Bush set for second inaugural celebration

Country, Notre Dame still divided

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

As President Bush begins his second term in office today, national polls as well as Notre Dame professors and students find the nation just as politically divided as it was during November's contentious elections.

A Pew Research Center poll for Jan. 5-9 cited Bush's approval rating at 50 percent and disapproval rating as 43 percent, which political science professor David Campbell described as "historical." The annual rankings provide direction and information for many-college bound high school students and their parents. To rank the schools, the Princeton Review selects what they consider to be the top schools — 357 made the cut this year — and categorizes them into top-20 lists focusing on different criteria.

Among the University's favorable rankings, one-third directly involved athletics. Notre Dame took top honors in the category "Everyone Plays Intramural Sports" and were named madn the Princeton Review for athletics.

Princeton rankings not all bad

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Building collapses on CJ's Pub

Nearby demolition causes problem

By KATIE ANTONACCI
Assistant News Editor

Three employees of CJ's Pub on North Michigan Street were unharmed Wednesday afternoon when demolition on the gateway apartment complex next door went wrong, causing part of the six-story building to collapse onto the roof of the pub.

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Students Senate

Members strive for African solidarity

Effort made to bring Bono to University

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

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INSIDE COLUMN

A day in the life

From the time I was five, I've known I wanted to be a teacher. I was the child who always wanted to "play school" in real life—in the moment my older brother left the house for the bus in the second he came home. I made sure to play all the important subjects—coloring, snacking, sup­ping and occasionally, the alphabet. I loved playing school. And then last week, it was time for me to give up my school vision of school and face reality as a student teacher.

Arming myself with novels and poems, newspaper articles and movie clips, I marched into Washington High School in South Bend last Monday thinking I was ready to teach. And I am, but it takes a lot of work.

It's a little known fact that after all we left our high school classrooms, our teachers actually had to do work. And not just a little bit of work. A lot of work. Student teaching means planning lessons for five different periods, waiting in line to use the photocopier to make handouts, writing tests and quizzes sometimes I always hated and trying to devise thought provoking lessons that will really help my students to learn something about English and about themselves.

While my friends are getting ready to take their Wednesday night nap before hitting State, I'm already in my pajamas—looking to Shakespeare for inspira­tion or discovering ways to entice my students into writing a research paper.

The task is daunting to say the least. I feel as though I have more pressure placed on me now than I have ever felt before—because if I make a mistake this time, I'm letting down 125 high school seniors and myself.

And as my friends sleep in late, and my presence on campus diminishes, I wonder if I'm doing the right thing. But it only takes one smile from a student in the hallway, one "Hey Miss S" to let me know my heart is in the classroom with my students—although it occasionally slips away to my college life.

To say my life has changed this semester would be a vast understate­ment. I'm in the classroom every day, leaving me a lot less time to be on campus and with my friends. But when a student writes something amazing insightful in an essay question or says something so profound I wish I had thought of it. I get a feeling inside that I've yet to feel anywhere else—a feel­ing that says no matter how much work I have, or how little sleep I get or that if my social life becomes non-exis­tent, it's not going to matter. And when I walk into the classroom next year, it won't be just for the entire day, I'm going to be more than ready. Because when I'm teaching, I am home.

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IN BRIEF

RecSports will sponsor its 13th annual Late Night Olympics. The all-night fundraiser, start­ting Saturday at 6 p.m. and last­ing until Sunday at 4 a.m., will benefit the St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

The Notre Dame Student Film Festival will take place tonight, Friday and Saturday. Each showing, one from 7 to 9 p.m. and one from 10 p.m. to midnight, includes 18 student features and takes place at the Brownning Family Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

University of Michigan economics professor will present a lecture on "The Boomers Approach Retirement: Policies to Prepare for Growing Old in an Aging America" Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Notre Dame men's and women's track teams will host their home opener Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Loftus Sports Center.

Organist Chris Cramer will present a concert tonight from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Free tickets are required.

The Harlem Globetrotters will play at the Joyce Center Arena Friday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Joyce Center ticket office.

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

OFFBEAT

Shrieking frogs unnerve Hawaiian island

HONOLULU — A tiny frog with a huge shrill has invaded the Big Island and won't shut up. Big Island Mayor Harry Kim is look­ing for $2 million to begin controlling the spread of the nocturnal coqui frog, a beloved native in Puerto Rico but considered an unwanted invasive species in Hawaii, experts said. D.A. confronts "jury pool from hell"

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Defense attorney Leslie Balian called it the "jury pool from hell." The group of prospective jurors was summoned to listen to a case of Tennessee trailer park violence. Right after jury selection began last week, one man got up and left, announcing, "I'm on morphine and I'm higher than a kite." When the prosecutor asked if anyone had been convicted of a crime, a prospective juror said that he had been arrested and taken to a mental hospital after he almost shot his nephew. He said he was provoked because his nephew just would not come out from under the bed.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE POET AND WHY?

Bridget Higgins
freshman Cavanagh

"Tennyson — it's so romantic I love 'The Lady of Shallot.'"

Jim Hyde
senior O'Neil

"Homer — it's epic."

Angela Saoud

"Carrington Koller, because he wears red shoes."

Molly Butler
junior Pasquerilla East

"Whoever writes on the bathroom stall."

Dan McSwain
senior O'Neil

"Dr. Seuss, because I love Seuss-ical the musical."

Molly Kealy
sophomore Lyons

"Molly — she writes my sonnets."

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Helen Huang
art director
Saint Mary's anticipates opening of new Student Center

Building will include space for student government, campus publications, theater, new bookstore, Internet cafe.

By NICOLE ZOOK
Assistant News Editor

For months, Saint Mary's students have been wondering what exactly lies beyond the brick wall of the new Student Center.

They have seen the driveway paved, brass fittings and a clock put outside, and have even been able to lift the sheet separating the dining hall and the new lobby to get a quick look at the unfinished building.

According to facilities director John Delree, they will find out soon.

"It's scheduled for a February completion," Delree said. "It should all be done by the 25th of February, and right now we're planning to move Student Activities, etc. into over break week.

The building's three levels will hold offices, meeting rooms and conference rooms for Student Activities as well as several other student groups such as student government, the Blue Marlin and a work area for The Observer. Space is also set aside for Campus Ministry, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and a new women's resource center in support of the current LeMans Hall space.

Student activities director Georgeanna Rosenbush said the building will have everything students need.

"I've been involved since the beginning with students and faculty and other administrators to basically come up with what we need," she said. "We took a campus inventory for what we need, came up with a strategic plan."

Rosenbush, who said the plan for a student center began about five years ago, called the inventory a "wish list for students."

The list includes a brand new bookstore location, two student lounges, a First Source Bank branch, a convenience store and a theater.

The new center will also contain a cyber cafe, where students will have wireless Internet access. The cafe will feature grab-and-go style meals and an outdoor patio facing LeMans.

"We're hoping to get Adirondack chairs and things like that so people can sit outside and enjoy the weather," Rosenbush said. "We're very excited — it's going to be a nice facility."

The building will also accommodate two groups the Haggag Student Center did not — off-campus students and the president of the College.

The President's Dining Room will have space for dining with about 60 visiting dignitaries and guests, a preparation area for catering, etc.

"We'll still have the west wing to have bigger events and dinners in there as well," Rosenbush said. "We'll have an off-campus kitchen area that will be a full kitchen for their lunch."

Senior Robin Blume said she was especially pleased Saint Mary's was adding students who choose not to live in the dorms.

"I'm thrilled that something on this campus is for off-campus students too," she said.

Other students compared the current construction to the building of the Noble Family Dining Hall, actually the first part of a two-phase plan including the Student Center.

"I thought there was a bigger need for a new academic hall before a new dining hall was built," senior Candace Schmidt said. "However, I think the student center was needed to fulfill SMC student, faculty, and staff needs."

DeLee expects the Student Center to be well used and said students will not be disappointed when the facility finally opens after break.

"There's not going to be any part of it I didn't want," she said. "Rosebush said the move from Haggar to the new building would help Saint Mary's feel more like a campus.

"I think the students are going to be very excited about it," she said. "I think it's also going to be a place that they're going to take a lot of ownership for, because it is called Student Center."

Rosenbush emphasized the Haggag Center remains an important part of the College's history, and it will still be used for various functions. However, Rosenbush also said she feels the new Student Center will become a place of union for the campus and its future students.

"Haggagar is a wonderful gift of the Haggagar family, and for 22 years it gave the students a spot, gave it a beginning," Rosenbush said. "This is where the students are going. I see that as a tribute to the leadership on our campus and the impart they have had on our campus."

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"Students Pack the Stadiums," and ranked fourth among the "Jock Schools." Richard O'Leary, director of intramurals and club sports, attributed the widespread student involvement in interhall athletics to the organizational efforts of RecSports, as well as the general enthusiasm of the student body.
"The Athletic Department has always supported the athletic interests of the entire student body," O'Leary said. "We are also blessed with a student body that requires us to provide well-rounded and complete recreational offerings."
Sophomore Ryan Ritter, an active member of intramural sports from Sorin Hall, agreed that both the students and opportunities provided by the University itself play crucial roles in the popularity of non-variety athletics at Notre Dame. "I think it's mostly the students that fuel the popularity of our intramurals, but thankfully RecSports has given the students plenty of opportunity to do so," Ritter said.
"Interhall sports have done more than just fill a void," Ritter said. "You find that they also bring back the reasons most of us started playing in the first place -- having fun."
"Jock Schools" also lends itself to the overall popularity of intramural sports at Notre Dame, as students band with their hall community rather than self or randomly-assigned teams. Dorm pride helps to fuel competition, Ritter said. Because many Notre Dame students are athletes themselves, they have a marked appreciation for intercollegiate athletics. "The University's first-place ranking in the category of "Students Pack the Stadiums" shows that students enjoy playing the role of athlete as well as that of spectator."
The athletic history of many Notre Dame students allows them to recognize the importance of fan support at athletic events. "I feel a certain responsibility and pride to do whatever it takes to help our sports teams because I've played on many teams myself, and I know full well that fans play a large role in any game," freshman Kyle Meade said.
The large number of intramural athletics participants and varsity sports attendees helped Notre Dame rank among the top five "Jock Schools" in the nation.
Another category in which Notre Dame fared a different level of success was in "Students Pack the Stadiums." The top 10 was "Students Pack a Regular Basis," junior Amanda Murillo said. "I was surprised that Notre Dame provides ample opportunity for prayer, it is the students themselves who drive the religious devotion on campus.
"There are so many opportunities to become involved in religious activities, and students at Notre Dame are eager to grow in their faith," Murillo said. "They encourage each other and support one another to grow spiritually."
Numerous clubs, organizations and retreats organized through Campus Ministry and other religious programs at Notre Dame can allow formerly competitive students to rediscover a personal religious reflection for the students of Notre Dame. Murillo is an active member of many of these programs, including Society of the Ivory Tower -- which studies the theology of the body -- and Eucharistic Adoration.
"I try to be involved in things that you can go in with your prayer life," Murillo said.
Other categories featuring Notre Dame in the top 20 include "More to Do On Campus" and "Great Campus Food."
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JPW Mass Lector Auditions

JPW Lector auditions will take place in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on each of the following dates:
Monday, January 24th at 5:00pm
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Palestinians promise quick action

Gaza City, Gaza Strip — The top Palestinian security commander said Wednesday he would deploy forces on Gaza’s border with Israel to prevent rocket attacks, the first concrete step to run in the northern part of the Strip, since Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas took office over the weekend.

Later, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon decided to resume security talks with the Palestinians — filling a threat to retain forces on an attack last week that killed six Israeli civilians in a Gaza checkpoint.

Security officials from the two sides were to meet later Wednesday to discuss ways of stopping Palestinian rocket fire in the northern part of the Strip, Israeli officials said. Palestinian officials confirmed the talks would take place at the Erez checkpoint between Gaza and Israel.

U.N. calls for new warning system

KOBE, Japan — With multiple nations putting forward proposals for a tsunami-warning system, the United Nations said Wednesday it would set up the system and extend it globally, but the United States voiced doubts about the U.N. ability to run such a program.

The Asian tsunami disaster demonstrated with terrifying power the need for an alert system in the Indian Ocean and other parts of the world, but the sparring over support in build one has generated a plethora of overlapping proposals.

Amid the confusion, U.N. officials at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Kobe, Japan, called Wednesday for coordination of efforts — and insisted on their own central role in mandating the expertise and setting up the system.

NATIONAL NEWS

FBI alerts Boston police of suspects

BOSTON — The FBI notified law enforcement officials in Massachusetts on Tuesday that suspects in a Boston blast were on the lookout for four Chinese nationals described as possible terrorist suspects who may be headed to the Boston area.

Federal law enforcement officials said they had received a tip about an unspecified threat against Boston, and released photographs of the two men and two women they were seeking. Authorities said the names had been on previous watch lists of terrorist suspects.

The South Korean government offered a $1 million reward and posted a $5 million reward for information leading to the arrest of those suspected in the bombing.

Four suspected of terror ties

WASHINGTON — Authorities have arrested four people accused of having ties to suspect­ ed terrorists and blocked 12 more from entering the United States in the first two weeks of this year, according to government documents.

Daily reports from the Homeland Security Operations Center do not contain classified information. But they are not distributed pub­ licly and generally intended to remain secret.

They offer a glimpse into what national security officials are doing to prevent an attack, detailing arrests, criminal incidents and law enforcement tips.

LOCAL NEWS

Governor proposes tax increase

Tallahassee, Fla. — In a move taxpayers had been asking for, but less than $100,000 would pay a temporary 1 percent surtax on this year’s income under a proposal made Tuesday night by Gov. Jeb Bush, would help eliminate the state’s deficit.

The added tax would bring the state $290 million, earmarked for next year’s estimated $645 million budget hole, Daniels said in his first State of the State speech.

Bush ‘eager’ to start second term

WASHINGTON — In a city brim­ ming with pagantry under threat of terrorism, President Bush looked ahead Wednesday to the momentous inauguration, bidding to forge unity in a nation divided by political differences. “I am eager and ready for the world ahead,” Bush declared.

He made a brief inaugural address Thursday, Bush will tell the country that events and common sense have led him to one conclusion: The sur­ vive of liberty in our land increas­ ingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expan­ sion of freedom in all the world.

The White House on Wednesday night released excerpts of Bush’s inaugural speech Bush will give after his swearing-in at the Capitol. The threat of terrorism prompted what authorities promised would be the most secure inauguration ever deployed. A half-million people were expected to throng the city for the swearing-in and the traditional parade along Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House.

The thunder of fireworks on the Ellipse began an inauguration eve­ ning of patriotism and parties for Bush, his wife, Laura, Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne. With a fresh snow blanket­ ing city streets, the fireworks in the low 20s, the Bushes and Cheneys sat outdoors on a heated stage at a musical extravaganza called "A Celebration of Freedom." "This is the cause that unites our country and gives hope to the world and will lead us to a future of peace," Bush told the crowd. "We have a calling from beyond the stars to stand for freedom, and America will always be faithful to that cause."

Inauguration is a time of unity for our country, the president said.

Judge throws out couple’s lawsuit

Tampa, Fla. — In what is believed to be the first ruling of its kind, a judge on Wednesday threw out a federal lawsuit by same-sex marriage opponents, dismissing a lawsuit by two women seeking to have their marriage recognized.

Attorneys for conserva­tive groups hailed the rul­ing by U.S. District Judge James S. Moody as an important first step, but the plaintiffs promised to appeal.

"This is a legal shot heard ‘round the world," said attorney Ellis Rubin, who filed the lawsuit on the women’s behalf. "But we are not giving up. This case is going to be resolved in the U.S. Supreme Court. We’ve said that since the day it filed.

Although several federal­ level cases are challenging the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, attorneys said Moody’s ruling was the first by a federal judge on a direct chal­ lenge to the law.

Moody sided with for­ mer Attorney General John Ashcroft, who argued in court filings that the government has a legitimate interest in allowing states to ban same-sex marriage because it encourages "stable relationships" for the rearing of children by both biological parents.

The Justice Department said it would immediately comment on the ruling.

The plaintiff­s, Nancy Wilson and Paula Schoenwetter, a couple for 27 years who live in Tampa, were mar­ ried in Massachusetts in July. They wanted their union recognized in Florida, where state law specifically bans same­sex marriages.

Moody said he could not declare marriage a "fun­ damental right," as the lawsuit urged him to do, and that he was bound to follow legal precedent. "The legislatures of individual states may decide to overturn its precedent and strike down" the law, Moody wrote. "But, until then, this court is constrained to hold [the law] and the Florida statutes ... consti­ tutionally valid."

Wilson, a minister for Metropolitan Community Churches, one of the world’s largest congrega­tions of gay Christians, said in a statement she was prepared to take her case to the Supreme Court.

"Despite this ruling, we are still married in our hearts, and legally mar­ ried in Massachusetts," she said. Her partner added: "No civil rights movement was lost on one bad court decision."

Conservative Christian groups applauded the ruling.

"Today we have with­ stood a significant vic­ tory — marriage and democracy," said Tom Minnery of Focus on Family. The group is pushing for an amend­ ment to the Constitution that would ban same-sex marriages.

"Unfortunately, at any time, marriage in any jurisdiction is only one judge away from being ruled unconsti­ tutional."
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"We're still here, we've overcome difficulties and we're still here."

But the inauguration also signifies Bush transition into his second term, which has proved problematic for many people.

"Second-term presidents, historically in the later 20th century, have been very disappointing and crisis-ridden," said political science professor Peri Arnold, noting the troublesome second terms of Presidents Ford, Carter, Johnson, Nixon and Reagan.

"This is not the case for the candidates enter the second term full of hubris ... [and] find that the mandate they thought they had was not a reality."

The number of second-term presidents in recent years poses a great challenge for critics and their constituents. Because the trend of presidents show that second terms has become fairly consistent in the last 40 years — the four most recent presidents, three of which have been Republicans, Americans have come to expect it, Ohmer said.

"If you read a second term as stability, we've had a remarkable continuity in the last quarter century, which could mislead people into considering two terms the norm for a presidency, Ohmer said.

"When people don't get reelected in the future, will that become troubling?"

The prevalence of second terms has also allowed the media to gain influence over the public's perception of a presidency, as coverage persuasive and policies can often center on comparisons between a first and second term, Ohmer pointed out.

"The extent to which the [media] does affect how we see the second term, she said.

Even the president himself can see the nation through a different lens during his second term than he did during his first. Ohmer said a greater awareness of the office and the country comes with a second term.

"When a president has a second term, he /she has an understanding of broader trends," she said. "Once you've been there for a while, you have a bigger picture, a stronger sense of his-/her history."

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student body together for one week under one cause, and they were remarkable," he said.

Ohmer then spoke about the letter to Bono — originally introduced to the Senate by Illinois Senator Barack Obama in November — that invites U2 to play a benefit concert as what she called "the biggest show on the record," for Africa Week.

The letter, emphasized Africa Week would go on with or without U2, but they should at least participate. Ohmer expressed a display of student support for a mass amount of signatures.

The letter, once approved by Student Senate, would be sent to Bono as an initial expression of interest, and booths would be set up on campus thereafter to collect the signatures.

"I believe they expressed their support of the idea, there was concern over the tone of the proposed letter, and they voted to have it rewritten by the first week in favor of a more professional style."

After the presentation, Judicial Council president Briad Arnold spoke to Senate about the upcoming student body presidential and vice presidential elections. Petitions were due Wednesday and candidates will be officially announced next Wednesday.

"The less my job is to inform you of any campaign procedure violations," Anderson said. "We're just asking you, we've already had one, regarding campaigning prior to appointment.

Though she did not specify which candidates were involved in the violation, Anderson said that a hearing was already held and sanctions were issued.

In other Senate news:

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ly low" for a second-term professor Peri Arnold said.

Campbell cited approval ratings for Presidents Clinton, Johnson and Eisenhower from Pew polls as well as approval ratings during a similar time. The lowest — Clinton's 59 percent approval rating — was significantly higher than Bush's.

"What appears to have happened is that the political climate and the post-election period itself [we've] kept that sense of divisiveness, Campbell said.

Similar to the Pew poll, a Washington Post-ABC poll for Jan. 12-16 found Bush's approval rating to be 52 percent and disapproval rating to be 46 percent.

When people broke down into subcategories, the poll showed only 33 percent of Americans "approve strongly" of Bush, while a full 35 percent "disapprove strongly."

"It's not happening, in reality, with a big wave of support," political science professor Tony Keenan said.

Regarding public opinion, "nothing's changed" since the midterm elections, and American Studies professor Tony Keenan said.

And while tempers always subside following an election, Campbell said the president is not likely to benefit.

"There's going to be no honeymoon for Bush," Campbell said.

American Studies professor Robert Schmal said.

"We're certainly divided," Schmal said. "There are a number of reasons for that — in part because of some of the figures who have been most prominent politically in recent times.

Tom Rippinger, co-president College Republicans, noted the contentious atmosphere that still prevails after the midterm election.

"The political climate's still polarized because of Iraq, with the war still going on, and the violence," he said.

But while Bush is the lightning rod, he said, "Liberal Democrats see Bush as an object of invective because of his style and the veiled appearance and refusal to have that notion that the President's tax plan is a divorce of principles in politics that he represents, and policies aimed at undoing the 70 years of accumulated policies from the New Deal."

Arnold saw limited possibilities for Bush to unite the country.

"There's nothing Bush can do — except not be Bush," he said.

However, some of the division is overstated, according to Campbell.

"Often from the press we hear references to red and blue states, polarization, the sense of a divided country," he said. "It's easy to overlook that, looking back over the entire span of history, we've had much more so."

Professors and students both said they thought the election of the other president would progress much like the first term.

"He's going to do what he's doing, play about 53 percent of the popul- ary and doing the other 47 percent pretty mad," Campbell said.

Campbell said when Bush entered office in 2000, the speculation in Washington D.C. was that he would be middle of the road, reaching out to Democrats in a bipartisan fashion.

"But the exact opposite happened," Campbell said.

Bush signaled publicly that he considers himself to have a mandate."

Arnold said when questioned the idea of a mandate.

"Does he have a mandate in major issues, like Social Security? Of course not," he said. "But the President is the biggest megaphone in public life."

Although Bush will have a Republican Congress during his second term, it is unclear how much of a mandate he will have to enact significant change.

"It will be possible, but difficult to sign all Republicans onto one issue I think his chances are less than a coin toss," Arnold said.

Lauren Galgano, president of Notre Dame Right to Life, confirmed the president's second term.

"I am excited to see what the second term will do with the new dynamics," she said.

"I think Bush is a mandate, but he should certainly feel confident that the majority of the nation supports his agenda," Galgano said. "She is confident Bush will stand firm on his anti-abortion stance."

"He will nominate competent judges who not only understand the value of life but understand the Constitution as it was intended to be read by our Founding Fathers," she said. "And students of Bush, his second term. Democrats want to draw more attention to problems they see occurring."

"There are unjust policies that exist now, a lot of Democrats don't want to happen," Bunick said. "It's not because something that can be dropped now that the election's over."

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Report says economic activity up

Shoppers cluster outside a Toys ‘R Us in Burlington Township, N.J., in December. Growing retail sales and job numbers in recent months indicate a recovering economy.

United pilots agree on new contract

Chicago — United Airlines and its pilots’ union reached tentative agreement on a revised new contract Tuesday, 11 days after a judge dismissed the previous deal as unfair to both parties.

The pilots’ union leadership unanimously voted to accept it, and sent it to the approximately 6,400 United pilots for ratification. Balloting is to begin this Friday and go until Jan. 31.

Neither the company nor union would release details, but United said the savings were similar to those outlined in the previous deal, which in pilots had agreed to a 15 percent pay cut. The pilots planned to discuss the new contract on Wednesday.

If approved, the latest agreement will help United in its push to rewrite all its labor contracts to save costs for the second time in its 25-month bankruptcy. The Elk Grove Village, Ill.-based airline says it needs to cut wages and benefits by $725 million annually — or 10 percent of the $2.5 billion in annual reductions made in 2003 — and eliminate defined-benefit pensions.

The previous contract would have provided United with $180 million in annual savings and paved the way for it to terminate the traditional pensions. Pilots agreed not to fight the pension move in exchange for additional financial considerations.

But the flight attendants’ and machinists’ unions, joined by the government’s pension agency and a coalition of United’s secured creditors, successfully opposed that deal. Bankruptcy Judge Eugene Wodoof ruled in their favor on Jan. 7, saying it unfairly forced the other unions to join the pilots in letting United end their pension plans.

United said Tuesday that the new pact will provide the permanent labor cost savings it needs to complete its restructuring.

“We believe that this agreement addresses fully the concerns raised by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court,” spokeswoman Jean Medina said.
Death penalty is never right

If the trial judge approves the jury’s recommendation, Scott Peterson will die for the murder of his wife, Laci, and their unborn son, Conner. But don’t expect Peterson to check out too soon. The 641 inmates on California’s death row wait an average of 16 years to die. Some die of old age rather than lethal injection. If the Catholic Church had its way, none of them would ever be executed.

Question: Why is the Church so protective of murderers, even of one like Peterson?

The “primary aim” of punishment is “redressing the disorder introduced by the offense.” Capital, no. 2266. This is retribution, restoring the balance of justice. Other purposes are rehabilitation of the offender and deterrence of the offender and of others.

Pope John Paul II, in Evangelium Vitae (EV) and the Catechism, affirmed the traditional teaching that the state has the authority to impose the death penalty and that retribution remains the “primary aim” of punishment. But he has developed the teaching on the use of that penalty, so that neither retribution nor any other purpose will justify the use of the death penalty unless “it is the only possible way of... defending human lives against the unjust aggressor.” In other words, if it is the only possible way of keeping Scott Peterson from killing more people. “Non-lethal means,” continued John Paul, “are more in keeping with... the common good and... the dignity of the human person. Today, as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for... rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm — without definitively taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself — the cases in which... execution... is an absolute necessity are very rare, if not practically non-existent.” Catechism, no. 2267, quoting EV, no. 56.

This severe restriction arises from the importance of the conversion of the criminal. St. Augustine and St. Thomas agree “for a just man to be made from a sinner is greater than to create heaven and earth.” S.T.I, II, Q. 113, art. 9.

Whether execution is such an “absolute necessity” depends on the ability of the prison system to confine this prisoner securely. That involves a prudential judgment. But John Paul’s development of the teaching on the use of the death penalty is a universal, and not a prudential, criterion. It applies everywhere and to all states. Even under this teaching, one could still argue for the death penalty in some cases, for example, if a life threat, already in maximum security, murders another inmate; or if the state is unable to confine inmates securely.

EV and the Catechism discuss the death penalty in the context of “preventing crime,” and the “system of penal justice.” Perhaps this teaching might not apply to a military tribunal which applies the “laws of war” outside the usual criminal process. In a just war, the state has authority to kill intentionally, subject to the restrictions of proportionality and non-combatant immunity. Or perhaps execution of a terrorist leader could be justified even under John Paul’s criteria if his continued imprisonment would incite further terrorist attacks. On the other hand, the martyrization of such a leader by executing him might have the same inciting effect. Or, could a terrorist be treated as a spy and rightly executed pursuant to the laws of war? Whatever the answer to such hypothetical cases, John Paul’s teaching fully applies to all prosecutions under ordinary criminal law, including that of Scott Peterson.

This teaching cannot be dismissed as merely John Paul’s personal opinion — he put it in the Catechism. At the least, it is a teaching of the authentic magisterium or teaching authority, whether or not the Pope has proclaimed it definitively. As Vatican II declared, “loyal submission of will and intellect must be given, in a special way to the authentic teaching authority of the Roman Pontiff, even when he does not speak ex cathedra.” Lumen Gentium, no. 23. The Code of Canon Law, no. 752, codifies this requirement so that such teachings, even if not proclaimed “with a definitive act” are binding in that “the Christian faithful are to take care to avoid those things which do not agree with it.”

This teaching is an aspect of John Paul’s advocacy of a “culture of life.” We have developed instead a “culture of death” in which the intentional infliction of death is readily accepted as a problem-solving technique, as in the death penalty, war, euthanasia and, of course, abortion. Scott Peterson might die for killing the unborn Conner. But Laci could have legally killed him to solve a problem or for no reason. John Paul instead appeals “to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life!” Even the life of a guy like Scott Peterson.

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Hats off to hats — why a hatless America started

As a child this was always one of my favorite times of year. Although it was bitterly cold at times, the winter would start to fade, and I'd think about where each morning held the possibility of waking up to a snow day.

For several years I have fondly referred to this time of year as “hat season.” Despite the fact that I myself never wear hats, I always knew it had arrived when I see middle-aged men wearing frilly walking caps or little boys wearing their navy-blue Chicago Bears hat with the orange ball on the end, before going outside to play.

During winter break the book “Hatless Jack” by Chicago Tribune Features Columnist Neil Steinberg caught my attention. I learned that traditionally, hats were not only used to keep warm in frigid weather, but also to mark one’s style. In addition to winter, there were several other “hat seasons” throughout the course of the year.Sept. 15 was designated as our national hat day.

Historically, to wear a summer straw hat after this day was a groan fashion faux pas; much like wearing white after Labor Day is today. Steinberg provides accounts of hat-wearers having their hairdressers shorn or even being brought up for sporting straw hats after Labor Day. He also discusses the shame of losing your hat or having to chase after it if it blew away in a chapter aptly titled “Never run after your own hat.”

The book attributes the demise of hat-wearing in this country to the late President John F. Kennedy. Much of the reason for this shift is that the president often refused to wear hats despite constant attempts to suil him in one. Kennedy was photographed bare-headed from the very beginning of his political career.

To many the decline of hat wearing was a pressing social issue in the ’60s. Although the decline of hat-wearing helped to eliminate the possibility of losing your hat, and the frustration that had during the wrong season, it also decimated the hat-making industry, which had been rather lucrative up to this point.

Moreover, it raised questions as to how a gentleman should conduct himself in a hatless world. How could he be respectable in public without wearing a hat? How could he properly greet someone without the tip of a hat? How could a man show interest in or acknowledge a woman without a hat to take off?

Clearly, the country needed only to look to its President for guidance in this time of crisis. As we now know, President Kennedy had few problems “acknowledging” women.

The American people took note of their hat-less president and gradually began to follow his example. If this man could be elected the leader of the free world, while at the same time disregarding the social guidelines surrounding proper hat-wearing, then maybe there really wasn’t any need for Amer-

icons to end up chasing their fedoras down the street on a windy day.

Today both men and women still wear hats, but usually for more functional purposes. Either to support their favorite sports team or college and whether it be worn sideways, backwards or forward, hats today express very little about their wearer.

Hats no longer carry the same signifi-
cance they did only a few decades ago, when one’s hat was ultimately an expression of oneself. Hats not only epitomized your own sense of personal style, but also provided our nation with certain social norms to be followed. I think a certain part of our nation’s charm died with Kennedy’s refusal to wear hats and the subsequent demise of hat-wearing.

Never will we see young men approach young women with the tip of a hat, and never will we have to check a hat at a nice restaurant. Just watch today’s inauguration — chances are President George W. Bush will not wear a top hat, which had for many years been an inaugural tradition. This serves as yet another reminder that hats no longer rest atop America’s fashion sense.

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tervention, limited government or fiscal responsibility.

Nor is it a victory for Catholics, who face the very un-Christian policies of mass
tax cuts for the rich and wars of aggression while abortion remains legal, without much complaint from the presiden-
cy.

Perhaps most depressing, this is not a victory for any future generations who will undoubtedly grow up in a world of increased hostility towards Americans. Indeed, with the lack of administrative planning to combat terrorism before the end of this summer, it is hard to imagine that we are even on the right track.

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President Franklin Delano Roosevelt celebrated his inauguration in 1945 with cold chicken salad and pound cake. Today, President George W. Bush will cel-
brate his inauguration with three days of concerts, balls and candlelight dinners.

The total cost of the event is expected to surpass $1 billion. Yet while the first family and their generous corporate ambi-
ges plan to square dance at tonight’s “Black Ties and Boots” hoedown, we can’t help but ask ourselves, exactly what are we celebra-
ing? This is not a victory for American for-
eign policy, especially after the president very quietly admitted to the end of our failed attempt at finding any weapons of mass destruction. This is not a victory for the Iraqi people, who, now free from Saddam’s oppression, face the tyranny of wonderful dog-watching life. It is certainly not a victory for the over 5,000 Iraqi civilians who now lay dead as a result of Bush’s war.

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School’s out for ... never

In high school, I used to jokingly say I’d be a professional college student, a “freshman for life.” So, now I’m a col-
lege senior frantically tallying my cred-
dis, realizing that what started as a joke turns out my parents about finances is becoming more of a reality.

While I plan to gradu-
ate within an infrequent Columbia record of exactly four years — I just don’t think that’ll be enough for me. Sure, I’d like to

finish school and jump right into my high-paying dream magazine job, but I don’t just don’t think that’s going to happen. As much as I’d like to go from scraping up change to ride the el to traveling all over the world to interview high-pro-
fle people, I have to be realistic. So, I’ll just keep going to school.

But, until I land my dream job from writing this column, I can be found, well, trying to land a dream job while writing this column. I’ve decided to go to grad school. Well not to grad school. It’s more like stay to grad school, as I’m planning on attending right here. That is, if I pass Senior Seminar this semester and the grad school admissions office accepts my application. I can’t take any more “final projects” based on my “reflects on the reality in which I live” and things I’m passionate about while somehow incorporating my major.

For example, I’m now choralographing my senior honors thesis for the quantitative study of degrees using only movements to create letters spelling out a story I wrote about where I see myself in journalism in 12.3 years, and how

Columbia has helped me achieve my goals of bettering the world with “media that matters.”

Unfortunately, we have become very good at that over the past four years.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Nas shows he’s still got it

By KENYATTA STORIN
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At this point in his career, rap veteran Nas will probably never be able to eclipse his arch-rival Jay-Z in both fame and success, but his new double album, "Street Disciple," shows he still has something left in the tank.

In 1994, Nas came out with his stunning rap debut, "Illmatic" — an instant classic that immediately catapulted him to the top of the rap game. But in the years since, Nas' stock has wavered greatly, for artists of punk, new wave and goth must have a duplicate the power and skill of his debut. Nas' "Street Disciple" continues this positive streak of albums, and while it is not on par with "Illmatic" by any means, it is a solid release.

Not surprisingly, like all hip-hop double-disc albums, "Street Disciple" has too much filler and lags at times, but overall the good outweighs the bad. For the most part, Nas avoids making concessions to the pop market by generally avoiding catchy pop hooks, allowing Nas’ to put himself to the forefront and showcase his rapping talents. Salaam Remi, Chuckii

Nas’ "Street Disciple" is an ambitious double-disc album, but it would be stronger if it was cut down to one.

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

Some concepts are born in heaven. Indeed, whoever had the brilliant idea of marrying the French chanteuse with the iconic songs of punk, new wave and goth must have a pair of featherbed songs tucked beneath his or her tweed coat. Enter Nouvelle Vague, which has done just that. French for "new wave" and "new wave" — bonne nova. Then the vocals step in, and the rest plays out like a dream. Nouvelle Vague does lounge-pop renditions of famous new wave bands like The Clash’s "Guns of Brixton" that in many ways rivals the original. Also exceptional is "Making Plans For Nigel" by XTC, which cucumber to having the songs sung in their original English.

Nouvelle Vague does lounge-pop renditions of famous new wave bands like The Cure, Joy Division, The Clash and Depeche Mode. Other acts Nouvelle Vague tackles include XTC, Tuxedomoon, The Undertones, P.U.L. and The Specials. The record’s crowning moment, however, would have to be its centerpiece, a cover of a song by the Dead Kennedys. Here, singer Camille attempts to fill the shaky shoes of Jello Biafra, several times overly erupting into a fit of giggles. By the end Camille is uttering explanations in her native French, and the whole track carries this same endearing spontaneity.

Collin and Libaux, both gifted multi-instrumentalists, crafted their own largely-acoustic arrangements of the new wave classics, taking cues from classic lounge music and another "new wave" — bona nova. Then the vocals step in, and the rest plays out like a dream. Nouvelle Vague does, however, seek to transcend mere kitsch by having the songs sung in their original English.

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**Nelson proves he “Always Will Be”**

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

Willie Nelson is a country music legend, and apparently he’s “always will be.” Nelson’s newest album “It Always Will Be” is yet another solid release. Neither revisionary nor offensive, “It Always Will Be” is an enjoyable album from a music legend using the same formula for success he always marks. It’s a track that stands far above the other songs, all the songs are good country songs sung by a man who has had quite a bit to do with the development of American country music as a genre.

Nelson is not the young performer he once was and much of his album is performed by Nelson. It’s a hallmark that lies somewhere between singing and talking the lyrics. However, if anyone can make this work, it is Willie Nelson, and thus this quality of his voice just ends up adding to the texture of most of the songs on the album. Nelson, who is notorious for doing duets with almost anybody and everybody — including even Kid Rock and Brian McKnight on one of his more recent albums, “The Great Divide” — makes better partner choices on “It Always Will Be.” The three duets on “It Always Will Be” are some of the best songs on the album and show a different side of Willie Nelson and Lucinda Williams. The strongest duet is “Dreams Come True” with Norah Jones. The bluesy, jazzed mix with the unique voices of Jones and Nelson produces a memorably beautiful song.

In general, the slower the song is on “It Always Will Be,” the better it is. The quicker songs are generally a bit cheesier, such as “Big Booby” in which Nelson sings of an apparently larger woman. “She ain’t gonna fix you no more sausage / Biscuits and gravy on the side / You done said the wrong thing to me, baby / And you can kiss big booty goodbye.” Not the finest moment for country music lyrics. However, the lyrics are, to an extent, a part of the genre. Therefore in a slower song like “Tired” Nelson’s border-line cheesy lyrics are forgivable and when performed right can be taken a bit more seriously in their message. “Tired” is about a man who has tried to live the good life but has also seen hardship and songs, “But I’m tired, Lord, I’m tired / Life is wearin’ me smooth down to the bone / So rest for the weary, you just move on and I’m tired.”

Nelson’s lyrics redeem themselves in the title track which is also one of the best songs on “It Always Will Be.” In a slow twanged voice made for singing folk music Nelson sings, “Sometimes I think that love is / somewhere living on an island all alone / I can see it in the darkness / I can hear it in the distance, and then it’s gone.” On a song that musically one of the best songs on the album Nelson’s lyrics are a breath of fresh air.

With a majority of good songs, “It Always Will Be” for d’nox is an enjoyable album that sounds like any other Willie Nelson album out there. Willie Nelson is a legend, not a folk singer, so it is legendary, it certainly is worth listening too, especially for any Nelson fan.

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**It Always Will Be**

**Willie Nelson**

**Lost Highway**

David Bither, senior critic at Associated Press

Stephan Merritt usually has a song cycling through his head. Makes sense, given that he’s one of the more captivating and eclectic singer-songwriters around, heading such bands as The Magnetic Fields and the Magnetic and creating music for movies, Chinese opera adaptations and the Lemony Snicket audio books.

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**Stephan Merritt and his beautiful music**

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Cavs 107, Trail Blazers 101

LeBron James led both teams with 27 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists to help the younger player in NBA history to record a triple-double, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Portland Trail Blazers to send Portland to its fifth straight loss.

James is 20 years and 20 days old, younger than Lamar Odom, who was 20 years and 24 days old when he became the youngest to do it on Dec. 30, 1999, with the Los Angeles Clippers. That was James' 15th birthday.

James' pass to Zydrunas Ilgauskas, followed by Odom hitting him 10 assists and completed the triple-double. His teammates congratulated him during a timeout a short time later, and his mother cheered him from the stands.

It feels great. But it's not about the statistics, it's the wins," said James, who also had four steals.

Rasual Butler scored 21 points and 11 rebounds, and the Cavaliers led by as many as 19 points. Cleveland is now 2-2 in the midst of a six-game road trip, which begins against the Sacramento Kings coming up Thursday night.

Portland's Nick Van Exel had 24 points while Rasheed Stoudamire had 27.

When the Blazers came within 95-87 late in the game, James hit a 3-pointer to slow Portland to a 107-98 lead.

Portland was finally home after a grueling six-game, 10-day road trip, during which they managed just one win. Even the comforts of home couldn't boost their depleted lineup.

David Randolph missed his fourth game with a sore right knee. Already short an injured Vladimir Radmanovic (left knee contusion) and Shareef Abdur-Rahim (right elbow surgery), the Blazers were starting Shareef Abdur-Rahim and Theo Ratliff at forward.

Ratliff, usually a center, made his first-ever start at forward Tuesday night in the 113-107 overtime loss in Sacramento. Although fighting a stomach virus, he started Wednesday's game but left a short time later after getting two quick fouls and did not return.

The Blazers led 32-26 midway through the first half, but the Cavaliers took off on a 23-6 run to go up 51-38 on Sasha Pavlovic's layup.

Sixers 107, Bobcats 105

Theyubbled the ball, letting the clock run down before he attempted what could have been the game-sealing basket.

Only his shot didn't come close to the rim, a 24-second violation was called, and Portland had to sweat out its victory over the Charlotte Bobcats.

"I didn't get the free throw," Iverson said of his final attempt. "Everybody on my team was screaming it was a foul." The Bobcats can relax.

After Iverson's miss, the Bobcats had a chance to go for the tie or the win. Jason Hart got the call, driving the ball toward the basket as time was expiring. His shot also missed. And just like Iverson, he thought he was fouled.

"I wanted to make the ref call something," Hart said. "So I went into the hole and got contact. But there was no call." Instead, the game ended with the ball in Iverson's hands. The NBA's leading scorer with 28.3 points a game, Iverson scored 24 points to lead the 76ers but was held to just six points in the second half.

"I'd rather play hard and we win the game then play great and we lose," he said.

But his poor second half left it up to Kyle Korver, Corliss Williamson and Marc Jackson to carry the Sixers.

Korver made consecutive baskets, including a 3-pointer, to give Philadelphia a 103-98 lead, and Williamson scored eight of his 14 points in the fourth quar-

Thomas finished with 21 points, Korver had 18, and Jackson scored 14 of his 16 in the third quarter.

Emeka Okafor led Charlotte with 19 points and three blocked shots, but he went just 4-of-12 at the line and missed two free throws in the final 2:33 with a chance to tie it both times.

"I was just off," Okafor said. "I tried not to think about it every time I went to the line because if I'm going to do that, I might as well kick the ball instead of shooting it. But I was bad at the line." 

Spurs 90, Clippers 79

SAN ANTONIO - Tony Parker scored 25 points, including his winning 3-pointer with 1.8 seconds remaining, to lead San Antonio to a win over Los Angeles.

The Clippers took a 79-78 lead with 19 seconds remaining on a pair of free throws by Bobby Simmons. In the next possession, the Spurs' Manu Ginobili curled around the lane and passed to Parker in the left corner.

He faked a shot to get Simmons off his feet and then drove baseline, bumping bodies with 7-footer Chris Kaman as he banked in a layup high off the backboard with 7.8 seconds remaining.

The Clippers' final inbound play went to Elton Brand, who passed Tim Duncan in a couple of steps before his turnaround jumper went off the right side of the rim. The ball bounced around before Ginobili grabbed the rebound as time expired.

Ginobili, who missed Miami's win over Washington with a thigh bruise, scored 13 points. Duncan had 12 points and 14 rebounds for San Antonio, which improved the NBA's best home record to 21-1.

Heat 111, Hawks 92

MIAMI -- Shaquille O'Neal and Dwyane Wade each scored 25 points, helping the Miami Heat improve the Eastern Conference's best record to 29-11 with a win over the Atlanta Hawks.

Wade, who missed Miami's previous two games with a back spasms, sore ribs and a migraine, scored 12 of his points in the third quarter to help the Heat pull away. O'Neal added 12 rebounds, and Eddie Jones scored 16 for Miami, which played its first home game in two weeks.

Antoine Walker had his ninth straight double-double, 18 points and a game-high 16 rebounds, for Atlanta, which dropped its seventh straight road game and just for the 14th time in 17 games overall. Jason Collier added 17 points.

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Tiger Woods had a close call at Kapalua, and Ernie Els is kicking himself for two chances that got away. As for Phil Mickelson? "A little rusty, as usual," Mickelson said Wednesday. He is the only PGA Tour player among the top 15 in the world who has not played this year, waiting until the Buick Invitational in his hometown to make his 2005 debut. Mickelson has a tough act to follow in many respects. For one thing, his last competitive round was a 59 in the PGA Grand Slam of Golf in Hawaii. "That's going to be tough to do out here," Mickelson said with a grin, realizing that the South Course at Torrey Pines, where he plays his first round of the year on Thursday, will hold the U.S. Open in three years. He also is coming off a magical year in which he won his first major at the Masters, was a combined five shots away from winning all four majors, and was in Sunday contention at every tournament through early May.

"My expectations are certainly higher because I came so close last year," he said. "I was in contention as all four, and I had a great opportunity on the 18th hole to win them." But there's no time to waste. Singh, Woods and Els — known these days as "The Big Three" — already are off to a great start. Lefty is about to join the fray.

"I think what makes it so exciting is that we have so many guys now that are playing well, and so many guys that are challenging to win tournaments," Mickelson said. "It makes the journey and the challenge of winning tournaments tougher, but it's more rewarding if you can accomplish it. The strongest and deepest field of the year has all the trappings of a big tournament, unusual for this early in the season. Then again, this is the earliest the PGA Tour has come to Torrey Pines since 1962, when Bob Goalby held off a late charge by Gay Brewer.

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### In Brief

**Wake Forest ends free-throw record in loss**

Wake Forest's NCAA free-throw record ended at a most inopportune time.

After getting fouled while making an off-balance 3-pointer with 4 seconds left, Taron Downey had the Demon Deacons' first missed free throw in 31 attempts and No. 3 Wake Forest went on to lose to Florida State 91-83 in overtime Tuesday night.

Todd Galloway scored nine straight points in overtime and finished with a career-high 21 to help Florida State snap Wake Forest's 10-game winning streak.

"It felt good when it left my hand," said Downey, the Deacons' best free-throw shooter. "But you know, it happens like that sometimes."

Wake Forest (15-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) made 32 straight Saturday in a 95-82 win over North Carolina and its first 18 on Tuesday night before Downey's miss. Wake Forest's 50 straight free throws eclipsed the mark of 49 set in 1991 by Indiana State.

**Roncalli running back plans to play at Indiana**

**INDIANAPOLIS --** Tim Sergi, who rushed for more than 2,500 yards last year but missed most of his senior season with a knee injury, has made an oral commitment to play football at Indiana.

The 6-foot-3, 198-pound running back is the second Indianapolis Roncalli player to make a Division I commitment this week. Teammate Patrick Kuntz, a two-time All-State defensive lineman, also said he would enroll at Notre Dame. Another Roncalli player, defensive back Jason Werner, was Indiana's high school Mr. Football and committed earlier to Purdue.

Sergi, who was a first-team All-State in 2003, tore a ligament in his right knee in the fourth game last fall. Still, he was recruited by Miami (Ohio) and, after former Miami coach Terry Hoeppner came to Indiana, Hoeppner offered Sergi a scholarship to play for the H有限.

**Myskina advances to third round of Australian Open**

**MELBOURNE, Australia --** French Open champion Anastasia Myskina berated herself and looked dismayed after many of the 25 errors she had to overcome on the way to defeating Tzipora Obziler 6-4, 6-2 in the second round of the Australian Open on Thursday.

The third-ranked Myskina struggled with a serve in the first set, with Israel's Obziler breaking her twice, but didn't face a breakpoint chance in the second.

"She put in my face from the start," said Golovin, whose preparation was restricted by a virus. "I don't want to make excuses, I was feeling OK physically, but it played a part."

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**Women's College Basketball AP Top 25**

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Roethlisberger will try to beat Patriots barehanded

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger is issuing this warning to the Patriots: The gloves are coming off for the NFL championship game.

Roethlisberger is one victory away from becoming the first rookie quarterback to take a team to the Super Bowl. But since he threw two interceptions in a playoff victory over the Jets while wearing gloves, Roethlisberger’s handwear has become Pittsburgh’s No. 1 topic of debate.

To a city that grew accustomed to the tough-guy Super Bowl Steelers of the 1970s, who played in bare sleeves no matter the weather, it was unsettling to watch a quarterback in gloves.

With snow showers forecast for Sunday night and the likelihood of a wet, sloppy field, Roethlisberger plans to discard the gloves. That should please those Steelers fans who remember Hall of Fame quarterback Terry Bradshaw heaving teams haphazardly.

"I'm going to try to go without it," said Roethlisberger, who wore a glove on his left hand but not his throwing hand in practice Wednesday. "If it's wet, it makes it worse (to throw). We'll have to see if we can go without this week."

Maybe Roethlisberger is expecting a bare, knee-knuckle brawl against the Patriots, whose perplexing defenses throttled NFL MVP Peyton Manning of the Colts during New England’s 20-3 second-round victory.

If a quarterback who threw a record-tying 49 touchdown passes this season can’t do anything against a Bill Belichick- and Romeo Crennel-designed defense, how can a raw rookie expect to do much better?

Actually, Roethlisberger already has, throwing for two scores — and no interceptions — during a nearly flawless performance Oct. 31 in a 34-20 Pittsburgh victory that ended New England’s 21-game winning streak.

"I didn’t think anybody could stop the Colts," Roethlisberger said. "Their offense is so powerful in what they do, but New England obviously finds a way. They do so many things, throw so many things at you. If they can slow down that offense, who knows what they can do to ours?"

To keep the pressure off Roethlisberger, the Steelers probably will try to pound the ball from the start with powerful backs Jerome Bettis and Willie Parker, who will split time in an effort to wear down the Patriots.

New England’s run defense will be weakened if linejun Richard Seymour, perhaps its best defensive player, can’t play. He didn’t practice Wednesday because of a sore knee and is listed as questionable.

That’s why the Steelers don’t necessarily need Big Ben to win the big-game game of his life.

"I wasn’t as good as I can be today," said Brady, who occasionally wears gloves himself to get a better grip on the new footballs used in every game. "I was awful. I couldn’t do anything. I was hoping to show up and bring my playbook. He is out there and hasn’t lost a game." Roethlisberger nearly did Saturday, though, throwing one interception that was returned for a touchdown and another that led to Jets kicker Doug Brien’s failed game-winning field goal try to end the fourth quarter. Roethlisberger recovered to lead a decisive scoring drive in overtime as Pittsburgh escaped with a 20-17 victory.

Steelers coach Bill Cowher hasn’t necessarily treating his prized rookie with kid gloves, but he was careful to not be too critical despite the near-escape against the Jets.

"We wouldn’t be sitting here today if he hadn’t done some of the things that he’s done, let’s not lose sight of that," Cowher said. "I’m not going to overanalyze it. Certainly there were some choices he made he would like to have back, but we overcame it and we’re moving on."

"If the guy’s open, just throw it to him," Cowher said, passing on the advice he offered Roethlisberger. "If he can’t catch it, you throw it early."

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Robbins charged with attempted murder

Associated Press

MIAMI — Former Oakland Raiders center Barret Robbins was charged Wednesday with three counts of attempted felony murder, less than a week after being shot during a furious struggle with three police officers investigating a burglary call.

Robbins is best remembered for missing team meetings the night before the 2003 Super Bowl in San Diego. He spent Super Bowl Sunday in a hospital and later acknowledged that he had stopped taking his medicine for depression and bipolar disorder.

He was wounded Saturday night after Miami Beach police found him inside a women's restroom in a building housing a pub, a gym and a jewelry store. The pub owner called police after Robbins forced his way inside the building and refused to leave, a police report said.

Robbins, 31, of Englewood, Colo., growled, snarled and "was heard laughing throughout the attack," the report said.

According to the report, Robbins beat Officer Colin Pflueger to the floor, picked up Detective Mark Schuenfeld and slammed him into one wall and then another, then grabbed Detective Mike Muley by the face and rammed his head into a corner.

Robbins then grabbed Muley's forearms, and Muley shot Robbins twice in the torso, the report said. The former player dropped to his knees, grabbed his chest, snarled and growled again, swore at the officers and slapped Muley's gun out of his hand.

A charge of attempted felony murder can be filed when someone is injured during a felony. It carries a possible 30-year prison sentence. The three counts he faces cover the three officers involved in his arrest, said Ed Griffith, spokesman for the Miami-Dade County state attorney's office.

Arraignment was set for Feb. 9.

Robbins was critically injured and remains in a Miami hospital jail unit, Griffith said. Muley received hospital treatment for a concussion.

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defensive tackle for the Irish. Kuntz had been recruited by some schools as a defensive end but Frank expects him to play on the inside of the line as well.

Kuntz said he was attracted to Notre Dame for many reasons, one being the coaching staff.

"I love all the coaches," Kuntz said. "They want nasty football players, and I'm an old-school guy. I'm the type of guy who will go in there and punch you in the face."

Kuntz, who along with hand received a three-star rating from Scout.com, also raved about the traditions at Notre Dame.

"The tradition there is unlike anywhere else," Kuntz said.

"It's such a prestigious school, not only athletically but academically. A degree from there opens up a lot of doors for you."

Frank agreed that Kuntz, who ranked up 114 tackles, 14 sacks and 27 tackles for loss during his senior season at Penn High School, will fit nicely with Weis' aggressive style.

"He's the type of guy you can build a team around," Frank said. "He's one of those lunch pail guys that are going to work and work and work."

With the interior defensive line covered for 2005, Irish coaches are looking to sign at least one defensive end. Lawrence Wilson, a defensive end from Akron, Ohio, had verbally committed to Notre Dame but uncommitted when Tyone Willingham was fired as head coach.

"Wilson is a big-time player and he's going to take a visit to Michigan this weekend," Frank said. "He's also looking at Ohio State and Florida but Notre Dame still has a shot."

Another player on the Irish radar is Youngstown, Ohio quarterback/defensive back Kyle McCarthy. Notre Dame just offered him a scholarship on Wednesday and Frank expects the two-way star to accept.

"It is a visit to a campus this weekend," Frank said.

"He has a brother (who doesn't play football) who is a junior at Notre Dame. He's really excited about his visit and I expect he'll commit to us pretty soon here."

One player who could be the jewel of the Irish class is New Jersey linebacker Brian Cushing. The Scout.com five-star player was leaning towards Southern California but lately has been reconsidering his decision.

"Now I don't think he'll go to USC," Frank said about Cushing, who made 120 tackles, 9.5 sacks and 7 interceptions in his senior season at Bergen Catholic High School.

"SC is just too far and I don't think his parents want him to go so far from home."

Cushing is new looking at Notre Dame along with Miami, Florida, Penn State, Louisville and Virginia.

"It's a tough race to handicap because all of the big schools that are after him," Frank said.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF
Irish receive second commitment

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame women's golf team received a commitment from Courtney Sullivan for the 2005-06 season. Sullivan hails from Gresham, Ore. and joins Lisa Maunu, who committed in November, as the class of 2009 for the Irish. The Irish are coming off a 2004 fall campaign, which included two tournament victories.

Sullivan is a standout at Sam Barlow High School, where she has had a strong career at the scholasitic level and on the junior golf circuit. She is the top-ranked player in the state of Oregon, and 47th nationally, in the class of 2005 according to the Junior Golf Scoreboard.

Courtney has two top-12 national finishes to her credit, including a seventh-place showing at the AJGA Spokane Classic where she shot a 230 (76-79-75) against 17 other athletes. She came in 12th out of 71 golfers at the junior America's Cup in Whitefish, Mont. in 2003 as she carded a 229 (82-75-72).

Her experience on the course includes the northwest junior ladies' match-play championship (four-time participant), the junior America's Cup (three times), and she is a two-time participant at both the USGA girls' championship and the junior world championship. She claimed a victory at the 2003 Oregon stroke-play championship.

Sullivan, who has been playing competitively for over five years, possesses a 4.0 GPA and is first out of 434 students in her class.

She collected two varsity letters while playing at Sam Barlow. Sullivan has won a combined seven tournament championships locally and across the Northwest throughout her career and placed third at the 4A state high school championships in 2003. Courtney is the daughter of Lisa and Jerry Sullivan.

"We fell in love with Courtney's heart for the game," said Notre Dame head coach Debby King, who is in her fourth year at the helm of the Notre Dame program.

"She has a great determination and work ethic. One of her strengths is her desire to be the best that she can be."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Leinart remains confident in choice

Associated Press

Still no swelled head for the big man on USC campus

Fifty days after taking what might be the biggest risk in sports history, here is the short list of things Matt Leinart still does not have:

Millions in the bank.

A new car in the driveway.

"I'm relieved more than anything," Leinart said Tuesday night after the phone from Los Angeles.

"It feels really good to get all that pressure off my shoulders. It got to the point where I realized whatever decision I made, there was going to be some criticism."

"So," he added, "I just did what was best for me."

The guys who run the NFL aren't used to hearing "No." Even though Leinart brought the Heisman Trophy back to USC and then tied the bow on a second straight national championship, you'd think the biggest man on campus would be even bigger.
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Villanova Wednesday, the Irish and Golden Eagles sit in a comfortable tie for second place in the Big East.

Notre Dame got to that point with help from forward Rick Cornett, who came off the bench in the first half to provide important inside presence for previous one-dimensional offense.

Cornett finished with six points on 3-of-5 shooting in 13 minutes of play, and he and forward Tim Frazier kept the Mountaineers honest down low.

Notre Dame tied 13-of-25 three-point attempts, shooting 45.1 percent from the field overall compared to West Virginia’s 33.3 shooting percentage.

Falls, Thomas and Chris Quinn (11 points, 4-of-9 shooting all finished in double figures.

"When we’re shooting the ball like that, we’re going to be tough to beat," Boyce told ESPN.

Notre Dame jumped out on its largest lead in a Quinn (11-4, 1-3) three-pointer with just over nine minutes to play in the first half. However, as a team, Notre Dame shot 49 percent from the field in the first half, including 3-of-3 from long distance.

In the second half, it was Batteast’s nine points that sent Notre Dame on a scoring run behind five points from Latimore.

The loss snapped the Irish’s two-game winning streak in the Big East.

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At the end of the first half, including 3-for-3 from long distance.

With 35.8 seconds remaining, the Orange cut the lead to 59-54. When Batteast, closing the door on Syracuse would come.

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Phil Falls scores 19 points in 70-57 win over the Mountaineers

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Writer

Troy Murphy should watch his heels. Chris Thomas had 16 points and Colin Falls led all scorers with 19 as the Irish beat West Virginia at its own game in a 70-57 win in Morgantown, W. Va. on Thursday night.

Thomas notched his 2,000th career point, becoming only the sixth player in Notre Dame history to do so and needing just 11 points to tie Murphy's 2,011 career total. Murphy, now with the Golden State Warriors, played three seasons with the Irish.

Thomas was a major player in a terrific shooting night for Notre Dame (12-3, 4-1 Big East), which made 52 percent of its 3-point shots and six more from behind the arc than the traditionally dangerous Mountaineers (11-4, 1-3).

"Our guards were excellent tonight," Irish coach Mike Brey told ESPN after the game.

Notre Dame won its second straight and its first of seven road games in its next 10 contests.

Since Boston College squeezed out a 67-66 win over Oregon last week, the Mountaineers had been on top for four straight games.

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No WOMEN'S GOLF NCAA FOOTBALL

By MIKE KUNTZ
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"I'm very excited about [Hand's] body," Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com said of the 6-foot-3, 255-pound Kuntz, a defensive tackle from Wisconsin, who announced he will be playing for the Irish after the 12th and 13th verbal commitments for Notre Dame this season.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING SMC BASKETBALL

Recruits continue to commit

Kuntz and Hand bring total for class of 2009 to 13

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Patrick Kuntz eagerly dialed his phone at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. He was calling Irish coach Mike Frank to let the Irish defensive line coach know he will be playing football for Notre Dame.

"Coach Oliver and I had this joke going where he said he never turns his phone off," Kuntz, a defensive tackle from Indianapolis, said. "I wanted to see what he'd say. Fortunately he wasn't mad. He was actually pretty happy.

The 6-foot-3, 255-pound Kuntz verbally committed to the Irish over Louisville and Michigan State. However, he cannot sign his letter of intent until Feb. 2.

He joins West Philadelphia Catholic product Derrell Hard as the 12th and 13th verbal commitments for Notre Dame this year. Hand, who announced he will be playing for the Irish Wednesday afternoon, is a 6-foot-4, 305-pound defensive tackle. He chose Notre Dame over Michigan State and Wisconsin.

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Irish overpower Syracuse

Batteast scores 19 points in 74-61 victory

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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Syracuse had a roller-coaster finale Tuesday night but its momentum seemed too much for the Fighting Irish (15-3, 3-2 Big East). They snapped their two-game losing streak with the win.

"I am really pleased with our offensive effort and I think we're improving," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "But I would just like to see us play a little better defense.

Our team was led in the first half by Courtney LaVere, who played 35 minutes off the bench. LaVere scored 13 points on 6-for-7 shooting, all in the first half, to spark the Irish. She even hit the one shot she took from beyond the arc. I thought Courtney gave us a great lift off the bench," McGraw said. "She was really ready to play. She did a great job attacking. I thought that was just a great performance for her."

LaVere also pulled down 10 rebounds for her second double-double of the year.

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lead into the break with a steal and drive, but she was called for a charging foul with 6.7 seconds remaining in the half.

The call seemed to weigh heavily on the Belles, as the Hornets staked out a 10-point lead with a 21-12 run to begin the second. The Belles trailed by 10 with 8:42 remaining, but Hornets center Ashley Riley accumulated five fouls in 6:37 remaining, giving the Belles just the break they needed to slice into the lead.

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