LSAT undergoes change for 2007

By KATE ANTONACCI
Assistant News Editor

The main change is to the reading comprehension section of the exam, which currently features four different reading passages, each with or seven questions, said Ben Baron, vice president for graduate programs at Kaplan Test Prep andmission.

"One of those passages will be replaced by comparative reading (with) two shorter in side by side passages," he said.

The two passages together "are of roughly the same length as one reading comprehen sion passage, so the

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Opus Group awards over $1 million

Company rewards volunteer organizations for faith-based entrepreneurial spirited acts

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Several faith based organizations left Notre Dame’s campus with over $1 million Wednesday night.

Hundreds of people gathered in the Joyce Center as the Opus Prize Foundation gave Zilda Arns Neuman, founder of Pastoral da Criança (the Pastoral of the Child), over $1 million for the church’s continued work to aid the poor.

The Opus Prize is affiliated with the Opus Group, a $1.4 billion national real estate development company that rewards individuals combining "a driving entrepreneurial spirit with an abiding faith to combat poverty, illiteracy, hunger, disease and injustice."

As a public health program, the Pastoral of the Child works with more than 265,000 worldwide volunteers that supply the needy with everything from nutrition to immunizations.

The organization — founded by Neumann and her brother in Brazil in 1983 — began when Cardinal Paulo Evaristo Arns, then archbishop of Sao Paulo, asked if she could do something to prevent Brazilian children from dying of preventable causes.

After receiving the award Neuman thanked many people, but she had special words of praise for the organization’s

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New city sewer work blocks campus traffic

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

Drivers and pedestrians traveling between the west end of Saint Mary’s Lake and Douglas Road will be inconven ienced this week, as massive construction developments have forced Saint Mary’s Road to close at Indiana 933.

The city has provided better knowing that the digging is all part of Notre Dame’s plan to construct a sewer system that will transport sanitary sewage from the campus directly to the county’s pro cessing plant — no longer relying on South Bend pipelines as its distributors, and helping the city considerably reduce its sewer overflows.

Paul Kempf, the director of Utilities in the Notre Dame Office of Business Operations, explained the reasoning behind the construction decision.

"After over 50 years of use the original trunk sewer con nection to the POTW (Publicly Owned Treatment Works) is nearing its capacity, and the current project will replace the existing trunk sewer with a larger trunk sewer to handle future growth of the University of Notre Dame," Kempf said.

In the past, Notre Dame san

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Leaders examine global health

Club representatives consider contribution options in face of crisis

By JOE PARIULLI
Assistant News Editor

When over 50 representatives from academic, athletic, cultural, media and service clubs come together, it’s not just any old Wednesday night on campus.

Senior co-organizers Amanda Golbabai and Bryan Hambley called a variety of student leaders together to get the ball rolling on plans to respond to the global health crisis.

The issue of the global health crisis was the subject of the Notre Dame Forum this year and the question of what the student body can do was the subject of Wednesday night’s 10 p.m. meeting in the Notre Dame Room of the LaFortune Student Center.

"If we all work together we’re going to come up with something great," Golbabai said.

Golbabai and Hambley put forth several goals in a handout to attendees, namely “to have a series of events and initiatives in response to the global health crisis that all student organizations would sponsor together.

The student representatives present at the meeting do not constitute a formal organization. No name has been given to the collection of leaders participating in the health crisis response and a separate bank account for funds raised for the response will not be created, in accordance with student activity rules.

The events and initiatives of the response will cover five areas: faith, curriculum, student education, political action and fundraising.

In terms of fundraising, the students will go toward building a medical clinic for the Millennium Village in Uganda. The figure of $15,000 was men tioned as a starting goal, though the cost of the med ical clinic is expected to be higher.
Out of the mouths of babes

Politics are about passion — political campaigns, even more so. But there is a point at which the passion becomes too much.

When partisan differences turn into throw-down dirty tricks. When attacks turn away from the greater national issues and latch onto the throats of individuals and their families. When campaign ads say nothing about political platforms, and instead are intent on showing how ‘unfair’ an opponent is.

After each election, there are always some ‘civil hands’ in need of washing. One of the most unsavory elements of this kind of over-the-top antipathy for ‘the other guy’ is the way in which children are pulled down into the mud with the rest of us.

Recently, I am reminded of a story — it is not mine, only a story that I heard — of a sixth-grader who had just lost her dear mother.

She told her teacher that she would make a speech to the Children’s Board, and he asked her what it would be about.

‘My mother was a baby killer, a warmonger, a sleazy syco­ponist at CNN,’ she said.

‘Slick Willy’ — that he knew that the winning letters.

The first thing he did was to write to the senator representing his state, and dangerous and large dogs will be banned. Anyone keeping an unlicensed dog will face prosecution,” Xinhua said.

Rabies is on the rise in China, with 2,651 reported deaths from the disease in 2004, the last year for which data were available. Only 3 percent of China’s dogs are vaccinated against rabies, which attacks the nervous system and can be fatal.

Restaurant offers free food for campaign signs

The Charleston-based ribs restaurant Fingers, which is offering a free appetizer to anyone who brings in a campaign sign and gets in a sign. “Just think of those left­over campaign signs as oversized, roadside gift cer­tificates,” said Sticky Fingers co-owner Jeff Goldstein.

It’s an easy way to help take care of our neighborhood.

The event, titled “Midterm Election Day Analysis: What Happened & What Now?” will feature faculty presenters and responses by campus political parties.

Health Services is again distributing free flu shots today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library concourse. Shots are available to all Notre Dame students, faculty, staff, retirees and spouses of retirees. All recipients must present their current NI iden­tification card, wear short sleeves, and sign a consent form. This is the final day for the flu shot distribution.

The Saint Mary’s Department of Music will present A Fall Choral Concert tonight at 7:30 in O’Laughlin Auditorium.

The play Celebrating Wendy: An Evening of Wasserstein One-Acts will take place Nov. 9-11 at 7:30 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Saint Mary’s Little Theatre. Tickets are $10-adults, $5-sen­ior citizens, $7-SCOH and MD and 56-students.

Saint Mary’s junior class will be selling 52 banana splits Monday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Regehr Lounge in Le Mans Hall. All proceeds will go to S.C.O.U.T. B.A.N.A.N.A., to raise funds for a community in Uganda.

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

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STUDENT SENATE

Group addresses student-alumni relations

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

After a disappointing turnout at the three student-alumni receptions this fall, the Student Senate examined what went wrong with the event and brainstormed ways to make it better at its meeting Wednesday.

University Affairs committee chair Aly Baumgartner headed the gatherings, which she said were meant to cultivate a better relationship between alumni and current students.

Student turnout, however, was dismal. The first reception, held on Sept. 28 before the Purdue game, drew about 50 people — and that was the most popular. The second, on Oct. 6 before the Stanford game, had just 20 people. At the final one, held Nov. 4, Baumgartner counted about 30 visitors.

"We didn't get as many students as we would have liked," Baumgartner said.

Brown said senators, given their role as student leaders, then how are we going to expect anyone else to come?"

Some senators said the time of the reception — late afternoon on a football Friday — was inconvenient for most students.

St. Edward's senator Brian Lan suggested making the reception more public, which would probably draw in students passing by, he said.

"If they smell food, they'll come over sooner or later and check it out," Lan said.

Baumgartner said tailoring the receptions for specific majors could also attract more students. That tactic was used for the final reception, when alumni in the entertainment industry attended the event. Film, Television and Theatre majors were especially encouraged to visit that reception.

Baumgartner and student body vice president Bill Andrichik will meet with representatives from the Alumni Association later this year to discuss the receptions. After that, the responsibility to plan and prepare them again next year will fall on the Student-Alumni Relations Group, a student club on campus.

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Online magazine returns
Publication re-launched after criticism caused shut down last semester

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

Adding its voice to those of established campus publications, newly reworked The Thatcher encourages literary innovation. The Thatcher is Notre Dame’s only independent, online literary magazine. Edited by senior Alexa Recio, it was started last year for student writers to collaborate and produce publishable stories.

“Notre Dame literary magazine [The] Juggler mostly pub­ishes poetry,” Recio said. “We wanted to create a magazine for short stories as well.” Recio said she and co-founder Christopher Maloney, who graduated last May, wanted a maga­zine that could change “the way people thought about writers” and could introduce the idea of “writing as a community.” The magazine is only available online at www.thethatch­er.org, a Web site maintained by junior Daric Sesame Ewersmann and juniors Mary Carmichael and Eric Gomez.

The magazine, Gomez explained, gets its name from the type of collaboration the editors pioneered — what they call “Thatcher.”

The process derives from the concept of a thatched roof, Gomez said. The stories in The Thatcher are the unfinished works of authors added together with input from the editors, the ideas are woven together to create a publishable, complete story.

This process was problematic, however. Some authors found problems in what they called the system’s “loss of artistic control,” Gomez said. The Web site was shut down at the end of last semester, and the magazine’s con­cept underwent reassessment.

Now, the new Thatcher primarily accepts com­pleted stories, and editors work informally with writers to achieve publishable standards, Gomez said. After changing their acceptance and editing policy, the magazine re­launched its Web site in October with a new layout that resembles an open book.

Thatcher editors distributed around the dining halls and LaFortune feature stories without an ending, a tactic Recio said was designed to increase readership and attract new writers and editors.

Members of the staff are “fairly conversant” with the English Department and visit fiction writing classes, Recio said.

The staff has plans for future improvements, including a col­laborative writing wiki where editors and view­ers can add to sto­ries, Carmichael said.

“The Thatcher,” Gomez said, “is a way for Notre Dame to get fiction published that . . . would never see the light of day without this unique system of publishing.”

The way the magazine is pub­lished isn’t The Thatcher’s only original feature; the stories themselves, Carmichael said, are also “inter­esting and innovative.”

“We like Detourment (a type of satire) . . . of a warped ‘gangsta’ Sesame Street,” Carmichael said. “Talk about a new book on things . . . that’s the kind of thing you can see in a publication like this: variety, crea­tivity and murderous puppets.”

Carmichael, Gomez and Recio all stressed that this is a new Thatcher, meaning ultimate control of the story resides with the author.

“We’re acting more like a tra­ditional literary magazine,” Gomez said.

The deadline for this month’s submissions is Nov. 30.

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Students Fly Cheaper

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Office of Campus Ministry

Contact: Fr. Joe Carey, CSC, at 1-7800, or Fr. Dick Warner, CSC, at 1-9704

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itary sewage was channeled into South Bend’s main intercepting sewage pipelines — where it mixed with the city’s storm waters and sewage — before reach­ing the POTW, Kempf said.

However, during the wet seasons when severe storms added significant amounts of rain water to the system, Kempf said the POTW could not always handle the full flow of the city’s main sewer.

“In order to relieve this sit­uation, overflows occur­re­director,” Kempf said. “Those over­flows are principally storm water mixed with a small percentage of sanitary sewage, and the overflows in South Bend’s case flow into the river.”

With these infrequent but serious overflows becoming a more frequent problem, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management stepped in to mandate the improvement of the traditional sewage systems to eliminate the overflows, Kempf said.

South Bend then developed a Long Term Control Plan that will address the situa­tion over time, beginning with the construction of a new system that will trans­port Notre Dame sanitary sewage — one of the POTW’s largest customers — directly to the POTW and reduce the stream coming from the city’s main sewage lines.

Construction of Notre Dame’s portion of the project — a collaboration between the University and South Bend — closed Saint Mary’s Road on Monday, which will not reopen until Friday. The entire project is scheduled for completion during the spring of 2007.

In the meantime, a pedes­trian path has opened around the construction, through Fatima House prop­erty.

Maitstatts are advised to use the Douglas Road or Dor­er Road entrances to the campus during these days.

Once the entire project is completed, the sewage line will head west across IN 933, through portions of the Saint Mary’s campus, then north along the Indiana Toll Road Interchange, west across farmland belonging to the Sisters of Holy Cross and under the St. Joseph River before arriving at the POTW, Kempf said.

Since its inception in the 1950s, the POTW has treated waste from the South Bend sewer system — which is principally a combined system that carries both storm waters and sanitary sewage.

Although Notre Dame has separate storm and sanitary sewer systems, the campus sanitary sewage alone is one of the biggest components in the city’s main line. And as the University only expects to grow in the coming years, the construction of its own connection to the POTW seemed appropriate.

“The new sewer has been sized to handle the long term growth plan of the University and should serve its needs for generations to come,” Kempf said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Japan suspends U.S. beef imports
TOKYO — Japan said Wednesday it has halted beef imports from one U.S. meat-packing plant amid finding a shipment with improper documentation, a development that may test the public's concern about the safety of American beef imports. The Agriculture and Health ministries decided to halt imports from Swift & Co.'s plant in Greeley, Colo., after a shipment from the facility arrived in Osaka without proper documentation for some of the internal organs contained within, Agriculture Ministry official Yasushi Yamaguchi said.

The Japanese government has asked the U.S. government to investigate the mishap and outline measures to prevent a recurrence.

Russia puts own pressure on Iran
MOSCOW — Russia has rejected European-proposed U.N. sanctions aimed at forcing Iran to halt its suspected nuclear weapons drive, but Moscow appears to be applying its own pressure by threatening to delay a key nuclear power project.

Analysts say the Kremlin is determined not to push Iran into a corner like North Korea — blaming tough U.S. policies for Pyongyang's recent nuclear test — but Tehran's refusal to compromise has led to growing impatience in Moscow despite the two countries' close commercial ties.

"President Putin is angry at [Iranian President Mahmoud] Ahmadinejad but he understands that it's probably too late to do anything now, said Georgy Mirsy, chief researcher at the Institute for World Economies and International Relations in Moscow. on Tuesday morning.

WASHINGTON
Humor was not Donald H. Rumsfeld's forte. But he cracked a telling joke.

"It recalls to mind the statement by Winston Churchill, something to the effect that: 'I have benefited greatly from criticism, and as to no time have I suffered a lack thereof,'" Rumsfeld said with a slight grin.

That from a man who was a lightning rod for criticism of the Iraq war and other Bush administration defense policies.

After fending off the critics for much of his nearly six years at the Pentagon, Rumsfeld said Wednesday that he and President Bush decided it was time to start fresh, with perhaps new ideas on Iraq.

"Iraq was the central issue of Rumsfeld's tenure, and unhappiness with the war was a major element of voter dissatisfaction Tuesday — and the main impetus for his departure. Even some GOP lawmakers in Congress became critics of the war's management, and growing numbers of politicians were urging Bush to replace Rumsfeld."

Bush said Robert Gates, 63, a former CIA director who has served in numerous national security jobs under previous presidents, would be nominated to replace Rumsfeld.

Gates, a former chairman of the board of the University of Texas at Austin, is a Bush family friend and a member of an independent group studying the way ahead on Iraq.

Bush clearly was hoping that replacing Rumsfeld with Gates would provide impetus for a fresh start on U.S. policy, and a chance to establish a stronger rapport with the new Congress, in which Democrats will run the House and perhaps the Senate. Rumsfeld had a rocky relationship with many lawmakers.

"Secretary Rumsfeld and I agreed that sometimes it's necessary to have a fresh perspective," Bush said in the abrupt announcement during a postelection news conference. "In a later appearance at the White House with Rumsfeld and Gates, Bush thanked Rumsfeld for his service and predicted that Gates would bring new ideas.

"The secretary of defense must be a man of vision that can see threats still over the horizon and prepare our nation to meet them. Bob Gates is the right man to meet both of these critical challenges," Bush said.

But showing he would not roll over to those pushing for a quick U.S. withdrawal, Bush also said, "I'd like our troops to come home, too, but I want them to come home with victory." In brief remarks, Rumsfeld described the Iraq conflict as a "little understood, unfamiliar war" that is "complex for people to comprehend."

Upon his return to the Pentagon after appearing with Bush and Gates, Rumsfeld said it was a good time for him to leave. "It will be a different Congress, a different environment, moving toward a presidential election and a lot of partisanship, and it struck me that this would be a good thing for everybody," Rumsfeld told reporters.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Rumsfeld was not leaving immediately. Rumsfeld planned to deliver a speech Thursday at Kansas State University on the global fight against terrorism.

Just last week Bush told reporters he expected Rumsfeld, 74, to remain in the post until the end of the administration's term.

NATIONAL NEWS
Democrats take control of Senate
WASHINGTON — Democrats wrested control of the Senate from Republicans Wednesday, handing a stinging victory in Maryland, giving them the complete domination of Capitol Hill for the first time since 1994.


The outcome turned on a mix of the Bush scandals and unabated violence in Iraq.

"I'm truly sorry, grieved and ashamed for what I've done," said Allen.

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LOCAL NEWS
Longest nominated to lead Ind. Senate
INDIANAPOLIS — The longest-serving senator in Indiana's history, the longest-serving Republican in Indiana's history, the longest-serving lawmaker in Indiana's history — Sen. David Long of Fort Wayne is the next Senate president pro tempore.

The full Senate will vote on the choice during an organization day later this month, but that should only be a formality.

Pak 42 killed in Pakistan suicide attack
DARGAQ — In the deadliest suicide attack on the Palestinian territories, a man strapped with explosives ran up to soldiers doing calisthenics Wednesday and blew himself up, killing at least 42 troops and wounding 20. The attack was blamed for responsibility for the attack, but suspicion fell on pro-Taliban militants who had vowed to avenge the killing of their leader, Mullah Omar, who was being used to train militants.

The violence marked an escalation in the conflict between Pakistan's security forces and Islamic militants along the rugged border, and sparked fears that the war in Afghanistan may be spilling into Pakistan, a key U.S. ally in the war on terror.

About 200 soldiers were exercising at an army training center in Dargaq, a town 60 miles north of the capital of the North West Frontier Province, when the attacker struck.

"A man wrapped in a cloak came running in the training area and exploded himself where recruits had gathered for training," a military statement said.

Information Minister Mohammed Ali Durani said 42 soldiers died and 20 were wounded. The army said some of the wounded were in critical condition.

Dargaq is considered a stronghold of the outlawed Islamic group Tehreek-e-Nifaz-e-Shariat Mohammadi, whose fugitive leader, Faqir Mohammad, is a close associate of al-Qaida deputy chief Ayman al-Zawahiri.

The Bush administration condemned the suicide attack and offered condolences to families and friends of the dead.

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The LSAT is a standardized test that measures a student's abilities in reading comprehension, reasoning, and analytical writing. It is required for admission to law school and is used by law schools to make decisions on applicants. The test is administered in a paper and pencil format, and it consists of five sections: reading comprehension, logical reasoning, analytical reasoning, and writing. The test is typically administered in June, September, December, and February, and it lasts for three and a half hours, excluding the time for the writing section.

In the entering class of 2004, the most recent year for which Preacher has figures, there were 470 law school applicants from Notre Dame, of which 182 were seniors and 288 were non-seniors. In the 2004 entering class, the average LSAT score of all applicants was 159, for seniors the average was 160.4 and for non-seniors 158.2,” Preacher said.

While the high numbers—which Barson said places Notre Dame high nationally among numbers of law school applicants—Preacher said the University is experiencing a decrease. “By all accounts, it’s dropping,” Preacher said. “We had a peak in 2003 or 2004, but now we’re seeing a drop.”

Preacher said the drop in law school applicants from Notre Dame may have something to do with the economy, and that people “tend to apply to law school because it is a prestige profession.”

Not that she sees the drop as a bad thing. Preacher said she is notorious for advising students to take off before heading to law school. “It may be the only time in your life that you have the freedom to do what you want, to do without any strings,” she said. “I think it also gives you the chance to be absolutely certain that law school is something you want. I’m seeing more and more students who are taking time off LSAT, but we still have many who go directly in.”

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Pelosi presents economic agenda

Democrats propose lower prescription drug costs, increase of minimum wage

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The new masters of the House, the Democrats, are promoting an economic agenda that would put more money in the pockets of ordinary citizens and government, while leading to greater oversight of big business.

California Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who is in line to become speaker, has promised to fight early on the next Congress to lower the price of prescription drugs available through Medicare. Efforts to curb military spending are also likely, political and financial analysts said, following an election whose outcome was influenced in large part by voters’ dissatisfaction with the handling of the war in Iraq.

But with the two parties stalemated in the Senate, where it usually takes 60 votes to pass major legislation, the pharmaceutical and defense industries may find themselves beset more by unwelcome rhetoric in Congress than any hurtful changes in law.

To be sure, few major changes in corporate America are expected to result from Democratic-led initiatives over the next two years — with the exception of a proposed increase in the minimum wage that may get substantial Republican support.

The long-term outlook for companies in the biotechnology and homeland security industries may benefit, analysts said, from anticipated Democratic efforts to promote stem-cell research and inspect more dangerous containers at ports. And the alternative energy sector could also get a boost.

But heightened scrutiny of other sectors, ranging from drug distributors to shipping funds, could darken their prospects. "The drug industry is on the top of the list of industries that would be comfortable if Democrats are successful in the elections," said Ira Loss, an analyst at Washington Analysis.

That’s because Pelosi has promised legislation that would allow the government to negotiate directly with drug companies to purchase medicines for Medicare, a process the drug industry equates to price controls.

Pelosi has pledged that Democrats would move to raise the minimum wage — a policy change that could affect fast-food restaurants such as McDonald’s Corp., as well as other retailers.

Ballot measures that mandate increases in existing state minimum wage laws passed in Arizona, Missouri and Montana, among other states. Alaska voters, meanwhile, helped protect the bids of Big Oil by shooting down a proposal to increase drillers’ taxes by $1 billion a year.

Generally speaking, Democrats have said they will differ from Republicans by being tougher watchdogs of corporate wrongdoing and bigger defenders of consumers and labor unions.

"Still, there are not going to be wholesale changes in economic policy" because neither party has an overwhelming majority in either the House or Senate — and this may explain the stock market’s recent strength, according to Wachovia Securities economist Mark Vitner.

One way Democrats can assert themselves is by spoiling the prospects for renewal of President Bush’s tax cuts, said Kevin Hassett, the director of economic policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute and an adviser to President Bush’s 2004 re-election campaign.

However, lobbyists said they do not expect the intense partisanship that defined recent campaigns to last very long.

Sure, the Democrats will want to distinguish themselves from the Republicans early on — by shifting the emphasis in energy policy from, say, increasing the supply of oil to reducing the demand for it. But pragmatism — and an eye toward the 2008 presidential election — will naturally pull both parties closer to the center, these lobbyists said.

Democratic House Leader Nancy Pelosi smiles during a post-election news conference Wednesday.

Billionaire, magnate bid on Tribune Co.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Billionaire businessman Eli Broad and supermarket magnate Ron Burkle have teamed up to submit a bid for the Tribune Co., the Los Angeles Times published by Tribune. The Associated Press has learned.

Details of the offer by the companies controlled by the two businessmen were not disclosed.

A person familiar with the offer, who was not authorized to publicly discuss it, confirmed Wednesday the bid had been submitted.

Broad and Burkle had been expected to bid for the Los Angeles Times, the Tribune's largest property.

The joint bid for the entire company came as a surprise.

Broad declined to comment on the report. A call to Burkle’s office was not immediately returned.

The bid came a day after Chicago-based Tribune Co. replaced Dean Baquet as editor of the Los Angeles Times because he refused to make mandated cost cuts at the paper.

Broad and Burkle have long said they would be interested in returning the Times to local ownership.

A third millionaire, entertainment mogul David Geffen, is known to be interested in buying the Times. A call to his office was not immediately returned.

Tribune Co. spokesman Gary Weitman declined to comment on the bid.

Tribune’s holdings include 11 daily newspapers, 25 TV stations, the Chicago Cubs baseball team, Internet ventures and sizable stakes in the Food Network and the online classified advertising venture CareerBuilder.

Along with the Times and the Chicago Tribune, the company owns Newday in New York, The Baltimore Sun, South Florida Sun-Sentinel, Orlando Sentinel and The Hartford Courant.

Tribune tried selling the company after being pressured by discontented shareholders amid plunging circulation and a decrease in advertising revenue at its newspapers.

Democratic House Leader Nancy Pelosi smiles during a post-election news conference Wednesday.

In Brief

UnitedHealth stocks messy since 2004

MINNEAPOLIS — UnitedHealth Group Inc. warned investors on Wednesday that its stock option fiasco will cost much more than the $286 million it previously estimated, and said it would restate earnings all the way back to 1994.

The company’s chief financial officer also resigned but will be assuming unspecified operational duties at the nation’s second largest health insurer.

UnitedHealth said it has found problems with its handling of stock options as late as the end of 2003.

The company said it expects to take paper losses on prior earnings to account for stock option problems that would take charge for the potential tax bill. It said it doesn’t yet know how much those charges will be.

In May, UnitedHealth estimated that options-related restatements could slice $286 million from earnings from 2003 to 2005. On Wednesday it said it anticipates the final figure “will be significantly greater” than that.

Democratic win causes Wall Street rise

NEW YORK — Wall Street rose for a third straight session Wednesday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average retaking another record close as investors grew more confident that a huge victory by Democrats in congressional elections would result in gridlock and keep lawmakers out of the way of business interests.

The market had largely expected Democrats to gain control of the House of Representatives, but an undefeated Senate race in Virginia had, during early trading, unnerved investors who dislike such uncertainty. Stocks showed gains following the announcement that Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nevada, won.

"The market is buying over the next several weeks that investors should return their focus to the likelihood for interest rate moves in the declining economic climate, the moderating earnings growth and the weakening housing market,” said Elizabeth Weymouth, global investment specialist at JPMorgan Private Bank.

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volunteers, calling them "true anonymous heroes." They always want to learn more so that they are able to save more lives," she said.

The Office of Farmworkers Ministry (OFWM) and Cristo Rey Network -- two other Opus Prize finalists -- were each rewarded $100,000 for their charitable work.

OFWM received an award for its work with struggling farm workers in Aporuca, Fla. and Cristo Rey Network was rewarded for its work in providing a first-rate high school education for economically disadvantaged youths in cities across America.

Sister Ann Kendrick was presented the $100,000 award for OFWM.

"Tonight all of us honoring the people ... who are making a difference ... who look at the reality of the material poor who say we can do better than this," she said.

Rev. John Foley accepted the award for Cristo Rey Network, and said he never thought the Network, which is on track to educate 12,000 students annually by 2012, would achieve such a level of success.

"The first day we opened school, I wanted to hide under the desk because I had no idea whether it was going to work or not," he said.

The Student Opus Prize was awarded to junior Benjamin Guntz for co-founding Artisan Opportunities International, Inc. (AOI). AOI's goal is to battle poverty in Latin America by teaching individuals how to make quality hammocks that can be sold.

Junior Brian Brownchilde, accepted the award for Guntz, who is studying abroad in Angers, France. Reading from a statement composed by Guntz, Brownchilde asked the youth in the audience to "make a positive difference."

"There's far too much to be done in this promising age to let our own potential to go idle," he read. "To everyone else, I ask you to believe in us relentlessly, listen to us critically, engage us lovingly and above all else, lead us by your experience."

University President Father John Jenkins had words of praise for the award winners and encouraged everyone present to be inspired by them.

"They are people of faith ... they have faith, a real joy and thankfulness in their service," he said.

Jenkins said the award recipients are a living witness of Jesus' words in that giving one will receive.

"I hope each of you were inspired by these awardees," he said. "And I hope each of you will go forth this year and the rest of your life following their example."

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between former divorce cases he handled and discussed several penalty cases. In the divorce cases, he risked disbarment if he suggested to his clients that she get revenge for adultery by harming her husband or destroying his belongings, he said.

"All of a sudden, when it comes to a murder case, we are saying revenge is good -- it heals," Brooks said.

But in his experience from talking to victims' families, the death of their loved one's murderer doesn't heal their pain, he said.

Brooks, the second speaker in a six-part lecture series on the death penalty sponsored by Notre Dame Against the Death Penalty, said he has ministered to more than 1,000 people accused of murder. He said he opposes the death penalty because he does not believe the government has the right to kill people to punish them for their crimes.

"They are a child of God, and we don't have the right to take their life," Brooks said. "Scripture -- as far back to the story of Cain and Abel -- makes a case against use of the death penalty, and that's what we discussed in context," Brooks said.

"We have a history of people in society who turn their lives around," Brooks said. "Had they been executed, what would have happened?"

"The reason why the death penalty should not exist in the U.S. was clearly expressed by Pope Paul II's 1995 encyclical, "Evangelium vitae," Brooks said. In this document, the pope said the death penalty should not be used unless it was otherwise impossible to protect society from the convicted criminals.

In the United States, the prison systems are capable of containing threats, Brooks said.

But these religious arguments can fail to persuade people who support the use of the death penalty to alter their convictions, he said. That's why anti-death penalty advocates need to give them the facts.

"I think once people know the facts it is almost impossible for any reasonable person to be in favor of the death penalty," Brooks said.

Many death penalty opponents fall into the trap of portraying the person on death row as a hero, he said.

"Some of them just aren't," Brooks said.

An indisputable argument against the death penalty, he said, is that executing one cost over a million dollars more than to imprison a convicted criminal for life without parole.

Brooks said he believes the death penalty is not a deterrent to potential murderers or rapists. Crimes happen spontaneously, he said, and most criminals don't expect to be caught.

Another argument against capital punishment is that inaccurate eye witness accounts and lack of DNA evidence can lead to irreversible sentences, Brooks said.

"We have flaws in the system that are so deep that the likelihood of an erroneous conviction is very high," he said.

Brooks was involved in establishing a moratorium on the death penalty in Illinois. He served as the president of the Illinois Coalition against the Death Penalty from 2000-02. Brooks received a Special Award for Work on the Issue of Capital Punishment from the Association of Chicago Priests and was named Catholic Lawyer of the Year by the Chicago Catholic Workers Guild in 2000.

NDASK sponsored four more lectures to discuss the death penalty this fall. Former Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan will speak Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Student Lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center. Kernan will discuss his decision to commute two death sentences while he was governor.

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Fundraising ideas included co-sponsorship of events ranging from benefit concerts to special athletic activities. Faith initiatives, led by senior Andy Laughton, are expected to include Theology on Tap relating to the global health crisis and a campus mass at the Basilica. Senior Teresa Hagen said there is a possibility of developing a global health minor in the Notre Dame curriculum, which might fall under the College of Arts and Letters. Similar programs are currently in existence at Northwestern and Emory. Politically, organizers expressed interest in working with residence halls to write letters to congressmen or senators on the health crisis. In a similar vein, organizers said they hope to have letters published in local newspapers encouraging community members to get involved.

Golbabai and Hambley said similar meetings would continue on Wednesday nights for the rest of the semester and that student leaders are encouraged to attend as their schedules allow. "The turnout was fantastic," Golbabai said. "I assure you, there’s a place for everybody to get involved. Student organizations were told they could contribute in several different ways, from planning different events to co-sponsoring and making small donations to sending leaders or representatives to help accomplish collective goals."

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"The caf was nart, so I came back to reju. I guess it was deec. But whatever, this paper is not only my, you under? I mean, ows!"

If this sample snippet of conversation puzzles you, allow me to play linguistic interlocutor for a moment. The speaker begins the dialogue — if I can be called that. I guess it appears almost self-quizing, so profoundly elegant is the tormentone inner anguish that the speaker communicates by noting that the cafeteria (for appropriate eating establishment) was "nart" — that is to say, nasty. After discovering that said food did not meet taste standards, the speaker returned to his or her abode to rejuvenate and gather strength, probably exhausted from the mental exertion necessary to speak like this.

The following sentence continues the iconic report on the speaker’s feelings, substituting the conveniently concise “deec” for the much more obtrusive and unwieldy “dreadful.” The speaker then switches subjects and dismisses (employing “what’s?” for “what if”) the pressing assignment at hand, a paper of unwieldy assignment at hand, a paper of unfounded laconic report on the speaker’s feelings, substituting the conveniently concise “deec” for the much more obtrusive and unwieldy “dreadful.” The speaker then switches subjects and dismisses (employing “what’s?” for “what if”) the pressing assignment at hand, a paper of unwieldy assignment at hand, a paper of Kate Fowler

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Editorial Cartoon

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in such close proximity would probably leave even the speaker wondering exactly what had just been said. But I assure you that I have heard every one of these slang terms used in separate conversations, usually surrounded by a handful of similar words. (Well, okay, so I made up “under,” but I can see somebody using that. Can’t you?)

Why do people talk like this? Numerous studies have found that scientists stumped. My own theory is that the degeneration of language in our age arises from the fact that we are just plain busier than any age before us. I mean, there are a lot of new shows on TV. A lot. If you want to watch even a fraction, you have to learn to flip channels pretty fast. And if you want to write about what, do you use? That’s right, a keyboard. Those things are covered in buttons — I mean, how many letters can there be? The old-timers had it so much easier with their quaint pencils and paper. In this day and age, it’s really a great burden to always be so occupied.

Therefore, sacrifices have to be made. What’s something else we all do these days, besides watch television and get on our computers? That’s right. Talk. And with so many TV shows to talk about, there’s just never enough time. Other generations had their slang, their jive, their jargon, their jibber-jabber — and those all worked fine. But today, we need a language that can really capture the essence of our busy lives. We need a dialect that gets right down to the point, without wasting time on extraneous syllables.

And so we have one of the capstones of linguistic development in the past decade. Or century. Or... ever. If you find yourself still struggling with this new slang, don’t worry, I’m seeking to remedy that here. Let’s try working with another one.

“Owes,” I’ve def gotta hit the lib. B.T.T., that spreadsheet was soo sketch. Watch it later? Yeah, probs. You’re wees.

Almost, outy.

The speaker here transitions smoothly from a previous conversation to the exchange at hand using “anyways,” the truncated version of “anyway.” He or she must most certainly visit the library. A side comment is introduced by a two-layered curtailing “B.T.T.” This unique construction is noolesale, but rather a highly intricate code for the letters “for.” This abbreviation, one we can all thank the Internet for giving us, means “by the way.”

Moving on, the speaker forsoaks the traditional shortening of television to TV (for too cumbersome) in favor of combining the two letters and dropping the final diphthong. Sketch stands in for sketchy, a term used in separate conversations, and terms used above, and thanks to the countless linguistic revolutionaries without whose inspiration and prescient understanding of language’s bold new direction I could never have written this interpretive key.

Outy.

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"How about sex." That sentence (or actual sentence fragment) comes from one of the students who wrote me after my last column, in which I wondered what topics undergraduates find most fascinating, particularly in their lives of faith. That same student also told me that my writing was too boring to hold people's attention, so I thought I'd try to pull you in right from the start.

"It's time for a new approach to the talk about sex," this person continued.

Yikes. I'm going to have to save that topic for another time. But was this person's thought. What would my new approach be? I'd want to be careful: the wrong kind of approach could scare them off. Or would you want me to just jump right in? That way we spend your time, tells you exactly what your real priorities are, no matter what you say they are.

A former teacher of mine used to tell me that you can judge a person by looking in their checkbook register, though I suppose now she would have to say their debit card record. I say you can also tell by looking at someone's calendar. There's a level of honesty present in how you spend your time that you cannot deny. How much of your time do you devote to schoolwork (or "faculty," "rector" or "staff member") or "parent" or our main responsibility, we must give that aspect of our lives many hours each day. However, that one aspect of life isn't usually what we put over the edge into the zone of the "too busy." Come on — even the most serious student around here participates in a few activities outside of class and studying.

So what do you consider your highest values? What — or woman is a person's level of busyness — can often become (happily) equated with how important or how valuable they are. Don't be fooled. God knows how priceless each one of us is and wants us to use the precious gift of each day with wisdom and love — and probably not at breakneck speed.

This week's FaithPoint is written by Kate Barrett, director of the Notre Dame Campus Ministry. She can be reached at kbarrett@nd.edu.

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Letters to the Editor

A woman's view on Plan B

Editor's note: This letter originally appeared in the Nov. 7 edition of The Observer. It was incorrectly attributed to Shaun Ahmed.

I would like to add a female voice to the discussion concerning Plan B. In Andrew Rosastates' Letter to the Editor ("Plan B destroys embryos in some cases." Nov. 3), he writes, "Taking Plan B causes the destruc­tion of an embryo. Plan B never implants in the uterus where it prevents its implantation." The use of the word "destruction" is a bit strong. If Plan B does cause an embryo to fall from the uterus, it will have a difficult time matching and machine guns being transplanted directly to the uterus with the sole purpose of mutilating a fertilized egg, then "destruction" might be appropriate. But I don't understand that, is not the case.

Emergency contraceptives are to be used in cases of an emergency (what a concept). Condoms fail. The pill fails. Furthermore, even local issues this year of preventing pregnan­cy? Plan B is the second choice to prev­ent pregnancies when previous efforts break down. It is a last choice and it never im­plants the uterus. An abortionist is just that, a person who terminates a pregnancy, not someth­ing that prevents an embryo from attaching to the uterus.

So, riddle me this: Doesn't every embryo have the same possibility of not implanting with or without the sole dose of hormones? Pregnancy is such a fickle thing: somet­imes it lasts nine months, sometimes it doesn’t. When attacking Plan B, please keep in mind that the Food and Drug Administration requires the manufacturers of Plan B are required to state that it may pre­vent implantation. There is no indisputable video evidence for either side, thus the call on the field must stand. This is the same FDA that has to warn you that your Viagra may cause blindness. But, then again, what do I know? I'm just a woman and it's just my business.

Renée Woodward
junior
Saint Mary's
Nov. 3

U-Wire

Dems must enact change

In 2004, after receiving 51 percent of the vote, President Bush ran wild and declared a mandate.

Tuesday, the American people spoke and repudiated that mandate, sparking Bush back into reality.

The prediction of a Democratic wave proved to be true as it took back the House in startling fashion. As of press time, it also looks as though Democrats will reclaim the Senate.

The midterm elections of 2006 midterm elections truly became a refer­endum on the president.

According to CNN.com exit polls, 62 percent of voters said that national issues mattered more than local issues this year.

An angry voters made their voices heard, shouting from the polls their extreme displeasure with the war in Iraq, the handling of the war on terrorism and corruption.

The results show Americans are sick of one-party rule and wish to restore the system of checks and balances on which the U.S. Constitution was founded.

Democrats, swept into power in the House, and maybe the Senate, by complaining and promising change, must stay true to their campaign pledges and label the war a complete and total failure.

The do-nothing Congress must finally do something, and I believe there is a new problem that the U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., promised to drum the GOP "swamp" in her first 100 hours as speaker of the House. She plans to introduce legislation to decrease the influence of lobbyists, enact all of the recommendations from the 9/11 Commission, raise the minimum wage, cut interest rates on student loans, lower prescription drug prices and help advance federal funding of stem cell research.

Most importantly, Democrats must introduce plans for the war in Iraq. We cannot remain stuck in the quagmire that is Iraq, but we also cannot withdraw all troops immediately. We need to draw up some type of exit strate­gy that will keep the peace and get us out of there. After you've won the war, you can do better, can you Democrats?

One thing is certain: Congress has put down the rubber stamp and the American people are better off for it.

This editorial originally appeared in the Nov. 8 edition of The Daily Cardinal, the daily publication at the University of Wisconsin.

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By MARTY SCHROEDER
National Scene Editor

Beginning today, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) will host the film series, “Through the Eyes of Children: A Holocaust Film Series.” The series examines perhaps the most tragic event of the 20th century through the eyes of those affected the most: the children who had to hide from — and, in some cases, confront — the horrors of the Nazi “final solution.”

The films selected depict children who were “plucked from their homes and stripped of their childhoods, the children had witnessed the murder of parents, siblings, and relatives,” reads a release from the film, television and theatre department, which is hosting the event. “They faced starvation, illness and brutal labor, until they were consigned to the gas chambers.”

An exploration of the guiltless in a period of history fraught with guilt, crime and oppression, this series will be an emotional and analytical event. How the lives of the children were changed and how modern audiences view their situations will be two of the multiple issues presented during this series. The films slated for screening include:

**Fateless (2005)**

Directed by Lajos Koltai, this recent film uses black and white, sepia and color film to explore the differing moods and situations of Gyorgy Kives, the 14-year-old son of a Budapest merchant. Based on the novel by Nobel laureate Imre Kertesz, it tells the story of a youth who comes of age in Buchenwald learning how to maintain dignity in the face of complete hatred and oppression while dealing with his own growing hatred. “Fateless” is a tapestry of the human emotions present in the children forced into the concentration camps.

**Everything Is Illuminated (2005)**

Starring Elijah Wood and directed by Liev Schreiber, “Everything Is Illuminated” is different from the other films in the series in that it does not take place during the Holocaust. Wood plays Jonathan Safran Foer, a Jewish-American who travels to Ukraine to find the woman who helped his grandfather flee Europe during World War II.

Part comedy, albeit more drama, this film paints a somewhat fantastical world based in the teenage mind of Foer. However, some critics claim this only strengthens the emotional impact. Based on the eponymous novel, this film is not quite as ambitious as its source material but still succeeds in its own right.

**Come and See (1985)**

Directed by Elem Klimov, “Come and See” is, according to its press material, “a brutal condemnation of war.” When a 12-year-old enlist in the Russian resistance to the Nazi invasion, his initial beliefs of battlefield glory and fighting for his homeland soon become images of horror and terror when his family is slain and the reality of war sets in. While countless films have been made from the U.S. standpoint, exploring World War II from the Russian viewpoint is not something American audiences are used to seeing. A film from the perspective of the Eastern Front, which betrays the images of heroism and glory commonly associated with World War II films, is a perspective worth seeing.

**Au Revoir Les Enfants (Goodbye Children) (1987)**

At a French boarding school in Vichy France, two boys become friends — one Catholic, the other Jewish. Based on the childhood experiences of director Louis Malle, this microcosm of stories about Christians hiding and giving new identities to Jews during World War II is as moving as it is exploratory of the relationship between the two religions. While the Vichy is often condemned for its inaction, many Christians tried — successfully or unsuccessfully — to hide Jews from the Gestapo. As the Catholic boy befriends his Jewish classmate, the Catholic comes to realize what it means to be Jewish during this period of history.

**Into the Arms of Strangers (2000)**

The only documentary in the film series, “Into the Arms of Strangers” explores the story of 10,000 Jewish children rescued from Germany, Austria and then-Czechoslovakia on the eve of the Holocaust. Directed by Mark Jonathan Harris and narrated by Judi Dench, it promises to give a more historical view of World War II and its impact on Jews, specifically Jewish children. The “kindertransport” which saved these children was a type of underground railroad bringing Jewish children from their home country to Great Britain where they lived through the duration of the war. It uses archival footage and interviews to tell the stories of the thousands saved.

**Europa, Europa (1990)**

“Europa, Europa” is based on the life of Solomon Perel, a Jew who hid his religious identity by joining the Hitler Youth to save his life. The film is based on Perel’s autobiographical novel. Written by Henry Holland, it was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Writing Adapted Screenplay. Most of the film takes place on the Eastern Front, so the German/Russian interplay, ignored in American cinema, plays an important role. This film also focuses on the Jewish situation after the war and the Jews’ mass migration to the British Mandate, which would become Israel in 1948. “Through the Eyes of Children” will be an important film series for the study of the Holocaust at Notre Dame. It brings in narrative film from Europeans only one or two generations removed from the horrors that plagued the European continent less than 70 years ago. Perhaps most importantly, it includes perspectives from American Jews with all-too-fresh memories of the time period.

Exploring the Holocaust across national, religious and generational divides, the series reminds us lessons learned from the Holocaust are ones that should not be soon forgotten.

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Celebrating Wendy, Saint Mary's style
College to host humorous show honoring late playwright

By MANDY STIRONE
Scene Writer

What started with a heartfelt expression of regret for Wendy Wasserstein's untimely death in January of 2006 ultimately became a side-splitting selection of one-act plays by the late writer. Professor Katie Sullivan of the Saint Mary's Theatre Department has created a commemoration of Wasserstein shows, which will be shown in the Moreau Theater at St. Mary's from tonight until Saturday. The show, called "Celebrating Wendy," shows off the versatility of the actors and the depth and variation of Wasserstein's imagination through her plays.

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Pierce, Szczerbiak score 35 in Celtics victory over Bobcats

Boston guard Delonte West, left, is congratulated by teammate Wally Szczerbiak after hitting the game-winning shot in overtime against Charlotte. Boston's 110-108 victory was its first of the year.

McGrady nets 32 as Rockets down Bucks

Associated Press

BOSTON — Delonte West made a jumper at the overtime buzzer, Paul Pierce and Wally Szczerbiak each scored 35 points, and the Boston Celtics earned their first victory of the season by beating the Charlotte Bobcats 110-108 Wednesday night.

Ryan Gomes added his first career triple-double as the Celtics kept the Bobcats winless in Boston.

Pierce drove the lane with time winding down and kicked the ball to a wide-open West, who knocked down a 20-footer.

Brevin Knight, who finished with 22 points, missed a jumper with 7.6 seconds left in overtime for the Bobcats, who are 0-5 in regulation.

Gerald Wallace tied the game at 100 with 10.3 seconds left in regulation after Sean May's shot was blocked by Theo Ratliff and on his second rebound, Wallace laid it in.

Pierce's 18-foot jumper as regulation time expired clanked off the side of the rim.

Emeka Okafor continued his strong comeback after playing only 26 games last season with 26 points and a career-high 18 rebounds.

Gomes had 10 points, 12 rebounds and a career-high 10 assists for the Celtics.

Boston overcame 25 turnovers to avoid starting the season 0-4 for the first time since 1969-70.

Pierce had a career-high 12 turnovers. Szczerbiak scored 20 points in the third quarter on 6-of-7 shooting, including four 3-pointers, as the Celtics outscored Charlotte 37-25 to take an 82-74 lead after three.

Othella Harrington's fastbreak jumper capped a 13-5 run and tied the game for Charlotte at 87 with 5.10 remaining.

Boston trailed 24-17 after the first quarter while shooting 7-of-23 from the field with eight turnovers.

The last four games between the Celtics and Bobcats have been decided by three points or less.

West was 2-of-9 from the field before hitting the game-winner.

Nets 96, Jazz 89

Vince Carter scored 30 points and almost single-handedly held off Utah's fourth-quarter run, leading the New Jersey Nets to a victory on Wednesday night that knocked the Jazz from the unbeaten ranks.

Utah's first loss in five games left the New Orleans Hornets (4-0) as the NBA's only remaining undefeated team with a little more than a week to go in the season.

Richard Jefferson added 23 points, Jason Kidd had 15 and Antoine Wright scored a career-high 15, including a clutch 3-pointer with 3:41 left in the final quarter after Utah had drawn within 85-84.

Carlos Boozer, the Western Conference player of the week, had 15 points for the Jazz, but he spent the fourth quarter on the bench as coach Jazz coach Sloan used Matt Harpring and Paul Millsap up front along with Andre Kirilenko and Mehmet Okur.

Brett Fischer also scored 15 and Williams had 10 of his 14 points in the final quarter to help the Jazz nearly fight back from a 10-point deficit.

However, they never got closer than a point as Carter, who strained a quad in the third quarter and was listed as questionable for the fourth, scored 13 of the Nets' final 20 points to prevent the Jazz from the third 5-0 start in their 32-year history.

Okur had nine of his 13 points in the final quarter. Kirilenko finished with six points on 2-of-10 shooting.

New Jersey, which led by as many as 14 points in the second half, had a 76-66 lead after Wallace slammed home a dunk with 3:41 left in the final quarter while shooting 7-of-18.

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Sharapova wins in straight sets

Kuznetsova and Hingis also advance in the WTA Championships

Associated Press

MADRID — Maria Sharapova beat two-time champion Kim Clijsters 6-4, 6-4 at the WTA Championships on Wednesday, moving a step closer to a spot in the semifinals.

In other matches, Svetlana Kuznetsova defeated fellow Russian Elena Dementieva 7-5, 6-3, and two-time winner Martina Hingis pulled out a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Nadia Petrova.

Hingis’ victory means top-ranked Amelie Mauresmo will not finish the year as the No. 1 player in the world. That distinction will go to Sharapova or second-ranked Dementieva.

Sharapova is 2-0 in the round-robin portion, Kuznetsova is 1-0 and Clijsters is 0-1. Also in the Red Group, the seventh-ranked Dementieva is 0-2, including Tuesday’s loss to Sharapova, and has little chance of reaching the semifinals for the first time since 2000.

Kuznetsova can guarantee herself and Sharapova a place in the semifinals by beating Clijsters on Thursday.

"I think the quality of my tennis today was quite high."

Maria Sharapova tennis player

In the Yellow Group, Hingis and Petrova are 1-1. Henin-Hardenne is 1-0, while Mauresmo is 0-1.

Sharapova, the U.S. Open champion, kept Clijsters deep behind the baseline and on the run throughout, hitting cross-court winners from both sides.

"I think the quality of my tennis today was quite high," Sharapova said after her 10th straight win. "I know that I’ve played a lot of matches and I feel good about my game."

After the 19-year-old Russian saved three break points in the fourth game of the second set, she took away the momentum from Clijsters and broke the frustrated Belgian in the next game.

Sharapova broke Clijsters again in the seventh game, but failed to hold for the first time in the match as Clijsters closed to 5-4.

Sharapova saved a double-break point in the 10th before her fifth ace clinched the win.

"I felt like I was moving really well and no matter how big and deep her shots were I still felt like I was in position for them. And that just comes from playing a lot of matches," Sharapova said.

Kuznetsova capitalized on Dementieva’s erratic serve.

Sharapova broke when trailing 5-3 before holding serve for the first time in four games. But Kuznetsova held and broke Dementieva for the third time to take the first set.

“She had a lot of chances that I didn’t close out in the first set,” Kuznetsova said. "I was losing my concentration, but that’s normal after a long season."

Kuznetsova took control of the second set, breaking Dementieva with a forehand winner for a 2-0 lead. She held serve — saving four break points — and the match went to serve until a netted backhand by Dementieva sealed it.

“I’m looking forward to raising my game tomorrow, but today it was enough,” Kuznetsova said.

Hingis stormed to a 4-1 lead in the first set against the fifth-ranked Petrova, who beat Mauresmo on Tuesday. Petrova broke Hingis twice en route to winning the second set.

But 41 unforced errors cost the Russian. In the deciding set, Hingis broke in the sixth game and sealed the win with a forehand pass on her second match point.

“I wanted to come out here and at least win one after yesterday’s loss, so I’m very happy," Hingis said.
**NBA**

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**MLB**

 Padres pitcher Chris Young delivers a pitch during the Major League All-Star game with the Japanese All-Star team Tuesday. The Padres’ new manager Bud Black was a pitching coach with the Los Angeles Angels.

**NCAA Women's Soccer**

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**IN BRIEF**

North Texas parts ways with head football coach

HUNTSVILLE — North Texas coach Darrell Dickey was fired Wednesday with the Mean Green already assured their second straight losing season since winning four Sun Belt Conference titles in a row.

Athletic director Rick Villarreal said Dickey, who has three years left on his contract, will not return in 2007. Dickey is expected to coach the final three games of the season for North Texas (2-7).

Dickey became coach in 1999, three years after North Texas moved up to NCAA Division I-A. He is 41-62 in his ninth season, with a 33-20 conference record.

"I have made an informed decision to seek new leadership for our football program," Villarreal said. "It’s time for North Texas to seek a new head coach to lead our football program to a position of prominence in the Sun Belt Conference and to a more competitive position at the national level."

Brown comes to settlement with Knicks over release

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks will pay former coach Larry Brown $18.5 million to settle a dispute over his firing in June, the NBA team’s owner, Cablevision Systems Corp., Wednesday.

The settlement was reached Oct. 30, but the Knicks were forbidden to release the amount that the team agreed to pay Brown. Cablevision, which owns the Knicks through its Madison Square Garden unit, disclosed the amount in its third-quarter report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Representatives for Brown and the Knicks testified before NBA commissioner David Stern for more than 15 hours over two days. A clause in Brown’s contract made Stern the final arbiter in case of a dispute, but he got the sides to settle in a decision announced Oct. 30.

Stern prevented either side from discussing terms of the settlement.

United’s Adu practices with Manchester United

WASHINGTON — Freddy Adu will get his long-awaited first taste of European club soccer when he practices with Manchester United for two weeks later this month.

D.C. United and MLS have given the teen star permission to join the famous English team starting Nov. 18, three days after he is expected to play in a U.S. Under-20 national team game against Guatemala in Florida.

D.C. United spokesman Doug Hicks said the practices with Manchester United will not be a tryout and that Adu’s rights remain with MLS.

"This is a great opportunity for Freddy," Hicks said Wednesday. "We support his decision to seek additional training opportunities in the offseason.

Adu, who became the youngest play- er in MLS history three years ago when he was drafted at age 14, has often stated his desire to play for a European club.

Padres hire Angels’ Black as manager

Associated Press

San Diego Padres have made an informed decision to seek new leadership for their organization," Villarreal said. "It’s time for San Diego to seek a new manager just up the freeway.

Bud Black was hired Wednesday to replace Bruce Bochy, giving the Los Angeles Angels’ pitching coach his first major league managing job — and drastically reducing his commute. Black lives just north of San Diego.

“Good dude,” Tony Gwynn said about his former teammate at San Diego State. "He’s been in the game a long time and really owns this opportunity. I think he’ll do well."

Black will be introduced at the Padres’ awards banquet Thursday night, said a baseball official, speaking on condition of anonymity because an announcement hadn’t been made.

Black was not available for comment and Padres executives didn’t return calls.

The 49-year-old Black has been the Angels’ pitching coach for the last seven seasons, including when they won the World Series in 2002. He pitched in the big leagues for 15 seasons, helping the Kansas City Royals win the 1985 World Series.

“I think that Buddy’s baseball knowledge and ability to communicate have made him so coveted the past couple of years,” Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "He not only has a great understanding of the pitching side, but a grasp of the fundamental side of baseball that every team needs to be successful. As an organization, you’re always prepared to lose people, as we lost Joe Maddon last year to a managerial job (with Tampa Bay)."

“Buddy has made some big footprints in this organization, and if he gets the (San Diego) job, they would certainly be big shoes to fill.”

Black was one of six candidates to interview with general manager Kevin Towers. Black got a second interview on Tuesday, with owner John Moores and CEO Sandy Alderson.

Dusty Baker, one of the leading candidates, said he was told Wednesday morning that he didn’t get the job.

“Life’s full of disappointments some time and you have to deal with them,” said Baker, who formerly managed the Chicago Cubs and San Francisco Giants.

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LeCavalier lifts Lightning to overtime win at Penguins

Nils Ekman registers hat trick in close loss

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Vincent LeCavalier’s goal 2:41 into overtime gave the Tampa Bay Lightning a 4-3 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday night.

Nils Ekman had a natural hat trick, scoring three straight goals late in the second period against Tampa Bay goalie Johan Holmqvist.

The four minutes, 10 seconds between goals represented the shortest period of time for one player to score three goals in Penguins’ history. The previous record was held by Lowell MacDonald, who had three in 4:17 of a 5-2 win against Minnesota on Nov. 13, 1973.

Dimity Afanasenkov scored the game’s first goal with 6:02 to play in the opening period when he deflected in a shot from the point by Nikita Alexeev from the right circle.

Brad Richards made it 2-0 Tampa Bay with a power-play goal, his fourth, midway through the second period. While standing in the right-wing corner, Richards attempted a centering pass to Alexeev that was blocked by the Penguins but bounced right back to Richards near the goal mouth. He slammed it past goalie Marc-Andre Fleury.

Five and a half minutes later, Ekman’s first goal made it a 2-1 game when he scored from the slot on a pass from Crosby, who had received the puck in the low right-wing circle during a delayed penalty from Gonchar.

Ekman’s second came 2:42 later when he deflected in a Ryan Whitney shot from the point while standing to the right of Holmqvist while on the power play.

Rangers 4, Panthers 3

Michael Nylander scored the only goal in the shootout to lead the New York Rangers to a victory over Florida on Wednesday night.

Martin Straka added two power-play goals for the Rangers, who improved to 6-2-0 when they scored in the first round of the tiebreaker. Blair Betts had the other New York goal. Henrik Lundqvist, returning in net for the Rangers after being replaced by Kevin Weekes the last three games, made 37 saves before the shootout.

Ruslan Salei, Nathan Horton and Jay Bouwmeester scored for the Panthers, who trailed 2-0 midway through the second period.

But the Panthers were stymied in the shootout by Lundqvist. He stopped Olli Jokinen, Horton and clinched the victory when he blocked Joe Nieuwendyk’s backhand attempt on a deke.

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Cardinals look to put dent in Knights’ armor

8-0 Louisville takes on 8-0 Rutgers tonight

Associated Press

PISCATAWAY — Students camping out. Temporary bleachers to accommodate the overflow crowd. Tickets that usually sell for $28, going for $40 on eBay. Rutgers football sure has come a long way in a short time.

No long ago it was hard to give away tickets to a Scarlet Knights game. Now, seats for Thursday night’s battle of unbeaten teams in the No. 15 Scarlet Knights and No. 3 Louisville are so scarce that even Gov. Jon S. Corzine appealed to athletic director Robert Hurley to cut tickets.

“He said, ‘I’m sending a check,’” Mulcahy said.

The game is being billed as the biggest ever played by the school that was part of the first college football game in 1869.

“I think it’s a reaction that’s in many ways almost an overreaction,” Mulcahy said. “They wanted this for so long, the minute they could taste something, it was, ‘Boom.’”

It is an understatement to say even the most ardent Rutgers followers probably could not have envisioned this level of hype. When head coach Greg Schiano took over in 2001 and proceeded to lose 34 of 46 games, including 17 consecutive in Big East play.

The former University of Miami defensive coordinator gradually built a winner out of Rutgers, going 14-12 the last three seasons since 1984. In 2005, Rutgers went to a bowl for the first time since 1978 and this year crashed the Top 25 for the first time since 1984.

“When I would sit up here and start talking about how we’re going to win this and we’re going to build this, I’m sure people would think, ‘What’s this guy smoking today?’” Schiano said this week. “But the alternative is to sit there and say, ‘Well, I don’t know, we’ll see.’ So I think that kind of thinking is what carries you through the tough times, and it gives you a consistency that in the athletics world is hugely important.”

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Tennessee to face off against Baltimore
Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Music City has seen this story many times before. A big, popular star nears the end of his run and isn’t welcome anywhere. Then there’s the big comeback, the triumphant return.

 Cue Steve McNair.

The quarterback Titans fans still believe was done wrong by his team in a painful and ugly separation is coming back to the town. He returns happy, a winner with his new team — the Baltimore Ravens — and in perfect position to take some revenge.

“Ah lot of people say, ‘Well, maybe you’ve lost a step. Maybe you don’t have it all anymore,’” McNair said Wednesday in a conference call.

“Well, Campbell, I’m willing to bring you in and put you in as a starter, that lets you know they see something left in you. All I’ve got to do right now is manage the game and put this team in position to win games week in, week out. I’m very flattered that they thought that of me.”

Instead of being stuck with the young and struggling Titans (2-6), McNair is with the 6-2 Ravens atop the AFC North.

“It takes a little getting used to, but I obviously like him on my sideline rather than the other one,” Ravens coach Brian Billick said. “It’s been a joy to be around and had a huge impact on our team.”

It’s not that McNair wasn’t wanted after 11 seasons with the Titans’ organization. But the Titans wouldn’t pay the winningest quarterback in their history $9 million for 2006, with a $23.46 million salary cap hit. Not after draftling his successor, Vince Young.

McNair said he knew that salary cap stuff made it impossible for him to stay with the franchise that drafted him No. 3 overall in 1995.

How Titans management handled those final weeks is a different matter.

A trainer met him, told him not to work out on their property. He filed a grievance through the NFL Players Association and won. The Titans let his agent talk with the Ravens during the NFL draft about a trade, but they couldn’t agree on a draft pick for compensation.

That left McNair, a 2003 NFL co-MVP and the Titans’ first Super Bowl participant, to spend months until the trade on June 8, and forced to play catch-up after the trade.

The chance to play in another Super Bowl in Baltimore helped ease the disappointment, and McNair now says change can be good — sometimes.

“When one door (closes), another one opens,” McNair said. “I’m just glad to get this opportunity to further my career,” McNair said.

Billick doesn’t see McNair harboring any ill will.

“He’s had nothing but good things to say about the Titans, the organization and everyone there, both publicly and privately,” Billick said.

The question is how will he be greeted Sunday? This game was the second-fastest sellout when single-game tickets went on sale in July. McNair isn’t sure if he will hear boos, cheers or a mixture of both.

Titan linebacker Keith Bulluck predicts cheering, considering McNair was playing for Tennessee last season and the consensus among fans who are unhappy with how he was treated.

“Definitely, everybody’s looking forward to Steve coming back,” he said.

McNair earned his share of cheers in January 2000 for driving the Titans down the field before coming a yard short of possibly forcing the first overtime in Super Bowl history. He almost singlehandedly led them to 11 victories in 12 games and a second AFC championship appearance after a 1-14 start in 2002.

And it was McNair, limping with a cracked bone spur, who barely came up short in the playoffs at New England in January 2004 after being voted co-MVP of the league.

“Oh man, they’re going to love him,” Young said. “It’s going to be a way different than when T.O. went back to Philadelphia.”

McNair said this will be another game. Cornerback Samari Rolle, who went through this reunion last year after being cut by the Titans and signing with Baltimore, doesn’t agree.

“I think he’s going to treat it like one of the biggest games of his career because of how he was handled and how much he meant to the organization,” Rolle said. “I think it will definitely be emotional for him.”

And a much better exit than McNair got in June.
comment on the recruits until Wednesday because of NCAA regulations. "Four great fits for us," Brey said of his recruits. "All kids that understand they gotta compete in the classroom, they'll compete on the basketball court. They all bring us something a little bit different to our basketball program." Abromaitis is a 6-foot-7, 210-pound forward who Brey said already shows a strong ability scoring the basketball. "He's a strong defender and rebounder and a solid all-around player at both ends of the floor," Brey said. "His versatility will allow us to use him at a couple of different positions in the lineup."

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but praise for her departing seniors.

"Their talent, effort and leadership have made a huge impact on our volleyball pro-
gram and really helped to bring our program up to the next level," she said.

That level meant some awards for those seniors. Cusack was honored as the MIAA defensive player of the year, while also being named to the league's first team. As the Saint Mary's libero, Cusack posted 472 total digs — 7.04 per game against league competition — and ranked first in the league in services with 0.42 aces per game. Cusack spent all season among the top-50 in the nation in digs. Playko also finished with honors. She was named to the All-MIAA second team for the second time in her career. She received first team honors in 2003. This season, Playko ranked fourth in the league in kills with 3.85 kills per game and eighth in digs at 4.75.

Carpenter received an all-league honorable mentions for her play this season. She averaged 1.36 kills per game and defense with 0.63 digs per game.

Another award winner was one of Saint Mary's outstanding freshmen, outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski, who took home the league's freshman of the Year honors. Slupczynski had a strong rookie season, averaging 3.00 kills and 3.72 digs a game in MIAA matches. She posted 10 double-figure kill efforts and four double-figure dig efforts in 18 league matches. Slupczynski also had eight double-doubles during the league season. Slupczynski and Cusack's honors marked the first time in Saint Mary's history that a Belle was recognized with an MIAA player of the year award. Setter Amanda Dall also received an honorable mention from MIAA coaches.

Schroder-Biek says she is "going forward" for next season and expects great things.

As for next year, the Belles will build on the successes that they experienced this year.

"We have a fantastic group of experienced and talented players returning," Schroder-Biek said. "These players will bring with them even higher standards due to the success we experienced this season."
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A Street & Smith’s honorable mention All-American in each of the past three seasons, she has averaged 11.3 points per game in her three-plus seasons with the Friars, including 12.9 points a game last season. Last year, Peters also averaged a teambest 7.7 rebounds a game and recorded a .605 field goal percentage while helping lead Fenwick to a 32-2 record and a top-20 national ranking.

"I think the biggest thing we thought we needed was a really big, athletic post who could rebound, defend and score, and I think we got that in Devereaux Peters," Muffet McGraw Irish coach

The three rookies that will join the Notre Dame squad next season are Devereaux Peters, a 6-2 forward from Fenwick High School in Chicago, Becca Bruszewski, a 6-1 forward from Wheeler High School in Valparaiso, Ind., and Brittany Mallory, a 5-10 guard from the McDonogh School in Baltimore, Md.

"We are thrilled with this class," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said at her press conference Wednesday. "I think we’re really securing our future. We’re doing a really good job on the recruiting front."

Peters, a consensus top-35 recruit, is the most highly touted commit of this year's class. She brings the attitude that Crystal has and the intimidating presence that we need. She is the kind of player who is going to go toe-to-toe and not back down from anyone," McGraw said. Bruszewski showed her tenacity on the volleyball court, where she has also shone.

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CAPPED (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A walk down memory lane should help you come up with an excellent solution to a decision you must make. Someone in a position of authority will give you a hard time if you aren't fully prepared to deal with him or her. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Social events, travel and joining interest groups will all be conducive to love. An emotional connection will lead to a decision that will alter your personal life. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone depends on or is close to you for help. Exaggeration can be expected and emotional measures used to lead you in a direction you probably shouldn't go. A different lifestyle may be good for someone else but, for now, stick to what you know. 3 stars

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Signing bonus

Men's squad brings in four young players

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey announced Wednesday four high school seniors — Tim Abromaitis (Farmington, Conn.), Tyrone Nazh (Queens, N.Y.), Ty Proffitt (London, Ky.) and Carleton Scott (San Antonio, Tex.) — signed national letters of intent to play for the Irish beginning next fall.

The four had previously given verbal commitments, but Brey's press conference made it official on the first day of the national signing period. The Irish coach was not allowed to

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Irish guard Colin Falls, left, dribbles around Bellarmine defender Matt Otte during Notre Dame’s 85-57 win over the Knights Monday.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's ends one of its best seasons in recent years

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s had one of its best seasons in history. The Belles finished with a record of 12-7 overall and 9-7 in the MIAA after their season ended Friday with a 3-0 loss to No. 12 Calvin.

This fall, they came out of the gate quickly, winning nine of their first 10 games and hosting their first postseason game since 1999.

Saint Mary’s won that Oct. 31 game 3-2 against Alma in its first MIAA tournament win since the last time it hosted — but went on to lose to No. 12 Calvin College in the next round.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said team chemistry contributed to the Belles’ success. “I don’t believe that I have ever had a team that, from starter to non-starter, supported each other so fully,” she said. “They enjoyed each other and it showed on the court, on the bench, in the bus, at team meals, in practices — it was a great dynamite.”

Schroeder-Biek said she was pleased by how the season turned out. “It was very satisfying to accomplish our goal to host the first round of the MIAA tournament and, for the first time since 1999, advance to the semi-final round.” Another big reason for the Belles’ success was their caps-tains — seniors outside hitter Kristen Playko, libero Anne Conk and outside hitter Ann Carpenter. Schroeder-Biek had nothing
to lose for the best teachers in the country."

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Irish lock up second offensive line commit

By KEN FOWLER
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Two top recruiting battles will be decided today, but Notre Dame got good news early in the commitment of an athletic guard.

The Irish secured their 10th verbal commitment — and second among offensive linemen — Tuesday for the class of 2011. Emeka Nwankwo, pronounced wank-wo, of Hollywood, Fla., called Irish coach Charlie Weis to inform him of his decision.

Nwankwo is a 6-foot-3, 300-pound guard who also plays defensive line for his Chaminade Madonna College Prep team.

Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for IrishEyes.com, said Nwankwo's commitment was not a surprise. "I think Emeka always liked Notre Dame," Frank said. "I think the big problem was convincing his parents that he should be that far away from home. It just took a little while for him to convince

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MEN’S GOLF

Coach earns teaching honor

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Irish coach Jim Kubinski has one top-100}

program, according to Blue Star Basketball, securing letters of intent from three top-tier prospects.

All three Irish commits are ranked in the top-100, and all signed Wednesday at the start of the early signing period. This is the 11th straight year that the Irish have signed a top-25 recruiting class, matched only by two other programs, Connecticut and Tennessee — which signed this year’s top class, according to

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Irish junior Mike King tees off at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic on Oct. 10. Notre Dame placed second.

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JUNIOR "Nate" Otte Jr.

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NFL

NFC East

Chicago Bears

NY Rangers 4

Michael Nylander scores the shootout goal to lead the Rangers over the Panthers

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Boston 110

Delonte West's buzzer beater in overtime gives the Celtics their first win of the year.

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23 in the Rockets' victory.

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