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New engineering building approved

'Huge learning center,' Stinson-Remick Hall to be built on current University Club site

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Yet another part of the University's 10-year strategic plan will come to life in the next few years in the form of a new \$69.4 million College of Engineering building, the University officially announced Tuesday.

The Board of Trustees approved plans for the 142,000 square-foot construction on Notre Dame Avenue at its Feb. 2 meeting.

The construction — which will sit between the McKenna Center for Continuing Education and the Hesburgh Center for International Studies — will replace the existing University Club.

The building project comes at a time of expansion for the engineering department in terms of increasing numbers of students and faculty joining the College.

"This wonderful new facility will address multiple needs in our College of Engineering — providing much needed space for our emerging research in nano technology and energy, and enhancing the interdisciplinary experiences of our undergraduates," University President Father John Jenkins said in a press release.

The building — to be named Stinson-Remick Hall — will boast an 11,800-square-foot semiconductor processing and device fabrication clean room, a nano technology research center and an Energy Center, according to the release.

The structure — whose exterior will stick to the "brick gothic" style seen on campus — will also feature a "huge learning center" for undergraduate engineers, which Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said the University desperately needs.

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JEFF ALBERT/Observer Graphic

Kite given rights to develop

Eddy construction to begin by end of 2007

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

Plans for the development of Eddy Street Commons took a leap forward Tuesday when the University announced it had entered into an agreement with Kite Realty Group Trust to give the group exclusive rights to prepare and implement a design for a commercial district south of campus.

Notre Dame Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said the search for a contractor began almost two years ago. From the approximately 90 firms the University approached, Kite was selected for the task.

"We decided that Kite was the most qualified," Affleck-Graves said. "It was a very, very careful process."

The Indianapolis-based company has plans to build a mixed-use area near the intersection of Eddy Street and Angela Boulevard on approximately 30 acres of land currently owned by the University. The plan includes a retail center, a full-service hotel with business conference facilities, office space and condominiums, townhouses and apartments. The development is expected to take up more than 500,000 square feet south from Edison Road to Howard Street.

In a press release from Notre Dame's Office of News and Information, Thomas K. McGowan, Kite's executive vice president and chief operation officer, said the company was pleased to have been chosen as the developer for the project.

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ND hosts eating disorder conference

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Eating disorders, disordered eating and body image issues are among some of the most pressing issues of our day, especially on college campuses, says Notre Dame graduate student Ali Wishon. This weekend Student Government leaders hope to address the problem with the inaugural Notre Dame Eating Disorders Conference.

The conference — which runs Thursday through Saturday — is a joint effort of the Student Government, the Gender Issues Committee and other campus groups.

Titled "Eating Disorders and the Campus Culture," the event will bring together experts in the field that will address a broad audience including students, faculty, staff and administration from Notre Dame, as well as researchers, graduate students and representatives from treatment and counseling centers across the country — all with hopes of promoting awareness, research and further action.

A first for Notre Dame, the nation

The student-led and student-organized conference is one of the first of its kind in the nation, said event organizer and student body president Lizzi Shappell

said.

"Typically, these conferences are organized out of the University's counseling center, out of the biology, sociology or psychology department or organized by other national organizations," Shappell said.

An event like this is "very novel throughout the country," she said.

Wishon, who coordinated the event along with Senate Gender Issues Chair Ashley Weiss, said a conference like this — focused on the college environment as a factor in eating disorders — isn't typical.

"It's difficult, because there are only a handful of people who are studying eating disorders right

now," she said. "More research needs to be done throughout the field."

Weiss said they hope the event this weekend spurs discussion and promotes awareness — something that could lead to research and advance knowledge of the issues, Notre Dame and beyond.

Bringing 'top researchers in the field'

Keynote presenters will include a Harvard Medical School scholar, Dr. Roberto Olivardia, and an award winning documentary photographer, Lauren Greenfield, along with a variety of other

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Top 3 supporting editors appointed

Observer Staff Report

Ken Fowler, Kyle Cassily and Mary Kate Malone have been hired to oversee The Observer's editorial operations in 2007-08, incoming editor in chief Maddie Hanna announced Tuesday.

Hanna also said business manager Jim Kiriara will be retained at his current position for the rest of the semester.

Fowler will serve as managing editor, while Cassily and Malone will serve as assistant managing editors. Fowler and Cassily will take over on March 19, while Malone — who is studying in London for the spring semester — will step into the role this fall.

As managing editor, Fowler will be responsible for assisting Hanna in supervising The Observer's editorial departments. He also plans to focus on improving the depth of reporting, the quality of writing and the efficiency of production in the office through better use of available technology.

"The Observer has been the dominant part of my college life, and I'm excited for a new challenge in a new position," said Fowler, the paper's current sports editor.



Fowler

Cassily, who has worked as a sports writer since freshman year and copy editor since October 2006, will work on improving writing and updating The Observer's Web operations.

"I feel honored to have been given the chance to continue and improve upon the standard already set by The Observer," Cassily said.

Malone, who was news editor from March 2006 through December, will also work to



Cassily

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Frigid air causes pipes to burst, flood Keough

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

With South Bend temperatures dipping well below zero degrees this week, all it took was a slightly-cracked window or an unsecured door for heating pipes to burst twice in Keough Hall — once early Sunday morning and again Monday morning — causing serious flooding in the men's dormitory.

"The freezing isn't the problem — it's when it starts to melt that the water starts flowing," said Scott Kachmarik, associate director in the office of residence life and housing.

The most serious flood involved a discharge of Keough's fire sprinkler system in the front entryway just

after 7 a.m. on Monday, said rector Mark DeMott.

Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) arrived quickly on the scene to help "keep damage to a minimum," DeMott said.

Building Services is normally the first on scene to begin water clean up and to "assist in any further damage by moving items and belongings and working to contain the spread and flow of the water," Kachmarik said.

"They also will immediately check the floors below and work to minimize the damage of water that might be running down the walls and through the ceiling," he said.

A plumber is also called to shut

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INSIDE COLUMN

A matter of race

Today is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. I imagine the emergent social problem of AIDS in the African American community may lie far from the minds of most Notre Dame students, but it does not, on this day, lie far from mine.

Steve Kerins

I have lived in Wilmington, Delaware, since I was 10 years old. Although Delaware is bland in many ways, it has a particularly long, regrettable history of poor race relations. Disparities in HIV rates are just the latest in a long line of problems to divide ethnic and racial enclaves in my city.

More than 20 percent of Delaware residents categorized themselves as "black" in the last census. African American history runs richly through the state. Wilmington is home to the oldest black church in the country. As the East Coast's northernmost outpost of segregation, crossing Delaware's northern border marked a vast improvement in conditions for thousands of African Americans in the early 20th century.

As in many states, race relations did not quickly improve following desegregation. Riots in Wilmington following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1968 prompted the governor to deploy the National Guard, which remained in place until the following year.

Although public schools were eventually legally integrated, de facto segregation remains the norm throughout much of the state.

In response to desegregation, many white families chose to withdraw their children from the public school system. In my county today, about a third of school-age kids are enrolled in private or parochial schools. Public education is grossly underfunded in Delaware compared with neighboring states.

Race relations also remain exceptionally poor in Delaware. The Wilmington Police Department engages in "jump-outs," in which officers spring from unmarked vans and detain individuals loitering on the street. The detainees are then typically photographed, searched, and fingerprinted. The program has drawn heavy criticism for civil rights violations and possible racial profiling.

Wilmington has one of the highest per capita HIV infection rates in the country, especially among African American men. Delaware was one of the last states to implement a needle exchange program for intravenous drug users, thanks to stalling on the part of legislators from rural, largely white areas of the state. HIV infection, of course entirely preventable, may be reaching epidemic proportions just miles from my home.

In my otherwise commendable (and almost entirely white) private high school, the effects of racism were rarely discussed. This seemed unusual to me given that its leafy property sat mere blocks from some of the poorest black neighborhoods in the United States. I wondered whether we might have heard more about local social issues if the neighborhood residents had been white.

At Notre Dame, another place where uncomfortable issues of race can sometimes be pushed under the rug, I hope we can take a moment today to ask ourselves what we can do to combat this latest manifestation of racial antipathy. I don't have the answers, but maybe together we can think of some.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DAY OF THE WEEK? WHY?



James Gower
senior
off-campus

"Tuesday, because it sounds like there's more than one of them."



Jason Zgrabik
senior
off-campus

"Wednesday, because having a 'D' in front of 'N' is just weird."



Whitney Drake
freshman
Cavanaugh

"Wednesday, because it's my birthday!"



Cait Keilty
freshman
Cavanaugh

"Friday, because it's the start of the weekend."



Evan Brogan
senior
off-campus

"I think I'll roll with Sunday."



Matt Beall
sophomore
O'Neill

"Fun-day. It's fun."



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Sophomore Alexandra Minnis waters plants in the new greenhouse in Jordan Hall of Science Tuesday. Dedicated Sept. 15, Jordan Hall contains 200,000 square feet of research space, 40 laboratories and a state-of-the-art planetarium.

OFFBEAT

Teen gets frostbite after run

BUFFALO, Minn. — A teenager who wanted to continue the family tradition of running around the garden barefoot during halftime of the Super Bowl game has learned a painful lesson.

It was 17 below zero at halftime Sunday in this city about 30 miles northwest of Minneapolis, and D.J. Brown's dad said it was too cold to continue the tradition. But the 18-year-old senior at Buffalo High School ran outside in his T-shirt and jeans, threw off his socks and shoes, and ran around the block.

"I consider myself having a

high pain threshold, and this was just so 10 out of 10," he said. "I was, like, chewing on a towel."

He was treated for second-degree frostbite on both feet at the burn center at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis and was on crutches and pain medication Monday.

290 climb Empire State Building

NEW YORK — Germany's Thomas Dold, 22, won the Empire State Building Run-up on Tuesday for the second year in a row. Suzy Walsham, 33, of Singapore, won the women's competi-

tion.

A total of 290 runners from around the world, ranging in age from 18 to 77, competed in the 30th annual race up the famed skyscraper.

Dold's winning time of 10 minutes, 25 seconds was just over his 2006 time of 10 minutes, 19 seconds.

Another German, 23-year-old Jahn Mattias, came in second with a time of 10 minutes, 56 seconds.

The runners raced up 86 floors, or 1,576 steps, from the building's Art Deco lobby.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

As part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival, essayist and humorist David Rakoff will speak tonight at 8 in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The academic forum "Ragtime 100 Years Later: Defining Our Generation's American Dream" will be held tonight at 7:30 in Washington Hall. Five campus speakers will comment on the themes of the musical "Ragtime." The event is free of charge and is co-hosted by the student groups Shades of Ebony and Wabruda.

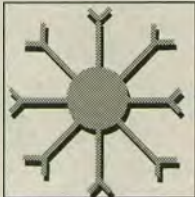


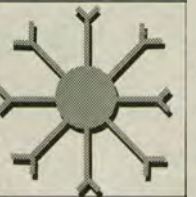
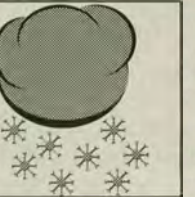

Freelance writer, editor and publisher Anne Elizabeth Moore will teach her tricks of the trade Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune Center.

Efraim Inbar, Professor of Political Studies at Bar-Ilan University, will give the lecture "Israel's Security Environment" Thursday at 8 p.m. in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

As part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival, writer, novelist, essayist, editor, and founder of the independent book publishing house McSweeney's, Dave Eggers will read from his latest work in Room 101, DeBartolo Hall at 8 p.m.

The Kellogg Institute will be hosting the annual Celebration of Brazilian Carnival featuring live music by the group "Chicago Samba," Friday, from 8 p.m. to midnight in South Dining Hall. Admission is free.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 15 LOW -3	HIGH 5 LOW -13	HIGH 17 LOW 3	HIGH 18 LOW 7	HIGH 20 LOW 2	HIGH 17 LOW 3

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New York 21 / 15 Philadelphia 29 / 14 Phoenix 77 / 51 Seattle 50 / 42 St. Louis 25 / 18 Tampa 73 / 48 Washington 31 / 20

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members discuss use of SUB funds

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Members discussed redefining the purpose of the Student Union Board's "carry forward" fund during the Council of Representatives (COR) meeting in Lafortune Tuesday evening.

The fund, which has served as a reservoir for all unused funding from Student Government, Judicial Council, Hall President's Council and Student Union Board (SUB), has accumulated well over \$100,000.

SUB manager Patrick Vassel said it's "a large amount of money that seems that it's not being put to the best use."

Money from the fund has not been drawn from any student organizations, student body president Lizzi Shappell said.

"I can't recall anyone ever asking for money out of [the carry forward fund]," Shappell said.

There was a general consensus in putting the money in the carry forward fund toward an endow-

ment, using the interest from it each year toward SUB functions. According to a summary of Student Union Programming distributed before the meeting, "Major speakers, national and international leaders, personalities, and the types of speakers that Notre Dame should attract to campus are normally above the total allocation for all speakers. Likewise, major performers cost at least \$100,000 for talent alone. Obviously, this is an area of student life that is underfunded."

Breen-Phillips senator Maris Braun noted that SUB could invite bigger bands to concerts and improve overall student life at Notre Dame if it had the money.

"I don't think it comes down to the fact that SUB can't do it," Braun said. "I think it's just that we don't have the money."

Vassel said the speaker series and concert series that exist at other universities would be a great asset to Notre Dame, but "dollar signs were just flying through my head as I was sitting in the Joyce Center because those things aren't

cheap," he said.

Discussion on endowment possibilities was tabled until more specific information could be obtained about money in the fund.

In other COR news:

◆ Vice president Bill Andrichik reported on the Student Senate opinion about the presidential division of SUB's budget discussed during last Tuesday's COR meeting. Senate members seemed to agree that the division should be put under student government rather than SUB, but wanted to "make sure that the money would still be available and that FMB would consider it a separate entity." As for moving SUB's oversight level from \$5,000 to \$10,000, Andrichik said members thought it "contentious."

◆ Judicial Council President Liz Kozlow announced that the presidential debates will take place Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the main lounge of Lafortune. Voting day is Monday.

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Author, politician to inaugurate series

By KATIE KOHLER
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The first annual Plamondon Endowed Lecture in Communications Studies at Saint Mary's begins today with nationally accredited author and political campaign expert Dr. Kathleen H a l l Jamieson.



Jamieson

The lecture, entitled "Deception in Politics," is free and open to the public. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater in the Moreau Center for the Arts on Saint Mary's campus.

The lecture will focus on the role of the media, namely television, in shaping elections today and in the past. Jamieson will also heavily

focus on the 2004 presidential election.

The series, named for Ann Plamondon, a professor in the Communications Department since 1981, was initiated by fellow communications professor and department chair Dr. John Pauley.

"Dr. Plamondon is a long-standing member of our department. In honor of her retirement at the end of this academic year, we wanted to give ongoing tribute to her by establishing this series," Pauley said.

Plamondon's influence on her students prompted the creation of the event, as former students provided the funding to endow the series.

"I think it's wonderful that we have the chance to do this," Plamondon said. "We didn't have any real ways to bring in a fascinating expert in communications and now we can. I just think it's great."

Jamieson is the first speaker in this annual series and was chosen for her extensive work with elections, campaign ads and her role as a political critic in several important elections.

Jamieson is the Director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center and a professor of communications at the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. She has written several books on the topic of campaign deception and their influence on election results.

In addition to her role at UPENN, Jamieson serves as a political contributor to CBS News. During the 1996 presidential debates, she also appeared on "The News Hour" with Jim Lehrer. For her work in the field, she has been labeled an expert in political communications.

"She is in the top of her field and embodies what we, at Saint Mary's, stand for," Pauley said. "She is a great person to inaugurate the event."

While Jamieson is a woman, the series will not be limited to female speakers.

"Dr. Jamieson is just a great speaker and a strong figure in communications. In choosing the speaker next year, we will look for people with similar qualifications, regardless of gender," Pauley said.

Pauley and other members of the communications department are hoping for a considerable turnout at the event.

"We have contacted faculty of American studies and political science students over at Notre Dame as well as local schools such as IUSB," Pauley said.

Plamondon, who also resides in New York, hopes for the continued success of the program.

"In the future, I would love to come back each year. It all depends on where I am," she said.

This is not Jamieson's first visit to the College. She was also present at the sesqui-centennial in 1994.

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Law &

Please join the Law School for its 2006-2007 series of interdisciplinary discussions. All programs begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be held in Law School room 120.

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Human Rights and Human Atrocities in Uganda

Presenter: Todd David Whitmore

Department of Theology

Respondent: Doug Cassel

Center for Civil and Human Rights,

The Law School

Thursday, November 9, 2006

The Biophysics of Life and Public Policy Disputes:

Interfacing with the Scientific Community

on Bioethical Issues

Presenter: Phillip Sloan

Program of Liberal Studies

Respondent: Carter Snead

The Law School

Thursday, February 8, 2007

The Other Alien Debate: Biology and

Policy of Invasive Species

Presenter: David Lodge

Department of Biological Sciences

Respondent: Alejandro Camacho

The Law School

Thursday, March 1, 2007

Identifying Tax Effects on Charitable Giving

Presenter: Daniel Hungerman

Department of Economics and Econometrics

Respondent: Lloyd Mayer

The Law School

Eddy

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"This is a wonderful opportunity for us to develop a project of this magnitude that will simultaneously serve as an extension of the University and an addition to the community," he said.

Kite was announced as the preferred developer in August and the last few months have consisted of negotiations about how Kite would use the land and how it would divide the amount of retail area versus residential area, in addition to other concerns the University posed.

"We just weren't going to give it to them and let them do whatever they wanted to do," Affleck-Graves said.

But now they have reached the stage where they agreed Kite is the "master contractor," he said. Notre Dame will not own the property except for land adjacent to campus, he said, and this will be Kite's — not Notre Dame's —

operation.

"We decided that this would be something that our students would enjoy. We are the people who will push the project," Affleck-Graves said. "In that sense, we've done all the planning up till now. But now it's time to hand the planning over to the developers and let them do it."

The retail development and the construction of new apartments, condominiums and town houses on the corner of Eddy Street and Angela is the first phase of a five-part plan.

The University has also discussed plans with Kite to build a technology park, to extend Napoleon Street and construct residential housing along the extended area and to add additional retail and services near the Five Points intersection. Parts of the project will proceed at a pace dependant on city approval. Kite has the responsibility to get all its plans through the city council, Affleck-Graves said.

He said does not know what

the cost of the project will be, since Kite has not disclosed its budget to the University.

Affleck-Graves said he hoped Kite would break ground on the project by the end of 2007.

"Hopefully the whole project will be done in four or five years."

The construction work should not impact Notre Dame's campus, he said.

"We are hoping it's going to be very attractive to the students," Affleck-Graves said. "It will be a place where they can go and do some shopping, they can do relaxing ... but I don't think construction will affect campus at all."

Kite Realty Group Trust developed Erskine Village on the site of the former Scottsdale Mall on the south side of South Bend. It has developed several properties in Indiana and Illinois, including projects in Chicago, Indianapolis and Naperville.

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Building

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"This [new building] is just additional space for engineering. They will still continue to occupy the old buildings. It's not replacing anything ... it's responding to additional needs we have," he said.

The ideal start date for construction would be late November, Affleck-Graves said, though work may be delayed until early 2008 if all of the planning is not complete by the fall. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2009 or early 2010.

The construction timeline was moved up because funds were collected earlier than expected.

The University began to raise money for the new building in early 2000-2001, Affleck-Graves said, and it took five years to close the project. The collection time was less than half that of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, which opened in the fall of 2004, and is similar in size to the engineering building.

Though the University has been in the "planning stages" for six years, construction on such a project cannot begin until funding is secure.

"The big buildings are more difficult because they are a large amount of money," Affleck-Graves said. "The dorms have been a little easier, they are a little cheaper."

An Indianapolis-based architectural firm has been working with the University for the past six to eight months, Affleck-Graves said, during which time architects have met with engineering faculty to determine the needs in the building.

The University did not disclose the name of the architect.

Because faculty in biological sciences often work with those in chemical and biomedical engineering, Affleck-Graves said that people from different disciplines will get to use the new building — and were consulted in the planning.

"The faculty has to get together about what they want to do in the building, what sort of teaching they

do in the building," Affleck-Graves said. "It's a continual back and forth between the faculty, the University and the architect."

The next step in the project is to continue working with the faculty, Affleck-Graves said. The architect has almost finished the design drawings and interviews of three construction firms will begin at the end of February. The construction firm will work with the architect in finalizing the architectural design and doing the design drawing.

Gradually, the University will "move to place where we say, this is what we need, this is the funding that we have, this is what we can do," Affleck-Graves said.

In order for construction to begin, the University Club — a private not-for-profit organization founded in 1958 — will be demolished.

"[The University Club is] an independent organization, with an independent board of directors," Affleck-Graves said. "We don't have much control of the University Club."

The University Club was first warned about the possibility of being demolished in 2002, Affleck-Graves said. A few years later, Affleck-Graves "gave them notice they would have to be out sometime after December 2005."

One alternative is to move the club to what currently is Greenfield's International Café in the Hesburgh Center. But Affleck-Graves said that it is "really their decision" as the University has no control over the club.

The building gains its name from the principal benefactors. — Kenneth and Ann Stinson and Jack and Mary Ann Remick. Kenneth Stinson graduated from the University in 1964 and currently sits on the Board of Trustees. Jack Remick graduated in 1959 and sits on the University's advisory council for the College of Engineering.

The learning center will be named after benefactors Ted and Tracy McCourtney.

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Disorder

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experts.

Both keynote speakers are "huge" for the conference's inaugural year, Shappell said.

"Dr. Olivardia is one of the top researchers in the field, especially in male eating disorders," Shappell said. Olivardia studies body image issues in men and is co-author of the book "The Adonis Complex."

Greenfield has won HBO awards and gained national recognition for her documentary film "THIN". The film screening and discussion with Greenfield will help to balance Olivardia's presentation, Shappell said.

"It's great we have the pop culture element in Lauren Greenfield, but also the more academic element in Dr. Olivardia," she said.

"We've really tried to identify the key players in the field," Wishon said. "We tried to bring together a group of people who are covering all aspects of eating disorders, since they are so complex."

In addition to presenters and campus resources, the University Counseling Center, the University Health Center and Campus Ministry will be featured in a Notre Dame panel discussion on Friday, Weiss said.

"We have the unique opportunity to talk about what our resources are and what our resources could be, [becoming] a leader in how eating disorders are addressed on campuses," Shappell said.

Number one focus: students

"We're doing this for the students," said Wishon of the conference's overall purpose. "We want to get people talking and people to realize that this is a serious, life threatening issue on college campuses."

Shappell agreed, saying that

this is a "unique opportunity to hear and even interact with some of the leaders in this field."

In addition to stimulating discussion among students, organizers say that they hope the event results in a greater emphasis on eating disorders across campus.

"My greatest hope is that this starts research and discussion ... as to how we address this issue, both academically and in campus life," Shappell said.

Beyond Notre Dame, Wishon said she hopes the event will inspire all people attending to effect change.

"We have brought together an exceptional group of researchers, and hope that everyone in attendance will walk away with a better understanding of the complexity and urgency of the issue," Wishon said.

A long time in the making

Student Government initiatives have addressed eating disorders issues in the past, but student government leaders have been working on the idea of a broader event with a greater impact for years, according to Wishon.

"After watching several friends struggle with eating disorders, [former student body president] Adam Istvan decided that the Gender Issues Committee needed to take a closer look at the issue," Wishon said.

Since then, Wishon and Shappell have coordinated Eating Disorder Awareness Weeks for the past two years.

The pair had "talked for a long time ... about how we wanted to take it to the next level," Shappell said.

When Shappell was elected president in 2006, Wishon said they were ready to pursue organizing a large-scale conference.

"When I was elected president, it was something that I was very passionate about, so we decided to [start] the very

long process of planning for the event," she said.

With help of current Gender Issues Committee co-chairs Weiss and Kevin Gimber, planning began last spring and continued over the summer, Wishon said.

"This conference has been a long work in the making and we are anxious to showcase and stimulate dialogue," Weiss said.

Anyone interested in attending should register in advance, Weiss said, which can be done online at marketplace.nd.edu/cce.

Registration is free for Notre Dame students, faculty and staff. Events will be held at various venues across campus. A complete schedule is also available online.

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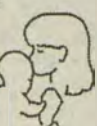
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Cockpit video documents death

LONDON — A leaked cockpit video published Tuesday captures a dramatic exchange between two American pilots whose voices choke up when they learn they have killed a British soldier in a 2003 friendly fire incident in Iraq. "I'm going to be sick," one pilot says, later adding "we're in jail, dude."

Despite British requests, the Pentagon had refused to release the video to the family of Lance Cpl. Matty Hull, who died when at least one U.S. jet fired on his convoy in the southern city of Basra. But after excerpts of the video were published in The Sun newspaper, and the footage was widely broadcast, U.S. authorities agreed to release it for the British inquest.

Neither pilot from the Boise, Idaho-based 190th Fighter Squadron was disciplined in the U.S. military's own investigation, which concluded the pilots "followed the procedures and processes for engaging targets," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Tuesday.

Palestine tries to negotiate truce

RIYADH — Palestinian factions on the brink of civil war gathered Tuesday in Mecca, Islam's holiest city, in a last-ditch effort to end their bloody conflict. The Saudi-led push is key to any future peace talks with Israel—and to Arab efforts to blunt Iran's growing power.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah and Khaled Mashaal, leader of the militant Hamas movement, flew to the Saudi city of Jiddah before heading to Mecca to meet their host, King Abdullah, ahead of the start of talks Wednesday.

The talks are open-ended, a reflection of Saudi Arabia's determination to keep them going until the Palestinians reach a deal for power-sharing in a new coalition government.

NATIONAL NEWS

Court hears Libby grand jury tapes

WASHINGTON — On grand jury audiotapes played at his trial on Tuesday, former White House aide I. Lewis Libby said he learned about a CIA officer from Vice President Dick Cheney, forgot it, then learned it again from NBC News reporter Tim Russert a month later.

The complicated history of Libby's recollections is at the heart of his perjury and obstruction trial in exposing of the identity of Valerie Plame, a CIA employee. She is married to war critic and former Ambassador Joseph Wilson.

Judge orders Church record release

LOS ANGELES — A judge Tuesday ordered the Roman Catholic Church to release insurance records and confidential files related to a priest who had been convicted of molestation before being transferred to California.

Superior Court Judge Peter D. Lichtman ordered the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to make public 3,000 pages of insurance records and hundreds of pages from files on Siegfried Widera.

Lichtman wrote that Widera's files prove that "priests with known sexual proclivities have been handed off from location to another without regard to the potential harm to the children of the Church."

Kathleen Hohl, a spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, said it would abide by the ruling but declined further comment.

LOCAL NEWS

Scrap gathering proves dangerous

SOUTH BEND — Dennis Mackey has collected scrap metal for money, and he knows that gathering it can be dangerous.

"It depends on what kind of scrapping you do. You have to use common sense," he said Monday as he stood waiting for lunch at the Hope Rescue Mission just south of downtown.

Scrapping has drawn attention in this northern Indiana city since the bodies of four homeless men known to be "scrappers" were found last month in manholes 75 yards apart. The men were killed when they were struck in the head with blunt instruments, police say.

IRAQ

Iran blames U.S. for kidnapping

Diplomat's seizure may further inflame tensions between Washington, Tehran

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Gunmen wearing Iraqi army uniforms seized an Iranian diplomat as he drove through central Baghdad, officials said Tuesday. Iran said it held the United States responsible for the diplomat's "safety and life."

One Iraqi government official said the Iranian diplomat was detained Sunday by an Iraqi army unit that reports directly to the U.S. military. A military spokesman denied any U.S. troops or Iraqis that report to them were involved.

"We've checked with our units and it was not an MNF-I (Multi-National Forces — Iraq) unit that participated in that event," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, a U.S. military spokesman.

Iraqis also faced more violence on Tuesday as U.S. and Iraqi forces set up more checkpoints in preparation for a security sweep in Baghdad amid complaints that the operation was moving too slowly.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki acknowledged that preparations for the crackdown were off to a slow start.

"The operations will unite us and we will take action soon, God willing, even though I have the feeling that we have been late and this delay has started to give a negative message," he said in a meeting with military commanders shown on Iraqi state television.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday the increase in U.S. forces in Iraq is "not the last chance" to succeed and conceded he was considering what steps to take if the buildup fails.

"I would be irresponsible if I weren't thinking about what the alternatives might be," Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Gates said the operation was to have started on Monday: "It's probably going to slip a few days, and it's



An Iraqi soldier mans a machine gun as he controls a checkpoint in Baghdad Tuesday. The army has set up additional checkpoints before a new security plan is implemented.

probably going to be a rolling implementation."

The Iranian government condemned the seizure of Jalal Sharafi, the second secretary at the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad, saying he was seized Sunday by gunmen who "operate under the supervision of the American forces in Iraq," the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

"Iran holds American forces in Iraq responsible for the safety and life of the Iranian diplomat," IRNA quoted him as saying.

The incident comes as tensions have been rising between Iran and the United States and the Shiite-led Iraqi government has shown increasing impatience with

both sides for letting their disagreements spill over the border, with the U.S. detentions of at least eight Iranians in recent months.

The White House also has authorized U.S. troops in Iraq to kill or capture Iranian agents deemed to be a threat, saying evidence was mounting that Iran is supporting terrorists inside Iraq and is a major supplier of bombs and other weapons used to target U.S. forces. Iran has denied the charges.

The Iranian ambassador to Baghdad, Hassan Kazemi Qomi, said the gunmen used American vehicles and the diplomat's seizure appeared to be "within the framework of U.S. president's order to

step up encounters with Iranians" in Iraq, Iranian state television reported.

He also told state TV that al-Maliki had appointed a team to investigate the fate of the Iranian diplomat.

There were conflicting descriptions of the abduction.

An official with the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to disclose the information, said the diplomat was heading to check on the planned opening of an Iranian bank Sunday in the central Karradah neighborhood when he was seized by men wearing Iraqi army uniforms.

House plans vote on troop increase

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House is planning to vote next week on opposing President Bush's Iraq troop buildup in a wartime clash between Congress and commander in chief.

The precise nature of the nonbinding measure remains to be determined, officials said Tuesday, although Brendan Daly, a spokesman for Speaker Nancy Pelosi, said it would focus on "our opposition to the surge" in troops.

The Pentagon is in the midst of implementing Bush's order to raise troop levels by 21,500, part of a plan to help quell sectarian violence in Baghdad.

Across the Capitol on the Senate side, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday that U.S. forces might be able to start leaving Iraq before the end of the year—if daunting conditions including subdued violence and political reconciliation are met.

In Iraq, however, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said the Baghdad security operation that the buildup was designed to help was starting slowly and insurgents were responding by killing as many people as possible.

New checkpoints were up, and there were reports of increased vehicle inspections and foot patrols, but violence continued.

The U.S. announced two American deaths—a soldier killed Tuesday at a

security post southwest of Baghdad and a Marine who died Monday in Anbar province—and eight Iraqis were killed by car bombs in Baghdad. In all, more than 50 people were killed or found dead in Iraq.

Bush's revised strategy has sparked strong opposition among Democrats, and officials said that Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., had both pledged to their rank-and-file that next week's vote would merely be the first attempt to pressure the president to shift course in the war. Other legislation will be binding, they said.

Under House rules, Democratic leaders have the authority to advance a measure to the floor for three days of debate and a vote.

Pipe

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off water supply to the affected area and to replace the damaged pipe or heating coil, Kachmarik said.

Keough's housekeeping staff was also on hand to clean up the mess caused by the flooding.

"The men of Keough Hall have been exceptionally patient and very helpful with the clean-up process," DeMott said. "Everything should be back to normal by the end of the week at the latest."

While Keough is the only dormitory to report flooding and burst pipes, O'Neill Hall experienced minor problems due to the cold weather.

"We just had, on Sunday afternoon, two radiator leaks," rector Edward Mack said. "The first one was a little more major, but once the plumber got here and showed me how to turn the water off we were able to handle the second leak pretty easily."

The radiators, located on the first and third floors, were a direct result of open windows.

"We had to manually turn off the radiators and remove belongings from the room," Assistant Rector Patrick Roach said.

Mack and Roach sent out e-mails, hung up flyers and made an announcement at Mass to avoid similar problems in the future.

"This is not the first time things like this have happened," Roach said. "We know it happens when it is this cold, so we want people to be smart about leaving their windows open," Roach said.

Kachmarik's office has also heard of problems in "one other hall, which hasn't been confirmed."

DeMott said that students need to remember to keep windows closed during cold weather, a point that was echoed in an e-mail sent to all on-campus residents Monday by the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

"Because of the extremely cold temperatures and wind chills, the Department of Facilities Operations has requested assistance to insure that residence hall windows are shut tightly and secured," the e-mail said. "Even the smallest opening allows for a draft to enter the room and cause pipes to freeze and break."

Students unable to regulate the heat in their dorm rooms were encouraged in the e-mail to notify a member of residence hall staff so "a work order can be submitted for diagnosis and repair."

The time frame for fixing the burst pipe depends on the extent of the damage, the thawing of the pipe and the availability of access to the broken pipe, Kachmarik said.

As for the flooding, cleaning up the water happens pretty quickly, though drying out affected objects

may take a few days, Kachmarik said.

"Generally, clothing, books and furniture can either be laundered or simply left to air-dry," he said. "Electronic components should not be turned on until they have completely dried out internally."

To protect items that may be permanently damaged, Kachmarik stressed the importance of having adequate insurance coverage on belongings through "your family's" homeowners insurance or some other type of "renter's insurance" plan.

Kachmarik noted one company — Haylor, Freyer & Coon, Inc. — that offers students as much as \$6,000 coverage for under \$100 per year.

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A Missing Chapter on the Missing Chains: Telling Tales and Making it up in the Irish Countryside

Guy Beiner

Department of History
Ben-Gurion University of Negev

Thursday, February 8th
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Followed by the launch of Beiner's new book
*Remembering the Year of the French:
Irish Folk History and Social Memory*
Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2007
by James Smyth, Department of History

Staff

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improve writing and help oversee the daily operations of the newspaper.

"I look forward to the opportunity to help lead The Observer," Malone said.

Fowler, a junior political science major and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy minor, began working at The Observer as a sports reporter his freshman year. He has covered a wide variety of beats, including football, Notre Dame women's soccer, Notre Dame women's basketball, Saint Mary's basketball, fencing, baseball, men's golf and Saint Mary's cross country.

Fowler is from Long Beach, N.Y., and he lives in Siegfried Hall.

Cassily joined The Observer as an Interhall writer in fall 2004.

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Cassily, a junior history major and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy minor, is originally from Rochester, N.H. He lives in Siegfried Hall.



Malone

Malone started at The Observer as a news writer in fall 2004. Since then, she has reported on the academic freedom-Catholic character debate, the administration's use of Facebook, the controversy surrounding the dome regilding and student government.

Malone, who is a junior American Studies major and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy minor from Columbus, Ohio, lived in Farley Hall through last semester.

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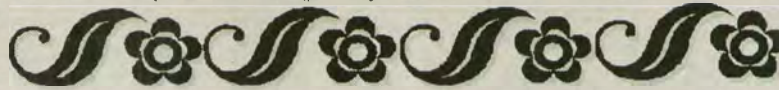
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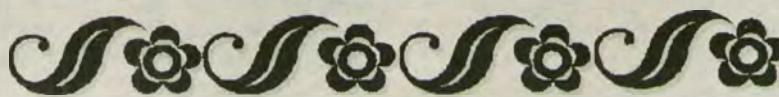
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NASDAQ	2,471.49	+0.89
NYSE	9,345.25	+32.04
S&P 500	1,448.00	+1.01
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,238.68	-168.18
FTSE 100(London)	6,346.30	+28.40

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.34	-0.10	29.51
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-0.16	-0.07	44.05
INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.14	+0.03	21.31
CISCO SYS INC (SUNW)	+1.66	-0.11	6.53

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13-WEEK BILL	+0.30	+0.015	5.010
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IN BRIEF

NBC Universal hires new CEO Zucker

NEW YORK — How Jeff Zucker handled adversity as NBC plunged to fourth place in the prime-time ratings was one of the measuring sticks General Electric Co. chief Jeffrey Immelt used in choosing him to run NBC Universal, Immelt said Tuesday.

Zucker's rise from directing Katie Couric in the morning to running a huge media conglomerate was completed when corporate owner GE announced his appointment as president and CEO of NBC Universal. He replaces Bob Wright, who has run NBC for 21 years.

Zucker, 41 and a two-time cancer survivor, has essentially been trying out for Wright's job over the past two years in running the company's television operations.

"We like the way Jeff has handled tough times," said Jeffrey Immelt, chairman and CEO of GE. "He never got down and continued to drive the company in a positive way."

In addition to directing NBC's attempts to revive its prime-time fortunes, Zucker is in charge of a stable of networks including USA, CNBC, MSNBC, Bravo, Sci Fi and Telemundo. The company also owns the Universal movie studio and theme parks in Florida and California.

Coca-Cola secretary faces jail time

ATLANTA — The government said in court papers Tuesday it believes a former Coca-Cola secretary convicted of conspiring to steal trade secrets from the beverage giant should be jailed immediately because she poses a flight risk.

In a motion filed in U.S. District Court in Atlanta, Assistant U.S. Attorney Byung J. Pak said clothing, prescription medication, papers and other personal items were found in Joya Williams' Mustang during a search after a fire destroyed her apartment Friday.

The fire, which has been ruled accidental by local officials in Norcross, occurred nearly 90 minutes after the guilty verdict was reached in federal court in Atlanta.

Wal-Mart faces class-action suit

1.5 million female employees allege retailer discriminated in pay, promotion

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest private employer, must face a class-action lawsuit alleging as many as 1.5 million former and current female employees were discriminated against in pay and promotions.

The ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds a 2004 federal judge's decision to let the nation's largest class-action employment discrimination lawsuit go to trial, possibly exposing the Bentonville, Ark.-based retailing powerhouse to billions of dollars in damages.

"Plaintiff's expert opinions, factual evidence, statistical evidence and anecdotal evidence present significant proof of a corporate policy of discrimination and support plaintiff's contention that female employees nationwide were subjected to a common pattern and practice of discrimination," the court wrote in a 2-1 decision.

Wal-Mart said it would ask the court to rehear the case with the same three-judge panel or with 15 judges, a move likely to idle the case for months. Tuesday's ruling came 18 months after the case was argued.

"This is one step of what is going to be a long process," Wal-Mart attorney Theodore Boutros Jr. said. "We are very optimistic of obtaining relief from this ruling."

He said Wal-Mart's own review found no significant disparity in pay between men and women at 90 percent of its stores.

Wal-Mart, which currently employs 1.3 million workers, claimed that the conventional rules of class action suits should not apply in the case because its 3,400 stores, including Sam's Club warehouse outlets, operate like



Betty Dukes, a plaintiff in a class-action lawsuit against Wal-Mart Stores Inc., speaks at a news conference Tuesday in San Francisco.

independent businesses, and that the company did not have a policy of discriminating against women.

U.S. District Judge Martin Jenkins, the San Francisco trial court judge who said the case could proceed, had ruled that anecdotal evidence warranted a class-action trial. Wal-Mart took the case to the San Francisco-based appeals court.

Jenkins said if company-wide gender discrimination is proven at trial, Wal-Mart could be forced to pay billions of dollars to women who earned less than their

male counterparts. Jenkins rejected as "impractical" Wal-Mart's suggestion of having individual hearings for each plaintiff and he planned to use a statistical formula to compensate the women if they won.

Wal-Mart said the judge's scenario was an unprecedented denial of its rights and sought to dismiss the case. The company said women who allege discrimination could file lawsuits against individual stores.

The women's lawyers said the idea was ridiculous, and would clog the federal judiciary.

"Although size of this class action is large, mere size does not render a case unmanageable," Judge Harry Pregerson wrote for the majority, which upheld Jenkins' decision in its entirety.

Robin Conrad, a vice president with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, blasted the decision. If it stands, she said, it likely would force Wal-Mart to settle out of court than risk losing at trial.

"It's basically extortionist," she said. "It's giving the company no option other than to settle a case of this magnitude."

Facebook, Comcast ally to air series

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Comcast Corp. and Facebook.com are joining forces to create a television series from user-generated videos that will appear online and through video on demand.

Called "Facebook Diaries," the series will consist of 10 half-hour episodes produced by R.J. Cutler, known for his edgy work gathering stories from regular folks in shows such as "American High," a non-fiction TV series chronicling the lives of suburban teens at an Illinois high school.

The shows, which will start airing later this year, will be seen simultaneously on Facebook and Comcast's Ziddio.com, a video uploading Web site similar to YouTube that was launched late

last year. The videos also will be carried on Comcast's video on demand service, which stores shows on its cable TV system for viewers to watch whenever they want.

"We've been having some dialogue with Comcast for a couple of months just on and off, just as they were putting their video plans together," Owen Van Natta, chief operating officer of based Facebook, said Tuesday. "Then we engaged R.J. Cutler and we came up with this idea."

He said the ability to get users' videos on cable TV as well as online appealed to the company. The social networking Web site doesn't have a video uploading feature; users share links to their favorite videos. The deal with Philadelphia-based Comcast, the

nation's largest cable TV operator, will expand Facebook's video sharing capability.

The deal also is expected to drive more Web traffic to Ziddio from Facebook's more than 16 million users. Facebook, based in Palo Alto, Calif., is the second biggest social networking site behind News Corp.'s MySpace.com and the seventh most trafficked site in the country.

"We're tapping into Facebook's very large and very young demographic," said Elizabeth Schimel, senior vice president of entertainment for Comcast Interactive Media.

Comcast and Facebook wouldn't comment on the deal's details, but Van Natta did say there will be "sponsorship and advertising opportunities."

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Parallels exist between drunks, government

Each week, my view towards the government more closely resembles my opinion toward Fisher Hall's dorm drunk — when he throws up on the side of the building on Monday night, it is hardly an unexpected event, yet still quite pathetic. Similarly, as the government continues to spew bad laws and make poor decisions on a daily basis, it is still disgusting, but it happens so frequently nowadays that I'm never surprised. However, there are a number of reasons why the dorm drunk is preferable to the United States government.

Firstly, the "legislation" emanating from the dorm drunk rarely impacts me, despite the fact that I live in Fisher Hall as well. Sure, I might catch an occasional whiff of upchucked Blazing Sea Nuggets (rightfully so). I might have to side-step them on the second floor stairwell on the way to lunch on Tuesday afternoon. I might even have to help the dorm drunk stumble into his loft and turn him on his side so he can pass out. But the dorm drunk's actions rarely have a lasting impact on me; they are fleeting college experiences that I will one day look back on and laugh about. I'm never worried that the dorm drunk is going to install surveillance cameras in my room or steal my money and call it the income tax. The dorm drunk will never ban drinking or gambling and tell me it is for my own good. The government, on the other hand, does all these things with impunity.

Secondly, the dorm drunk doesn't even attempt to rationalize his actions. He knows his actions are corrupt and doesn't make vague references to inco-

herent concepts in an Orwellian fashion. He doesn't claim he did the technical yawn all over the 3B bathroom last night for the common good, moral values, national security, spreading democracy, the poor or the children. He isn't foolish enough to tell me that banning online gambling protects "American values" (apparently freedom of choice, personal responsibility and the right of contract aren't "American values"). He won't attempt to persuade me that I have a "right" to universal health care (apparently, the "right" to steal other people's money through the tax code and use it for your own purposes was what John Locke was talking about when he talked about "rights"). He doesn't start wars and then pretend the purpose was to spread "democracy" or "freedom." He doesn't pretend that his actions are anything other than what they are — he engages in no double-speak. The US government and its politicians, on the other hand, do all these things.

Thirdly, the dorm drunk usually limits his partying to the area directly around the dorm. He is seen as a good-natured fellow (albeit a drunk one) by the rest of the Notre Dame community who rarely does them wrong. Yes, he might occasionally wander in a drunken haze all over campus and pee on the side of another dorm, but he parties almost exclusively in Fisher Hall. Unless one of the other dorms hurts his person or steals his booze, he has no motivation to venture outside the walls of Fisher. His actions are confined to his home. He exists peacefully alongside everyone else. The dorm drunk does not go braying into battle like a learning-disabled jackass against another dorm that did him little or no wrong. The dorm drunk isn't foolish enough to give those who

already don't like his partying ways another excuse to hate him. He does not warmonger. The US government, on the other hand, does all of these things.

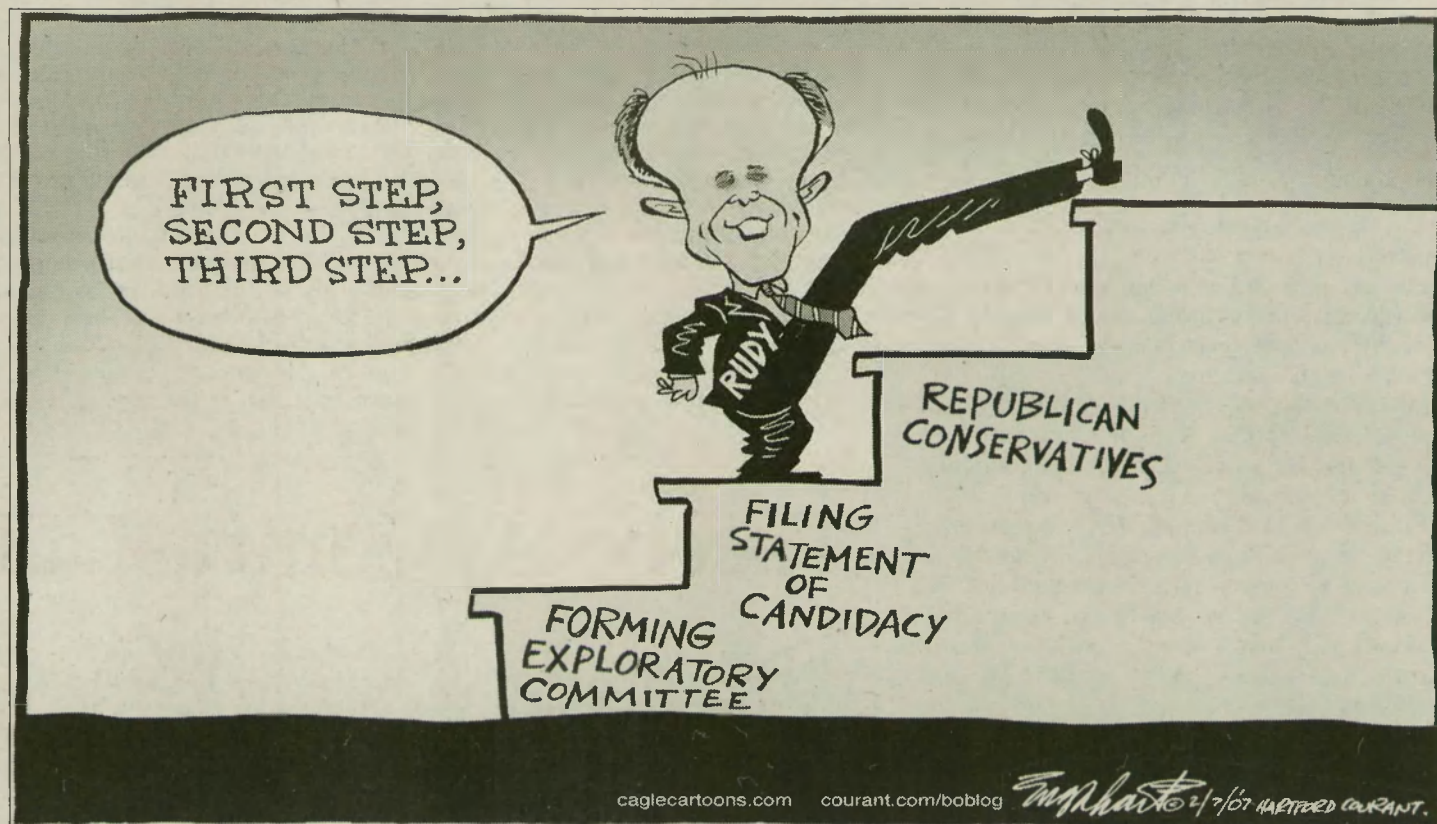
Finally, the dorm drunk isn't too much of a burden on society. Yes, perhaps he will mistake a fellow Fisherman's laptop for a urinal in the wee hours or the morning or pass out naked in Ellie's bed (our rector's dog) in the middle of the first floor entrance way, but at least his shenanigans provide much needed college stories to a college that is relatively tame compared to other schools. Although it is true that he wreaks havoc on other people's belongings, he is still personally fiscally responsible for whatever damage he causes. He cannot legally take 39 percent of my earnings without repercussion. He is not endowed with the power to take half of the belongings of my dead relative without suffering the consequences of doing so. He can't institute programs to punish the productive for being successful. The US government, on the other hand, does all of these things.

While there is certainly a resemblance between the US government and our dorm drunk, the dorm drunk is obviously preferable to the US government. Let's replace our representatives with dorm drunks. It can't get any worse.

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singer and songwriter

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Human rights violations often ignored

According to a recent BBC undercover investigation, Oct. 1 has many interesting meanings in the People's Republic of China. It is, of course, the country's National Day. It is also, the BBC reports, the peak of organ season in China's rapidly growing organ transplant centers (frequently by many a rich Westerner in need of a liver or two). The reason for this October surge in organ supply is simple, the BBC reports: Prisoner executions in China always go up before the national holiday.

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The BBC learned of this fall prisoner organ harvest through hidden camera footage taken by BBC correspondent Rupert Wingfield Hayes. In the video, Hayes strolls into one of the largest organ transplant centers in Northern China in order to procure a liver for his "ailing father." Not particularly in the mood for subterfuge, Hayes asks the doctors if they received the organs from executed prisoners. The hospital officials cheerfully proclaim, "The prisoners on death row have done many bad things. Before they die they give their organs as a present to society."

However, Hayes notes that the idea that

Chinese prisoners are willfully donating their organs to "society" (i.e. to rich Westerners) is tenuous at best. In a country where convicts are often taken directly from the courtroom to the execution ground and due process is a figment of the imagination, ethical considerations about prisoners' rights seem a bit out of place. Indeed, Hayes' conversation with the father of an executed prisoner highlights this reality. When asked whether his son ever consulted with him about donating his organs after his execution, the father replies, "I didn't even get to see my son after he was arrested... The day he was shot they called me and said I could come and pick up his ashes."

This practice should be disturbing to Westerners for a few reasons. Most obviously, the Chinese government's decision to profit off the remains of executed prisoners is one more nail in the coffin of civil liberties in the country. Even more importantly, unrestricted organ harvesting creates a juicy financial incentive to maximize the number of executions in China, which already happens to execute more people than the rest of the world combined. Yet perhaps the most frightening part about China's crimes against its citizens is that, for the most part, we don't care about

them.

Specifically, the West seems to be suffering from a bad case of myopia. A 2005 Pew Research Center Global Attitudes Poll found that, in countries such as Britain, Germany, Spain, France and Russia, China is viewed far more favorably than the United States. One can only conclude that a giant fourth of July organ harvest might do the trick in winning these nations' approval.

Another revealing instance of Western apathy toward non-Western abuses is the ongoing U.S. military prison abuse scandal. If foreign prisoners are mistreated by Americans, activists immediately spark a worldwide, front-page furor — and rightfully so. But when it comes to the far more routine, and more sinister, abuse of prisoners' rights in China, we are deaf and dumb. Since it is not the U.S. committing the acts, Americans feel no guilt, Europeans feel no vindictiveness, and therefore no one has any notable reason to object.

Nor is China the only country that stands to gain from this selective moral blindness. Africa is another success story, where for years massive human rights abuses went effectively unchallenged while the world arbitrarily decided to monitor other issues,

such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with eagle eyes. A bit of data from the Center for Public Affairs in Jerusalem: Between the years 2000 to 2003, Amnesty International released 52 reports on Sudan, where, even before Darfur, a heavily civilian-targeting civil war was killing hundreds of thousands. In the same interval, 190 were released about Israel.

In any objective valuation, these numbers would make no sense. But who ever said objectivity mattered? Indeed, when the United States and Israel are viewed by many as the greatest human rights violators in the world, while a country like Sudan has as recently as 2005 served on the U.N. Commission for Human Rights, it quickly becomes clear that Lady Logic has run away from us. Similarly, while China conducts executions en masse and then makes a profit off the bodies of the deceased, and the world claps its hands in approval, we can rest assured that objectivity lies safely in its grave. Such selective morality, which lacks any and all perspective on who the true enemies of human rights in our world are, is a farce at best, and a crime against humanity at worst.

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Super Bowl activities raise larger questions

Before you read this, please know I don't hate the United States of America. Some of you will read this and think I do. I don't. I love this country and am grateful I grew up here. But, to paraphrase Spider-Man's Ben Parker, with great wealth comes great responsibility.

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Daily
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Sunday was one of the biggest holidays in America, even if it technically isn't one yet. According to an Australian newspaper, we ate 15 tons of potato chips, spent \$150 million on Super Bowl merchandise and 90 million of us watched 30-second ads that cost their creators \$3.3 million to air.

Do you know what some people in Indonesia were doing last night? One hundred thousand people in the capital

city of Jakarta were sleeping in mosques, hotels, government buildings or wherever else they could find because their homes were wiped out in massive floods this past Friday.

Now don't get me wrong. I'm not saying everyone who watched the Super Bowl or bought Super Bowl merchandise should feel guilty about doing so. I watch it every year and always enjoy it. But even as we enjoy the luxuries we're fortunate enough to have, we need to think responsibly about what we do with the country's many resources.

In the United States, we can have pretty much whatever we want. And even if you're one of the poorer people in the United States, you're still much better off than many in Africa and Southeast Asia. And we think that's how it's supposed to be. I'm afraid former

President George H.W. Bush spoke for many when he once said, "The American lifestyle is not up for negotiation." But where does our lifestyle leave the rest of the world?

Perhaps the simplest way to illustrate this comes from The Miniature Earth project. They've produced a video that can be seen at http://216.70.117.172/me_english-.htm. According to the film, if you keep your clothes in a closet, your food in a refrigerator, you sleep in a bed and you have a roof over your head, then you are wealthier than 75 percent of the world's population.

So what does all this tell us? First, I hope none of us take for granted how truly blessed we are. Stop complaining about your professor, your classes, your roommate, your living situation or how

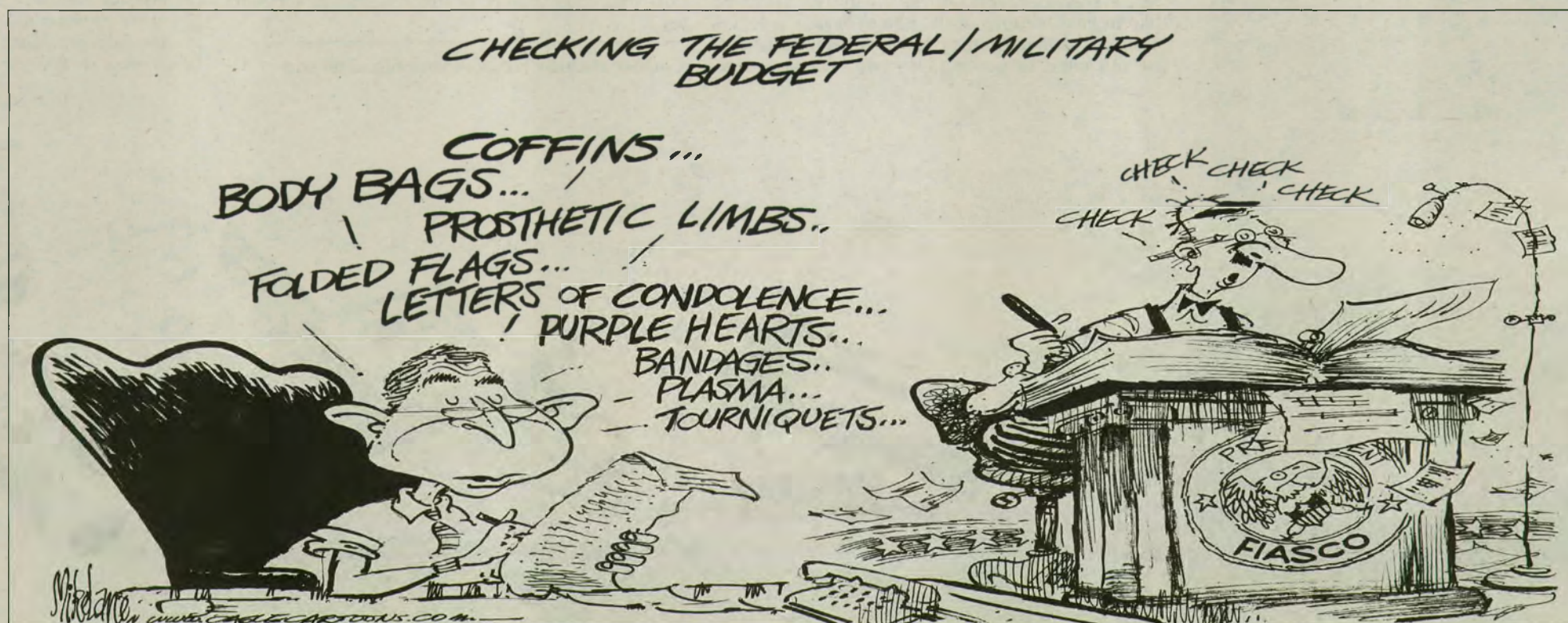
"poor" you are. You're one of the one percent of people worldwide who is able to go to college. If anything should characterize the citizens of the United States, it should be a profound sense of gratitude and humility because, for whatever reason, God has blessed us with some amazing resources few others have.

The hard fact is that if we really wanted, we could end poverty. The only thing stopping us is our excessively affluent lifestyle, but we have to decide, are they up for negotiation ... or not?

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Inside the World The Future of Interactive

Wii Would Like to Play

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Writer

Nintendo took a chance with the release of the Wii. It would not compete with the latest Microsoft and Sony releases by traditional measures — such as enhanced, high-definition graphics — but Nintendo's innovation made the Wii a highly interactive console that appeals to both hardcore and casual gamers.

Nintendo's new system packs power, customization and high levels of interactivity into its hardware for the intense gamers while adopting a sleek, white look similar to the iPod in order to attract a more general audience.

The Wii comes with an LED equipped sensor bar (centered above or below any television screen) that in conjunction with the remote picks up the player's movements. The console is the smallest of all Nintendo units, only about the size of three DVD cases, and can be oriented horizontally or vertically. The front of the console accepts Wii optical disks and Nintendo GameCube discs (though not standard DVDs and CDs). The console also has two USB ports and one SD card slot. The remotes run on AA batteries.

The remotes (or Wiimotes) are surprisingly sensitive. While there are limitations as to how far and from what angle a player can approach the sensor, the remotes can distinguish a multitude of different motions and provide six degrees of movement. Most of the time, the required motions are intuitive. The remote takes some time to get used to for more complex games, but the basic games, like those offered in "WiiSports," can be picked up in a couple of plays.

Often, for those more complex games the remote is paired with the included nunchuck, which adds on an analog stick and two additional buttons. The remote has a speaker on it, allowing the user to hear the sounds of their movements, such as the clash of a sword. Nintendo also included a vibrating feature on the remote, which is often used to remind the player to make a menu choice. An additional controller can be purchased that allows users to play classic Nintendo games they have downloaded to their Wii.

"WiiSports" — a game which comes bundled with the console — allows users to play pared-down versions of games including tennis, golf, bowling, boxing and baseball. Tennis and boxing stand out as the more fun of the five, but all the WiiSports games are entertaining as players physically roll their bowling ball down the alley and swing their tennis racquet.

Other games specifically designed to be played on the Wii showcase the range of its ability. "WarioWare: Smooth Moves" requires the user (like in past editions of the game) to play a series of short, random games in which they must figure out what to do on their own. There are no

more button combinations; the player has to move the remote in many different ways, all of which the system can differentiate, from letting it drop in free fall, hitting it between two hands or using it like a pencil. "Super Monkey Ball: Banana Blitz," which similarly cashes in on the motion capability of the remote, is a little more difficult to use as the motions are a little less intuitive, but can be just as fun.

Wii also works well with more traditional games that have been updated to work with the Wii controllers, such as "The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess" and "Madden NFL 07." Players swing their sword and throw passes, making the games more immersive than their predecessors. The Wii console is also backwards compatible with all Nintendo GameCube software, though a GameCube controller is still necessary to enjoy these games.

The interactivity of the Wii makes it most suitable for multiplayer use. Unfortunately, most of the multiplayer games require the use of multiple remotes, which adds on hefty \$60 fee for each new remote and nunchuk pair.

Unlike other game consoles, the Wii is attempting to create a more versatile piece of equipment than just a pure video game system. Users can upload photos from their SD memory cards and use the basic image editor to view and change them (mostly in fun, rather than serious ways). They can leave messages for other players on the console and send messages over the internet and to cell phones. Also if they connect the Wii to the internet, users can check the weather, surf the internet, use the shopping channels and get news updates.

After creating a Mii — a 3-D caricature of the user — players can store up to 10 on the remote and bring them to play on another Wii console. Eventually, Wii is supposed to have on-line game play where gamers play as their Miis in multiplayer online games, although this feature has not yet been perfected. This merger of gaming with online interactivity will bring a sense of community to video gaming that has never been accomplished before.

One thing that needs to be improved on the Wii is the straps on the remote. Considering how much the remote swings around, Nintendo should have created a stronger way of keeping it attached to the user's wrist to prevent it from flying across the room. However, Nintendo is offering to replace the original straps with new ones made from a slightly thicker material.

As video games like "Guitar Hero" and others become more and more immersive as gaming technology becomes more advanced, the versatility and interactivity of the Wii should serve it well.

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HISTORY OF VIDEO

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In 1958, William Higinbotham created what many consider the first video game — the "Parade Game" "Tennis for Two." The step of using an analog oscilloscope as a platform transformed entertainment forever. From the humble beginnings now stands a try that rivals Hollywood.

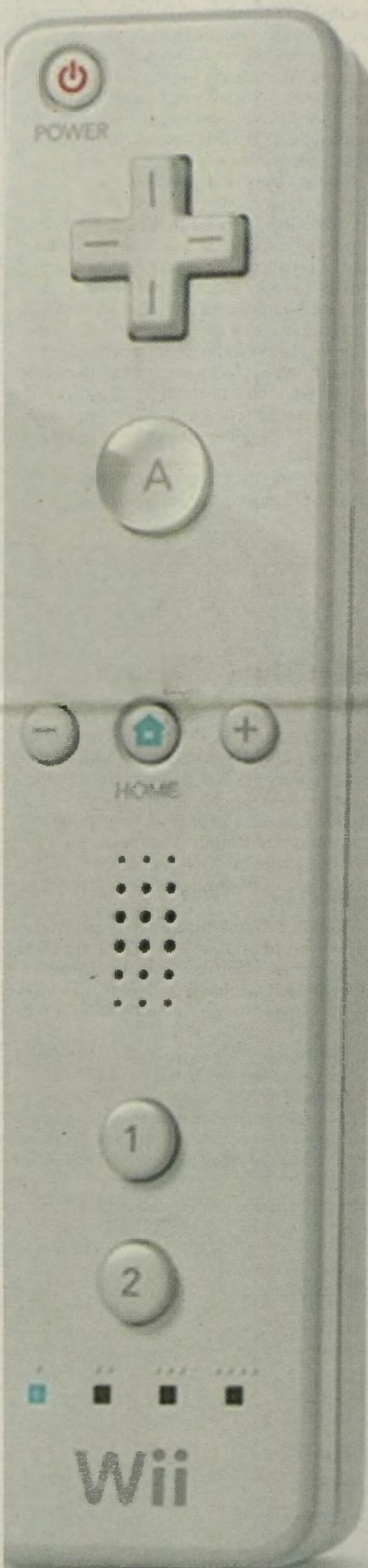
Video games are an integral part of modern life — from the love the latest Role Playing Games (RPGs) to the newest form of entertainment in the Nintendo history of the video game of cutthroat business practice, artistry that is just now being recognized as a relevant cultural phenomenon.

It must be said that "Tennis for Two" is not really what many consider a video game, but its spawned is important to understand in the face of the modern entertainment industry. After 1996 Magnavox Odyssey hit the market in 1972 to become the first commercially marketed video console. Powered by batteries, lacking anything in the way of capabilities, this proved that could be created and played on a board, but on a screen.

The games were basic and the format that became the industry standard until the PlayStation (PS1) was released on CDs. This system was Nintendo's first foray into the game market as they distributed Odyssey in Japan before moving to design their own console. Although now the stuff of legend and game buffs, the Odyssey is a milestone in entertainment history.

Atari

As much as the Odyssey is a milestone, it failed to secure a foothold on the newly emerging home sole market. It was not until Christmas 1975 — when released its already popular game "Pong" — that the sole market exploded. Based on the success of games, which had been a several years. However, the console included only "Pong" and other games could be played on the Odyssey. Atari, now the success of "Pong," released



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2600 in 1977, which was capable of using game cartridges so multiple games could be purchased and played on the system. Although it took some time to be noticed, it became the best selling present during the Christmas season in 1979, selling over a million units.

By 1982, the Atari was selling eight million units per year, making it the most successful game console of the late 1970s and early '80s, and familiarizing users with a diverse array of games including "Pac-Man," "Space Invaders" and the first incarnation of "Donkey Kong."

Following the success of the Atari 2600, it would be some years before something truly lasting would be released in the world of the home console market. The Commodore 64, released in 1982, had the most advanced graphics at the time but was a system that straddled the gap between home computer and home console. Quickly overtaken by other video game and home computer companies, it would last for a few years more but not as long as the now dominant market names.

Mario takes control

The next windfall for video gamers came in 1985 in the form of the Nintendo Famicom, or Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) outside of Asia. Bundled with the now legendary "Super Mario Bros.," this console signaled the end of the 1983 crash and defined what is considered a video game console today. Still revered by many as the symbol of their childhood, this system was a big success not only in Asia, but also North America, having sold over 60 million units since its launch.

Nintendo was the first console maker to openly accept games from third-party developers. Capcom's "Mega-Man" franchise and Square Enix's (then Squaresoft) "Final Fantasy" series were games that have become the stuff of legend but were not developed in house by Nintendo. This is not to say Nintendo did not make games for its own system. The "Mario Bros.," "Zelda" and "Metroid" series were all created by Nintendo and are still being released today for newer systems. With games such as these, Nintendo showed not only technical advancement in its console hardware, but a creative capacity in game design that altered what people thought

were video games.

All good things must come to an end and it was no different for Nintendo's near monopoly on the video game market. In 1989, the Japanese gaming company Sega released the Sega Genesis in America. This system was an improvement over the old NES due to the increase from an 8-bit to a 16-bit processor.

Increased graphics capabilities were showcased in the now famous Sega franchise, "Sonic the Hedgehog." Another advancement on the part of Sega, which predicted the rise of the CD formatted game, came in the form of Sega CD. This could play music CDs and some games. As foresighted as this was, the CDs suffered from extended load times, which hampered the success of this console.

Nintendo, seeing competition in the form of better graphics and game franchise creations from Sega, released the Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES). Available in North America in 1991, this system sparked the biggest console war in the history of video games between the Sega Genesis and the SNES. With games such as "The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past," Nintendo took back some of the market share it had lost to Sega. Other games such as "Super Mario Kart" helped the SNES become a home console staple.

Games go 3-D

The Nintendo 64, released in 1996, was a huge jump in graphics capabilities from the old 16-bit SNES. As the title of the console makes clear, this was a 64-bit system that had the first fully 3-D graphics showcased in games such as "Super Mario 64" and "The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time." Aside from these games, the first person shooter (FPS) based on the James Bond film "Goldeneye" paved the way for the explosion of first person shooters so popular today as shown in games like "Halo."

Sony also jumped into the console market with its release of the PS1 in 1995. The biggest change in video games associated with the PS1 was the shift to games on CDs instead of cartridges. Also, separate, removable memory cards used to save games were introduced, allowing people to transport their memory

cards to play saved games instead of an entire system. Load times were somewhat of an issue — the main reason the Nintendo 64 opted for the cartridge format — however, the CD format offered third-party developers more disc capacity and the ability to create epic RPGs such as the successful "Final Fantasy VII."

After these, Sega had its last console, the Dreamcast, which was one of the first consoles to be able to connect to the internet and allow game play over it. However, due to poor business decisions, Sega left the console industry and is now focused on being a third-party game developer. Nintendo released the Gamecube, which focused on families and social game play with games such as "Mario Party" and "Super Smash Brothers Melee," the sequel to the very popular "Super Smash Brothers" on the Nintendo 64. Sony has had the most success so far with its Playstation 2. This system currently has the lion's share of the market even with Microsoft's introduction of its own Xbox.

The situation today is one of held breath and anticipation. Nintendo has released its Wii, Microsoft has the Xbox 360 and Sony has the Playstation 3. No one system has emerged as the victor in this seventh generation of video game consoles.

The high-definition DVD war is now in play as Sony is backing Blu-Ray and Microsoft backs HD-DVD. "Gears of War" for the Xbox 360 has set the tone for FPSs and Wii's revolutionary controller is the first major change in controller technology since the inception of the home console. Sony has many loyal fans but the high price and current lack of games has left the Playstation 3 struggling.

The history of the home console is one of creative genius and hard-line business. From humble beginnings with analog technology and no more graphic power than two bars hitting a circle across the screen, video games are a mainstay for everyone from children to business professionals. As more and more people who grew up with video games enter their adulthood and have children of their own, the future is bright for this always innovative entertainment.

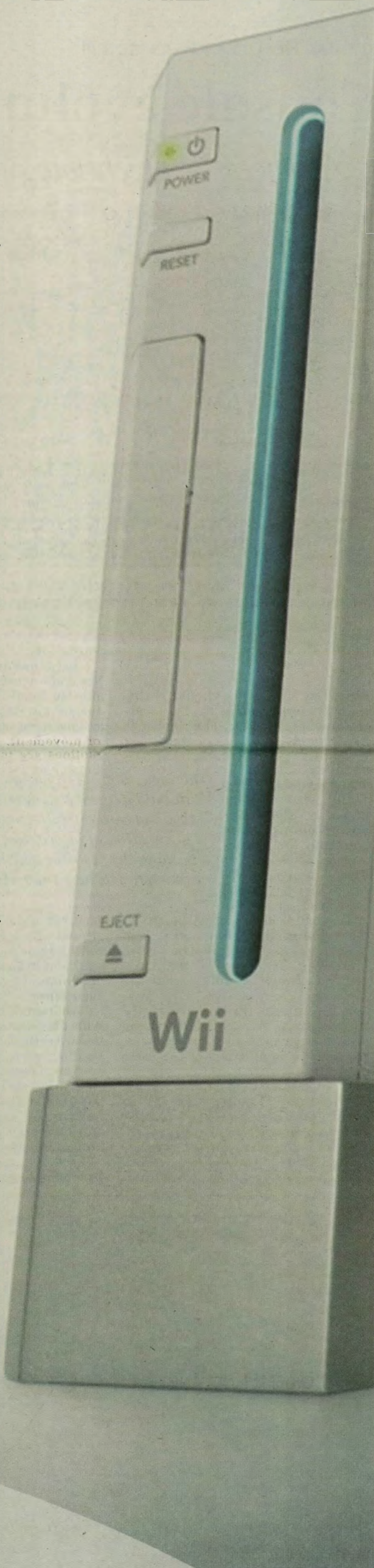
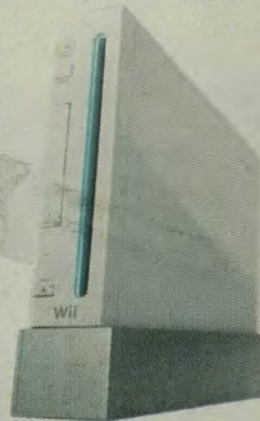
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VIRTUAL REALITY IN PERSPECTIVE

Console evolution flirts with virtual reality

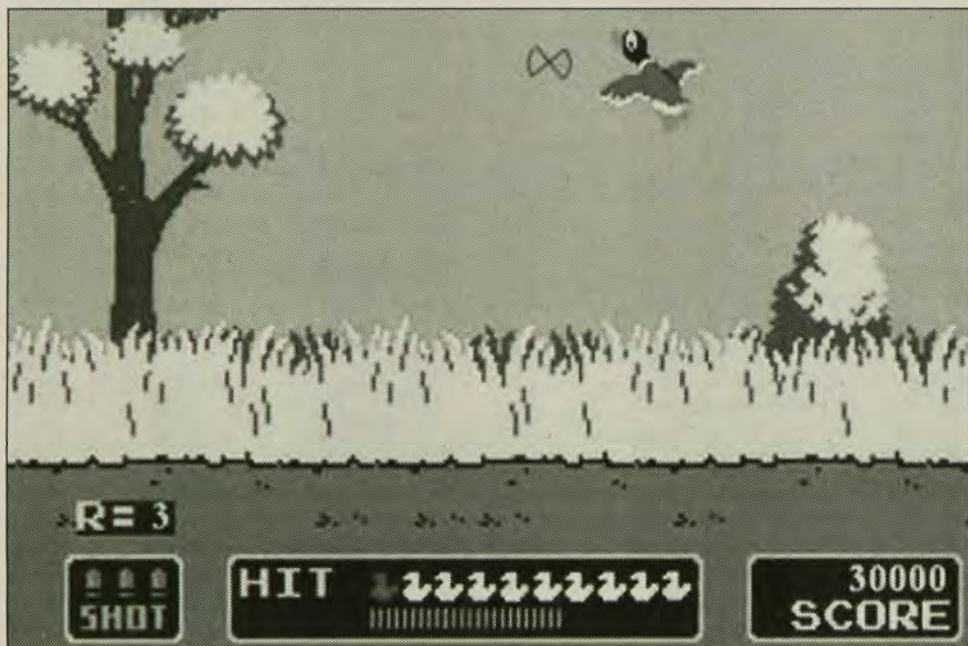
As accessory technology develops, gamers find themselves 'in the game'

Photo courtesy of wickedsmallgames.com

The original "Duck Hunt," an interactive video game for the Nintendo Entertainment System, was the first in a growing series of virtual reality games.

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From the beginning, virtual reality has always been seen as the final frontier for video games. The desire to make players really feel like their onscreen actions are controlled not just by pushing a button, but by actually performing the motion involved has been omnipresent throughout the history of video games. And as video games have evolved, they have come closer and closer to reaching that level of sophistication.

When the original Nintendo system (NES) first came out, it came with games and accessories that had already begun to simulate real-life actions.

"Duck Hunt" involved the use of a light gun which players pointed at the screen in order to take down the ducks. It has been so popular and beloved as a game that a new version will be released on Nintendo's latest system, the Wii. Players could also run in "World Class Track Meet" by using Nintendo's Power Pad. Even back in 1989, the initial plans for the current-era Wii-mote could be seen in Nintendo's Power Glove, which had

limited capabilities of sensing hand movements.

The ideas behind the original Nintendo accessories carried through into the following generation of interactive gaming accessories which accompanied new consoles. Sega's popular "House of the Dead" franchise emerged in the mid-90s in both arcades and home consoles (Sega's Saturn and Dreamcast), which used a light gun evolved from Nintendo's original model. The Dreamcast gun

receives light through a photodiode located within the barrel to detect light reflecting off of the screen and translates the player's shooting to carnage onscreen.

Nintendo's Power Pad found itself reincarnated through the "Dance Dance Revolution" (DDR) craze of the late-90s. By following arrows moving on the screen, players stepped on the corresponding directional arrow spaces on a pressure-sensitive foot pad. The popularity of "Dance Dance Revolution" spawned a number of music-related titles, each with their own interactive accessories.

"Karaoke Revolution" is based on karaoke singing, where the players

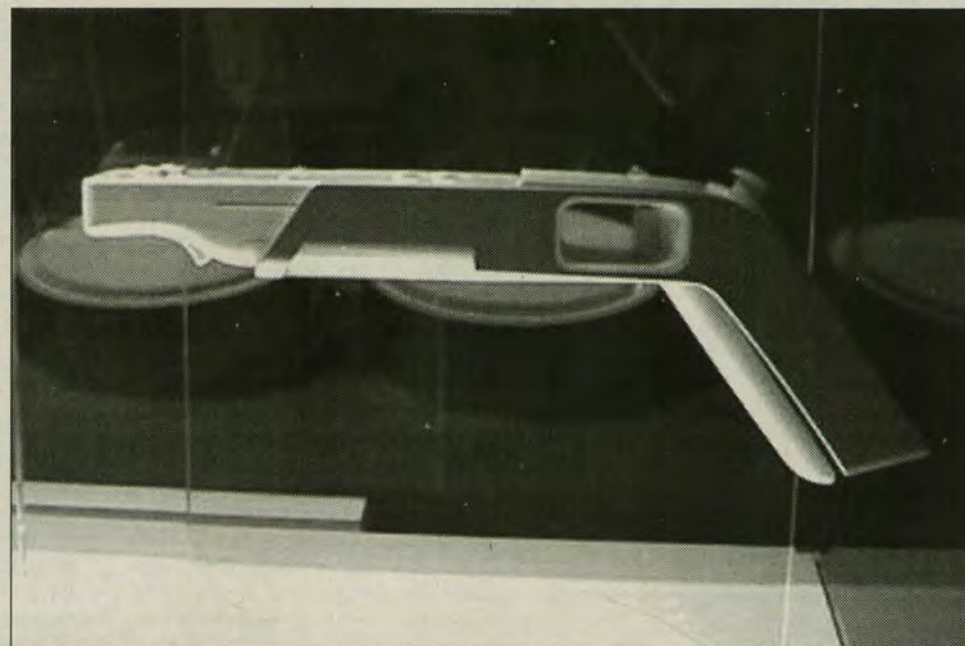


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The new and improved version of "Duck Hunt" (with the Wii-mote attachment pictured here) will mark the 21st century reincarnation of the classic game.

sing into a microphone and the game detects the pitch of the singer's voice and awards points based on how close the singer is to the actual pitch of the song being sung. There are currently several versions of the game on the market, including "Karaoke Revolution Presents: American Idol," in which the player must suffer through the criticisms of Idol judges Simon, Paula and Randy at the end of each performance. The critiques of their virtual renditions even affect the player's final score.

Recently popular are the "Guitar Hero" games for the Playstation 2. Much like "DDR," the players follow the notes as they appear on the screen and "play" their guitar by simultaneously pressing the corresponding notes and strumming the main key in rhythm. The game features popular songs by such artists as Cheap Trick, KISS, Nirvana, Foo Fighters and Rage Against the Machine.

On a similar note, would-be virtual drummers can enjoy playing with the Donkey Kong Bongos while playing the "Donkey Konga" titles on Nintendo's Game Cube or through the "Taiko: Drum Master" system on the PS2. With both systems, players use an electric bongo drumset and its accompanying drum beats to play a song, or, in "Donkey Konga," to control the charac-

ters on the screen.

In 2003, the Playstation 2 released the EyeToy, which is a device similar to a webcam. The EyeToy allows players to interact with the game through motion, color and sound detection. There were several games developed for the PS2 which implemented the EyeToy, in addition to games such as the "Harry Potter" series which included several mini-games which utilized the Eye Toy's capabilities.

The relatively new handheld Nintendo DS brings interactivity directly to the palm of the player's hand. The DS is capable of detecting sound and light, as well as making use of a touch screen which allows more interaction between the game and the player, even with old-school games such as "Mario" or "MarioKart."

With each new generation of consoles, the level of player interactivity continues to evolve. And although none of the current game systems have yet advanced to the point of true "virtual reality," it is now possible for players to shoot virtual guns, sing virtual karaoke and play virtual guitars and drums, all from the comfort of their sofas at home.

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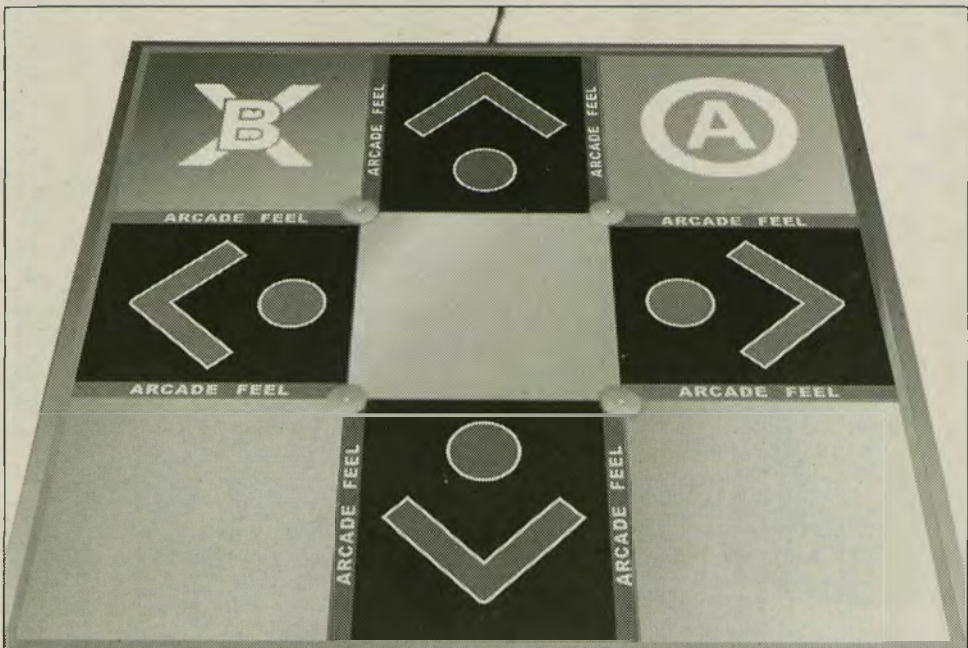


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Video gamers can now get their virtual groove on by playing "Dance Dance Revolution," which lets players boogie down in the privacy of their living rooms.




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Would-be guitarists can now put down those air guitars and pick up "Guitar Hero," a video game which lets players rock out with their socks out at home.



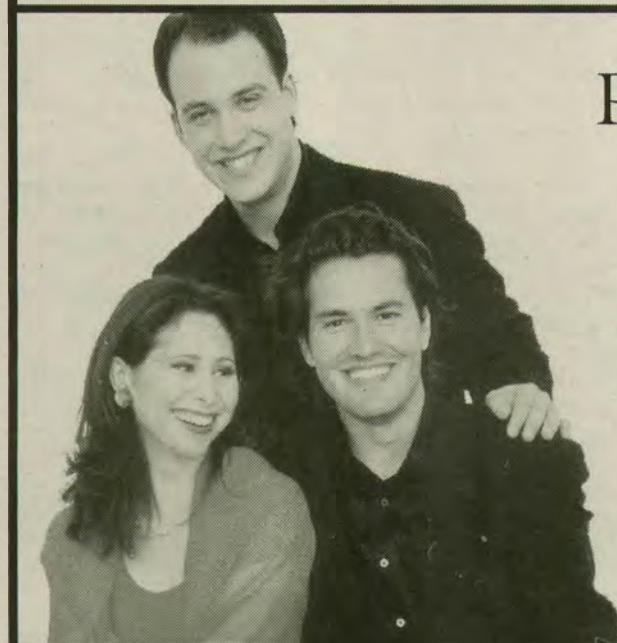
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Celtics on wrong side of history with loss

Knicks need just one more victory to tie last year's total after win

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers knows that his team would struggle to beat anyone in the NBA at the moment.

Trying to beat the Detroit Pistons with newly acquired Chris Webber was nearly impossible.

Webber had 17 points and six assists as the Pistons put on a passing clinic for three quarters while handing the Celtics their 15th straight loss, 109-102 on Tuesday night.

"We really didn't have a chance," Rivers said. "We played a better team tonight. They had some matchup advantages, and they went right at us. The problem is that, with Webber in the middle, there's not much you can do. He might be their best passer."

Antonio McDyess finished with 18 points in 20 minutes, hitting his first eight shots before Kendrick Perkins blocked the ninth.

"I got some easy baskets early and I just kept going," he said. "He didn't foul me on the ninth one, either. That was a good block."

McDyess and Webber combined to shoot 17-for-22 against Boston's overmatched interior defense.

"We just couldn't stop anything in the post," said Wally

Szczerbiak. "When we didn't double, they got a layup. When we did double, someone cut to the basket, they made a pass and they still got a layup."

Pistons coach Flip Saunders was only disappointed by the fourth quarter, which saw the Celtics rally from a 24-point deficit to make the final score respectable.

"Your main guys should have the opportunity to sit down and ice in the fourth quarter of a game like that," he said. "We had to bring those guys back with five minutes left to make sure we won the thing."

Rivers, though, wasn't impressed.

"I'm not going to put a lot of stock in that," he said. "I'm not sure how much the other team was still competing at that point."

The Celtics, who extended the worst losing streak in franchise history, haven't won since a 128-119 victory in Memphis on Jan. 5. They have allowed at least 100 points in five straight games.

"We did what we were supposed to do," said Chauncey Billups. "That team is obviously struggling, and we jumped on them. They kept fighting, but we won the game."

Boston also had to send forward Paul Pierce home with an infected left elbow. Pierce, who has missed Boston's last 23 games with a foot injury, is expected to be hospitalized for at least two days, which will push his possible return back past the All-Star break.

Billups led Detroit with 24



Celtics guard Sebastian Telfair, left, dribbles after stealing the ball from Pistons forward Carlos Delfino in Tuesday's 109-102 loss to Detroit. Boston has now lost 15 straight games.

points, while Richard Hamilton had 10 points and a season-high 11 assists.

"That was surprising, given the way Rip usually chases shots," McDyess joked as Hamilton got dressed in the adjoining locker. "He actually throws a nice pass."

Bucks 116, Magic 111

Ruben Patterson scored 14 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter and the struggling Milwaukee Bucks beat the Orlando Magic on Tuesday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

The Bucks won their seventh straight at home against the Magic but have still lost 15 of their last 18 games overall, in part because Michael Redd remains sidelined with a sprained left knee.

Milwaukee hopes to hit its stride when Redd returns as early as this week from an absence of at least 16 games. Regardless, the Bucks finally found the much-needed offense they've been missing since his departure.

Patterson was the big reason why. He scored eight straight points as Milwaukee seized control late in the fourth quarter, starting with a free throw to make it 99-94. On the Bucks' next possession, he hit a desperation, 29-foot rainbow 3-pointer before Dwight Howard answered with an alley-oop slam to make it 102-96.

Next, Patterson picked off Jameer Nelson's pass, the 17th

and final turnover of the game for the Magic, and was grabbed hard on the ensuing fast break by Hedo Turkoglu, who was whistled for a flagrant foul.

Patterson hit both free throws, then followed Mo Williams' miss with an emphatic dunk off the carom to give the Bucks a 106-96 advantage with 3:23 left. Orlando never got closer than the final margin as both teams traded free throws. Milwaukee finished 29-of-46 from the line, while Orlando was 26-of-38.

Earl Boykins had 24 points, Charlie Villaneuva 22, Charlie Bell 20 and Williams 13 for the Bucks.

Howard had 21 points and 11 rebounds, his 34th double-double of the season for the Magic. Orlando's Keith Bogans scored a season-high 19 points, Turkoglu 18, Carlos Arroyo 14 and Tony Battie 11.

Orlando started the fourth quarter by missing its first five shots and going 10:45 spanning the final two quarters with only one field goal. At one point in the dry spell, Bo Outlaw slapped an empty chair repeatedly after failing to save a loose ball that had bounced high off Patterson and would have been the Magic's ball anyway.

Still, Orlando pulled within four before Patterson's spurt began.

Knicks 102, Clippers 90

The New York Knicks spent the first half looking like the team they have been for too long: inconsistent on offense and

ineffective on defense.

Then suddenly, they turned into the team they think they can become.

Stephon Marbury scored 12 of his 15 points in an early second-half run that overwhelmed the Clippers and turned the game around, sending New York to a victory over Los Angeles on Tuesday night.

Jamal Crawford and Eddy Curry each scored 23 points to lead New York, which shot poorly and defended worse in the first two quarters before controlling the second half of its second consecutive victory.

New York (22-28) improved to 13-13 at home and needs to win only once on a three-game road trip before All-Star weekend to match its victory total from last season's 23-59 failure under Larry Brown.

"You hate to look at it like that, but that's crazy," Crawford said. "I think we'll definitely have that win total by the break. We're a better team."

New York never led in the first half and trailed by as much as 12. But the Knicks stormed out of halftime with a 24-4 spurt, turning a 10-point deficit into a 10-point lead in a span of 9 1/2 minutes and handing the Clippers their second straight loss.

Elton Brand had 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Clippers, who lost for the third time in 10 games and fell to 1-2 on their seven-game Eastern trip. Reserve Tim Thomas also had 22 points.



Bucks forward Ruben Patterson celebrates after hitting a 3-pointer against the Magic Tuesday. Milwaukee won 116-111.

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Figure skating earns silver medal in event

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame participated in the second annual West Coast Round Robin, hosted by Washington. The Irish dropped a pair of matches in opening play, but rebounded to win two matches to close out the weekend.

Friday, the Irish fell to the host Huskies 6-3. James Zhang and Phil Moss posted straight game wins at No. 1 and No. 9, respectively, while Pedro Gochicoa came back to win a close five game contest at No. 6. Later on Friday, Notre Dame dropped its second match, 9-0, to No. 19 Stanford.

Saturday saw fortune smile on the Irish as they opened with a 5-4 victory over USC. No. 2 Javier Palomo, No. 4 Mike McConnell, No. 5 Jose Palomo, No. 7 Leigh Chapman and No. 9 Julian Lagoy won for Notre Dame, while Zhang, Moss, Gochicoa and Thomas Lee also played hard in losing close matches.

The Irish completed the tournament on a high note, with a 6-3 win over Cal. Zhang, Javier Palomo and Moss won four game matches at the top three spots. Jose Palomo and Lee posted four game wins as well at Nos. 5 and 6, and Chapman came from 2-0 down to win a 3-2 contest at No. 7.

Skating

The Irish competed this weekend in their second MCSA event of the season. The men's team finished second, while the women's team took third. Both men's and women's snowboard teams captured first place in their competition.

In Slalom competition Saturday, Notre Dame's Molly Fox, Stephanie Vossler, Liz Keedy, Katie Paquette and Anna Jansons finished ninth through 13th respectively. Teammates Caitlin Keilty and Mary Kate Sweeney were 15th and 16th while Nicole Hernandez and Reilly Gallagher came in at 28th and 29th.

In snowboarding's first combined race results, Casey McNeill, Cat Dunne and Katie Rehberger captured first, second and third overall in the women's division, respectively, and took first, third and fourth, respectively, in the second race combined results. In the two men's races, Joe Wells finished first and third, Alex Gorrell took third and fifth. Andy Martin took first in the second race, with Jeff Kroon at fourth.

Figure Skating

Notre Dame completed its competitive season this weekend with a performance at the Frazier, Mich. that earned the club silver medals. The 10 Irish skaters finished just behind Northwestern, a 20-member team.

The Irish skated to music from "Phantom of the Opera", the Addams Family theme song and a musical score from "Edward Scissorhands".

This season featured a pair of silver medalist finishes and a first place at the Dr. Porter competition in December. The Irish will conclude their performances with a Feb. 25 exhibition, "Ice Ice Baby", at the Joyce Center.

Women's Water Polo

In their first game of the season, the Irish gained a major vic-

tory over the Michigan State Alumni team, which boasted six players from the 2006 National Championship team. With two scores by Bridget O'Neill, and one each from Cristina Romano, Kat Kennifer and MC Cimino, the Irish took a 5-4 lead late in the game before the Spartans scored a quick goal before time expired, forcing sudden death overtime.

Bridget O'Neill scored the winning shot in the second period of OT on a pass from Kristin Schmitt. Freshman goalie Betsy O'Neill came up huge in the goal, recording 14 saves.

The Irish next faced Wisconsin. En route to a 15-2 victory, everyone got good minutes for Notre Dame. Schmitt, who had five goals, led the Irish in scoring. Romano, who had four, and Kelly Horner, who had two, were also strong offensively for Notre Dame. Cimino, Katie Godfrey, Emily Harig, and Kristen Harchut all added to the tally, and goalie Maggie Hyde came out with eight saves, including a blocked penalty shot to shut down the Badgers.

Sunday morning pitted Notre Dame against the Toronto. The Canadians came out first, scoring three quick goals. The Irish answered with two scores by Horner and one by Romano to tie it up.

Four unanswered Canadian goals were just enough to keep the Irish at bay, despite a quick hat trick by Bridget O'Neill in the fourth quarter, ending the game at a 7-6 loss. Betsy O'Neill had 15 saves in goal.

Playing for third place in the tournament, the Irish met hosts Michigan State in a defensive struggle, with no score put on board until the end of the third quarter. With only one score by Romano, the Irish lost 2-1. Betsy O'Neill had eight saves in goal.

Women's Ice Hockey

Notre Dame traveled to Chicago to play three different squads. Friday night, it struggled the entire game against the Flash, yet prevailed 3-2. While the Flash scored first in the first period, Notre Dame senior Annie Tilton answered with a goal in the second period.

In the third period the game picked up and the Irish scored twice more. First, freshmen Emily Chappell scored with an assist from sophomore Margaret Knoedler, and then Knoedler found the net, assisted by sophomore Lauren Beuke. The Flash scored once more but the Irish held on for the victory.

The Irish dominated Saturday's game against the Tigers. The Irish had four goals in the first period alone. Beuke scored first off of a pass from senior Jed goal in the second period.

Senior goaltender Mindy Stack played a solid game as she backed up the Irish defensively. The Tigers broke their scoreless run with a goal within the last minute of playing time, but the Irish stayed on top to win 5-1.

Sunday morning, Notre Dame faced off with the Penguins, its final opponent for the weekend. Chappell opened the first period with a goal off an assist by Knoedler and sophomore Amy Wilhelmy.

Notre Dame eventually pulled out the 3-1 win.

The team's success this weekend helped to boost its overall record to 14-5-1, which is important as its starts looking at the upcoming playoff games.

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per game.

"I think our post play overall has helped our recent success with the win streak," Henley said.

Both Kammrath and Newsom feel that their individual contributions merely dovetail with the team's play as a whole.

"Our team has shown that it is very balanced, and if one player can't get the job done, others have been able to have big nights," Kammrath said. "We have had quite a few games when more than two players have been in double figures. It's hard for other teams to handle a team like ours."

Nevertheless, there is a strong association between the six games the Belles played — five of which were victories between Jan. 13 and Jan. 31 — and the performance of Newsom and Kammrath.

After the first six games of the season, Kammrath averaged 6.5 points and 5.5 rebounds in 24 minutes per game, while Newsom averaged 7.9 and 5.9 in 21.9 minutes.

During the recent six-game stretch, Kammrath averaged 29.5 minutes per game, scored 10.2 points and pulled down 9.2 boards.

Newsom averaged 30.5 minutes, 15.8 points and 7.8 rebounds during the same period.

It was in that span that each player brought their true potential into stark relief.

On Jan. 20 against Adrian, Kammrath broke out for 25 points and 14 rebounds, shooting 10-of-14 from the field.

"It was fun to play that game in particular because everyone did so great," Kammrath said. "I just found myself open on offense and was able to convert."

Newsom displayed the same abilities on Jan. 27 against Tri-State, scoring 30 points and grabbing 11 rebounds while shooting 7-of-13.

"We definitely had a height advantage which all of us post players made good use of," Newsom said.

Henley also noted the size difference.

"Our guards recognized this early and got Erin the ball," she said.

As a result, Newsom was named the MIAA Player of the Week that week.

Both players have taken the increased action in stride.

"I don't care how many minutes I play as long as we walk away with a win," Newsom said.

Kammrath, in her first season at the college level, had a tougher adjustment period, but started to feel comfortable around the fifth or sixth game of the season.

"At the beginning, it was scary for me to be playing at a college level. I was nervous and didn't have much confidence in myself," she said.

Kammrath and Newsom have a competitive but helpful relationship with each other, continuously trying to make the other better.

"Anna [Kammrath] is great to play with," Newsom said. "She's a very supportive and unselfish teammate."

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Bartlett

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the roster. The trio of seniors has had the job of shutting down the opponents' top lines to give the Irish youth plenty of chances to fill the nets.

Bartlett's role when on the ice, he says, is to keep the puck out of the Irish zone, finish his checks, and crash the net hard — something that earned him his two most recent goals. All of these jobs are as much about heart as they

are about talent, and Bartlett has shown he has both.

"I've always known I would be in a defensive role, which is completely fine with me," he said.

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Michael Bartlett
Irish right wing

Throughout the season he has performed well in his niche for the team. That is why the 5-foot-11, 200-pound right wing was not surprised at all when Irish coach Jeff Jackson came to him over two weeks ago, a few days before their matchup with CCHA rival No. 12 Miami.

Bartlett, Jindra and Paige were given a mission to shutdown the RedHawks' Ryan Jones, Nathan Davis, and Brian Kaufman — one of the most dangerous lines in the conference and the nation.

Mission accomplished.

"Coach said he needed us to be real strong defen-

sively. It's not always the most prestigious job but we all did our job," said Paige following Friday night's 4-1 victory.

The group was able to hold Davis — one of the top three

candidates for the Hobey Baker award — to a scoreless weekend and keep the rest of his linemates from causing any serious damage as the Irish took three points from Miami, who had been nipping at Notre Dame's heels for the top spot in the conference.

All three players have worked together on and off throughout the past four years and have built a strong chemistry that allows them to smother opponents before they even get the chance.

"Basically we just tried to keep the puck down in their end, the more we are down there the less chances they have to play offense," Bartlett said.

Bartlett, who has scored 10 goals and 17 assists in his col-

legiate career, is no stranger to being a role player. The Illinois native has been a defensive-minded skater since his high school days as well as the two years he spent playing for the U.S. National Development team.

The senior has quietly become an irreplaceable part in the Irish hockey machine, and the Irish anticipate that he will keep his nose to the grindstone if Notre Dame hopes to retain its No. 1 ranking as the season winds down. Bartlett and company will have their hands full once again this weekend as Nebraska-Omaha comes to town for a

weekend series at the Joyce Center. The first game begins Friday at 7:35 p.m. with Saturday's matchup at 7:05 p.m.

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Irish guard Ashley Barlow eyes West Virginia's defense in Notre Dame's 77-67 win Sunday. The Irish take on Louisville tonight at 7.

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and added 12 rebounds against the Blue Demons. She leads the Cardinals with 21.7 points (49 percent from the field) and 11.5 rebounds per game.

McCoughtry was also recently named to the John R. Wooden Midseason All-American team, a prestigious group of 20 players who will compete for the Player of the Year award at the end of the season.

But the recognized forward is only one reason why the Irish will have their hands full in the paint.

Although Notre Dame out-rebounded West Virginia 46-to-23, it faces a Louisville team who averages 10 more rebounds per game than Notre Dame does — the Cardinals grab 47.8 boards per game compared to Notre Dame's 37.8.

Aside from McCoughtry, center Jazz Covington (7.5 rebounds per game) will be another obstacle in the post. Louisville also holds a plus-10.8 rebounds per game ratio over their opponents.

But for all of Louisville's strengths in the post — they struggle from the perimeter. The Cardinals have shot only 29 percent from behind the arc and in their two losses com-

bined sank only 20 percent of their three-point attempts.

Both Louisville losses have come on the road — a 106-94 overtime loss at Providence Jan. 3 and a 74-58 lost to South Florida on Jan. 16. And McGraw understands the importance of capitalizing on the home-court advantage.

"You have to take care of your home court," McGraw said. "Everyone in the league is struggling to win on the road. There's not been a decent road win until [Monday] night when Connecticut beat Marquette — that was I think the first one. I think we really have got to take care of our home court. And we have a lot of great opportunities coming up."

Junior guard Charel Allen will lead the Irish offensively. Allen was named to the Big East Honor Roll for the third time last week, and she also has one Big East Player of the Week under her belt this season.

The most important factor, however, may still be the Joyce Center and the fans who were noticeably absent on Super Bowl Sunday.

"We're hoping that the crowd comes back for [Wednesday's Game]," McGraw said. "We're going to need all the help we can get."

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Signing Day

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ers will mark the second straight top-10 class according to Tom Lemming, the national recruiting analyst for CSTV.

On one end is Armando Allen, a 5-foot-10 running back from a Miami suburb. On the other is Chris Little, a 6-foot-5, 340-pound tackle from Jeffersonville, Ga.

In between are the coveted Clausen, an Italian kid named Ragone from Weis' old Jersey stomping grounds and a wide receiver from Tennessee with a name that destined him for Golden glory.

The Irish are expected to land only two defensive linemen — end Kerry Neal and tackle Ian Williams — but will grab two running backs, two receivers and five offensive linemen. And the one quarterback everyone wanted but only Weis got.

It's the second straight year the Irish will bring in two top tailbacks, and this year's

receivers compare favorably to last year's group. What's more, after receiving a bare cupboard on the offensive line, Weis restocked the shelves with six big men last year and this year's five.

But the recruiting saga this year was more moving than most. Clausen's commitment helped the Irish reel in the top offensive recruits, Lemming said, but the Irish experienced frustration on the defensive side of the ball.

Linebacker Chris Donald passed on the Irish and will stay in state to be a Volunteer. Lineman Will Blackwell of West Monroe, La., chose LSU after the Sugar Bowl. Lineman Martez Wilson of Chicago will sign with Ron Zook and Illinois, while Anaheim linebacker Chris Galippo will go to USC.

The worst for Notre Dame, though, was losing defensive end Justin Trattou of Ramsey, N.J. Lemming doesn't have him rated in his top 100, but Scout.com ranks him as the fourth best defensive end prospect in the country. He committed to Notre Dame in June but visited Florida Jan. 19 and soon thereafter told Weis he'd be going to Florida

instead.

The Irish picked up two verbal commitments after Trattou's switch, but linebacker Brian Smith and kicker Brandon Walker don't enter as difference makers the way Trattou could have.

But starting today, Trattou and Donald, Blackwell and Wilson, Galippo and everyone else will mean nothing to Notre Dame unless they see the field against the Irish. Notre Dame will continue striding in the Red Queen race that is recruiting, forgetting the past and looking at the future.

The recruits who sign today will talk to media only once or twice between now and their sophomore seasons, and the continual rebuilding focus will shift to a new year of high school players. Analysts and coaches are already following current juniors destined to make an impact in Division I.

But today, the Irish can be happy with what they've got. The next national signing day is a long way away.

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Calvin

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jumpstarted Calvin's offense.

The Knights never looked back.

"We came out flat," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "We didn't step up to play. When you play Calvin you have to bring your best, and we didn't do that tonight."

The Belles trailed 34-21 after a first half in which the Knights (19-1, 12-0 MIAA) shot 48.6 percent from the field (41.7 percent from three-point range). Saint Mary's forward Anna Kamrath was completely neutralized near the basket, grabbing only three rebounds and failing to score a point in the game.

"Calvin's strength is their inside game, and they did a pretty good job of shutting down ours," Henley said. "We didn't show up."

The Belles were out of the game in the second half, shooting just 19.4 percent. Henley attributed the poor shooting to slow ball movement and failure to attack the gaps.

"It's not like we didn't shoot the ball," she said. "We just couldn't get anything to fall."

Calvin outscored Saint Mary's by 18 points in the second half.

"We've been down like that in other situations," Henley said. "We talked a lot about getting to the foul line in the second half, trying to play catch-up when the clock was stopped."

Guard Alison Kessler was the high scorer on the night for Saint Mary's with 16 points, and forward Erin

Newsom led the team with 10 rebounds.

Harris led the Knights with 17 points on 6-of-9 shooting. Forward Lisa Winkle had 13 rebounds.

The game marked the second-lowest point total for Saint Mary's on the season. The Belles scored 42 points in a loss to Hope on Nov. 28.

The loss came after a two-day delay due to a blizzard in the Grand Rapids area. Henley hoped the delay had no effect on the game.

"I talked to the kids about it, but at this point in the season, it's all mental," she said. "You have to be ready to go. I would hope something like a delay that's out of our control wouldn't affect us."

Despite the team's lackluster play, Henley credited Calvin's skill.

"You have to give Calvin credit," she said. "They're ranked [high] in the country for a reason."

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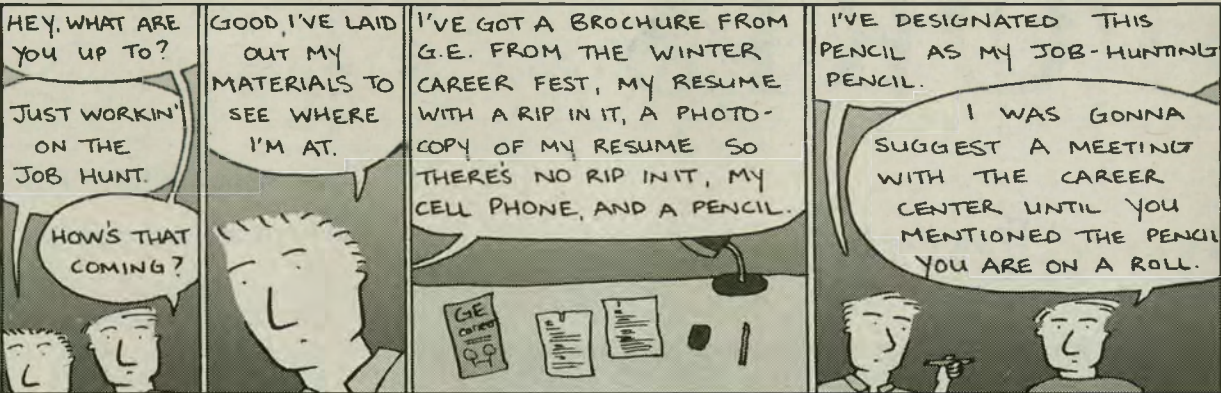
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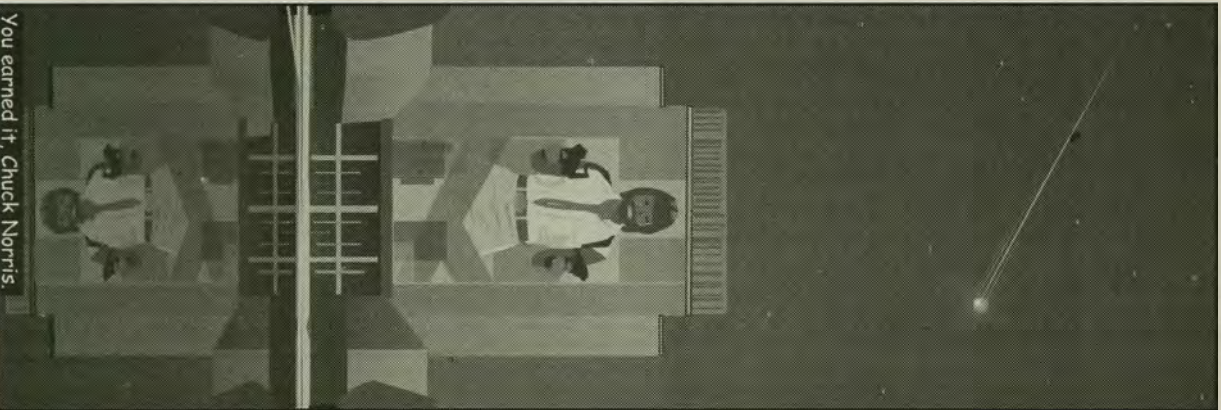
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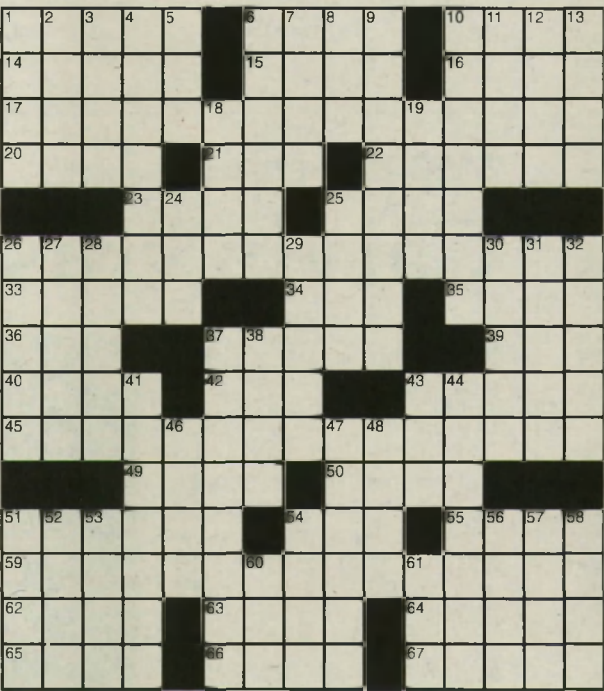
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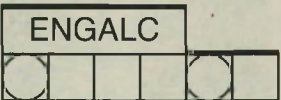
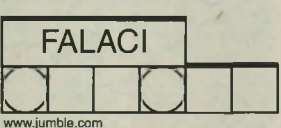
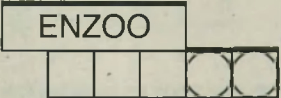
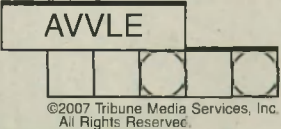


JUMBLE

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JUMBLE

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



Answer: A " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FLUKE SILKY LAWYER JACKET
Answer: How she felt after the fender bender — LIKE A "WRECK"

HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Masaharu Fukuyama, 38; Axl Rose, 45; Natalie Cole, 57; Tom Brokaw, 67

Happy Birthday: This can turn into a money year for you if you are intent on making some progressive investment moves. Any opportunity that comes your way has to be seriously considered and should probably be put into play. You have some very good times ahead as long as you maintain moderation. Your numbers are 15, 17, 28, 33, 36, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Quit sitting idle and hop to it and you will set the standard for everyone else. Don't be aggressive or pushy with others. You have to move along at your own pace regardless of how slow others are. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An aggressive move on your part could put you in a better position but don't leap without the proper information. Take the back door to get somewhere — that way you will surprise the people who may want to block you or hold you back. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let anyone get away with emotional blackmail when you should be concentrating on your own goals. A younger or older person may be able to help you in a way you least expect. A creative idea will bring you financial gain. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You should make changes even if someone you are close to doesn't agree with your decision. You may take on too much. Be careful that you can reach your deadlines and promises made so that you don't look bad. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You don't have to travel to find a little excitement and entertainment. Make plans that will lead you to a challenging, inexpensive activity. The more you can do for less, the further ahead you will be at the end of the day. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may feel as if everyone is trying to tell you what to do and how to do it and they probably are. Some of the suggestions made will be worth listening to but, if someone tries to use force, align yourself with someone less aggressive. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): All sorts of possibilities will unfold if you try your hand at something new. A short trip will pay off in the people you meet and the information you discover. Get serious about your goals. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone you are close to may withhold information you need to make an emotional or personal decision. A romantic opportunity will leave you feeling good about your future. Don't give up or in to what others want. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be fooled by what you hear. Rumors and gossip will lead you down the wrong path. A chance to make a professional change or look into a vocation that interests you will raise your spirits. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be inclined to let your emotions lead the way, causing mistakes that will be difficult to fix. A love relationship will test you and challenge your ability to give as much as you receive. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money should be on your mind. You will have a great idea and, if you can keep it small to begin with, you will be successful. A partnership will prove to be beneficial. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There will be just as much going on behind the scenes as there will be out in the open. Bide your time and watch what everyone else does before you make a decision. Someone may try to trick you into taking action that isn't warranted. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You were born with luck, intuition and the power of persuasion. You are a doer and organizer who can get others motivated. You are a mastermind and a born leader.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Trudging along

No. 17 Louisville up next for lady hoopsters

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame broke its three-game losing streak with a 77-67 win over West Virginia Sunday, but it will face another tough challenge in No. 17 Louisville tonight at 7 at the Joyce Center.

The Cardinals (21-2, 7-2 Big East) enter the game having won four straight, including an 86-68 victory over DePaul in their last game Feb. 3.

"They're a great team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "It gives us a great chance to boost our RPI and play a ranked team."

Notre Dame's defense will have to focus on shutting down Cardinals forward Angel McCoughtry, who scored 29 points on 11-of-20 shooting

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish guard Charel Allen pushes the ball up the floor while center Melissa D'Amico follows during Notre Dame's 77-67 win over West Virginia Sunday.

FOOTBALL RECRUITING ANALYSIS

Turbulent recruiting year ends

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

It's over.

Notre Dame's recruiting season, which began with two early surprise commitments, picked up a full head of steam when California quarterback Jimmy Clausen said he was coming to South Bend and then sputtered with lost battles and a notable de-commitment, ends today.

Twenty players are expected to sign national letters of intent this morning to play for Notre Dame and coach Charlie Weis.

For the Irish, the new play-

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SMC BASKETBALL FEATURE

Post workers delivering results for Belles

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

It all started Dec. 6, 2006. Saint Mary's traveled to Adrian that night after a 1-6 start to its season. The Belles had lost their only previous

conference game by 25 points and scored an average of 57.4 points in those first seven games.

Still, the Belles managed a 56-48 victory that night. It could have been because they held every Bulldog to single digit point totals. It could have

been their 47 percent shooting from field goal range in the second half.

Or it could have been the fact that this was the first game in which both freshmen center Anna Kammrath and sophomore forward Erin Newsom started.

It could be a coincidence. The game didn't ring any bells with Belles coach Jennifer Henley.

"I don't recall the first start for either of them. You'd have to go back and check all the box scores," Henley said. "But I do know once they started

that first game, they continued to start."

Since that win, the Belles have gone 8-5 — including a streak during which they won four straight and five of six — and they now score 64.8 points

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HOCKEY

Bartlett, linemates shut down Irish opponents

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

With the score tied 2-2 and less than a minute remaining in the second period of Friday's game against Bowling Green, right wing Michael Bartlett got loose in front of the net and hammered home a rebound that gave Notre Dame a 3-2 win and secured the No. 1 ranking



Bartlett

in the country.

The goal also snapped a 24-game goal drought for Bartlett, who now has six career points against the Falcons (four goals, two assists). The senior added a second goal Saturday night in a 2-1 Irish victory.

"It felt great ... it's been a while," Bartlett said. "They don't always come but when they do it's nice."

Although he has not been lighting up the scoreboard this season, he and linemates T.J. Jindra and Jason Paige have been just as much a part of the team's success as anyone on

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SMC BASKETBALL

Calvin crushes St. Mary's

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Belles had momentum on their side, but not enough to push them past No. 3 Calvin Monday night as the Knights defeated Saint Mary's 75-44 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Belles (9-11, 8-5 MIAA) trailed by eight points with 14:55 left in the first half, but a tip-in by Calvin forward Marcia Harris followed by a three-pointer by guard Nikki Zimmerman — who was 3-of-5 from 3-point range in the first half en route to 11 total points —

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KATE FENLON/The Observer

Belles center Maria Canfield, left, and guard Bridget Lipke play defense in Saint Mary's 81-72 win over Olivet Jan. 31.

SKIING

Notre Dame finishes strong in the season's second MCSA event.

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Icers win all three games in Chicago over the weekend to improve to 14-5-1.

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SQUASH

Irish split weekend matches at Washington.

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NBA

Knicks 102
Clippers 90

New York is one victory away from tying last season's total after win over Los Angeles.

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NBA

Bucks 116
Magic 111

Ruben Patterson scores 27 points to help struggling Milwaukee top Orlando.

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NBA

Pistons 109
Celtics 102

Boston loses franchise record 15th straight game Tuesday night.

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