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Pro-life task force presents proposals

Recommendations include University policy statement and president's participation in March for Life

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

A special task force initiated by University President Fr. John Jenkins last fall presented its preliminary recommendations last week on how best to "deepen the pro-life culture" and "strengthen the Notre Dame community's witness to Catholic teaching on life."

The initial recommendations given to Jenkins are described in a press release from last Thursday.

Among them are calls for the University to adopt a policy statement indicating support for Church teaching on life issues, for Jenkins to participate in the national March for Life in Washington, D.C., for undergradu-

ate research opportunities on life issues and for the administration to support existing and create new pro-life events and initiatives on campus for the purpose of education.

Jenkins convened the Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life last September, in part in response to the controversy over President Barack Obama's 2009 Commencement visit.

Jenkins said in the press release the task force, made up of faculty, administrators and one student, was charged with making recommendations on how the University could increase its commitment to "a culture of life," working with both campus constituencies and

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

A student listens to speakers at a rally to protest the choice of President Barack Obama as Commencement speaker last year.

University to celebrate Moreau's beatification

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

In honor of the third anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the University of Notre Dame will celebrate with a series of events titled "Holy Cross: Faith in our Future."

The celebrations, which will take place this week, will include commemorative Masses, lectures and discussions on the Holy Cross religious order and the vital role Moreau's mission continues to play today.

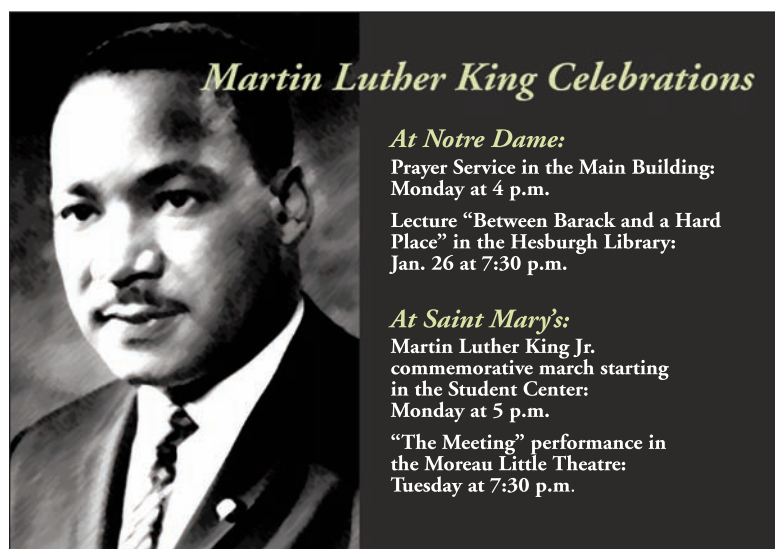
"Fr. Moreau is important because he was instrumental in the direction of the Holy Cross order," the rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Fr. Peter Rocca said. "This University would never have been established without him."

Moreau founded the Congregation of the Holy Cross in the 19th century in Le Mans, France. Shortly after the formation, Moreau sent Fr. Edward Sorin to Indiana to establish the University of Notre Dame.

Rocca said education was one of Moreau's greatest passions and one of the purposes of celebrating his Feast Day on Jan. 20 is to make the Notre Dame community aware of how this mission is being

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Community commemorates MLK Day



At Notre Dame:

Prayer Service in the Main Building:
Monday at 4 p.m.

Lecture "Between Barack and a Hard Place" in the Hesburgh Library:
Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

At Saint Mary's:

Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative march starting in the Student Center:
Monday at 5 p.m.

"The Meeting" performance in the Moreau Little Theatre:
Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

MARY CECILIA MITSCH | Observer Graphic

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Today's holiday honoring the civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. will be celebrated both at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's with events including a documentary film, a commemorative march and a theatrical performance.

Stephanie Bridges, assistant director of Multicultural Services at the College, said celebrating King's work is important because it helps highlight the core values of Saint Mary's.

"It is especially important

for the Saint Mary's College community to celebrate this holiday because of the colleges core values of Learning, Community, Faith/Spirituality and Justice," Bridges said. "The life of Dr. King exemplifies all of these things, and what he was able to teach us regarding the importance of fighting for equal justice for all through non violence was phenomenal."

At the College, the office of Multicultural Services and Student Programs along with the Sisters of Nefertiti are hosting their annual

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Observer discontinues 'Mobile Party' comic

Observer Staff Report

The Observer Editorial Board has discontinued the publication of the cartoon "The Mobile Party" following the submission and subsequent printing of the offensive Jan. 13 comic strip.

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While accepting the apology of the primary authors, Notre Dame seniors Colin Hofman, Jay Wade and Lauren Rosemeyer, The Observer Editorial Board does not feel the comic strip aligns with community standards in terms of content and taste.

Per Observer Viewpoint policies, commentaries, including cartoons, sub-

mitted to The Observer for publication become property of The Observer unless otherwise discussed with the Editor-in-Chief. The Observer has been made aware of an outside blog authored by the writers of "The Mobile Party" that republished copies of their cartoons as well as cartoons deemed inappropriate for print and correspondence between Observer staff and the writers. This blog is in clear violation of Observer policy.

The Observer staff has been told the blog has since been removed from the Internet.

Writers of comic strips are typically paid for their submissions to The Observer. "The Mobile Party" authors will not be paid for the offensive submission.

Stinson-Remick opens for classes

New engineering building offers students high-tech facilities

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The highly anticipated Stinson-Remick Hall of Engineering opened this January, in time for students returning to campus this semester to attend classes in the new state-of-the-art facility.

The 142,000-square foot building houses offices for professors, classrooms and other facilities geared toward the engineering population on campus.

While most of its usage thus far has been by graduate engineering students and freshmen, many undergraduates are eagerly anticipating their turn to utilize its amenities.

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TOM YOUNG/The Observer

A view of the new engineering building, Stinson-Remick Hall, which opened this semester.

INSIDE COLUMN

The dorm bubble

As all Notre Dame students know, dorm life at the University is unique. At least, no college that I have ever visited has a housing setup like ours.

The single sex system of 16 men's dorms and 14 women's dorms is sometimes criticized for fostering what people like to call "strained gender relations," but more often, it seems, Notre Dame's housing system is praised for creating a close-knit community that keeps students on campus for three or four years.

For the past two and a half years, my dorm, Breen Phillips Hall, has been a nice little shell, and I never felt the need to expand far beyond my close Breen Phillips friends.

But then something happened that changed everything.

Upon returning from studying abroad during the fall semester, most of my friends could not get back into Breen Phillips because of space issues. Instead they are forced to live far away in Badin Hall for a semester before we all move off-campus next year.

While some people are lucky enough to have many friends all over campus, I have never had to walk even a flight of stairs to see my friends.

The thought of having to trek across campus in the winter to see my friends was not pleasant at first. But shockingly, after a week of living in a different building than half of my friends, I found that I actually like the change.

This week, my friends and I did something we have never done before except in rare circumstances: spent time in another female dorm.

Once a week, I also venture away from the comforting dinnertime routine at North Dining Hall to brave the zoo of South Dining Hall.

Having friends in Badin is sometimes convenient. Badin is closer than Breen Phillips to Main Circle and CoMo (and therefore free coffee). But more than that, having good friends in another dorm is a break in a routine that has been solidified with years of living on campus.

At Notre Dame, it is easy to get comfortable in the routine of dorm life and never venture outside of one's own residence hall. People talk about Notre Dame being a bubble, but the residence halls can sometimes create an even smaller bubble.

What I thought would be an inconvenience has actually become a blessing. Perhaps my friends and I won't see each other on the days when the wind chill is below zero, but when we do see each other, we have the opportunity to experience the culture of a different dorm — something that has been interesting so far.

While dorm life at Notre Dame is unique and creates community, it sometimes makes it difficult to make friends outside of that community.

By pure coincidence, the Office of Residence Life and Housing has indirectly forced me to break out of my comfort zone and reminded me how important it is to do that every once in awhile.



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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS GOING TO WIN THE SUPER BOWL?



Brian Wysokci

junior
Fisher

"J-E-T-S!"



John Wachowitz

sophomore
Stanford

"The biggest winners will be the CBS execs."



Charles Kaiser

freshman
Keenan

"Da Saints."



Greg Morman

freshman
Keenan

"Vikings. Maybe Brett Favre will finally retire if they win."



Rachel Tran

sophomore
Farley

"To be honest, I have no idea who's in it. I stopped paying attention after the Packers lost."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



TOM LA/The Observer

Freshmen Quinn Kilpatrick and Brad Kunisky cheer on their friend, freshman sprinter Brendan Dougherty, at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener track meet Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center.

OFFBEAT

Mass. man arrested three times in three days

ANDOVER, Mass. — A Boston man has been arrested three times in three days in neighboring Massachusetts towns. Huy Quoc Le faces a number of charges after his string of arrests began Monday in Andover. Police said the 25-year-old was arrested on motor vehicle violations. He was charged with driving after suspension, attaching improper plates, forgery of Registry documents and driving an unregistered and uninsured vehicle.

On Wednesday, Le was

arrested on charges accusing him of stealing nearly \$10,000 from the business account of an Andover nail salon.

Hours later, police in nearby Lawrence arrested him on allegations he broke into the home of a former girlfriend after officers found him inside.

It was unclear if Le had hired an attorney.

Drunk man dressed like cowboy threatens dog

IOWA CITY, Iowa, — Iowa City police say a drunken man dressed like a cowboy broke into a house and threatened to

kill the resident's dog. Police said 24-year-old Derrick Thomas Alger of Iowa City was arrested early Thursday morning on charges of trespass, intoxication and carrying a dangerous weapon.

Officers said Alger reportedly threatened a cab driver with a handgun shortly after midnight. They say Alger, who was dressed in shorts, boots and a cowboy hat, fled the scene, but entered the rear door of a private residence, where he demanded to know who the residents were and threatened their barking dog.

IN BRIEF

Mass will be held for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti today at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

"How is Your Heart? Toward a Profound Education," a Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau lecture, will be held today at 7:30 p.m. in the Andrews Auditorium in Geddes Hall as part of Holy Cross Week.

The "Expanding the Boundaries: Selected Drawings from the Yvonne and Gabriel P. Weisberg Collection" exhibit will be held at the Snite Museum of Art Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Notre Dame President Fr. John Jenkins and Dean of First Year Studies Rev. Hugh R. Page Jr. will offer prayers in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. today at 4 p.m. in the Rotunda of the Main Building. The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will provide sacred music and a reception will follow the service.

Adam Abate, researcher in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Harvard University, will present a seminar on complex systems and emulsion microfluidics Tuesday in room 138 of Debartolo Hall at 3:30 p.m.

The Creative Writing Department will sponsor a poetry reading by English professor Henry Weinfield Wednesday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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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Professor blogs advice for students

Kelly helps students improve their relationships with teachers

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

With graduate school looming on the horizon, many seniors face the task of finding the right professor to write their letters of recommendation.

To help students struggling with this process, psychology professor Dr. Anita Kelly has been authoring an online blog entitled “The Clever Student,” which gives Notre Dame undergraduates advice on how to interact with their professors.

Kelly, who has been at Notre Dame since 1994 and writing the blog since Nov. 19, said she has always been passionate about giving advice to students about their relationships with their professors.

“I’ve always been interested in students and them getting really well-written letters to grad schools,” she said. “I’ve always been doing this but the media is there now.”

Kelly said the format of the blog is especially effective in reaching out to students in order to give them some views into the world of the professor’s mind.

“It’s occurred to me that I could communicate more efficiently and reach more students on the blog,” Kelly said.

She said her blog draws on her experiences both as a professor and a psychotherapist.

Kelly said it is increasingly important that students under-

stand how professors perceive them because of what she observes as a changing classroom experience.

“I perceive a gap is widening between students and professors. Students see themselves as consumers of the classroom experience,” she said. “I care that students get socialized about interactions with professors.”

The blog highlights the importance of everyday class participation and behavior to a professor’s perception of students, and how that will impact future student-professor relations, such as with the request of a graduate school recommendation.

Kelly said she is not afraid to be frank with readers about these issues, as she believes this will ultimately help students.

“My goal is not saying you have to agree with me. My goal is simply to inform students on how professors are thinking,” she said.

Kelly said certain student behaviors such as leaving to go to the bathroom during class and sitting in the back row are negatives in the eyes of professors, which can eventually impact the quality of the student-professor relationship.

“Professors don’t think you’re cool for sitting in the back. They think you’re a slacker,” Kelly said. “People will peg you as having a certain personality based on a couple of salient behaviors.”

One of the most important features of “The Clever Student” blog is it allows student feedback and interaction. Kelly will frequently end a blog entry with a question posed to readers, and she finds student feedback has been very important in the growth and definition of the blog.

“I learn from the students what is on their minds as they post questions and comments,” she said. “It keeps me understanding where the students are coming from.”

Kelly uses the student interaction aspect of the blog for the purpose of sharing upsetting and confusing experiences they have had with their professors, and allowing them to receive advice on these matters from both Kelly and other students.

She plans to continue to tackle student-professor relations on her blog, with some outside input.

“In the future I am going to have guest experts hosting conversations they are qualified to comment on,” she said.

Kelly said though a large part of the blog for her is informing students about their relationship with their professors, “The Clever Student” has also helped enrich her career.

“I consider it a privilege to be a professor at Notre Dame,” she said. “I think the blog is one way to do my job even better.”

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commemorative march in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. The march will begin at 5 p.m. in the Student Center lounge with the viewing of the Academy Award-nominated film, “The Witness: From the Balcony of Room 306,” which sheds light on the events leading up to King’s assassination.

“It is always good to acknowledge and recognize the work of others who have gone before you to make life better for others,” Bridges said.

The film outlines the sanitation workers strike that lead King to come to Memphis, Tenn, in order to lend his support to the cause.

The documentary also offers eyewitness accounts from his assassination, Sarah Durica, an assistant in the office of Multicultural Services, said in an e-mail to the student body.

Following the film there will be a candlelit march around campus ending in Stapleton Lounge to commemorate Dr. King and his work.

The memorial continues

on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Moreau Little Theater with a theatrical presentation by the Grimes Theatre Group entitled “The Meeting,” which portrays what might have happened had Malcom X and Dr. King had a clandestine meeting before their assassinations.

Notre Dame will also hold a series of celebrations over the course of the day, beginning with a prayer service at 4 p.m. in the Rotunda of the Main Building with a reception following the service.

University President Fr. John Jenkins and dean of First Year Studies Rev. Hugh Page, professor of theology and African Studies will offer prayers.

The Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) held a workshop this weekend on “Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training” to provide strategies for eliminating institutionalized racism.

MSPS is also hosting a lecture titled “Between Barack and a Hard Place: Racism and White Denial in the Age of Obama,” Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

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Join the
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Community

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To honor the legacy of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 18, 2010
4:00–4:30 p.m.
Main Building Rotunda

A reception follows



Task force

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outside groups.

"I am pleased to report that the task force has been at work, engaging various of these constituencies in conversation and studying ways in which the University can articulate its commitment effectively and can encourage programming which furthers this commitment," Jenkins said in the press release.

Task Force co-chair Margaret Brinig, professor of law and associate dean at the Law School, told The Observer in December the group would work until the end of the school year. The other co-chair is John Cavadini, professor of theology and the director of the Institute for Church Life.

The group has already worked to implement some of its ideas,

including helping with a television commercial that aired nationally Nov. 7 on NBC during the football game against Navy. The commercial featured ongoing adult stem cell research at Notre Dame and a statement about the University's support for Catholic teaching on the sanctity of human life.

Also per the task force's recommendation, Jenkins will participate in the March for Life on Jan. 22 alongside students from the University.

The task force also co-hosted, with the Notre Dame Law School, a panel discussion Dec. 3 on conscience clauses and Catholic teaching.

The recommendations listed in the press release suggest the University:

- ◆ Adopt a policy statement on its support for Church teaching on the sanctity of human life and a policy statement on charitable gifts or investments that could be

in conflict with Church teaching on life issues

- ◆ Make better known to students, faculty and others its supportive policies for pregnant students

- ◆ Make a public "witness for life" through the University president's participation in the March for Life or a similar event

- ◆ Promote undergraduate research opportunities that address life issues

- ◆ Support the work of students engaged in pro-life activities and support educative efforts like conferences or courses

- ◆ Encourage alumni to participate in pro-life activities

According to the press release, the task force will present an updated and revised list of recommendations to Jenkins at the end of the year.

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Building

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"It'll be really awesome to have classes in Stinson-Remick and it will do a lot for the graduate program and the prestige of the engineering program as a whole," sophomore Chemical Engineering major Trey Cryan said.

Although he does not have any classes in the new building, Cryan said the building has afforded him an extra place to study.

"I'm really happy about it, it has a lot of really good resources not just for studying but also having current, modern facilities," he said.

According to Notre Dame's Web site, the \$70 million building is home to a nanotechnology research center as well as an undergraduate interdisciplinary learning center.

In addition, Stinson-Remick is also the home of Notre Dame's new Energy Center, which is an 11,800 square foot semiconductor processing and device fabrication clean room.

Freshman Mechanical Engineering major Zach Woodruff has class in Stinson-Remick and said he thinks it will help students in the class when they need extra space to work on group projects.

"I have the learning center in that building, which basically is a big group class where you do more of the hands-on engineering stuff," he said.

Woodruff said students encountered some difficulties with trying to complete their final project at the end of last semester in the older engineering building, but with the luxury of space in Stinson-Remick, he doesn't believe that will occur again.

"With the new building, on all sides of me there were new areas

and chairs with computers and a 55-inch television screen that a student can hook their computer up to so everyone working in the group can see what is going on," he said. "Especially since we're going into the programming part of the learning center, it will be nice to have a place and the resources for you to have a successful and efficient meeting."

Both Cryan and Woodruff said some areas of the building appear to be unfinished, but they anticipate that with its completion the building will be even better.

"A lot of things seem a bit unfinished now — there's no name on the outside anywhere, and when you walk inside it's clear that there's wires hanging out of the ceiling," Woodruff said. "I can see it definitely being more completed in a few months or so."

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Moreau

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lived out today at the University.

"Part of our mission as educators at this school is to provide an education that doesn't just touch mind but that touches the heart as well," Rocca said. "Education at most schools doesn't touch on the faith aspects, but Holy Cross is about living out this education mission of Fr. Moreau so Notre Dame is going to be different."

Fr. Gregory Haake, who has studied the life and works of Moreau, said the communal vision Moreau had for his order is very visible and characterizes the atmosphere of Notre Dame's campus.

"Fr. Moreau formed his order based on his vision of the Holy Family," Haake said. "It is not a coincidence that the sense of family translate to Notre Dame today; it is a direct result of Fr. Moreau's vision for the Congregation of Holy Cross."

Haake will preside over the commemorative Mass on Jan. 20. He said his homily will discuss Moreau's sense of mission that motivated him throughout his life.

"It's always been difficult to characterize Holy Cross because Fr. Moreau's mission was simply to meet the needs of the community," he said. "The desire to meet needs wherever they are was what drove Fr. Moreau to find the order in the first place."

Many of the lectures scheduled for the week will discuss the motto of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, "Ave Crux Spes Unica" and its contemporary meaning.

"Our motto translates as 'Hail to the Cross, our only hope' and it shows how the cross is essential to the life of any Christian," Rocca said. "Fr. Moreau tried to show us that through the Cross we're saved but that we are invited to carry other people's Crosses."

Haake says he believes that "Ave Crux Spes Unica" is a very simple principle that gives innumerable advantages.

"A life anchored in Christ and the Cross means that one can do anything," he said. "As Holy Cross religious members we try to live our ordinary lives with extraordinary virtue."

Both men believe the mission of the Cross continues to be fulfilled by the student body at Notre Dame.

"At graduation, 10 percent of our students go into volunteer service," Rocca said. "I think that's a testament to our students living out Fr. Moreau's mission."

Haake said he hopes learning more about Fr. Moreau and his works during this celebration week will help the student body to understand that the educational mission of Moreau affects their daily lives during their time at Notre Dame.

"If we want to be true to Fr. Moreau's mission for education then Notre Dame students should leave here not just to be successful in their careers but to also be successful in virtue," Haake said. "I hope that the University inspires a zeal for the mission that Fr. Moreau left us and that we can transform the students on that level."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexican police find human head

CULIACAN, Mexico — A severed human head and a flower have been found in front of the tomb of deceased drug lord Arturo Beltran Leyva in northern Mexico.

Prosecutors in Sinaloa state say the man's headless body was found in a plastic bag atop the tomb of another drug trafficker in the Jardines del Humaya cemetery in Culiacan.

Prosecutors' spokesman Martin Gastelum says the severed head had a flower tucked behind one ear. It had been carefully placed in front of the entrance gate to Beltran Leyva's elaborate, multistory crypt.

Police found it after receiving a telephone tip. Beltran Leyva was killed in a Dec. 16 shootout with Mexican marines.

France proposes ban of full veils

PARIS — The head of President Nicolas Sarkozy's party said Sunday he wants a law to ensure that Muslim women who wear face-covering veils do not acquire French nationality.

Xavier Bertrand, head of the conservative UMP party, said the full veil "is simply a prison for women who wear it" and "will make no one believe" a woman wearing it wants to integrate.

France is moving closer to banning such veils, even though only a tiny minority of Muslim women wear them. A top UMP lawmaker last week filed legislation to ban the garb, and a parliamentary committee studying the issue for the past six months is to turn in its report on whether a law is needed by the end of the month. That panel mixes politicians from both the left and right.

NATIONAL NEWS

No inmates released from R.I. prisons

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A federal program allowing illegal immigrant inmates to get out of prison if they agree to be deported hasn't resulted in a single person leaving jail early in Rhode Island.

The program was trumpeted by Gov. Don Carcieri as a way to save money. Similar programs have saved millions of dollars in Georgia and Arizona.

But a year and a half after Rhode Island signed up, no one's been deported early because of the relatively small population of imprisoned illegal immigrants and the strict program criteria.

Prison officials say the program works but they haven't yet found an eligible inmate.

Critics of Carcieri's 2008 crackdown on illegal immigrants question whether the governor exaggerated the scope of the problem locally.

Search halted for boat victims

SAN DIEGO — The Coast Guard has suspended its search for more potential victims of the crash of a small boat packed with suspected illegal immigrants off the San Diego coast.

One person died when the 30-foot boat overturned before dawn Saturday in the surf at Torrey Pines State Park.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Henry Dunphy says boats and helicopters spent 32 hours searching 144 square miles for other survivors.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection says 16 people, all Mexican citizens, have been accounted for. It's unclear how many people were aboard the boat before the crash.

LOCAL NEWS

Crash shows need for stricter laws

MISHAWAKA — Advocates for stricter laws against people who drink and drive say an Indiana police officer's recent car crash death blamed on an alleged drunken driver shows once again why tougher laws are needed.

Thirty-one-year-old Shawn Devine is charged in connection with the Jan. 9 death of 42-year-old Cpl. James Szuba.

Prosecutors say Devine's blood-alcohol level was nearly three times the legal limit when his car struck Szuba's police cruiser, killing the officer and his police dog during a pursuit.

HAITI

Violence hinders aid efforts

U.N., international troops focus on rescue efforts, delivery of supplies to Haiti

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Some incidents of violence in Haiti have hindered rescue workers trying to help earthquake victims, a top official leading the U.S. government's relief efforts said Sunday.

Providing humanitarian aid requires a safe and secure environment, said Lt. Gen. Ken Keen of the U.S. Southern Command. While streets have been largely calm, he said, violence has been increasing.

"We are going to have to address the situation of security," Keen said. "We've had incidents of violence that impede our ability to support the government of Haiti and answer the challenges that this country faces."

Keen said about 1,000 U.S. troops are in Haiti and that 3,000 more are working from ships. More than 12,000 U.S. forces are expected to be in the region by Monday.

Fear of looters and robbers has been one of the factors slowing the delivery of aid. After Tuesday's earthquake, maintaining law and order fell to the 9,000 U.N. peacekeepers and international police already in Haiti even though those forces also sustained heavy losses in the disaster.

Keen said U.S. forces are working with U.N. peacekeepers and that local police are beginning to assist in providing security.

On Sunday, the White House said President Barack Obama had issued an order allowing selected members of the military's reserves to be called up to support operations in Haiti.

Signed Saturday, the executive order permits the Defense Department and Homeland Security Department to tap reserve medical personnel and a Coast Guard unit that will



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton talks with U.S. Ambassador to Haiti Kenneth Merten, center, upon arriving in Haiti Saturday.

help provide port security. The White House said the authority will be used on a limited basis. No numbers of personnel or names of units were provided.

Rescue efforts and getting food, water and medical supplies to earthquake victims were the focus of efforts Sunday, U.S. officials said. An estimated 100,000 or more people may have died in the magnitude-7.0 quake.

As of Sunday, the State Department said the total number of confirmed U.S. death was 16, including one embassy worker.

Rajiv Shah, who leads the U.S. Agency for International Development, said U.S. relief workers are also trying to rescue people

from under the damaged and destroyed buildings.

"Our first priority was to go in with urban search and rescue teams," said Shah, who visited Haiti on Saturday with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. "They work around the clock to try and save lives."

"On next priority, which started in parallel, was getting those commodities down there and making sure we have the food, water, shelter and basic needs met for the people of Haiti," Shah said.

International search and rescue teams are looking for earthquake survivors around the clock as officials running the rescue effort get closer to shifting to a recovery operation.

There have been 62 live rescues, Tim Callaghan of the U.S. Agency for International Development's foreign disaster assistance office said Sunday. American search and rescue teams had performed 29 of those rescues.

"We are still in rescue mode," Callaghan said in a conference call with reporters. He said the decision to move to recovery will be made by the Haitian government. "Obviously we're getting closer to that painful decision of moving from searching for people to recovery," Callaghan said.

Keen and Shah spoke on ABC's "This Week," NBC's "Meet the Press" and "Fox News Sunday."

Beaches trapping oil from 1989 spill

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — An engineering professor has figured out why oil remains trapped along miles of gravel beaches more than 20 years after the Exxon Valdez tanker disaster in Prince William Sound.

An estimated 20,000 gallons of crude remain in Prince William Sound, even though oil remaining after the nearly 11-million-gallon spill had been expected to biodegrade and wash away within a few years.

The problem: The gravelly beaches of Prince William Sound are trapping the oil between two layers of rock,

with larger rocks on top and finer gravel underneath, according to Michel C. Boufadel, chairman of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Temple University.

Boufadel found that water, which could have broken up and dissipated the oil, moved through the lower level of gravel up to 1,000 times slower than the top level.

Tidal forces worked to compact the finer-grained gravel even more, creating a nearly oxygen-free environment with low nutrient levels that slowed the ability of the oil to biodegrade.

"The oil could be maybe one foot

below the beach surface and in contact with sea water with a lot of oxygen, but the oxygen doesn't get to it," Boufadel said.

He found that the upper layer of beach is so permeable that the water table falls within it as fast as the tide. However, the permeability of the lower level is so low that the water table does not drop much within it, he said.

"As global warming is melting the ice cover and exposing the Arctic to oil exploitation and shipping through sea routes such as the Northwest Passage, the risk of oil spills on gravel beaches in high-latitude regions will be increased," the study says.

MARCH FOR LIFE

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Tuesday, January 19th

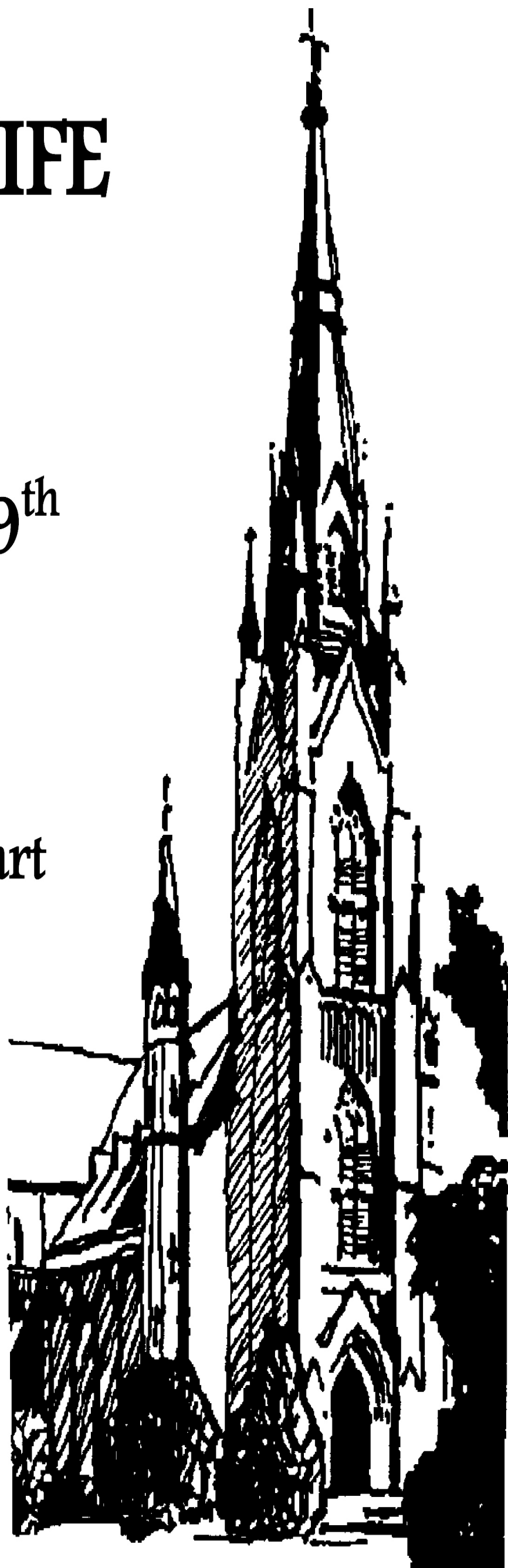
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Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Homilist

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Stocks			
Dow Jones		10,609.65	-100.90
Up: 947	Same: 90	Down: 2,145	Composite Volume: 676,445,460
AMEX		1,887.57	-0.36
NASDAQ		2,287.99	-28.75
NYSE		7,356.79	-91.73
S&P 500		1,136.03	-12.43
NIKKEI (Tokyo)		10,866.02	-120.27
FTSE 100 (London)		5,455.37	-42.83
COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CITIGROUP (C)	-2.56	-0.09	3.42
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-1.12	-1.29	113.64
INTEL CORPORATION (INTC)	-3.17	-0.68	20.80
BK OF AMERICA CP (BAC)	-3.33	-0.56	16.26
Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.06	-0.49	4.58
13-WEEK BILL	-1.55	-0.58	3.68
30-YEAR BOND	+22.22	+0.10	0.0550
5-YEAR NOTE	-2.66	-0.66	2.42
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)		-0.40	77.60
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)		-12.00	1,131.00
LEAN HOGS (cents/lb.)		+0.05	89.60
Exchange Rates			
YEN			90.9250
EURO			1.4364
CANADIAN DOLLAR			1.0294
BRITISH POUND			1.6277

IN BRIEF

Kraft raises offer for Cadbury

LONDON — Kraft Foods Inc. is expected to sweeten its offer for Cadbury PLC, in an effort to remain in the running as it faces a potential competing bid from Hershey Co. for the British candy maker, according to media reports.

The Sunday Times and The Observer in London said Sunday that Kraft is raising its offer to 820 pence per Cadbury share, or about \$13.33, from 771 pence. Cadbury shares closed Friday at 793.5 pence on the London Stock Exchange.

Kraft's earlier offer was valued at 10.3 billion pounds, or about \$16.5 billion, which Cadbury rejected as "derisory."

Kraft and Cadbury did not immediately return calls for comment.

The newspapers said Kraft plans to increase the cash portion of its cash-and-stock bid. Kraft's biggest shareholder, Berkshire Hathaway, managed by billionaire Warren Buffett, had warned against issuing more shares to boost the acquisition offer. Investors fret that Kraft's stock is undervalued and selling more shares would further diminish its value.

McCain supports Arizona mine

GREEN VALLEY, Ariz. — Arizona Sen. John McCain says a huge open pit mine project proposed for the eastern slope of the Santa Rita Mountains, south of Tucson, can be good for the economy and unemployed Arizonans.

During an appearance in the southern Arizona community of Green Valley Friday, McCain said the state's high unemployment rate presents a good argument for going forward with the Rosemont Copper mine.

Opponents of the mine worry about water supplies and the environmental impact.

McCain says environmentalists can't "run and ruin this economy."

He later added that it's important to have the proper studies to determine the mine's effect on the environment.

The Coronado National Forest is expected to release a draft environmental impact statement on the mine by the end of June.

Augusta Resource Corp. plans to begin producing materials from the site by 2011.

Big tobacco meets U.S. secretly

Attorneys meet with Solicitor General to avoid trip to Supreme Court

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tobacco industry lawyers met secretly with Solicitor General Elena Kagan in an effort to avoid the government's last-ditch attempt to extract billions from companies that illegally concealed the dangers of cigarette smoking.

Four cigarette makers that control nearly 90 percent of U.S. retail cigarette sales have until Feb. 19 to persuade the government not to go to the Supreme Court and ask the justices to step into a landmark 10-year-old racketeering lawsuit.

In 2006, a judge ruled that the industry concealed the dangers of smoking for decades. Despite that finding, lower courts have said the government is not entitled to collect \$280 billion in past profits or \$14 billion for a national campaign to curb smoking.

As part of any effort to convince the government that it should skip a trip to the Supreme Court, the tobacco companies may have to drop plans to ask the justices to overturn the ruling that the industry engaged in racketeering.

On behalf of the industry, Washington lawyers Michael Carvin and Miguel Estrada made their pitch against seeking Supreme Court review in a mid-December meeting at the Justice Department with Kagan, according to two Washington attorneys outside the government who are familiar with the meeting in her office.

In the meeting, Carvin and Estrada left the impression the industry might be willing to end plans to seek a high court appeal of its own, if the Justice Department would do the same, said the Washington attorneys, who spoke on condition of anonymity so that they could discuss the private meeting with Kagan.

The discussion with



AP

Lawyer Miguel Estrada is defending the tobacco industry against the federal government's attempts to extract payments from companies for hiding the dangers of smoking.

Estrada and Carvin resulted in an internal department meeting a few days later. At this meeting, department lawyers discussed the possibility of seeking billions of dollars from the industry as part of a possible negotiated settlement of the suit, according to one of the private attorneys who learned about this second meeting from participants.

The department, the industry or both could request that the Supreme Court take the case, while at the same time asking that the case be delayed while the two sides try to work out a deal.

If the companies also agreed not to seek an appeal, they would be

accepting the findings of U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler that they engaged in a scheme to defraud the public by falsely denying the adverse health effects of smoking, concealing evidence nicotine is addictive and lying about their manipulation of nicotine in cigarettes to create addiction. Last May, a federal appeals court upheld the findings. The companies then pledged to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Kessler ordered the companies to make corrective statements about the adverse health effects of smoking, the addictiveness of smoking and nicotine, the companies' manipulation of cigarette design and composition to ensure opti-

mum nicotine delivery and the adverse health effects of exposure to secondhand smoke. These statements must appear on company Web sites, cigarette packages and newspaper and television ads.

"The trial court's findings are devastating to the tobacco industry," said Matthew L. Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, one of the public health groups allowed by Kessler to join the case in 2005 on the side of the Justice Department. "We have urged the department to go to the Supreme Court to significantly strengthen the remedies, particularly with regard to funding smoking cessation and public education."

Fisker raises \$115M for plug-in cars

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fisker Automotive, a high-tech startup company, said Friday it has raised \$115.3 million to develop high-end hybrid cars, bringing it closer to accessing a government loan it won last year.

Fisker spokesman Russell Datz said the money brings the company close to being able to tap a \$528.7 million line of funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, though he declined to say how much money the company has raised so far or what the goal is.

The government required the company to raise capital from investors in order to use the funding. The DOE loan comes from a \$25 billion fund established by Congress in 2007 to

help automakers develop fuel-efficient vehicles.

Privately held Fisker, which is headed by Danish automobile designer Henrik Fisker and headquartered in Irvine, Calif., was founded in 2007 and is among the newest entrants in the U.S. auto industry. The company plans to begin selling its sole product, the \$87,900 Karma plug-in hybrid, later this year, and has plans to sell a lower-cost hybrid family sedan starting in 2012.

In October, the company announced it was buying a shuttered General Motors Co. factory in Wilmington, Del., and will use the facility to build the cheaper vehicle. Earlier this week, Fisker said it struck a deal with batter-maker A123 Systems Inc. to supply lithium-

ion batteries for the Karma.

Fisker is among a handful of auto companies that have been approved to receive Energy Department loans for researching fuel-efficient vehicles. Ford Motor Co., Nissan Motor Co. and Tesla Motors have also received approval. Like Fisker, Tesla is hoping to break into the U.S. auto industry by selling high-end fuel-efficient cars, such as its such as its \$109,000 Roadster electric sports car.

San Carlos, Calif.-based Tesla is also working on a cheaper electric sedan, the Model S, which it expects to go on sale in 2012 at a cost of \$57,400.

Mainstream automakers have also touted plans to roll out more hybrids and electric cars.

Hawaii legislature to vote on civil unions measure

Associated Press

HONOLULU — When Hawaii legislators reconvene on Wednesday, all eyes will be focused on legislation that would allow same-sex couples to form civil unions in the state.

The measure would grant gay couples the rights and benefits the state provides to married couples and is among a handful of similar proposals that could pop up in several other U.S. states.

At the same time, a federal judge in San Francisco is considering the constitutionality of California's same-sex marriage ban.

"This bill has already been voted on, so there isn't as much convincing to do anymore," said Alan Spector of Equality Hawaii, a leading supporter of the bill. "I think (legislators) get the substance of the bill and the need for the bill."

Last year, the proposal easily won preliminary passage in the Legislature, but stalled in

May after opponents lobbied and held a state Capitol rally attended by several thousand protesters.

Opponents, noting that this is an election year, cast doubt on claims that passage is at hand. Critics, including the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu and scores of evangelical Protestant churches, hope another rally, this one planned for Sunday, will be large enough to convince wavering lawmakers to kill the measure.

"It's up to the people who oppose civil unions to remind the legislators that they work for the people," said Garret Hashimoto, chairman of the Hawaii Christian Coalition. "There's no ifs, ands or buts that the majority of the people in Hawaii oppose civil unions and gay marriage."

No independent polls or surveys have been conducted on the issue, so it's difficult to measure public sentiment. The last time voters directly weighed in on a related issue was in 1998 when 70 percent



Hawaii Board of Education member Kim Coco Iwamoto testifies in favor of same-sex civil unions in front of the Senate Judiciary and Government Operation Committee in a Feb. 24, 2009 file photo.

approved a constitutional amendment allowing the Legislature to reserve marriage for opposite sex couples. Elsewhere, at least one other state, New Mexico, appears

poised to seriously consider a civil union measure. Bills in Illinois and Minnesota also may surface. Colorado, Wisconsin, Maryland and Maine have limited laws allowing same-gender civil unions. Iowa, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut permit same-sex marriage.

In Hawaii, the measure would expand the state's existing reciprocal beneficiaries law by granting to unmarried same- and opposite-gender couples all of the rights and benefits the state provides to married couples. It is similar to broad civil union or domestic partnership laws in California, the District of Columbia, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and New Jersey.

The Hawaii legislation would have no impact on federal tax and other benefits that only apply to married opposite-sex couples. According to 2000 census records, more than 1,200 male couples, 1,100 female couples and 21,100 mixed couples lived together in Hawaii.

Supporters voice guarded confidence that the bill, pending in the Senate since May, still enjoys majority support in both chambers.

But House Speaker Calvin Say, a Democrat, suggested the bill could stall in the House if the Senate vote turns out to be slim. "If the bill limps over," he said, "you know we don't have the two-thirds, so why go through the exercise if the governor is going to veto?"

Foes say the House, whose members face re-election every two years, will be a prime focus of their lobbying.

The number of no votes among House members has "changed tremendously, in our favor," said former state Rep. Dennis Arakaki, head of the Hawaii Family Forum and Hawaii Catholic Conference. "They are especially sensitive because they're all up for election."

Honolulu Catholic Bishop Larry Silva in a letter last week urged some 220,000 parishioners to lobby lawmakers. He called civil unions "simply a euphemism" for gay marriage and claimed it is justifiable to discriminate against gay couples who want to marry.

Spector contended Silva was "trying to impose his Catholic faith ... upon all of Hawaii's residents."

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Pope says ‘great respect’ exists between Catholics and Jews

Benedict XVI’s visit to Rome’s main synagogue divides Jewish groups over pope’s praise of WWII pontiff

Associated Press

ROME — Pope Benedict XVI on Sunday acknowledged problems between Catholic and Jews, but insisted there was “great respect” between the two religions, hours before a controversial visit to a Rome synagogue.

The visit has divided Jewish groups because of Benedict’s praise and push toward sainthood of wartime pontiff Pius XII, who some critics contend didn’t do enough to save Jews during the Holocaust. The Vatican defends Pius, maintaining he used behind-the-scenes diplomacy in a bid to save Jewish lives.

Several prominent Jews have said they will boycott the visit.

In his weekly noon appearance to pilgrims and tourists in St. Peter’s Square, Benedict predicted that his visit would be a “further step on the path of harmony and friendship” between Catholics and Jews.

He recalled the 1986 visit to the same synagogue by his predecessor, John Paul II, who was widely credited with dramatically improving relations with Jews. The late pontiff, who lived under Nazi occupation in his Polish homeland, where Jews were largely annihilated, affectionately referred to Jews as “our elder brothers” in faith during that ground-breaking visit.

Hundreds of police on Saturday enforced strict security around the synagogue along the boulevard lining the Tiber. Officers guided dogs trained to sniff out explosives in the neighborhood, known as the Old Jewish Ghetto, where for hundreds of years Jews were

confined under the orders of a 16th century pope.

As part of security ahead of the visit, motorists and strollers were banned from passing near the synagogue and the cobblestone streets were cordoned off. The neighborhood is the sentimental heart for Rome’s 12,000-strong Jewish community, although many of them live elsewhere in the capital.

Italy’s Jews are a tiny minority: about 30,000 in a predominantly Roman Catholic country of some 60 million.

The German-born Benedict, ahead of his meeting with Rome’s Jewish community, said that “despite the problems and difficulties, you can breathe in a climate of great respect and dialogue among the believers of the two religions, testimony to how matured the relations are and to the common commitment to value that which unites us.”

Those unifying factors were: “faith in the one God, above all, but also safeguarding life and the family, the aspiration for social justice and peace,” Benedict said.

An elderly Jewish man entering the synagogue shortly before the pope’s scheduled arrival said he was glad the pope was coming despite recent problems.

“Dialogue is always important, and it sets a good example,” said Natan Orvieto. “But there needs to be reciprocal respect and that hasn’t happened a lot lately.”

Besides the Pius question, some Jews have been angered by Benedict’s reaching out to Catholic traditionalists, including by reviving a prayer for the conversion of Jews



A man works at ephemeral displays crafted by the Jewish Community of Rome in the eighteenth century, which were unveiled on Jan. 17 at Rome's main synagogue on the occasion of Pope Benedict XVI's visit.

Another sore point is Benedict’s decision to revoke the excommunication of a renegade bishop who had denied that millions of Jews died in the Holocaust. The Vatican has said it wasn’t aware of the bishop’s views when the excommunication was lifted.

Under the leadership of John Paul and Benedict, the Vatican has been seeking common ground on such conservative agendas as traditional families while forging stronger relations with other religions, including

Judaism and Islam.

Before entering the synagogue, the pope was scheduled to attend a wreath-laying ceremony in front of a plaque that recalls the Oct. 16, 1943, deportation of Jews in Rome during Nazi occupation. Another stop was planned at another memorial, which recalls the 1982 attack on the synagogue by Palestinian terrorists that killed a 2-year-old Jewish boy.

Across the world, relations between Jews and the Vatican

have at times been tense over the Vatican’s sainthood efforts for Pius, who was pontiff from 1939 to 1958. Those tensions flared again after Benedict last month issued a decree hailing the “heroic virtues” of Pius, an important step before beatification, which is the last formal stage before possible sainthood.

Benedict has visited synagogues in Cologne, Germany, and in New York during papal pilgrimages since he became pontiff in 2005.

One in ten public university executives see pay decrease

Recession blamed as cause for cut in many school presidents’ pay as tax support declines across the country

Associated Press

The recession has reached the executive suites of the nation’s public universities and colleges, putting a stop to a string of large annual pay increases for school presidents.

A survey released Monday by the Chronicle of Higher Education showed compensation packages of chief executives at public schools leveling off in 2008-2009, rising a relatively modest 2.3 percent. One in 10 saw their pay decline. Some who did get raises or bonuses gave the money back to their schools.

Presidential salaries at public universities and colleges have come under greater scrutiny as many bursting-at-the-seams schools raise tuition to offset steep declines in state funding.

The latest figures show that the economy and fears of a backlash over perceived high salaries are trumping — at least for now — the argument that public schools need to pay top dollar for top talent.

“Students and families have had to tighten their belts, so I bet they’ll appreciate seeing some restraint among college presidents,” said Sen.

Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, a critic of executive pay at colleges and other nonprofits. “Holding off on raises is in sync with the reality for families trying to pay for college in the midst of high unemployment and the worst economy in decades.”

Over the previous six years, annual pay increases of 10 percent or more became the norm for many public school presidents. So while base salaries rose for two-thirds of top executives in the 2008-2009 survey of 185 public universities and community colleges, the dollars involved were significantly smaller.

The median compensation package for public school top executives in 2008-2009 was \$436,111. Eleven public university presidents earned \$700,000 or more, down from 15 the previous year.

“If you got a 2 percent increase, that’s more than a lot of faculty got,” said Patrick Callan, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education in San Jose, Calif. “A lot of faculty were furloughed. I’m glad to see the restraint but it’s about what you’d expect given the political pressures.”

The pay slowdown can be explained both by the recession

and greater scrutiny at a time when public schools are under tremendous pressure, said Jeffrey Selingo, editor of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

State tax support for higher education declined 1.1 percent nationwide in 2009-2010 — a drop that would have been much more severe without federal stimulus dollars, according to a separate report Monday by the Center for the Study of Education Policy at Illinois State University.

Students are being asked to make up much of the difference. In-state tuition for students at four-year public schools rose 6.5 percent last fall over the previous year, according to the College Board.

Selingo said officials who set executive pay “are not giving raises because the money is not there, and presidents don’t necessarily want to take big raises because they’re worried when they go in front of student groups and parents and testify in front of legislators. They don’t want their salaries to become the focus.”

The trend to reign in pay increases will probably be short-lived, he said. If compensation at public schools

keeps stagnating as pay at their private counterparts continues to rise, a backlash will erupt with public school presidents leaving and schools struggling to hire new ones, Selingo said.

The highest-paid president in this year’s public school survey is Gordon Gee of Ohio State University, whose pay is worth more than \$1.5 million including salary, retirement and deferred compensation.

Gee is the only executive on the list to earn more than \$1 million. The millionaires’ club in private higher education is much larger — a point raised by those who argue public school executives are underpaid given that their schools are typically bigger and more complex to manage, and huge state employers.

In the Chronicle’s 2007-2008 analysis of private school presidents, a record 23 topped the \$1 million mark. Median compensation rose 6.5 percent — 15.5 percent at major private research universities.

Gee said he’s “not defensive” about what he earns given, among other things, that he took a pay cut to move from private Vanderbilt University and Ohio State is a large and complex university.

“Some of it has to do, I hope, with my competence,” Gee said. “I believe I have to earn that salary every day, so I work pretty hard ... Ohio State belongs to the people of Ohio. If on any given day they don’t believe I’m earning what I earn, I’ll be pumping gas in Vernal, Utah,” Gee’s birthplace.

Gee donated \$1 million to a student scholarship fund when he returned to Ohio State in 2007 — it’s his second tenure at the school — and said he put his \$200,000 bonus and \$28,000 raise into the fund this year.

Other presidents have refused bonuses, requested salary freezes or given money owed them to student aid.

Rounding out the top five highest-paid public university presidents were Mark Emmert of the University of Washington (\$905,004), Patrick Harker of the University of Delaware (\$810,603), John Casteen of the University of Virginia (\$797,048) and Francisco Cigarroa of the University of Texas system (\$787,258).

Eduardo Padron of Miami Dade College was the highest paid community college top executive, with a \$548,459 pay package.

Open letter against hate

As officers of the Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GALA-ND/SMC) for the past two years, we have encountered people on campus who disagree with us on many issues. What we have not encountered from the student body, faculty or administration is the lack of respect evidenced by the publication of this hateful cartoon from other members of the Notre Dame community.

This is not a question of free speech. If the editors weren't concerned with community standards, they wouldn't have rejected the first version of the cartoon. No, the decision to publish it demonstrates a serious lack of judgment and lack of commitment to the Catholic belief in human dignity and stance

against violence.

We know that the cartoon does not reflect the feelings of a majority of the people on the Notre Dame campus; and we have been heartened by many of the responses appearing in The Observer. But this will hurt the University unless it is clear that Notre Dame does not tolerate violence against any members of its community. The author and editors seem to have missed the point of a Catholic education if they cannot see that LGBT students, faculty, staff and alumni are indeed members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's family and should be treated as such.

We make every attempt to share with people outside of campus the positive steps being

made to improve the lives of the LGBT community at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Sometimes this takes convincing, even with our own membership. The publication of the cartoon is a prime example of why Notre Dame ranks first in The Princeton Review's list of the most unwelcoming campuses for gay and lesbian students. The noise being generated by this will drown out any good news about the work being done by the students, faculty and Core Council. That's not good news if you care about our University's reputation.

The administration needs to take the lead in responding by holding panel discussions with The Observer, the faculty and the student body. GALA's more-than-900 members

are ready to join with the rest of the Notre Dame community in stating that the free flow of ideas can only occur if we respect each other.

Tom O'Brien
alumnus
Class of 1986
Michael August
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Class of 1996
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Class of 2004

Core Council response

To the Editor:

We write to join our voices to the many concerned members of the Notre Dame community who have already expressed shock, dismay and anger at the intolerance demonstrated in a "cartoon" published in the Jan. 13 edition of The Observer. While we appreciate the effort by the editors of the newspaper and the authors of "The Mobile Party" to apologize for this offense against our common life as a University, we need to acknowledge the serious nature of the violent message of this "comic strip" and its complete disregard for the dignity of GLBT persons on the campus and beyond. We also wish to recognize this moment as an opportunity for reflection, education and purposeful resolution about the future.

These are matters of deep and abiding concern for us. For the past four years as the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Students (and

for a number of years previously as the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs), we have provided emotional, social, spiritual and educational support for our GLBT students, as well as outreach to the University at large to strengthen its efforts to create a welcoming community for all. In addition to advising the Vice President for Student Affairs on matters related to the GLBT student experience at Notre Dame, we have hosted numerous educational programs including CommUnity, NETWORK, Solidarity Sunday and Stand Against Hate Week. We are grateful for the persons who have publically identified themselves as allies in these efforts, and we are encouraged by the number of students, faculty, staff and alumni who have recently contacted us to demonstrate continuing support for us and our work. We are especially heartened by Fr. Jenkins' statement on Friday in which he denounced any

expression of hate toward any persons or groups at the University. We, too, rely upon The Spirit of Inclusion as a charter document that guides and inspires us.

During the Fall 2009 CommUnity presentations in the residence halls, the GLBT student speakers and allies challenged their audiences to identify five concrete actions to which each person and residential community could commit in order to promote a truly welcoming community for our GLBT members. Among the most common recommendations for action were the elimination of hate speech in all of its forms and an open challenge to anyone engaging in that behavior. (Often mentioned in this vein were directly derogatory and threatening terms, as well as phrases encountered in some student subcultures, such as "that's so gay...") As this incident sadly illustrates, we all need to continuously commit to such resolutions in order to create and

improve the ways Notre Dame accepts and affirms the GLBT persons in our midst.

Sincerely,
The Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Students

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Jan. 17

Call to action

Opening up my acceptance letter to Notre Dame was one of the proudest moments of my life. I always wanted to come here. But the violent, hateful comic approved by the staff of The Observer and printed in the Jan. 13 edition represents the complete opposite of what I thought this University stood for. I'm now ashamed to be a Notre Dame student. I can't begin to fathom how hard it is for members of the LGBT community to live at Notre Dame.

Make no mistake, this incident of blatant and violent hatred towards the LGBT community is no freak accident. It is not just the fault of the "Mobile Party" creators, nor the editors of The Observer. It is each and every student's fault. We, as a student body, have supported a culture at Notre Dame in which hateful, homophobic jokes like the one in the "Mobile Party" are acceptable. We are supposed to be a family, a tight-knit community. Each and every one of us has failed miserably.

We might not all be homophobic, and we might not all use derogatory epithets, but we have failed to put an end to homophobia and the use of hurtful, disparaging words. I don't think that the majority of students here are bigots, but I do think that most of us, including myself on many occasions, are pushovers. We hear "fag" and silently think, "Tisk, tisk. What a shame." We owe it to our LGBT brothers and sisters at Notre Dame to take a stand. Call people out when they do use derogatory slurs, no matter how benign they may seem. If we let slurs get thrown around nonchalantly, we will only propagate the idea that it is acceptable to treat members of the LGBT with disrespect.

Finally, to all of the members of the LGBT community, I'm so sorry that we have allowed this to happen. I know countless other students who feel the same way. You're not alone and we love you.

Patrick Guibert
freshman
Dillon Hall
Jan. 15

Ashamed

On Jan. 13, The Observer ran a terribly offensive comic implying gay bashing. I'm aware of the apology; however, viewing this comic made me extremely upset. As a proud member of the Notre Dame community, I am appalled. Notre Dame is about education, inclusion, acceptance and tradition. Notre Dame is expected to set a high standard, not a low one. What The Observer published is more than disappointing.

I am ashamed. As a gay alum, I have to deal with discrimination every day. I do not have equal rights as everyone else in this nation. The LGBT community is treated as a second-class citizen. Most people do not understand how laws such as Proposition 8 affect the people in this nation.

I want to know what The Observer and Notre Dame are going to do to help the LGBT community. The Observer's apology was not enough in my eyes. Awareness clearly needs to be raised. This comic not only alienates a part of the current student population, but also makes the university as a whole look bigoted and intolerant.

I hope The Observer and Notre Dame will work hard to teach understanding, caring, acceptance and love.

Bryan J. Guarnier
alumnus
Class of 2006
Jan. 15

Plenty of blame to go around

The Jan. 13 cartoon, "The Mobile Party," virtually advocated violence against gays (all in a light-hearted, satirical way, you understand). As a lifelong journalist, I naturally have an affinity for freedom of speech, and here on campus I've been an advocate for The Observer. It generally performs an important service for this community. But last Wednesday's paper represented a monumental lapse of judgment by the editors. (I appreciate their prominent apology on Friday.)

We would be wrong, however, to just point fingers at

the individuals who implausibly let this offensive comic into the paper, or even its creators. While their errors cannot be excused, they apparently thought they were engaging in humor that would be acceptable on this campus. What does that say about us? We'd better find out.

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Jan. 15

Recent cartoon offensive

To Whom it May Concern:

In a recent publication of The Observer, I saw a cartoon from "The Mobile Party" that was incredibly offensive (Jan. 13). I graduated from Notre Dame in 1997 and while I can't deny the campus conservatism at that time, I never felt ostracized or denigrated for being a gay man. The publication of this cartoon makes me think that morality and compassion at Notre Dame are regressing

and that's a shame, especially for those students that might be struggling with this issue on campus like I did 13 years ago.

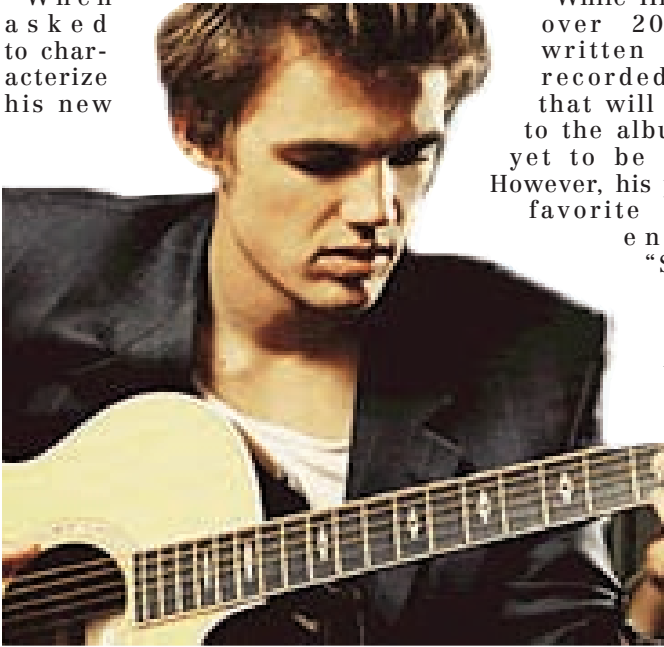
Michael Carney
alumnus
Class of 1997
Jan. 15

By CAITLIN FERRARO
Scene Writer

Saturday night at Legends singer Tyler Hilton rocked out to a big crowd of girls. Hilton, who has just finished writing and recording for his new album, played a mixture of old favorites and new songs.

In an interview prior to the show, Hilton talked about his new album. It has been six years since his last, and Hilton is grateful that fans stuck by him over the years. His first new single will be released in a few weeks on his Web site and hopefully it will hit the radio airwaves in April.

When asked to characterize his new



album he described it as “rock/pop music.” However, it will be different than his 2004 work “The Tracks of Tyler Hilton” in that it will have more rock guitars, keyboards and overall a bigger sound.

“A lot of my [new] songs are songs I’ve been playing for two or three years but they haven’t been recorded,” Hilton said. “So many people can get the [acoustic] versions online and have that and I don’t want to give them the same version again clean. There’s got to be something cool to make that song even better.”

While Hilton has over 20 songs written and recorded, those that will make it to the album have yet to be chosen. However, his personal favorite is one entitled

“Say it Like a Lie”.

Hilton, who is also an actor, is also known for his recurring role on the

CW drama “One Tree Hill” as the arrogant musician Chris Keller. When asked about his experience on the show, Hilton described it as “killer.” Even though he was welcomed with open arms by the then small

world.” His teacher’s daughter now runs the organization, and Hilton gives all the credit to her and the board of directors. Each year, he holds at least one charity concert, and the organization works to provide books where there is a great need. During

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even had a cooking show on YouTube which he calls “Cooking with Tyler.” He exclusively revealed that he is bringing the show back and plans to start cooking fan recipes, and will hopefully put together a cookbook.

“I watch it and I can’t believe that people like this because I’m in my kitchen cooking, but somebody from my label said I should do that again and I’m like, really? Okay!” Hilton said of the show.

Hilton played about 15 songs on Saturday. The concertgoers really seemed to enjoy singing along to Hilton’s older songs, and were not too shy to shout out requests. But every now and then Hilton would interject with a new song. When the audience asked Hilton to sing “When the Stars Go Blue” a duet he performed on “One Tree Hill” with Bethany Joy Galeotti, he obliged — but only if someone would come up on stage and help him out. One willing fan did, and she did an excellent job.

The show was a total success, and the openers were also fantastic. Look for Hilton’s new album this year. In the meantime, check out his recent EP “Better on Beachwood” on iTunes now.

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By ANDY SEROFF
Scene Writer

The Los Angeles-based band OK Go credits YouTube for much of their recent success, with their intricate, one-take music videos for “A Million Ways” and the ever-popular “Here It Goes Again” (The Treadmill Dance) receiving tens of millions of views. Their latest effort, “Of the Blue Colour of the Sky,” certainly wanders from the band’s arena-rock, nerd-pop style of their previous albums, but they don’t forfeit the charm of their music videos. The CD was produced by Dave Fridmann, most famous for his work with the Flaming Lips, and his influence is certainly present.

The first single, “WTF?” is a stylistic bridge between OK Go’s old identity and the new, mellowed persona of the

band. The airy track contrasts characteristic OK Go features like stop-time, falsetto background vocals and miscellaneous percussion against a scratchy bass, funk guitar lines and spastic guitar solos, all over a 5/4 time. The result is a track that tries to offer the best of both worlds and satisfies in neither — but not without offering a satisfying exposi-

imagery adds a psychedelic nature to their personality. The band also appears much more relaxed, strolling on stage, even playing with beach balls on set, as opposed to hustling to positions in their previous dance videos.

Just as the listener gets oriented in the album’s new direction, it heads back to classic arena rock mode with “This Too Shall Pass.”

In true OK Go fashion, the sound is huge with massive depths surrounding the focal parts — the similarly pitched toy piano and lead vocals. The song dances between intensities, alternating between heavy head banging and drum and “ooh” breaks, before settling down for the bridge. It ends with both materials overlapped, resulting in a chorus of equal parts joy and power. The music video for this track is certainly worth a view, which features the track reworked for accordion, xylo-



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OK Go

Of the Blue Colour of the Sky

Label: Capitol Records

Recommended Tracks: “This Too Shall Pass,” “Needing/Getting,” “Last Leaf”



phone, a children’s chorus and the Notre Dame Marching Band, outfitted in generic marching band outfits and ghillie suits. The video is charming and, of course, in one take, but more importantly, the band’s timbre and vigor compliment the style of the piece so much that this alternate version might be superior to the CD take.

The middle tracks of the album return to the sound founded in “WTF?” with more sound droning and vocal reverberation than catchy and clean guitar licks and downbeats. The fourth track, “Needing/Getting” is the culmination of these instrumental motives, featuring masterful guitar and drum work. The song exemplifies the result of the synchronization of Fridmann’s influence with OK Go’s sound, especially the background sampling of “It’s A Disaster,” off of their last full album, “Oh No” (at 4:22 for the audiophile Easter-egg hunters).

The last tracks deserving mention are “Before the Earth was Round” and “Last Leaf,” which I place together because of their differences rather than their similarities. The two songs, appearing in the ninth and 10th positions, display the versatility of the band’s new direction. First, a heavily syncopated and synthesized track, anthropomorphizing the sky as an entity confused about itself, followed by a simple, but equally beautiful acoustic love song using the Earth and the seasons as metaphor. The result — a band with unfounded versatility. With this latest release I was hoping for another album like “Oh No,” filled with arena-rock riffs and memorable lyrics, and at first I was disappointed. But with a second listen, “Of the Blue Colour of the Sky,” proved to be the showcase of the stylistic range of a maturing rock quartet.

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By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

Over the five day week, “The Observer” will count down all of the movies that made us laugh, cry, reflect and sit on the edge of our seats — all of the best films of the decade. These 50 films all share an essence of filmmaking genius that were exceptional amongst the thousands of films released in the last 10 years, and some of them will one day be viewed as “classics” in film history. So here they are, the best films of the decade.



50. The Aviator (2004)

One of the few biopics to crack this list, “The Aviator” does so because it is just that, a biopic — one that plays by the rules, but goes one step further into the man that was aviation tycoon Harold Hughes than most biopics dare to go. The man is on full display here, and there are few better able than Leonardo DiCaprio, in a brilliant turn yet again, at handling the task of playing the troubled, eccentric, womanizing, power-hungry genius that Hughes was.

THE TOP 50 FILMS OF THE DECADE Part One

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49. Maria Full of Grace (2004)

Lead actress Catalina Sandino Moreno is mesmerizing as a poor Colombian woman caught in a web of murder as a drug mule sent to New York City with bags of heroin inside her stomach. Caught within the frames here are the sense of being lost and utter fear felt by someone with no human connection and no way of understanding what is going on in her surroundings. And the way in which that feeling is caught is the true triumph here. Her feeling is dually felt by the audience, which makes this eye-opening film all the more powerful.

48. Monsters Inc. (2001)

Pixar struck gold with this hilarious, wildly imaginative and altogether unforgettable little

charmer about monsters whose job is to scare sleeping children in order to generate energy for their own world. It's all about the energy at the company, Monster Inc., and with the film “Monsters Inc.”, it's also all about the energy

boundless creative energy that results in a film audiences of all ages can love.

47. Almost Famous (2000)

Tasked with the dream job of interviewing a new hot rock band during their cross-country tour, a high schooler (Patrick Fugit) discovers love, the true essence of rock music and even himself along the way. The real showstopper here is Kate Hudson, the band's groupie, who steals the show as a free-loving drug-addict caught between innocence and that point in life where we all just have to grow up. Simply put, it'll have you air-guitaring 'til your fingers just can't strum anymore.

46. The Hurt Locker (2009)

Director Kathryn Bigelow's muscle-flexing, full-throttle portrayal of a special unit of bomb disarming soldiers in Iraq, “The Hurt Locker” stands as a king among men in the small but growing group of Iraq War films. What's different here is that the movie is neither action-driven nor overly story driven, and it avoids what has thus far been a pitfall in trying to pass itself off as a psychological analysis of soldiers in the heat of the current war. Instead, “The Hurt Locker” is a beautiful marriage of a bare bones portrayal of human nature when the line between life and death is so thin and momentary and a classic tension-ridden portrayal of the heat of combat.

45. Elephant (2003)

In the wake of the tragic Columbine shootings, director Gus Van Sant creates an affecting, stunningly shot and somehow blissfully paced account of a school shooting that takes the lives of dozens of unsuspecting students. It plays like a still-image cast against the backdrop of a clear sky, which makes it bearable, yet all the more powerful nonetheless.

44. Little Miss Sunshine (2006)

2006's little engine that could is like a cute and cuddly stuffed animal. Yet it has a way of making you cry. And then laugh. And then cry again. Then stand up and cheer, wide-eyed with an ear-to-ear grin across the face. Made with starry-eyed beauty and injected with a sense of enjoyment shared by the audience, “Little Miss Sunshine” is a true crowd pleaser.

43. Letter From Iwo Jima (2006)

Director Clint Eastwood packs a visceral punch in the form of a beautifully shot, ferocious yet delicate letter from the doomed Japanese abandoned on Iwo Jima. Upon its release, this was the best American war film since “Saving Private Ryan”.

42. Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001)

The first film in the trilogy was groundbreaking and made the success of the next two installments inevitable. Perhaps the most faithful adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy, Peter Jackson's first foray into Middle Earth is the most Shire-like of the three films, and what a refreshing two and a half hours at the Shire it is.

41. Donnie Darko (2001)

I cannot for the life of me explain why I'm drawn to this film, but there's just something about it, some inexplicable quality that grabs and never lets go. A “cult classic” if there ever was one, “Donnie Darko” is like a roller coaster ride of confusion, Smurf sexology, and most central of all, let's just throw in the theory behind time travel. It just gets in your mind and stays there, for better or for worse.

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By ALEX KILPATRICK
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Vampire Weekend's 2008 self-titled debut came as quite a surprise, with four Columbia University grads with a clean Afro-pop-influenced indie rock sound making it big in the mainstream. It was definitely college rock at its finest, something one might be inclined to listen to at Cape Cod with a glass of champagne in hand and a chandelier in view somewhere in the background. But somehow, the mainstream caught on, and it became a favorite in dorm rooms, TV commercials and Top 40 radio stations alike. The indie rock quartet did it with style, originality and hints of ennui.

But they were anything but apathetic, as their songs all had a clear sense of energy and

incorporated cleverness and Afro-pop with lyrics about collegiate struggles and trust funds. The debut album even made NME's “Top 100 Greatest Albums of the Decade” list, ranking as no. 42. And now, they've done it again with their sophomore-

‘Contra’ Takes on West Coast Aesthetic

more effort, “Contra,” an album that brings the creativity up a notch with a fuller, more frenetic sound and more mixing of genres from synth pop to hip-hop to reggae and even electronic accents. The indie rock band also seems to move away from their Northeast roots and takes on a West Coast aesthetic for the new album.

It begins with “Horchata,” a song with excellent

African beats and the clever yet silly lyrics, “In December drinking horchata / I'd look psychotic in a balaclava.” “White Sky” then demonstrates lead singer Ezra Koenig's clear ability to reach a high-pitched falsetto and portrays the band's mixture of genres with a good use of

song sound like it could be a soundtrack to Masterpiece Theatre. Koenig's trebling falsetto is heard throughout the electronic-influenced “Run,” but it is the African-inflected synth that truly carries the frantic song.

“Cousins,” the leading single off the album, is repetitive and uses many of the same guitar riffs as M79 off their first album, but the catchy chorus, new surf-

influenced riffs and bells make the single interesting. “Giving Up the Gun” is also strong on the bells with a synthy arena rock sound, but the lyrics are not quite as original as we would expect from Vampire Weekend on the chorus, “And though it's been a long time / You're right back where you started from.”

A personal favorite, “Diplomat's Son” brings in the trebling violins and high-pitched back-up vocals. It's much more mellow than the rest of the album and seems like a cool mix between classic rock and an M.I.A. single, as it includes sample from the controversial rapper. “I Think Ur a Contra” takes it from mellow to more mellow with a quiet orchestral sound



and shows that Vampire Weekend has soul as well as genius with the emotional lyrics, “You wanted good schools and friends with pools / ... / But I just wanted you.”

Overall, “Contra” proves that Vampire Weekend can succeed even when they move away from their Ivy League schooling and Northeast roots. The album certainly takes on a West Coast aesthetic but also has undertones of reggae, electronic, and Afro-pop. Whether the mainstream will catch onto this sophomore masterpiece is yet to be seen.

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Vampire Weekend Contra

Label: XL

Recommended Tracks: “Holiday,”
“Taxi Cab,” “Cousins,” Diplomat's Son”



MLB

St. Louis welcomes back McGwire with ovation

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Mark McGwire received a standing ovation from Cardinals fans Sunday in his first public appearance in St. Louis since admitting he used steroids.

His scheduled news conference, only minutes later, was much more combative.

The second session was shifted to an overcrowded hallway at the last minute, and McGwire evaded questions about the criticism he's received from ex-players. He repeatedly emphasized that he was ready to talk about the game instead of performance-enhancing drugs.

"I hope you all can accept this," McGwire said. "Let's all move on from this. Baseball is great right now, baseball is better."

Dressed in jeans, a sweater and running shoes, the 46-year-old McGwire walked on stage to "Welcome to the Jungle" by Guns N' Roses, the hard-rock song played before his at-bats with the Cardinals. The team's new hitting coach was cheered by fans who secured seats as much as 3.5 hours earlier.

"I've learned a lot," McGwire told fans. "Especially to kids out there, steroids are bad. I made a huge mistake in my life and it's something I want you guys to learn from. Don't ever, ever go down that road."

Jessica and Sarah Schaaf were in the front row of a

downtown hotel ballroom jammed with perhaps 1,000 fans, and wore T-shirts made for the occasion that said "Welcome back, Big Mac Land," with a photograph of McGwire.

"He did wrong," Jessica Schaaf said. "But we still love him."

In a brief appearance on stage, McGwire said he was happy about his chance to put on a major league uniform again.

The former home run king headed over to Busch Stadium, just blocks away, for an afternoon hitting session with Colby Rasmus and Ryan Ludwick, and pledged to immerse himself in his new job.

"Like I told them, I'll be the first one in the cage and I'll be the last one to leave," McGwire said. "I'm there for them, I'm there to pass on my knowledge."

McGwire, hired in October, added he had a "huge Rolodex of knowledge" to pass on to Cardinals hitters.

He was supposed to be at a podium minutes later, but when his news conference was moved into a narrow hallway it left reporters jostling for space and shouting questions. The session lasted just more than six minutes before questions were cut off and McGwire was escorted out by security and police through a back door.

A team official called the last-minute switch an "executive decision."

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Mark McGwire
Cardinals hitting coach

"It's not a great situation to be in, but he's dealing with it like a man."

Matt Holliday
Cardinals outfielder



Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, left, gives fomer slugger Mark McGwire, right, a hug following a Cardinals victory in Sept. 1997. McGwire was invited back to St. Louis as a hitting coach.

McGwire said he's been "dead honest" in interviews since the admission. But he wasn't interested in rebutting criticism from former Oakland teammate Jose Canseco, who said McGwire is still lying by denying that the two players injected themselves with steroids in clubhouse bathroom stalls.

"I'm not going down that road with Jose," McGwire said. "I'll take the high road with the Jose stuff."

Former Cardinals slugger Jack Clark, who called McGwire a "phony" in a St. Louis Post-Dispatch story last week, was booed in an appear-

ance on the same stage not long before McGwire's appearance.

"I heard he said something, I don't know what he said," McGwire said. "Hey, listen, they have their opinions. I was being as honest as I am."

McGwire denied again that Tony La Russa, his manager virtually all of his career, had any knowledge of his steroids use until the day he went public.

"I kept this to myself," McGwire said. "You know what? I spoke from my heart. I hope you all can accept this, let's all move on from this."

La Russa is ready for the day steroids ceases to be an issue, telling fans that McGwire deserves another chance.

"I'm just here to tell you this is a really good man," La Russa said.

Teammates have consistently been supportive, too. Cardinals slugger Matt Holliday, who has hit with McGwire in prior off-seasons, although not this one, said he's never brought up the steroids topic.

"It's not a great situation to be in, but he's dealing with it like a man," Holliday said. "He doesn't have to explain anything to me."

MLB

Outfielder Kemp signs 2-year, \$10.95M deal with Dodgers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Matt Kemp and the Los Angeles Dodgers agreed Friday to a \$10.95 million, two-year contract, avoiding salary arbitration.

Kemp batted .297 with 26 homers and 101 RBIs last season. He stole 34 bases and won his first Gold Glove in center field while improving on almost all of his offensive statistics

from 2008, his first full big league campaign.

"We've been talking for a while, and both sides agreed to a deal and we got it done. So both sides are happy," Kemp told The Associated Press at halftime of Friday night's Lakers-Clippers game. "I was pretty satisfied with my numbers last year, but I'd have been more satisfied if we would have gotten to the World Series. So I

guess I'm going to have to do better this year."

The Dodgers also avoided arbitration with right-hander Chad Billingsley, who agreed to a \$3.85 million, one-year deal. Billingsley was an All-Star in 2009 with nine early wins, but he struggled in the second half and finished 12-11 with a 4.03 ERA for the NL West champions.

Although Billingsley led the

Dodgers' ace-free rotation in victories, he didn't win in nine appearances after Aug. 18 and dropped out of manager Joe Torre's playoff rotation. He made his only playoff appearance in relief during Los Angeles' 11-0 loss to Philadelphia in Game 3 of the NL championship series.

Kemp and Billingsley are represented by Dave Stewart, the former four-time 20-game win-

ner.

"I'm glad Billingsley signed," Kemp said. "He's a client of Stu's, so it's a good day for our camp. Hopefully we can get everybody else signed and get ready for the season. We're just trying to get to that next step, and that's getting to the World Series. We made it to the NLCS twice, and we haven't gotten past the Phillies the last two years."

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PERSONAL

Ron Burgundy: I don't know how to put this but I'm kind of a big deal. Veronica Corningstone: Really. Ron Burgundy: People know me. Veronica Corningstone: Well, I'm very happy for you. Ron Burgundy: I'm very important. I have many leather-bound books and my apartment smells of rich mahogany.

AROUND THE NATION

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NCAA Men's Basketball Division I AP Poll

	team	previous
1	Texas	2
2	Kentucky	3
3	Kansas	1
4	Villanova	6
5	Syracuse	7
6	Purdue	4
7	Michigan State	10
8	Duke	5
9	Tennessee	16
10	West Virginia	8
11	Georgetown	12
12	North Carolina	9
13	Kansas State	11
14	Wisconsin	17
15	Connecticut	13
16	Pittsburgh	23
17	Gonzaga	19
18	BYU	25
19	Temple	21
20	Georgia Tech	20
21	Mississippi	14
22	Baylor	NR
23	Miami (Fla.)	NR
24	Clemson	NR
25	Florida State	18

NCAA Women's Basketball Division I AP Poll

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8	Texas A&M	10
9	Baylor	5
10	North Carolina	7
11	Nebraska	12
12	LSU	11
13	Oklahoma	14
14	Xavier	16
15	Oklahoma State	23
16	Florida State	13
17	Green Bay	18
18	West Virginia	22
19	Texas	15
20	Michigan State	19
21	Georgia Tech	20
22	TCU	25
23	Virginia	21
24	Georgetown	NR
25	Miami (Fla.)	NR

NCAA Men's Indoor Track and Field USTFCCA Top 10

	team	points
1	Florida State	132
2	Florida	128
3	Oregon	125
4	Nebraska	120
5	Arkansas	101
6	Oklahoma	99
7	Arizona State	92
8	Texas A&M	91
9	LSU	90
10	Minnesota	75

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NFL



AP

Bears defensive tackle Gaines Adams died at the age of 26 Sunday. Adams was drafted fourth overall by the Buccaneers out of Clemson before being traded to the Bears. Adams will be remembered for being a great teammate and a superior athlete.

Bears defensive end Adams dies at 26

Associated Press

GREENWOOD, S.C. — Gaines Adams, an All-American defensive end at Clemson whose career never blossomed in the NFL with Chicago and Tampa Bay, died Sunday after going into cardiac arrest. He was 26.

He died at Self Regional Hospital after going into cardiac arrest about an hour before at his family's home in Greenwood, said Marcia Kelley-Clark, chief deputy coroner for Greenwood County.

An autopsy showed an enlarged heart, a condition that can often lead to a heart attack, Kelley-Clark added. She said relatives were unaware of any medical con-

dition.

Toxicology tests are being run by the State Law Enforcement Division, though drug use is not suspected. The results probably will not be available for at least two months, Kelley-Clark said.

Adams, 6-foot-5 and 258 pounds, spent three seasons in the NFL, two with the Buccaneers and part of this season with the Bears.

"He was a true team player and a positive influence to everyone he met," Buccaneers coach Raheem Morris said.

Adams was selected fourth overall in the 2007 draft by Tampa Bay. He had not been able to live up to expectations that he would revive

the Buccaneers' once-feared pass rush, and had just 17 tackles and one sack in 15 games — 10 with Chicago — this season. He was traded to the Bears in October for a second-round pick in the 2010 draft.

"Gaines was a quiet, humble kid and is far too young to be gone," Buccaneers cornerback Ronde Barber said. "He had so much potential that had yet to be achieved."

Buccaneers defensive tackle Chris Hovan said he took Gaines under his wing when he came to Tampa Bay.

"I considered him my little brother and that's how I will always remember him," he said. "This is all so unreal and it hasn't really hit me

yet."

"Monday Night Football" analyst Jon Gruden drafted Adams in 2007 while coaching the Buccaneers. He called him a "great teammate" with a "tremendous future."

Morris said at the start of training camp that Adams would be considered a "bust" if he didn't reach double digits in sacks. Adams fell short of the benchmark, although he welcomed the challenge.

"In football you need that," Adams said in August. "Players tend to get in their own element and do things that they want to do. They need to be called out sometimes. He's the coach. Whatever he says goes."

IN BRIEF

Former Bears DT Dvoracek arrested

NORMAN, Okla. — Former Chicago Bears defensive tackle Dusty Dvoracek has been arrested on charges of public intoxication, assault and battery and interference with official process.

Norman police records indicate the 26-year-old Dvoracek was arrested around 1 a.m. Saturday at Seven47, a restaurant near the University of Oklahoma.

Dvoracek appeared in 13 games in four seasons with the Bears after being drafted in the fourth round in 2006. He was placed on the waived/injured list in August because of a torn ACL in his right knee.

While at Oklahoma, he was temporarily dismissed from the Sooners after an altercation at a bar in Norman. He was reinstated after anger-management and alcohol-related counseling.

Ravens safety Ed Reed considering retirement

INDIANAPOLIS — Baltimore Ravens safety Ed Reed is considering retirement after an injury-filled season.

The 31-year-old Reed missed four December games because of a variety of injuries, including problems with his neck, hip and groin.

"I've been thinking about it, and it kind of hit me on the sidelines," he said Saturday after a 20-3 playoff loss to the Colts. "It's going to be a long offseason. It hurts. I am just thinking about it."

"I'm 50-50. I am going to re-evaluate things and see how it goes in the next couple of days."

The six-time Pro Bowler was the 2004 Defensive Player of the Year. He had one interception of Peyton Manning on Saturday night, but fumbled on his runback, handing the ball back to the Colts. He also had an interception and long return erased by a pass interference penalty on teammate Corey Ivy.

Ex-MLB All-Star Jose Offerman punches ump

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Former major league All-Star Jose Offerman threw a punch at an umpire during an argument in a Dominican winter league game Saturday night, the second time in 2 1/2 years that he's attacked someone on a baseball field.

Offerman, manager of the Licey Tigers, appeared to hit first base umpire Daniel Rayburn in the face or neck with his fist during a heated discussion in a game against the Cibao Giants. Rayburn fell to the ground.

Offerman was detained by stadium security and taken to a police station to wait until the end of the game to see if Rayburn would press charges.

The Giants were winning 6-0 in the third inning of the final game of the winter league semifinal playoff series when plate umpire Jason Bradley ejected catcher Ronny Paulino for arguing balls and strikes.

A Call for Aid

The worst earthquake in over 200 years has caused death and devastation in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, adding to the misery of so many people who live in severe poverty.

All collections at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart this weekend and last will be forwarded in their entirety to provide assistance to the victims of this latest natural disaster.

Campus Ministry will continue to accept and forward donations all this week at 319 Coleman-Morse Center.

The Haiti Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, which is composed of 75 Haitian priests and 22 professed seminarians, works with the poor through schools, parishes and social service ministries.



NFL

QB Warner unsure of future with Cardinals

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Kurt Warner's pass had just been intercepted, and the Arizona quarterback charged over to help make the tackle. Before he had a chance, he was flattened by a big defensive end.

It was quite an omen for a man already considering retirement.

"Every time you take a hit like that, it makes you think twice about playing this game," Warner said with a laugh. "But something like that, or even this game, will not be the determining factor on my decision."

A week after one of his finest performances, Warner was no match for Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints in their divisional playoff game Saturday night. Warner threw for 205 yards and no touchdowns in the Cardinals' 45-14 loss.

Now he'll have to decide whether to return next season or call it a career. Warner missed a game with a concussion earlier this season, and there's been widespread speculation that the 38-year-old is about to retire.

"Obviously, as I've said a million times, I've thought about it a lot and have over the last couple years," Warner said. "I have some ideas in my head, but again, you want to get away from the season for a minute and make sure everything you're feeling stays that way."

Cardinals coach Ken Whisenhunt didn't shed much light on what Warner might do.

"It's a little bit early to talk about that," he said.

Warner was hurt again against the Saints, leaving in the second quarter with a chest injury after he was intercepted by Will Smith and hit by 260-pound Bobby McCray while running toward Smith. Warner returned at the start of the second half with his team trailing 35-14, but the Cardinals never threatened after that, and backup Matt Leinart came back in late in the game.

Warner said he doesn't anticipate a drawn-out decision-making process about his future.

"I would never want to do that, either way, to an organization," he said. "I want to let them know as soon as I know for sure."

Last weekend, Warner threw for 379 yards and five touchdowns in a 51-45 overtime win over Green Bay. When Arizona's Tim Hightower ran 70 yards for a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage Saturday

night, the Cardinals appeared to be picking up right where they left off.

They did — but only on defense.

After giving up 35 points to Green Bay in the second half, Arizona allowed 35 in the first half against the Saints, a pace Warner and the offense couldn't match.

Two other key injuries might have done in the Cardinals' hopes of defending as NFC champs even before

Warner went down. Arizona lost two starting defensive backs in the first half as New Orleans built its big lead. Pro Bowl cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie went out with a sprained left knee, and safety Antrel Rolle left with a head injury.

Arizona was also playing without wide receiver Anquan Boldin, who has been nursing left ankle and knee injuries since the regular-season finale.

Warner has played in three Super Bowls, winning one with the St. Louis Rams. If he does decide to retire, his career would end in the same building where he endured one of his toughest defeats, a 20-17 loss to New England in the 2002 Super Bowl.

This game wasn't nearly that close. After taking a 7-0 lead, Arizona gained only 41 yards the rest of the first quarter in falling behind 21-7. It was 28-14 when Warner got hurt.

Warner finished 17 of 26. His longest pass of the game was his first one, a 28-yarder to Jerheme Urban. Urban fumbled at the end of the play and the Saints recovered. New Orleans drove for a 14-7 lead and never looked back.

"I'd like to think that we were going to march that down and put some points on the board and kind of get it going back and forth," Warner said. "That's what good teams do. They create turnovers, they capitalize on them."

Warner's counterpart was nearly flawless. Brees went 23 of 32 for 247 yards and three touchdowns, putting the game out of reach even for the Cardinals' powerful offense. The focus in Arizona now turns to Warner, who says his family will have plenty of input as he considers his future.

"It goes back and forth, what they want me to do. They'll be a part of that process as well," Warner said. "Obviously, specifically my wife will be a big part of that process. I don't know if I can weigh the kids' opinions too strongly."

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NFL

Vikings rout Cowboys 34-3

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — This is why Brett Favre said he was coming back. And back he is — maybe better than ever. Four — count 'em, four — touchdown passes from Minnesota's 40-year-old quarterback put the Vikings within a game of the Super Bowl with a 34-3 rout of the Dallas Cowboys to advance to the NFC championship Sunday.

"Probably the most fatigued I got today was celebrating," Favre said, smiling.

The Vikings (13-4) will take on the Saints next Sunday at New Orleans, with the winner going to the NFL title game — Favre's season-long goal and the reason he came out of retirement for a second straight season.

"Today was like this season — it's been wonderful," Favre said. Asked if it was an emotional game for him, he said, "I'm kind of worn out right now, but it is. It was emotional before the game."

Favre found Sidney Rice for three scores and Ray Edwards led the defense's harassment of Tony Romo. Then he put an exclamation point on the game late in the fourth quarter when he hit Visanthe Shiancoe for his personal playoff-best fourth TD pass.

Never in 22 previous post-season games had he thrown for that many touchdowns. And never before had he beaten Dallas in the playoffs. Favre completed 15 of 24 passes for 234 yards to finally do it.

Meanwhile, Romo sat stone-faced on the bench between possessions in the second half after a three-turnover game against one of his childhood favorites.

Romo was sacked six times, three by Edwards, lost two of his three fumbles and threw a glaring interception right to Ben Leber deep in his own end late in the third quarter to set up a field goal. After gaining 118 yards in the first quarter, the Cowboys got only 130 the rest of the way and watched the buzz from their first playoff win in 13 years last week fizzle out.

"It's like the elevator falling from the top. It's tough when it's over. If you don't win it all, you have not reached your goal," coach Wade Phillips said.

Romo finished 22 for 35 for 198 yards, but for all the strides he made this season his lack of poise in the din of the Metrodome will be remembered well. The last time Dallas won a playoff game on the road was the NFC championship after the 1992 season.

Favre had a remarkable regular season with a career-low interception total of seven and 33 touchdown passes that pushed the Vikings to their best finish in 11 years. They won their division last season, too, so this return to the playoffs was irrelevant.

The once-unfathomable partnership was formed just for this, a talented team



Vikings QB Brett Favre celebrates after throwing a touchdown pass to WR Sidney Rice. The Vikings now advance to the NFC title game.

hoping to hitch those title hopes to Favre, who was driven to disprove the doubts about his ability to get back to the big game again.

"It was everything I thought it would be throughout this year and then some," Favre said.

He took some hard hits by Dallas and that fierce front seven, but he was as sharp as he was all season. Stepping up in the pocket to elude the rush and making the right reads downfield, Favre looked the part of the missing Super Bowl piece the Vikings were searching for when they persuaded him to join them last summer.

"He's playing his heart out," defensive end Jared Allen said.

After a 35-yard heave to Rice midway through the fourth quarter that stretched the lead to 27-3, Favre ran up to right guard Anthony Herrera and jumped on his back while the fans enjoyed the frenzy.

The Vikings, who had last week off while the Cowboys whipped Philadelphia, were bothered by all the people picking Dallas to win.

"The Tasmanian devils were coming from Dallas that were about to bombard the state of Minnesota and run through us like Sherman through the South," coach Brad Childress said, exaggerating popular opinion about this game. "All of us felt it quite palpably."

The Vikings played Dallas only three times in the last decade, hardly rivalry material, but fans in Minnesota have plenty of contempt for the Cowboys. Favre brought his own history of defeat, though scattered and distant, against them with three straight postseason losses early in his career.

It was football's original "Hail Mary" heave in 1975 that sent Dallas one step toward the Super Bowl and left another stinging loss with Bud Grant's bridesmaid Vikings, who believed Drew Pearson was guilty of pass interference on the play. Oh,

and don't forget another dubious Dallas-Minnesota link, the ill-fated Herschel Walker trade that fueled the '90s dynasty built by the Cowboys.

So maybe this game meant a little more to the guys in purple than simply moving on to the semifinal, if not for the players then for the people who have cheered for the purple for 49 years without a championship.

The crowd was loud, as it usually is under the roof where the Vikings won all eight games this season, and that helps the defensive line here as much as any position.

The turning point came in the first quarter during a second straight too-easy drive for Dallas. Romo fumbled a second-down snap at the 35, and on fourth-and-1 at the 30 coach Wade Phillips sent Shaun Suisham out for a field goal. It went wide left, as did his try from 49 yards in the third quarter.

Suisham, ironically, missed a late 23-yard kick while he was with Washington last month that cost the Redskins a victory over then-unbeaten New Orleans. If the Saints had lost that game, the Vikings would be hosting the NFC championship.

Four plays later, Favre found Rice in single coverage and fired a perfectly placed ball up the sideline from 47 yards out for a 7-0 lead.

Just like that, the Cowboys were behind for the first time since their loss to San Diego on Dec. 13.

The Vikings then gave their defense a badly needed break, moving 80 yards in 10 plays and taking a 14-3 lead when Favre slipped past Marcus Spears and found Rice open again for a 16-yard touchdown pass.

Later, Allen stuffed Felix Jones for a 1-yard loss and then blew by Flozell Adams to sack Romo and force the ball out on the next play. Kevin Williams recovered at the 20, Adams hurt his leg and the Vikings added a field goal for a 14-point lead.

MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Irish drop two straight at home over weekend

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame dropped two meets at home this weekend, to Michigan State and No. 16 Louisville, respectively.

Despite winning six events, the Irish (4-4, 1-1 Big East) dropped Friday's match against Michigan State 179-121.

"Michigan State did an outstanding job preparing for this meet," Irish coach Tim Welsh told und.com. "They were miles faster than they were last week against Purdue. All the credit goes to them to have done the extensive preparation to be ready tonight."

Bill Bass, Wesley Mullins, Michael Sullivan and John Lytle all won individual events. Lytle finished first in both the 200-yard individual medley and the 50-yard freestyle.

The sixth Irish win came in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Joshua Nosal, Thomas Van Volkenburg, Andrew Hoffman, and Bass all competed in the event for Notre Dame.

"On our part, we were a little flat," Welsh said. "We are in a

mode where we are trying to focus on championship times, so we adjusted some events. Some of that was good for us and some was not."

On Saturday, the Irish lost a competitive 166-134 meet against Louisville.

"What we did today is what we want to do in every meet," Welsh told und.com. "Not in terms of wins or losses, but we raced with spirit, heart and commitment. We were much faster than last week. This was our fastest non-championship meet of the year."

Lytle won a pair of events (200-yard and 100-yard freestyle) for the second consecutive day for the Irish.

Also victorious for Notre Dame were Wesley Villaflor, Nathan Geary and Petar Petrovic.

"It's a giant step from where we were last night against Michigan State, and I'm very proud of how our men rebounded," Welsh said. "Congratulations to Louisville on a hard-fought win."

The Irish will now prepare for the Shamrock Invitational, which will be held on Jan. 29 and 30.

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Tim Welsh
Irish head coach

NBA

Celtics' Allen wants change

Associated Press

Unwanted by their teams, Allen Iverson and Tracy McGrady are still adored by their fans.

The Memphis Grizzlies quickly parted ways with Iverson. The Houston Rockets are trying to trade McGrady.

Maybe the players can swap stories of their rocky roads while covering each other at the All-Star game.

Despite having little to no impact this season, both went into the final hours of voting in position to start, thanks to loyal fans who still consider them stars even though their stats say otherwise.

And with fans showing signs of getting it so wrong, Boston Celtics guard Ray Allen thinks it's time to limit their influence. The nine-time All-Star said the fan voting has made the game "watered down" and calls for a change in the process.

"I like the fact that the fans get the opportunity to vote and pick who they'd like to see in the All-Star game, but I don't think it should be 100 percent," Allen said this week.

Allen said fans should have 50 percent of the vote, with the other 50 percent being divided evenly between the media and the players. He said players know who is playing the best, and believes with his idea, "you'd look at five guys starting

the All-Star team regardless of hype or highlight."

The NBA likes things the way they are.

"We look at it as a great way to engage the fans," NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre said. "We think it's a good system."

The NBA went to fan voting for the starters in the mid-70s and this season made it even more available to its fans by allowing them to vote by text messaging. Paper balloting has already closed, but votes can be cast until 11:59 p.m. Monday night on nba.com or by texting a player's last name to 6-9-6-2-2 (MYNBA). Starters will be announced Thursday night.

McGrady has a good chance of being passed, as his lead over Steve Nash for the second guard spot in the Western Conference was only 2,375 votes when the most recent update was released on Jan. 7. He hasn't been able to strengthen his case since then, since he'd already been granted a leave from the Rockets while they try to find a trade.

He's played sparingly in only six games this season since coming back from knee surgery, and Allen thinks commissioner David Stern should consider a rule mandating a player appear in a minimum number of games to be eligible.

"Tracy, if he played, I'm sure he'd play well enough to be an All-Star player because he's

done that his career," Allen said. "But again, that's taking away from another player in the Western Conference that's having a great year, that's been playing, that deserves to be in there."

Iverson had a better shot of holding on to his No. 2 spot in the East, leading Vince Carter by more than 185,000 votes. He's listed with West players on the paper ballot after starting the season in Memphis, but his votes count in the East since he signed with the Philadelphia 76ers.

He hasn't played at an All-Star level this season, but fans may be looking at what he's done in the past.

"A lot of times voting reflects career achievement as well as yearly achievements," McIntyre said.

Allen also mentioned getting the coaches, who pick the reserves, involved in selecting the starters. Even that may not guarantee the most deserving 10 players, since coaches could have their own opinions about who belongs in the All-Star game.

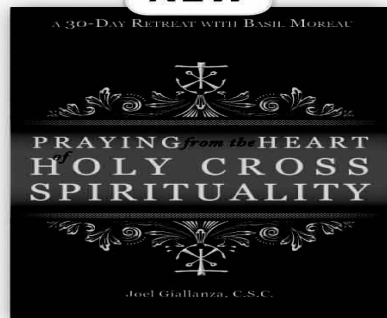
During Shaquille O'Neal's unproductive, injury-plagued final season in Miami in 2008, former Knicks coach Isiah Thomas said he planned to vote him as a reserve anyway, recalling when he played that respected older players such as Julius Erving still made All-Star teams late in their careers.

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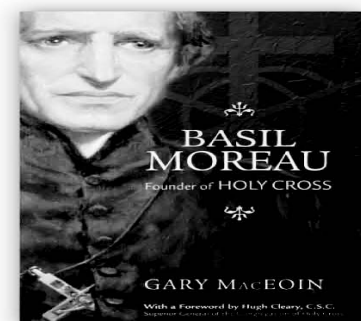
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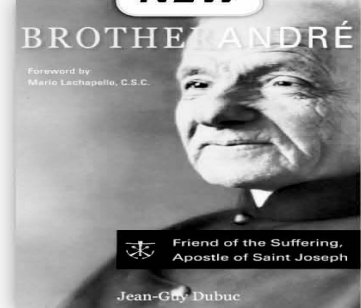
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MLB

Lincecum, 128 others file for pay arbitration

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two-time NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum highlighted the list of 128 players who filed for salary arbitration Friday, with many likely to gain enormous raises in the annual process.

Lincecum has been one of baseball's best bargains, earning \$405,000 from the San Francisco Giants in 2008 and \$650,000 last season, when he became the NL's first repeat Cy Young winner since Randy Johnson from 1999-02.

The deadline for players to file for arbitration was Friday. Lincecum is eligible for the first time and figures to earn \$10 million or more this year after going 33-12 over the past two seasons.

Other notable players eligible for the first time include Tampa Bay pitcher Matt Garza, Texas outfielder Josh Hamilton, Chicago White Sox outfielder Carlos Quentin and Tampa Bay outfielder B.J. Upton.

Also due for big raises are Seattle pitcher Felix Hernandez, White Sox closer Bobby Jenks, Boston closer Jonathan Papelbon and Philadelphia outfielder Shane Victorino. The Mariners hope to strike a long-term deal with Hernandez, 19-5 with a 2.49 ERA last year, when he finished second in AL Cy Young voting.

While more than 200 players were eligible for arbitration when the season ended, clubs let many of them become free agents and already agreed to contracts with others. Among those who filed Friday, at least half are likely to settle before players and teams swap proposed salaries on Tuesday.

For those who don't settle, hearings will be scheduled for the first three weeks of February in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The 111 players in arbitration last year earned a record average increase of 172 percent to \$3.07 million, according to a study by The Associated Press.

Players with three to six years of major league service are eli-

gible, along with the top 17 percent by service time of players between two and three years. In addition, two free-agent pitchers accepted arbitration offers to return to their former clubs: Minnesota's Carl Pavano and Colorado's Rafael Betancourt.

The Twins had eight players who filed for arbitration, tied for most in the majors with the Los Angeles Angels and Chicago Cubs.

New York Mets pitcher John Maine became the first of the 128 in arbitration to settle, agreeing to a \$3.3 million, one-year contract that includes the chance to make \$225,000 in performance bonuses based on starts. Houston infielder Jeff Keppinger agreed to a \$1.15 million, one-year contract, and Los Angeles Dodgers center fielder Matt Kemp then finalized a \$10.95 million, two-year deal.

Eight players agreed to one-year contracts Friday instead of filing, including Arizona outfielder Conor Jackson (\$3.1 million) and catcher Miguel Montero (\$2 million), and a pair of Texas pitchers: Brandon McCarthy (\$1.3 million) and Dustin Nippert (\$665,000).

San Diego closer Heath Bell (\$4 million), Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Chad Billingsley (\$3.85 million), San Francisco reliever Brandon Medders (\$820,000) and Houston pitcher Chris Sampson (\$815,000) also agreed to contracts.

Among free agents, first baseman Adam LaRoche and Arizona finalized a one-year contract that guarantees him \$6 million. LaRoche gets \$4.5 million this year, and the deal includes a \$7.5 million mutual option for 2011 with a \$1.5 million buyout. LaRoche receives the buyout if either side declines, and if he gets traded the option price would increase to \$9.5 million.

The 30-year-old hit .277 for Atlanta, Boston and Pittsburgh last season with 25 homers and 83 RBIs. He has a .274 career average in six seasons.

NFL

Jets shock favored Chargers

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Maybe Rex Ryan already knows the score of the AFC championship game, too.

The rookie coach who, at one point, didn't know his Jets were still in playoff contention, then declared them Super Bowl favorites, will need some more bold predictions.

His Jets are still playing.

Rookies Mark Sanchez and Shonn Greene led New York to a stunning 17-14 upset of San Diego in the divisional playoffs Sunday, each providing a touchdown in the fourth quarter that marked another Chargers postseason pratfall.

"It's a big win for our franchise," Sanchez said, "and we're not done."

Sanchez threw a go-ahead, 2-yard touchdown pass to tight end Dustin Keller three plays into the fourth quarter, then Greene gave the Jets some breathing room with a 53-yard scoring run on their next possession.

The upstart Jets (11-7), who have won seven of their last eight, advanced to the AFC championship game for the first time since 1999. They'll play at top-seeded Indianapolis next Sunday.

"A matchup that probably nobody wanted, but too bad," Ryan said. "Here we come!"

Of course, it was the Colts who pulled Peyton Manning and other starters in the second half of their Week 16 game against the Jets, who rallied for a victory that put them in control of their playoff destiny.

Before that game, Ryan said his holiday wish was for the Colts to rest Manning & Co.

"I don't know if Santa Claus will be that good to me again," Ryan said. "But I will say that I'd like to see Peyton Manning not play this week."

After the Jets finally did clinch a playoff spot by routing Cincinnati the following week, Ryan, their rookie head coach, created a postseason itinerary for his players that included the Super Bowl in Miami followed by a parade two days later.

He might be onto something. Maybe this week he'll predict the Jets' opponent in the Super Bowl.

"We believed the whole time, the whole year, when it probably wasn't the popular choice," Ryan said. "We don't have to apologize to anyone."

The Chargers let New York



Jets RB Shonn Greene breaks a tackle on his way to the endzone late in the second half. Greene finished with 128 yards on the day.

hang around long enough, and the Jets finally got out of their own way, becoming the only road team to win in the divisional round.

After Philip Rivers scored on a 1-yard sneak with 2:14 left to pull the Chargers within three, the Jets recovered the onside kick.

Facing a fourth-and-1 from the 29 with 1:09 left, the Jets called timeout. Ryan decided to go for it and Thomas Jones bulled through the Chargers' line for 2 yards.

Sanchez pumped his fist and pointed his hand forward in the first-down signal.

On the sideline, Ryan lifted much smaller offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer off the ground in a bear hug.

The Chargers (13-4) not only saw their 11-game winning streak end, but suffered yet another playoff meltdown after earning the AFC's No. 2 seed.

"You'd like to play your best games in January in games like this, and certainly, for whatever reason, we did not do that today," Chargers coach Norv Turner said.

Sanchez, playing in his native Southern California, went from looking like the rookie that he is to a guy who has now has two straight playoff wins on the road. He was intercepted by Quentin Jammer midway through the third quarter, but the Jets got

the ball back on an interception when the ball ricocheted off Vincent Jackson and into the hands of cornerback Darrelle Revis as both were sprawled on the ground.

The Jets weren't able to capitalize on that pickoff, but Rivers' second interception was costly. On second-and-9 from his 5, Rivers underthrew Antonio Gates, who hadn't even turned around, with safety Jim Leonhard intercepting and returning it to the 16.

On third down, Sanchez rolled right and threw to Keller, who shed linebacker Tim Dobbins in the back corner of the end zone and made a sprawling 2-yard catch that put the Jets ahead 10-7.

Sanchez and the rest of the Jets ran over to congratulate Keller, then the rookie QB kept running to the bench, stopping once to celebrate with a teammate.

The Jets turned to their top-ranked running game on their next drive, and Greene, a third-round pick from Iowa, broke his long scoring run up the middle, running over safety Eric Weddle in the process.

"Once I got to the secondary, I had one tackle to break and I did, and it was off to the end zone," Greene said. "A lot of people didn't know about me, but they know about the Jets."

Greene rushed for 135 yards and a TD in last week's playoff win against Cincinnati.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Michigan tops No. 15 UConn

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Zack Novak made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 1.5 minutes left and Manny Harris followed with a layup to lift Michigan a 68-63 win over No. 15 Connecticut on Sunday.

Harris finished with 18 points for the Wolverines (10-7), who earned the signature win they needed in a season that started with them ranked 15th, coming off their first NCAA tournament bid since 1998.

The Huskies (11-6) have lost three straight for the first time since closing the 2006-07 season with four losses.

Connecticut's Kemba Walker had 15, Gavin Edwards scored 14, Jerome Dyson had 13 and Stanley Robinson added 11.

The Huskies struggled at the free-throw line, missing four in the last 45 seconds and going 16 of 25 overall. Dyson, the team's leading scorer, was 5 of 16 from the field and 2 for 5 at the line.

Harris has played well all

season for Michigan. For a change, he got plenty of help.

Stu Douglass scored 13 points — making three 3-pointers — Novak had 10 points. DeShawn Sims had eight points and 11 rebounds while dealing with foul trouble and Anthony Wright nearly doubled his season high with nine points.

Novak's clutch 3-pointer put Michigan ahead 61-58. He also made two free throws in the final minute to seal the victory that led to a fired-up crowd rushing the court.

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them.

Morrow said he was worried about whether he would get drafted after hearing his teammates' names. However, he said he was relieved to find out where he will play.

"I'm ready to go out to

California and play soccer," he said. "It's a huge soccer state and I'm pretty excited about that. I know the fans are going to be great."

Morrow and Thomas agreed that it would be nice to play on a team together.

"That was a great feeling," Thomas said. "We're both really good friends, we're teammates, we were roommates last year. Hopefully

we'll be playing together for a long time."

Clark said he thinks the players will do well no matter where they land.

"I think at the end of the day they're all strong enough personalities that they'll all handle their situations well," he said. "They're really good people."

On the women's side, forward Michele Weissenhofer became the seventh Notre Dame player drafted in the past two years. Weissenhofer was selected in the fourth round by the Chicago Red Stars with the 33rd overall pick.

"I think [Weissenhofer's being drafted] speaks volumes about the quality that [Notre Dame is] putting out," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "And where we are and what people think of the kind of players we are producing here."

Weissenhofer, a Naperville, Ill. native, said she was excited to play for a team so close to home. The Red Stars play in Bridgeview, Ill., a mere half-hour east of Naperville.

"I was really hoping to go to Chicago," she said. "I know how blessed and fortunate I am to be able to play at my hometown with my friends and family all being there to support me."

Weissenhofer amassed 30 goals and 27 assists in her time at Notre Dame, which



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Former Irish defender Justin Morrow dribbles during the Big East Quarterfinals. Morrow was drafted by the San Jose Earthquakes.



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Former Irish defender Michele Weissenhofer plays in the semifinals of the College Cup. Weissenhofer was drafted by the Red Stars.

was hampered by injuries throughout, including two pulled hamstrings during her senior year. Weissenhofer was named Soccer America national freshman of the year in 2006 with 18 goals and 17 assists in her first season.

Waldrum said it is neither the injuries nor the outstanding freshman season he will remember most about

Weissenhofer's career at Notre Dame.

"The one thing I think I'll remember her career for is she was very good for us every year in the NCAA Tournament," he said. "She always seemed to catch fire at the right time of year."

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be that good,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “They played well I thought, especially the first eight minutes of the game. They really came out and took charge. I expected that we would play a little better.”

A steal and a resulting layup by senior guard Ashley Barlow tied the score at two just a minute and a half into the game. However, the Irish would not score again until a Barlow jumper with 13:34 to go in the first half. Eight minutes in, the Huskies had pulled out to an insurmountable 24-4 lead, and they went into halftime leading 42-19.

Notre Dame played Connecticut more evenly in the second half, holding the Huskies to 9-of-26 shooting and turning the ball over just six times as opposed to 13 turnovers in the first half. The Huskies outscored the Irish 28-27 in the second half.

“We gathered our poise, came in and did some good things,” McGraw said. “We played a little better defense, we rebounded better. We were back on our heels when we got 20 points down, and it took a lot to come out of it.”

Connecticut’s Tina Charles set the tone for the Huskies, scoring 17 points in the first half and 23 in the game, as well as grabbing 13 rebounds. Maya Moore came in right behind Charles with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Junior forward Devereaux Peters led the Irish in scoring

with 12 points while Barlow had 10. Guards freshman Skylar Diggins and senior Lindsay Schrader, who average double-digits, scored just six points each as the Irish were held to 26.9 percent shooting in the game.

“I think that they played really good defense, they played great pressure defense and so when we were open, maybe we rushed some of it,” McGraw said. “I can’t really say what the problem was, we obviously just shot poorly and I think there’s going to be games when that happens. Maybe we’re pressing a little too much, trying too hard.”

Notre Dame will not have a long time to recover from the loss, as it travels to Louisville to take on the Cardinals Tuesday night.

“We definitely need to work on that and really pick up the pieces and figure out how to move on, which is something we can do,” McGraw said. “We’re a very good team, but we didn’t play well.”

Tip-off will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Louisville’s Freedom Hall.

Note:

♦ Sophomore guard Fraderica Miller was unable to play Saturday due to tendonitis in her knee and will have surgery today. She will be out three to four weeks.

“It’s disappointing,” McGraw said. “It’s just a scope, which isn’t as bad as losing a full season, but it’s still disappointing.”

Miller has averaged 2.2 points, 2.4 rebounds, and 1.15 steals in 13 games this season.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles advance in MIAA standings

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s squeaked out another win Saturday against MIAA opponent Olivet to stay in the running with the conference’s finest.

The Belles (9-5, 4-2 MIAA) started out slow to begin the game. Much of the first half was back and forth between the two teams.

Neither team could retain a solid lead for a long period of time. It wasn’t until the Comets (4-12, 3-4) scored nine straight points to close out the first half that either team was able to establish a comfortable lead. Heading into halftime, the Belles faced a 31-22 deficit.

Saint Mary’s took advantage of the Olivet defense in the second half by going on two major scoring runs. The first, a 15-0 scoring run, erased Olivet’s ten-point lead and gave Saint Mary’s a 43-38 lead.

Another scoring run came quickly for the Belles, as they did not let up by outscoring the Comets 23-4. While the Belles built a comfortable 51-42 lead, the Comets continued to fight

back.

The Comets cut the lead down to one point several times, but the Belles managed to hang on.

Free throws, especially in the second half, ended up saving the day for the Belles. Despite shooting 1-3 from the free throw line in the first half, Saint Mary’s shot 13-15 in the second half.

Sophomore guard Maggie Ronan hit two clutch free throws near the end of the game to cushion Saint Mary’s lead to three points.

Ronan led the Belles with a game- and career-high 18 points. Six of those points came from the free throw line as she shot a perfect 6-6.

Senior forward Anna Kammrath recorded her second straight double-double with 12 points and 14 rebounds and sophomore forward Kelley Murphy added 12 points.

The Belles retake third place in the conference as they prepare to play at fourth place Adrian on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.

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The Irish (14-4, 3-2) lost to the Bearcats (12-6, 3-3) on a last-second tip-in by Yancy Gates, who grabbed his own rebound and put it back with 2.4 seconds to go. That play was indicative of an overall rebounding problem for the Irish, who were out-rebounded 50-31.

“They’re just big bodies, tough on the inside,” junior forward Tim Abromaitis said. “It showed in our rebounding stats.”

The Irish offense struggled as well. Senior forward Luke Harangody made just 5-of-20 field goal attempts and the Irish made only 47.4 percent of their foul shots.

Senior guard Tory Jackson said the offense would rebound because the shot selection was good.

“Offensively, there’s noth-

ing to change,” he said. “We got great shots. Those shots will fall down. Nothing to be upset about.”

The Irish led by seven at the half, but the Bearcats pulled back in the second half. Senior guard Ben Hansbrough sank a jumper to tie the score at 58 with 23 seconds left, but the Irish couldn’t prevent Gates’ put-back.

“It’s really hard to win on the road in the Big East,” Hansbrough said. “We had every chance to win and we just didn’t quite finish like we should have.”

Playing games in quick succession, however, can help the team bounce back, something Brey said he talked to the team about after the loss to Connecticut. “I think we’ll be excited to be back home,” Brey said. “You just can’t dwell too much on disappointment.”

The home court will help the team get energized, as it

has in recent years.

“I heard one of the players before a couple weeks ago, just before we played, say, ‘Y’all are really good here,’” Jackson said. “Even to hear them say that, they’ve already beat themselves.”

The Orange squeaked out a 72-71 win over No. 10 West Virginia Saturday but have played outstanding lately. Since a 10-point loss to St. John’s on Jan. 2, their only loss of the season, they have won four straight.

Junior forward Wes Johnson leads Syracuse in scoring with 16.8 points per game, but Johnson has recently been suffering from the flu. Freshman guard Brandon Triche led the team with 16 points against West Virginia.

Brey said he knows how good Syracuse in part because of the attention the game is attracting: 26 professional scouts will attend.

“We’ve had more NBA people come to this game than in our history,” he said. “That must mean they’ve got a lot of pros.”

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SMC SWIMMING

Freshmen succeed despite losses

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Although the Belles came out of this weekend with two losses, some individuals enjoyed success. While the team missed sophomore Audrey Dalrymple, who is studying abroad, and senior Meredith Lierz, who was out with a knee injury, the freshman class stepped up to take the lead in numerous events.

“Even though we did not win this weekend as a team, we succeeded every time one of us hit the water and put forth a great race,” freshman Katie Griffin said.

Friday night the Belles lost 124-116 to No. 18 Hope, but still had some top individual finishers. Prior to the meets, Belles coach Alicia Dombkowski said she had no doubts in regards to her

freshmen ladies, and they certainly did not let her down.

Griffin began the weekend with a time of 1:02.27 for the 100-yard backstroke, recording the third-fastest time in this event in team history. Griffin also took second in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:02.07.

“Swimming is often perceived as an individual sport, but fast swimming is only possible through the support of a team. This weekend I wouldn’t have accomplished what I did without being pushed to be better by my teammates every day during practice,” Griffin said.

Among these teammates are sophomore Megan Price, who finished second at the Hope meet in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 27.96, and freshman Ellie Watson, who finished second in the 500-yard freestyle.

Saturday afternoon the Belles lost 129-100 to Olivet, but once again had several strong individual finishes. Griffin shined again, finishing first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:02.49.

The team took first, second and third in the 200-yard backstroke, led by freshman Caila Poythress and closely followed by freshman Emily Pearl and senior Sara Niemann.

Freshman Genevieve Spittler finished first in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:21.85. Watson once again performed well, finishing second in both the 500- and 1000-yard freestyle.

The girls next compete Friday against Albion at 7 p.m. in the Rolfs Aquatic Center at Notre Dame.

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NBA

Anthony’s 37 lead Nuggets

Associated Press

DENVER — Carmelo Anthony scored 37 points and Chauncey Billups added 29 in the Denver Nuggets’ 119-112 win over Utah that snapped a four-game winning streak by the Jazz on Sunday night.

Ty Lawson returned to Denver’s rotation after missing four games with a sprained ankle and helped steady a sometimes erratic offense, scoring 11 points and dishing out an assist.

Nene Hilario added 18 points for the Nuggets, whose win on this January night could mean a lot come April.

Denver improved to 3-0 against Utah, winning the season series, which could prove

crucial for playoff seeding should these teams end up with the same record in the tight Western Conference.

Utah Jazz head coach Jerry Sloan, center, and assistant coach Phil Johnson, right, argue with referees for a call while facing the Denver Nuggets in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Denver on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010.

Point guard Deron Williams (sprained wrist) and forward Andrei Kirilenko (hyperextended knee) were both in Utah’s starting lineup despite playing the night before in a 112-95 win over Milwaukee in Salt Lake City. Williams led the Jazz with 23 points but Kirilenko scored just seven.

Kyle Korver had 19, Carlos Boozer 18 and Paul Millsap 17 for the Jazz.

Although Utah’s lone lead came at 7-6, this game was contested until the final minute.

The Nuggets jumped out to a 17-point lead in the second quarter but Utah kept it interesting by closing with a 12-2 run and went into halftime down 60-53. Kirilenko opened the third quarter with a bucket to make it a five-point game, but the Nuggets responded with a 10-0 run, sparked by Anthony, to grab a 70-55 lead.

Once again, the Jazz didn’t go down quietly. They used a 13-2 run to pull to 85-81 heading into the fourth quarter, and Mehmet Okur’s bucket cut Denver’s lead to 85-83.

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ND SOCCER

Three men, one woman selected in professional draft

By DOUGLAS FARMER and LAURA MYERS
Sports Writers

Three Notre Dame men were selected in the Major League Soccer SuperDraft Thursday and one Irish woman was selected in the Women's Professional Soccer draft on Friday. Both drafts were held in Philadelphia.

Forward Bright Dike was drafted in the first round by

the Columbus Crew with the 12th overall selection. Midfielder Michael Thomas and left back Justin Morrow were both chosen in the second round by the San Jose Earthquakes. Thomas was the 19th overall pick and Morrow the 28th overall pick.

"It's everybody's dream to play in the MLS when you're younger, and now it's a reality," Thomas, a two-time captain for the Irish, said.

This was just the second draft in the program's history in which three men were selected. It also happened in 2005.

"I thought there was a good chance they'd get selected," men's coach Bobby Clark said. "But to get three is pretty impressive. I'm happy for them and the program."

Dike, the 2009 Big East Offensive Player of the Year, led the Irish in goals (11)

and points (26) as a fifth-year senior in the 2009 season. In his college career, he was a two-time first-team all-Big East selection and a two-time all-region selection. In his career he scored 27 goals and had 12 assists.

Thomas, who started 81 of 83 career matches with the Irish, led the team in assists in 2009 with six and also scored six goals. HE was also a two-time all-region selection and earned first-

team all-Big East honors in 2009. In 2008, he was a second-team all-conference selection.

Morrow, also a team captain in 2009, notched two goals and one assist in his first year as a defender after playing midfielder earlier in his career. He earned second team all-Big East honors. He played in 89 games throughout his career, starting 64 of

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

A Higher Standard

No. 1 UConn hands Irish first loss of season

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

No. 1 Connecticut has made a habit of making top-10 teams look overmatched.

On Saturday night, No. 3 Notre Dame was just its latest victim.

The Irish (15-1, 2-1 Big East) fell to the Huskies (17-0, 5-0) in a 70-46 decision Saturday at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. The game marked Notre Dame's first loss of the 2009-2010 season as well as Connecticut's 56th straight victory.

The Huskies have played 10 games against top-10 opponents during its win streak and has won those games by an average of almost 27 points. This season, the team's average margin of victory is 38 points.

"We were expecting them to

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GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Junior forward Becca Bruszewski faces off with a defender during Notre Dame's 88-47 win over Valparaiso on Dec. 12. The Irish suffered their first loss of the season at Connecticut Saturday.

ND TRACK & FIELD

Marks set at Indoor ND opener

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

The Irish went into Friday's Notre Dame Indoor Opener at the Loftus Sports Center looking to find out what type of shape the athletes were in and how the past semester's conditioning and training had benefited them.

Irish coach Joe Piane said that the approach was simply to "find out where [the team is] at in terms of conditioning."

From the results, it appears the effort was not put forth in vain.

The meet allowed the Irish to see where different athletes are and how well prepared they will be for upcoming Big East meets.

Against DePaul, Loyola and the women's squad from

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Squad falls at last second

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

When the Irish returned to South Bend following their 60-58 loss to Cincinnati Saturday, Mike Brey tore up the stat sheet in front of them.

"I said, 'We made a run at it,'" the Irish coach said. "Yeah, there's some things we could have done better. I don't want anyone dwelling on things that they didn't do."

They can't afford to, because No. 5 Syracuse comes to town tonight. Brey said he thinks the Orange (17-1, 4-1 Big East) are the best team in the country.

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Senior guard Tory Jackson takes a shot during Notre Dame's 84-73 win over UCLA on Dec. 19. The Irish lost to Cincinnati this weekend.

HOCKEY

Comebacks mark win, tie with No. 6 Spartans

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Twice this weekend Notre Dame faced multiple goal deficits against No. 6 Michigan State. Instead of essentially throwing the towel in on the season, the Irish fought back in both games to win 5-2 Friday at home and tie the Spartans 4-4 Saturday on the road.

"I give our kids credit both nights," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "We could have put our heads down and given up playing for ourselves, but we came out and played hard. ... To come out with four points against a

top-10 team is pretty good."

The four points moved Notre Dame (10-10-6, 6-7-5-2 CCHA) from a three-way tie for seventh place to a two-way tie for sixth in the CCHA standings. The Irish sit only five points out of fourth place in the conference.

Even though Notre Dame managed 19 shots on goal in the first period Friday, Michigan State led 2-0 after only four minutes had passed in the second period. Three minutes later an Irish shot finally found the back of the net when freshman Nick Larson scored off of an assist

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