Institutions with highest enrollment of admitted blacks

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Students, alumni say change began with new rector and more rule enforcement in 2003

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

Only one year after University President Father John Jenkins articulated the need for increased diversity at Notre Dame in his inaugural address, the number of black and other minority applicants enrolled in the University this fall is up significantly — and a national publication has taken notice.

The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education (JBHE) completed a survey of the admissions offices of the highest-ranked national universities, and praised Notre Dame's "concerted effort to increase the number of black and other minority students on campus.

The JBHE said better outreach programs and an increase in the financial aid available to low-income students contributed to the 10 percent increase in the number of African-American applicants and the 44 percent increase in the enrollment of admitted black applicants at Notre Dame.

The JBHE reported 53.4 percent of admitted black applicants enrolled in the University, making it the fifth highest enrollment rate

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Zahm struggles with culture shift

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the first story in a two-part series examining changes to residence life within Zahm Hall and what those changes mean to the campus community.

Its dorm-wide dining hall dinners are legendary, its residents are unabashedly rowdy at pep rallies and it's notorious for close-knit, has drawn comparisons to a fraternity for years — but students and alumni say the basis for that connection is fading, and the dorm's rector maintains the portrayal is far from accurate.

"One big, big problem with Zahm actually — this is something we don't talk about often — is that the campus, I think, or at least parts of it, want us to be something like that. They want there to be a bad boy dorm, or a frat boy, frat house, that kind of dorm," Father Dan Parrish said. "Because it kind of gives them a whipping boy, someone to make jokes about."

That "bad boy" image, Parrish said, is an unfair — and unfounded — stereotype.

"It really concerns me that when my freshman parents show up on campus, that the Notre Dame's "concerted effort to increase the number of black and other minority students on campus.

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Registration reservations

I sit at my desk surrounded by an array of course selection materials—everything my advisor had to offer. I have my prospective schedule in front of me. My computer screen displays every piece of pertinent information I could find. I'm physically ready and mentally prepared to schedule my classes for next semester.

It's 12:39. My registration time is 12:45. I'm not worried about getting the classes I want. All that worries me is whether I've made the right choices. I cross-check the classes with The Hours, second-guessing myself and my ability to construct a schedule. 12:45. I'm in. My PIN works. The page looks like the tutorial said it should. My first three classes fall into place smoothly.

12:46. I hit some roadblocks. Discussion sessions I need are full. Apparently, I have more AP credit than I thought—paradoxically making life more difficult.

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Auction to raise money for charity

By LAURA WILCZEK
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Despite the unseasonably pleasant weather, the holiday season is well underway at Notre Dame. And as part of the celebration, Pasquerilla East is hosting its signature charity event — the "Silent Night Silent Auction" — tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to bid on items like footballs signed by legendary NFL quarterback Joe Montana and Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn, tickets to see a Chicago Cubs baseball game, a digital printer and multiple themed baskets. In addition to the opportunity to bid on items, participants can enjoy holiday food and music. The Undertones, an all-male a cappella group, will perform at 9 p.m. and Starbucks hot chocolate and pastries will be served as well.

In holding with the giving spirit of the season, funds from the silent auction will go to two charity organizations: Hannah and Friends and Camp Kesem. Hannah and Friends is a non-profit organization established by Irish football coach Charlie Weis and his wife Maura dedicated to promoting support and compassion for individuals with special needs. Camp Kesem is a camp dedicated to providing a safe and encouraging environment for children whose parents either have cancer, are in remission from cancer or who have died from cancer.

The organizers of the event said they are excited for this year's silent auction, which combines holiday cheer with a worthy cause, and hope it will draw a large crowd. "We hope to raise as much money as possible for these very worthy charities while kicking off the holiday season," said Lauren Bennett, one of the organizers of the event. For the past two years, the silent auction has been held in Legends, but this year it was moved to the LaFortune Ballroom in hopes of attracting a greater number of participants.

"We decided to move it to a more central location in order to attract and encourage more people to come," organizers said. Laura Hansen said.

In addition to its new location, organizers decided to move the event to a date closer to Christmas. "The [PE] girls wanted to move the event closer to Christmas so that people could get their Christmas shopping done," Laura Hansen said.

Four hundred graduates of the institute's programs are implementing the tenets of peace-building and conflict resolution that they learned in Notre Dame's classrooms and in Kroc internships throughout the world.

Their pervasive international influence is illustrated by two who received distinguished alumni awards: Dana-Cristina Popa, the Romanian Ambassador to Croatia and George Watchara, who started the Nairobi Peace Initiative. Both were honored during a banquet and international academic conference earlier this month.

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, peace increasingly has been on the minds of young people, and their interest is reflected in a doubling — to 150 — of the number of under graduates who have declared supplementary peace studies majors and minors.

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of the 30 universities in the report. Approximately 24 percent of first-year students enrolling this semester belonged to a racial minority — and 4.7 percent of freshmen were black.

"Next year we want a solid five percent of our students to be black, and another five percent to be international, and we're trying to get that, but the biggest problem here continues to be the insufficient financial aid," said Dan Saracino, assistant provost for enrollment.

Saracino said regardless of ethnicity, approximately 75 percent of Notre Dame students received financial assistance in the form of loans or a portion of the University's $70 million scholarship fund.

"We only have $1 million (id) for all international undergraduates, which means we only have $250,000 for first-year foreign students, and with that amount we can financially help approximately 17 of them every year," he said.

This year there were 410 international students that wanted to come here and couldn't do it because we didn't have enough money to help them.

Saracino explained that he University will meet the demonstrated financial need of any student regardless of ethnicity, although 4.7 percent of freshmen were black and another 5 percent were international — is our greatest challenge every year," he said.

"Coming up with sources of financial aid for the students who need it whether they're black, white or international — is our greatest challenge every year," he said.

Saracino said Notre Dame is preparing a fundraiser drive — still in the development stages — that will ask alumni and friends of the University for contributions.

The Saint Mary's admissions office has also made progress in its efforts to recruit more high school students.

Last year, only one of the five admitted black applicants enrolled. This year, the College welcomed 13 African-American first-year students, said Dan Meyer, vice president of enrollment management.

He said Saint Mary's saw the number of black applicants double, their acceptance rate grow from 26 to 47 percent and the amount of support checks that enrolled skyrocket from 20 to 72 percent.

"We made a conscientious decision last year to intensify our recruiting in more high schools in northern Indiana and the Chicago area, where there were larger African-American populations," Meyer said.

"His office also enlisted the help of current Saint Mary's students. (Current student) went to these high schools and spoke about life at Saint Mary's," Meyer said.

"They also made phone calls and gave tours to the prospective students that we can't on our campus in an effort to answer all their questions and make our College more comfortable for them."

Notre Dame also applied the strategy.

"We have a dedicated staff of both full-time professionals and student volunteers who help us tell the story of Notre Dame," Saracino said.

"Our students didn't come here because they liked the weather or because they wanted to go to school in northern Indiana — but rather because they were attracted to everything that Notre Dame represents and everything it tries to pro-

Saracino partly attributed the increase in the University's black enrollment rate to the annual Spring Vocation Weekend.

During this weekend, approximately 150 prospective students from underrepresented ethnicities visit campus and interact closely with students and faculty members.

Saracino also said the admissions office improved its outreach programs, visiting more high schools across the U.S. and sending recruiters to more countries in all continents.

However, he said without more financial aid opportunities, only a limited number of applicants in any given region and that any given background can really afford a Notre Dame education — a challenge Saint Mary's has encountered as well.

"Many students look at the price sticker on a Saint Mary's or Notre Dame education and they are immediately discouraged from applying," Meyer said.

"This year we will do a better job following up on our applicants and informing them of the scholarships and financial aid opportunities available to them, and even though we're happy with the results, we think we can still attract more students from all backgrounds," he added.

Both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame took significant steps toward that goal this year.

The JBI-IIE survey said only the University of Chicago's 52 percent increase in the number of black first-year students surpassed Notre Dame's progress.

The University of North Carolina had the highest percentage of African-American students — 12.3 percent — in its freshman class.

Stanford University and Duke University have also increased by approximately 10 percent.

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respected journalists in America today," said Robert Schribman, American Studies professor and founding member of the Gallivan Program.

"I think it's always valuable to have recognized and respected journalists talking to students who aspire to become journalists."

Matthew Storin, professor in the Gallivan Program and former executive editor of The Boston Globe, said Abramson was interested in Notre Dame when given the opportunity to visit.

She said she was very impressed by its academic reputation, and wanted to come out to a part of the country she does not usually get a chance to see.

The Gallivan Program began 10 years ago when several Notre Dame alumni, including Anne Thompson, chief financial correspondent for NBC News, Tom Brokaw, former executive producer of ABC's Nightline and Bill Dwyre, sports columnist for the Los Angeles Times, organized a small committee.

"Interest in the Gallivan Program remains high. The caliber of student remains very high," said a Saint. "We are continuing to pursue more of the best student contributors.

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Matthew Storin said this year's Gallivan Program is designed to attract more students from all backgrounds. "It is founded on the belief that undergraduates should not major in journalism, they should major in more traditional subjects," he said.

"Journalism should be a supplement to that learning that gives students a taste of both the craft and the issues in the craft."

Storin said the program is valuable because it provides students with opportunities to obtain internships for future employment.

"We are starting intern programs at the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Concord, New Hampshire Monitor that are of no cost to the papers where we will subsidize the salaries of the students. ... We try to provide as many intern opportunities as we can," Storin said.

Storin also said the program ran an extra — but essential — mile by addressing journalism ethics.

"We feel that we are bringing into the media students with a high developed sense of ethics and public service, and our program distinguish-

Storin said Abramson's visit arose because of a suggestion by a past visitor, David Shribman, executive editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

"He suggested Jill, and I thought that was a fabulous idea, for lots of reasons," he said. "She holds one of the most powerful and important jobs in the profession. [...] She brings the additional benefit of being an extremely creative role model for our female journalists."
Bush dismisses Iraq civil war claims

Investigators questioned a third civilian witness with Iraqi troops out to change course, President Bush on Tuesday rejected suggestions Iraq has fallen into civil war and vowed not to pull safe havens and are willing to kill innocents anywhere to achieve their objectives.

Militant kills self at border crossing

JUDEDE YABOUS, Syria — The Syrian leader of an Islamic militant group blew himself up Tuesday after trying to cross into Lebanon and engaging in a gun battle with border forces. Two border guards were wounded.

The incident raises questions about the security of the Lebanon-Syria frontier, which Israel contends is a gateway for weapons to rearm Hezbollah militants.

It comes at a time of increased tension in Lebanon as the struggle intensifies between Syria and the Lebanese government and factions led by Hezbollah, Syria’s ally in Lebanon.

The Syrian Interior Ministry said in a statement the clash began when Omar Abdullah, 28, the leader of the Islamic militant group Tawhid and Jihad, was challenged when he tried to cross into Lebanon with fake documents.

Bloomberg visits dead man’s family

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg met Tuesday with the family of the man who was killed on his wedding day in a barrage of police gunfire as he left his bachelor party, and investigators questioned a third civilian witness.

Three days after the fatal encounter, it remained unclear why four detectives and one police officer opened fire in what authorities denouncing an undercover operation at a strip club.

The unidentified witness was on a darkened block in Queens when five police officers killed 23-year-old Sean Bell and injured two friends as the three men sat inside a car, officials said.

Three men collapsed in the exercise yard at the camp in Panama City and died at a hospital the next day.

No arson in deadly Missouri fire

As the investigation continued, questions emerged about the home's owner — Kenneth Dupont, a group home for the elderly and mentally ill, a police spokesman said Tuesday.

Stray bullet of the Missouri State Highway Patrol said investigators did not have any suspects or persons of interest in the blaze, which authorities had previously described as suspicious.

Clark said dozens of fires were there when the fire started at the Anderson Guest House.

Local News

Court denies sexual abuse lawsuits

DUPONT, Ind. — A teenage boy said he was abused by a Catholic school teacher in Kentucky cannot sue two Roman Catholic dioceses in Wisconsin for allegedly covering up the man's abuse of dozens of children in the state, a state appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The District 1 Court of Appeals said the lawsuits were barred by statutes of limitation.

Turkey

Pope condemns violent religion

Benedict XVI says leaders must shun bloodshed, cleric warns of Islamophobia

Benedict XVI urged leaders of all religions Tuesday to "utterly reject" and oppose any form of violence in the name of faith and warned Turkey's top Muslim cleric that the pontiff of growing "Islamophobia" in the world.

He began his first visit to a Muslim country — a trip that drew extraordinary security but few lookers — seeking a careful balance as he extends friendship and brotherhood to Muslims, hoping to end the outcry from many Muslims over his remarks linking Islam to violence.

He expressed support for Turkey's efforts to join the European Union, moving away from opposition he voiced when he was a cardinal.

But the German pope also hammered away at key points his 18-month papacy, telling diplomats that leaders of all religions must "utterly refuse to sanction recourse to violence as a legitimate expression of faith."

He avoided mention of any specific religion, even as he decried terrorism and the "disturbing conflicts" in the Middle East.

Benedict also said guarantees of religious freedom are essential for a just society and that the world must respect differences in belief while undertaking an operation at a strip club.

Charges filed in boot camp death

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Seven former guards at a juvenile detention center in Pascagoula, Miss., died of smoke inhalation when a fire broke out, noting they were found in their pajamas and were not wearing shoes. All of them died of smoke inhalation, he said.

Police said 33 residents and two employees were there when the fire started at the Anderson Guest House.

The blaze injured about two dozen people and stunned this town of 1,800 people in Missouri's Ozark hills.

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As the investigation continued, questions emerged about the home's owner — Kenneth Dupont, who had been convicted in 2003 in a Medicare fraud case. The conviction raised the issue of whether he was legally allowed to operate the place.

Robert Joseph Dupont, 62, was found guilty for his part in a scheme to bilk the federal program and was sentenced to nearly two years in federal prison.

Missouri law prohibits a felon convicted of a crime involving a health care facility from being an "operator" or "principal" of a long-term care facility, but Dupont's exact role at the home was unclear.
Comedian Tracy Morgan charged with drunk driving

NEW YORK — Tracy Morgan, a former "Saturday Night Live" regular who co-stars on NBC's "30 Rock," was arrested Tuesday in Upper Manhattan on drunk driving charges.

Morgan was driving a Chrysler 300C through the Henry Hudson Parkway near West 158th Street, said Edison Alban, a spokesman for District Attorney Robert Morgenthau.

Police said Morgan smelled of alcohol and later failed a breathalyzer test at a test station.

When he was arrested, Morgan told police he had been drinking beer and "had some beers," Assistant District Attorney Robert Kennedy said in court.

Morgan's publicist in Los Angeles did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Morgan was arraigned on charges of driving while intoxicated and a driving while impaired. Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Marc G. Solomon arraigned Morgan without requiring him to post bail, but ordered him to turn over his driver's license.

The judge told the defendant that he recommended a $1,000 fine, five days of community service and a DWI program.

Morgan's lawyer, Sheryl Reich, told the judge they had no interest in the plea offer at this time.

The judge scheduled a Jan. 4 hearing for a possible disposition.

Morgan didn't speak in court and he evaded reporters afterward.

Last Dec. 2, Morgan was arrested in Hollywood, Calif., on impaired driving charges after police stopped him for speeding.

Authorities said his blood alcohol level was 0.11 percent, over the legal limit of 0.08 percent.

He pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge and was sentenced to 36 months' probation, fined $390 and ordered to attend an alcohol education program.

Morgan was a "Saturday Night Live" cast member from 1996 to 2003. He left the show to star in "30 Rock" with Tina Fey and Alec Baldwin.
Durables fall, stocks march on

Housing shows gains; investors shrug off inflation, housing market warnings

NEW YORK — Stocks advanced modestly Tuesday after U.S. District Judge Susan Illston let the Franchise Restraining order in newspaper sale go through, ruling against an antitrust violation.

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Fed Chair says rate cuts unlikely

WASHINGTON — Even with the economy in a slowdown mode, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke made clear Tuesday that policymakers want to see inflation continue to recede, suggesting the Fed probably won't be cutting interest rates any time soon.

In this most recent development on the economy since summer, Bernanke struck a largely positive tone that the median selling price fell by the steepest amount was up 14.74, or 0.12 percent, at 12,136.45, after falling 158 Monday.

The Fed chief also was hopeful that the slump in the once sizzling housing market could turn out to be deeper than expected, putting an even greater drag on overall economic activity. Or, Bernanke warned, economic growth could rebound more strongly than expected, which could lead to a flare-up in inflation.

"A failure of inflation to moderate as expected would be especially troublesome," he said.

Overall inflation has showed signs of improving in recent months as once surging energy prices have calves down. However, "core" prices — which exclude energy and food and are closely watched by the Fed — still remain uncomfortably high," Bernanke said. Looking ahead, Bernanke said he expects those core prices to moderate gradually over the next year or so. 10

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Ohio mother suspected of microwaving her infant to death
Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — A mother was arrested on suspicion of murdering her 10-month-old son by microwaving the baby in an oven.

Carol Arnold, 26, was jailed Monday on a charge of aggravated murder, more than a year after she brought her dead month-old baby to a hospital. Bail was set Tuesday at $1 million.

"We have reason to believe, and we have some forensic evidence, that the infant was killed," said Ben Betz, director of the Montgomery County coroner's office.

The coroner ruled high-heat internal injuries and the absence of external burn marks on the baby, Paris Taylor.

Arnold was arrested soon after the baby's death in August of 2005, then was released while authorities investigated further. Betz said the case was difficult because "there is not a lot of scientific research out there on these kinds of microwave injuries on humans."

The death was ruled homicide by heat exposure or carbon monoxide. The temperature. The absence of external burn ruled out an open flame, scalding water or a heating pad as the cause, Betz said.

Arnold's lawyer, Jon Paul Ron, said his client had nothing to do with the child's death and was surprised investigators told her that a microwave might have been involved.

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guard at the gate says, "Oh, your son's in Zahm, I'm sorry,"" Parrish said. "And that the usher believed it, because the woman selling ice cream over at the Hotel Matteson always told us that, because it really worries the parents.

But during the course of a few years, that's been changing. For a hall that so rarely finds itself in the University spotlight, a shift in community culture is significant, especially in Keensburg, where students grew frustrated with their hall community, they might start making a more positive impression. It wouldn't be the same as the situation in Zahm, a dorm with an especially prominent reputation in Notre Dame history that residents and alumni say is undergoing a major change.

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When it's difficult to pinpoint the exact source of the Zahm culture shift, students and alumni cited a transition in the resident director Father Tom Redman to current resident Parrish in the fall of 2003.

"When I came here in the fall of 2002, I think there was a fabric that didn't exist in every way," Parrish said. "We were broke — flat broke. We had no money, we had no one who was a parent, we had not a single piggy, carpet torn up, just twisting, and all the broken things, the walls. Common spaces were just dilapidated. The Fooskille kitchen was different: full, with down broken refrigerators, pets — everything was just kind of not working.

He cited the Zahm football team as an example of why a broad change was necessary. "The squad, he said, "didn’t show up very well" and wasn't a success until the dorm brought in a new coach.

Within two years, Parrish said, Zahm had won the championship.

"Some people resisted that change," he said. "They said, "Hey, you can't tighten things up."

And we said, "Do you want to win?" You know, you can be loosely organized and kind of let things fall into atonement and fight, and they'll be boring — or you can be organized and disciplined and creative and forward thinking, and guess what — we won the first championship since 1992."

"So yeah, I don't think strict is the right word. I would just say there's a lot more care in the dorm."

Students, however, frequently use the word "strict" to describe Parrish's leadership style — an approach they say starkly contrasts with the one practiced by Redman.

"None of your residents are going to like you all the time — that's unrealistic," said Kevin Gimber, an off-campus senior who don't get the dorm's image. "really it probably wasn't as big as all that.

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Before Parrish, that type of activity "wasn't something people would even think of," he said. But students say who the dorm has become stricter are missing the point, Parrish said.

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When asked whether he felt certain behaviors had gone unchecked by hall staff before he became rector, Parrish said yes. The reason and he and his staff have reported certain cases to the Office of Residence Life and Housing, he said, is for the benefit of the residents.

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LOS ANGELES — A federal judge struck down President Bush’s authority to designate groups as terrorists, saying his post-Sept. 11 executive order was unconstitutionally vague, according to a ruling released Tuesday.

The Humanitarian Law Project had challenged Bush’s order, which blocked all the assets of groups or individuals he named as “specially designated global terrorists” after the 2001 terror- ist attacks.

“ar law gave the president unfettered authority to create blacklists,” said David Cole, a lawyer for the Washington, D.C.- based Center for Constitutional Rights that represented the group. “It was reminiscent of the McCarthy era.”

The case centered on two groups, the Liberation Tigers, which has a separate home- land for the Tamil people in Sri Lanka, and Partiya Karkeran Kurdistan, a political organiza- tion representing the interests of Kurds in Turkey.

U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins enjoined the government from blocking the assets of the two groups.

Both groups consider the Nov. 21 ruling a victory; both had been designated by the United States as foreign terrorist organiza- tions.

Cole said the judge’s ruling does not invalidate the hundreds of other designated terrorist groups on the list but “calls them into question.”

Charles Miller, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Justice, said, “We are currently reviewing the decision and we have made no determination what the government’s next step will be.”

A White House spokeswoman declined to comment immediately. At the time of his order creating the list, Bush declared that the “grave acts of terror- ism” and the “continuing and immediate threat of future attacks” constituted a national emergency.

The judge’s 45-page ruling was a reversal of her own tentative finding last July in which she indicated she would uphold wide powers asserted by Bush under an anti-terror financing law. She delayed her ruling then to allow more legal briefs to be filed.

She also struck down the provision in which Bush had author- ized the secretary of the treasury to designate anyone who assists, sponsors or provides services to “otherwise associated with” a designated terrorist group.

However, she let stand sections of the order that penalize those who provide “service” to design- ated terrorist groups. She said such services would include the humanitarian aid and rights training proposed by the plain- tiffs.

The Humanitarian Law Project planned to appeal that part of the ruling. Cole said.

“We are pleased the court rejected many of the constitu- tional arguments raised by the plaintiffs, including their chal- lenge to the government’s ban on providing services to terrorist organizations,” Miller said Tuesday. “However, we believe the court erred in finding that certain other aspects of the execu- tive order were unconstitution- al.”

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A not-so-jolly holiday with Wal-Mart

Kimberley Burkart
It sounded better in my head

A few weeks ago, Wal-Mart informed the media that it would resume its use of the phrase "Merry Christmas" in its Christmas-related advertising.

Oh, how I wish there was nothing remarkable about this. But it's quite a breakthrough in a world where corporations become contrivocists in their attempts at political correctness.

Why this sudden reversal? Last year, Wal-Mart's refusal to wish anyone a Merry Christmas, opting instead for the secular Happy Holidays, resulted in that most clearly heard of outrages. Sales went down. Ah, capitalism. Gotta love it.

I'm just a simple columnist, one who, when driven into the outside world to buy shampoo or paper towels, regularly finds herself lost in the maze of the modern consumer world. But even I could have told Wal-Mart that boycotting the word Christmas would reduce its Christmas sales.

Why, then, did they do it? Here are a few possibilities.

Possibility No. 1: It was a play to money. After years of marketing its Christmas merchandise as Christmas this or that, Wal-Mart noticed that Jewish and Muslim families never bought any of it. Therefore, it launched an illusionistic attempt to trick people into accidentally buying Fiber-Optic Christmas Trees by advertising them as Fiber-Optic Holiday Firs. Or something.

Possibility No. 2: It was a play to save money on advertisements. Merry Christmas has 14 letters, Happy Holidays has 13. The more blasei among us may find this trivial, but on a large scale — the Wal-Mart scale—that's a lot of money.

Possibility No. 3: Happy Holidays is an alliterative phrase. And as such, alliterative advertisements always attract Americans. Agreed?

Possibility No. 4: It was a ploy to get the maybe 14 people in the country who are actually offended by the word "Christmas" to shop at Wal-Mart and boycott other stores that do use the word "Christmas." This is probably the most compelling possibility, which compared to the others isn't saying much.

There are people in the country who, for various cultural or religious reasons, do not celebrate Christmas. There are also people, like some Jehovah’s Witnesses, who legitimately believe that the celebration of Christmas is morally wrong. Now, this kind of diversity has been celebrated throughout American history. We all know that the reason the Pilgrims got on the Mayflower was that they didn't want to belong to the Church of England, and one reason they didn't like it was that it made much of Christmas as a celebration, while they thought it should be somber day of prayer and fasting.

Christmas protesters, then, are a part of American history. Good for them. They can and do address the issue however they choose. Sometimes they just boycott Christmas amongst themselves. Sometimes they go around trying to convince other people to do the same. One thing I am certain they never do is to go to the store and buy tinsel and light-up snowmon because they're labeled "Holiday" and not "Christmas."

And they certainly don't deny that Christmas exists. I mean, if they really believe Christmas is the calamity they say it is, they have to recognize the problem, right? Recognize that there is a celebration called Christmas in which some 96 percent of the country participates. I assure you, the Jehovah’s Witnesses know that.

Besides calling it the Holidays doesn't solve the problem. As for striking religious references in all public places, well, every thinking person knows that on those grounds Wal-Mart needed to change it to something other than Holidays. Holiday equals Holy Day. Holy equals Religion, you can figure out the rest. They should have chosen something else — perhaps the Secular Season of Mutual Giving?

But it's too late for that. For whatever reason, Wal-Mart thought that boycotting the word Christmas would attract lots of Christmas shoppers.

What really happened is that lots and lots of mothers read about how progres­sive Wal-Mart was in the newspaper and then bought Dora's Talking Kitchen and the Sesame Street Wriggle and Giggle Toy from somewhere, because they disliked Wal-Mart's treating the word Christmas the way it treats racial slurs and obscenities.

Or else because they'd heard Wal-Mart wasn't having Christmas sales last year.

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Letters to the Editor

Bringing evolution and religion together

John Kennedy explained in a Letter to the Editor ("Keep religion and science separate," Nov. 28) that religion and science are two understandings that need to be kept separate, but a Catholic university seems to be an odd place to promote the separations of science and religion. Rather than encouraging the separation of science and religion, I suggest bringing the two closer together, and the resulting interaction between the two disciplines will relieve some of the tension rather than worsen it.

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John Kennedy explained in a Letter to the Editor ("Keep religion and science separate," Nov. 28) that religion and science are two understandings that need to be kept separate, but a Catholic university seems to be an odd place to promote the separations of science and religion. Rather than encouraging the separation of science and religion, I suggest bringing the two closer together, and the resulting interaction between the two disciplines will relieve some of the tension rather than worsen it.

Science is a process very different than religion. Science is a study of the universe and our world from the ground up, but religion tends to negate some of the important aspects of humani­ty. A common way to understand the difference between science and religion is science explains the how, religion explains the why. That is what religion explains.

Science and religion are inherently different ways of understanding the world. As a result, one can keep separate, but combining the two leads to the same issue. For example, evolution is the scientific theory that explains how humans have come about through a random process, but it neglects aspects of humanity, morality and purpose among others, that science does not explain. If you look elsewhere for the answers to those ques­tions, you will never find an answer, but if religion is a part of the analysis those questions can be answered.

In regards to the issue of reli­gion inhibiting or opposing sci­ence, the cause rather than the solution is the separation between religion and science.

People deny evolution not because Christianity dictates such a belief (in fact, the Pope John Paul II wrote a letter sup­porting evolution), rather, they have been brought up in an envi­ronment in which their religion and science were kept separate and if that separation continues those individuals will never gain understanding of evolution or science that they claim to deny. Also, those individuals replacing science with religious texts, thus seeking scientific answers where they will never be found while simultaneously disregarding the more important message of their religion.

The conflict that results from contact between religion and sci­ence is a problem and when peo­ple look to the Bible for scientific information. They seem to dis­jointed just as will those people who have never heard of Carl Sagan. The purpose of the Bible was not to show scientific truths, such as the formation of the Earth (even St. Augustine claimed that the exact meaning of Genesis 1 and 2 could not be known). However, do­main take the Bible as an explana­tion of everything in this case. In fact, if religion is understood to function as a guide to truth in such cases science cannot address, then there should be no conflict.

Bringing such a religion into con­tact with science does not inspire discernment. In fact, combina­tion leads to understanding not only the stories that we will accept, but also of ourselves.

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Brian: By 2002, the Bond franchise had stagnated. "Stagnate Another Day," while a commercial success, was a critical failure that never really caught fire with fans. In fact, with each passing Brosnan film, the series became increasingly lifeless, adding bigger stunts and cruder special effects at the expense of story. The Bond franchise was, for all intents and purposes, a lost cause. Yet less than half a decade later, "Casino Royale," the 21st film in the series, comes out firing on all cylinders. The franchise has been rejuvenated, and there's a palpable excitement in the air. The biggest question now is where the franchise heads from here.

"Casino Royale" takes cues from the lesser-known Bond films, like Lazenby's and Dalton's interpretations, but pushes the thematic elements they introduced even further. The Bond of "Casino Royale" is a different kind of Bond, a maner, nastier, grittier Bond. Bond appears to be back, and Craig appears to be here to stay, but it also appeared that way in 1995 for "GoldenEye," which, as it happens, turned out to be the best of the Brosnan outings. The later Brosnan films started to feel like the cheesiest of the Roger Moore flicks, but "Casino Royale" thankfully jettisons all of that — no seven-foot tall characters, no invisible ears, no machines, no musical villains — but retains the slickness and flavor of the series. "Royal is among the most serious films in the franchise, but it's also one of the best, and also more fully captures the feel of Ian Fleming's original novels than any of the films since "From Russia With Love." But the best compliment that can be paid to "Casino Royale" is that it's not just a great Bond film — it's a great film.

Rama: Never one to mince words, Judi Dench and her acerbic British tongue lashed 007 mercilessly over the last decade. In 1995's "GoldenEye," Dench's M — the demanding taskmaster in England's covert MI6 agency — berated Brosnan's Bond for being a "catty, misogynist dwarf," a relic of the Cold War. Brosnan handled the insults and the role deftly, but always with the slightest tinge of deference — almost as if his Bond was accepting his role as M's glorified lackey rather than her superior. "Casino Royale" is a different story. Dench wastes little time before launching into another tirade against newly installed 007 Daniel Craig. Calling him a bland instrument, a thug and egalitarian in the same breath, she questions Bond's promotion in 007 status.

With a sharp look from his unusually piercing blue eyes, Craig responds curtly. "Well, I understand double-ohs have a very short life expectancy. So your mistake will be short-lived," he says.

Dench has finally met her match. Last August, Craig admitted to studying every prior Bond film three to four times in preparation for this role. What Craig's meticulous research unwarsted is fairly simple. Bond the man is far more interesting than Bond the icon. Craig and director Martin Campbell have stripped Bond down to his essence in "Royal," the film relies on character, not gadgets — a welcome divergence from Brosnan's more vacuous misadventures. Campbell's "GoldenEye" is the only film in recent memory to invest Bond with some emotional agency, and with an added motivational basis (and our attention — Sean Bean's 006. Campbell has managed to resuscitate Bond a second time. With the 66-year-old back behind the camera, "Casino Royale" is a potential character that is real part of the cinematic lexicon for out for four decades. Campbell and his screenwriters made the worst of decisions at the scripting stage — they chose to reboot the franchise, and round house "James became Bond, the bold, fitting tagline for "Royal."

"Royal" is a great Bond film and is not on action. In true 007 fashion, the filmmakers enthrall the senses with a frenetic chase through a Madagascan construction site — easy among the most pulsating sequences in the franchise's storied history. With this film, Campbell has proven himself in the same league as Michael Bay in his ability to orchestrate a visceral thrill ride. While Bay is myopic in composing his set pieces, Campbell fills out the rest of "Royal" with a visceral edge.

The film's most affecting scene is also the quietest one. Fully clothed and tenderly embracing a shivering Eva Green, Craig sits with her in a shower as water washes over her body. Minutes prior, he had brutally killed two Ugandan warlords, and here is Bond as we rarely see him — with warmth. The initial exchange in "Royal" between Bond and 007 is a sublime one. But this one moment serves notice that the 007 mantle is safe once more. It will be resting on Craig's shoulders for as long as he wants to clutch Walther's PPk.

"Royal" is a triumphant return for Bond. Against all the odds, Craig has proven he deserves a place near Connery — in the heart of the stylish gun barrel sequence that introduces each 007 adventure. After this single "Goldfinger." Following the Scott Adkins-esque "GoldenEye," George Lazenby is only involved in "Royal" as Her Majesty's Secret Service. However, the Bond interpretation had been used to thought Lazenby a lack of chemistry with Diana Rigg. What Lazenby's poor role was shelved and replaced Connery in the 1971 "Arrest Forever."

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Brosnan | '95-'02
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Dalton | '87-'89
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Moore | '73-'85
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Lazenby | '69
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Connery | '62-'67, '71

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**FROM CONNERY TO CRAIG**

By MARTY SCHROEDER
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No figure has been more intriguing or more controversial, depending on how you look at it, than the British secret agent, James Bond. The ubiquitous "Bond — James Bond" has become legendary, as has the shaken, not stirred vodka martini. Based on the novels by Ian Fleming, this Cold War warrior has been on the big screen since 1962's "Dr. No." The job of portraying this suave assassin has been a prized job that many an actor has sought. With the unimpeachable Sean Connery to the latest incarnation with Daniel Craig, the men who have played Bond have brought their own style and flair in adding and combing up the Bond legend.

Sean Connery was the first Bond and is considered by many to be the best. He told women what they wanted in a less politically correct age, and more often then not — they gave it to him. Either macho or misogynist, Connery's Bond always saved the day from the evil lurking around be it Russia And he always got his woman back was the "Dr. No," but the Bond on "Casino Royale" isBond Russia With Love, Forever." And the "Goldfinger." For the Sean Connery Bond, George Lazenby, had only involved in "Royal" as Her Majesty's Secret Service. However, the Bond interpretation had been used to thought Lazenby a lack of chemistry with Diana Rigg. What Lazenby's poor role was shelved and replaced Connery in the 1971 "Arrest Forever."

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BOND: DANIEL CRAIG FEATURE

by ERIN MCGINN

For Daniel Craig, it has been a rocky transition from a well-regarded actor to high-profile status. Although he was once nizable, it wasn’t until he was named as the sixth actor to portray James Bond from his height to his blond hair. Although fans thought that Craig was all wrong, previous Bond actors – Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton and Pierce Brosnan – came forward in support of his casting.

Craig was encouraged by his family from an early age to follow a theatrical career. He was a City College at the age of 16 in 1987’s “Kid in King Arthur’s Court,” alongside Tom Hanks and Paul Freeman. After four years of performing with the troupe throughout Scandinavia, Spain and Russia, he finally gained entrance to the National Theatre School of Music and Drama. At Guildhall he studied acting alongside other future note-worthy actors Ewan McGregor and Joseph Fiennes.

Although some debate followed with the casting of the “Bond Bond,” it is hard to deny Craig’s acting talents, especially when looking at his filmography. One year after graduating from Guildhall, Craig made his film debut in “The Power of One” (1992), alongside Morgan Freeman.

The next several years included small stints on several television shows, such as “The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles” and “Tales From the Crypt,” as well as a small part in the ’30s classic “A Kid in King Arthur’s Court” which also features a young Kate Winslet.

It wasn’t until his role in “Lara Croft: Tomb Raider” (2001) as Croft’s (Angelina Jolie) rival and love interest that Craig would receive international recognition. His role a year later in Sam Mendes’ “Road to Perdition” alongside Tom Hanks and Paul Newman continued to bolster his rising success.

His first starring role came in 2004 in the hugely successful British gangster film “Layer Cake,” and his performance garnered him several European awards and accolades. Craig then went on to co-star with Eric Bana in Steven Spielberg’s acclaimed “Munich” (2005).

As production wrapped on “Munich,” Craig was named one of the latest actors to portray Fleming’s infamous special agent in “Casino Royale,” thanks to the immense worldwide success of “Casino Royale,” pre-production has already begun on the as yet unnamed 22nd Bond film, which Craig has already signed on for. His contract includes an option to star in a 23rd Bond movie as well.

He is currently working on the film adaptation of Philip Pullman’s novel “His Dark Materials: The Golden Compass” in the role of Lord Asriel. The film’s director is Chris Weitz (“American Pie”) and Tom Stoppard wrote the screenplay. It co-stars Nicole Kidman, as well as Craig’s Bond girl, Eva Green.

Outside of the spotlight, Craig maintains a quiet lifestyle. He’s known for his reserved demeanor and his avoidance of the ostentatious glitz and glamour of red carpets and premiere parties.

Although Craig is a new power in the acting world, he has already achieved both critical and popular success.

With several movies — including at least one more Bond film — in the works, it is a guarantee that the world can expect even more great performances from Daniel Craig.

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In a tending of ways, "Casino Royale" is the Bond franchise coming full circle. The film is based on Ian Fleming's first novel, which he wrote back in 1953. Over the next 11 years, Fleming wrote 12 novels and nine short stories involving the secret agent, most of which were adapted (some rather loosely) into film versions.

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HER MAJESTY'S SPY FROM PAGE TO SCREEN

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THE BETTER HALVES OF BOND

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It's not just the guns, cars, Martinis. Girls. These are all traits that make the James Bond franchise what it has become today — one of the most widely known and successful film franchises of all time. One of the most notable and controversial of these over the years has been the girls — better known as Bond Girls. What better way to celebrate the franchise's 50th anniversary than to pay homage to one of its most iconic symbols.

The largest criticism of Bond Girls is based on Ian Fleming's first novel, which is based on Fleming's military history. Though the movies, especially the Roger Moore outings, tended toward fantastic elements, most of the original novels were straight-ahead spy novels, with much less emphasis on gadgets and action.

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Their 007's recipe for success

Agents 007 (Pierce Brosnan), right, and 006 (Sean Bean) confer in the popular "GoldenEye." The film was the first Bond movie not based on a Fleming story.
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Gerber stands on head against former teammates

Crosby returns from injury to give Penguins boost in win over Islanders; Kolzig has 48 saves in Washington win

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Martin Gerber made save after save in his return to Tobacco Road. If he had played like this six months ago, he might still be with Carolina.

Gerber stopped 29 shots in his first appearance at the RBC Center since leaving the Ottawa Senators to a 4-1 win over the Hurricanes on Tuesday night.

It was Gerber's first start in eight games.

"You try to put him in a position where there's a little bit of pressure, but he's had a lot of experience here before and he knows the shooters, they know him," Senators coach Bryan Murray said. "I really felt if he could beat this line and they'd be on pace to be back where he should be, and that's playing quite often.

"Mike Fisher had a goal and an assist, Chris Clark, Patrick Eaves and Chris Neil also scored for the Senators, who won for the third time in five games by extending the Hurricanes' slide.

Andrew Ladd had the goal for Carolina, which has lost three of five.

"We put a few lousy ones together, but it's late," Hurricanes coach Peter Laviolette said.

"What we need to get out of right now is just to get two points right now. We need to snap out of it.

And this time, they have a former teammate to thank for extending their struggles.

Gerber, in his only season with Carolina, set the franchise record with 38 victories in 2005-06.
New York Yankees win rights to pursue Igawa

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees won the bidding for Japanese pitcher Kei Igawa when the Hanshin Tigers accepted their offer of just more than $26 million on Tuesday.

Igawa, a 27-year-old left-hander, could compete for a spot in New York’s rotation next season behind Chien-Ming Wang, Mike Mussina and Randy Johnson. Carl Pavano, coming off 1 1/2 seasons of injuries, also would be in the rotation if healthy.

New York has until midnight at the end of Dec. 28 to work out a contract with the pitcher’s agent, Arn Tellem — also the agent for Yankees left fielder Hideki Matsui.

“We have been following Kei Igawa’s very successful and accomplished career in Japan, and we are excited about the opportunity to begin the negotiating process with him,” Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said in a statement.

The Yankees pay Hanshin only if they reach an agreement with Igawa. “I am very pleased to have the right to sign to rights for the Yankees,” owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement issued by spokesman Howard Rubenstein.

The Boston Red Sox bid $51.1 million earlier this month to win the right to negotiate with Seibu Lions pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka, the MVP of the World Baseball Classic. The Red Sox have until midnight on Dec. 14 to agree to a deal with Matsuzaka and his agent, Scott Boras.

The Yankees bid between $32 million and $33 million for Matsuzaka.

After the bidding on Igawa closed Monday, the Tigers were informed of the amount of the high bid, but not which team made it. The New York Mets bid between $15 million and $16 million for Igawa, a baseball official said on condition of anonymity because the amounts of losing bids are not disclosed.

Igawa went 14-9 last season with a 2.97 ERA in Japan. He struck out 194 to tie for the Central League lead, adding to the strikeout titles he won in 2002 and 2004.

Igawa, the Central League’s 2002 MVP, has an 86-60 record with a 3.15 ERA. He would have to play in Japan for three more seasons before he could become a free agent.

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In Brief

Cardinals sign Kennedy, Bennett in first offseason acquisitions

ST. LOUIS — The Cardinals made their first big moves since winning the World Series, agreeing Tuesday to a $10 million, three-year contract with second baseman Adam Kennedy and a $4 million, one-year deal with right-hander Kip Wells.

The Cardinals also agreed to a $900,000, one-year contract with backup catcher Gary Bennett with a mutual option for 2008 and a minor league contract with Eli Marrero, once their starting catcher.

Kennedy, selected by the Cardinals in the first round of the 1997 amateur draft, was considered the Cardinals’ second baseman of the future before he was traded to the Anaheim Angels in 2000, a deal that brought Jim Edmonds to St. Louis. Kennedy now replaces Ronnie Belliard, who was acquired from Cleveland last summer and became a free agent.

“Different time, different player,” Kennedy said of his return to St. Louis.

Wolf signs with Dodgers after recovering from elbow injury

LOS ANGELES — Left-hander Randy Wolf couldn’t pass up the opportunity to come home.

Wolf, who spent much of last season recovering from elbow surgery, finalized an $8 million, one-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday.

“I don’t know how many times I’ll have that option,” Wolf said. “I couldn’t pass that up. I’m happy with the way things turned out.

Wolf grew up in suburban West Hills and appeared in the Los Angeles City Section championship games at Dodger Stadium for El Camino Real High in 1993-94.

“I’m very happy that Randy’s decided to stay home and pitch for the Dodgers,” general manager Ned Colletti said during a conference call.

“Believe in him as a pitcher, knowing he’s a quality left-hander. He went through a tough period for a couple years with his elbow.”

Zaun returns to Blue Jays as talks with Barajas fall through

TORONTO — Newly signed Frank Thomas hopes the Toronto Blue Jays can add a top pitcher to their roster.

For now, they’re content to keep their catcher.

Gregg Zaun stayed with the Blue Jays by agreeing to a $7.25 million, two-year contract Tuesday, a day after catcher Rod Barajas backed out of an apparent deal.

General manager J.P. Ricciardi quickly resumed negotiations with Zaun after Barajas decided not to go through with the deal and switched agents.

"Zaunie was our first choice all along," Ricciardi said at a news conference to introduce Thomas, the team’s new designated hitter. "We just hit a snag there at one point. We called him last night and said, ‘Zaunie, if you want to be a Blue Jay, we have to make it happen now.’ He was great and we were able to work it out. We’re really happy that he’s back."
O’Neal confident he can return to old form

Wade’s move to point guard revives team; Miami wins two

Associated Press

MIAMI — First, Shaq sat. To take a load off his surgically repaired left knee, he settled into a chair outside the Miami Heat locker room Tuesday.

Then he spoke barely above a whisper into a cluster of microphones inches from his face. For those straining to hear, the message was nonetheless clear: Shaquille O’Neal’s latest injury should not be interpreted as a sign that he’s in decline.

"I don’t say anything to people that could never do the stuff that I can do," he said.

"They’ve been saying that the last 10 years," said O’Neal, speaking publicly for the first time since his surgery on Nov. 19. "I’m going to stick to my formula. I know what I’ve been doing, and nobody does it better, even at the tender age of 34."  

O’Neal has been sidelined since Nov. 12, when he tore knee cartilage against Houston, and he’s expected to be out until at least Dec. 23. A year ago, when O’Neal sprained his ankle in Miami’s home opener and missed 18 games, there was talk his body was breaking down. He recovered, sat out only five more games and led the Heat to the NBA title for his fourth championship ring.

Now that he’s in the middle of another layoff, rumblings about slippage in his productivity have resurfaced.

He dismisses detractors.

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No problem, O’Neal said.

"I’ll be in shape good enough to help the team out and help win games and further what we’re trying to do," he said.

Miami has lost four consecutive home games, but Dwyane Wade’s move to point guard last week revived the offense. Wade has totaled at least 30 points and 10 assists in three consecutive games, and the Shaq-less Heat have won two in a row.

"We just have to develop a certain style right now and develop some consistency," O’Neal said. "We’re getting better and moving the ball better, and Dwyane is playing phenomenal. Everyone else just has to do more and step up. We all have to step up."

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This Sunday at the 11:45am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart we will recognize those members of the Notre Dame community who are seeking to become fully initiated into the Catholic faith community in the Rite of Welcome. These women and men have met together over the past several months to explore their faith and the Catholic Church more deeply through the RCIA process. Catechumens seek full initiation through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation; Candidates are already baptized and seek to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Welcome gives all of us an opportunity to encourage these men and women as they continue their journey of initiation in the months ahead.

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Miami center Shaquille O’Neal, right, watches from the bench during the Heat’s 112-105 loss to Denver Nov. 14. O’Neal underwent surgery on his knee Nov. 19 and is out four to six weeks.
Owner demands better results from Falcons

Atlanta's playoff hopes fade; fans turn on talented quarterback as Vick struggles to connect with receivers

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ATLANTA — After watching the Atlanta Falcons lose their fourth straight game, only Reliable receiver in the airport, Atlanta blanked grabbed a front- of the interview room. It was to in on what Jim Mora and read in Michael Vick to say.

Blank also noted over a flat sheet, whispering some thoughts to his top lieutenant while trade for T.L. Burroughs to figure out how another season that began with such promise has totally unraveled heading into the final month.

This owner understands immedi- ate results. If things don't turn around over the next five weeks, the Falcons seriously need a big for big changes — starting with several members of Mora's staff and maybe extending all the way to the head coach himself.

"Ever since I've been here, we've had high expectations," Blank said. "We didn't do this team to be 5-10. We think this team was capable of making a playoff run. Anytime you fall short of that, it's disappointing." Technically, Atlanta (5-6) still has time to turn things the able hand around in the mediocre NFC, where 6-5 would be good enough for the wild card if the season ended today.

But after going 0-for-November, the Falcons are below .500 for the first time in Mora's three-year tenure and giving off few signs of being a team that can make a serious run for the playoffs as the season winds down.

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Meanwhile, the shadowy Gibbs — who technically is a "consultant" — prefers smaller, quicker linemen who'll carry out his controversial blocking in the running game but are leaner than the running backs when it comes to pass blocking. Vick may be the best running quarterback in NFL history, but he's still managed to get sacked 29 times playing behind a no-name group that has zero Pro Bowls on its collective resume.

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ior for Greece Athena High School and is ranked the 136th best Major League prospect of next year’s draft. Dupra, however, has decided to take the college route and get a degree before heading on to the majors.

Danielli towers over opposing batters with his 6-foot-3, 225-pound frame. The imposing force has dominated his opposition throughout high school to the tune of a 1.10 ERA last season.

Among the position players, Schrage signed two catchers — Matt Katch of New Castle, Penn. and Cameron McConnell of Bannockburn, Ill.

Katch hit .444 last season for Mohawk High School in New Castle, while McConnell hit .326 at Deerfield in Bannockburn.

Matt Scioscia, from Westlake Village, Calif., could also catch for the Irish, but he has experience at first base as well and can be used as a designated hitter. Selocia is the son of Anaheim Angels manager Mike Scioscia.

Schrage also picked up two infielders in Mike Doyle of LaGrange Park, Ill. and Greg Sherry of Meydam, N.J. Both played shortstop in high school but could move to second or third base for the Irish if necessary.

Ty Adams, a 6-foot-6, 230-pound slugger from Indianapolis, Ind., is the only outfielder in this class. Adams hit .515 last season and hit nine home runs in just 72 at-bats.

The 10 players will play their senior high school seasons next spring and enroll at Notre Dame for the fall of 2007, playing their first seasons for the Irish in the spring of 2008.

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chance to work some kinks out.

"I don't want to look past Winston-Salem State," he said. "We'll take the floor and it's an opportunity to get better."

Junior forward Rob Kurz said many of the Rams have to do with the defensive end of the floor. Notre Dame is Lehigh to shoot 57 percent from the floor in a 93-87 Irish victory Monday.

"Defense isn't the issue," Kurz said. "We need to work on our defense right now. We need to defend like we did last week against The Citadel.

Against the Bulldogs Nov. 19, Notre Dame allowed just 12 points to the first half on route to an easy 74-50 victory.

Brey said consistancy on both ends of the floor would come once the Irish — who have only one junior and two sophomore seniors — gain more on the court experience.

Consequently, Brey has structured most game preparation around teaching young players his system rather than scouting the opposition.

Brey said he would continue to stress the system even when Notre Dame gets into the tougher part of its schedule next week.

"The preparation is mostly going to focus on us and our development," he said. "We're not going to worry too much about scouting reports yet."

The Rams, who have struggled to just one win in nine games this season under first-year coach Bobby Collins, are led by sophomore forward Jamal Durham, who is averaging 10.7 points and 5.4 rebounds per game.

Winston-Salem State's lone victory this year came Nov. 14 against Anderson. The game was also the only time the Rams have played at home so far this season.

As far as the Irish home court advantage goes, Brey has seen a half-full Joyce Center and a Leprechaun Legion that barely fills the lower section of its allotted area so far this young season.

The coach said he hopes the crowds will be bigger as the season progresses.

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The Belles rebounded well, keeping pace with the Flying Dutch and pulling down 40 boards compared to the Flying Dutch's 44. The Belles also committed fewer fouls (11 to Hope's 16) and shot 73 percent from the charity stripe to Hope's 60 percent.

Ultimately, Saint Mary's could not overcome its uncharacteristic shooting struggles of two of its top players.

Kessler, who was an offensive force in the Belles' win over Anderson, was 2-for-13 from the floor — including 0-for-5 shooting from behind the arc. Senior guard Bridget Lipke, who also played an important role against Anderson, was 2-of-8 shooting.

Bench Kessler and Lipke turned the ball over seven times.

Junior guard Alison Kessler gives a pass during a 57-55 win Jan. 25 over Alma.

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Irish shortstop Greg Lopez slides head first into second base during a 4-3 win April 1 against Pittsburgh. Lopez was one of five starting senior position players last season that must be replaced.

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The Belles travel to Chicago Friday to play the North Park Vikings at 7 p.m. in the North Park Viking Classic.

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Thursday, November 30th
7:30 p.m. The Josef Pieper Keynote Lecture
"Modernity's Self-Subversion" - Alasdair MacIntyre, University of Notre Dame

Friday, December 1st
9:00-10:15 a.m. Colloquium Sessions
Session 1: A Catholic Modemity
Session 2: Modernity and the Market
Session 3: Modernity and the State
Session 4: Education and Modernity
Session 5: 20th Century Ethics
Session 6: Modernity's Yearning for Freedom
Session 7: Modernity and Government
Session 8: Early Modern Philosophy and Natural
Session 9: Papal Views on Modernity
Session 10: Interpretations of Modernity
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Invited Papers
"Modernity, Autonomy, and the Problem of Legal Authority" - Steven Smith, University of San Diego
"Preserving National Identity in the Global Marketplace" - Jude Dougherty, The Catholic University of America
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3:15-4:45 p.m. Colloquium Sessions
Session 1: Catholicism & Modern Literature
Session 2: Challenges of Modernity
Session 3: Challenges of the Post-Modern
Session 4: The Crisis of Modern Law and Legal Theory
Session 5: Reclaiming Tradition
Session 6: The Family and Modernity
Session 7: Modernity & Political Order
Session 8: Modernity and Loss
Session 9: Theological Challenges of Modernity I

7:30 p.m. "Owning Knowledge: Modernity and the Purposes of the Intellectual Life" - Paul Griffiths, University of Illinois - Chicago

Saturday, December 2nd
9:00-10:15 a.m. Colloquium Sessions
Session 1: Modernity and the Arts
Session 2: Transcendence and Contingency in the Modern World (Kirk Center Panel)
Session 3: Modernity and the Church
Session 4: Eastern Orthodox Views of Modernity
Session 5: Philosophical Responses to Modernity
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Session 7: Modernity and the Professions
Session 8: Thomistic Challenges to Modernity
Session 9: Kantian Themes in Modernity
Session 10: Imagination & Modernity
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Invited Papers
"Reason and the Fear of the Incarnation" - Msgr. Lorenzo Albacete, Communio and Liberation
"Godless? Liberalism and Religion: A Reply to Leo Strauss, Jacques Maritain and Ann Coulter" - Paul Simpson, Princeton University
"Transcendence in Tears" - Kevin Hart, University of Notre Dame
"A Montage of Catholic Modernists" - Rev. Marvin O'Connell, CSC, University of Notre Dame

1:30-2:45 p.m. Invited Papers
"The Catholic Cultural Revival: Modernity & Beyond" - Joseph Pearce, Ave Maria University
"A Catholic Priest in the Present Age" - The Most Rev. John D'Arcy, Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend
"Philip Rieff and the Nature of Modernity" - James Hitchcock, Saint Louis University
3:15-4:45 p.m. Colloquium Sessions
Session 1: The Modern Christian University
Session 2: The Ambitions of the Modern University (American Council of Trustees and Alumni Panel)
Session 3: Theological Challenges of Modernity II
Session 4: Eating After Anthropocentrism: The Moral and Spiritual Prospects of Vegetarianism
Session 5: Modernity and the Law
Session 6: Literature and Modernity
Session 7: Modernity and the Limits of Freedom
Session 8: Development and the Modern Self
Session 9: Early Modern Philosophy
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made our free throws."

Lechlitner and D’Amico sealed the Irish lead. The Spiders were able to hang with Notre Dame during the first three-quarters of the game. Throughout the game, Richmond gave the Irish trouble from beyond the arc, shooting 46.7 percent as a team. The Spiders also used those 3-pointers to counter the Irish early and prevent any serious runs. "I was a little disappointed with our 3-point percentage defense," McGraw said. "I think that’s something we’re really going to improve. We still have a lot of work to do defensively and we’re still not doing the job on the boards."

Richmond could never pull ahead of the Irish because of the play of junior guard Charle Allen. After she was subbed out in favor of Melissa D’Amico, Allen returned and rejuvenated the Irish squad, scoring the team’s next eight points while also grabbing a turnover and a steal to give Notre Dame a 16-10 lead.

"[Allen] really came out ready to go offensively and she was able to do pretty much what she wanted on the floor," McGraw said. "Notre Dame was also able to dominate inside against the shorter Spider lineup. Center Melissa D’Amico and Erica Williamson combined to shoot 10-of-13 from the floor, with D’Amico scoring 15 points and Williamson adding 9.

Richmond also grabbed seven rebounds while D’Amico had four. "I think the guards did a great job getting the ball inside to me, and Erica and I think we just got better position than we did last game (at USCI)," D’Amico said.

As the game was winding to a close, McGraw kept the pressure high against the Spiders, using a full court press right until the final buzzer.

"That’s the kind of game we need to play to keep our energy up," McGraw said. "In the first half, we didn’t have a lot of success at it. I think we finally wore them down in the second half so we need to press."

The press worked very effectively. Richmond turned the ball over to the Irish three times in the final three minutes of play for the starters, and the Irish won the game’s turnover battle 21-16.

"We’re not averaging that many turnovers a game, and that’s something we’re doing really well mostly because Tuyish [Gaines] takes very good care of the ball. Charle takes great care of the ball, and we don’t really turn it over that much," McGraw said.

The Irish are off the rest of the week until taking on in-state rival Indiana Sunday at the Joyce Center.

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half, Allen personally outscored the Spiders 8.2 to put the Irish up 16-11 with 11 minutes left in the first half.

Allen’s 22-point finish marks the second in six games this season that she has set a career high — topping her previous best of 21 that she tallied in an 85-81 overtime win over Bowling Green Nov. 13.

And she said she felt hot well before the opening tip-off.

"Before the game I warmed up very well," she said. "I felt like my shot was going in."

Irish coach Muffet McGraw had nothing but praise for Allen after the game.

"I thought Charle, start to finish, just had an outstanding game," she said. "I think Charle carried us in the first half along with Melissa D’Amico, those two really did the bulk of the scoring in the first half."

Despite Allen’s efforts, and shooting 51.7 percent as a team, the Irish only led by three points heading into intermission. For the first part of the second half, Allen continued to be Notre Dame’s leading weapon, scoring eight points in the first seven minutes of the half.

Her final bucket with 13:22 remaining gave the Irish a 53-44 lead. Three minutes later, freshman guard Melissa Lechlitner hit a 3-pointer that gave Notre Dame a 57-45 lead — its first 10-point advantage of the game — and Allen returned as a scoring factor as each basket only added to a large and growing lead.

Still, Allen’s — and to a lesser extent, D’Amico’s — presence on the floor and the subsequent attention it drew gave the Irish the opportunity to spread the ball around and ultimately put the game away.

"In the second half we wanted to get some other people involved," McGraw said. "That’s really where we opened up the game, when they were starting to key in on those two (Allen and D’Amico)."

D’Amico, who was second on the team with 15 points, joined Allen as one of five Notre Dame players to finish the game in double figures.

Tuesday’s performance was the second time in three games that Allen had a consecutive home game — that the five Irish players had 15 or more points.

The team accomplished the feat twice before the opening tip-off. McGraw kept the Irish up 16-11 with 11 minutes left in the first half. Allen only hit those shots, though, when they mattered.

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BASEBALL RECRUITING

Schrage, Irish ink 'top-flight' recruit class for 2007-08

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Dave Schrage hasn't coached a baseball game yet at Notre Dame, but he's already won a major victory.

Last week, Schrage announced the signing of 10 freshmen for next year, a class rated as one of the top in the nation by Perfect Game Crosschecker.

"We signed some top-flight players and filled some voids in areas where we need to improve," Schrage said in a press release about the signing class. "We now have two strong classes to build on for the future, with some great potential leaders among those groups."

The Irish signed three pitchers and six position players, with David Casey of Whitefish Bay, Wis., a possibility to contribute at first base or as a left-handed pitcher. Casey batted .533 in his junior season last spring and has a 2.81 ERA in his varsity high school career as a pitcher.

The other three pitchers, right-handers Evan Danieli of East Hanover, N.J., Brian Dupra of Rochester, N.Y., and Ryan Sharpley of Marshall, Mich., are all listed in Perfect Game's top 40 high school pitchers.

Sharpley is the brother of sophomore first baseman Evan Sharpley, who also plays quarterback on the Notre Dame football team. The younger Sharpley had a 6-1 record with a 1.81 ERA last year for the Mid-Michigan Tigers summer travel team.

Dupra was named all-state in New York last year as a junior.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Not caught in the web

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Despite trailing throughout almost the entire game, Richmond held close to Notre Dame until freshman guard Melissa Lechlitner nailed a 3-pointer to extend the Irish lead to double-digits.

Lechlitner's three was the beginning of an important run for Notre Dame, which scored 11 of the next 13 points en route to an 87-66 win Tuesday at the Joyce Center.

"I thought we had a really good spurt in the second half," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "[We] hit some shots, got a little better defensively, stopped fouling for a few minutes, and we

Irish freshman guard Melissa Lechlitner looks for an open lane to drive during Notre Dame's 87-66 win over the Richmond Spiders Tuesday night at the Joyce Center.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team to face Rams at home

By CHRIS KHOREY
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Maryland and Alabama loom on the horizon, but today Notre Dame has just one focus — Winston-Salem State.

The Irish (4-1) will play the Rams (1-8) tonight at 7:30 at the Joyce Center before Notre Dame takes on two major conference teams next week, squads coach Mike Brey described as "two of the hottest in the country."

Brey said his team isn't thinking about the Terrapins and Crimson Tide yet, however. The coach said the team would use Wednesday as a

Irish junior forward Bob Kurz drives to the basket against Lehigh during Notre Dame's 93-87 win Monday.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles drop first MIAA matchup on the road

By DAN COOPER
Sports Writer

No. 2 Hope College employed suffocating defense to defeat Saint Mary's 67-42 Tuesday night — the 32nd consecutive win for the defending national champion Flying Dutch and the first MIAA game for both teams.

The Flying Dutch improved to 3-0 on the season with the win, while the Belles fell to 1-4.

The Belles jumped out to an early 6-4 lead, but Hope surged ahead with a 15-0 run and didn't look back.

Hope's run was due in large part to the two teams' field goal percentage. Although the Flying Dutch shot a respectable 43 percent from the field, they held the Belles to a season-low 27 percent shooting (15 of 55).

Hope also had the edge in turnovers, scoring 22 points off Saint Mary's 29 turnovers. In contrast, the Belles scored eight points on 20 takeaways.

"They played tough man D. They put a lot of pressure on the ball," Saint Mary's guard Alison Kessler said. "They had a better transition game and were better at getting the ball up the court."

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