Notre Dame connects with Church in Rome

Pope greets Jenkins, trustees at Vatican

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

ROME — When Pope Benedict XVI began to descend the white marble steps of the Vatican auditorium after his public papal address Wednesday morning, he needed no introduction to the man directly in front of him.

The Holy Father took University President Father John Jenkins’ right hand with his own, placed his left hand on top of Jenkins’ hand and said, “You’re from Notre Dame,” Jenkins recalled Wednesday afternoon.

When Jenkins showed yes, the pope said simply, “A great Catholic university.”

“I asked him, ‘Keep us in your prayers,’” Jenkins said.

The conversation lasted about 30 seconds and ended with Jenkins kissing the pope’s ring.

Pope Benedict XVI then spoke with Holy Cross Superior General Father Hugh O’Flynn and Trustee Father Carl Elsey, who also kissed the pope’s ring, in turn.

“I told the Holy Father I was a trustee of the University of Notre Dame,” Jenkins said.

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Notre Dame students in study abroad programs attend academic convocation

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Writer

ROME — Though some guests traveled halfway around the world to attend Notre Dame’s academic conversation and conference Wednesday, students at either of the University’s two international study programs in Rome simply had to walk down the cobblestone streets of Italy’s historical capital to see some familiar Notre Dame faces — including University President Father John Jenkins.

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Faculty Senate

Cultural committee approved

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Student government representatives presented the Student Senate’s resolutions on cultural competencies — which would create a committee of faculty, students and administrators to provide recommendations on incorporating diversity education into the Notre Dame curriculum — for debate at the Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday night.

Though the debate turned heated at times, both resolutions passed.

The student presenters — including Senate Minority Affairs Chair Rhea Boyd — presented at a Dec. 6 meeting, where the resolution was first introduced.

Zahn awaits outcome for incident at Keenan

By HEATHER VAN HORGARDEN and MARY KATE MALONE
News Writers

After a group of Zahm Hall residents threw fruit and vomited onto Keenan Hall Saturday evening, Zahm’s hall government and rector are in talks about the best way to punish those responsible for the incident.

Initially, Zahm rector Father Dan Parrish banned all dorm social gatherings indefinitely in an e-mail he sent to his residents immediately following the incident.

But at a closed hall government meeting Tuesday, Zahm residents and hall staff members agreed to “several concrete resolutions,” including a public apology as well as a personal apology to Keenan Hall rector Father Mark Thesing.

Parrish said he would come to a final decision on the consequences of the incident by the next hall government meeting.

“I believe that there was an unanimous opinion of all residents that this action did step over the line, and that we agree that there should be consequence for this action,” Parrish said.

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Goldilocks and the three hair critics

Kurt Cobain. Johnny Depp from "Blow." The center on DePaul’s women's basketball team.

When you’re a man, and you happen to have let your hair grow, everyone seems to have an opinion about it. These are some of the samples of judgments handed down to me. The first two, okay, they’ve done all right for themselves — I can take that in stride. That last one though, that one just hurt my feelings.

For myself — I can take that in — see me.

The semester abroad, my grandmother was near tears.

I think, jealous — cracked open a beer and asked me why it had gotten so blonde, and if I was conditioning it every day.

Not being the witty one, I turned up the volume and coughed uncontrollably, hoping he didn’t seriously answer an answer.

Despite everything, I like it. I like the way I look. My mom’s style and my grandma’s style aren’t my style. I feel that as my hair has grown, I too have grown as a person. Honestly, I feel like Samson turned up this blonde mess, walking with a new swagger, except when the wind blows and pushes it all in my face and causes practical blindness, turning that swagger into a sort of groping stumble.

Looking back on it, I’m kind of disappointed that I didn’t go to the career fair Wednesday. I think it would have been fun: me in my sharp suit, playing the part of every interviewerProgrammer for the moment I got to the front of the line, slipping in a casual, stoner duds as the guy decides whether or not I’m the most likely not to be hired guy he has talked to, for the moment I get to the line.

The truth is, unless things go terribly wrong in the next two months, I should already have a job for the summer in Miami, in a field in which I may make a career.

But come late May, if I get down there and get handed a pair of scissors, I’m heading straight for the beach. At least there someone will appreciate me.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR DREAM JOB AFTER COLLEGE?

Mike Folger
freshman Zahn

Chris Williams
freshman Zahn

Kris Patterson
freshman Zahn

Michelle Byrne
freshman Caravanagh

Teresa Neshitt
freshman Caravanagh

Mary Beaugalduk
sophomore Caravanagh

"Kobe!"

"Godzilla’s assistant!"

"Beyonce’s baby’s daddy. Ah, sweet sweet.

"Solving problems in impoverished countries."

"Bartman."

"Shampoo tester."

Eric Retter
Sports Writer

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OFFBEAT

Eating champ downs 26 sandwiches in 10 minutes

NEW YORK — A 100-pound woman ate 26 sandwiches in 10 minutes Wednesday at a New York restaurant, winning the World Grilled Cheese Eating Championship.

Sonia Thomas won $8,000 for the contest at the Planet Hollywood restaurant in Times Square but said she was disappointed in her performance.

"I could have done better," she said, adding that she was aiming for 30 sandwiches.

Thomas, of Alexandria, Va., said she had to catch a train shortly after the contest to make her shift at a Burger King on Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, where she is a manager.

Lawmaker’s wife told to leave during Bush speech

WASHINGTON — The wife of a senior House of Representatives Republican was told to leave the House chamber during President George W. Bush’s State of the Union speech for wearing a shirt bearing words of support for U.S. troops.


"She was ordered to leave the gallery, because she was doing ... what the president said we should all do," Young said. "She had on this shirt. A very conservative shirt, long sleeves, high neck, but it says support our troops."

Her shirt said "Support the Troops Defending our Freedom."

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In brief

Law and theology faculty members will take part in a panel discussion on "Interpreting the Bible and the Constitution: Similarities and Differences" at 4 p.m. today in Room 121 of the Law School.

The College of Arts & Letters will present "You Don’t Really Have to be a Rhodes Scholar to Land a Fellowship for Post Graduate Study" today at 7 p.m. in the Hammes Student Lounge of Coleman-Morse.

Legendary rap artist Chuck D from the critically acclaimed group Public Enemy will present "Rap, Race, and Reality" today at 8:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall, Room 141. A Jimmy John’s reception will follow at 10 p.m.

Student band "The Harper Valley Drifters" will play tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends.

The band Nice Savel will play Friday at 10:30 p.m. at Corby’s.

RecSports’ Late Night Olympics will take place in the Joyce Center from 10 p.m. Saturday to 4 a.m. Sunday. Donations of $1 are taken at the door and benefit St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

Robert Campbell, a Pulitzer Prize winner and veteran architecture critic for the Boston Globe, will present a lecture titled "Why Don’t the Rest of Us Like the Buildings the Architects Like?" at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Bond Hall.

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

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, a news article in the Jan 31 edition of The Observer attributed a statement to Saint Mary’s associate professor of psychology Catherine Pinion. It should have been attributed to Saint Mary’s senior Gage Francis. The Observer regrets the error.

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Ebersol family to join Oprah Winfrey on show

By MARY KATE MALONE
Assistant News Editor

Recent Notre Dame graduate Charlie Ebersol said he would be in the audience with his family on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" this afternoon to tell the story of the November 2004 plane crash that killed his little brother.

This is the first time the well-known family has spoken publicly together about the tragedy. Ebersol, his father NBC SPORTS Chairman Dick Ebersol, his mother actress Susan Saint James and his younger brother, Willie Ebersol taped the episode on Jan. 11 at Harpo Studios in Chicago.

Ebersol had his 14-year-old brother Todd when a private plane crashed on takeoff at Monroe Regional Airport in Colorado on Nov. 28, 2004. Charlie and Dick Ebersol escaped from the wreckage, but Todd was killed on impact. Saint James was not on the plane.

After a year absorbing this horrible thing that happened to us, it's an opportunity to share our experience and maybe in some way help people who have gone through that experience," Ebersol said.

Ebersol taped two episodes with Winfrey. The first focuses on the plane crash and its aftermath; the second — to be aired sometime later this month — shows the award winning movie Ebersol co-produced with his best friend during his junior year at Notre Dame. "Ithuteng," a short film, titled "Ithuteng never stop loving you," plays to children at a school for at-risk students in Soweto, South Africa. Winfrey donated $1.14 million to the school featured in the film, Ithuteng Trust, after watching Ebersol's movie earlier this year.

Ebersol said he created the film — "Ithuteng," which means "loving me" in Zulu — after interviewing the trapped children at Ithuteng Trust, a school that takes in students who are rapists, murderers, car thieves or rape victims. Run by one woman, the school has more than 6,500 students and is the only school on the continent of Africa with a 100 percent graduation and retention rate, Ebersol said.

"I think one of the things we wanted to show was... horrible things happen in our life, but you have to experience them," he said. "This is an opportunity to share that with other people. Obviously there is no bigger pedestal on earth to say that from than the Oprah show."

Ebersol said Winfrey was "very respectful" of his family's feelings as he shared their story about the plane crash.

"(Oprah) really is amazing," Ebersol said. "Without really knowing us, she is able to relate with people and really ask the questions that are on your mind... it was a blessing."

The "Oprah Winfrey Show" airs weekdays at 4 p.m. on WSBT Channel 22.

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Career fair: getting the jobs done

By RYAN SYDULIK
News Writer

The Joyce Center bustled with activity Wednesday as students had the opportunity to interact with prospective employers and internships at Notre Dame's largest ever career fair.

Event organizer Anita Rees said the fair’s more than 100 employers offered everything from accounting to publishing to law enforcement.

"We have companies and organizations for the first time on campus such as Microsoft, Rodale, the Catholic Diocese of Chicago and DHL," she said.

Lee Swete, the fair’s principal organizer, said the key is there are employers for all majors.

"We have employers like ESPN and Sony," Swete said.

"They don’t recruit on most campuses. They come here because of the quality of our graduates."

Rees said students left excellent impressions on employers.

"Every career fair I’ve been at for the past seven years has had many companies with a resume drop instead of actual representation," Rees said.

"But now, employers really want to sit down with Notre Dame students."

Sophomore RikSan Stephens was grateful of the opportunities presented by the event.

"It’s the fair’s more than the Career Resource Center gives students the opportunity meet with companies and to learn more information so that we could hopefully work for them in the future," Stephens said.

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Senior finance major John Clarke speaks with a company representative at the career fair Wednesday.

Swee said there were more internship opportunities for underclassmen of all majors than at any other day in campus history.

"I want to get a jumpstart so that I have an advantage as a junior or senior," said freshman Mark Bond, who attended the fair to investigate internship opportunities.

"I think it’s good to see how upperclassmen interact with employers."

"It is good to get your feet wet," he said. "Though you might not land an interview, it is still a great experience just to be here."

Reebok — which has just completed a merger with Adidas — was one of the companies present at the fair.

"We are here because we felt that student qualifications were exceptional and because we have had developing relations with the University," Reebok spokesman Mike Sullivan said. "We wanted to try to increase the awareness of the students to Reebok and to the opportunities we have."

Time Weed of AmeriCorps, a nonprofit a one-year community service program, said the company was eager to meet "a lot of good potential applicants."

"Students from Notre Dame are the type of students we look for because of the service ethic that is displayed through the school," he said.

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New award to honor trustee Ray Siegfried

An award for student leadership has been established at Notre Dame in honor of Ray Siegfried, a trustee, alumnus and benefactor of the University who died last year after a long and courageous struggle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig’s Disease).

The Ray Siegfried Award for Leadership Excellence, jointly sponsored by Notre Dame’s Office of Student Affairs and the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, will be presented annually to a senior who exemplifies the qualities for which Siegfried was known and admired in the University community, including leadership, generosity, devotion to the Catholic faith and delight in athletics.

Nominations are being solicited from Notre Dame’s residence hall rectors, student affairs department directors and other campus officials.

Siegfried, a 1965 Notre Dame alumnus, was chairman of the board of the NOR-DAM Group, an international aerospace manufacturer, when he died Oct. 6 in Tulsa, Okla.

Despite the severity of his illness, he had maintained an active schedule which included regular visits to the Notre Dame campus.

Among the gifts he and his family have given the University are the Siegfried Building in the Mendoza College of Business, Siegfried Hall, a men’s residence; and the Ray and Milann Siegfried Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies, which is now held by Carolyn Y. Woo, Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business. He also was the enthusiastic host of an annual dinner for the men of Siegfried Hall, whose success in intramural sports he greatly enjoyed. He received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Notre Dame in 1995.

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Postal worker kills seven, herself
Ex-USPS employee previously made racist remarks; six of the victims were minorities

Associated Press

GOLETA, Calif. — A woman wounded in a ram­
page by a former postal worker died Wednesday, and investigators said their suspect had also killed a woman and a police officer before the attack began.

A former postal worker said the attacker had wounded racist comments in the past, and at least six of the victims were minority­ans, but investigators have not released any information about the suspect.

The victim, Beverley Graham, 54, was found Tuesday, dead of a gunshot wound to the head, at a Santa Barbara condominium complex where former postal employee Jennifer Sanmarco lived up until a few years ago.

Sheriffs Sgt. Erik Raneysaid authorities believed Graham’s death was “the beginning of this ramp­page.” Investigators matched several 9 mm bullet casings found at Graham’s condo to casings from the postal distribution center.

A neighbor of Graham’s reported hearing a gun­shot Monday evening, before Sanmarco went to the mail-processing center.

Sanmarco shot six postal employees to death and committed suicide in what was believed to be the nation’s deadliest work­place shooting by a woman. It was also the nation’s bloodiest shooting at a postal installation in nearly 20 years.

A postal worker who was shot in the leg, Michelle Colton, 44, died of her wounds Wednesday, said Teressa Houdis, spokes­woman for Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

In 2003, Tabala said, he saw sheriff’s deputies pull Sanmarco out from under a mail-sorting machine and wheel her away in handcuffs on a mail cart after a disturbance.

She returned several months later but “people started coming to me and saying, ‘She’s acting errati­cally,’” Tabala said. “She was screaming. She was saying a lot of racist com­ments. It was pretty ugly.”

United Kingdom

World pledges aid to Afghanistan

Associated Press

LONDON — Nearly 70 nations and international bodies pledged $10.5 billion to help Afghanistan fight poverty, terrorism and drug trafficking, and crack down on the drug trade, officials said Wednesday in an end of a two-day conference on the nation’s future.

The pledges were intended to fund the first phase of a plan called “Coalition Support for Afghanistan,” which has been torn by decades of war.

“We’ve laid the foundation for change,” Foreign Office min­ister Kim Howells said in announcing the funding promises. “This money will provide the basis for getting Afghanistan’s work under way.”

Pushed the “Afghanistan Compact,” the five-year plan covers poverty reduction, economic develop­ment, counterterrorism efforts and security, and promises aid to help President Hamid Karzai’s govern­ment achieve the targets.

“I’m very thankful and I’m very confident that with this kind of sup­port...we will eventually be able to establish a very democratic society in Afghanistan,” said Anwar ul-Haq Ahadi, the country’s finance minister.

Diplomats at the conference praised the progress Afghanistan has made since a U.S.-led coalition topp­led the hard-line Taliban regime in 2001. But after decades of war and the Taliban’s brutal rule, the country is still plagued by violence and extreme poverty, and they acknowled­ged it has a long way to go.

Ameerah al-Haq, of the United Nations mission in Afghanistan, said it was crucial that those building the country’s future return home and put the new blueprint into action.

“The clock of the Afghan­istan Compact is now ticking,” she said.

The conference focused Wednesday on boosting human rights and economic development.

Afghanistan pledged in the new plan to build a functioning justice system in all its provinces by 2010 and reduce the number of people liv­ing on less than $1 a day by 3 per­cent per year.

Howells said establishing the rule of law would be critical.

“Without this, reconstruction, eco­nomic growth, poverty reduction and counterterrorism will continue to be hampered,” he said. “It’s very impor­tant that the protection of human rights becomes part of the main­stream of Afghan politics.”

Howells said $77 million of the money pledged would go to fight the drug trade and drug trafficking. Afghanistan produces nearly 90 per­cent of the world’s opium and heroin.

Hedayat Amin Arsala, Afghanistan’s commerce minister and a senior government adviser, said changing the country’s political culture would be difficult.
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Committee chair Rhea Boyd and student body president Dave Baron — connected the resolutions' goals to University President Father John Jenkins' remarks about improving diversity in his inaugural address last September.
"Father Jenkins uses the term 'diversity' as an aspect that enhances the educational objectives of ND, and we use the term 'cultural competencies' in the same way," Boyd said.
Mark Gunti, assistant director of Institutional Research, presented relevant information from surveys taken of graduating seniors' experiences at Notre Dame.
"There's very strong relation between diversity practices and developing awareness of social problems," Gunti said.
The studies showed that greater exposure to different cultures has some expected effects, but also some unexpected trickle-down effects, Gunti said, including a lower overall happiness with Notre Dame among those who have been most exposed to diversity issues.
"Although students who have been involved in diversity activities are slightly less satisfied with experience at Notre Dame, they are tremendously less satisfied with cultural diversity ... at Notre Dame," Gunti said. "At other institutions we're getting 70 percent of students satisfied with the diversity of their campus but at Notre Dame 37 percent are satisfied."
Gunti suggested these results are indicative of overall impressions of the University.
"We can also see [it coming] as no big surprise that in almost all diversity practices, Notre Dame ranks lower than those schools," he said.
Gunti also suggested Notre Dame's low satisfaction ratings in matters of diversity derived not from the University's attempts to educate its students about cultural competencies, but from the lack of diversity in its student body.
Other members expressed alarm at what they saw as an attempt by some students to enforce their beliefs about education on the rest of the student body.
"It appears to me there is concern by some students that other students aren't taking the right courses," economics professor Thomas Gresik said. "My concern is that we're being asked as faculty to save the students from themselves." Boyd denied the resolution had any power of imposition over the student body.
"This committee in no way endorses a new requirement," she said. "This resolution is simply to form committee to discuss the issue." Gresik questioned whether a new committee would trample on the grounds of other committees.
"Personally I would like to affirm students studying different cultures," he said. "But I have a concern with the proposal because I'm wondering ... I'm wondering if a committee like this might not cross paths with another committee that's thinking about general education requirements of students in whole."
Another faculty member suggested diversity could be brought to the student body without involving the curriculum, through broadening of study abroad options and increased admittance of international students.
"Our purpose to bring this resolution was expressly not to address address; our purpose was to address the charge that President Jenkins brought," Boyd said. "We want something that would contribute to academic experience, something formal."
Not all professors opposed the resolution.
"I'd like to applaud the proposal," political science professor Eileen Bottig said. "At most other schools I've attended taught at, it's been a matter of fact for the past 10 to 15 years to have a requirement for a class with a non-European, non-western approach." Another member suggested that while studies of other top universities have curricular requirements related to diversity issues, the committee could aid in developing a plan uniquely geared to the needs of Notre Dame.

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Dame. He said it was a great university," Ebele said Wednesday afternoon. "I told him the superior general gave a copy of his encyclical ("Deus Caritas Est." or "God is Love," released Jan. 25) to members of the Board of Trustees.
Ebele said Benedict XVI took his time speaking with members of the Notre Dame delegation as he left the stage after the address.
"What you saw there ... was prayerful, respectful," Ebele said. "He focuses on you. He looks at you and talks to you ... He knew who Father Jenkins was and greeted him." Ebele said 48 Notre Dame trustees, officers and their spouses attended the papal address, with the rest of the group in Rome unable to attend due to concurrent Board of Trustees meetings.
Thousands of visitors from around the world flooded the Vatican auditorium Wednesday morning, lining up in St. Peter's Square hours before the address was scheduled to begin. Benedict XVI speaks to a general audience each Wednesday and appears from his study window overlooking St. Peter's Square on Sundays, said Thaddeus Jones, a Vatican official in the Pontifical Council for Social Communication and 1989 Notre Dame alumnus.
He gives "immy few" private audiences than Pope John Paul II, Jones said, due to personal reasons. "It could be a matter of the priorities he wants to give," Jones said. "You can't do everything ... He's his own man. He has his own style and personality."
The address Wednesday was an explication of Psalm 145, which begins: "I will extol you, my God and king; I will bless your name forever."
The pope gave his commentary in Italian, French, English, German, Spanish and Polish. Before each translation, a different cardinal welcomed the speakers of the particular language, each time mentioning the specific groups in attendance and drawing rancous applause, flag-waving and even synchronized chants.
When the English-speaking cardinal announced "The Board of Trustees and Officers from Notre Dame," the Notre Dame delegates — positioned at the front and slightly left of dead-center of the audience — leapt to their feet and cheered.
Jenkins clapped and waved to Benedict XVI, his forward gaze unwavering.
The pope then commented on the Psalm in English, discussing "the spirit of the heart of this progressively growing celebration of God's majesty."
Far from being indifferent to humanity, he wishes to establish with us a kingdom of harmony and peace," Benedict XVI said. "Indeed. I'm slow to anger and abounding in love."
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Google stock sinks, shocks investors

Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling arrives at the federal courthouse after a break Wednesday in Houston.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. shares sank Wednesday after its earnings report fell short of Wall Street and stunned almost everyone who follows its stock, except the company’s founders.

Founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin have insisted they will run their 7-year-old company the way they want, even if it means ignoring stock analysts’ pressures to hit a widely watched earnings target.

Now Turkey’s report of a fourth-quarter earnings report that badly missed analyst estimates will test the defiant attitude they are using with investors’ affection for the online search engine leader.

That report rattled previously bullish investors as Google’s stock price plunged $30.88, or 7.1 percent, to close at $401.78 in trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market. The downturn wiped out more than $9 billion in shareholder wealth and trimmed about $2 billion combined from the net worth of Page and Brin, who are both 32.

The Mountain View-based company, which went public August 2004, said its net income nearly doubled from the previous year to $372.2 million during the final three months of 2005.

For most companies, that kind of stellar growth is a reason to celebrate. But investors have become accustomed to much more from Google, which had topped analyst estimates by at least 14 cents per share in each of its previous five quarters as a public company.

That streak of prosperity had helped to more than quadruple Google’s market value in less than 18 months.

This time around, Google fell woe-

fully short of living up to the ana-
lysists’ estimates.

If not for a charitable donation and stock repurchase expenses, Google said it would have earned $1.54 per share. That fell well below the average estimate of $1.76 per share among analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial.

Google released its results after the stock market closed Tuesday.

The lobied is bound to disillusion some investors, Skil’s Kessler said.

“If you ask a lot of people on Main Street why they own Google, they will tell you, ‘Because it goes up every day.’ Well, that’s a gross misconception.

Even with the sell-off, Google’s longtime investors still will be sitting on substantial gains. The company’s shares were up at $85 and were trading just slightly above $300 in late October when Google released a third-quarter report that delighted investors.

## In Brief

United Airlines leaves bankruptcy

CHICAGO — United Airlines finally left bankruptcy Wednesday, a leaner and more cost-efficient carrier after a painful restructuring that began in 2002 and lasted an industry record 13½ years.

The nation’s No. 2 airline announced it had emerged from its bankruptcy Wednesday, the event began its parent UAL Corp., in a statement acknowledging the unenviable milestone.

But, in an apparent nod to the nation’s auto market in January, which is usually a slow month for the industry, Automakers said warm weather and lower fuel prices pushed up the numbers. The seasonally adjusted annual sales rate was 17.6 million vehicles, indicating what sales would be for the full year if they remained at the same pace for all 12 months. Last year’s annual sales totaled 17.2 million vehicles.

## Enron exec admits fudged figures

Former investor relations head blames the pressure to meet Wall Street expectations

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rent on matching or beating Wall Street expectations, Enron Corp. fudged its earnings figures with the knowledge of executives Jeffrey Skilling and Kenneth Lay, the company’s former chief executive for investors testified Wednesday.

Leading off the government’s case in Skilling and Lay’s fraud trial, a former employee said the two men were closely involved in company operations and sought to boost Enron’s stock price by reducing expected earnings and increasing stock analysts.

Koenig walked jurors through a spreadsheet of a July 2000 press release in which quarterly earnings were raised from $2 per share to $2.04 per share, a 2-cent increase, to beat Wall Street estimates by 2 cents.

“We thought it would maintain or increase the stock price,” Koenig testified.

While Koenig did not say Skilling or Lay ordered a fraudulent change, he said he discussed the July 2000 change with Skilling, then the company’s president, who had to approve any changes to the financial figures.

In another case, in January 2000, Enron changed its quarterly earnings from $3 cents per share to $3.14 cents per share to beat Wall Street estimates to the higher level, Koenig said.

In the middle of Jan. 19, 2000, Koenig said, Lay told him “he went to bed and we were awake, or awake, awake and that he was watching one of his favorite TV programs. And then he said he saw that it was 31 cents.”

He said Lay told him he had received a voice mail from a猴子 explaining the change. “He understood the issue, fairly matter-of-fact,” Koenig testi-

fied. A bedrock of Lay and Skilling’s defense, as explained to jurors in open-

ings Tuesday, is that the books were never cooked at Enron, and that the company collapsed because of a market panic and relatively minor wrong-doing by a few employees. Lay has also said publicly that he believed the company’s sales were strong and that Enron was in no danger of failure.

Koenig is one of 16 Enron executives who have pleaded guilty to crimes and agreed to cooperate with the govern-

ment. The defense has also suggested many of the executives were pressured by prosecutors into striking deals when they were not guilty and will tell the govern-

ment anything it wants to hear.

Jury also heard part of several Enron conference calls from 2000 and 2001 in which Koenig said Skilling exaggerated the success of Enron’s broadband division — at the time a key part of Enron’s growth strategy.

In one example, Skilling told at least $50 million of the revenue in Enron’s broadband division came from the sale of a type of fiber — a figure Koenig said was not part of that division’s “core operating rev-

enus.”

Koenig said he later learned the fiber figure was actually $150 million, or nearly all of the broadband group’s revenue that quar-

ter.
Does the Devil Really Exist?

One must only take a brief look at any daily newspaper or TV news network to realize that evil is alive and well in the world around us. Some may claim that it is very antiquated or naïve to believe that such evil is caused by the meddling of a figure called “Satan” in the Bible. However, the Scriptures and the Church have always taught that the devil is indeed a real entity. In the Scriptures, Jesus underwent temptation at the hands of Satan, and He later cast out demons and sent His disciples to do likewise. In the Catechism, we read that “Satan was at first a good angel, made by God,” but that a certain ‘fall’ occurred whereby Satan and the other angels with him “radically and irrevocably rejected God and his reign” (#391-392).

The belief in the reality of Satan can be expressly seen in many of the Church’s liturgical rituals. Adult candidates for baptism are asked to renounce Satan and his empty promises. Throughout the Easter season, we reaffirm our faith and renounce Satan at the beginning of each liturgy before being sprinkled with holy water to commemorate our own baptism. The Church also has an official “Rite of Exorcism,” with the ministry of exorcist being entrusted to the bishop of each diocese or to whichever priest he appoints. Exorcism and demonic possession have often been sensationalized through books and movies, but recently the subject has been examined in a bit more profound light in the 2005 movie The Exorcism of Emily Rose, based on a true story. The existence of such a Rite of Exorcism would be ridiculous if we believe that demons do not really exist.

Despite the mass media’s and society’s efforts to convince us otherwise, the Scriptures and the Church believe that the devil does exist. I think CS Lewis said it best in The Screwtape Letters: the greatest victory for the devil is convincing mankind that he doesn’t really exist (paraphrase).

For additional reading, please consult the book “An Exorcist Tells His Story” by Gabriele Amorth.

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"I thought Jenkins' speech was interesting, but I thought it was a little general, a little vague," Colelough said. Marichich said because she was abroad during the fall semester as well, she hadn't yet heard Jenkins speak until the convocation.

"It was nice to hear him here in Rome. I especially liked Father Jenkins incorporating Thomas Aquinas into his talk ... just clear and simple," she said. "I'd also read his speech last week that corresponded with some of the topics today."

Colelough said she enjoyed Jenkins' synthesis of the history of the congregation of the Holy Cross throughout the years. Though fewer than a dozen students attended the event, Jacobs said he knew there were class conflicts that prohibited more students from coming.

"I think the trustees were pleasantly surprised to see Notre Dame students here," Jacobs said.

Some architecture students decided to attend the event because the Board of Trustees has a scheduled visit to their studio in downtown Rome today. "I think part of the reason we got an open invitation was that the Board of Trustees are coming for an open exposition of the architecture studio," Marichich said. "A lot of it is for trustees to see how it's run and learn why the Rome program is important for architecture students."

Michael Lykoudis, dean and professor in the architecture school, already gave a presentation to visitors about the Notre Dame architecture program, speaking in particular about the importance of students spending the third of their five academic years studying in Rome. Jacobs said, "I will be there for the open house," he added.

Several students attending John Cabot University through Notre Dame also attended the event.

"I went to see [Fischell] at Notre Dame talking about the situation with Catholic education. I wanted to follow up on that," junior June Brown said. Such an event in Rome sponsored by Notre Dame was a welcome change, students said.

"The closest thing to this that we attended was when H. Frances Robinson, III, U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See invited us to his house for dinner," said Colelough, adding that the invitation was informal and not an academic event with guests from the United States, like the convocation Wednesday.

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Academia," focused heavily on the Church-culture interface and said it was the role of a Catholic university to serve as intermediary between the sometimes opposing forces. He drew upon the teachings of the late Pope John Paul II, who said, "A Catholic university, aware that the human culture is open to revelation and transcendence, is also a primary and privileged place for fruitful dialogue between the Gospel and culture."

This Church-culture relationship is mutually beneficial, Jenkins said. "As John Paul made clear in this dialogue between the Church and culture, both are enriched," he said. "How can we accomplish this role as intermediary? How can we do it better?"

To build his model for how a Catholic university should manage the conflict and facilitate the dialogue, Jenkins shifted roles from authority to personal interests - formed his "disputed question" structure.

"First, a Catholic university and its scholars must identify the great and profound questions of our time," Jenkins said. "If a Catholic university is not engaging on the highest level the most pressing questions of our age, we are not fulfilling our mission."

These questions, he said, pertain to economic and social justice, the meaning and purpose of human life, the relationship between science and religion and morality in professions, among other topics.

Next, Jenkins said Catholic universities "must listen to and take seriously the contrary voices" - a concept that, while not directly acknowledged, seemed linked to the question-and-answer format of his addresses on academic freedom and Catholic character.

To follow the teachings of Aquinas, one must "acknowledge the other's objection in a manner that he or she would find acceptable," Jenkins said, quoting Aquinas. "No one put a voice that is even more persuasive than he or she would."

This is necessary, Jenkins said, because a Catholic university cannot fulfill its role "unless we listen to and understand the contrary voices."

The third step, Jenkins said, is to attempt to resolve an issue "in the best way one can in the light of Christian faith and revelation," striving to give reasons "persuasive to those engaged in discussion."

He said the final aspect of the process is to "try to address and respond to questions and contrary views in a manner that will speak to and help persuade others" - another method that seemed similar to how Jenkins is conducting the dialogue on academic freedom and Catholic character.

There are "great opportunities as well as challenges to a Catholic institution," Jenkins said. "We cannot address these issues without strong, vibrant Catholic universities."

Fisichella delivered an address entitled "The Role of the Roman Catholic Universities. One of the primary aspects of his speech was the balance between science and Catholic universities in the 21st century. He said he found in Jenkins' address as well."

"As heads of universities, "the manner that we speak to and must do is look to the future of our young people," Fisichella said.

Second, Fisichella said, is bearing personal witness as credibility of teaching.

"Personal credibility is not extraneous to teaching," he said. "We must provide functions that will last [students] all of their lives."

He quoted Pope John Paul II and said, "We face a great challenge at the end of this millennium, to go from phenomenal to fundamental, a step as necessary as it is urgent."

Fisichella said Catholic universities must prepare their students to be "scientifically competent and fully professional" people who know how to "face the future with optimism that [introduces] them to the Church and society as young men and women."

"In our universities, they can find a fertile [ground] for discovering their life as a vocation," he said. "Our universities are called to bring about ... an intelligent search for the truth and its existence."


"Moreau wanted schools to be up to date in methodology and curriculum," Jenky said. "He liked to encourage service and volunteerism. His brothers and priests were encouraged to sacrifice their weekends, their school holidays, to conduct world missions and contribute to parish education. Moreau also actively promoted lay collaboration for the direction, finance and continuing influence of the school. ... He also stayed very close to the alumni association, and it has been faithful to him even when the community isn't."

"Now, does any of this sound familiar to my Notre Dame friends out here?" he asked, inviting a few laughs.

Jenky said Catholic schools were unique in their ability to make a "singular contribution to educational and cultural mosaic of the world."

"The world today doesn't need more private schools. There are plenty of them out there," he said. "But both the world and the Church need more Catholic schools that remember their reason for existing. Our schools should never choose between being excellent or being Catholic. Catholic school should not be "either or"; it should be "both and."

After the speakers - introduced by theology professor John Cavadini - completed their addresses, Provost Thomas Burish awarded honorary degrees to Fisichella and University President Father John Jenkins.

Fisichella, Burish said, was honored for multiple reasons, including "revering Jesus no more than any in the public Catholic."

Boone, appointed to his position by the Vatican in November, "aspire to assist in the alignment of the earthly and heavenly orders," Burish said.

The event concluded with a reception for those in attendance, culminating the official reception of Trustee Van Ness.

Trustees will leave Rome Friday morning.

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Planet deemed larger than Pluto

LOS ANGELES — Scientists say they have confirmed that a so-called 10th planet discovered last year is bigger than Pluto, but that likely won't quell the debate over what makes a planet.

The astronomers who spotted the huge, rocky body — informally called 2003 UB313 — had reported only a rough estimate of its size based on its brightness.

But another group of researchers has come up with what is believed to be the first calculation of UB313’s diameter.

By measuring how much heat it radiates, German scientists led by Frank Benedict of the University of Bonn estimated that UB313 was about 1,864 miles across. That makes it larger than Pluto, which has a diameter of about 1,429 miles.

“It is now increasingly hard to justify calling Pluto a planet if UB313 is not also given this status,” Benedict said in a statement.

Details were published in Thursday’s issue of the journal Nature.

Some astronomers have debated over what is a planet and whether Pluto should keep its status. The difficulty is there is no official definition and some argue that setting standards like size limits opens the door too wide.

Michael Brown, the astronomer at the California Institute of Technology who discovered UB313 and announced last July, said the Germans’ measurement seemed plausible.

He said his team is using the Hubble Space Telescope to directly figure out its size.

Police apologize for two ejections

Unlawful conduct charge against Cindy Sheehan

WASHINGTON — Capitol Police dropped a charge of unlawful conduct against anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan on Wednesday and apologized for ejecting her and a congresswoman’s wife from President Bush’s State of the Union address for wearing T-shirts with a war message.

Police removed Sheehan and Beverly Young, wife of Rep. C.W. “Bill” Young, R-Fla., from the visitors gallery Tuesday night. Sheehan was taken away in handcuffs before Bush’s arrival at the Capitol and charged with a misdemeanor.

Capitol Police did not explain why Sheehan was arrested. Beverly Young was not. However, Capitol Police Chief Terrance Gainer was asking the U.S. attorney’s office to drop the charge against Sheehan, according to Deputy House Sergeant of Arms Kerri Hanley.

They were operating under the misguided impression that the T-shirt was not allowed,” Hanley said Wednesday. “The fact that she [Sheehan] was wearing the T-shirt is not enough reason to be asked to leave the gallery or be removed from the gallery or be arrested.

And in a private meeting Wednesday, Gainer apologized and said he planned to issue a statement, Rep. Young told reporters.

“They apologized,” Young said. “They made a serious mistake.”

A foreign-born American citizen, a woman who was the guest of Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla., also was taken by police from the gallery just above the House floor Wednesday.

The congressman met with Gainer and said he also requested a meeting with House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., about the incident.

“‘I’d like to find out more information,’” Hastings said in an interview, identifying the suspect only as a woman from Broward County in Florida. “I’m surprised she broke the law.

“Is that what we need? I invited him proudly.”

Sheehan’s T-shirt alluded to the number of soldiers killed in Iraq: “2245 Dead. How many more?” Capitol Police charged her with a misdemeanor for violating the District of Columbia’s required unlawful or disruptive conduct on any part of the Capitol grounds, a law enforcement official said. She was released from custody and flew home Wednesday to Los Angeles.

Young’s shirt had just the opposite message: “Support the Troops — Defending Our Freedom.”

The two women appeared to have offended tradition as much as the law, according to several law enforcement and congressional officials. By custom, the annual address is to be a dignified affair in which the president reports on the state of the nation. Guests in the gallery who wear shirts deemed political in nature have, in past years, been asked to change or cover up the message.

Generally, the House’s sergeant at arms sets out rules at the House speaker’s discretion. The Capitol Police enforce them and the Secret Service evaluates any threat to the president.

Rules dealing mainly with what people can bring and telling them to refrain from smoking, eating, drinking, applauding or taking photographs are outlined on the back of gallery passes given to tourists every year.

However, State of the Union mustn’t offend any guidelines, Hanley said: “You would assume that if you were coming to an event like the State of the Union address you would be dressed in appropriate attire,” she said.

Sheehan, the mother of a soldier killed in Iraq, had been invited to the speech and given a ticket by Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif.

Capitol Police Sgt. Kimberly Schneider said police warned Sheehan that displays such as her T-shirt were not allowed.

Sheehan said she had one arm out of her coat when an officer yelled, “Protester.” She said she intended to file a First Amendment lawsuit over the episode.

Young was removed from the gallery during Bush’s address and told she was violating the same law as Sheehan.

Her husband was angry about the way she was treated.

“Because she had on a shirt that someone didn’t like that said support our troops, she was kicked out of this gallery,” Young said on the House floor Wednesday, holding up the gray shirt.

“Shame, shame,” he scolded.

Beverly Young was sitting about six rows from first lady Laura Bush when she was asked to leave. She argued with police in the hallway outside the House chamber.

KEENAN HALL’S WORLD WAR REVUE: THE AXIS OF HUMOR

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By the standards of the genre, University President Father John Jenkins’ inaugural address last September was better than most, rising above the merely platitudinous to make the sort of proposals with which one might conceivably disagree. I agree with one myself. Jenkins plans to increase the number of undergraduate students by quadrupling the number of applicants. The students who participate in research as “fellows”—the faculty with the severely underrepresented in the period of apprenticeship that most academic disciplines require before students are directly involved in research—will have more opportunities for interaction and collaboration. While the university has made strides in increasing diversity and inclusion in recent years, there is still more work to be done to ensure that all voices are heard.

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I’m concerned that University President Father John Jenkins isn’t truly listening. I was disappointed at last week’s speech, after taking 45 minutes to present his side, Father Jenkins attempted to refute the concerns of the students rather than simply listening and considering them. So, we students, treasure the chance to encourage Father Jenkins to consider our perspectives. This is exactly what “The Vagina Monologues” strives to do. Anyone who watches the play must understand that the “Monologue” doesn’t necessarily represent the beliefs of the author or the students performing them——just as the University does not necessarily represent the views of women. Ever Eisler simply provides a forum for the liberation of the long-suppressed voices of women and an opportunity for actors and audience to consider these foreign perspectives. The actors hold note cards, symbolizing that the stories they tell are of other women. They speak directly and indirectly about vaginas because they are attempting to reclaim the part of their anatomy that has been a justification and a means for sexual, physical, emotional and psychological abuse——not to make themselves sexual objects. Some of these stories are meant to shock us into critical analysis. Many contest the Monologue that describes the seduction of a 16-year-old girl by an older woman. Its purpose is not to lead us to the experience, but to ask us to consider what kind of society we have created and what it means to women’s only positive sexual experience as a rape. Silencing the voices of these women is not the answer. The purpose of the movement is to acknowledge these voices.

Refusing to listen is refusing to acknowledge pain and suffering and refusing to consider the systemic problems in our society that cause and perpetuate them. What good do we accomplish by silencing ideas that contradict Catholic teaching, except to promote faith and blindness to injustice? Rather, we should critically engage with the “Monologues,” exploring how they contradict Catholic teachings as well as why they are important as a means of liberating female voices and conceptualizing structural subordination of women. This would truly be respectful dialogue.

Francis de Sales Catholic saint

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly the, young and inexperienced. For their time is yet to come, whereas yours has begun."

Jackie Clark
Whole Family Hall
Feb. 1

Wednesday, February 2, 2006
Have you noticed how the reality of authority — in those who have it and those who don’t — has surprised us recently? Politicians, judges, members of the House of Commons, leaders of organizations, others who’ve claimed it for a long time, and still other

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and the Gospel reading

President Bush spoke Tuesday night with all the authority of his office on that most “presidential” of occasions — the State of the Union address. The Hamas party scored a decisive victory in recent Palestinian elections, surprising even themselves with the turnout for their candidates. Benjamin Netanyahu might hold the same title as Alan Greenspan did for the last 18 years, but will not be able to lead with the authority of Mr. Greenspan until he put some time and wise decisions in the bank.

On the other hand, remember the Gospel reading we just heard this past Sunday? Jesus entered a synagogue and began to teach, and “the people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes” (Mark 1:22). Some have been condemned real authority, and to paraphrase the immortal words of former Justice Potter Stewart, we believe that “we’ll know those people when we see them.”

Something about Jesus’ person and words gave him instant credibility. In fact, this story tells of one of his first ventures into public ministry. As Jesus would come to prove over time, to the growing dis


Leadership not just for authority

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and by a most important than the Commandments themselves (see Mark 7:1-13). Jesus himself never strayed from Truth, for his words were the Word of God, and still speak to the deepest realities of our lives.

On which brings us to when can we ask ourselves, “What qualities about my own words and actions give me authority?” Obvious, we don’t have to be the presi

Ed Manier
Guest Columnist

I would like to ponder a number of issues relevant to the recent Presidential address, "Academic Freedom and Academic Character." (1) How are these topics of concern to students and faculty? (2) How are these topics of concern to students and faculty?

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3) Student Rights and Freedoms. It is hard to understand the level of perception these are the topics of (1) doctrinal pluralism at a Catholic University, (2) the special status of various performing and visual arts based plays, films, art shows and academic freedom of students, but I formulate a reasonable alternative to current and prospective policy in that area. As a University community we must also give more attention to (4) criticisms of dissenting views — while dissenting views be protected so informed advocacy will contribute to the vitality of public life’ is severely restricted at Notre Dame by considerations of doctrinal orthodoxy, again as a con

Monologue’s or dialogue: Another perspective

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**Sick Bay Records**

**Recommended tracks: 'My Last Days,' 'When It Comes To,' 'Let S**\textsuperscript{3}** Go' and 'Get Myne'**

Hittman began his rapping career as a protégé of Dr. Dre. However, he has released his first solo album on another label, Sick Bay Records.

**Band’s appeal expands outside Chicago rock scene**

**Marty Casey & Lovehammers**

Marty Casey & Lovehammers

Werner Bros/WEA

**Recommended tracks: 'Trees,' 'Casualty,' 'Rain on the Brain,' 'Call of Distress,' 'The Tunnel' and 'Clouds'**

Having met in junior high, Marty Casey (vocals), Rob Kuurells (drums), Billy Sawlitch (guitar) and Dino Keurells (bass) have remained passionately dedicated to their band despite being unable to land a recording contract.

This self-titled album is the band’s first release on a record label, but it features an assortment of tracks from previously self-released albums. Although the album lacks a focus, it provides a diverse picture of where the band has been and where it hopes to go.

The album opens with “Casualty,” rousing a tour of rousing refusal to answer to failure. Although there are exceptions, most of the subsequent songs tend to sound the same. But The Lovehammers fend off boredom by tirelessly knocking out forceful modulations create an emotional stronghold of otherwise serene and m a r k a b l e songs.

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Hetman’s album was...
By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN  Space Writer

With two offensive linemen going to the NFL this year and another graduating after this season, Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis knew he needed not only depth, but talent—and he got both. Weis got his depth up to 6-foot-7, 342 pounds for the tackle position, but with the departure of Rashon Nelson, the Irish are left with Ryan Harris, Bob Bost, and Michael Turkwijk, who has limited action in his first season, leaving the Irish thin at this position. But with the addition of 6-foot-7 Sam Young, who chose Notre Dame over USC, Dan Wrenn, who played with Young in high school, Notre Dame improves itself dramatically.

Additionally, the Irish picked up highly-rated Eric Olsen and Chris Stewart, who enrolled in January, but shore up from some weight training, as he current 242 pounds. Olsen did not allow a sack during his high school career. Mait Canele, who played the same high school as Harris and Harris' tight end Marcus Freeman was the Gatorade Player of the Year in Minnesota.

Finally, Notre Dame signed Darley Webb, a 6-foot-7 3-lineman that Weis high on as well. "Of all the guys I've seen, this is one of the most polished pass blocking tacklers that I've seen coming out of high school in my short time back into the college ranks," Weis said.

Quarterback

Despite the fact there is no doubt who the Irish quarterback in 2006 will be, the position is wide open after Heisman Trophy candidate Brady Quinn graduates this spring.

This year's backup, David Wolke, has not seen significant action in his two seasons, and freshman Evan Sharpley, who was a three-star recruit out of high school, did not play this year. Behind him walks on Gorksi, who did not see action in his first year at Notre Dame.

Weis said one of his goals was to get two quarterbacks, and he got two very good signal-callers in Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer. Jones poses a dual threat, while Frazer is more of a drop back passer, but Weis said they will both have ample opportunity to compete for the position after Quinn leaves.

Running back

Although 1,000-yard rusher Darius Walker has two more seasons in an Irish uniform, Travis Thomas has one, a pair of commits could push for playing time as early as next year.

James Aldridge, from nearby Crown Point, Ind., enrolled in January and will be eligible to participate in spring practices, giving him a head start.

"Aldridge can do it all."

- Charlie Weis
- Irish head coach

"We're excited to have him because we can get him involved in the spring."

Joining Aldridge is Munir Prince, the Gatorade Player of the Year in Mississipi, who Weis described as a "big-time" player. Prince and Aldridge give the Irish depth at running back.

Fullback

With the departure of rushing Powers-Neal mid-year due to disciplinary issues, Ashugh Swapp saw significant playing time as a true freshman. But the position was thin with the only backup being Ashley McClung. With the signing of Indiana's Gatorade Player of the Year, Luke Nicol, the Irish add a big body that also gives depth at tight end.

Wide receiver

Rhamn McQuirn should return for a fifth year, barring unforeseen circumstances, and Jeff Samuraja will come back after an All-American season to finish his eligibility. The two extremely talented receivers at the top.

Joining them are D.J. Howard and David Grimes, two true freshmen who saw limited playing time this year.

And with the additions of Barry Waller, who chose West, Robby Parris and Richard Jean, Weis gives his team playmaking ability and game-breaking speed. West is already enrolled at Notre Dame, and is widely considered one of the best kick returners in the country, while Parris and Jean are bigger receivers.

Tight end

Additionally, the Irish picked on pass catching and the Irish have two spots to fill here. Maurice Crum returns at the Apache position. Also returning for the Irish are two true freshmen Ben Quinn and Scott Smith, who saw action on special teams last year. Anthony Vergilini, who has three years of eligibility remaining, but has not seen significant playing time this year.

One of Notre Dame's biggest problems last year was its secondary, and that is already enrolled at Notre Dame. Leo McCallan, from nearby St. Philip, is a top 10 player, and was voted as the best defensive back coming out of high school.

Cornerback Darrin Walls, a Pittsburgh native, signed to play for the Irish on Wednesday.

Jashaud Gaines and Sergio Brown. Both are big, athletic safeties who played both ways in high school.

Linebacker

With the graduation of captain Brandon Hoyte and Garey Mays, the Irish have two spots to fill here. Maurice Crum returns at the Apache position. Also returning for the Irish are two true freshmen Ben Quinn and Scott Smith, who saw action on special teams last year. Anthony Vergilini, who has three years of eligibility remaining, but has not seen significant playing time this year.

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Photo courtesy of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Wade had 13 sacks as a junior. "This guy reminds me of a lot of young Jason Taylor," Weis said of Wade. "He looks like him, plays like him. Let's hope he produces like him when he gets in school.

Defensive tackle

Although the Irish only lose Brian Blanda in defensive tackle, they are not incredibly deep. With Derek Landri and Trevor Laws anchoring the middle, Notre Dame is solid, but it drops off after that with true freshmen Pat Kuntz, who played sparingly, and Derril Hand, who didn't see any action.

Notre Dame signed Paddy Mullen as a tackle, but he could also play tight end. However, with the lack of depth at tackle, Mullen could find himself playing earlier than he would as a tight end.

"We're counting on Paddy to come in here as a defensive tackle," Weis said.

With the graduation of kickpunter D.J. Fitzpatrick and no real backup at the kicker position, Notre Dame badly needed a kicker to go along with backup Carl Gosia. At punter, Geoffrey Priez looks to succeed Fitzpatrick, but that is unclear as well.

The Irish signed Ryan Burkart, a player who Weis said has a lot of pressure on him coming in because the position is so wide open. Burkart has "pop every time he hits the ball," Weis said.

"We've told Ryan that we're expecting him to come in here as a freshman and compete for playing time form the second he walks in the door," Weis said of Burkart, who he said can kick off as well. "I think that's what he's expecting from us."

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Class of 2010

A spread of all 27 recruits signed to play for Notre Dame next year, including high school stats.

Two top quarterbacks chose ND

Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer committed Wednesday to play for head coach Charlie Weis.
James Aldridge
running back
6-1, 215
Crown Point, Ind.
He’s a rare combination of size and speed.”
Mike Frank
Irisheyes.com
Rated No. 7 in the nation among running backs by Scout.com ... ran for 21 TDs as a senior.

Matt Carufel
offensive lineman
6-5, 288
Forest Lake, Minn.
“We're really, really excited about having a physical player like Matt.”
Charlie Weis
Irish coach
USA Today second-team All-American ... named Gatorade Minnesota player of the year.

Barry Gallup
wide receiver
5-11, 175
Wellesley, Mass.
“I think he fell in love with Notre Dame and we fell in love with him.”
Charlie Weis
Irish coach
Gatorade Massachusetts player of the year ... scored 70 TDs and tallied 14 INTs in high school career.

Demetrius Jones
quarterback
6-3, 190
Chicago, Ill.
“Has the ability to make something out of nothing”
Tim O’Halloran
Rivals.com
Gatorade Illinois player of the year ... named top senior player in Illinois by Chicago Tribune.

Eric Olsen
offensive lineman
6-5, 298
Staten Island, N.Y.
He's a big kid who likes to smack people around a little bit.”
Mike Frank
Irisheyes.com
Gatorade New York player of the year ... never gave up a sack in three seasons as a starting lineman.

Sergio Brown
safety
6-2, 190
Maywood, Ill.
“Sergio got us a big athletic safety that can run.”
Charlie Weis
Irish coach
Ranked No. 16 on Detroit Free Press "Best of the Midwest" team ... six INTs this season.

Zach Frazer
quarterback
6-4, 209
Mechanicsburg, Pa.
“He’s a true pocket passer and makes a lot of plays down the field.”
Mike Frank
Irisheyes.com
No. 12 on USA Today list of top 100 players ... set Pa. single-season passing record with 3,674 yards.

Leonard Gordon
safety
5-11, 195
Ft. Campbell, Ky.
“He’s a really physical kid, a big kid for a safety.”
Mike Frank
Irisheyes.com
Recked up 90 tackles and two INTs in senior season ... Louisville Courier-Journal first-team all-state pick.

Paddy Mullen
defensive tackle
6-5, 262
St. Louis, Mo.
“As he gets bigger, his bull rush continues to improve.”
Pat Mahoney
high school coach
Played mostly tight end as a senior, catching three TDs ... garnered seven sacks as junior defensive end.

Robby Parris
wide receiver
6-4, 185
Olmsted Falls, Ohio
“Once again, another big wide receiver.”
Charlie Weis
Irish coach
Caught 12 TDs in six games during injury-shortened senior season ... AP second-team all-Ohio selection.

Munir Prince
running back
5-9, 164
Florissant, Mo.
“He’s a dynamic back who can do it all.”
Charlie Weis
Irish coach
Gatorade Missouri player of the year ... rushed for 50 TDs and 3,688 yards in high school career.
USA Today first-team All-American ... led high school team to 39-2 record over past three seasons.

Gatorade Georgia player of the year ... recorded 170 tackles and 15 sacks in final two high school seasons.

USA Today second-team All-American ... No. 33 on Dallas Morning News list of top 100 players in Texas.

Gatorade Indiana player of the year ... carried 313 times for 2,239 yards and 32 TDs in senior season.

USA Today second-team All-American ... racked up 49 tackles and six sacks in just eight games as a senior.

Darrin Walls
cornerback
6-1, 180
Pittsburgh, Pa.
"He's a guy who can take over a game." Charlie Weis Irish coach

Listed at No. 29 on Chicago Sun-Times national top 100 ... Named CSTV first-team All-American.
Frazer, Jones bear responsibility for strong group

By MIKE GILLOON

It’s only been about 24 hours since Irish coach Charlie Willingham identified the signatures of the recruiting class of 2010. But the quality of this group of Notre Dame commitments has likely been assured since last August.

That was when quarterback Demetrius Jones delivered a verbal commitment by giving the Irish another blue-chip caller in addition to Pennsylvania product Zach Frazer. But Notre Dame received more than a couple highly-rated quarterbacks — it got the best top-five recruiting class.

"These were guys that we identified very early in the (recruiting) process," Weis said at a press conference Wednesday announcing the Irish crop. "We feel that we’ve got two great leaders in [Jones and Frazer]. Both of them went out of their way on their own to encourage other guys to be a part of this class like true leaders would do.

One member of the group of 27 that can attest to his future coach’s statement is Darrin Walls.

A four-star quarterback out of Pittsburgh, Walls said Jones and Frazer were both concerned that Walls might be leaning toward committing to Florida before he verbalized to Notre Dame last October.

"I talked to [Jones] throughout the process," Walls said in an interview with The Observer Wednesday. "He just wanted me to make sure I wasn’t going to Florida. Zach was on me about coming [to Notre Dame] too.

In all, 17 Irish recruits verbally committed after Jones — who The Observer could not reach for comment Wednesday — gave his word on Aug. 15. Frazer had been committed since April 14.

While both have done their part to help the Irish lead up on talent, only one of them can hold the starting quarterback role for Notre Dame in the future.

Frazer is the purer passer of the two, as he set the Pennsylvania state record with 3,674 yards passing as a junior at Mechanicsburgh High School.

He then struggled in 2005, going 140-for-253 with 1,839 yards, 9 touchdowns and 9 interceptions.

Meanwhile Jones led his Morgan Park High School squad to an Illinois state title this past season.

He tallied 2,000 yards and 25 touchdowns passing along with 1,000 yards and 16 touchdowns on the ground during his senior year at the Chicago Public League high school.

While Frazer’s stock dropped a bit after his subpar senior season — most of his national accolades came between his junior and senior years — there is no question in the Notre Dame camp about the ability of both quarterbacks.

"Demetrius, he can throw and he can run," Irish wide receiver recruit Richard Jackson said Wednesday. "Zach is more of a pure passer. It’s like having Brady Quinn in two people.

"They’re both really good people as well as players," Walls said.

"I think both of them come in and compete. It’ll be an interesting battle but I think he’ll be able to lead the team to a national title."

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The two quarterbacks worked to keep their classmates committed

It’s official — Charlie Weis is no longer the head football coach on this campus.

Instead, after inking a mouth-hyping recruiting class Wednesday, students and alumni will now refer to him as King Charlie. Well, maybe that’s a bit of an exaggeration. But looking at this week’s ratings from nationwide recruiting services, there is a lot of truth to claims that Weis has given the Notre Dame another rebranding.

He hauled in the nation’s No. 1 tight end, No. 1 offensive lineman, one of the top running backs, a pair of smothering cornerbacks and a quarterback tandem every coach would love to have on his sideline.

ESPN has it as the fifth-best class in America. Scout.com says it’s No. 3 — and everyone thinks it’s one of the better Irish crops since the Tyrone Willingham era.

Wait.

Tyrone Willingham? Mr. 21- and 15? The fired coach who left South Bend after only three seasons amid controversy and confusion?

The current head coach of the 2-9 Washington Huskies?

That’s right. Weis’ class — both in makeup and circumstance — is incredibly similar to Willingham’s class of 2007.

Both came after the coaches’ first full seasons in South Bend — seasons in which they turned losing teams into successes — and both sold players on the promise that everything would stay sunny in the shadow of the Dome.

Willingham’s group of 21 players — highlighted by quarterback Brady Quinn, defensive back Tom Zbikowski and defensive end Victor Abiamiri — was ranked No. 5 in the country by Scout.com on Signing Day 2003.

One theory commonly tossed around after Willingham’s firing was that he couldn’t recruit. But wide receiver Jeff Samardzija, center John Sullivan, defensive tackle Trevor Laws, tackle Ryan Harris and free safety Chinedum Nwokwu — all members of Willingham’s class of 2007 — turned out pretty well, as anyone who watched the Irish on Saturdays this past autumn could see.

The point is not that Weis attracted these blue chippers with a flashy, used-car salesman’s pitch. There’s no doubt he’s a prepared, meticulous and charismatic recruiter.

But Notre Dame’s BCS run and classic near-upset of Pete Carroll’s Trojans did much more than simply make the Irish look better to the public.

"For a team that was identified as a national contender, that’s good," Weis understands this, and after more than a decade spent in the NFL, he should know something about job insecurity.

Expect Weis to keep on winning — the Irish have shown many signs of slowing down.

But if they do slip up, like Willingham did in his final two seasons as coach of the Irish, to keep fighting with a southern California school for recruits No, not USC — it’ll more likely be the feared Aztecs of San Diego State.

The opinions in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Like Weis now, Willingham once signed blue-chippers
Blunt on his way to sensitive songwriting glory

By KELLY CLANCY

Some Critic

Chances are that James Blunt's music has been or will be stuck in music fan's heads somewhere. "You're Beautiful," the current pop single off of Blunt's debut American album, "Back to Bedlam," has frequented Top 40 radio stations, dominating pop culture airwaves with its smooth lyrics and lullaby beat. The video, featuring the artist's icy plunge off of an Arctic cliff, has also gained success on music channels like VH1, where Blunt was featured as a "You Oughta Know" artist. Already a success overseas in his homeland of Britain, Blunt seems to be enjoying a stay in the States as well.

There are few, if any, who would have predicted Blunt's success. Growing up in a family which Blunt's Web site prophesies "had not a musical bone in any one of their bodies," the singer/songwriter found himself in the military after studying Aerospace Manufacturing Engineering and Technology in college. But Blunt kept his guitar near to him, as he recalls on his homepage, singing through the streets of Serb villages on peacekeeping missions.

The initial reaction to James Blunt is a fear that the listener has stumbled upon yet another John Mayer-esque performer, hoping to sell to the same sensitive female crowd. However, both the recent success of "You're Beautiful" and the rest of the songs on "Back to Bedlam" stand to prove that Blunt won't wind up a one-hit wonder at all.

Although certainly trying to prove to the same audience as a Coldplay opening act would that not yet attaining the Britlilarian status of Chris Martin, Blunt manages to carry musical wit through the album that could someday earn him his own place among the modern pop/alternative-songwriter gods.

While "You're Beautiful" proves to be a perfect pop pleaser for the masses, the rest of the album carries lyrical and musical complexity, which should bring Blunt plenty of respect.

The track "Billy," with its catchy beat, seems destined for the same success that "You're Beautiful" has garnered, while "Wisemen" also seems revered to back up Blunt's success and keep his name on the charts for months to come.

"Back to Bedlam" manages to cover a myriad of feelings within the compilation, from the slickness of "Out of Exile" to the high of a successful relationship featured in the aptly-titled "High." While "High" features some simplistic lyrics such as "Will you be my shoulder when I'm grey and older? Promise me tomorrow starts with you," Blunt does manage to reflect more than just direct imitation in quite a few songs. These songs include "Wisemen," a symbol-laden song featuring lines like "And they're really sorry now for what they've done / they were three Wise Men just trying to have some fun."

Already managing to appeal to large audiences, the new album has given students in everyone should enjoy the entirety of "Back to Bedlam." Luring the listener in with the success of "You're Beautiful," Blunt manages to also back up his talent and provide other soon-to-be-chart-topping tracks.

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Back to Bedlam
James Blunt
Atlantic/Wea

Recommended tracks: 'You're Beautiful,' 'High,' 'Wisemen,' 'Billy' and 'Goodbye My Lover'

James Blunt is originally from Britain, but has enjoyed recent success in the United States. His U.S. album "Back to Bedlam" was released on Oct. 4, 2005.

Doubters proven wrong with success of new album

By RYAN MILLIGAN

Some Critic

When word got around in 2000 that Rage Against the Machine frontman Zack de la Rocha would be replaced by Audioslave's Chris Cornell, it seemed as though every fan of alternative rock had an opinion on whether or not the success would continue.

Even after the band renamed itself Audioslave and recorded a self-titled debut album in 2002 that sold surprisingly well, skeptics still saw the foursome as nothing more than another super-group—a short-term side project. Almost three years later, doubts were proven wrong with the release of "Out of Exile."

There is no weak point to be found anywhere within the 12 tracks. Cornell's vocals are solid throughout, and guitarist Tom Morello continues to amaze listeners with his ear-splitting riffs. The rhythmic duo of bassist Tim Commerford and drummer Brad Wilk serve as more than Morello's back-drop, as they make keeping up with the more fast-paced tracks look extremely easy. It's clear that all three ex-Rage members have been given the freedom to push their musical limits now that they are alongside singer Cornell instead of rapper de la Rocha. "Be Yourself" was the first single to hit radio stations, which initially seemed to be an unusual choice. It is a relatively laid-back song that simply advises listeners to, as the title suggests, be themselves. While it doesn't have nearly as much power as the majority of the tracks on the album, it accomplishes its goal in proving the group's flexibility.

"Don't Remind Me" was the second track from "Out of Exile" to receive equal radio attention. The lyrics are bluntly directed at a lover such as, "I like gospel music and canned applause because it doesn't remind me of anything."

However, one can't help but smile once they realize what a carefree attitude the song carries with it.

The rest of the album delivers the electricity that listeners have come to expect from Audioslave. Just as "Gone" was a great opener in the first album, "Your Time Has Come" greets the ears with an unmatched intensity that remains consistent from beginning to end.

"The Worm" can more or less serve as an anthem for those people who made poor decisions in high school, while "Man or Animal" attempts to show that some things will never go away, no matter how much people want them to.

What separates "Out of Exile" from the other recent rock albums is its ability to remain consistent while never becoming stale. For example, almost every song features a guitar solo a la Tom Morello. After all that he has accomplished as a guitarist, it is easy to see why he should be that way. Granted, some of these solo's he manages to get out of his guitar somewhat resemb­like nails on a chalkboard, but the vari­ety makes up for it, and then some.

It does not matter if the listener was a fan of Soundgarden three years ago. Against the Machine, it does not matter if they purchased Audioslave's first album. Listening to "Out of Exile," they will start to hope the band becomes a fixture in today's rock world.

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Out of Exile
Audioslave
Interscope Records

Recommended tracks: 'Don't Remind Me,' 'Be Yourself,' 'The Worm' and 'Man and Animal'

After a name change (from Rage Against the Machine) and the introduction of a new member, Chris Cornell, middle left, Audioslave has had growing success.

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CD REVIEWS
T-Mac drops 22 points on Bucks in 86-84 win

Late comeback by the Celtics, spearheaded by Pierce's 33-second points, not enough as Boston falls to Suns

Hoover — Tracy McGrady scored 22 points, Yao Ming added 21 and the Houston Rockets overcame an early 13-point deficit to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 86-84 on Wednesday night.

Milwaukee went on a late 11-2 run to pull to 86-84 when T.J. Ford hit one of two free throws with 37 seconds to play. But Bobby Simmons missed a 25-foot shot with 3 seconds left and Houston got the rebound.

Yao, in his second game back after missing 21 games due to surgery on his left big toe, also had 13 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season.

Simmons hit a career-high five 3-pointers and led the Bucks with 26 points, matching his own career high. Milwaukee was without center Andrew Bogut, who had lived in Europe and missed 13 of the past 19 games with a nagging left big toe.

Bucks starter Michael Redd, averaging 25.3 points per game, is facing surgery on his left big toe, also with three games before the team travels to Minnesota to face the Houston Rockets. Redd, who missed the game against the Hawks with 26 points, was matched by T-Mac.

McGrady was warm up in the first quarter, shooting 4-of-7 and scoring 13 points as Houston led by as many as 13. The Rockets settled for a 77-66 lead after three quarter.

T-Mac drives to the hoop past the Suns' Shawn Marion in the first quarter of Wednesday night's game.

Suns 102, Celtics 94

The Phoenix Suns ended their road trip with their fourth victory in five games and another reminder that big leads can fade quickly.

They led by 21 points at halftime, then weathered a 33-point scoring outburst by Paul Pierce for a win over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Just three days earlier, the Suns lost to Cleveland by seven after leading by nine at intermission.

Yao Ming catches an inbounds pass over the head of Milwaukee's Jiri Sezzerbask in the first quarter of Thursday night's game.

Paul Pierce drives to the hoop past the Suns' Shawn Marion in the first quarter of Wednesday night's game.

"I thought it was a long road trip," Suns center Kurt Thomas said. "We had a nice start in the first half but we got in a funk in the third quarter."

Phoenix pulled off a 123-99 win at Philadelphia on Tuesday night, finishing 2-0 on the trip. The Celtics lost their third consecutive game and are 1-3 since obtaining Wake Forest's Sezzerbask from Minnesota.

At halftime, 37 points for Boston and Delonte West scored 12. Sezzerbask was just 1-for-9 from the floor and had 10 points and six rebounds.

Clippers 106, Magic 94

Elton Brand is playing the best basketball of his career and his Los Angeles Clippers teammates are happy to follow his lead.

Brand scored 35 points Wednesday night, leading Los Angeles over the slumping Orlando Magic.

The seven-year veteran hit 12 of 22 shots from the field, most of them fallaway jumpers. When he did take the ball to the basket, the Magic had to foul to stop him. He hit 11 of 12 free throw attempts.

"Elton has always played consistently, but now we're winning basketball games and people are finally taking notice," guard Sam Cassell said.

His success helped free up Carlesell and Cuttino Mobley, who had 26 and 10 points, respectively. Los Angeles shot 53 percent from the field.

"Elton hasn't just been good lately, he's been good the whole season," Mobley said. "He's the reason I came here. He makes us better.

Brand is averaging 27.1 points and shooting 54 percent (46-of-113) over the last six games, during which the Clippers are 5-1. He won Western Conference player of the week honors for the third time last week and has Los Angeles in good position for its first playoff appearance since 1997.

Elton has an MVP-type season," said Magic guard Keyon Dooling, who was a teammate of Brand's in his career. "He's their guy. They went to him and he delivered."

The Magic are having a hard time finishing when they can deliver during their three-game losing streak, especially during prolonged stretches of the game when their offense falls out of rhythm.

Steve Francis led Orlando with 21 points, but was only 5-of-13 from the field. Dwight Howard had 15 points and 15 rebounds, but he missed a dunk on a three-on-three fast break in the second quarter.

The missed dunk bounced out to nearly halfcourt and the Clippers converted it into an easy dunk at their end. It was one of three open dunks the Magic made on the Suns the night.

"That whole play upset me," Magic coach Brian Bil said. "When you're three-on-none and don't score, that's inexcusable."

Added Francis: "It looked like we didn't have a lot of energy out there. We've got to find a way to get some drives where we play good consistently and not just for four or five games and then tanking it for three or four games."
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Seattle's fan base, nicknamed the 12th man, celebrates a big play in the Seahawks' NFC Championship Game victory over the Panthers on Jan. 22. Texas A&M has filed a suit against the Seahawks over the use of the term "12th man."

Aggies file suit over use of school trademark

Associated Press

**IN BRIEF**

Swann likely to win Penn. GOP nomination

MONROEVILLE, Pa. — Former Pittsburgh Steelers star Lynn Swann appears to have locked up enough support to win the Republican Party nomination for Pennsylvania governor in the last regional GOP meeting before state Republicans meet to endorse a candidate, the NFL. Hall of Famer on Tuesday picked up 33 unof­ficial commitments from party repre­sentatives. If they all follow through, he will have just over the 180 votes needed to win the party's official endorsement on Feb. 11.

Swann, 53, is seeking to become Pennsylvania's first black governor. Though he has revealed little about his political philosophy, he has said the Democratic Party has "taken the African-American vote for granted." Supporters say his high profile and charisma make him the best candi­date to take on Democratic Gov. Ed Fel­lendy, who is expected to seek a second term.

Swann's leading opponent for the GOP nomination, former Lt. Gov. Bill Scranton, 55, has sharply criticized Swann's qualifications and promised to stay in the race through the May 16 primary with or without the party's backing.

**Hall of Fame status remains in limbo**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The city and the College Football Hall of Fame have again failed to agree on a five-year contract aimed at keeping the hall in the city. The two sides originally hoped to have an agreement by the end of December. Then they hoped to have the contract signed by the end of January. Now they hope the contract is ready by February's end, said MIKE Dobski, city director of com­munications and special projects.

Dobski said the city and hall still are having good discussions about their partnership and are working on the details.

"They're just fine-tuning the draft," Dobski said Tuesday. "It's just good due diligence, essentially."  

South Bend Councilman Derek Bolek said council members have not heard news about the contract and it's a "bad sign" that the new agreement is taking so long.

**Local fast food chain sponsors Kentucky Derby**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Each spring, the Kentucky Derby conjures images of powerful thoroughbreds, mint juleps and — fast food?

Yum Brands Inc. — the parent company of KFC, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut — became the first named spon­sor of the Derby at Churchill Downs on Wednesday, striking a five-year deal with the Triple Crown race. The deal begins with this year's race on May 6.

Yum will display its logo beneath the famed twin spires at Churchill Downs, on a sign above the starting gate, on billboards around the track and even on the jackets of pony rid­ers who escort horses.

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Super Bowl highlights problems in Detroit

Game was last held in Motown in 1982 during a snowstorm

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Super Bowl means big money to Keith Vanillo. Forty bucks cash on this day, and a chance to make even more on Friday scavenging half-empty liquor bottles and empty cans outside the Kid Rock show.

Waving an orange flag on a downtown street corner Wednesday, Vanillo was an unwitting example that the trickle-down theory of economics sometimes does work.

He would get five hours' work at $2 an hour to lure drivers into a pay parking lot. That’s huge for someone whose idea of a good day is selling some food cards and finding a handful of empty cans he can redeem for a dime apiece.

The NFL, of course, wasn’t thinking about people like Vanillo when it rewarded Detroit with a new stadium by giving it the game a few years back. Their kind of client didn’t need luxury boxes, not off of a cardboard box.

Detroit apparently wasn’t paying much attention, either. It was too busy trying to make itself presentable, hoping the nation’s news media would follow the party line and spread the image of a great city’s rebirth.

Here’s a news flash. It didn’t work.

Try as it might, Detroit couldn’t hide its warts this week behind a fresh coat of paint, a few new downtown shops or some repaved roads. There’s too many of them, and they’re everywhere.

You see them on the way into Ford Field, where abandoned houses are sprinkled among muddily lots only a block or two from where captains of industry and wealthy fans will sip chardonnay and nibble on delicacies Sunday while the Steelers and Seahawks battle on the field below.

You see them downtown where buildings with distinctive architecture compete for attention with those boarded up and vacant, and you see them in adjoining neighborhoods where liquor stores seem to be the only businesses thriving.

As big as the Super Bowl is, 60 minutes of football can’t undo a half century of decay. One game isn’t nearly big enough to jump-start the rebuilding of a 304-year-old city whose main industry is getting drunk on the brink of collapse and whose residents are making 200 a week.

That, of course, hasn’t stopped the politicians from trying.

This is the kind of event that creates revolutionary changes in cities like Detroit,” Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said earlier this week. It didn’t in 1982 when Detroit was the official host of the Super Bowl, though the game was actually held in the suburb of Pontiac, Mich. That Super Bowl was remembered most not for fueling the economy but for a game day snowstorm that wreaked havoc on those trying to get to the game.

Don’t blame Kilpatrick for seizing the moment. Going to Super Bowl events has to be a lot more fun than his usual duties, which include presiding over a city hemorrhaging so much red ink that even the layoffs of 3,960 city workers last year didn’t stop the bleeding.

It might even take his mind off the $8.6 billion that General Motors lost last year, the massive job cuts planned by both GM and Ford in the Detroit area, or the city’s average of nearly a murder a day last year.

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McNabb offended by Terrell Owens, again

Associated Press

DETROIT — Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb injected a race element into his rift with Terrell Owens by saying the receiver’s criticism amounted to “black-on-black crime.”

In an interview with McNabb rebuked some of the low moments in his relationship with his teammate, making fun of Owens’.driveway apology and bringing up the parking rage.

In November, responding to a question from Michael Irvin during an ESPN interview, Owens said Philadelphia would have been in a better situation if Brett Favre was the quarterback instead of the bumptious McNabb.

“It was like, it’s unreal,” McNabb said.

“That’s like me going out and saying, ‘Hey, if we had Steve Largent, if we had Joe Jurevicius. It was definitely a slap in the face to me. It was a slap in the face because, as deep as people want to go into it, it was black-on-black crime.”

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Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Phil Mickelson loves the FBR Open, and the feeling is mutual.

He used to live in Scottsdale, and the rowdy crowds that flood the Tournament Players Championship Course still consider him one of their own. Mickelson won the tournament twice, in 1996 and last year, when he tied the course record with an 11-under-par 60 in the second round.

It was his best 18-hole score and, he said, the best round of his life. "This is one of my favorite weeks," Mickelson said Wednesday before his pro-am round. "There's a feeling we get at this course, with this many people, that we don't get anywhere else. It's pretty cool to have a chance to have won it now a couple of times."

Mickelson and Vijay Singh lead a field that will begin Thursday on the par-71, 7,216-yard course. Tiger Woods hasn't played in the event since 2001. His record is getting $1 million to play in this week's Desert Classic.

So Mickelson is everybody's favorite in a tournament he hopes will kick-start his season, just as it did last year. Mickelson had an erratic final round to finish two shots behind Woods, Jose Maria Olazabal and Nathan Green at last week-end's Buick Invitational. Woods won the tournament in a playoff.

"I've had a couple of chances but hasn't really played very well," Mickelson said. "But I've been able to get the ball in the hole and get in contention."

Woods has made a few adjustments after talking with instructors Rick Smith and Dave Stockton.

"I think I may have ironed out a couple of things," Mickelson said. "I went out and played yesterday, and it seemed to be a little bit of a different approach and I'm cautiously optimistic about playing well this week."

The left-hander's big drives should bounce even farther on the dry ground.

The Phoenix area has gone a record 101 days without rain, and sunshine with temperatures in the mid to high 70s is forecast through the weekend. Sprinklers can do only so much to soften the terrain.

"It will be a matter of guys trying to hit driver, trying to knock it on the surface of the par-5 17, trying to have short iron or mid irons into the par 5. I think the weather will be a big factor," Mickelson said.

Booming shots should mean shrinking scores, unlike last year, when wind played havoc with the first round.

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"Tha atmospherre will be more of a shootout. It looks like it's going to be beautiful weather. I think we're going to see a lot of low scores."

Mickelson has earned $1.6 million at the FBR Open, formally known as the Phoenix Open. That's more than any other golfer. This year's winner gets $936,000.

Some golfers don't like the raucous atmosphere on the north Scottsdale course, where a crowd of 165,168 was reported for last year's third round.

"I've heard many stories, and I'm looking forward to that 16th tee," Villagran said.

Gymnastics

Winter Cup unveils scoring system

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Winter Cup will have a different look this year.

The annual ranking meet for the top U.S. male gymnasts begins Thursday in Las Vegas, and will be one of the first to use the sport's new, open-ended scoring system. Instead of 9.6s and 8.5s, get ready for 12.4s and 12.5s.

"I think it's actually a good thing we're just jumping right into it," said Steve Penny, president of USA Gymnastics. "The speculation has been removed. Everybody's changing their routines. We have to move with the change if we're going to remain competitive."

The International Gymnastics Federation decided to overhaul its scoring system after several judging errors marred the Athens Olympics. Not only did Paul Hamm's gold medal in lumps for two months because of a scoring error, but routines that were vastly different all had the same value on paper, making it difficult for judges to separate them.

Now, instead of a single score based on a maximum start value of 10.0, there's an open-ended two-mark format that is supposed to give a true representation of the worth of a routine.

One panel of judges will determine the difficulty mark, combining the preset value of the 10 highest elements and adding points for connections or required skills. A separate panel of judges starts at 10.0 and takes deductions for execution, presentation and artistry. The highest- and lowest-scoring those scores are dropped, and the remaining are averaged for the artistic mark.

The two marks are then added together for a final score.

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"We've kind of gotten over whether they should have used it as a test year," Penny said. "This will evolve a little bit over the next two years. Between 2006 and 2007, we're all going to be adapting. But we're hopeful what we can do this will be the trend toward the 2007 world championships and everyone will be able to hone in on Beijing."

While gymnastics officials were criticized most for abandoning the 10.0 mark that has defined the sport, many opponents also feared an open-ended scoring format would turn gymnastics into an X Games-like spectacle.
Tennessee Tech coach returns despite disease

Mike Sutton leads Golden Eagles, fights possible paralysis

Associated Press

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — For most of his life, Tennessee Tech basketball coach Mike Sutton has counted wins and losses. Now he measures success in smaller increments.

Raising an arm one week, both the next. Breathing without a ventilator, then having his tracheostomy tube removed a day later.

Lying on his stomach for the first time in eight months — even if someone has to roll him over.

Sutton recently returned to coaching, but he still uses a motorized wheelchair in the slow recovery from Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a mysterious disorder in which the immune system attacks the peripheral nerves and weakens the legs and arms.

It can be life-threatening and leave the victim paralyzed.

Actor Andy Griffith couldn’t walk for seven months after a bout with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a mysterious disorder in which the immune system attacks the peripheral nerves and weakens the legs and arms.

Sutton was 58-13 in his three seasons at Tennessee Tech after being an assistant to Tubby Smith at five different schools, including Kentucky. He was coming off his best season yet, one in which Golden Eagles won the Ohio Valley Conference regular-season title.

But one weekend in April, Sutton had a cough, and pain in his feet and hands. He was struggling to dial his cell phone or open a bottle of water. He thought it was the flu, so he decided against joining his wife in Tampa, Fla., to see his new granddaughter. Then he collapsed in the parking garage of a Kentucky hotel.

Sutton immediately sought help from a friend who’s also a plastic surgeon, a decision which may have saved his life. Instead of flying home to Tennessee, his friend told Sutton’s brother to drive the coach to Ron Secours Regional Medical Center in Norfolk, Va.

Sutton doesn’t remember much after that. He gave his assistant coaches a to-do list over the telephone, and his friend, Dr. Richard Rosenblum, directed his care.

“He kind of took the bull by the horns: ‘This is what you’re going to do and who you’re going to see.’” Sutton’s wife, Karen, said.

Still, Sutton deteriorated rapidly and was put on a ventilator, medicated for the pain and needed a tracheostomy on April 13. He remembers seeing his brother and sister-in-law, so days later before being flown to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, but can’t recall his daughter’s visit in Ohio two days later.

His only form of communication was blinking his eyes to spell out words.

“You just had to do what you could do,” Karen Sutton said. “They had charts you could point to, but he couldn’t point.”

His team didn’t know how bad he was until after he had been moved to a rehabilitation hospital in Nashville to wean him off the ventilator. They had hoped he would be back within days, then weeks and then learned the prognosis was months.

“It was really scary,” associate head coach Steve Payne said.

By June, Sutton was finally able to speak briefly and move his legs. He was taken off the ventilator July 18 and later that week moved to a hospital in Cookeville, about 70 miles east of Nashville.

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Seattle Seahawks finally get respect

Seattle has walloped in mediocrity since coming into the league

Associated Press

DETROIT — Jeremy Stevens grew up an hour outside of Seattle. He played his college basketball in Seattle. And, like some Seattleites, he never bothered to root for the Seahawks.

That is, until they started winning.

"I was always a Raiders fan — silver and black," the tight end said. "I didn't become a Seahawks fan until four years ago."

No wonder his team didn't attract a lot of attention outside the Pacific Northwest for most of 30 seasons spent somewhere within a game or two of .500.

Sunday's Super Bowl between the Seahawks and the Pittsburgh Steelers couldn't present a starker contrast in franchise histories.

Pittsburgh's is long and rich — 73 years long and four Super Bowl victories rich. The Steelers have 16 Hall of Famers, 10 from the teams that won four Super Bowls in six seasons from 1974-79.

The Seahawks, in their first Super Bowl, have one Hall of Famer: Steve Largent, the star wide receiver on a few good Seattle teams of the 1980s and later a congressman from Washington.

In fact, the Seahawks have fewer people in their own Ring of Honor than the Steelers have in the Hall — 10, including the late Pete Rozelle, the league's radio play-by-play man for its first 17 seasons.

"People dog the Seahawks because there's not history here, but there is," quarter-back Matt Hasselbeck said recently. "Obviously, it doesn't go back as far as the Redskins or Packers or teams like that, but there's history here."

The Seahawks' chances of getting much national recognition — even negative recognition — were doomed from the start.

They entered the NFL as an expansion team in 1976 at the same time as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

No contest. While the Seahawks were winning a respectable seven in their first two seasons, the Bucs lost their first 26 and became a national joke.

That's Seattle's history: never good enough to grab the headlines, never had enough to become the butt of the jokes reserved for teams such as the Bucs, Bengals, Cardinals and most recently the Lions.

In the 22 seasons between 1983 and 2004, the Seahawks won between seven and nine games 15 times, the perfect definition of mediocrity in a 16-game schedule.

Their win over the Washington Redskins this season was their first in the postseason in 21 years.
Detroit — Looking for the Templations on Super Bowl Sunday? They'll be in Charlotteville, Va.

Smoky Robinson? He's playing down the block from Ford Field the night before.

Diana Ross? Nothing on her schedule.

America's biggest sporting event is in Detroit this year, but there won't be any corresponding celebration of the Motown sound that has long defined the city.

At least not on the NFL's turf.

"Yeah, it's a little disappointing," said Fred Bridges, longtime road manager for the Four Tops. "But it's their show. You'd love to be in it, but what are you going to do? It's their party."

The Tops actually were recently added to the less-watched, less-prestigious preseason game show, very little of which will be televised. Stevie Wonder will play and Aretha Franklin will sing the national anthem along with New Orleans native Aaron Neville.

"I was upset initially, and I voced that," Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said Wednesday. "The NFL missed a golden opportunity. I'm glad Stevie Wonder was added — and Aretha, Franklin was added very late."

All were invited to perform after the NFL heard more than its share of complaints upon announcing that London's own, the Rolling Stones, would provide the halftime entertainment.

Since the current upper quartile NFL, speaker Brian McCarthy has said several times that the league always intended to pay tribute to Motown in the pregame show.

"They made a strong point to say, this is all great, but at the end of the day we've been trying to get the Rolling Stones and Prince to do halftime for many years," McCarthy said.

Halftime, though, is a different story. The Super Bowl transcends the host city and even the country," he said.

That became very clear to Brian Pastoria last year when he bowled the NFL his proposal for a halftime show that would feature the old and new of Detroit music — Kid Rock, Aretha, Bob Seger and more. "They were absolutely impressed by it," said Pastoria of Detroit's Harmonie Park Creative Group. "But they made strong point to say, This is all great, but at the end of the day, we've been trying to get the Rolling Stones and Prince to do halftime for many years. If the Rolling Stones want to do it, they're going to do it."

In any other year, in any other city, that would have been great.

It's just that this year, they're in Detroit."

"Motown started here. That's about it," said Seattle running back Shaun Alexander when asked what, exactly, he knows about the Super Bowl host city.

Instead of flaunting that fact, the NFL could have done very little with it, which didn't sit well with many folks — from the mayor, to the city council, to many of the musicians who either grew up in Detroit or came here to start their careers with the famed Motown recording label.

Aretha, Smokey, Diana Ross and the Supremes, The Commodores, Martha Reeves, Michael Jackson — OK, so maybe the NFL doesn't want to go there.

"It was my feeling: How dare you come to Detroit, a city of legends — musical legends plural — and not ask one or two of them to participate," said Franklin, who grew up singing in the Detroit church where her father was a rev­ end. "That's not the way it should be. Of course, they made that correction with no sweat.

Still, for a league with such a meticulous eye on planning and details — there will be about 100 people on the field to participate and in the opening coin toss — this has largely been viewed as another surprising miscalcula­ tion.

Tony Stewart gets into his car before a practice session at the Daytona International Speedway Jan. 27.

Reigning Nextel Cup champ meets Bush, competes in Rolex 24

LAS VEGAS — Though his ribs are still sore from a sprint car crash last weekend, reigning NASCAR Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart would still rather be in a race car than sitting and fretting over his aching ribs.

Stewart drove several long stints last weekend during the Rolex 24 sports car endurance race in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"Really, the only time I didn't think about the pain from the ribs was when I was in the race car," the Columbus, Ind., resident said Wednesday. "That's pretty much the best thing I do, when I'm in a race car."

Stewart's No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Chevrolet was one of more than 40 Cup cars that took part in the three-day pre­ season test session that ended Wednesday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Each car was allowed to participate in two of the three days of testing on the 1.5-mile track.

Asked about what kind of treatment he is getting for the sore ribs, Stewart shrugged and said, "It's nothing but watching the days go by on the calendar."

Stewart, who also won the Cup title in 2002, said he is confident he'll feel just fine by the time practice for the sea­ son-opening Daytona 500 opens on Feb. 10.

"It's been an eventful few weeks for Stewart since he flipped a sprint car on Feb. 13 in Tulsa, Okla.

Besides racing and testing, Stewart and the rest of his championship team, visited the White House two weeks ago, meeting with President George Bush in the Oval Office and posing for photographs with a show car on the South Lawn.

"It was cool," Stewart said. "It was fun. You know me, I always a guy who's off the beaten path, and we walked in there, and I said, 'I'll boss, and I said, 'I'll wash my car.'"

"For the president of the United States to say, 'Whats up, dude?' that made my trip right there."

Newly promoted car chief Jason Shapiro claimed the other highlights, according to Stewart. He said Shapiro gave the president a friendly pat on the backside. The Secret Service, it seems, wasn't fazed.

Still, Stewart said, "I started backing away from the presi­ dence at that point."

Stewart will be among the title favorites again this sea­ son, but the champion said he won't make any predictions.

"A season's still a season," Stewart said. "A season's still a season, regardless of who's driving."

Stewart said he got a ton of races through the next 12 months to rev­ enent the wheel. We're starting this year with the same guys and the same attitude we did the year before, and the year before that."

With new testing rules severely limiting testing by the Cup teams at tracks on which they will race, this is a key test — particularly for the upcoming races at the 2-mile California Speedway on Feb. 26 and Las Vegas on March 12.

"That is apparently why so many teams took advantage of the opportunity to run here."

"For the racing aspect of the test, it's very vital," said 2004 Cup champion Kurt Busch, who moved from Roush Racing to Penske Racing South during the winter. "There's no more important test than Vegas. The next test the teams have will at a track we race on will be in May, and that's very far down the line."
Red Wings motor to late 3-2 victory over Blues

Zetterberg scores game-winning goal with 3:55 remaining

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Red Wings scored a season-high five goals and got a break on the winning goal.

Henrik Zetterberg scored the tiebreaking goal with 3:55 remaining and Detroit rallied for a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Wednesday night.

Zetterberg got his 24th of the season when he put in the rebound of Andreas Lilja's shot just after Lilja had come out of the penalty box.

"Unfortunately for us, the guy steps out of the penalty box as soon as they start a rush," Blues goalie Curtis Sanford said. "And Zetterberg makes a great play to beat our defensemen."

Lilja came in off the left wing and took a shot that Sanford knuckled away, but Zetterberg was there to slam the puck into the empty net.

"Andreas made a pretty good shot," Zetterberg said. "I came around. I would have been mad at me if I had missed that one."

Mikael Samuelsson and Brendan Shanahan also scored for Detroit, and Manny Legace made 29 saves. Defenseman Niklas Kronwall, playing in his first game since breaking his right hand Dec. 16 — made it 2-0 in the opening period, poking in Peter Sanford for the tip past Hasek.

Andreas 

"We're up three goals, no problems," said Brodeur. "We're playing the way we can defend ourselves. We didn't generate anything there."
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came fighting back. Irish guard Colin Pals hit a 3-pointer with 5:28 left in the first half and Notre Dame went on a 2:10 run from there—forcing West Virginia to call a timeout. Quinn hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to cut West Virginia’s lead to four at the half.
Brey said Monday the 3-point field goal could become a factor in the game with the way both teams play on the offensive end. He was right. Both teams combined to attempt 56 3-pointers in the game, 27 of which came in the first half. The Irish were 14-of-26 in the game, compared to West Virginia’s 12-of-30.
Players — Pittsmonge, Gangse, Herber, Patrick Collins, Frank Youn and J.D. Collins — all attempted 3s in the game for West Virginia. Quinn led the Irish with 24 points on 8-of-16 shooting, 6-of-10 from the free-throw line. The senior guard added four assists and a steal. Falls added 18 for Notre Dame on 6-of-12 shooting from 3-point range.
Mike Brey
Irish head coach

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Brey has said throughout Notre Dame’s slump the team needs to find some luck to get back on track. Wednesday’s night was no different. “You need to hit a runner there,” Brey told the Associated Press. “You need to be a little lucky and hit that there.”

West Virginia’s first against Notre Dame in its last 12 attempts. The last time the Mountaineers defeated the Irish was Feb. 14, 1999. The loss drops the Irish to 1-7 in the Big East and 10-9 overall. Even though the Irish are at the bottom of the league, their close losses show they are competitively every game.

“There is no difference in Notre Dame and the top of the league.”

John Beilin
West Virginia head coach

“Both teams combined to attempt seven free throws. The Observer was unable to contact Brey Wednesday night.”

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"The matchup zone was definitely the key to our turn-around," said Saint Mary’s coach Steve Bender, whose team led 40-28 at halftime.
The Belles did not start well, up to start the second half, trailing their lead to 21 points with just 1:22 minutes left in the contest. However, Fighting Irish offense clashed back, narrowing the deficit to 2 points when Stephanie Smith hit a three-pointer with 1:45 to play. The Belles held on to win the game due to their solid free-throw shooting. They made 28 of their 36 attempts from the line, including 4-of-10 after Smith’s shot.

Led by last week’s MIAA Player of the Week Allison Kesler, who made 15-of-18 from the line and finished with 28 points, Saint Mary’s played what Bender called “a really great game.”

“This was an absolutely huge win for us.”

Steve Bender
Belles head coach

On the court, the Belles host Calvin College at the Angela Athletic Center at 3 p.m. Saturday. Calvin is ranked 14th among Division III schools and Saint Mary’s looks to record its first ever win against the high-powered squad.

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NCAA Men’s Basketball
No. 2 Blue Devils edge Eagles
Redick scores 28 for Duke, team improves to 20-1 overall record
Associated Press

BOSTON — J.J. Redick scored 28 points, including four free throws in the final six seconds, to avenge an upset as Duke held off No. 15 Boston College 83-81 on Wednesday night.

Duke (20-1, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) led by as many as 18 early in the second half before BC (16-5, 4-4) whittled the lead. The Eagles made it a one-possession game in the second half before Duke forward Sean Dockery had 12 for the Blue Devils. But Boston College head coach Dave Izzo was unhappy with some of his team’s shots.

"I hope he doesn’t make that all-important basket with 12 seconds left," Izzo said.

The Blue Devils improve to 20-0 in the ACC while the Eagles fall to 9-11 overall and 6-6 in conference play.

Baylor Babbage
Boston College head coach

"I think about was, 'How do we need a spark. I tried to take it into my hands to try to get the guys going, try to make it happen.'

Texas led by as many as 21 points in the second half, even though leading scorer LaMarcus Aldridge, Daniel Gibson and Brad Buckman never got rolling. Aldridge played 16 minutes due to four problems and had five points and three rebounds, Gibson had eight points and Buckman four while missing all six shots.

Memphis 84, Tulsa 61
TULSA, Okla. — Memphis coach Tubby Smith thought his basketball team would be good, but he never expected them to be this good.

"Neither one of those two are athletic like him. He shoots the ball the same as they do. His numbers are the same for his career.”

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es to weekend stories.

"I think with my four years is here that by going out there and having fun everyday it takes the grind out of playing a full-year season," he said. "In general, I love to try and just have fun, rip on each other."

But things haven't always been so fun for Walsh, who had to overcome impossible odds to be able to strap the sweater every day, for a walk-on who might earn a scholarship.

The class, ranked fifth by ESPN.com and Scout.com, is one that has fulfilled Weis's needs.

"As a matter of fact, I was sort of Irish for the first time in the biggest areas of concern numbers as well as depth in the offensive line and defensive backs. We weren't sure if we had two good at the offensive line and defensive backs. We weren't sure if we had two offensive linesmen and this year we lose three more. So it's great to have six offensive linemen, with 6-foot-7 Sam Young from Coral Springs, Fla., a full-year commitment in our pocket this fall," Weis said.

The Irish also added defensive back T.J. Brown of Maplewood, Ill., and Leonard Gordon of Clarsville, Tenn., and Jashad Gaines of Las Vegas, Nev., whose sister, Tylaiah, plays on the basketball team.

Two other big pickups for Notre Dame came at the quarterback position, where the Irish nabbed Demetrius Jones out of O'Leage, Ill., and Zach Frazer out of Mechanichusburg, Penn. Both were selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, which is a U.S. Army All-American who was a three-star by both Rivals.com and 247Sports.com. Walsh is the lone Irish player in the Super Six.

"I just remember sitting up in the stands and thinking I'm not a part of the team," he said. "You obviously are, but its tough sitting up in the stands and watching your team play. I didn't even know if I was going to even be on the bench again or on the ice again." Walsh is a three-star recruit from Massachusetts — a prep hockey holder — and had his shot to reach the NHL.

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"I told everyone in this class that we'd started our team at Notre Dame back to the top," Walsh said.

"Charlie Weis head coach

Walsh remembered only bits of the Minnesota game due to a bad reaction to post-surgical medication. "I'm feeling the empty feeling he had watching the Irish play in the Super Six.

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"I told everyone in this class that we'd started Notre Dame back to the top," Walsh said.

"That doesn't mean we don't have a chance to compete this year or next year. I'm talking about a team coming to the rink and being a top team for the season."

Walsh	said.

"You	don't	go	it	alone.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Weis inks top-five recruiting class

Irish coach signs 27 high school standouts for next year's class

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

A lot has changed since last year's Feb. 2 signing day when then-new Irish head coach Charlie Weis, in Jacksonville for the Super Bowl, announced via videoconference the signing of his first 15 Notre Dame recruits. Wednesday, after his first full year of recruiting, Weis announced the signing of 27 of the country's top high school players — a class many have ranked among the top five in the nation.

All of the players expected to sign with the Irish did on Wednesday, making Weis' day a little easier.

"This was a no sweat day," Weis said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles pull off tough MIAA win

Saint Mary's defeats Olivet 74-66; takes 10th game of season

By FRAN TOLAN

Saint Mary's held off a late rush by Olivet to pull a huge MIAA upset Wednesday, winning 74-66 and improving to 10-11 overall and 8-4 in the MIAA.

It was the third win in a row for the Belles, who had lost to Olivet 92-55 in their first meeting of the season.

After falling behind 11-4 in the first three minutes, Saint Mary's took the lead and controlled the tempo for the remainder of the contest. The Belles switched to a 1-2-2 zone following their rocky start — frustrating Olivet in the process.

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HOCKEY

Walsh leads on rink and in locker room

Goalie's contribution extends beyond his position on the ice

According to Irish coach Kevin Dineen, it's not surprising that Notre Dame goalie Charles "Charlie" Walsh, a 19-year-old senior from Milton, Mass., has played a backup role to senior Kevin Pearce this season. Walsh has played a backup role to senior Kevin Pearce this season.

Walsh's performance, both on and off the ice, has been crucial to the team's success.

"He's always positive and never really negative — you never really see him have a bad day," senior goalie Jordan Pearce said. "He always has a smile on his face or cracks some jokes." Walsh is a head coach and a top five in the nation.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish fall in familiar fashion

Quinn misses runner with time running out and team loses by one

By BOBBY GRIFFIN

Irish guard Chris Quinn missed a game-winning runner as time expired and Notre Dame fell 71-70 to West Virginia Wednesday night in Morgantown. The Irish have lost seven Big East games by a combined 23 points this season.

Quinn cut the lead to one point on a 3-pointer out of a Notre Dame timeout with less than 50 seconds remaining. West Virginia guard Johannes Herber drove to the basket but missed a layup that would have made it a 3-point game.

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