Police, Kramer plan city watch program

By KATLYNN RIELY
News Writer

In anticipation of student houses emptying for spring break — and in light of burglaries that occurred over winter break — Kramer Properties owner Mark Kramer and representatives from the South Bend Police Department held an information session Wednesday to advise off-campus students of safety measures and to discuss the initiation of a student neighborhood watch program.

Despite this goal, no off-campus students attended the meeting. Two representatives from Student Senate’s Committee for Community Relations were on hand to relay the information to the student body.

Kramer was disappointed more people did not attend the meeting but encouraged off-campus students to call the police department and join the student neighborhood watch program.

"I think it is very important that they get involved," Kramer said. "We can all do our part, both as landlords and students.

A student makes use of the pilot College Readership Program, an initiative student body president Dave Baron supports, in Feb. 2005.

Readership stirs controversy

By MARY KATE MALONE
Assistant News Editor

The College Readership Program is just one step away from becoming a reality at Notre Dame, and the Club Coordination Council — which is holding a 1.75 percent budget cut in order to fund the program — is fighting to reclaim the money it stands to lose.

The Readership Program, which provides major newspapers to colleges around the nation, will be funded by a portion of a SIG student activity fee increase and by a reduction in the fixed allocations of the Notre Dame Club Coordination Council (C3C) and the Council of Representatives.

Student magazine publishes "The Thatcher" will appear online weekly

By JOE PIAULLI
News Writer

A group of Notre Dame students is trying to save the literary world, that is. "The Thatcher," a weekly online literary magazine at www.thes Thatcher.org, released its first issue Wednesday, aiming to achieve the goal of creating a writing community based around developing ideas, working personally with writers and producing the best fiction content possible.

"It’s an idea that has evolved and will evolve more," Christopher Mahoney, the current Lead Editor of "The Thatcher," said. "It’s a pretty open-ended structure, and it focuses on the way the group works and the way the group is thinking."

Unlike many literary magazines, which either simply reject or accept submissions, the journey from submission to publication in "The Thatcher" is extensive and distinct. The editors often develop stories by committee.

"It’s a remarkably organic process," Mahoney said. "Both of our first two stories started out as just a couple paragraphs, and they ended up in places we never expected they would, but they were fascinating, interesting places."

The position of Lead Editor of "The Thatcher" switches every month between the four editors.

 Trustees convene at Saint Mary’s College

Chair lauds SMC for professional development

By MEGAN O’NEIL
Saint Mary’s Editor

Chair of the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees Debbie Johnson Schwiebert told students in an address Wednesday that their Saint Mary’s education is invaluable, encouraging them to take advantage of every opportunity the College offers.

"Professionally to the outside world, we are an absolutely stellar educational institution," Schwiebert said in the West Wing of the dining hall. "Make no doubt about that, our reputation is know not only nationally but internationally."

Schwiebert, along with other members of the Board of Trustees, is on campus for the quarterly Board meetings, which begin today. Trustees had a full schedule of activities Wednesday afternoon including visiting classes and touring the "Poetas y Pintores" art exhibit in the Moreau Gallery.

A 1974 Saint Mary’s gradu­ate, Schwiebert said as a student she thought she would use her English Literature major to embark on a high school teaching career. Instead, she joined John Deere Company shortly after graduation to create a career.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Do you ever wonder...

Here are a few questions that are likely to make some people angry. My friends and I have often wondered about these issues, and I think I speak for a majority of Notre Dame Students when I say I’d love to know the answers.

Number 1: How much does it actually cost to eat in the dining hall? Seriously. Does it really cost $10? Nothing against our dining hall staff, who do an excellent job preparing our food — the cake is sometimes dry but that’s a minor complaint — but where in God’s green earth does $10 times however many students worth of meat from analyzable red meat?

Then there’s the fact that people don’t even use all 14 meals a week. ND Food Services saves money on our meals when we pack a brown bag with two sips of water, a rotten apple, three halves of a PB&J sandwich and a granola bar. All I’m saying is, I’d love to see the financial statements for Food Services. Furthermore, thinking about the fact that I would be $12,000 less in debt when I graduate if I didn’t have to purchase a meal plan makes me sick when I eat sea nuggets and drink carbonated cherry water.

Number 2: How hard is it to make a good pizza? Sharron wasn’t available for comment, so we’ll revisit this one at a later date.

Number 3: Is NDSP for real? I’ve heard so many horror stories about how people have been trounced by our police force. I seriously wonder how they escape lawsuits sometimes. I know they keep safes and look out for our own good — thanks for that — but I’ve heard of people who are old enough to make their own decisions talked to like children. I’ve witnessed students being chased into their dorm rooms and galley. I’ve gotten parking tickets for absolutely no reason. (Note: I love NDSP and all of its employees. Please do not tow my car or arrest my friends.)

Number 4: Does Notre Dame Stadium really have jalapenons in it? Apparently, this is true. I’m not going to elaborate. Just think you would never know.

Number 5: Paralegals — why? How realistic are these monastic-life inspired boundaries? I’m a firm believer in the school of thought that if you’re smart enough, you’re smart enough. That doesn’t hurt anyone, damage anything, or infringe on anyone else’s freedom then it shouldn’t be a rule. Libertarian? Maybe. Believe me, I love being able to walk into the ball at 4 a.m. in my underwear and not worry about Sobering-up Sally walking around, but given the narrative of having to toss her out at 2 a.m. I would gladly put on sweatpants.

One final note: I need a date to A Prairie Home Companion," due in theaters in June.

Lahani: Don’t call me a ‘teen queen’

In an interview in the March issue of Allure magazine, now on newsstands, the 19-year-old says she wants to be considered a serious actress and rejects her youthful, party-girl image. "I hate it when people call me a ‘teen queen,’ Lahani says in an interview.

Lahani, star of family friendly movies such as "Freaky Friday" and "Herbie: Fully Loaded," has recently graduated to more grown-up roles, acting opposite Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin and Tommy Lee Jones in Robert Altman’s "A Prairie.

METHODS

Students when statements for Food Services.

"A chicken dinner with Ned Devine."

"Beno, Fergus, Targyn and Changeling, because that would mean I’m in Perth, Australia."

"Your mom."

"Pat McLarty, because I take pity on him."

"Ali Mooers, because she thinks I’m cool."

"Claire Chiappetta, because she’s awesome."

CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 21 issue of The Observer, a Sense article incorrectly said the film "Hitch" would take place in the Washington Hall Hall. The film will be shown this weekend on the Washington Hall main stage. The Observer regrets this error.
Dorm meal auction to feature ND celebrities

By EMMA DRISCOLL
New Writer

Breen-Phillips Hall will host its 22nd annual Meal Auction today and give students an opportunity to bid on meals with campus celebrities such as Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis, Irish quarterback Brady Quinn and an all-male a cappella group, The Undertones.

Anthropology professor James McKenna, Director of Alumni Relations Chuck Lennon, Irish defensive back Ambrose Wooden and the Notre Dame leprechaun mascots are other familiar names associated with the auction.

Weis contributed to the auction by offering a tour of the football locker room and a photo opportunity.

"The meal is a fun thing to do with friends — go out with a big campus name, and it's an easy way to make a donation," said sophomore Allison Nowotarski, commissioner of the Meal Auction.

Nowotarski said in addition to the twenty roshes featured in the main auction, BP also will host a silent auction with several gift certificates to local restaurants and gift baskets made by different sections of the dorm.

Funds from this year's auction will be given to Hannah & Friends, the non-profit foundation begun by Maura and Charlie Weis dedicated to improving the quality of life for young people affected by autism and other global delays. In past years, proceeds from the Meal Auction were donated to the American Diabetes Association.

"With the success of the football season, I wanted to [use] an organization close to the Notre Dame community that everybody was familiar with and had a connection to," Nowotarski said.

Students can purchase Hannah & Friends bracelets in LaFortune during the auction to enter their names into a drawing to win a football signed by Brady Quinn.

In 2005, BP brought in approximately $5,800, but this year organizers hope to raise that number to at least $6,000.

"As a freshman last year, I went a little crazy and bought a whole bunch of groups," Nowotarski said. "It's fun to be able to say that you were able to meet the names that were big at Notre Dame when you were there.

The meal that generated the biggest bids in past auctions was the dinner with Father Mark Poorman, which also includes tours of the President's office, the Basilica, and last year, a tour of Notre Dame's underground tunnels.

The year's Meal Auction will take place today from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Harper King area of LaFortune.

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Microsoft CIO to give lecture

Markezich will speak as part of Distinguished Engineering Series

Special to The Observer

Ron Markezich, chief information officer and vice-president of managed solutions for Microsoft Corp., will deliver a public lecture at 12:50 p.m. March 3 in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium.

His talk, "Directions in Information Technology," is part of the Distinguished Engineering Lecture Series presented by the College of Engineering.

Markezich's lecture will focus on directions in information technology management and how it adds business value. He also will discuss his own perspective on careers in the technology industry.

Markezich is responsible for the delivery of information technology services for Microsoft as well as the improvement of Microsoft's efficiency and productivity. His teams have simultaneously increased employee productivity and reduced the cost of information technology.

Markezich, who joined Microsoft in 1998, also has worked in information technology infrastructure and line-of-business application organizations. Before joining Microsoft, he held a position with Accenture in the electronics and high tech group.

ND celebrates Robinson Center

Special to The Observer

The Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC) will celebrate its fifth anniversary March 3 with a daylong series of events.

Sponsored by Notre Dame, the center is located at 921 N. Eddy St., South Bend, Ind.

The celebration will feature guest speakers Rev. John J. Jenkins, C.S.C., Notre Dame's president, and South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke. Entertainment will be provided by the local steel drum ensemble, I Believe I Can. The festivities also will include recognition of community volunteers and Notre Dame faculty, staff and students whose efforts support the center's programs.

Founded in 2001, the RCLC is a community-driven educational center that offers numerous programs and activities sponsored by local agencies and organizations, including health education and screenings, GED and English-as-a-second-language classes, children's programming, youth tutoring and after-school programs. It also features a Computer Teaching and Learning Center, which is equipped with 20 computers and provides instruction and free Internet and e-mail access.

Some 500 residents and volunteers participate each week in on-site RCLC programming, and as many as 2,000 Notre Dame students, faculty and staff volunteer with center programs. Some 35 University departments and residence halls are involved in RCLC partnerships.

BP Meal Auction

Come bid on some of the most appetizing campus celebrities ND has to offer!

Thursday Feb 23
6:00-9:00
LaFortune Huddle Area

All proceeds go to benefit Hannah and Friends.

A Few Campus Celebrities include:

Fathe Poorman
ND Pros & Athletes

Also, enter $2 raffle for autographed Brady Quinn Football and receive a Hannah and Friends bracelet!
**Trustees**

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"The example [of service] of the Sisters is something you will carry with you because it is a visible sign of their commitment and the education of women," she said.

Schwiebert said she was not conscious of the professional and life skills she was learning at the College but appreciated them in retrospect once she entered the workforce.

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Debbie Johnson

Schwiebert chair

SMC Board of Trustees

**Program**

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Collaboration Fund, student body president Dave Baron said. But O'Shaughnessy said that leadership is an appropriate use for student activities that should find a way to continue. "The College Leadership is an appropriate use for student activities that should find a way to continue without being lowered," Baron said.

"We hope that the Senate will continue," Baron launched into a detailed explanation of the Senate’s decision to pass a resolution to reinstate the Student Union groups to make up for the loss of money that students know where it’s going. "The Senate [will have the opportunity to] vote for more funds from the student union group allocation later this year." Baron said.

Baron argued that leadership is critical in the business world that are willing to stand up and lead and defend a position with integrity."

Schwiebert recalled making her first speech at Saint Mary’s — what then seemed like a year career at the College but appreciated them in retrospect once she entered the workforce.

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Saint Mary’s College is committed to educating women to be leaders in the world of work, home, church and community and that is a distinct advantage...because of the leadership training," she said. "We are desperately in need of people today in the business world that are willing to stand up and lead and make decisions with integrity."

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Man hospitalized with anthrax

New Yorker was accidentally infected after trip to Africa; not a public health threat

Associated Press

NEW YORK - A New York City drum maker has been hospitalized with a rare but lethal form of anthrax. Health officials say he may have contracted it from raw animal hides that he imported from Africa.

Australia's most prominent health official said Wednesday the infection appeared to stem from an act of bioterrorism - and did not pose a serious public health threat.

Vado Diomande, 44, who works in the west coast of Africa and fell ill in Pennsylvania last week, shortly after he returned to this country with some hides, authorities said.

It was not exactly clear how Diomande came into contact with the deadly substance, or whether it happened in Africa or in this country. But aides to Mayor Michael Bloomberg said it was related to his job making drums from animal skins.

At least four other people may have been exposed to anthrax spores, including a family member of the infected man who worked with the hides, and three were being treated with antibiotics, city Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden said.

"Every indication suggests that this is naturally occurring anthrax," Frieden said.

Authorities were also screening for anthrax at the man's work site in Brooklyn, in his vehicle and in his Manhattan apartment, Bloomberg said.

Anthrax spores are found in soil in many parts of the world, and livestock can become infected by eating contaminated soil or feed. People can then pick up the infection if they come into contact with contaminated hides or other animal parts.

Dr. Lisa Font, a medical epidemiologist with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said health officials believe Diomande may have inhaled the spores in a process that includes soaking the hides, stretching them and stapling them to remove hair. She said investigators are looking for samples of the hides to test for spores.

Aides to the mayor said Diomande was recovering in a hospital in Sayre, Pa., after collapsing during a performance with a dance company. Pennsylvania health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the case as inhalation anthrax on Wednesday, the mayor said.

Anthrax infections must be treated early with antibiotics for the best chance of recovery. The inhalation form of the disease has a fatality rate of about 75 percent, even with antibiotics.

Frieden said Diomande was breathing on his own and appeared to be "doing better than people with respiratory anthrax usually do.

Diomande has been a dancer and drummer since he was a child, according to a Web site for his dance troupe. When he was a teenager he danced with the National Ballet of the Ivory Coast and toured all over the world. He founded his own dance company in 1989, the Web site said.

Authorities said they were not concerned that the transport of the hides or the finished drums to the U.S. posed any health risk, because they believe Diomande was infected while treating and working with the materials.

The anthrax attack killed five people across the country and sickened 17. The attacks are still unsolved.

Iraq

Insurgents destroy Shiite dome

Associated Press

SAMARRA - Insurgents posing as police destroyed the golden dome of one of Iraq's holiest shrines Wednesday, setting off an unprecedented spasm of sectarian violence. Angry mobs of thousands poured into the streets, militants attacked Sunni mosques, and at least 19 people were killed.

With the glowing dome of the 1,200-year-old Askariya shrine reduced to rubble, some Shiites lashed out at the United States as partly to blame.

The violence, one of the 90 attacks on Sunni mosques were carried out by Shiite militias - seemed to push Iraq closer to all-out civil war than at any point in the three years since the U.S.-led overthrow of Saddam Hussein.

Iraq is now facing a major Security Council investigation of the shrinking Sunni community - a body that some experts say is ripe for a revolt.

President Bush pledged American help to restore the mosque after the bombing north of Baghdad, which dealt a severe blow to U.S. efforts to keep Iraq from falling deeper into sectarian violence.

"The terrorists in Iraq have again proven that they are enemies of all faiths and of all humanity," Bush said. "The world must stand united against them, and reaffirm that the people of Iraq.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair also condemned the bombing and pledged funds toward the shrine's reconstruction.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and the top American commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, called the attack a deliberate attempt to foment sectarian strife and warned it was "a critical moment for Iraq."
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Patrick Hechlinski

corporal

South Bend Police

The student version of the neighborhood watch program, modeled after SBPD programs serving about 20,000 people in the South Bend area, uses citizen assistance to combat crime.

Unlike the community neighborhood watch program which designates "block captains" to serve as intermediaries between the police department and the general public, SBPD said it will directly contact all students in the program to inform them of crimes committed in their neighborhood. When students know what crimes are taking place, they can take the necessary precautions to avoid becoming a victim, Hechlinski said.

“The key is ... to get this information out into the neighborhood there and to let everybody know what's happening,” he said.

Kramer and SBPD officers said students should ask the police to watch their houses while on vacation as a free service provided by the department. Kramer said morning, afternoon and evening patrols, one house may be checked six times a day.

Kramer, who rents more than 60 houses in the South Bend area, is working with the South Bend Police Department to ensure the security of his renters after two were burglarized over winter break.

Kramer recommended residents make their absences less obvious to potential burglars by minimizing "tell-tale signs" the house is rented by students — beer cans and plastic cups in the yard and leftover legs.

“The Thatcher”

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— seniors Mahoney, Mike Seeil and Sarah French and junior Alexe Rico. According to French, "The Thatcher" is Mahoney's brainchild.

While all the editors are English majors, they said they find their academic path almost an immaterial point. Mahoney points out that Notre Dame's most well known author, Nicholas Sparks ("The Notebook"), was not an English major.

"It doesn't matter what background or what major someone is as long as you want to write," French said. "We don't want writing or submitting to a magazine to be intimidating. We welcome writers of all levels and take personal interest in helping them become better writers."

Since "The Thatcher," is not sponsored by Notre Dame, it does not have any length or content restrictions, and since it appears online, publication proves very inexpensive.

One of the driving forces behind "The Thatcher," according to Mahoney, was the idea that fictional short stories were not well represented at Notre Dame.

"Sometimes it seems that 'The Juggler,' the current literary magazine, kind of falls short of providing fictional prose content, so we'd like to fill in that gap a little bit," he said.

The idea that "The Thatcher" grew from was the idea that there were a lot of stories out there that just weren't getting told, or people started and didn't finish, or hit a block or something like that.""The staff of "The Thatcher" usually meets at least once a week and often arranges times with people who submit stories in order to discuss how their ideas can grow.

"What we're hoping is that people will send their unfinished ideas and we'll work with the writer and we'd develop it into a bigger, better story," Mahoney said.

The process has been rather inexact thus far. In fact, the editors can't quite pin down an exact reason for the publication of a piece, which they say is open to metaphors.

"The Thatcher" is kind of open-ended, and we kind of figure that if you ask us enough times we'll just keep giving you different answers," Mahoney said. "We really don't want to hem ourselves into one way of doing things or one particular style or one particular ideology, and the name 'The Thatcher' reflects this."

"The Thatcher" accepts almost any type of submission, from graphic novels to art submissions for the cover page, but the main priority is publishing fiction.

"We're there for the stories that haven't been written, and we want everyone to be a part of it,""The Thatcher" Mahoney said. "No one else really is doing this sort of thing with short stories."

The editors are optimistic for the publication's future and hope it can improve the University's literary community.

"This is something that is really, really helpful to writers, and we're hoping to expand it more to the Notre Dame campus and make it more of a community," French said. "We just want to make the Notre Dame writing community better."

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In Brief

Stock prices soar in wake of inflation
NEW YORK — A combination of moderate inflation and falling oil prices energized Wall Street Wednesday, sending stocks higher as investors grew optimistic about an end to the Federal Reserve's interest rate hikes.

The core rate of inflation, which excludes energy and food, rose by a tame 0.2 percent in January, in line with economists' forecasts. Higher prices for gasoline and electricity sent the broader Consumer Price Index up 0.7 percent last month, a greater increase than economists expected and the largest rise in prices in four months.

The Fed, under its new Chairman Ben Bernanke, is keeping a close watch on inflation. If higher energy costs or any other factors cause inflation to spike, the Fed will continue its streak of short-term rate hikes in an attempt to keep price increases under control.

E-filing of taxes may become required
NEW YORK — While electronic filing of tax returns has been an option for small businesses for years, many small-to-medium-sized corporations are finding that e-filing is becoming a requirement.

With tax year 2005 corporates that have more than $50 million in assets and that file more than 250 returns a year — including forms such as W-2s and 1099s — are required to electronically file Form 1120 or 1120S, U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return. The IRS is allowing corporations, whose returns are due March 15, to request waivers from the requirement, but the fact is, e-filing is likely to become increasingly routine for U.S. businesses.

For tax year 2006, the IRS is dropping the $50 million threshold dramatically, to $10 million, which will have many more corporations required to file electronically. And many sole proprietors, who don't own corporations and who file their business tax returns on Schedule C attached to their 1040 forms, are also choosing e-filing as an option.

Individual taxpayers are also turning into ardent e-filers. Last year, there was an 11 percent increase in e-filed 1040s.

Inflation strains household budgets

WASHINGTON — People are feeling the pinch from rising inflation.

"It's tough out there for most households," economist Joel Naroff said after the government reported Wednesday that consumer prices gal­loped ahead in January at the fastest pace in four months. The 0.7 percent increase in January compared to 0.4 percent in January compared to a year ago. For most workers last year, pay­checks didn't keep pace with inflation.

While the Bush administration has talked often about the generally good shape of the economy, Democrats have expressed worries about low­ and middle-income families strug­gling under the weight of rising prices and living paycheck to paycheck.

The main culprit behind January's higher CPI reading were rising energy and food prices.

## Business

**Stock drops after CEO scandal**

**Company shares fall eight cents, close at $19 on New York Stock Exchange**

DALLAS — Shares of RadioShack Corp. fell Thursday, the day after its chief executive stepped down following questions about the accuracy of his resume.

The company's shares fell eight cents to close at $19 on the New York Stock Exchange.

David J. Edmondson worked nearly 11 years with the company, before he became president and CEO. But he stepped down on Monday after less than a year at the helm.

The company's board said it had accepted Edmondson's resignation and appointed Claire Babrowski — executive vice president and chief operating officer — to act­ing CEO.

"One of the most impor­tant things we have to do is to ensure the corporation is integrity and trust and we know we have to restore that trust, and that's the primary thing that we have to do, to the public," Executive Chairman Leonard Roberts said.

Edmondson last week acknowledged resume errors that included claims of earning two college degrees for which the school he attended has no record. He issued a breadth statement Monday but did not discuss his resume.

"At the time the board and I have agreed that it is in the best interest of the company for new leadership to step forward so that our turnaround plan has the best possible chance to be executed, as I know it will," Edmondson said.

The Fort Worth Star­Telegram first reported of errors with Edmondson's resume on Feb. 14. The RadioShack board issued a statement saying it stood behind Edmondson, a move Roberts said he regrets.

After Edmondson acknowledged the errors on Wednesday, the board said it would hire an outside firm to investigate. But that was canceled with the resignation.

Edmondson and the board were negotiating a separation package and his departure; Roberts said it's worth less than $1 million in cash. He said further details will be disclosed in a regulatory filing.

In 2004, Edmondson received $161,154 in salary plus an $820,219 bonus while serving as chief operating officer, according to the company's proxy. The 2005 salaries for senior executives have not been disclosed yet.

Stacey Widlitz, analyst for Fulcrum Global Partners LLC, wasn't sur­prised by the resignation, but hadn't expected it on a holiday when financial markets were closed.

"If you think about his tenure, it's not as if he's led a turnaround of this company," she said. "That being said, it would be dif­ficult for the board, consider­ing the things that have come out, to find a reason to keep him.

Edmondson, 46, joined RadioShack in 1994 and had been CEO since May.

Edmondson had claimed that he received degrees in theology and psychology from Pacific Coast Baptist College in California, which moved in 1998 to Oklahoma and renamed itself Heartland Baptist

Bible College. The school's registrar told the Star-Telegram that records showed Edmondson completed only two semesters and that the school never offered degrees in psychology. The school's official declined to comment to The Associated Press.

Edmondson last week he believed that he received a theology diplo­ma called a BD, but not the four-year bachelor of science degree listed on his resume. He could not doc­ument the BD diploma. Roberts said company background checks did not include academic verifica­tion in 1994 as they do today.

Inflation strains household budgets

WASHINGTON — People are feeling the pinch from rising inflation.

"It's tough out there for most households," economist Joel Naroff said after the government reported Wednesday that consumer prices galloped ahead in January at the fastest pace in four months. The 0.7 percent increase in January compared to 0.4 percent in January compared to a year ago. For most workers last year, paychecks didn't keep pace with inflation.

While the Bush administration has talked often about the generally good shape of the economy, Democrats have expressed worries about low­ and middle-income families strug­gling under the weight of rising prices and living paycheck to paycheck.

The main culprit behind January's higher CPI reading were rising energy and food prices.

Excluding energy and food costs, though, "core" prices rose by a mod­est 0.2 percent in January, following a 0.1 percent increase in December. More expensive clothing and new cars were mostly blamed for the slight pickup in core inflation.

Fed officials are especially interest­ed in the core inflation readings. By excluding energy and food prices, which can swing wildly from month to month, the core inflation gauge gives economists a better sense of how other prices are acting.

Fed officials don't want to see ele­vated energy prices feeding into the retail prices of lots of other goods and services, something that would lead to a broader bust of inflation spreading through the economy.
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law school, constructing an
engineering facility, landscap-
ing the area south of DeBartolo Hall to create a
"Town Commons," renovating the student health center and
finishing the Jordan Hall of Science — described by
Affleck-Graves as "the biggest, most expensive building we’ve
built on campus."

The 204,000-square-foot building is projected to open
this August.

Affleck-Graves said, turning to senators sit-
ing on his left. "Looking at a slightly larger
timeframe," Affleck-Graves said, "the student health center and
being designed with arches
built on
that the obvious answer is
"Imagine the band marching
through there on a Saturday
triples, doubles and quads, for
But the most talked about
plan of the past year has been
"the bigg6lst,
"I project the
"affirmative outcome.

"There’s also the possibility of
building a new inn next to one of
the campus lakes. Afleck-
Graves said, while still keeping
some of the rooms in the cur-
rently available for visiting families.

Plans for revamping the University’s athletic facilities are similarly
long-term. The athletic facilities master plan includes expanding and renvo-
ating the Joyce Center as well as building new facilities for lacrosse and softball
stadiums.

"But the most talked about
of this community ... we were going
inclusion among the members
of this community ... we wel-
come all people, regardless of
color, gender, religion, ethnici-
ty, sexual orientation, social or
economic class, and national-
ity."

Committee chair Sarah Liu
described the flag as a symbol
of "tolerance ... showing our
acceptance of GLBTQ (gay, les-
bian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning) stu-
dents."

While research is still under-
way, Affleck-Graves said a new
student health center with

"But the retail has to work
for the campus and the city," he
said. "Restaurants will not move
into the district unless they
believe they can make between
five and seven million dollars a
year, Affleck-Graves said, re-
vie
"I don’t see how a spirit of
inclusion among the members
of this community ... we wel-
live over
"too large for Notre Dame

But Community Relations
committee chair Nick Guzman
said this would not be a worth-
less outcome. "Does (not hanging the flag)
mean (the hall is not a place of inclusion?)" Guzman asked.
"If we can all agree (on that impression), then yes, that’s
exactly what it means."

This, Guzman said, is the reason behind the campaign
that some halls might not be
willing to show support for
GLBTQ questions.

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Whitehouse: Bush did not know about deal

Debate over port transaction reaches new level

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — President Bush was unaware of the
pending sale of shipping operations at six U.S.
seaports to a state-owned business in the United Arab
Emirates until the deal
already had been approved
by his administration, the
White House said Wednesday.

Defending the deal
awhile ago, the White House
also said that it should have
briefed Congress in advance of the
transaction, which has trig-
gered a major political back-
lash among both Republicans
and Democrats.

Bush on Tuesday brushed
d Away criticism by leaders in the Senate and House that
the White House failed to
raise risks of terrorism at
American ports. In a forceful
defense of his administra-
tion’s earlier approval of the
deal, he pledged to veto any
bill Congress might approve
to block the agreement in-
volving the sale of a British
company to the Arab firm.
Dubai Ports’ top American
executive, chief operating
officer Edward H. Bilkey, said
the company will do whatever
the administration asks to
enhance shipping security
and ensure the safe

The 2006 summer session will begin Monday, June 19 (final exam)
and end Friday, August 4 (final exams). Some courses — particularly in sciences and
languages — will begin and end before or after these dates. The Summer Session Bulletin contains complete schedule information. The Bulletin is available at
the Summer Session Office at 111 E Earth Sciences Bldg (beginning on Monday, February 27.
Information on summer courses, as it appears in the Bulletin, is also available at
the Summer Session website (www.nd.edu/-sumsess).

Notre Dame continuing students—undergraduate and graduate students in
residence during the spring semester of 2006 who are eligible to return in the
fall — must complete Registration (1) to register for summer courses and (2) to add or
drop courses according to the add and drop dates specific to each course. The
Web Registration PIN (personal identification number for summer falls available on
registration) is necessary for all continuing students. For course registration
(continuing students), permission is necessary. See the course registration

Work Registration will be available for summer registration from Wednesday, March
15, through the add and drop dates specific to each course. Students may register
or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment
No appointment times are necessary.

— conditioned and non-conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal
plans will be available. Forms for meal plans may be obtained at the
Summer Session Office (located in the Dolan Family Center) during the summer session. Students may apply for
summer housing online at www.nd.edu/-summer

Tuition for the summer session of 2006 will be $50 per credit hour for undergradu-
ate students and $314 per credit hour for graduate students, plus a $50 general fee.
Catholic Q&A

Why do Catholics fast and abstain from meat during Lent?

This question often gets asked around this time, when some find the dining halls’ practice of serving only fish or vegetarian entrees on Fridays during Lent unsatisfying.

Fasting derives from our Jewish ancestors who practiced it as an example of piety. While Jesus condemns the fasting hypocrites, He does so because of their gloomy appearance for self-gloration (Matthew 6:16), not because of the practice itself. The Apostles in the early Church kept the fast, combining regular fasting with their worship of the Lord (Acts 13:2). These and all acts of self-denial take us back to Jesus’s first condition for discipleship: “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23, NAB).

The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays dates back to the first century, when early Christians would avoid consuming fleshy meat to commemorate the day of crucifixion (Friday), since it was the day when Christ sacrificed His flesh on the cross for our salvation. Fish was a natural substitute for meat, which was particularly appropriate given the early Christians’ usage of the Greek word ichthus (“fish”) as an acronym for “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.”

Fast and abstinence have a seemingly natural home in Lent, a season already focused on prayer, inward reflection, and penance in preparation for the joy of the Resurrection at Easter. Throughout the history of the Church, however, the norms of fast and abstinence have gone through a number of changes. Prior to the 1960s, Catholics abstained from meat on all Fridays throughout the year, and fasted each day of Lent except for Sunday. In 1966, these requirements were reduced to abstaining from meat on all Fridays of Lent and fasting (eating only one full meal a day) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Even so, Friday abstinence from meat (or some form of penance or self-denial) throughout the rest of the year is still very much encouraged. And while these norms apply to all Catholic Christians age 15-60, Christians of all traditions are encouraged to join in these pious practices.

Through our Lenten practices of fasting and abstinence from meat and other luxuries, the Church offers us a regular opportunity to deny ourselves so that we might better mold our lives after the example of Jesus Christ.

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Deus Caritas Est

Pope Benedict XVI’s first encyclical, Deus Caritas Est (God is Love), signed on Christ’s feast day, December 25, sets a list of instruction into 25 readable pages. Part I of Deus Caritas Est (DCE) analyzes human and divine love in terms of eros and agape. Addressed to “a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with violence or even a duty of hatred and violence,” DCE tells that world of “the love of love” bonds us upon and which we in turn share with others. But DCE is loaded with cultural, political and legal implications, arising from its assertion that “Iloge of God and love of neighbor” are “inseparable.” Part II of DCE is a discourse on “Caritas,” the “practice” of love of neighbor. “(No one ought to go without the necessities of life.” That “serv­ice of charity” is “first and foremost a responsibility of every human agent, ... member of the faithful” but it is also a duty of the Church at every level.

“Caritas” is not abstract. It is “first of all the … response to immediate needs… feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, visiting those in prison, etc.” But people need something more than technically proper care. They need heartfelt concern. Charity therefore cannot be about another form of social assistance. Nor is charity a means of “providing” “what is needed to aid in con­versions. Charity is an act of love and “iloge is free; it is not practised as a way of doing other ends.” Charity must not be at the service of “the law,” “ideologies” or “worldly strategies.” Benedict responds to the Marxist claim that the poor “do not need charity but justice.” Charity, they claim, serves injustice by making an “unjust system … appear … tolerable,” and thus blocking “the struggle for a better world.” Benedict rejects that approach as “an inhuman philosophy,” sacrificing people of the present to “the moloch of the future. … Does not make the world more human by refusing to act hum­anely here and now. We contribute to a better world only by personally doing good now.” What about justice? Doesn’t the Church care about it? Yes, it does. But the “just ordering” of society and the State, is the role of “politics” and not of the Church. “Such ‘direct duty’ to work for a just society belongs to the ‘lay faithful’ rather than to the Church itself.” Fundamental to Christianity,” says DCE, “is the distinction between Church and State.” The Church should not be in politics, but it does have an educative role. To define justice is the job of practical reason. But to do its job, reason needs “purification…. Here politics and faith meet.” Faith delivers from its “ethical blindness” and gives “the dazzling effect of power and spe­cial interests.” DCE traces Catholic social teaching from Leo XIII’s Rerum Novarum in 1891 through John Paul II. That teaching offers “something that is valid for everyone. It does not, however, seek to impose on others “ways of doing things” and … change their way of faith.” It “aims to “help purify reason” from arguing “on the basis of human and natural law” so as to “help form con­sciences in political life” and “to weaken the spiritual blindness need­ed for justice to prevail. “The Church has a role to play in the fight for justice. DCE urges the State to follow the principle of sub­sidarity by supporting efforts of social forces, including the Church, to achieve justice. Civil justice, however, is not enough. “Love — caritas — will always prove necessary even in the most just society.” The claim that “just social structures would make works of charity superfluous,” says DCE, “casts a materialist conception … that can live by bread alone.”

A recurrent theme of Benedict’s papacy is his criticism of the “dictator­ship of relativism” to which he called attention in his homily to the Cardinals before the Conclave in which they elected him. DCE continu­es this theme in its insistence on religious freedom and on the role of the Church as moral educator. Both rest on the reality that the truth about God and morality is objective and know­able. That Truth, with a capital T, is a person, Christ. These are only a few of the points in this innovative and challenging encyclical. Read it. It could change your way of thinking. And your life.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Fair wages’ not fair to all

Having suffered the recent platitude and pontifications of the living-wage cheerleaders, I feel compelled to play the hard-nosed consumer and point out that a Notre Dame "living wage" will only hurt all parties involved. (Full disclosure: I am a student employee and am paid the minimum wage.)

First of all, we ratchet up workers’ pay higher than the market says they’re worth. The University, as a nationally self-interested "bottom line," seems to do what is best for them, not for us. What the purpose of the money we pay to the worker was looking simply for a higher-paying job.

Father Richard V. Warner

Hourly rate not the only issue

It seems that the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP), and America as a whole, puts too much emphasis on one issue, hourly rate. CLAP needs to step back and look at all other issues involved in labor, including stability and benefits.

In my opinion, knowing your current job will be eliminated in the near future and that your next decade is more important than what one makes. For instance, I worked as a computer programmer for a company in Ohio for two years. About the same time I was offered a promotion at the company which included tuition reimbursement, I received a graduate assistantship at Miami University. If I had stayed and accepted the new position, I would have had two years' worth of tuition reimbursement at Miami's offer and still attended graduate school for free, but I left simply because the company was unstable. This became very evident about six months after my departure when the company dissolved and all of my former coworkers became unemployed. Moreover, working for the same employer for years can lead to larger pensions, increased retirements and better benefits that would not have been possible if the worker was looking simply for a higher-paying job.

Jon Hauelstein

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PORT = ARABS = TERRORISTS

DEAD

These are things that are called ‘hidden income’ because you miss them by simply looking at the hourly wage. The benefit package, in particular family tuition coverage, that Notre Dame provides is enviable. For instance, my parents saw their three children attend the same private university in Ohio, and, without a doubt, would have stayed the required time at any wage for the opportunity to have our tuition waived or even significantly reduced.

By looking just at the hourly rate, you are missing the big picture. Even though stability and benefits do not show up on the "bottom line," they should definitely be considered and discussed when you make your claims about Notre Dame being unjust.

omething concrete to consider is, would you call a $15/hour job at an unstable company with no insurance or benefits wage? No, you would! So why wouldn’t you accept that position over a $9/hour job at Notre Dame?

Jon Hauelstein

grad student

Feb. 22

---End of the Line---
PLAY REVIEW

‘SubUrbia’ seeks out lost generation

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Critic

Opening to discordant notes of Green Day and the Offspring, senior Cameron Rains’ and the Student Players’ produc­tion of Matthew Basse’s “SubUrbia” was an hour and forty minutes of racism, politics, social commentary, love and realism that held more true than the vast majority of “teen drama” tripe seen on television today.

The result of over four months of hard work, and a fresh face to this theme of trying to understand what it means to be a part of the world, this particular production of “SubUrbia” reflects the effort in solid performances nearly cast-wide, smooth production and lighting.

“SubUrbia” is a riff on a disfigured youth, actor Steve Hoepfinger said. The play firmly sticks to this theme of trying to understand what it sees as the world’s next “Lost Generation.” It does this with a deftly handled sense of humor, trying to understand what it sees as the world’s next “Lost Generation.”

Bogosian’s original words handle the same record label to keep the work from the slew of pop-punk bands that some of the play’s deepest themes come to light. Tim, in particular, speaks in the voice of a latter-race, criti­cizing the immorality of the store’s customers, the reckless Buff at his side, Hoepfinger and Khawaja struggling to escape the pull of the corner, and posi­tioning her opposite her sluggish peers, especially a young man who never makes the right decisions or face the con­sequences is something that every­one at ND and SMC can relate to, Betancourt said. “I think that subUrbia plays to these fears effectively.”

punx and the bassist, a former high school geek turned recently successful rock star, the gang starts examining their own purposes and futures. The play sets up a clash between Pony’s success and the somewhat aimless lives of his former friends.

AIDS, drug addiction, the issues it faces. The play stars Mike Anderson, left, as the idealistic Jeff. The play opens on its only setting, a Seven-Eleven (or as close as Rains could get).”

Jeff, that main­stream on the floor)

“Of course, people will laugh, cry and really think,” actress Jordy Brooks said. “Parts of it are so funny that the messages sneak up on you when you don’t expect it.”

The usual corner crowd is then joined by Sooze (Jennifer Betancourt), Jeff’s girl­friend and an avid performer who plays to unlock hidden tracks on one of the album’s’ songs.

In its purest form, “SubUrbia” is a loud, fast, aggressive, rock and roll statement of a lost generation of suburban youths in Middle America,” Rains said.

Jeff, who play to unlock hidden tracks on the album which each level won. The song begins with an altered-con­sciousness. The song gradually distorts more than the everyday, and Anderson’s sweetly idealistic performance captures this perfectly.

“Some have dreams, but they don’t pur­sue them,” Elise Yahner, who plays Pony’s publicist, said. “They just waste their lives and can’t escape the comfort zone of their hometo­n.”

Yahner and McCarthy both serve as more vehicles of change than characters, but the actors handle this well in their good performances.

On a technical note, the lighting in particular is fantastic, playing in time with both script and music and accent­uating both the environment and the char­acters’ exchanges with an understated but powerful touch.

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Biggie's posthumous effort a money-making mess

By ROQUE STREY

Even at the clanging height of rap's storied East Coast-West Coast friction, everything felt imaginary. Then it upgraded from imaginary to real, with the killing of Notorious B.I.G.

Like the death of Marlowe, whose haunted aura sets Biggie's ghastly into post-territory. Like the death of Nietzsche, his death would clear the way for greedy, gristy misappropriation at the hands of surviving kin. What remains — in Biggie's case — is a foggy legacy, obscured by exaggerated myths and equivocal meddling. And sadly, Duets: The Final Chapter, his second posthumous release, fails to lift the mists.

Lacking Tupac's copious unreleased out-put, the executive producers — absurdly credited as Diddy, Biggie's mother, Voleta Wallace and, from beyond the grave, Biggie himself — have had to rely heavily on old material. That means old chestnuts from Bad Boy to Life After Death. But even the most die-hard fans, like most of Biggie and Sebastian's posthumous efforts, is an upbeat, catchy and utterly addictive blend of folksy ballads, bluesy rhymes and a little bit of 60s pop thrown in.

Songs like "For the Price of a Cup of Tea" sound like vintage Belle and Sebastian, but many of the other songs on the album branch out into slightly new musical territory without losing much of the sound that has made them a long-term success. And, from beyond life, Biggie (in a morose, sadistic way) reunites The Commission — New York's microphone royalty. Jay-Z and Biggie — in a musically hazardous partnership unheard of since 1996 in Brooklyn's Finest.

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This record's shameless, morose Weekend at Bernie's ethic — groping up a dead man to keep the party going — am ails us to win a more coherent aesthetic. A pop graphic mess, "Duets" plays like a set of pose tracks adorned with random.

The lack of taste, evident throughout the whole project (the production, the selection of guests, lyrical decisions), is not surprising. But "Duets" is about cashing in at all costs, music be damned.

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Redick overcomes 2-0 in opening to score 22 en route to victory, remains nine points away from league record

Associated Press

ATLANTA — As he watched J.J. Redick struggle to find his jump shot, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski could still see everything falling into place.

"I don't think he's ever been 2-0, but I don't think that the next shot is your first shot," Krzyzewski said. "I just think he's so solid. He's so smooth. He's so steady."

Shelden Williams had 26 points, six rebounds and five assists, while Redick overcame a horrid start to score 22 points as the top-ranked Blue Devils beat Florida in the ACC Semifinals.

"We had a really tough stretch of games, and we're healthy again," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "They played very well."

Redick missed a 2-foot jumper inside the free throw line and a fastbreak layup earlier, but Redick's scoring drought ended with a 22-foot jumper at the buzzer. West Virginia guard Nick Curry had taken an errant shot at the other end.

"We got to see the game clincher," Redick said. "What a way to finish the season." Redick scored 18 of Duke's last 22 points.

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Owens guided Navy's football team to an 8-4 season record that included victories over Air Force and Army and a victory in the Poinsettia Bowl over Colorado State.

Scott Strasenbier, head of the Navy's sports information office, said Owens' athletic eligibility is complete. He declined to comment on the allegations.

**In Brief**

Canada, U.S. eliminated from mental contention

TORINO, Italy — Wow, Canada. Goodbye, U.S.

Sweden, Denmark, Russia, and the Czech Republic secured berths in the men's Olympic hockey semifinals on Wednesday, while Switzerland, Slovakia and two North American heavyweights — Canada and the United States — were sent packing.

It was a stunning loss for Canada, the defending Olympic champion and favorite to repeat.

After two scoreless periods, Alexander Ovechkin converted a power play at 1:30 of the final period, and Alexei Kovalev added another power-play goal with 21.2 seconds remaining to lift Russia to a 2-0 victory over the Canadians.

"Everybody in my country is jumping and drinking lots of vodka," Ovechkin said.

The win sets up a semifinal showdown Friday with Finland, which improved its record to 6-0 with a 4-3 victory over the Americans. The Czech Republic faces Sweden in the other semifinal.

The matches mark the first all-European semifinals since the NHL began sending its players to the Olympics in 1998.

**NCAA to reevaluate tournament selection process**

INDIANAPOLIS — When the NCAA tournament selection committee chooses the 65-team field each March, committee members usually rely on schedule strength to make the tough decisions.

This year could be different.

Committee chairman Craig Littlepage said Wednesday that with so few clear-cut cuts, imbalanced conference schedules and gridlock in the league standings, the committee's task this season is more daunting.

"We know we are going to face some unusual challenges this year and specifically because of conference realignments," Littlepage said during an hour-long conference call with reporters. "It seems we have some gridlock at the top or in the middle of conferences. And because there has been some imbalanced conference scheduling, it means some teams might not have played the same schedules.

**Minor-league umpires to be used in WBC**

NEW YORK — While many of the best players are getting ready for the first World Baseball Classic, it appears the top umpires won't be calling the tournament.

Talks between Major League Baseball and its umpires' union broke down Wednesday. The commissioner's office also has been negotiating with the Association of Minor League Umpires, and minor league umpires are likely to officiate the 16-nation tournament, which runs from March 3-20.

"As of today's date, at this point it does not appear that major league umpires will be working the World Cup," World Umpires Association president John Hirschbeck said.
Tiger dominates first round match

Woods defeats Ames after 10 holes of play

Associated Press
CARLSBAD, Calif. — Arms crossed, staring into the soul of his opponent, Tiger Woods looked as though he was wrapped up in one of those nerve-racking moments that define the Match Play Championship.

Far, far from it.

Ruthless to the end until his name was in the record books Wednesday, Woods won the first nine holes — seven of them with birdies — and closed out Stephen Ames as early as mathematically possible, 9 and 8.

"It took a while since I played one like that," Woods said with a smile. He didn't have to look far for motivation.

Ames was on the practice range Monday afternoon when he was asked if he would take a carfree attitude into his match against the No. 1 player in the world because not many expected him to win. Ames shook his head.

"Anything can happen," Ames said, breaking into a big smile. "Especially where he's hitting the ball.

Woods apparently took his cue from Ames, his opponent two years ago.

"I'm glad to see him," Woods said.

"It doesn't matter what hole," Ames said. "I think I already did. So I'm done.

Woods was out there for only 15 holes when he put birdie on the 16th hole with a par, then put birdie that was conceded, to get a 5-foot birdie on the second at La Costa.

The other top seeds, Vijay Singh and Retief Goosen, had no problem, and Phil Mickelson (No. 5) had to go 18 holes before getting rid of the magic, hence the star guard has bowed with coach Brian Hill this season.

By dealing him for Harden and going after year, the Magic will get salary cap relief after this season and will be in even better position when Grant Hill's deal expires next year.

"We'll miss Steve in a lot of ways," Orlando assistant general manager Ols Smith said. "We'll miss the passion he brought for the game, we'll miss the energy he brought for the game, but I think we'll be better off in the future.

New York was 15-37 entering Wednesday night's game against Miami and had the worst-second record in the NBA. Orlando was 19-33, third in the Southeast Division. Both teams have been active before Thursday's 3 p.m. EST trade deadline.

Though the Knicks have been rumored to be involved in other trades, president Isiah Thomas said the team could be dealing unless the right offer came along.

"I would say that right now we're pretty satisfied with where we are," he said. "I don't think we will be actively out shopping and trying to make a deal or anything like that.

The Magic were in New Jersey to play the Nets, and Francis said that the team could be "very interested" in other trades, president Isiah Thomas said the team could be dealing unless the right offer came along.
Ohno advances to short-track 500-meter quarterfinals

**Associated Press**

TURIN, Italy — Apolo Anton Ohno had a short track at the short track. It was good enough to give him a shot at another medal.

Ohno safely advanced from his heat in the 500-meter Wednesday and will go to the final night of competition with two chances to add to the bronze he has already won at these Winter Olympics.

Even though he was heavily favored to move on, Ohno didn’t take anything for granted in the shortest of short-track events. His relief was apparent when he crossed the line, his right fist in the air and a big smile just above his soul patch.

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"It’s my last week of the games and it’s been a long time since I enjoyed a 500 meters like that," he said.

The 23-year-old star, who has the only American short track medal of these games, moved on to the quarterfinals of the 500 Saturday night. He’s also part of the 5,000 relay team, which already qualified for the final.

Ohno was third off the starting line, but he dipped inside coming off a turn to get past two skaters with less than two laps to go. He crossed the line comfortably ahead of Italy’s Roberto Serra.

While clearly the most accomplished of the four skaters in his heat, Ohno was wary of Serra, who had the home crowd rooting him on, and Japan’s Takafumi Nishitani, the 500 gold medalist at Nagano eight years ago.

"Every country has a good 500-meter skater, so everybody has a good start," Ohno said. "It’s all about explosive ness.

Unlike the longer events, which often start out slow while the skaters set up their strategy and conserve energy, the 500 is basically an all-out sprint where the slightest slip can knock a skater out.

Four years ago in Salt Lake City, Ohno was taken out by a crash on the final turn of the 1,000, but still managed to crawl across the line for silver. Then, after finishing second again in the 1,500, he was bumped up to gold when a South Korean skater was disqualified for an illegal block.

In Ohno’s first event of these Olympics, he bumped another skater from behind, nearly fell and wound up being eliminated in the semifinals of the 1,500.

He settled for bronze in the 1,000 after South Korea’s Lee Deuk made a brilliant pass for second place coming off the next-to-last turn.

Another U.S. skater, Anthony Lobello, crashed out of his 500 heat. The first-time Olympian from Tallahassee, Fla., was in second place when he got low coming through the turn, only to lose his edge and slam into the boards.

"I was on line and the ice broke out," Lobello said, meaning it cracked in a soft spot. "There’s not anything I can do about it when the ice breaks out."

The 175-pound Lobello believes his weight helped against him.

"You can find a soft patch," he said. "I’m probably one of the heaviest skaters out there."

Ahn Hyun-soo of South Korea stayed on course for a short track sweep with a dominating victory in his 500 heat.

He already has won the first two men’s gold medals, and he’ll go for two more Saturday. The women’s 3,000 relay was the only medal event on Wednesday. South Korea picked up its fourth short track gold of the Turin Games, while Canada claimed the silver. Italy received the bronze when China was disqualified for impeding in a turn.

The Americans won the consolation final to finish fourth overall.

In the women’s 1,000, both U.S. skaters safely advanced from their heats.

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BENGAL BOUTS
Seasoned veterans dominate second night of preliminaries
Alhonniet's strong start prevens late McEnery comeback; Ragunokios combo sits Burns; O'Brien defeats Belatti

By DAN MURPHY
Space Writer

A strong third round from Billy "The Kid" McEnery was not enough to overcome Phil "Papa Bull" Alhornetti's early dominance, as he won on to win the split decision.

Alhornetti trapped his opponent in the corner for the majority of the first round, scoring points with quick jabs as McEnery struggled to work his way out of the trap. Alhornetti all but clinched the win in the second round with overpowering punches.

Patrick "Mountain Ryan" Ryan vs. Andrew "Rage" Massari
Alumni freshman Andrew Massari took control of his fellow classmate Patrick Ryan from the beginning. A strong mix of body and head shots kept Ryan guessing throughout the first round and allowed Massari to stay on the offensive throughout.

"Mountain Ryan" came out swinging in the third round and landed a solid punch, but the early assault from Massari had worn him down, and "Rage" secured the unanimous decision.

Alex "Flesta" Borowiecki v. Christopher "The Canadian Crippler" Jordan
Alex Borowiecki fell to Christopher Jordan in a split decision between the 165-pounders despite drawing level shots in the third round.

Two big right hooks to start off the second round for "The Canadian Crippler" put him in a solid position. Jordan took advantage of his reach and kept his opponent at a distance for the rest of the fight. Borowiecki used his speed to keep the match even, but in the end it was not enough to overcome the long right jabs of Jordan.

Adam "Steel Goat" Burns v. Frank Ragunokios
In arguably the most physical of the preliminary round bouts, both fighters came out fired up for an exciting first round. Adam Burns and Frank Ragunokios landed several punches, but Burns felt the punches more. The referee had to stop the fight twice in the first round.

The second round did not go much better for Burns. Ragunokios led with a strong four-punch combo that bloodied Burns' nose and ended the fight. It was officially called a split decision victory for the hometown sophomore Ragunokios.

Josh "Critical Pressure" Hammack v. Mike "Drunker Sailor" Hazlbeck
In a bout that featured two very different fighting styles, Mike "Drunker Sailor" Hazlbeck landed enough punches to secure a split decision.

Hammack kept calm in the center of the ring for most of the fight as Hazlbeck circled him with various, sporadic attacks. "Critical Pressure" was able to fight off many of these attempts, but in the second and third rounds Hazlbeck connected on multiple combinations that dislodged Hammack's headgear.

The assault was enough to win one of the closest fights of the night.

Brad Amin v. Nazir "Naz" Ahmed
Around the student Brad Amin kept Nazir Ahmed at bay with his jabs long enough to earn a split decision — and a berth into the quarterfinals.

The relentless Ahmed was able to successfully work his way into the mid-section of his opponent a few times, especially in the later rounds. In the end, Amir mixed large hooks and landed jabs as "Naz" attempted to work his way into the taller boxer.

Dillon Murphy v. Stephen "The Wrecker" Klein
Morrissey's Stephen Klein landed a series of big right hooks in the second round to win the first 170-pounder.

In the first round, both boxers traded blows while trading momentum. But in the next round "The Wrecker" lived up to his nickname by sending Murphy back to his corner with a standing eight count. Murphy, a graduate student from South Bend, finished the round, but the referee stopped the fight before the third round began, awarding Klein the victory.

Michael "Liberator" O'Connell vs. Hugh "The Christian Rite" Monahan
Hugh Monahan's strong build and batting stance was not enough to hold off the barrage of punches from Michael O'Connell, who defeated the Fisherman in a split decision.

The match was close throughout all three rounds with Monahan consistently countering his opponent's attacks. In the end, O'Connell's experience allowed him to land enough punches to make it through the first round.

O'Neil Peart vs. Tim Flannery
Koeghan's O'Neil Peart was a unanimous decision victory over freshman Tim Flannery.

Flannery moved well early to keep himself out of trouble but was never really able to make any sustained aggressive moves. His constant motion worked against him later in the match, as Peart was visibly fresher going into the third round.

Peart left no doubt in the final round, landing a series of combinations that earned him the win.

Ryan Simmons vs. Brian Kantor
In a battle between two freshmen, Brian Kantor came away with the judges' unanimous decision.

The fight started slow as the rookie fighters felt each other out by trading short jabs from a safe distance. Both boxers continued to work on their distance for round two. Kantor was the clear winner of the third round, bringing Flannery the unanimous decision.

Andy "Doogie" Houser vs. Tim "Rainbow Right" Rippinger

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With 30 seconds remaining in the final round, Lodirich landed a barrage of punches that forced the referee to stop the fight and award him with the victory.

The win was a knockout for both boxers. Talleris was able to land several big punches, and Lodirich looked strong through all three rounds as he wore down the shorter "Double Meat" throughout.

The fight was stopped twice in the final round for a standing eight count and to clean up a bloody nose but was allowed to continue after the punishing third-round blow from the Knot Hall senior.

Pat "Ultimate Assassin" Nadz
In the quickest fight of the night, Brian Bylira established an early lead and wrapped up his 3rd-round win in 180-pound division. Nadz forced the match from the start, firing off an early lead with an impressive first round.

Michael O'Connell, who defeated the Fisherman in a split decision.

The match was close throughout all three rounds with Monahan consistently countering his opponent's attacks. In the end, O'Connell's experience allowed him to land enough punches to make it through the first round.

O'Neil Peart vs. Tim Flannery
Koeghan's O'Neil Peart won a unanimous decision over freshman Tim Flannery.

Flannery moved well early to keep himself out of trouble but was never really able to make any sustained aggressive moves. His constant motion worked against him later in the match, as Peart was visibly fresher going into the third round.

Peart left no doubt in the final round, landing a series of combinations that earned him the win.

Ryan Simmons vs. Brian Kantor
In a battle between two freshmen, Brian Kantor came away with the judges' unanimous decision.

The fight started slow as the rookie fighters felt each other out by trading short jabs from a safe distance. Both boxers continued to work on their distance for round two. Kantor was the clear winner of the third round, bringing Flannery the unanimous decision.

Andy "Doogie" Houser vs. Tim "Rainbow Right" Rippinger

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Note: Indiana State leads the Irish 7-5 in the all-time series. The two teams last met on March 27, 1994, a 5-4 victory for Notre Dame. The Irish are 7-1 in their last eight season openers.

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at Memorial Hospital. She began following her tumor tennis team after Harold Swanaan, coordinator of student welfare and development at Notre Dame, paired Leidy with the squad in a program called Fighting Irish Fight for Life.

The women's team spends time with the child, taking her to movies, bowling alleys and wel-
coming her for home matches. "It's something outside the tennis court really helps to unify the team," senior captain Lauren Connelly said. "It is inspiring to see someone so inspired to watch us play. It makes me want to play well for her."

Her mother said Emma's affliction for the team has grown with her. "They gave her a gift card to Build-A-Bear Workshop for Christmas," Leidy said. "But it had to have a tennis out-
fit, racket and balls because her tennis girls gave it to her. She goes around saying she wants to be a tennis player when she grows up. She adores them."

Emma was diagnosed with leukemia in June 2004 when she was just 3 years old. What first appeared as just flu symptoms worsened into the biggest shock the family had ever experienced.

"Nobody in our family has had leukemia before," Leidy said. "So it came as a huge surprise because we thought she had the flu and it wouldn't go away."

Soon after Emma's diagnosis, the family was turned to chemotherapy, bone marrow treatments and long hospital stays. "But it's been really good," her aunt Keratin, 11, and Braedlen, 8, were forced to make the biggest adjustments.

"It was hard at first because (Kevin and Braedben) were left out and everything was about Emma," Leidy said. "We were constantly at the hospital and having chemo."

Once Emma's brothers under-
stood their sister's situation, they and the rest of their classes raised pennies to donate to the pediatric clinic. But the opportu-
nity in spend time with the Notre Dame women's tennis team has lifted Emma's spirits most.

"There has been a lot of sup-
port for Emma," Leidy said. "But as far as really being there for her, nothing compares to what the girls have been doing in all the outings. They have really focused on Emma."

In addition to seeing the film 'Homedowned' and getting per-
sonal tennis lessons, Leidy also has gone shopping with the team at the Notre Dame Bookstore. Emma has grown to love the University through these activi-
ties.

"Emma wanted to go to the booksale, so a few team mem-
bers met with us to shop with her and she found cool Notre Dame stuff," Leidy said. "She wanted one of everything!"

and the team also has taken a more serious role in Emma's life. Last fall, Lauren Connelly went with the Leidy family to Emma's spinach tap. "I wanted to see what a kid her age had to go through," Connelly said. "But it was great to see her attitude about it because she had a smile the whole time. It was really neat to see how she can take a situation like this and make it into some-
thing good."

This team dedication has given Leidy Leidy a deeper apprecia-
tion for their contribution to her daughter's life.

"Whenever she sees them, she goes up and hugs them," she said. "It is really awesome to see these girls have an interest in her. They have given Emma a chance to grow up."

"But it is also good for the (tennis team) because here is this little girl going through this horrible stuff, and she has cur-
ner, and she is a survivor."

Irish senior Kelly Nelson draws inspiration from the 5-
year-old child and friend.

"I am so brave about her treatments. She keeps such a positive outlook," Nelson said. "I think that is very refreshing for us to be around her. She counts on us, and that gives us more of a purpose behind our competi-
tion."

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Hull. Well, I love them. I think they look cute," Allen said in a CSTV radio interview. "They're green — they're up. They guys came out in their black, so we went in our green."

Notre Dame (13-10, 6-8 Big East) got off to a slow start and was out rebound-
24-21 in the first half. The Irish made just nine of 30 goals in that stretch and only 4-of-7 from the foul line. But Notre Dame kept the game close, trailing West Virginia (12-13, 4-
10) 29-24 at half.

"I didn't think we were play-
ing hard," McGraw said. "In the first half, I was really disappointed in the whole team. Notre Dame improved its offensive in the sec-
ond half. Courtney LaVere made the transition layup 23 seconds into the half, and Duffy hit a 3-
pointer 40 sec-
onds later to give the Irish the lead."

West Virginia forward (Media) received the first half, and only 4-of-7 from the Big Ten Tournament play and NCAA Tournament play.

Muffett McGraw
Irish coach

"Every game when we step on the court, it's for a spot in Big East Tournament play and NCAA Tournament play."

Charel Allen
Irish guard

"I love the green uniforms. I think they look cute."

"It's almost like we're still in the Big Ten Tournament right now," Washington said in a CSTV radio interview. "Every game when we step on the court, it's for a spot in Big East Tournament play and NCAA Tournament play."

Allen, who was averaging 8.4 points and 4.5 rebounds before the West Virginia loss, said with Washington's assessment.

"We needed a win so bad," she said. "Every game now is important to us... I'm playing every game like it's the play-
offs, like it's going to be our last game."

Notre Dame played at Cincinnati Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Fights

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Hicks came out hungry in the second, landing multiple combinations against Ford. Hicks couldn't contain himself, as he speared Ford to the mat, leading to a warning.

Both fighters showed signs of fatigue by the third round. Hicks fought back with his combinations. But his third round performance was not enough to overcome Ford's dominance in the first two rounds.

Anthony Schwesin v. Greg Vallejos

The second fight of the night featured a strong match between junior Anthony Schwesin and freshman Greg Vallejos, which Schwesin won in a split decision.

Vallejos came out strong in the first round, forcing him against the ropes. Schwesin had to fight defensively for much of this round and had trouble connecting with his punches.

Schwesin and Vallejos traded punches in the second round. Vallejos cut junior Mike Pentz in the second.

Schwesin won in the third round, coming out strong and delivering constant blows on Vallejos. Vallejos couldn't stop the attack and couldn't defend himself but not retaliate.

Bryan Marek v. Daniel Florin

Junior Bryan Marek came out strong against freshman Daniel Florin, relentlessly attacking with a straight punch to the body that would lead to a split decision victory.

Marek's attacks were vicious as he knocked Florin down in the first round. Marek forced Florin to stay on the move to avoid his constant aggression. Marek continued to work the body of Florin in the second round, keeping Florin on defense while still throwing his unaimed fists.

The third round was an entirely different story, with Florin fighting back with a strong defense and turning the tide of the fight. Marek's dominance led to a unanimous decision.

David Wierson v. Kyle Cyr

The sixth fight of the night was between the more contained sophomore Kyle Cyr and the aggressive junior David Wierson, who won in a unanimous decision.

Wierson was strong early in the fight but only connected a few times. But what Wierson lacked in proficiency he made up for in strength. Wierson landed haymakers and right hooks, while Cyr focused on his jabs.

This trend continued throughout the fight, as Cyr was the more consistent fighter and landed a higher percentage of punches. Cyr's strategy of attrition did not work against Wierson's overpowering blows, leading to the junior's unanimous win.

Matt Pentz v. Michael Gibbons

Senior Michael Gibbons began his fight against freshman Matt Pentz with a relentless attack that would lead to his victory in unanimous decision.

Gibbons was quick, relentless and vicious in his attack and kept Pentz on the run for much of the fight. Gibbons unfurled his attacking assault led to him literally chasing Pentz around the ring. Unfortunately for Pentz, Gibbons had the edge on speed and caught him more often than not and continued with the head body.

Pentz, who never stood a chance against Gibbons' attacks, lost the fight on all three cards.

Jeffrey Hausfeld, Hausfeld pulled out the win in a unanimous decision.

The two traded punches for much of the fight but Hausfeld seemed to find the edge. The sophomore effectively worked the head, although he was never able to land many good combinations.

But Hausfeld was able to get in a few quick jabs consistently in all three rounds, keeping himself one step ahead of Young throughout the fight — leading to the win.

Parfait Mwez v. Mark Hinkins

The ninth match of the night was a very evenly fought contest between junior Parfait Mwez and sophomore Mark Hinkins. Hinkins and Mwez fought equally well in the first two rounds, with Hinkes having a slight edge in the second. Mwez was able to land quick jabs against the junior, giving himself a very slim lead against Mwez going into the final round.

Mwez battled back in the third, butting Hinken on the defensive and turning the tide of the fight. But this comeback did not change the result, leading to Hinken winning a split decision.

Senior Daniel Lien was able to work the body and get inside on fellow senior Sean Pearl to win a unanimous decision.

Lien used his speed to avoid Pearl's longer reach and work his body. Although the first two fights were fought with a very defensive mindset, Lien came out very strong in the third to cement his win.

Pearl put any doubts to rest by raining blows on Pearl's torso throughout the third round. Lien's consistency in the first two rounds and his outright domination in the third led to his victory by unanimous decision.

Sean Wieland v. Navapol Taipalab

The small and feisty sophomore Sean Wieland was able to beat the much larger Thai fighter — senior Navapol Taipalab — in a split decision.

Taipalab came out ready to fight, swinging big but also leaving himself vulnerable. Wieland was able to successfully counterattack throughout the round. Wieland avoided Taipalab's attempts and delivered strong shots of his own to hurt the bigger fighter.

The second round came out a bit more equally, as Taipalab connected with some of his big punches, but was pummelled in the third. The fight was won in the third round, as Wieland worked Taipalab's body enough to earn the win.

Hunter Land v. Alex Duffy

The twelfth fight of the evening featured a hard-fought bout between sophomore Hunter Land and freshman Alex Duffy. Duffy won the close match in a split decision.

Land had good protection from his size, as he was able to keep his distance from the smaller Duffy in the first round. Duffy prevented Land from capitalizing on his height advantage with a strong defense and quick counterattacks.

Duffy showed a great combination of speed and strength by moving inside Land's reach to deliver strong punches. He did a good job having enough quickly to avoid a counterattack.

Land was able to knock down his opponent in the third when Duffy lost his balance. But the knock down was not enough to change the result, as Duffy picked up two of the cards.

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Across

1. Neighbor of Bug 
2. Time on the job 
3. Big name in morning TV 
4. Joe Pesce title 
5. Leader of the pack 
6. Word with show or know 
7. Important time 
8. Action packed 
9. Old-time big 
10. French term for snack, say 
11. Time on the job 
12. Done? Writer

Down

1. Barker of TV movie fame 
2. Painting the town red 
3. Avian talker 
4. Does bad 
5. Diamond unit 
6. Message in Morse code, e.g. 
7. Little annoyance 
8. Snack, say 
9. Canvas 
10. Bona fide 
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**BENGAL BOUTS**

**Fight Club**

Ford tops Hicks with strong early rounds

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

The second night of the 2006 Bengal Bouts began with junior Tommy Ford and sophomore Phil Hicks squaring off in the ring and Ford winning by split decision.

Ford kept Hicks away in the first round by using his superior reach. This reach troubled Hicks throughout the match, who was forced to try to get inside quickly and work combinations. But Ford knocked Hicks down in the first and cut his nose in the second.

At left, Patrick Ryan, left, exchanges blows with Andrew Massari in the 165-pound preliminaries Wednesday. Right, Anthony "Tony" Schweiss celebrates a victory over Greg Vallejes.

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**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish topple Mountaineers on road

By JENI FOWLER
Sports Writer

Dressed in green uniforms for the first time ever in a regular-season game, Notre Dame recovered from a poor first half with a strong shooting performance in the second to win 70-58 over West Virginia Wednesday in Morgantown.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said senior point guard Megan Duffy suggested the idea for the new road jerseys.

"[Duffy] decided it," McGraw said in a phone interview following the game. "She just kind of came in and said, 'What do you think?' And we thought, 'Hey, it's worth a try.'

Duffy responded to the new uniforms by scoring 22 points on 7-of-12 shooting (6-of-9 from 3-point range). She added four rebounds and four steals.

Sophomore guard Charell Allen — whose hometown of Monessen, Pa. is less than an hour from Morgantown — scored 12 points on 5-of-12 shooting off the bench. She had her own opinion of the jerseys and referenced the men's black jerseys debated in a Feb. 18 win over Seton.

Irish forward Chandrica Smith sails over Providence defenses in a 66-48 win over the Friars Feb. 4. The Irish defeated WVU last night.

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**HOCKEY**

Seniors experienced historic ups and downs

By CHRISS KHOREY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey class of 2006 has been around for the program’s best season (2003-04) and its worst season (2004-05).

The Irish earned their first-ever NCAA tournament bid and then, one year later, lost sight of a five-win campaign.

"Last year, we were pretty bad, and the year before, we were really good," right wing Tim Wallace said. "I think we might go down in the record books as the best and the worst [class in school history]."

The six Irish seniors — goalie Illy Walsh, defensemen Chris Trick, center Matt Amado, center Tony Gill, left wing Mike Walsh and Wallace — will be honored Saturday following the team's final regular season game against Alabama-Fairbanks at the Joyce Center.

Irish forward Chandrica Smith sails over Providence defenses in a 66-48 win over the Friars Feb. 4. The Irish defeated WVU last night.

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**ND WOMEN'S TENNIS**

Leading Leidy to smiles

Tennis team 'adopts' child with leukemia

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame moved into the top 10 with its upset over No. 9 Harvard last weekend. But in Emma Leidy's mind, the Irish always have been a high caliber team.

Emma, a 5-year-old leukemia patient, is one of the team's biggest fans. She attends each match to cheer on "her tennis girl."

"Every minute she can spend with them is special," Emma's mother, Leann Leidy, said. "She just loves being anywhere the girls are. Even if she feels icky, she's all smiles at the matches."

Leidy is a patient of the South Bend Pediatric Oncology Program.

"Tony"

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**BASEBALL**

No. 22 ND challenges Sycamores

Irish face ISU in their season-opening game

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

For the first time since losing to Florida 23-3 in an elimination game in the NCAA regionals last June, the preseason No. 22 Irish return to the diamond at 4 p.m. today in their 2006 season opener against Indiana State in Millington, Tenn.

"Last year... we didn't do quite as well as we would have liked," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said.

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**WINTER OLYMPICS**

Ohno advances to 500-meter final

The American will compete in the finals of speedskating’s shortest event.

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Francis traded to New York

The Knicks traded Penny Hardaway and Trevor Ariza for Orlando’s star guard.

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 Woods has seven birdies in the first nine holes to close out Stephen Ames after the 10th hole.

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Major League Baseball’s umpires union will not be calling the World Cup of baseball.

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Midshipmen QB charged with rape

Navy quarterback Lamar Owens was accused of raping a female student.

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**NCAA BASKETBALL**

Tennessee 76 Florida 72

Dane Bradshaw's layup with 15 seconds left gave the No. 10 Vols the win over the No. 12 Gators.

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