball" in 2004.

Chmiel noted that not all athlete drug usage is reported. Notre Dame's drug testing program randomly selects student athletes for hair testing and, when testing for anabolic steroid use, conducts urine testing — sometimes random, sometimes team selected.

The University's program "functions independently from, but works in conjunction with" the NCAA drug-testing program, according to athletic department policy.

Former Notre Dame football player Reggie Brooks, who graduated in 1992 and now works for the Office of Information Technology, said athlete drug use is nothing new.

"Oh, yeah," he said when asked if he knew fellow athletes who smoked marijuana when he played for Notre Dame. "It was present back then — and it was-

n't just the athletes."

But at a place like Notre Dame — which Chmiel said "holds itself to a higher standard" — drugs aren't quickly ignored.

"People expect more from Notre Dame. That's because Notre Dame expects more from itself," he said. "When you sign up for Notre Dame, whether it be as a student, a coach, an employee — you should be held to a higher standard."

But both he and Brooks said certain people outside the Notre Dame community preoccupy themselves with finding fault within the University.

"Notre Dame, more than any other university, is scrutinized to the nth degree," Brooks said.

"There are people that revel in seeing a pinch in the armor, so to speak, at Notre Dame. You're going to be under a microscope," Chmiel said. "Does that add to responsibility? Yeah, it does."

But "when it's good," he said, "it also enhances accomplishments."

Chmiel said the McAlarney case was startling. But he believes it was magnified given the state of today's media landscape.

"I just think there's more information, readily available," he said. "With the Internet ... now, [reporting] is almost immediate."

... and then

The last incident of this magnitude involving the men's basketball team, Coffey said, was probably the dismissal of Doug Gottlieb. In 1996, Gottlieb — a prized recruit who now works for ESPN Radio — was accused of stealing his friend's credit cards. He was gone before his sophomore year.

That was off-season, however. In terms of high profile in-season cases, Coffey mentioned Mark Stevenson, who was arrested in December 1987 in connection with a shoplifting incident. In January, he was arrested on minor in possession charges and suspended from four basketball games. That spring, coach Digger Phelps dismissed Stevenson from the team, but said he would be allowed to return under scholarship for his senior year.

Stevenson, a 1985 McDonald's High School All-American, transferred to Duquesne.

A more recent incident took place in October 2000, when basketball players Troy Murphy, Jere Macura and Tom Timmermans were among 147 individuals cited for minor in a tavern during a raid of Finnegan's Bar.

But beyond basketball, there have been multiple high profile incidents involving Notre Dame

athletes. In early 2002, football players Lorenzo Crawford, Justin Smith, Donald Dykes and Abram Elam were dismissed from the University following accusations of raping a female Notre Dame student in an off-campus house.

Coffey also referred to Cooper Rego, the Notre Dame football player who was expelled in 1999 after accusations of sexual assault surfaced. Rego transferred to West Virginia, and Coffey said there was controversy when the Mountaineers came to play Notre Dame during the 2000-01 season, since Rego had been banned from campus.

The fallout

The McAlarney debate — specifically, questions surrounding University policy — has yet to die down.

"You don't want to see a school bend rules for an athlete, but often times a high profile case like this can be used to evaluate rules for student athletes or non-athletes," Coffey said.

Brooks called McAlarney's marijuana possession a "fairly egregious mistake," expressed concern with the University's decision.

"I've never been big on the drug scene, I know it's fashionable nowadays ... at the same time,

what's the difference — other than the legal ramifications — between alcohol and marijuana?" he said. "Both impair your judgment."

While he was quick to say he didn't have complete knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the case, Brooks said he thought suspension was "a little harsh."

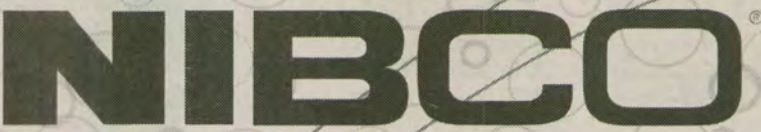
As an athlete who "had run-ins with Student Affairs," he said, "I thought we were sometimes targeted."

"Sometimes Notre Dame takes the stance of preferring image over just decisions," he said, explaining that at times, he felt the University had higher expectations for athletes to counter the perception that those in sports were receiving preferential treatment.

For McConnell, who said the University denied his request to receive a year of community service instead of suspension for an unspecified offense, there has been no preferential treatment. Whatever perceptions exist of how Notre Dame treats its athletes, he said there's no escaping the inevitable.

"I don't know any athlete — or a non-athlete — who has gotten out of ResLife," he said.

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Ragtime

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ern Europe who came to America at the turn of the century results in "a dramatic telling of the melting pot that was present at this time in America," Masterton said.

All the groups are different, but each aspired to some version of the American dream, he said.

"We want to break open this idea of the American dream and how it is very central to immigrants coming to America ... and what that means in the 100 years after the show takes place," Masterton said.

PEMCo. invited five speakers to comment on the play in the forum entitled "Ragtime 100 Years Later: Defining Our Generation's American Dream." Graduate School Dean Donald Pope-Davis, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs G. David Moss, associate professor of economics and policy studies Martin Wolfson, Notre Dame graduate student Crystal Blount and Christy Fleming Greene, the advisor

for Shades of Ebony and assistant professional specialist in the First Year of Studies, will all speak at the forum.

Ragtime is the most ambitious show PEMCo. has produced since it was started ten years ago, Masterton said in a news release, and the first show they have produced that lends itself to further academic discussion.

Senior Jack Calcutt, the director of Ragtime, wanted to put on this show when he applied for the position last February, Masterton said.

"We wanted something that had substance and could be socially relevant and could translate to people's experience at Notre Dame," he said.

The show, with its diverse cast, also allowed the producers to pick a varied group of students to play the parts.

"We've never really had very many African American members of the club," Masterton said. "We were really excited to expand the group."

Unlike the production of Footloose last year, the racially charged language of the play and its thematic elements separated it from plays PEMCo.

has performed before, Masterton said.

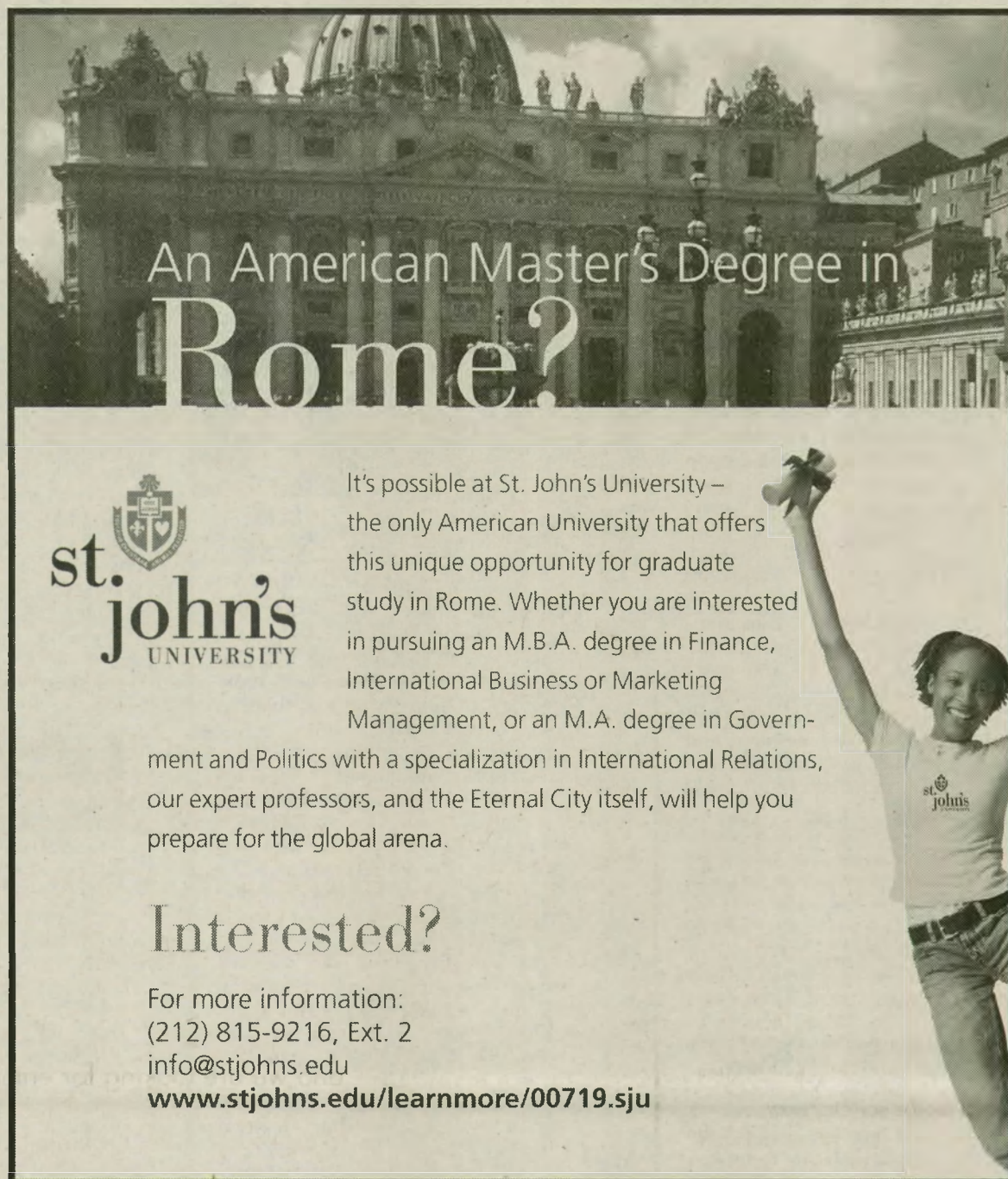
"We felt like we had to do this [academic forum] because there are so many things that need to be discussed," he said.

Ragtime will be performed Feb. 2, 3, 9 and 10 starting at

7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets — six dollars for students and senior citizens and eight dollars for adults — can be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office or by phone through the box office. The forum discussion — co-hosted by the stu-

dent groups Shades of Ebony and Wabruda — will take place Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. The forum discussion is free.

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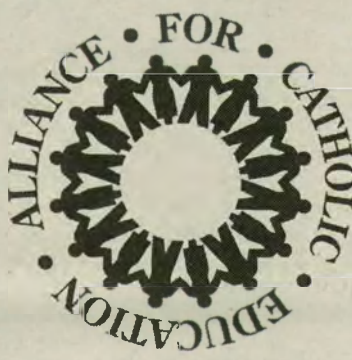
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Bears ... Bears ... Ditka ... Money ... Bears ...

Super Bowl XLI is this weekend. My apologies to all you Superfans out there, but I do not have much invested in this year's Super Bowl contenders. I do, however, have much more interest in the good food and entertaining commercials that are synonymous with Super Bowl Sunday. Those commercials, as we all know, come with a hefty price tag. This year, advertisers must be willing to shell out over 2 million dollars for a 30-second spot during Super Bowl XLI. Companies such as Pepsi and Budweiser willingly hand over the cash knowing that their advertisements will bring in more money and prosperity to the company.



Katie Palmitier

A Word to the Wise

That price tag, however, pales in comparison to the cost of a political campaign. To even be considered a candidate in the 2008 presidential election, presidential hopefuls must be willing to fundraise at least 100 million dollars. As a result, candidates (and their loving lobbyists) are wasting little time. It is not even February of 2007 and contenders such as Obama and Clinton are already campaigning in Iowa in an effort to raise money for a much-heated race. The more candidates collect money from lobbyists and big corporations, the more loyalties and favors candidates must be willing to pay once elected.

While I anxiously await my favorite pre-game meal consisting of homemade Italian sausage sandwiches, a side of queso and Tostitos chips accompanied by a few chuckles at a Budweiser commercial, I decided I should be more concerned about the condition of our country than the smorgasbord of delectables featured on Super Bowl Sunday. And although it's okay that we succumb

to companies' advertising and their 2 million dollar ads do not go to waste on Sunday when I pick up a twelve pack of Pepsi at Martin's, it is not okay that candidates are falling for big companies and lobbyists traps. Once elected, congressmen and women are spending a majority of their time in office paying back favors and passing legislature that benefits those that supported their campaign. The American people, therefore, are left out in the dust. While we may be concerned about those Bears' fans and their unhealthy obsession with football and Polish sausage, we should take time to consider the unhealthy obsession political candidates have with money and its effect on the well being of America.

Every day politicians are out collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars from lobbyists and big industries, even when the next election is two years away. With every passing day, candidates are accumulating funds as laws and legislature that affect the well being of Americans fail to pass or even be discussed. Former Senator Alan Simpson (D-Wyoming) admitted to the failure of elected officials, stating in a recent Boston Globe article, "When we were spending so much time raising money, we simply could not devote quality time to thoughtful decisions and debate. It lowered the substance of our work."

Our health care system is in dire need of attention; thousands of Americans are living without health insurance and are unable to afford proper medical care. Education in America is failing; college tuition is rising and the opportunity for grants and loans is not easy to come by. The environment of not only America but also the whole world is in danger; global warming has proven to be a threat to our nation after ominous signs such as Hurricane Katrina, melting icecaps and rising global temperatures. The Colts, however, cannot blame global warming for their demise by Hurricane Ditka on

Sunday. Most prevalent of all, the conflict in Iraq has yet to be solved; over three years and three thousand casualties have passed and a clear plan has yet to be established for the United States' victory in Iraq.

Instead of dealing with these issues, politicians spend their time schmoozing at cocktail parties and dining at Le Bec Fin. And when it does come time to debate and decide on legislature, the individuals or corporations that were most philanthropic towards a political campaign will be the root cause for the way each decision is made, hence why Big Tobacco, Big Oil and the NRA are still in existence. Campaign finance reform needs to be established so that the American people become the reason as to why decisions are made rather than Big Business hegemony.

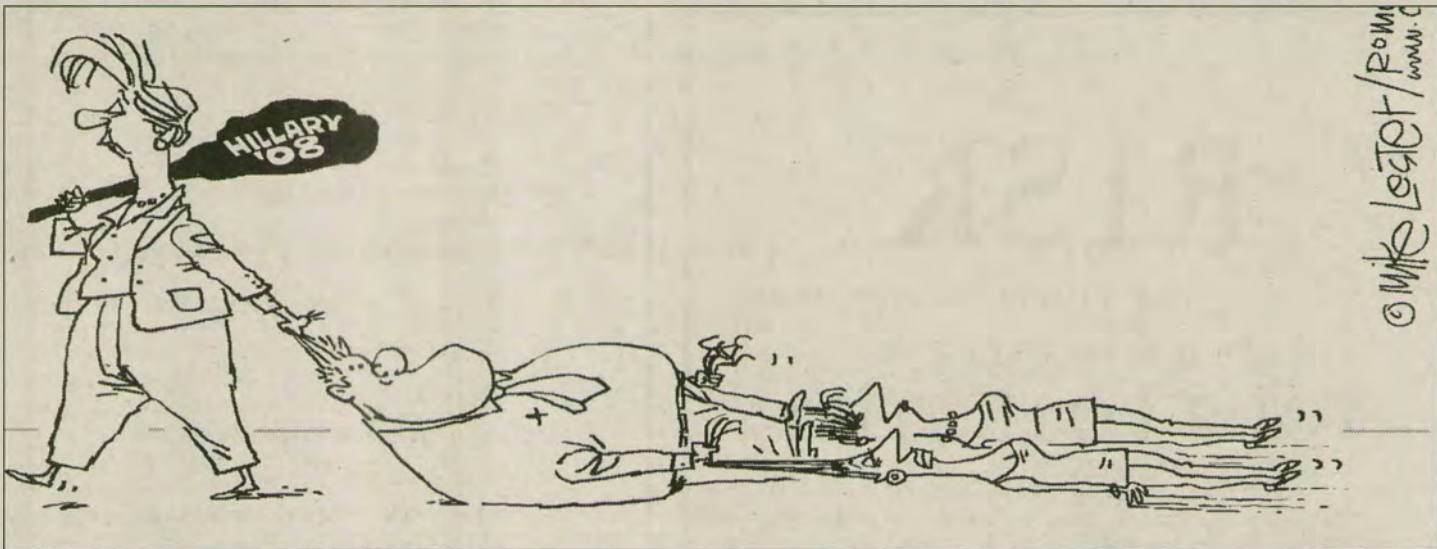
While money will always be involved in politics and is needed to run a successful campaign, I believe in the theory that less is more. The less time spent raising money, the more constituents will benefit. While we all anxiously await the match up of two hometown teams and the release of millions of dollars worth of 30-second commercials this Sunday, candidates will be busy at work raising money for their own 30-second commercials for election that is two years away. And as each candidate climbs his or her way up to the 100 million dollar mark, the interests and needs of the American people will slowly be blurred out of the vision of politicians. The sooner campaign finance reform is finally taken seriously, the sooner the American people will be better represented and our nation, let alone the world, will be a healthier, more secure place to live.

Go Bears.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is no fate that cannot be surmounted by scorn."

Albert Camus
French novelist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Expanding the student support

Saturday's halftime show featured the Notre Dame Band's drum section. They ran through their cadences and did their usual great job, but it was a missed opportunity to improve crowd participation at the games. The student section has some specific cheers that accompany some of the cadences. The drum line's performance was an opportunity to educate the crowd about how to emulate what the students do during certain cadences. Why not try to expand the cheers to the rest of the arena? This shouldn't be hard. Send cheerleaders to different sections during TV timeouts, have the leprechaun briefly explain what's happening over the PA system, and instruct those sections to do what the cheerleaders do. It wouldn't take long to get the arena waving arms and chanting along with the students — 11,000 participating instead of a couple of student sections would help make the JACC more intimidating.

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Re-evaluated marijuana policy needed

The decision regarding Notre Dame point guard Kyle McAlarney's future was released Tuesday afternoon. The sophomore, who was arrested for possession of marijuana after a game in late December, was dismissed from school and will be eligible to reapply to Notre Dame for summer sessions. Many will probably be up in arms over the apparent martyring of a familiar campus figure, but the real issue is not this one case, but rather the University's policy on marijuana that has been in place for years. Not only does Du Lac claim that being caught with any marijuana one time is a violation worthy of expulsion, they actually back it up. Kyle is not the first student to be suspended after his first marijuana offense and not the first to be suspended for possessing an amount so small that it would generally result in a slap on the wrist as far as the law is concerned. I know Notre Dame is not Berkeley, and I'm not proposing that it should be, but when a university's policies regarding marijuana are significantly stricter than the law's, there is something seriously wrong. The United States laws regarding marijuana were drawn up during a time when knowledge about drugs was so limited that films such as "Reefer Madness" (a 1936 film in which people who are high on marijuana are depicted as sex-crazed murderers) were taken seriously, and these laws have not changed much since. While the country's marijuana laws are strict, Notre Dame's policies blow them out of the water. In an environment where binge drinking is practically encouraged, one offense for possessing marijuana, a significantly less dangerous drug, will almost certainly result in expulsion without guaranteed readmission, throwing your life completely off course. Something here just doesn't add up.

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U-WIRE

Keep your eyes on your prize, not someone else's

Wait till you're older. That's what children are often told as they're growing up to console them when they want things they cannot have due to their age — such as alcohol, a driver's license or the chance to go to college.

I was such a child, in a hurry to grow up, wanting what I couldn't have yet. As a child — and even as an adult — the feeling of being left behind when everyone else is zooming past at a million miles an hour can be quite frustrating.

Many people (myself included) have this semi-insane need to plan out each aspect of their lives, always getting their "ducks in a row" for the next step. In eighth grade, I was the kid who studied the high school course booklet front and back, having my classes picked weeks before my classmates did.

While this approach may work from birth to senior year in college, it tends to create

more hassle than peace of mind. This is because the time prior to one's graduation from college is nearly always filled with uncertainties, such as the questions of where one will live and work. Still, this urge to plan and keep pace with everyone else does not go away at this stage of life, especially when it comes to relationships.

My boyfriend and I have been dating for nearly six and a half years — yes, I'm serious. We started dating when I was 15 and he was 16, so obviously, we weren't going to be getting married after a year of dating. We have put a lot — and continue to put a lot — into our relationship. It hasn't been easy. What can make it even more maddening, at least for me, is the fact that people who have been dating for less time than we have are beating us to the altar. It's not that I'm not happy for my friends — I just want so badly to experience that same kind of happiness.

Part of the reason my boyfriend and I have not taken the plunge yet is that we wish to be stable in our careers and

finances first. This is a reasonable goal — it's what works for us. That's what I had to keep telling myself when logging on to my Facebook account and seeing two more of my friends had become engaged.

In the midst of my happiness/disbelief, I decided to cling to my faith in God. I had to remember that He is behind everything: Things happen in His time, not mine. He's in control and I am not. For someone who is always in planning mode like me, relinquishing that control is more difficult than it sounds. I just have to remember that through constant communication through prayer, He'll tell me what I need to do.

Some may not have such a faith in God or another higher power, and those that do may not feel ready to relinquish control of their life to their respective higher powers. These people must remember that in the long run, life is not about keeping pace with others, though MTV may tell them otherwise. Everyone does not operate at the same speed and what works for one person does not always work for the next. Besides

that, after an extended period of time, craning one's neck to take a look at what everyone else is doing can be downright tiring.

So the next time someone else gets a promotion — and along with it, a six-figure salary — or someone else is about to have a baby when you and your significant other have been wanting one for quite some time, be happy for them (genuinely happy) and take heart that what you desire will come to you in time. Be patient.

When someone's lost their keys and they're looking for them like mad, it's not until after they calm down a bit and stop scrambling that they tend to find them. That's what life is like — when we stop scrambling, we find what we've ultimately been looking for.

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LATEST DAY OF '24' MAINTAINS MOMENTUM FROM EARLIER SEASONS

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Scene Writer

To the delight of millions of viewers, federal agent Jack Bauer — compellingly embodied by Kiefer Sutherland in Fox's heart-pounding "24" — may be having the longest day of his life, again.

However, far from losing its momentum, the suspenseful anti-terrorism series returned to the water coolers and online discussion boards with the explosion of a nuclear device in California, the death of a familiar face and the introduction of Bauer's malevolent brother.

While the first few episodes this season were intriguing, they failed to spellbind viewers compared to the first handful of episodes last season, which were unforgettable.

To the show's credit, the bar was set incredibly high in the very first episode of season five. Very few plot twists could shake viewers with the same intensity as the assassination of the regal President David Palmer (Dennis Haysbert) without warning.

In its fifth year, the clock was alive and ticking for Sutherland and his associates.

They received Emmy Awards for outstanding male performance and drama series while viewers cogitated Bauer's escape from the maximum-security Chinese prison where he was taken in the season finale last May.

They waited for months to see him return to North America and now that he is back in action, the Chinese prison is old news. Nay, make that ancient history.

It happened five hours ago and in the fast-moving "24," five hours is enough time to kill thousands of innocent civilians with a chemical virus, steal a stealth bomber and use it to shoot down Air Force One or even suffer from a mild bout with amnesia.

It's all in a day's work for Bauer.

The series chronicles 24 hours of national security emergencies with 24 episodes that unfold — in most cases — in natural time, with every passing second.

Oftentimes the screen is fractured into three or four frames that accommodate different story lines as they unfold simultaneously.

The innovative and ambitious storytelling model has glitches, however.

Bauer's ability to drive across downtown Los Angeles during the rush hour in less than 10 minutes remains disputable, but viewers wink at it because "24" is, after all, a work of fiction.

This work of fiction, nonetheless, hits a home run with interpretations and representations of threats and scenarios that could easily come to pass within the White House or the C.I.A. or Osama Bin Laden's lair.

The first episode of the first season — completed before the 2001 World Trade Center attacks — ends with the explosion of a commercial airplane for terrorism purposes.

The second season finds Bauer desperately racing against time to keep the United States from declaring war in the Middle East misled by erroneous information and fabricated intelligence.

In the fifth season he delivers America from the dangers of a rogue president.

The list of similarities between the scripts of "24" and the headlines in The New York Times carries on — but more Americans learn national security protocols from television rather than newspapers because through Bauer they experience firsthand the urgency of the threat, the burden of protecting the country and the agony involved in the obligatory sacrifices.

Unlike many of his fictional contemporaries, Bauer's heroics are driven by habit and obligation.

He may be resourceful and delight viewers with memorable quotations — including "You are going to tell me what I want to know. It's just a matter of how much you want it to hurt." — but Bauer is not a gallant hero and "24" is not formulaic.

Bauer defeats his enemies every season but where one is eliminated, five more arise — and his enthusiasm for law enforcement dwindles.

His efficient *modus operandi* thrives on his resolve and his viciousness — which viewers condone in Bauer's circumstances but often condemn in Guantanamo.

He fights for democracy and the safety of little children but his only rewards are a murdered wife, an estranged daughter, a drug addiction and a legion of enemies on every continent and in Washington.

Therein the series also distinguishes itself from its predecessors.

The West Wing in "24" is different from the sugarcoated one known to Martin Sheen's supporters, where a compassionate president and his dedicated personnel make difficult decisions to protect the voters.

The Washington known to Sutherland's supporters is plagued by conspiracies, ulterior motivations and betrayals.

Palmer's own Cabinet removed him from office because they had different agendas and last season, President Charles Logan (Gregory Itzin) supplied nerve gas to Russian extremists in an elaborate scheme to create an opportunity to increase American military presence in central Asia and consequently access the oil reserves in the region.

Monday's episode reminded viewers of the duplicity in Washington when agendas collide, as White House chief of staff Tom Lennox (Peter MacNicol) coerced one of his dissenting colleagues into resignation to implement

without hindrance his draconian proposals against Middle Easterners in response to detonation of the nuclear device in the West coast.

Next week the writers will continue to bring racial profiling into the Counter Terrorist Unit (CTU) and Bauer's mission — as if confronting the treacherous mercenary in the Bauer clan and locating four ticking nuclear bombs were not enough to drain the man's strength.

It might take a few more weeks before viewers can digest the revelation of Bauer's wicked brother — the ultimate criminal puppet master last season.

This news may score with the viewers who also watch "Days of our Lives," but for those who eagerly await ingenious and credible plot twists, the story line is disappointing.

Bauer, nonetheless, remains, and the viewers won't desert him.

The ratings have steadily increased since the series premiered in 2001, breeding an army of assorted followers that range from U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney to novelist Stephen King to Sarah Michelle Gellar ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer").

They will all keep watching, biting their nails and anticipating the next jaw-dropping cliffhanger.

The death toll in Los Angeles this season already surpassed the 12,000-mark and it's only noon on Bauer's watch, which means he's angry and facing many more hours of rampage and opportunities to indulge his trigger-friendly finger.

"The only reason you're still conscious is because I don't want you carry you," Bauer growls in the fifth season. America can only hope he gives her more unforgettable quotations before he shoots.

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Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland), left, helps a young girl don a gas mask in the sixth season of "24," the popular Fox terrorism drama.



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Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland), right, presses enemy James Nathanson (Geraint Wyn Davies) for information in a recent episode of "24."

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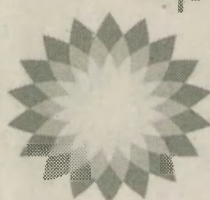
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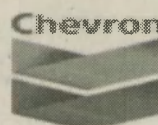
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ON 24'S 4 SEASON

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"Chechen rebels," but no storm brewed
from the subtle language.

Season 3 was the subtlest of all, but
perhaps the most partisan. Airing from
2003-04, then-president David Palmer
was in the middle of a tight re-election
campaign with his sleazy opponent,
Senator John Keeler. Though Palmer
was identified as a Democrat in the first
season when he initially ran for election,
Season 3 remained conspicuously
absent of political party references. But
as President Bush ran a close race
against John Kerry — whose name's
first six characters are identical to the
first six characters of Palmer's foe —
"24" played on the real presidential
race. The show created an official cam-
paign logo for Keeler with the same fea-
tures as Kerry's signature stamp — blue
background, white font, a white star
and multiple wavy
red lines.

But more than
just partisan poli-
tics, hot-button
issues of counter-
terrorism run
deep in "24."

In 2005, Adam
Green of the New
York Times wrote
a 1,300-word col-
umn for the Sunday paper largely bash-
ing "24" for its depiction of torture and,
in his view, its seeming face-value
acceptance of its use. But in the evalua-
tion of torture, Green and others miss a
central theme of "24" throughout the
past four seasons — immoral means
sometimes achieve results, and villain-
ous characters sometimes make right-
eous decisions. Howard Gordon, one of
the show's executive producers, has
defended the program countless times
over the past year, as "24" tries to elimi-
nate situational certainty and create
spheres of insecurity and confusion of
right versus wrong.

In Season 3, for instance, CTU agent
Gael Ortega is found to be smuggling
information to the Salazar brothers —
that season's main antagonists — and is
tortured by CTU's regional director
before agent Tony Almeida reveals that
Ortega is part of a long-planned second-
choice strategy to bring down the
Salazars.

Much like in the debates over the
show's ramifications for Muslims in the
past and present, the debate over the
depiction of torture is understandable
from the perspective of a television cri-
tique.

While "24" has been a sparkplug for
controversy, the show has been even
more a magnet for second-guessing.

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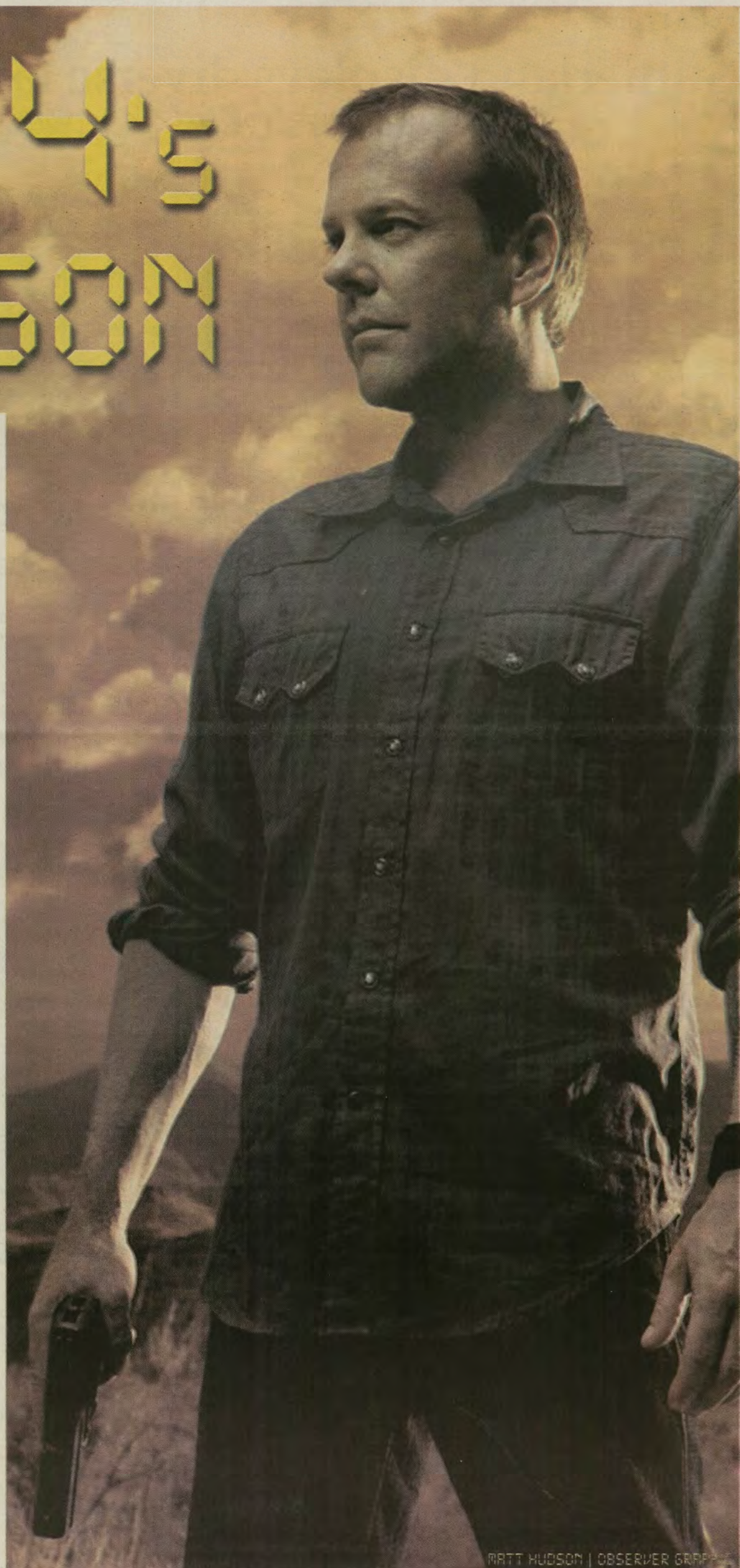
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ACTOR FEATURE

Sutherland displays diverse talent in film, TV

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Before he was saving the world as government agent Jack Bauer on Fox's hit show "24," Kiefer Sutherland was one of Hollywood's busiest and most versatile actors. In a career that now stretches over two decades, he has quietly become one of the industry's most respected performers, amassing an impressive resume of films and roles that highlight an actor who isn't afraid to take risks whether he is acting on the silver screen or the small screen.

Sutherland comes from acting lineage, as both his parents — Donald Sutherland and Shirley Douglas — are noted thespians. Donald has been a Hollywood staple for over three decades, having appeared in films like "M*A*S*H," "JFK" and "Cold Mountain."

The younger Sutherland began acting as a teen, and made his first movie appearances as a teenager in the early '80s. He appeared in a series of roles for the first half of the decade, but his breakthrough came as the bully Ace Merrill in Rob Reiner's 1986 classic "Stand By Me" and the vampire leader David in Joel Schumacher's cult film "The Lost Boys."

Bigger parts in films like "Young Guns" followed, and memorable turns in "Flatliners" (where he met Julia Roberts, with whom he had an extended romance) and Reiner's "A Few Good Men" helped elevate him into a minor star. The '90s, however, were a mixed bag for Sutherland, as he often took eso-

teric roles, such as the mad scientist Dr. Schreber in Alex Proyas' 1998 film "Dark City." The ranginess of Sutherland's choices demonstrated his versatility, though his penchant for smart, ominous villains hinted at the intensity he would bring to the character of Jack Bauer.

Fox launched "24" in 2001 with Sutherland in the lead as government agent Jack Bauer. The show's novel concept, cinematic style and twisting plot turns made it an instant hit, and helped launch Sutherland into the public consciousness.

Since then, Sutherland's film work has slowed considerably. He has only starred in a handful of movies in the past half-decade, the most notable of them Joel Schumacher's tight, fast-paced thriller "Phonebooth," D.J. Caruso's "Taking Lives" and Clark Johnson's disappointing "The Sentinel." The latter picture featured Sutherland in a role that isn't much different from Jack Bauer, as he plays a Secret Service agent who is attempting to uncover a plot to kill the president.

The movie-like production values of "24" has proven immensely popular over the course of its five years, earning both the show and Sutherland numerous awards and accolades. The actor's complex characterization of Bauer has been extremely well-received by critics and audiences. Sutherland deftly balances a spectrum of emotions stemming from Bauer's sense of duty and personal vendettas.

Sutherland has been recognized by media outlets for his work on "24," and



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Kiefer Sutherland has garnered many awards, including an Emmy in 2006, for his role as anti-terrorism agent Jack Bauer in Fox's runaway success, "24."

has won several awards amongst numerous nominations. Most notable among them include the 2002 Golden Globe for "Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series — Drama," the 2006 Emmy for "Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series" and a pair of Screen Actors Guild Awards for "Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series" (in 2004 and 2006).

Jack Bauer has become something of a cultural icon, though Sutherland's versatility and talent means that he probably

won't become pigeonholed. Though he may always be associated with the antiterrorist agent, Sutherland has already proven that he is capable of other roles. Like Sean Connery's James Bond, Sutherland's Jack Bauer will always be his most immortal role — but unlike Connery, Sutherland doesn't have to prove himself as an actor after "24" ends.

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ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE

Network TV takes page out of Hollywood's book

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Just about any night of the week, television viewers can tune in to shows so elaborate, complex and effects-filled it seems Hollywood has invaded the small screen. While this has been somewhat of a staple in television since its inception in the 1950s, modern technology allows television series creators to create more wide-ranging and engaging programs than ever before.

Television used to be more straightforward with "Seinfeld" and "E.R.," but it has become — more than ever — an experience for its viewers thanks to the inclusion of technical and specific terminology and jargon. The various incarnations of "CSI" and "Law and Order" spinoffs began the pattern of giving viewers an in-depth look into the workings of crime investigation and courtroom procedure.

As television viewers demanded even more detail and connectedness to their shows, the concept of serialization became the hottest method of snaring audiences and keeping them loyal to a show. This meant that a program would tell a large story arc over the course of a season while telling smaller, more detailed stories in each individual episode.

To entice viewers to watch these serial shows, producers make use of eye-catching features such as multiple locations that often feature large-scale set pieces, large casts of characters and numerous special effects. These on-camera elements are combined with smart writing from shows like "Law and Order" to create television shows

that are in essence weekly movies broadcast into homes all over the world.

Current shows are most famous for adopting this style, but early television pioneered the trend with shows like "The Adventures of Davy Crockett," starring Fess Parker. Walt Disney created this serialized show in 1954 to tell various stories from the life of the "king of the wild frontier." The shows were aired in serial format and were not simple, studio-based shows, but were filmed on realistic sets.

In the modern era, "24" continued this trend while employing technological advances to create more realistic special effects than those used in the 1950s. Show creators adopted an epic scope to tell their story while also creating characters with enough depth to solicit sympathy and attraction from viewers. Many Hollywood actors including Kiefer Sutherland, Elisha Cuthbert and Dennis Hopper were attached to "24," giving the show an acting credibility that earned it dozens of awards.

The success of "24" was aided by already existing audiences familiar with similar cinematic, serial television shows on other networks including HBO's "The Sopranos," "Lost" and, more recently, Fox's "Prison Break." The trend of using Hollywood actors continued with ABC's "Lost," which stars "Lord of the Rings" actor Dominic Monaghan (Merry Brandybuck), and Bryan Singer — who directed the first two "X-Men" films — is a producer of Fox's "House." These shows mimic the engaging characters and compelling storylines of "24" and became almost cult-phenomena within weeks of their



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ABC's "Lost" exemplifies successful serial television programming, which gives audiences talented actors, smart writing and cinematic visual style.

respective debuts.

Unlike their film counterparts, shows such as these benefit from their continued existence in that fans have the ability to influence decisions show creators make as the seasons progress. Internet communities have sparked changes on "Lost," especially with respect to how the show reveals its mysterious secrets.

Fans of "24" called a telephone number repeatedly displayed on cell phones that were seen during airings of the show. They were then connected to the "Fan Phone," which gave them a chance to interact with and give input

to the show's creators. The end result of this fan interaction allows serial television shows to look like movies, but also adapt to changing times and audiences.

The effort that goes into making a single episode of this type of show is immense, with several days of 14-hour shoots necessary for one episode of "24." This sheer amount of work causes very few serial shows like "24" to succeed, but when they do, the result is television as immersive and captivating as the movies.

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NBA

Arenas scores 36 as Wizards down Pistons

LeBron-less Cavs clobber Warriors; Kobe-less Lakers fall

Associated Press

Gilbert Arenas had 36 points, 11 assists and seven rebounds Tuesday night as the Washington Wizards beat the Detroit Pistons 104-99 in a first-place showdown, a victory tempered by a knee injury to Antawn Jamison.

The win kept the Wizards ahead of the Pistons atop the Eastern Conference and gave the teams a split of the four-game season series, leveling the first tiebreaker should they finish the regular season with the same record. Washington beat Detroit twice in five days, including a 99-96 win on the road Friday.

But the Wizards left the court anxious for news about Jamison, who sprained his left knee after colliding with teammate DeShawn Stevenson under the basket during a fast break with 6:29 to play in the first quarter.

Jamison, who entered the game averaging 19.7 points and 8.1 rebounds, did not return and was to be re-evaluated after the game. Jamison hyper-extended the same knee against Boston on Jan. 20, although it was not the same knee that required surgery two years ago. He was given two days off from practice last week to rest the knee and responded with his two best games of the season: 35 points against Detroit and 34 points against Boston on Sunday.

Jamison would be difficult to replace if he's out for any extended period — he, Arenas and Caron Butler form the NBA's highest-scoring trio at a combined 70 points per game — but the Wizards persevered without him Tuesday to win for the seventh time in eight games.

Washington shot 61 percent in the first quarter, led by 19 points midway through the second, then held off the Pistons after Detroit pulled within single digits in the fourth. Arenas, who scored 14 points in the final period, converted a three-point play with 1:44 to play to restore a 10-point lead.

The Pistons made one final push, due largely to the Wizards' three missed free throws in the final 30 seconds, but Tayshaun Prince then missed a 3-pointer that would have cut the lead to two.

Stevenson, picking up the

slack for Jamison, scored 15 points on 7-for-8 shooting. Butler finished with 13 points.

Chauncey Billups scored 24 points, Prince had 19 points, and Richard Hamilton and Rasheed Wallace finished with 15 apiece for the Pistons, who ended up outshooting the Wizards (52 percent to 49 percent).

Cavaliers 124, Warriors 97

Sasha Pavlovic scored a career-high 24 points filling in for the injured LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers rolled without their superstar, pounding the Golden State Warriors on Tuesday night.

James missed his second game in a less than a week with a sprained right big toe, an injury that isn't going to improve without rest. Cleveland's medical staff advised James to take night off and there's a chance he could miss a few more games.

The Cavaliers didn't need James against the Warriors, scoring a season-high in points with their most balanced attack in nearly 13 years. They improved to 8-2 in games the All-Star forward has missed because of injuries during his career.

Donyell Marshall added 15 points, Zydrunas Ilgauskas 14 with 10 rebounds and Cleveland snapped a three-game losing streak at home while getting eight players in double figures for the first time since April 22, 1994.

Baron Davis scored 21 points to lead the Warriors, who opened a six-game trip with one they'd like to forget.

They went just 2-for-20 on 3-pointers, committed 20 turnovers and were never a threat in dropping their fifth straight road game.

Al Harrington added 13 points and Andris Biedrins 12 for Golden State, which took the Cavaliers to overtime before losing on Jan. 20.

This one was over early as the Cavaliers bolted to a 15-point lead after 12 minutes and never let the Warriors get inside double digits the rest of the way.

Searching for more points from his point guard, Cavs coach Mike Brown replaced Eric Snow in the starting lineup with rookie Daniel Gibson, who finished with 12 points, two assists and two turnovers in 25 minutes.

Pavlovic started last Friday at Philadelphia when James missed his first game of the season to rest his toe. But coach Mike Brown curiously sat the 6-foot-7 swingman during



Washington guard Gilbert Arenas, right, drives to the basket during the second quarter of the Wizards' 104-99 victory over the Detroit Pistons Tuesday night.

Cleveland's 115-100 loss to Phoenix on Sunday.

Pacers 103, Celtics 96

Jamaal Tinsley scored a season-high 28 points as the Indiana Pacers beat Boston on Tuesday night to hand the Celtics their 12th straight loss.

Jermaine O'Neal added 25 points and eight rebounds for the Pacers, who won for the fourth time in five games.

Al Jefferson led the Celtics with 15 points and 17 rebounds. It was his 20th double-double of the season.

Indiana, the worst shooting team in the league, shot a season-high 53.6 percent from the field.

The Celtics are two losses short of breaking the franchise record for consecutive losses. They can tie the mark of 13 Wednesday at home against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Gerald Green hit a 3-pointer to cut Indiana's lead to 100-96 with 26 seconds left.

Tinsley made the second of two free throws with 25.7 seconds left to push the lead to five, then he made two more free throws with 8.9 seconds remaining to end the threat.

Boston led 30-24 at the end of the first quarter, but the Pacers outscored the Celtics 28-13 in

the second to take a 52-43 lead at halftime. Indiana shot 61 percent in the first half, including an 11-for-15 effort in the second quarter.

Knicks 99, Lakers 94

Playing without the suspended Kobe Bryant, the Los Angeles Lakers' late rally fell short in their season-high third straight loss, to the New York Knicks on Tuesday night.

Eddy Curry had 27 points and nine rebounds and Stephon Marbury scored 22 points for the Knicks, who led most of the game but never pulled away. David Lee grabbed 13 rebounds and Jamal Crawford added 17 points.

Bryant was penalized one game without pay earlier Tuesday for hitting San Antonio's Manu Ginobili in the face late in the Lakers' overtime loss to the Spurs on Sunday.

Without his 28.4 points per game, the Lakers shot only 43.5 percent and lost for the fourth time in five games.

Lamar Odom had 25 points, nine rebounds and six assists for the Lakers. Vladimir Radmanovic added 18 points and nine boards and Smush Parker scored 14 points.

The Lakers trailed by seven with 1 1/2 minutes remaining,

but closed to 96-94 on Radmanovic's 3-pointer with 45 seconds left. Curry made two free throws 10 seconds later, and after Maurice Evans' 3-pointer rattled out, Los Angeles got the ball back after Jamal Crawford turned it over.

However, Jared Jeffries blocked Brian Cook's 3-point attempt and New York put it away with three more free throws.

It was a rough way for the Lakers to start an eight-game Eastern trip, their longest since playing eight straight on the road from Dec. 9-20, 1989. Bryant will be back Wednesday when Los Angeles visits Boston.

He hoped to play Tuesday, seeking an immediate hearing at the league office during the afternoon since he was already in New York. But that request was denied, since normal NBA policy is for the player to serve his suspension and hope to get his money back later if he wins his appeal.

Bryant and the Lakers were surprised by the penalty, and the fans at Madison Square Garden were bummed themselves.

There were mostly boos when Bryant's absence was announced during pregame introductions.

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Women's Basketball Associated Press Top 25

| | team | record | points |
|----|---------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Duke (41) | 21-0 | 1241 |
| 2 | North Carolina (9) | 23-0 | 1209 |
| 3 | Tennessee | 19-2 | 1102 |
| 4 | Maryland | 21-2 | 1089 |
| 5 | Ohio State | 18-1 | 1066 |
| 6 | Connecticut | 18-2 | 987 |
| 7 | LSU | 20-2 | 939 |
| 8 | Stanford | 18-3 | 919 |
| 9 | Oklahoma | 17-2 | 862 |
| 10 | Purdue | 19-3 | 739 |
| 11 | George Washington | 18-2 | 727 |
| 12 | Arizona State | 19-3 | 714 |
| 13 | Baylor | 18-3 | 671 |
| 14 | Georgia | 18-4 | 600 |
| 15 | Vanderbilt | 18-4 | 474 |
| 16 | Marquette | 19-2 | 448 |
| 17 | Bowling Green | 18-2 | 434 |
| 18 | Texas A&M | 15-4 | 425 |
| 19 | Louisville | 18-2 | 396 |
| 20 | Middle Tenn. State | 19-3 | 385 |
| 21 | California | 16-5 | 206 |
| 22 | Nebraska | 17-4 | 154 |
| 23 | Rutgers | 12-6 | 86 |
| 24 | Wisconsin-Green Bay | 17-3 | 74 |
| 25 | James Madison | 17-2 | 69 |

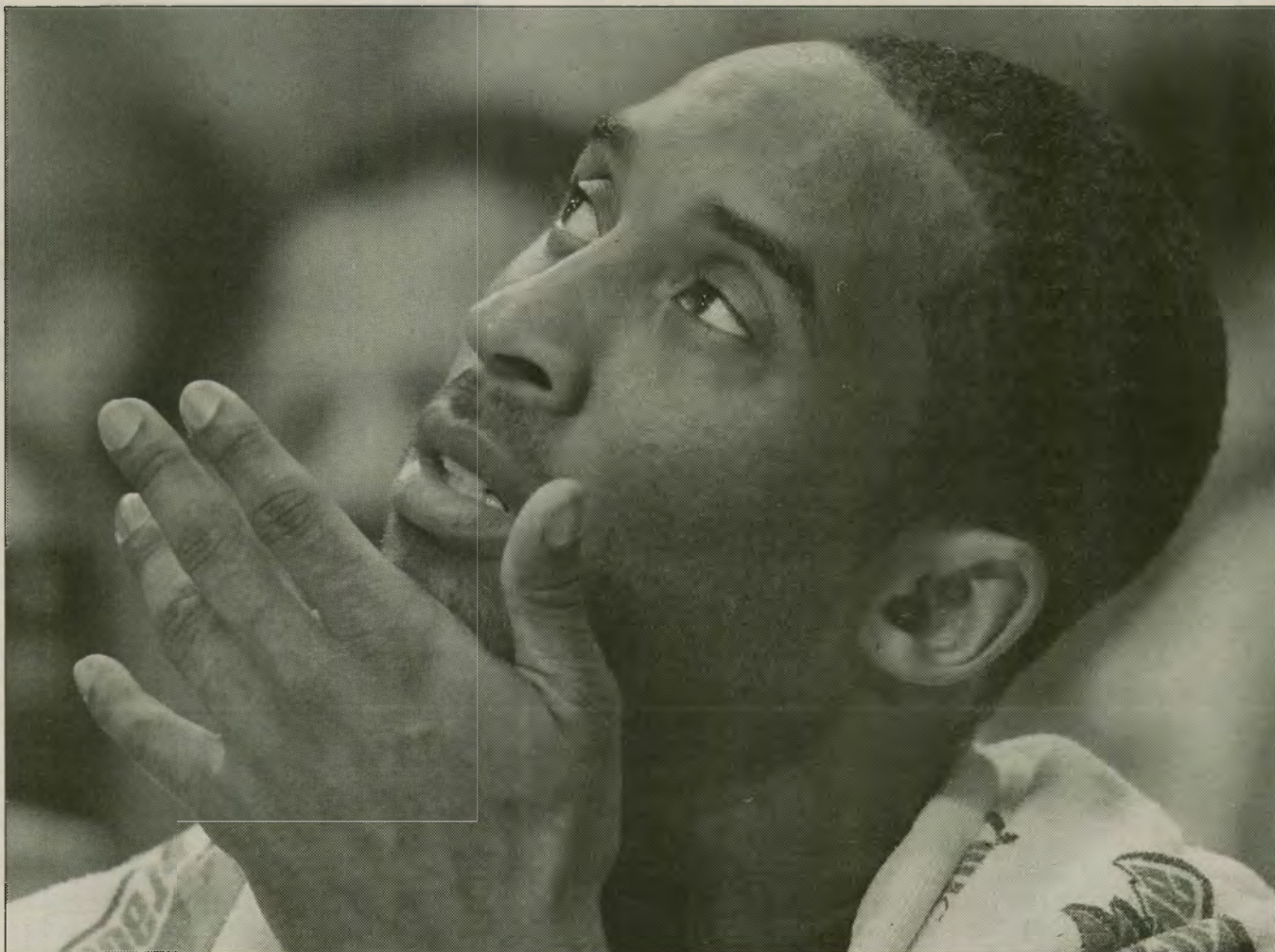
Women's Basketball ESPN/USA Today Top 25

| | team | record | points |
|----|---------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Duke (25) | 21-0 | 769 |
| 2 | North Carolina (6) | 23-0 | 750 |
| 3 | Tennessee | 19-2 | 697 |
| 4 | Maryland | 21-2 | 688 |
| 5 | Connecticut | 18-2 | 649 |
| 6 | Ohio State | 18-1 | 616 |
| 7 | LSU | 20-2 | 577 |
| 8 | Oklahoma | 17-2 | 549 |
| 9 | Stanford | 18-3 | 537 |
| 10 | Arizona State | 19-3 | 467 |
| 11 | Baylor | 18-3 | 462 |
| 12 | George Washington | 18-2 | 444 |
| 13 | Purdue | 19-3 | 374 |
| 14 | Georgia | 18-4 | 359 |
| 15 | Vanderbilt | 18-4 | 336 |
| 16 | Bowling Green | 18-2 | 307 |
| 17 | Louisville | 19-2 | 282 |
| 18 | Marquette | 19-2 | 257 |
| 19 | Middle Tenn. State | 19-3 | 221 |
| 20 | Texas A&M | 15-4 | 215 |
| 21 | California | 16-5 | 133 |
| 22 | Nebraska | 17-4 | 92 |
| 23 | Michigan State | 15-6 | 44 |
| 24 | Wisconsin-Green Bay | 17-3 | 33 |
| 25 | Rutgers | 12-6 | 31 |

Women's Basketball Big East Standings

| | team | Big East record | overall record |
|----|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 | Connecticut | 9-0 | 19-2 |
| 2 | Marquette | 7-2 | 19-3 |
| 3 | Louisville | 6-2 | 20-2 |
| 4 | South Florida | 6-2 | 16-5 |
| 5 | Rutgers | 6-2 | 13-6 |
| 6 | West Virginia | 5-3 | 14-7 |
| 7 | NOTRE DAME | 4-3 | 13-7 |
| 8 | DePaul | 4-5 | 14-8 |
| 9 | Seton Hall | 4-5 | 11-9 |
| 10 | Pittsburgh | 3-4 | 15-5 |
| 11 | St. John's | 3-5 | 7-12 |
| 12 | Cincinnati | 3-6 | 12-9 |
| 13 | Providence | 2-6 | 12-9 |
| 14 | Syracuse | 2-6 | 8-13 |
| 15 | Villanova | 1-7 | 6-15 |
| 16 | Georgetown | 1-8 | 11-11 |

NBA



Lakers star Kobe Bryant sits on the bench during the third quarter of Sunday's 96-94 loss to the Spurs. Bryant was suspended one game by the NBA after his arm hit the back of Spurs forward Manu Ginobili's head following a shot.

Kobe suspended for striking Ginobili

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kobe Bryant was suspended one game without pay by the NBA on Tuesday for striking San Antonio's Manu Ginobili in the face.

With his Los Angeles Lakers in New York to play the Knicks, Bryant requested an "immediate hearing" with the league office to appeal the suspension. But his request was denied because it would have deviated from standard procedure, and Bryant was still slated to miss the game Tuesday night.

"This is not the process that we use at the NBA. Certainly, in theory, given

the fact that the Lakers were in New York, we could have heard an appeal. But again, we never have, as it's not part of our process," said Stu Jackson, the league's chief disciplinary officer for on-court actions. "He does have the right to an appeal at a later date. If he were to win that appeal, he would get his money back."

Bryant's absence left the Lakers without their leading scorer when they opened an eight-game road trip.

"I've been waiting to play here. It's always been a fun place for me to play here, and I'm surprised. Shocked, by it, actually,"

Bryant said. "I unintentionally caught Manu Ginobili. What do you say? It's a basketball game. You unintentionally catch people with elbows every once in a while."

Players association spokesman Dan Wasserman said a letter was sent on Bryant's behalf to the league office requesting the hearing, and that Bryant volunteered to review the videotape and talk to commissioner David Stern or the "appropriate league official."

"I'm blown away by it. I really am," Bryant said. "It just makes no sense."

The play occurred with

2.7 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter of the Lakers' 96-94 overtime loss to the Spurs on Sunday.

"It's just unintentional," Bryant added. "I felt horrible about it. It's just basketball, it happens."

Jackson disagreed, and offered the NBA's explanation on a conference call.

"Some of the determining factors were the fact that there was contact made with Ginobili above the shoulders and the fact that this particular action by Kobe was an unnatural basketball motion. Following a shot, he drove a stiff arm in a backward motion and struck Ginobili in the head," Jackson said.

IN BRIEF

Duke lacrosse sexual assault hearing rescheduled

DURHAM, N.C. — A critical hearing in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case has been postponed until May as the new prosecutors continue to study evidence.

Prosecutors from the state attorney general's office met with defense attorneys and the judge for about two hours Tuesday. It was the first meeting between the parties since the state took over the case this month from embattled District Attorney Mike Nifong.

Lawyers said afterward that a planned Feb. 5 hearing where the accuser was expected to appear would be rescheduled for May 7.

"We will use this time to continue reviewing the case files, talking to the many people involved in the cases, and making sure that all discovery requests have been responded to properly," state Attorney General Roy Cooper said in a statement.

Brazilian star Ronaldo to join Italian team AC Milan

MILAN, Italy — Ronaldo's farewell to Real Madrid didn't include any fond words for coach Fabio Capello.

The World Cup's all-time leading scorer left Madrid for AC Milan on Tuesday, returning to Italy's Serie A for a reported \$9.73 million transfer fee. The 30-year-old Brazil striker will join Milan until 2008 — the same length as the remainder of his contract at Madrid.

"My heart's breaking but life goes on," Ronaldo told reporters in Madrid. "I'm a great Madrid fan. I'm not so sure about the coach."

"I know that Ronaldo is Milan's," Capello said. "I wish him good luck, that he does what he used to be able to do, that is be a great player."

Ronaldo hasn't been picked to play by Capello since a Jan. 7 defeat at Deportivo La Coruna.

Heisman winner Smith hopes to play for Browns

CLEVELAND — Usually the one avoiding pressure, Troy Smith is putting the heat on the Cleveland Browns.

Ohio State's Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback is lobbying his hometown team to select him in April's NFL draft, and he isn't missing any chance to remind the Browns that he'll be available to them soon.

Smith was named the area's outstanding collegiate athlete at Monday night's Greater Cleveland Sports Awards, and during a taped acceptance speech he thanked the city's fans for their support.

"Hopefully, I'll get a chance to represent you guys at the next level with the Cleveland Browns," he said.

Smith hasn't hidden his desire to play for the Browns, who after finishing 4-12 last season will pick either third or fourth in April's draft.

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NFL

Super Bowl QBs take different roads to Miami

Associated Press

MIAMI — One has been called Da Worst, the other is Da Man.

Rex Grossman of the Bears vs Peyton Manning of the Colts in the biggest Super Bowl mismatch ever.

Not close to being true, of course, but it's perception that counts.

Rex Grossman can't do anything right, even in Chicago, where every mistake leads to more cries for his benching. He

had a passer rating of zero in one game this season and 1.3 in another on a team that is carried by its defense.

Manning, the most talented in a family of quarterbacks, is a two-time NFL MVP who holds any number of passing records. Barring injury, he could retire as the most prolific passer in league history.

About all they have in common is zero Super Bowl victories. Until now, the only real knock on Manning is that he

could never win the big one.

"I read the Colts media guide on the way down: 18 pages of Peyton," Bears coach Lovie Smith said after he arrived in Miami. "It showed me what's in store for us."

That compares with three pages for Grossman in the Chicago guide.

There will be more pages next season, but they will have to list games like those against Arizona, when he threw four interceptions and lost two fumbles.

Typically, the Bears won 24-23 on two fumble returns and Devin Hester's punt return, enhancing the perception that Chicago finished 13-3 in the regular season despite its quarterback.

Grossman's take?

That he has played 12 good games this season and six bad ones, including the playoffs.

But people only remember the bad ones, including two on national television — the Arizona game and the meaning-

less season finale against Green Bay when he tied an NFL record with a passer rating of 0.0, throwing more interceptions (three) than completions (two).

Then he compounded his mistake by saying afterward that because the game had no bearing on the standings, he hadn't prepared as thoroughly as he should have.

Not preparing thoroughly is something Manning never does, meaningless game or not.

Urlacher prepares for showdown with Colts

Raised in a small town, Bears linebacker has become a big star

Associated Press

MIAMI — Brian Urlacher was so at ease he slept on the flight to the Super Bowl. And when Sunday arrives, he'll make sure he tunes into his favorite morning fishing show on TV.

Just to sort of chill.

Once he hits the locker room to get ready for the biggest game of his life, Urlacher will eat a couple of cookies — preferably chocolate chip. He'll cap his pregame routine by listening to some music.

Then at game-time, with millions watching, he'll step onto the finely manicured grass at Dolphin Stadium and stare across the line at one of the NFL's greatest quarterbacks, Peyton Manning.

Both will be making hand signals, pointing and instructing their teammates where to go on every play. It'll be a showdown between the two marquee players — the two central characters — of the Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Bears.

"Brian Urlacher is a guy I will always know where he is. You just can't help it," Manning said of the Bears' six-time Pro Bowl middle linebacker. "There are certain guys like that."

Urlacher, who was hurt in 2004 when the Colts beat the Bears 41-10 behind Manning's four TD passes, said the Bears will have to be ready for Manning's line of scrimmage antics and deal accordingly.

"You are not going to fool Peyton Manning. He knows where to go with the football before it's even snapped," Urlacher said.

Urlacher has come far just to reach the point where he can defend and match wits with Manning as the Bears go for their second Super Bowl win in 21 years.

Urlacher grew up in the small New Mexico town of Lovington, population around 9,000, and worked summer jobs in oil pipeline construction, toiling for 12-hour shifts in 100-degree heat for \$7 an hour.

He went off to college at New Mexico when he got few other recruiting feelers. There, his speed, strength, versatility and athletic ability turned him into

a star.

"I was just happy to make it to college," he said.

As a safety and linebacker while also playing wide receiver and returning kicks for the Lobos, he was taken by the Bears in the first round of the 2000 draft.

Urlacher's small-town roots served him well.

"That was the No. 1 thing, the work ethic, I think," Urlacher said.

"We played sports. We played street football and played basketball, ran track, played baseball, all that good stuff."

It was really good during his senior year, when Urlacher led his prep team to a 14-0 record and a state title, catching 61 passes.

At his first training camp with the Bears, a fresh-faced Urlacher was just happy to learn there was a Wal Mart where he could do his shopping.

Now his No. 54 jersey is one of the most popular in the NFL, he's done commercials, signed a nine-year contract worth more than \$50 million in 2003, and even dated socialite Paris Hilton.

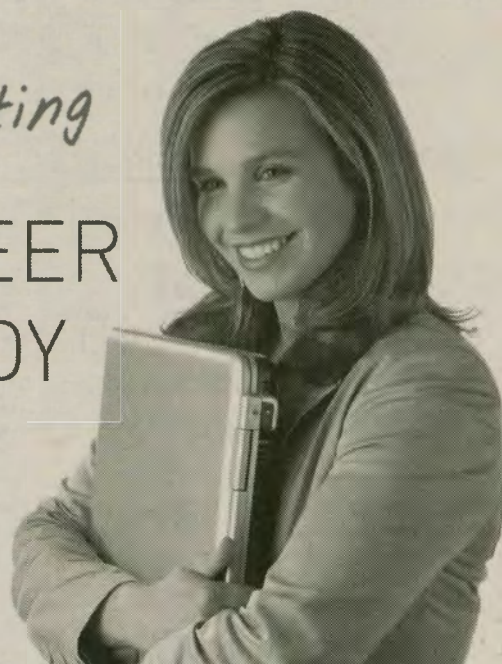
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Peyton Manning
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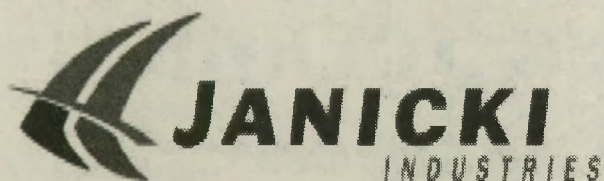
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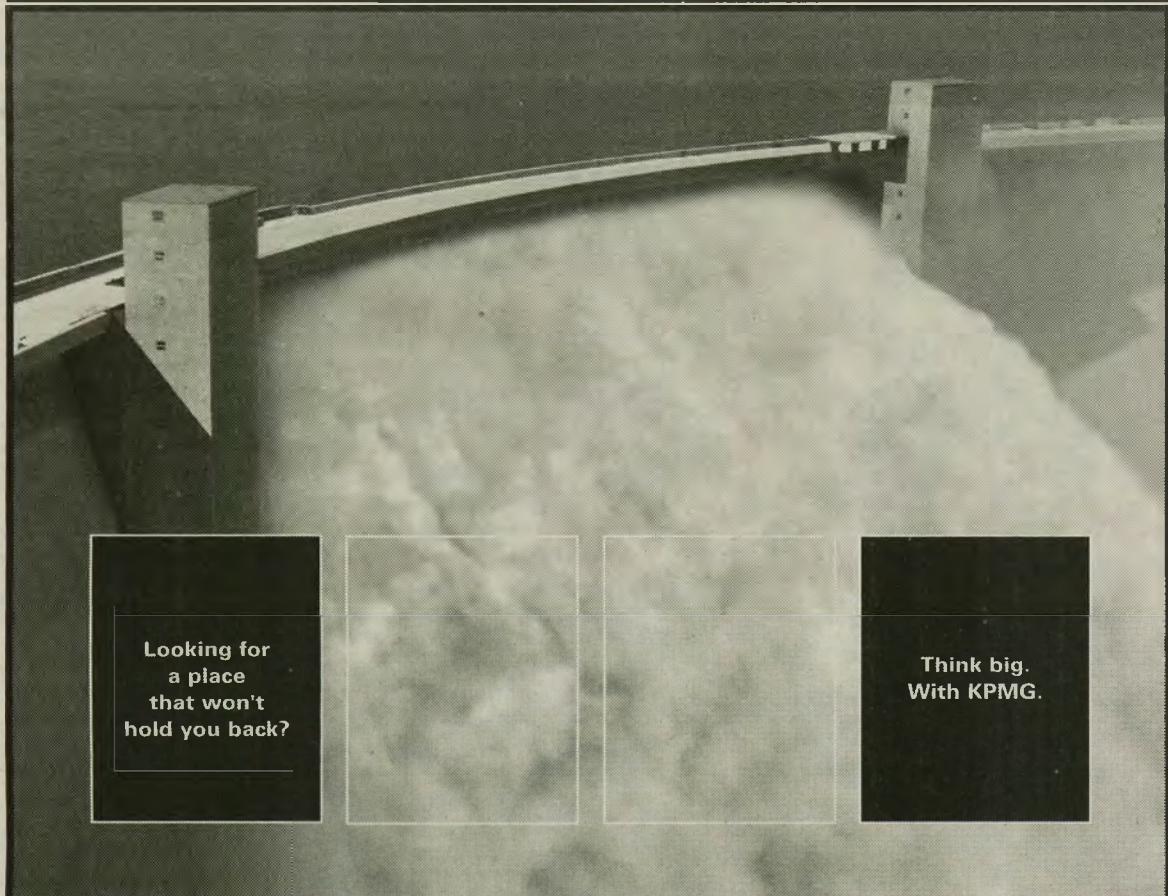
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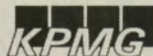
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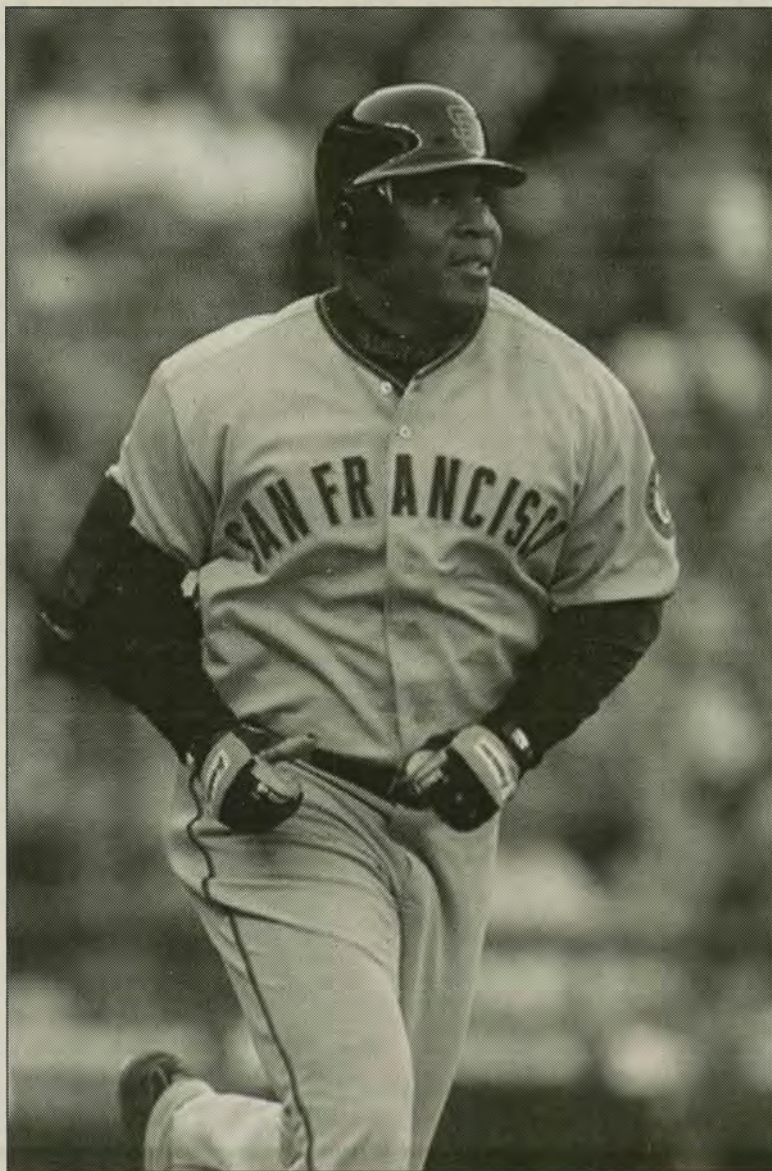
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MLB

Bonds inks deal to remain a Giant



Giants outfielder Barry Bonds watches the flight of the ball after hitting a home run against Seattle June 16, 2006. AP

Slugger will make \$15.8 million as he chases Aaron in 2007

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds never wanted to leave the Giants. They have been his team for more than a decade. They were the team of his late father and also his godfather, Hall of Famer Willie Mays.

After nearly two months of negotiations, Bonds finally has his new deal — to stay put right where he believes he belongs.

Bonds and San Francisco completed a \$15.8 million, one-year contract Monday night after the slugger spent hours at the ballpark being examined by team doctors.

The club announced the deal, which took significant time to finish after the sides agreed on financial terms Dec. 7 on the last day of baseball's winter meetings.

Now, the 42-year-old Bonds can focus on the upcoming season. He has 734 home runs, 22 from breaking Hank Aaron's career record, and he plans to play beyond this year if he fails to set the mark in 2007.

"I think I'll be around until I'm 100, or at least try to," Bonds said.

Before the contract was completed, Bonds had to pass a physical and the parties had to work out complicated language regarding his behavior and what would happen if he were to be indicted.

A federal grand jury is investigating whether Bonds perjured himself when he testified in 2003 in the Bay Area

Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution case that he hadn't knowingly taken any performance-enhancing drugs.

"I knew things would work out. This is where I always wanted to play and always loved to play," Bonds said. "The city of San Francisco is what I love. The people of San Francisco are who I love. There's no better place for me to be. This is my history. The people in San Francisco deserve it all."

On a conference call late Monday night, Bonds was asked why it took so long for his contract to be completed.

"I was on a skiing vacation," he said, laughing. "It didn't take any time. It's normal procedure."

As part of the deal, Bonds' trainers — Harvey Shields and Greg Oliver — will no longer be allowed in the clubhouse, where they previously had their own lockers next to Bonds' space.

"I have no problems with it," Bonds said. "(Oliver) and Harvey will be with me, just outside the ballpark."

Shields and Oliver will no longer be on the Giants' payroll and they won't be permitted in restricted areas in any big league ballpark.

If they were to make road trips, it would be on Bonds' dime or their own, two baseball officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Bonds underwent X-rays and many other tests from multiple team doctors Monday.

The seven-time NL MVP waved and smiled as he left the stadium and then quickly drove away with agent Jeff Borris.

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AP
Irish guard Tory Jackson, left, is fouled by Syracuse forward Matt Gorman (24) during Notre Dame's 103-91 win Tuesday.

Resume

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But none of that is true any more after the Irish dispatched of the Orange 103-91 in a game that wasn't even that close.

So how did Notre Dame change its road luck and earn in win in one of the toughest places to play in college basketball?

It finally moved the ball on offense.

In their road losses this year, especially against Villanova and Georgetown, the Irish stood around a lot and their offense stagnated. Against St. John's, they decided to try having Russell Carter be their only offense, which resulted in a career-high 32 points for Carter and a loss for Notre Dame.

However, against Syracuse's defense, all of that changed. Even playing without Kurz, who was out with an ankle injury, the Irish on the road looked like the versatile, quick team that they have been at home this year.

Notre Dame began the game looking to feed the post. Forward Luke Harangody was the main beneficiary, scoring 21 points.

But it wasn't just Harangody that benefited. Once the Orange realized the big freshman was killing them inside, they collapsed their defense, allowing outside shots from Colin Falls and Carter.

And once those shots started falling, Tory Jackson and Zach Hillesland had more room to penetrate.

It wasn't all rosy, however. Syracuse started full court pressing the Irish and disrupted the young Notre Dame guards enough to almost get back in the game. The Irish didn't make a field goal for the last 10 minutes of the game, although they did hit 24 free throws over that time slot.

But the press-breaking struggles just give coach Mike Brey something to work on in practice. Tuesday's games showed that this Irish team has a

ton of potential.

Notre Dame is 18-4 overall this season and 6-3 in the Big East.

That conference record puts the Irish in fifth place, but they are only a game behind Louisville and Georgetown and they hold the tie breaker over the Cardinals.

If Notre Dame can work its way into fourth, it will earn a bye in the Big East conference.

And the Irish's schedule sets them up to do exactly that.

The Irish travel to league bottom-feeder South Florida this weekend and then head up to Chicago to face DePaul next week. Then they return home to face Providence. Each of those games is winnable, and even if they go 2-1 they'll still be in good shape at 8-4.

After that, Notre Dame travels to struggling Cincinnati and plays DePaul again, this time at home, before a show down with Marquette at the Joyce Center Feb. 24.

Once again, 2-1 is likely, leaving the Irish at 10-5 with only the league finale against Rutgers left.

If Notre Dame can continue to play the way they did Tuesday, 11-5 and a first round conference tourney bye are also likely. A 13-3 conference record isn't out of the question either.

Regardless, the win over Syracuse was a huge step forward toward the program's first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2003.

Not bad for a young team that was expected to struggle to reach the NIT level of the past few seasons.

Not bad for a team that had to deal with the suspension of its starting point guard and has its most experienced big man hobbling.

Not bad for a team that couldn't win on the road.

Not bad at all.

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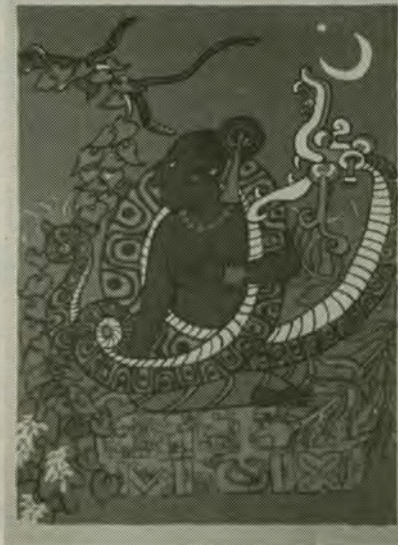
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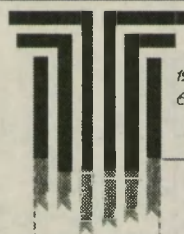
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Irish guard Russell Carter holds the ball in the first half of Notre Dame's 103-91 win over Syracuse Tuesday.

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three-pointers in the first half.

The Orange (15-7, 4-4 Big East) answered with a 9-2 run to cut the Irish lead to two, but Syracuse's defense could not stop the red-hot Irish, who played without starting forward Rob Kurz (sprained ankle). Falls, forward Ryan Ayers and guard Jonathan Peoples each connected from beyond the arc to increase Notre Dame's lead to 43-30 with 6:13 left in the half.

"If we didn't have anything in transition we were really smart offensively. We only had two turnovers at half-time," Brey said. "We didn't force anything in transition. On the road, in the past, we had done that."

After missing their first three attempts beyond the arc, the Irish connected on 10 of their next 14, forcing Syracuse out of their traditional 2-3 zone and into a man-to-man defense.

Despite the adjustment, Notre Dame was able to score 18 points off of Syracuse turnovers and ended the half leading 61-42.

"Notre Dame is a very good shooting team and we had to play them man-to-man," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said in his post-game press conference. "It was very disappointing."

Halftime did little to cool down the Irish.

A jump shot by forward Ryan Ayers gave Notre Dame a 79-55 lead with 10:51 left in the game. Even though this was Notre Dame's final field goal of the game, solid free throw shooting down the stretch helped the Irish stave off a late Syracuse run.

The Irish shot 30-of-36 from the charity stripe for

the game, led by point guard Tory Jackson's 11-of-14 performance.

"We should be doing that from the foul line," Brey said.

Syracuse guard Eric Devendorf did not help the cause for the Orange, shooting 0-of-11 from the field.

Syracuse's defensive pressure stifled Notre Dame and allowed the Orange to cut the Irish lead to 90-79 with 3:07 remaining. The Orange would double-team the first Irish player to touch the ball inbounds while Jackson, Notre Dame's main ball handler, waited around half court for passes that never made it to him.

Notre Dame adjusted by moving Jackson up into the front line of Syracuse's pressure and was able to break the press — forcing Syracuse to foul. The Irish drained 13 of their next 14 free throws to seal the victory.

Jackson finished with 19 points and seven assists. Harangody contributed a team-high 23 points and 13 rebounds while Hillesland added 14 points, 10 boards and six assists. The big men also combined to shoot 11-of-12 from the line.

"Harangody and Hillesland look like All-Americans instead of first-year players," Boeheim said.

Carter scored 18 points while Falls poured in 16 points with most of those coming in the first half when the two combined for eight three-pointers.

Syracuse forward Demetris Nichols had 29 points while forward Terrence Roberts added 20.

Notre Dame hits the road again to take on South Florida Saturday. The Irish defeated the Bulls 82-58 last Saturday at the Joyce Center.

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Belles

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last faced the Belles in early January. Saint Mary's (8-10, 7-4 MIAA) struggled from the floor, hitting only 31 percent of its shots en route to a 82-63 loss at Olivet.

Saint Mary's recent success gives the Belles hope against a talented Olivet squad.

"[We] have become better shooters as a team," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "But we have got to shut them down. We have our hands full."

The Belles will need a well-rounded effort to avoid a repeat from their last contest against the Comets. In the first game against Olivet, junior guard Allison Kessler scored 30 points, recorded five steals and hit 13-of-14 from the line. She was 8-of-15 from the field, but the rest of the team only made 25 percent of their shots.

"These kids are starting to step up and it takes pressure off of Kessler," Henley said. "We still need to work for better shots."

The Belles have worked on rebounding and defense in practice this week to gain a physical edge.

"There's no reason we should be out rebounded with our size and speed," Henley said. "We've been working on closing out so there aren't any wide open shots from the help side. [Olivet forward Stephanie] Smith hit wide-open threes last time we played."

Today's matchup will be one of youth versus experience. Olivet has seven seniors and two juniors on their roster. The Belles are a much younger team, with only two seniors and one junior.

When the Belles have been successful this year they have received help from freshman center Anna Kamrath, freshman guard Patty Duffy and sophomore forward Erin Newsome. It is when Saint Mary's relies solely on upper-classman — primarily Kessler or senior point guard Bridgett Lipke — that the team struggles.

Newsome was key in Belles' victories over Alma and Tri-State last week and was named MIAA player of the week Jan. 21-28. In those two games she averaged 22 points, including her career high of 30 in Saturday's win against Tri-State. On Saturday Newsome posted her third double-double of the season and is now averaging 11.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per contest.

"Erin has really improved this year," Henley said. "I think her biggest improvement has come on the defensive end."

Henley noted that Newsome's accomplishments were especially impressive considering that she runs cross country for Saint Mary's. The basketball season and the cross country season overlap, as cross-country competition interferes with the beginning of the basketball season.

"We get her late and she has to work twice as hard just to catch up," said Henley.

Saint Mary's and Olivet face off at 7:30 p.m. in the Angela Athletic facility.

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Panthers

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look to score. I think they are trying to score."

Freshmen guards Lechlitner and Barlow along with freshmen center Erica Williamson have been crucial to the team's success this season. McGraw hopes they will continue that success against the Panthers.

Against Big East opponents, Barlow has averaged 9.3 points per game while Lechlitner has 8.2 points, 3.4 assists and only 1 turnover per game.

"They've been playing great, all three of them," McGraw said of her freshmen. "We outscored Connecticut's bench, and we've outscored a lot of teams' [benches] that we've played. I couldn't be happier with how the freshmen are coming along, so hopefully they continue to play well and keep getting better."

Williamson plays a different role for the Irish this season than her fellow freshmen, as she comprises one-half of

"I feel really good about the psyche of the team right now."

Muffett McGraw
Irish coach

Notre Dame's center tandem with junior Melissa D'Amico.

The duo averages a combined 16.4 points per game and 11.5 rebounds per game, helping provide the Irish with a strong presence in the post. But against Pittsburgh, the Irish will see a tough opposing center — Mercedes Walker. Walker averages 14.9 points and 8.8 rebounds this season to go with her 18 blocks.

"I expect a little bit more [from the centers]," McGraw said. "I think we got a good double-double in most of the games, and then we tapered off with Marquette and Connecticut. So we need to get back to where we're getting twenty points and fifteen rebounds between the two of them."

Walker is one of three players for the Panthers scoring in double figures, along with sophomore guards Shavonte Zellous (19.6) and Xenia Stewart (11.9).

"They have three big scorers. So we're going to be tested again, as we were at Connecticut and I think we handled that well," McGraw said. "Hopefully we'll be able



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Irish guard Ashley Barlow drives against Indiana guard Nikki Smith in a 54-51 loss to the Hoosiers Dec. 3.

to identify the shooters and be able to find them, and work to keep Walker off the boards."

But for McGraw the key to the game will be to correct the team's offensive struggles.

"I just think we feel good about the offense in terms of execution," she said. "I think

we have to set better screens and get a really good shot so that everybody feels that we are accomplishing something. We're executing; the shots just aren't dropping."

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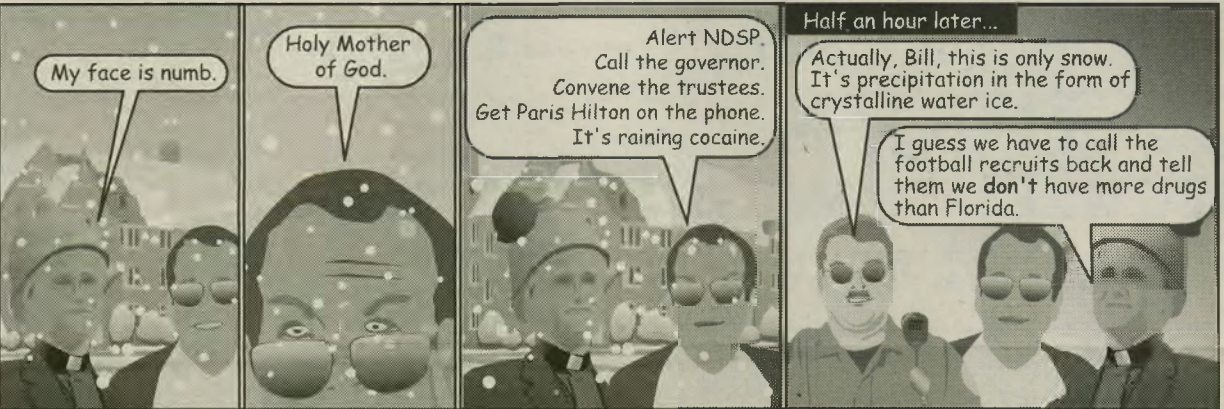
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22 Bookish sort, slangily

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25 Shea squad

26 Company whose name is pig Latin for an insect

28 Hearth refuse

31 Item with a concave head
- 34 Like this clue's answer, in five letters

35 Factory whistle time

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41 Seas of France

42 Neuters

43 Plus-or-minus fig.

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45 Classic street liners

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51 Fabled race loser

53 Final Four org.

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2 Reddish-brown

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4 "O.K., back to work"

5 Make a choice

6 Frankincense and myrrh, but not gold

7 Memorization

8 Area that may have stained glass

9 "Uh-huh"

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11 Hardly revolutionary

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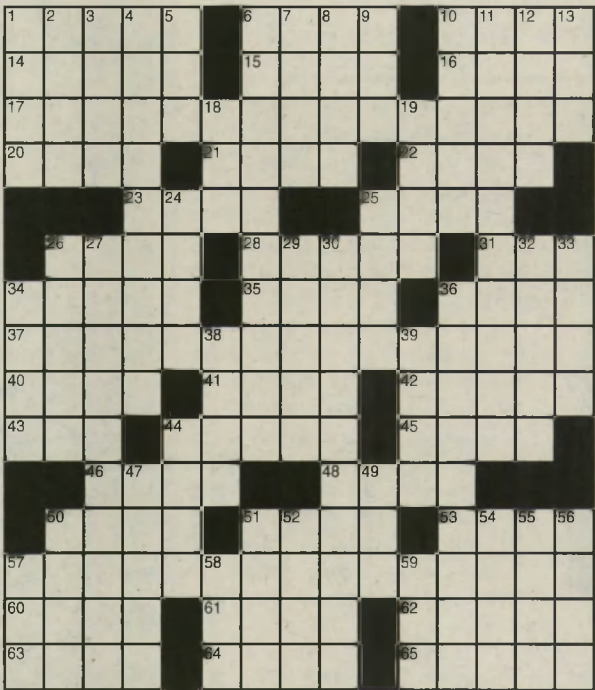
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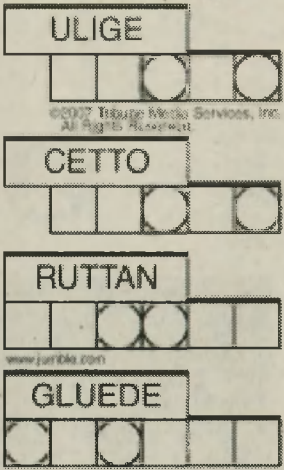
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Orange juiced

61 points in the first half propel Irish to win at Carrier Dome

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame forwards Luke Harangody and Zach Hillesland each had a double-double as the Irish exploded for a 61-point first half, snapped their season-long road losing streak and defeated Syracuse 103-91 Tuesday at the Carrier Dome.

"We've been searching for a road league win," Irish coach Mike Brey said in his post-game press conference. "This is a nice way to start it off."

Early in the first half, Notre Dame (18-4, 6-3 Big East) opened up a 28-19 lead, thanks to the sharp shooting of guards Russell Carter and Colin Falls. The two combined for eight



Irish forward Luke Harangody, left, pulls down a rebound in front of Syracuse center Darryl Watkins during the first half of Notre Dame's 103-91 victory at the Carrier Dome Tuesday.

Irish accumulating solid record as they close in on postseason

This was a game Notre Dame wasn't supposed to win.

Despite being ranked No. 19 in one poll and No. 21 in another, the Irish went into Tuesday's contest against Syracuse with several rather large monkeys on their back.

They hadn't won a true road game all season.

They hadn't won in the Carrier Dome since forward Rob Kurz was in high school.

And they hadn't won back to back games since Jan. 14.

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Chris Khorey

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles to face rival Comets

Saint Mary's carries three-game win streak into Olivet rematch

By DAN COOPER
Sports Writer

The Belles look to extend their three-game win streak to four games today — and get some revenge for a lopsided loss to Olivet earlier this season as well.

Saturday's win at Tri-State may have been just the confidence boost the Belles needed as they prepare to face rival Olivet.

The Comets — who are 9-8 overall and 6-4 in the MIAA — had no trouble when they

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Pittsburgh concludes three-game trip for ND

McGraw "feels good" about team's psyche despite dropping two consecutive games

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Despite having lost back-to-back games for the first time this season, Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw remains confident in her team's ability to perform well tonight at Pittsburgh at 7 p.m.

"I feel really good about the psyche of the team right now," she said. "We had a good practice yesterday. I think we know we played better against Connecticut than against Marquette."

"I think that's going to be key to see how determined we are and how we can bounce back after two losses."



Allen

The Irish (13-7, 4-3 Big East) will wrap up a three game road trip against the Panthers (15-5, 3-4), a team that until a 51-50 loss to Seton Hall Saturday was ranked in the top 25 of both polls.

In Notre Dame's previous two games, one of the main problems was its inability to establish a rhythm offensively, pressuring guard Charel Allen — the team's leading scorer — to put the scoring on her shoulders. But Allen only shot 8-of-37 in the two losses and received little help from her teammates offensively.

"I talked to Charel about her role, basically, and it's not her job to carry the team," McGraw said. "So we are encouraging, without changing anything, encouraging Melissa Lechlitner and Breonna [Gray] and Ashley [Barlow] and everyone to

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Irish guard Melissa Lechlitner, right, goes up for a shot against a Syracuse defender in Notre Dame's 83-55 win over the Orange Jan. 20 at the Joyce Center.

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Eddy Curry scores 27 points and grabs nine rebounds to lead host New York.

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