Jenkins says ND mission is global in nature

**Trip significant to University and key to presidency**

By MADIE HANNA

New Writer

University President Father John Jenkins didn't go to Uganda just to help people.

First, he went to learn—and while he sees aiding a country that faces tremendous challenges as both an opportunity and an obligation, he says it takes a certain approach.

“It is very important not to come to a place like Uganda with a condescending attitude, that you are the one to help. We're going to help you get back up”—there's a sort of hidden arrogance in that that I think is wholly unhelpful, and it's insulting to the people of Uganda,” he said Thursday.

Jenkins arrived in Uganda two weeks ago, accompanied by Executive Assistant to the President Frances Shavers, Associate Vice President for Marketing Communication Todd Woodward, Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (NDMDI) Director Father Bob Dowd, NDMDI Assistant Director Tim Lydon, Africana Studies department chair Richard Pierce and sophomore Tess Bome.

The trip was significant in a number of ways, Jenkins said.

Besides the desire to explore another culture, there was the goal to connect with the universal Church—two ideas that Jenkins called “central to the core mission of Notre Dame” and key to his presidency.

There was also, of course, the purpose that is probably most associated with the week-long trip—meeting the people of Nindye, who Notre Dame will work with through the Millennium Villages Project, founded by Columbia University's Jeffrey Sachs.

“There is a poor country, education is less than what it should be, diseases that are easily preventable people die from in large numbers,” Jenkins said, “and the sense of justice and fairness—but also the sense of Christian charity—requires that, in the way that we can, we strive to help people...to rise out of poverty enough to have a dignified life.”

The ACE Program has helped improve many Catholic schools, according to Father Timothy Scully.

The report, entitled "Making God Known, Loved, and Served: The Future of Catholic Education in the United States," was produced by a committee of approximately 50 people from Notre Dame and around the country, including educators, administrators, investment specialists and leaders in other fields.

But the report was born out of a need.

In response to declining enrollments at Catholic primary and secondary schools, the Notre Dame Task Force on Catholic Education has produced a report that outlines a strategic plan to strengthen Catholic schools.

Task force chair Rev. Timothy Scully, who directs Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives, said the report is optimistic about the future of the world's largest private school system.

“We're bullish about Catholic schools,” Scully said.

The report, entitled "Making God Known, Loved, and Served: The Future of Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools in the United States," was produced by a committee of approximately 50 people from Notre Dame and around the country, including educators, administrators, investment specialists and leaders in other fields.

The first ticket to speak, junior presidential and vice presidential candidate Galleen Ferriera and her running mate, sophomore Jenny Antonelli, highlighted their leadership roles on campus.

Juniors Annie Davis and Courtney Kennedy answer questions during the student body presidential and vice presidential debate Thursday.

The Undergraduate Admissions committee was shocked to see the surge in applications. 1,200 more than the previous year were received, according to Assistant News Editor ROHAN ANAND.

Early action applicants increase

1,340 accepted for 2011 class of 3,812

By ROHAN ANAND

New Writer

Christmas arrived early for approximately 1,340 high school seniors worldwide who applied to join the Notre Dame class of 2011. These individuals were among the 35 percent of candidates selected from 3,812 applications considered for Early Action admission by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions this winter.

Prospects who received their acceptance letters early, like Tanner Ryan of Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas, were elated to receive notification a few months earlier than their regular decision counterparts.

" Though I was anxious to receive my decision letter, I was relieved to know I was accepted somewhere great with plenty of time to decide," he said.

Under Notre Dame's non-binding Early Action admissions procedure, high school seniors must submit a completed application to the University by Nov. 1, and can expect a notification of either admit, defer, or deny by Dec. 1.

1,375 applications—or 41 percent of the pool—were deferred to the regular decision round.

Students admitted under Early Action have until May 1 to notify the University if they plan to attend or not.

The Undergraduate Admissions committee was shocked to see the surge in applications. 1,200 more were received than in the previous year, according to Assistant News Editor ROHAN ANAND.

President campaigns heat up with debate

By KATIE KOHLER

News Writer

The three tickets for Saint Mary's student body president tried to win over voters Thursday evening in their first campaign debate. Fielding questions ranging from campaign promises to diversity, interaction between the candidates remained amicable as they responded to inquiries from both moderator Christin Muehr and the nearly 30 students present for the debate at Noble Family Dining Hall.

The first ticket to speak, junior presidential candidate Galleen Ferriera and her running mate, sophomore Jenny Antonelli, highlighted their leadership roles on campus.

Ferriera, who served as president of her sophomore class, wants to reposition herself at the helm of the student body.

"Being an sophomore class president was so gratifying," she said. "I am really looking forward to the opportunity to lead the whole student body in the future."

The Kimberly Hodges-Kelly Payne ticket also spotlighted prior directive roles. Hodges, who boasts leadership roles in a variety of student government and diversity groups and activities, recognized that being student body president is a multitasking role.

"I have always been involved and made an effort to be a leader in different groups," she said.

TheUndergraduateAdmissions committee was shocked to see the surge in applications. 1,200 more were received than in the previous year, according to Assistant News Editor ROHAN ANAND.

Early action applicants increase

1,340 accepted for 2011 class of 3,812

By ROHAN ANAND

New Writer

Christmas arrived early for approximately 1,340 high school seniors worldwide who applied to join the Notre Dame class of 2011. These individuals were among the 35 percent of candidates selected from 3,812 applications considered for Early Action admission by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions this winter.

Prospects who received their acceptance letters early, like Tanner Ryan of Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas, were elated to receive notification a few months earlier than their regular decision counterparts.

" Though I was anxious to receive my decision letter, I was relieved to know I was accepted somewhere great with plenty of time to decide," he said.

Under Notre Dame's non-binding Early Action admissions procedure, high school seniors must submit a completed application to the University by Nov. 1, and can expect a notification of either admit, defer, or deny by Dec. 1.

1,375 applications—or 41 percent of the pool—were deferred to the regular decision round.

Students admitted under Early Action have until May 1 to notify the University if they plan to attend or not.

The Undergraduate Admissions committee was shocked to see the surge in applications. 1,200 more were received than in the previous year, according to Assistant News Editor ROHAN ANAND.
deadlines and freebies that I had been looking forward to, but they seemed to be the exception rather than the rule. I began to feel a little uneasy about this unreasonable weather near the end of the year. We had not had much snow in the past, but the past few weeks had been quite wet and cold. The weather was unpredictable, and I began to worry that I was missing out on winter. I couldn’t believe what I was thinking — me, missing cold, slippery snow? The snow that turns black on the streets and makes walking my very small Yorkshire terrier impossible?

But when I arrived back to campus last Sunday it was cold and I was happy. When it snowed and I got to wear my coats and sweaters and scarves, I smiled. I wore them on purpose. To no one in particular. And I felt like an idiot, but I was that excited to finally get to interact with snow, or other forms of precipitation, as much as humanly possible. The inconvenient truth is that however much I try to avoid it, snow happens.

Except this year. When I returned to my lovely home state of New Jersey, usually battered by snow by mid-January, I was greeted by the sun and downright balmy temperatures. I didn’t wear a coat, I didn’t wear my new sweaters. I didn’t wear the scarves I knitted in attempt to pass the hours of the afternoon I spent doing absolutely nothing. And I really turn to talking about the weather.

It was fifty, sixty, seventy degrees! When it hit seventy-four, my friends and I piled into my car, rolled the windows down and drove down the shore. At times it was a little too chilly to sit on the beach, and the ocean was most definitely frigid. It may have been a little ridiculous in retrospect, but we couldn’t resist. And we weren’t the only ones — the beach was surprisingly full that afternoon. I was, after all, the middle of January, not a prime beach-going time.

I began to get a little uneasy about this unreasonable weather near the end of the year. We did get some rain and some cold nights, but I felt as if I was missing out on winter. I couldn’t believe what I was thinking — me, missing cold, slippery snow? The snow that turns black on the streets and makes walking my very small Yorkshire terrier impossible?

But when I arrived back to campus last Sunday it was cold and I was happy. When it snowed and I got to wear my coats and sweaters and scarves, I smiled. I wore them on purpose. To no one in particular. And I felt like an idiot, but I was that excited to finally get to experience winter. It still hasn’t snowed, really snowed, once at home, even though the temperatures are dropping. I feel badly for my friends who went back to school there because they’re not experiencing a proper, dreaded east coast winter. What good is the excitement of spring?
Huddle gets an aesthetic facelift

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

The LaFortune Student Center underwent its latest facelift during Christmas break as the University renovated the nook in the southeast corner, home to quarter dogs and the wall of candy: the Huddle Mart.

Jim Labella, Huddle manager, said the Huddle Mart was “originally going to be part of the summer renovations” that included the main lounge and seating areas around Subway and Burger King. While the Office of Student Activities was responsible for renovating these areas, Food Services was put in charge of changes to the Huddle Mart.

The refurbishing, which includes new flooring, lighting, counterwork, a new ceiling and an expanded display area, was the first in the Huddle Mart’s 11-year history. The plans were the result of a collaborative effort between Labella, designers employed by the University, and the vendor from whom Food Services purchased the counterwork, Labella said.

“It turned out very well: I’m very happy with the outcome,” he said.

As for new products, Labella said the Huddle Mart’s products are always changing, but nothing major was added or replaced over Christmas break — he did say, however, that with more display area, there will be room for more and perhaps some different products.

Especially considering the attention paid to LaFortune over the summer, Labella said, decorum changes for the Huddle Mart were due.

“Now everything blends in,” he said.

Senior graphic design and marketing major Noel Carson appreciates the new aesthetics of the convenience store, calling it “more professional, less cluttered.”

Great-grandmother Helen Hitte has been a LaFortune employee for “39 years last October,” Hitte said, and she has seen a lot of changes during her tenure. She recalls the days of selling smoked meats to students at what she called the “cigar counter” years ago, and talking to the football players when they would come in after practice.

“The Huddle [Mart] wasn’t even here twenty years ago. — Hitte said. “The renovations are nice. It’s nice and bright for the kids so they can come in at night and get their food,” she said.

At 84 years old, Hitte continues to work at LaFortune because “I just like to be around people,” she said.

Hitte believes that with its new renovations, LaFortune will likely continue to attract plenty of students seeking good food, a place to study or, for regulars like Hitte, the company of friends.

Contact Meghan Wons at mwons@nd.edu

Students benefit from book sales

Buyback program not breaking even with original prices

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Long lines, low semester-end refunds and hefty price tags at the Notre Dame Hammes Bookstore regularly frustrate students at the start and end of each semester, despite the convenience of services the store offers.

With the price of a semester’s worth of books tipping the scales at up to several hundred dollars, and the refund on those books being what many describe as a paltry few dollars, many students are finding ways around these issues by taking their business elsewhere. As a first semester freshman, Ellen Rosell said she “didn’t really know of any other way” to purchase texts, and as a result paid close to $800 at the bookstore in August — a sum she called “ridiculous.”

But when she returned those books to the bookstore through the Buyback program offered at the end of each semester, she was further dismayed.

“I brought five books back (at the end of the semester). One went for $1.50, another for $30 . . . I ended up keeping the one for $1.50, with the others they wouldn’t take,” she said.

Many students have similar stories and do their best to find the most convenient and reasonable methods for acquiring their textbooks. Knowing which texts they require in time to employ such other methods — like ordering books online — can be the first obstacle, students say.

But according to the bookstore’s textbook manager Bob Thompson, beginning around Jan. 1, students were able to search and find lists of required books for each course on the bookstore’s website. The bookstore typically makes the textbook listing available in the weeks before the semester begins.

For other students, like senior Ellen Pollock, professors are often an additional resource to find out what books are required, well before the list is posted online.

Pollack said that some of her professors have sent the course syllabus in advance, and in other cases students can contact the professor on their own.

After determining what books need to be purchased, Marie Lange logs books online through sources like Amazon.com and eBay.com.

According to Lange, Half.com is usually cheapest, “even when shipping can cost a lot.”

She has had positive experiences shopping online for books in the past, Lange said.

“Even the books that I’ve bought used, they’re not even really that ‘used’ . . . they are often quite new,” she said.

And in the one case where Lange didn’t get the book she purchased in the mail, she was able to resolve the issue and receive a prompt refund.

At the end of the semester, Lange said she returns to Half.com to sell her books. While she is responsible for selling and shipping the items, Lange said the benefits outweigh the cost.

Still, others state that the convenience of bookstore services is worth the extra cost.

For junior Alyson Connolly, the bookstore has kept her loyalty thus far, she said.

“It’s convenient; I know they have what I need, and I can get it on time,” she said. Still, she commented, she would like to pursue purchasing and selling her books outside of the bookstore in the future in order to save a little.

“Instead of giving them back,” she said, “I’ll keep them and sell them to freshmen next year.”

Contact Aaron Steiner at astein@nd.edu
Debate
continued from page 1
"It's not just information," he
added. "It's knowledge in pur-
suit of faith and faith in pursuit
of knowledge." According to Scull, the growing
number of Faith-based schools through the coun-
try suggests a growing interest in alternative
choices to state-run schools.
"Why not be increasing at such alternative schools —
excepting Catholic parochial schools, he said.
Enter Notre Dame's task force
report.
The report identifies four goals
for improving elementary and sec-
condary Catholic schools: strength-
ening Catholic identity, attracting
and forming partnerships, ensuring
academic excellence and maintaining
Catholic schools. Based on these four areas, the report
recommends specific ways Notre
Dame and the Church can achieve
these objectives.
The twelve recommendations
for Notre Dame include:
• recruiting and forming a new
 generation of Catholic school teachers and leaders
• Informing the local community to attend Catholic
schools
• using Notre Dame's market-
ing prowess to attract families to Catholic schools.
"Marketing Catholic schools is a complex issue, Scully said.
The marketing strategy must be indi-
vidualized for its audience, he said, so the techniques to recruit
suburban families will be different from those used to recruit inner
city students. But before a Catholic education can be market-
ed, Notre Dame and the Catholic Church should make sure
the quality of the education offered is "superb," Scully said.
"So, 'Tibe report aims at, before marketing anything, enhancing
the quality of the curriculum," he said. "And that included both
the educational and the faith-based experience of a Catholic educa-
tion."
One way Notre Dame will con-
tinue to enhance the quality of
American Catholic schools is through the Alliance for Catholic
Education (ACE), a two-year serv-
ices program founded by Scully.
The program, started in 1994,
gives participants a Master of
Education degree and two years of
learning experience. ACE has
seen over 300 students move to
under-resourced Catholic schools
in the United States, Scully said.
"What education is about essen-
tially is about cultivating talent," Scully said. "The best schools are
the schools that recruit the most

talented people.
but there are other ways," Davis said.
These ways included a sugges-
tion box and "Letters to the President" in the Belltine.
"It is a chance for [seniors] to lead a legacy behind," Davis said.
"It is definitely something good for the college."
Hodges and Payne also held
elections, termed their primary
prize the "Senior Vote.
Enrollment has been increasing at
Notre Dame, according to
Scully. The school in good
shape, Hodges said. The
quality of the education offered is
"superb," Scully said.
"So, 'Tibe report aims at, before marketing anything, enhancing
the quality of the curriculum," he said. "And that included both
the educational and the faith-based experience of a Catholic educa-
tion."
One way Notre Dame will con-
tinue to enhance the quality of
American Catholic schools is through the Alliance for Catholic
Education (ACE), a two-year serv-
ices program founded by Scully.
The program, started in 1994,
gives participants a Master of
Education degree and two years of
learning experience. ACE has
seen over 300 students move to
under-resourced Catholic schools
in the United States, Scully said.
"What education is about essen-
tially is about cultivating talent," Scully said. "The best schools are
the schools that recruit the most
talented people.
but there are other ways," Davis said.
These ways included a sugges-
tion box and "Letters to the President" in the Belltine.
"It is a chance for [seniors] to lead a legacy behind," Davis said.
"It is definitely something good for the college."
Hodges and Payne also held
elections, termed their primary
prize the "Senior Vote.
Enrollment has been increasing at
Notre Dame, according to
Scully. The school in good
shape, Hodges said. The
quality of the education offered is
"superb," Scully said.
"So, 'Tibe report aims at, before marketing anything, enhancing
the quality of the curriculum," he said. "And that included both
the educational and the faith-based experience of a Catholic educa-
tion."
One way Notre Dame will con-
tinue to enhance the quality of
American Catholic schools is through the Alliance for Catholic
Education (ACE), a two-year serv-
ices program founded by Scully.
The program, started in 1994,
gives participants a Master of
Education degree and two years of
learning experience. ACE has
seen over 300 students move to
under-resourced Catholic schools
in the United States, Scully said.
"What education is about essen-
tially is about cultivating talent," Scully said. "The best schools are
the schools that recruit the most
talented people.
Regional News
Northern Europe buffeted by rain
LONDON — Hurricane-force winds and heavy downpours hammered northern Europe on Thursday, killing 25 people and disrupting travel for tens of thousands — including Steffeny Condeleeza Rice, whose plane was forced to circle for 15 minutes before landing amid winds gusting to 77 mph.

The storms were among the fiercest to batter northern Europe in years, ripping off part of the roof at Lord's Cricket Ground in London, toppling a crane in the Netherlands and upending trucks on Europe's busiest highway.

By evening, weather-related accidents had killed 25 people, including a 2-year-old boy hit by falling brick from a toppled wall in London.

Al-Qaida linked to convoy attack
CAIRO, Egypt — An al-Qaida-linked coalition of Iraqi Sunni insurgents claimed responsibility Thursday for an attack in Baghdad on a convoy of a Western democracy institute that killed a 28-year-old Ohio woman and three security contractors.

The Washington-based National Democratic Institute (NDI) staffers, including the Pennsylvania-born Stamm, were among the 11 dead in the attack.

The NDI released a statement Thursday urging Iraqis to continue efforts to stabilize the country and calling for a heightened sense of security.

NATIONAL NEWS
Pentagon releases new trial rules
WASHINGTON — The Pentagon set rules Thursday for detainee trials that could allow terror suspects to be convicted and perhaps executed. A military judge said Wednesday that he did not think he could try a case involving a child.

The rules are fair, said the Pentagon, which released them in a manual for the National Transportation and Safety Board.

"We believe that the due process that is required in any trial must be served," said Robert L. Wright, the Pentagon's counsel for the Guantanamo Bay detention center.

"We have not found any anomalies in operations at this point, we've not seen any train handling issues at this point," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Local News
Police intensity search for student
WEST LAFAYETTE — Hundreds of volunteers joined police Thursday in an expanded search for Wade S. Steffey, 19, who was last seen leaving a party at the Purdue student center.

Wade S. Steffey, 19, was last seen leaving a party at the Purdue student center.

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi sought Thursday to create a special committee in an effort to jump-start long-delayed government efforts to deal with global warming and produce a bill by Independence Day.

Pelosi, D-Calif., said she would ask the House for a vote to set up the committee. She was able to hold hearings and recommend legislation on how to reduce greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide generated by fossil fuels, that most scientists blame for a gradual warming of the earth's climate.

Existing committees that deal with energy, environment and technology would be asked to draft bills based on the global warming committee's recommendations.

"The science of global warming and its impact is overwhelming and unequivocal," Pelosi said in a statement. "With this new select committee, we demonstrate the priority we are giving to confronting this most serious challenge. Now is the time to act. The future of our country, indeed our entire planet, is at stake."

Pelosi set a goal of the Fourth of July for finishing a global warming bill that would "truly declare our energy independence."

The committee will be led by Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., who shares Pelosi's goals, said a Democratic leadership aide, speaking on condition of anonymity because Pelosi had yet to announce her choice.

Pelosi's move increases the likelihood that Democrats will propose far tougher constraints on greenhouse gas pollution than the Bush administration wants. She also has been outspoken about the war in Iraq.

"We should probably name it the committee on world travel and jun­kets," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which oversees the Clean Air Act and the Environmental Protection Agency.
Iran plans for installation of uranian enrichment program

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Iran is ready to start assembling thousands of centrifuges to produce enriched uranium — a possible pathway to nuclear arms — after finishing most preliminary work on an underground facility housing such machines, a diplomat and a U.N. official said Thursday.

The two said much, but not all, of the hardware needed for the installation of the centrifuges was now in place at the Natanz facility designated to house Tehran's industrial-scale enrichment program.

Both men — who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss confidential information — emphasized that the facility had been ready for some time, and there was no sign that actual work on putting in the centrifuges would begin at any particular date.

The revelations — based on reports by inspectors of the International Atomic Energy Agency visiting Natanz this week — appeared to strengthen claims from Tehran that it is moving toward large-scale enrichment involving 3,000 centrifuges, which spin uranium gas into enriched material.

Low-enriched uranium can be used to generate power, while highly enriched levels serve as the fissile core of nuclear warheads.

"We are moving toward the production of nuclear fuel, which requires 3,000 centrifuges and more than this figure," government spokesman Gholamhossein Elham told reporters Monday. "This program is being carried out and moving toward completion."

Iran's leaders have suggested those machines would be in place by March 20, the end of the Iranian year. But the diplomat and official said quick completion of such a large-scale project was unlikely, saying the complicated process takes months.

Another point of uncertainty is how many centrifuges Iran has assembled. The IAEA has not seen any beyond the few hundred Tehran has shown inspectors. But David Albright, whose Washington-based Institute for Science and International Security tracks Iran's nuclear activities, said Tehran technicians are likely to have built more than 1,000 of the machines at a secret location.

Even if Tehran proves successful in installing 3,000 centrifuges, experts estimate that it would take Tehran several years for all of them to be running smoothly and without breakdowns. Once that happens, Tehran could produce two bombs a year.

Iran plans to ultimately expand its enrichment program to 54,000 centrifuges. That would give it the capacity to produce dozens of nuclear warheads a year, if it chose to develop weapons.

It also imposed an asset freeze on key companies and individuals in the country's nuclear and missile programs named on a U.N. list and gave the country 60 days to comply or face the likelihood of tougher nonmilitary sanctions.
State prosecutors will drop felony charges if defendants plea guilty to misdemeanor

Economists find low inflation in 2006

WASHINGTON — Americans finally saw some relief when they filled up their gas tanks and visited their doctors.

A retreat in energy costs from last summer's record highs and the smallest rise in doctor charges in more than a half century helped keep the lid on consumer prices.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that the Consumer Price Index rose 2.5 per cent in 2006, the best showing in inflation in three years.

And in further good news, workers got a boost in the paychecks with the biggest jump in wages, after adjusting for inflation, in nine years.

That 2.1 percent gain in wages, after removing the effects of inflation, followed three straight years in which wages had fallen even as many corporations were enjoying record profits.

Democrats focused on those wage declines to argue in last fall's congressional elections that President Bush's economic policies were failing the middle class.

Analysts attributed the rise in real wages to the slow down in inflation and to a low unemployment rate, which meant companies had to pay more to attract qualified workers.

Benefits could thwart CVS' takeover

NEW YORK — There is nothing like greed in corporate America.

For the lucky few, it makes them wealthy almost beyond imagination. But it can ruin one's own interests before those of shareholders.

Regulatory filings suggest they got CVS Corp. to pay them all sorts of perks — big money, job protections and indemnification from legal proceedings — as they support Caremark's combination with the nation's largest retail drug chain.

Such behavior has given a rival bidder, Express Scripts Inc., some good ammunition to potentially win investor support.

IN BRIEF

Economists find low inflation in 2006

WASHINGTON — Americans finally saw some relief when they filled up their gas tanks and visited their doctors.

A retreat in energy costs from last summer's record highs and the smallest rise in doctor charges in more than a half century helped keep the lid on consumer prices.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that the Consumer Price Index rose 2.5 per cent in 2006, the best showing in inflation in three years.

And in further good news, workers got a boost in the paychecks with the biggest jump in wages, after adjusting for inflation, in nine years.

That 2.1 percent gain in wages, after removing the effects of inflation, followed three straight years in which wages had fallen even as many corporations were enjoying record profits.

Democrats focused on those wage declines to argue in last fall's congressional elections that President Bush's economic policies were failing the middle class.

Analysts attributed the rise in real wages to the slow down in inflation and to a low unemployment rate, which meant companies had to pay more to attract qualified workers.

Benefits could thwart CVS' takeover

NEW YORK — There is nothing like greed in corporate America.

For the lucky few, it makes them wealthy almost beyond imagination. But it can ruin one's own interests before those of shareholders.

Regulatory filings suggest they got CVS Corp. to pay them all sorts of perks — big money, job protections and indemnification from legal proceedings — as they support Caremark's combination with the nation's largest retail drug chain.

Such behavior has given a rival bidder, Express Scripts Inc., some good ammunition to potentially win investor support.

IN BRIEF

Economists find low inflation in 2006

WASHINGTON — Americans finally saw some relief when they filled up their gas tanks and visited their doctors.

A retreat in energy costs from last summer's record highs and the smallest rise in doctor charges in more than a half century helped keep the lid on consumer prices.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that the Consumer Price Index rose 2.5 per cent in 2006, the best showing in inflation in three years.

And in further good news, workers got a boost in the paychecks with the biggest jump in wages, after adjusting for inflation, in nine years.

That 2.1 percent gain in wages, after removing the effects of inflation, followed three straight years in which wages had fallen even as many corporations were enjoying record profits.

Democrats focused on those wage declines to argue in last fall's congressional elections that President Bush's economic policies were failing the middle class.

Analysts attributed the rise in real wages to the slow down in inflation and to a low unemployment rate, which meant companies had to pay more to attract qualified workers.

Benefits could thwart CVS' takeover

NEW YORK — There is nothing like greed in corporate America.

For the lucky few, it makes them wealthy almost beyond imagination. But it can ruin one's own interests before those of shareholders.

Regulatory filings suggest they got CVS Corp. to pay them all sorts of perks — big money, job protections and indemnification from legal proceedings — as they support Caremark's combination with the nation's largest retail drug chain.

Such behavior has given a rival bidder, Express Scripts Inc., some good ammunition to potentially win investor support.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have made progress this year toward correcting financial weaknesses, but tight government supervision is needed to prevent more problems from emerging, the government's ethics chief said Thursday.

James B. Lockhart, director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, said in an address to Fannie Mae, which just last month announced a restatement of $6.3 billion in profit for 2001 through mid-2004, had a loss in the third quarter of 2006. He did not specify the amount of the loss.

"They unfortunately have very, very large problems," Lockhart said in a meeting with reporters, referring to the government-sponsored companies that are the two biggest financiers in the $10 trillion home-mortgage market in the United States. "They have a long way to go, there are still significant worries." The problems are "massive and they're ongoing," he said.

Lockhart noted that the companies' financial results continue to be volatile from quarter to quarter, saying that both lost money in the July-September period last year. Freddie Mac, the smaller of the two, recently forecast a loss of about $500 million for the quarter due mainly to declines in interest rates, compared with a profit of $880 million in the third quarter of 2005.

Fannie Mae has not reported or forecast its results beyond June 2004. The company, which is the second-largest U.S. financial institution after Citigroup Inc., is not expected to return to timely financial reporting until early next year.

Fannie Mae spokesman Brian Faith declined to comment on the third-quarter results.

The problems are "massive and they're ongoing," he said.

Lockhart noted that the companies' financial results continue to be volatile from quarter to quarter, saying that both lost money in the July-September period last year. Freddie Mac, the smaller of the two, recently forecast a loss of about $500 million for the quarter due mainly to declines in interest rates, compared with a profit of $880 million in the third quarter of 2005.

Fannie Mae has not reported or forecast its results beyond June 2004. The company, which is the second-largest U.S. financial institution after Citigroup Inc., is not expected to return to timely financial reporting until early next year.

Fannie Mae spokesman Brian Faith declined to comment on the third-quarter results.

The problems are "massive and they're ongoing," he said.

Lockhart noted that the companies' financial results continue to be volatile from quarter to quarter, saying that both lost money in the July-September period last year. Freddie Mac, the smaller of the two, recently forecast a loss of about $500 million for the quarter due mainly to declines in interest rates, compared with a profit of $880 million in the third quarter of 2005.

Fannie Mae has not reported or forecast its results beyond June 2004. The company, which is the second-largest U.S. financial institution after Citigroup Inc., is not expected to return to timely financial reporting until early next year.

Fannie Mae spokesman Brian Faith declined to comment on the third-quarter results.

The problems are "massive and they're ongoing," he said.

Lockhart noted that the companies' financial results continue to be volatile from quarter to quarter, saying that both lost money in the July-September period last year. Freddie Mac, the smaller of the two, recently forecast a loss of about $500 million for the quarter due mainly to declines in interest rates, compared with a profit of $880 million in the third quarter of 2005.

Fannie Mae has not reported or forecast its results beyond June 2004. The company, which is the second-largest U.S. financial institution after Citigroup Inc., is not expected to return to timely financial reporting until early next year.

Fannie Mae spokesman Brian Faith declined to comment on the third-quarter results.

The problems are "massive and they're ongoing," he said.

Lockhart noted that the companies' financial results continue to be volatile from quarter to quarter, saying that both lost money in the July-September period last year. Freddie Mac, the smaller of the two, recently forecast a loss of about $500 million for the quarter due mainly to declines in interest rates, compared with a profit of $880 million in the third quarter of 2005.

Fannie Mae has not reported or forecast its results beyond June 2004. The company, which is the second-largest U.S. financial institution after Citigroup Inc., is not expected to return to timely financial reporting until early next year.

Fannie Mae spokesman Brian Faith declined to comment on the third-quarter results.

The problems are "massive and they're ongoing," he said.
Mission
continued from page 1
life."

What’s important to realize, Jenkins said, is that Notre Dame isn’t just pouring dollars on Nindye — it’s a partner-
ship. And partnerships work both ways. "I think we need to help in what ways we can ... to assist the villagers," Jenkins said. "I do believe that in that process, we will be the beneficiaries as much as they are. Because we will learn about their culture, we will work with them and form relationships that will enrich our lives as much as it enriches their lives."

While Notre Dame’s involve-
ment with the Millennium Villages Project is unprecedented, the trip itself wasn’t. After all, Notre Dame presidents are frequent travelers.

Global connections
University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh has been "all over" Africa. He visited Uganda in 1958, "before Holy Cross got there," he said. Those priests arrived years later, and since then more Holy Cross priests and teachers have gone to the region.

"We’re not an isolated place in northern Indiana, but we’re a Catholic institution interested in the whole world," Hesburgh said, echoing one of Jenkins’ reasons for the trip. "We pick and choose the places where we can have an influence edu-
cationally."

Hesburgh’s successor, University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy, has also taken multiple trips to Africa.

"Notre Dame’s an interna-
tional university," Malloy said the day everyone’s part of it needs to think globally," Malloy said. Malloy, who has been to Cameroon, South Africa, Madagascar and Uganda, said he was "delighted" to hear of Jesuits’ recent trip.

And while both Hesburgh and Malloy noted that Notre Dame presidents are expected to see the world, they recog-
nized the importance of this particular trip.

"It’s an important step. When you’re president of Notre Dame, it’s important you have firsthand knowledge of the places where you choose to help," Hesburgh said. "And we’ve been doing that for years ... especially in Chile (and) Bangladesh.

In the past, Notre Dame has helped schools in those two countries, he said. Hesburgh believes the educational approach to providing aid — like the idea behind Millennium Villages Project — is the one a university should take.

"Good ideas have to be institu-
tionalized, and there’s no better way of doing it than cre-
atin a learning center that will exist and grow and be a constant help to an emerging area," he said.

Catholic character

Another way Jenkins grew to know the Ugandans was not through their culture, but through their religion. While the Notre Dame group did meet those at the forefront of the Ugandan Catholic Church — not unlike last January’s trip to Rome, where Jenkins and University Trustees built on relationships with Vatican leaders — Jenkins emphasized the value in less official encounters.

"We went to parishes in Uganda, just ordinary, faithful people," he said. "You do feel a bond with them — it’s a com-
mon faith, common commit-
ments, that brings you close to one another. The whole idea of the Mass, and the Eucharist, is formative of a community ... I think all of that is part of this richness of community that extends across cultures, across languages, across countries, to a deeper unity and a deeper solidarity with one another."

"I think that’s part of what we believe here at Notre Dame, and that’s why the struggles of people in Uganda are our struggles, their joys are our joys. And it’s important always to remain aware of that.""
Rice says peace talks too early

Associated Press

LONDON - Israel and the Palestinians can pick any agenda they want for a preliminary peacemaking summit with the United States, but it is too early to tackle the thorniest issues, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Thursday.

"We're not yet at the point where I think we can determine what we could talk about formal negotiations, when and if they can occur," Rice said at the close of a week's trip to the Middle East and Europe. "It's really a time to try to get the parties to a more of a confidence-building phase and we'll see what comes after that." Rice said her three-way meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas probably would take place in the Middle East in the first half of February.

Rice said her talks with both leaders were "a break through that." Olmert and Abbas agreed to the three-way meeting, a symbolic advancement both of their relationship and the involvement of traditional peace broker Washington.

Olmert and Abbas are both politically compromised: Olmert by last summer's split and disaffection in his government and allegations of political corruption in his ranks; Abbas by his longrunning internal power struggle with Hamas radicals.

Rice hopes the meeting will be part of a wider effort to support Abbas in that flight.

Both Abbas and Olmert inherited the 2003 plan agreed to by others, U.S. officials expect it will be time to fine-tune some requirements in the plan, and that an agreement would require the Israeli government, the Palestinian Authority, and the two leaders.

"It really should be up to them to put anything on the agenda that they'd like," Rice said, but she made clear that she hopes to discuss more than the outlines or borders of an eventual Palestinian state.

Assessing his prospects for progress on the Palestinian questions, the chief U.S. diplomat met in Berlin and London with European leaders who are keenly interested in an issue with wide public appeal.

In Kuwait, Rice sat down with foreign ministers from eight Arab states, including the three U.S.-allied heavyweights - Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. The grouping encouraged by the United Nations represented most of the 22 Arab League-sponsored states. Rice broke into an interview with the Associated Press in London Tuesday night.

Some Arab media depicted Rice's visit as a failure. "The whole jet-setting trip turned out to be yet another stage-managed, futile diplomatic exercise," Finn Rice wrote in the Saudi newspaper Al-Marefa.

"Diplomats are in Kuwait, but not yet at the point where we can talk about actual negotiations. There are still some issues that remain unsolved," the Al-Marefa correspondent wrote.

The Associated Press had no immediate comment on the perception that she was forging an anti-Iranian alliance.

Rice's second in command, Deputy National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley, is due in Cairo next week.

Some Arab media depicted Rice's visit as a failure. "The whole jet-setting trip turned out to be yet another stage-managed, futile diplomatic exercise," Finn Rice wrote in the Saudi newspaper Al-Marefa.

"Diplomats are in Kuwait, but not yet at the point where we can talk about actual negotiations. There are still some issues that remain unsolved," the Al-Marefa correspondent wrote.

Some Arab media depicted Rice's visit as a failure. "The whole jet-setting trip turned out to be yet another stage-managed, futile diplomatic exercise," Finn Rice wrote in the Saudi newspaper Al-Marefa.

"Diplomats are in Kuwait, but not yet at the point where we can talk about actual negotiations. There are still some issues that remain unsolved," the Al-Marefa correspondent wrote.

Coffee at the Como

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

Tuesday, January 23
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
316 Coleman-Morse

The Como Council invites gay, lesbian, bisexual and/questioning members of the Notre Dame family and their friends to celebrate in an open and inclusive setting.

Contact Roban Anand at ranand@nd.edu

Coffee at the Como

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

Tuesday, January 23
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
316 Coleman-Morse

The Como Council invites gay, lesbian, bisexual and/questioning members of the Notre Dame family and their friends to celebrate in an open and inclusive setting.

Coffee at the Como

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

Tuesday, January 23
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
316 Coleman-Morse

The Como Council invites gay, lesbian, bisexual and/questioning members of the Notre Dame family and their friends to celebrate in an open and inclusive setting.
Uganda methods set example

The importance of service is ingrained in the Notre Dame culture. Large numbers of students volunteer on a regular basis and regularly devote a year or two of their post-gradua-

tion lives to programs like ACE and Teach for America.

So it’s not that surprising that the University has chosen to affiliate itself with a group of people in Uganda, vowing to support Nindye village in its quest to raise the quality of life.

What’s notable about this project, however, is the way it’s being done.

Notre Dame’s approach to the Millennium Village Project appears to be a smart one. The goal is not to just pour money into Nindye every time the villagers need it — it’s to lift people up.

The University community needs to recognize that the project is not just intended to make “do-good Notre Dame” look good.

Rather, Notre Dame is entering the partnership. It is one of many participants, one of two universities and 5,000 hardworking villagers aiming to create change and dialogue.

Most importantly, the project is a promising alternative to what could have simply been a lump-sum charitable gift — generous, absolutely, but probably not as enriching for both communities. If the relationship progresses like those behind the project believe it will — a partnership on a slower scale, gradually building to self-sufficiency — the Ugandans will receive the basic tools they need to succeed. Furthermore, a long-term relationship will be created that should benefit both Nindye and Notre Dame.

Now, it’s a matter of spreading the word.

It is important that those who went to Africa continue the initiative. This isn’t the only focus for University President Father John Jenkins, and he knows it won’t be everybody else’s. But this can’t be a worthy initiative that falls off the radar or gets lost in a sea of played out awareness weeks.

It’s the job of Jenkins and the others who have been to Nindye to prioritize.

It is equally important that those who go in the future keep the bigger picture in mind. Nindye cannot be a place used simply to conduct personal research and write for academic journals. To appropriately support the project, people need to understand why it’s important — and no one can better transmit that information than those who have been to Nindye and develop relationships with villagers.
Well wishes for the new year

Mark Poyar opens the new semester with the latest salvo in the ongoing minimum wage debate. I wish to applaud him for his rigorous argumentation and join with him in praising the virtues of examining the implications of our beliefs. He presents an elegant argument of the sort logicians and mathematicians call a "reductio ad absurdum," in which we reject or deny what is inconsistent with one another. In particular, let us call the two principles he considers the Principle of Self-Ownership and the Principle of Minimum Wages. Then his conclusion, which I will grant for the sake of argument, is: If the Principle of Self-Ownership is true, the Principle of Minimum Wages is false. But is the Principle of Self-Ownership true? Mr. Poyar speculates that many people would not disagree with it, but of course this farcical short of a strong argument for its truth. And perhaps many people would disagree with it, if they knew that it was inconsistent with other principles they hold more dear.

Actually, minimum wage preserves self-ownership

If all basic needs were provided for in our society, I might see Mr. Poyar's point. ("The other side of the coin," Jan. 17). I support the idea that an affluent 17-year-old should be able to bargain for a job contract of any price. After all, he can choose not to enter into a job contract at all. Many workers do not have this choice; they must accept some job contract, or go hungry in the streets. Without minimum wage laws, it is possible— or even likely the best offers a base-laborer could find would be insufficient to meet his or her basic needs. But this person would have no choice but to enter into the contract, no matter what this meant (18-hour work days, living in the factory, etc.) Poyar says that a belief in self-ownership and minimum wage laws are incompatible; I disagree.

The minimum wage ensures that the contract a person can find will meet at least some degree of basic sufficiency. In most cases, the minimum wage works to prevent workers from being stripped of self-ownership.
"LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE" DVD GLOWS

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Every family has its quirks. No recent film demonstrates this so wholeheartedly as the charming, deceptively 2006, "Little Miss Sunshine," recently released on DVD. With a buzz generated at last year's Sundance Film Festival, "Little Miss Sunshine" — helmed by husband/wife directing team Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris — took Hollywood, the indie circuit and both mainstream and art-house audiences by storm. Faris and Dayton, who had previously done only television commercials and music videos for bands like The Red Hot Chili Peppers and Smashing Pumpkins, turned the initially small-budget production into an award-winning film. The movie follows a girl, Olive Hoover (Abigail Breslin), who aspires to win the Little Miss Sunshine beauty contest but needs the help of her family to cross the country in their bright yellow Volkswagen bus amid several family crises to make it to the pageant on time. The opening sequence of the film travels from character to character, showing the audience vignettes of each person and their personal problems. Richard (Greg Kinnear) and wife Sheryl (Toni Collette) face the struggles of supporting their family when money is a problem. The son, Dwayne (Paul Dano), begins the movie in a vow of silence in honor of Nietzsche and, like any teenager, finds his family crazy. Steve Carrell breaks away from his usual funnyman antics and portrays the Proust male graduate student. Alan Arkin — helmed by husband/wife M. Night Shyamalan's dream and desire to win the beauty contest of the integral reasons this film was able to connect with such a large audience of the world. It had heart, and critics praised its development of familial conflict that was quirky but original, interesting and, more importantly, of those rare art films that connected with the indie circuit to Hollywood, the indie circuit and both mainstream and art-house audiences.

Little Miss Sunshine
20th Century Fox Home Entertainment

"LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE" SOUNDTRACK LEADS HEART TO FILM

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

"Little Miss Sunshine" opened to massive critical acclaim and made the jump from the indie circuit to the mainstream — one of those rare art films that connected with those outside the art house theaters. It was original, interesting and, more importantly, it had heart, and critics praised its development of familial conflict that was quirky but somehow intimately real.

One of the integral reasons this film was able to connect with such a large audience was its soundtrack. The soundtrack contains many songs written by DeVotchKa, the Denver-based indie band that has been influenced by film genres such as the Spaghetti Western and traditional dancing music from Eastern Europe. The band's sound provides the emotional center of this film, from the mellow and haunting opening track, "The Winner Is" co-written with Danna, is the final track of the film before the credits roll entitled "La Llorona" — a piece that would sound more at home in a soundtrack that are pure pop and pure

The soundtrack of the film can be melancholy or warm, sad or joyful. The music is part of the film but is also an excellent collection of music in and of itself.

Little Miss Sunshine
Official Soundtrack
Lakeshore Records

"The Winner Is." A French accordion leads "Let's Go" through its wobbly yet highly enjoyable trajectory, before "Papa" halts, stalls and "Superfreak." Steven's songs are not as strange as the DeVotchKa songs because they maintain a more traditional folk sound, one that may not be as easily catching but is as equally soothing and appropriate to the film as any other song on the soundtrack.

James' "Superfreak" and Tony Tidakis' "Catwalkin'" are the only points of the soundtrack that bring some pop influence to the front and provide entertaining points in the film, especially the "Superfreak" incident. They are points on the soundtrack that are pure pop and pure enjoyment.

The French accordion leads "Let's Go" through its wobbly yet highly enjoyable trajectory, before "Papa" halts, stalls and "Superfreak." Steven’s songs are not as strange as the DeVotchKa songs because they maintain a more traditional folk sound, one that may not be as easily catching but is as equally soothing and appropriate to the film as any other song on the soundtrack.

James' "Superfreak" and Tony Tidakis' "Catwalkin'" are the only points of the soundtrack that bring some pop influence to the front and provide entertaining points in the film, especially the "Superfreak" incident. They are points on the soundtrack that are pure pop and pure enjoyment.

Overall, this film's soundtrack is excellent for two reasons: it compliments the film extremely well and it also stands alone extremely well. This may be due to the fact that most of the songs were written by DeVotchKa. However, most of the group's songs on the soundtrack were not written exclusively for the soundtrack, and their style, in and of itself, is incredibly diverse. This is a film everyone should own and a soundtrack everyone should own. Most bands could only hope to put together an album as enjoyable as this, and the soundtrack does not fall prey to the cliché that film soundtracks only work in the film and not outside unless the music is from "Star Wars." "Little Miss Sunshine" is a great film that is complimented by some great music. One can't go wrong with either.

Contact Marty Schroeder at mschroeder@msu.edu
MOVIE REVIEW

In just "Rocky Balboa" lacks original film's underdog spirit

New DVD edition of 'Rocky' released on heels of lacking 'Rocky Balboa'

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

ROCKY BALBOA

That "Rocky Balboa" is not a terrible film is a testament to the character and Sylvester Stallone's obvious resilience and affection for his creation, but that doesn't make it a good film. A positive critical reception seemed mainly due to low expectations, and while it doesn't tarnish the "Rocky" legacy, it doesn't really enhance it either.

"Rocky Balboa" is ridiculously illogical, and this is its biggest problem. This, in a lot of ways, has become the series' trademark. Somewhere between Rocky's bouts with Clubber Lang (Mr. T) and the Soviet Ivan Drago (Dolph Lundgren), his humanity and warmth were stripped away and replaced with a superhuman quality that was more comic than epic.

"Rocky Balboa" was written by, directed by and stars Sylvester Stallone — as were "Rocky II — IV." While "Rocky Balboa" presents itself as a stripped-down return to the realism of the first installment, the truth is that the central conceit of the film is more outrageous than even his mountain-climbing, wood-chopping trip to Russia. A simulated fight between Balboa (Stallone) and reigning Heavyweight Championship "The Line" Dixon claims that an in-his-prime Rocky would've beaten Dixon. Balboa himself is retired, but runs a restaurant called Adrian's. Adrian herself passed away and this is its biggest problem. This, in a number of ways, has become the series' trademark.

There are obvious elements missing from "Rocky Balboa" and it's not enough to inspire Joe Montana (Oscar winners) or "Rocky". The original is truly a minor miracle, a serendipitous marriage of timing and talent, and a complete and satisfying story. Watching the first film is like Apollo Creed and Mickey are simply ignored, and the film leaves open the possibility for another sequel. If Stallone wanted to clone on the highest possible note, it would have been better if he had come full circle and made the series feel like a complete arc.

The first "Rocky" was about going out of the distance, fighting until the last bell and winning the girl of your dreams. It was a simple movie, and that simplicity was part of its appeal, something the sequels lost sight of. "Rocky Balboa" is more like those sequels than it seems, it is a super-hero send-off, but it also shares a key quality with the original that hearthens back to the simplicity of the 1976 Best Picture Oscar winner — it is not a film about a man who wants to win, it is a film about a man who once again wants to go the distance, to prove to himself that he wasn't just some bum from the neighborhood.

"Rocky: The Collector's DVD"

Something lost in the sequels, the hubris and the less-than-stellar career of Sylvester Stallone is that the original "Rocky" is — surprise! — a fantastic movie. The Best Picture winner of 1976, "Rocky" helped launch the careers of its director, John "Karate Kid" Avildsen, and its writer/star, Sylvester Stallone.

Sylvester Stallone returned to the silver screen for the last time as American icon Rocky Balboa in 2006’s "Rocky Balboa." This film lacked the heart of the original. drawing comparisons to tand this is true) Marlon Brando and Robert DeNiro in the process. And while the careers of Stallone and Avildsen from the subse­quent sequels have done much to dilute the original's impact, "Rocky" is the ultimate underdog story and a really great picture in its own right. Rocky follows a small-time boxer and hustler, Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone), as he is given a chance at the title by World Champion Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers). He enlists the help of crusty old trainer Mickey (Burgess Meredith) while also romancing local pet shop worker Adrian (Talia Shire).

Another year, another DVD edition of "Rocky," which means there are at least three releases of the same film — the original "Special Edition," the upgraded "Better Picture Quality" and now the two-disc "Collector's Edition." Like the series itself, the DVD of "Rocky" seems to have brushed its last, only to resur­face yet again. This version promises to be the last, because really, can MGM put much more content on these discs? The picture quality (a "new high-definition transfer") is quite good, and the film includes a sparse 5.1 audio track, which is unsurprising considering that it was originally released in mono (a track which is noticeably absent). There are three commentary tracks, and two of them are — one of them is — actually, and one featuring trailer Lou Duva and commentator Bert Sugar. Stallone's com­mentary is intelligent and informative, filled with anecdotes and asides about the blood, sweat and tears that went into the making of "Rocky."

Few people probably thought that the "Rocky" franchise would run its course over 30 years and five sequels. And real­ly, it didn't have to. The first film is a minor miracle, a serendipitous marriage of timing and talent, and cheap thrills that marred the sequels. While Stallone might have thought that audiences wanted slick, action-packed "Rocky" movies, he should have looked at the original and remembered that nothing is more thrilling than the simple pleasure of watching the Italian Stallion run up the steps of the Philadelphia Art Museum to the strains of "Gonna Fly Now."

Contact Brian Doxtader at bd0xtade@usa.edu

The original "Rocky" garnered the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1976. It has been released three times on DVD with the latest being the best.
TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona State's newest home game was also one of its best.

Danielle Travis scored 16 points to lead five Arizona State players in double figures and the 10th-ranked Sun Devils routed UCLA 92-57 on Thursday.

Aubree Johnson added 15 points, Dyonne Simon 14, Jill Noe 13 and Briana January 10 for the Sun Devils in a game played in front of several thousand enthusiastic fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders on "Sparky's Kids to College Field Trip."

"Let's have a field trip day every game," Johnson said. "It was awesome."

With the kids cheering them on, the Sun Devils (17-2, 7-3 Pac-10) led by as many as 24 in the first half and 44 in the second, handing UCLA (19-13, 3-5) its most one-sided loss of the season.

"I felt like I was at home because of the screaming children," said ASU coach Charli Turner Thorne, who has three young sons. "It was great."

The Sun Devils, who play USC on Sunday, shot 59 percent in their fifth straight win and posted their fifth victory in their last 13 tries. The Bruins shot just 33 percent and committed 25 turnovers in their fourth loss in five games.

"That's the Sun Devils operating out of sets, not just off the dribble drive," Turner Thorne said. "Now the challenge is to bring that again for our next game because we've had a tendency to let up defensively in those situations."

Lindsey Plummer led UCLA with 13 points. Nneka Quigley added 13 but made just 5-of-18 shots.

Turner Thorne said the defense against Quinn was the final minutes. Vanderbilt's defense, Georgia coach Andy Landers said.

"We're coming after them, we're getting it done," she said, "and they just get it done."

The Sun Devils want to use their height advantage against the Georgia.

"But their perimeter defense is so disruptive it's hard to get the ball inside," Olivier said. "They're comming after us. It's tough to get the ball to the paint."

The balanced scoring showed Arizona State's depth.

"That's what is so great about this team," Olivier said. "We don't rely on just a couple of players and everybody has everybody else's back."

The Sun Devils made 11 of their first 12 shots, 4-of-4 by January, to bolt to a 25-10 lead on Jill Noe's 3-pointer with 12:42 left in the half. It was never close after that.

The lead reached 32-12 after Johnson made two free throws with 4:22 to go in the half.

Vanderbilt players scored as Arizona State took a 46-23 lead at the break. Olivier led the Sat 10 first-half points, followed by January and Simon with eight apiece. The Sun Devils shot 56 percent in the first half (19-for-34) compared with 29 percent for the Bruins (8-for-29).

Georgia 83, Vanderbilt 71

Georgia won more than just the Southeastern Conference Thursday night. The Lady Bulldogs also won some extra free time on Friday.

Ashley Houts scored almost all her season-high 21 points from the free-throw line, and No. 16 Georgia made 22 of 28 attempts from the line to beat No. 14 Vanderbilt 83-71.

"What we're doing, we get out of practice 10-15 minutes earlier (Friday) because we shot all our free throws tonight," said Georgia coach Andy Landers.

Georgia's 32 free throws made was its eighth-highest total, and more than doubles the 10th in the program's history.

Georgia broke open a close 16-15 game with a second-half run and then protected the lead with 13 free throws in the final minutes. Vanderbilt coach Melanie Balcomb used a full-court, trapping defense in an effort to force turnovers or get the Lady Bulldogs to miss free throws.

Despite the pressure from Vanderbilt's defense, Georgia committed only 11 turnovers.

"That's what's impressed by team's point "because they're coming after you, trying to trap you and stop you and we didn't give it up in that situation very often, even once," said Landers.

Vanderbilt was called for 31 fouls and had two players foul out and three finish with four fouls.

Houts was 10-for-13 on free throws.

"Free throws down the stretch were key," said Houts, a freshman point guard. "It feels good to be able to pull out a win, especially after a tough loss."

Georgia, coming off a 52-41 home loss to No. 4 Tennessee, regrouped offensively with four players scoring in double figures.

Tasha Humphrey had 19 points, and Janea Hardrick added 17 points, eight rebounds and four steals for Georgia (15-4, 3-2 Southeastern Conference). Hardrick, a senior, matched her career high in rebounds.

Christy Marshall was 7-8 from the free-throw line in the last 3 minutes and added 13 points.

Christina Wirth led Vanderbilt (16-3, 3-2) with 20 points. Merideth Marsh, Caroline Williams and Carla Thomas each added 12 points, but couldn't keep the Commodores from falling to 2-2 against ranked teams.

Thomas, fourth in the SEC averaging 17.4 points per game, was 4-for-11 from the field.

Marsh and Wirth fouled out late in the game.

"We were able to hang around, and I was proud of my team for that," Balcomb said. "...It's always tough to come in here and play. We'll find the positives from this game and build on them."

Vanderbilt, led by Williams' nine points on three 3-pointers, led 20-29 at halftime. Georgia shot only 31 percent from the field, but stayed close on Humphrey's nine points, also on a season-high three 3-pointers.

"I thought she gave us the confidence to do that," Landers said. "I thought they were huge."

North Carolina 78 Georgia Tech 31

Reserve Alex Miller scored 15 points, Ivory Latta added 14 and No. 2 North Carolina held Georgia Tech to its lowest score ever, beating the Yellow Jackets 78-31 Thursday night.

Camille Little added 12 points and Jessica Breland 10 for North Carolina (21-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Reserve Jacqua Williams scored 11 points to lead the Yellow Jackets (11-7, 2-3), who had no starter with more than four points.

It was the fewest points North Carolina has allowed any ACC opponent and the Tar Heels' biggest margin of victory in their series with Georgia Tech.

North Carolina led 33-16 at the half.

Latta went 4-for-6 from 3-point range to account for her 12 first-half points. She hit 3-pointers on consecutive possession to key an early 1-4 run.

Miller scored 11 points when North Carolina pulled away in the game's final 15:37. She scored seven points in a 1:52 span to spark a 13-2 North Carolina run.

Georgia Tech was 11-59 from the field (18.6 percent).

The Yellow Jackets hit just eight of their first 36 shots and had more turnovers (13) than field goals in the first half.

North Carolina hit 12 of its first 17 shots in the second half and finished 29-of-62 from the field.

Georgia Tech went 8-28 without a basket in the second half and had just one field goal in the last 14:54. North Carolina closed the game by outscoring the Yellow Jackets 24-7.

---

**FOR RENT**

Sun Houses for rent, 3 to 6 bedrooms, walking distance to ASU. Call Gaylene mmvannatta@aol.com. Call Gay 623-926-0259.

NEWLY REMODELED 3 and 4 bdrm houses available for rent. 6203 E. Thompson Ave., Mesa. Contact Meredith MacSwain@gmail.com.

**PERSONAL**

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?

Do you need help? Do you have someone you love needs confidential support or assistance, please call 713-585-8663.

Happy Birthday Kelly Memiah! Go Bears!!

Happy Birthday Rohan!!

Happy Birthday Sherry!!

---

**TICKETS**

WANTED

3 tix to NC State game Sat Jan 27 703-585-8663.

Happy Birthday Kelly Memiah! Go Bears!!

Happy Birthday Rohan!!

---

**CLASSIFIEDS**

House available for 2007-08. Very Large. Close to Campus. Just insert your email address in the subject line for more info.


Lessons available for 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.


Newly remodeled 3 and 4 bdrm houses available for rent. 6203 E. Thompson Ave., Mesa. Contact Meredith MacSwain@gmail.com.

For Rent


For Rent

Leasing 2007-2008. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.

For Rent

Leasing 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.

For Rent

Leasing 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.

For Rent

Leasing 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.

For Rent

Leasing 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.

For Rent

Leasing 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.

For Rent

Leasing 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.

For Rent

Leasing 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.

For Rent

Leasing 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.

For Rent

Leasing 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.

For Rent

Leasing 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.

For Rent

Leasing 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.

For Rent

Leasing 2007-08. 3, 4 bdrm, 3 bath homes, triple, 2-car garage.
NCAA Hockey
USCHO.com/CSTV Top 25

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>Record</th>
<th>Points</th>
<th>Previous</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Minnesota</td>
<td>20-2-3</td>
<td>780</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Hampshire</td>
<td>17-3-0</td>
<td>650</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notre Dame</td>
<td>16-4-1</td>
<td>519</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>16-6-0</td>
<td>495</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Denver</td>
<td>17-7-2</td>
<td>406</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. Cloud State</td>
<td>14-4-4</td>
<td>302</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boston College</td>
<td>12-6-2</td>
<td>278</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boston University</td>
<td>10-6-6</td>
<td>259</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miami (Ohio)</td>
<td>17-7-1</td>
<td>237</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clarkson</td>
<td>13-5-3</td>
<td>217</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michigan State</td>
<td>14-0-1</td>
<td>199</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colorado College</td>
<td>14-0-1</td>
<td>180</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michigan State</td>
<td>15-5-0</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vermont</td>
<td>13-6-0</td>
<td>141</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wisconsin</td>
<td>13-6-0</td>
<td>141</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sacred Heart</td>
<td>12-5-1</td>
<td>117</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio State</td>
<td>9-9-4</td>
<td>91</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

CCHA Standings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>League Record</th>
<th>Overall Record</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Notre Dame</td>
<td>27-13-2</td>
<td>19-4-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michigan State</td>
<td>25-15-0</td>
<td>19-4-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michigan</td>
<td>21-16-1</td>
<td>14-8-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michigan State</td>
<td>20-16-0</td>
<td>14-8-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lake Superior</td>
<td>17-7-3</td>
<td>13-9-3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio State</td>
<td>17-7-3</td>
<td>13-9-3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wisconsin</td>
<td>16-12-2</td>
<td>10-9-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Western Michigan</td>
<td>15-7-1</td>
<td>8-9-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alaska</td>
<td>13-7-2</td>
<td>7-7-4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northern Michigan</td>
<td>13-6-1-1</td>
<td>9-9-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ferris State</td>
<td>12-6-2</td>
<td>8-6-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bowling Green</td>
<td>6-14-0</td>
<td>6-14-0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Women's Basketball
MIAA Standings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>League Record</th>
<th>Overall Record</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Calvin</td>
<td>6-0</td>
<td>14-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hope</td>
<td>7-1</td>
<td>15-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Albion</td>
<td>4-4</td>
<td>8-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Olivet</td>
<td>4-4</td>
<td>7-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ST. MARY'S</td>
<td>4-4</td>
<td>7-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alma</td>
<td>3-5</td>
<td>7-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adrian</td>
<td>2-6</td>
<td>5-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kalamazoo</td>
<td>2-6</td>
<td>4-13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tri-State</td>
<td>2-4</td>
<td>4-12</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NFL

Vick in trouble after airport incident

Associated Press
FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — For the third time in nine months, Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick is making headlines for all the wrong reasons.

Vick reluctantly surrendered a water bottle to security at Miami International Airport that smelled like marijuana and contained a substance in a hidden compartment. He was not arrested and was allowed to board an AirTran flight that landed in Atlanta before noon Wednesday.

Miami police said Thursday it could be weeks before a decision is made on whether to file charges against the three-time Pro Bowl player, who this season became the first quarterback in NFL history to rush for 1,000 yards.

Falcons owner Arthur Blank, general manager Rich McKay and new coach Bobby Petrino met with Vick, who left team headquarters without speaking to reporters. McKay described Blank as being "upset" with the quarterback, whose $137 million contract was richest in the NFL when Vick signed it three years ago.

"We are an organization that prides itself on not having off-the-field issues," McKay said. "I think we have done a pretty good job of bringing the right people in here so we don't have to face these types of issues. We don't like it. We don't accept it. It is not what we want.

Under Florida law, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in prison and a $1,000 fine. First offenders rarely do any jail time.

"We'll do an analysis and see what it is. There's no sense of urgency to it," Detective Alvaro Zabaleta said Thursday.

The NFL's substance abuse policy states any team can decide that a player's "behavior, including but not limited to an arrest," can warrant a physical exam from its appointed medical director. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said no decision had been made in Vick's case.

"We have a process that provides guidelines for every situation," Aiello said. "Our doctors conduct a lengthy evaluation, if necessary, and then decide if enrollment in a treatment program is necessary."

Last April, Vick settled a lawsuit filed by a woman who claimed the player knowingly gave her herpes. In November, Vick made an obscene gesture toward Atlanta fans who heckled the team as it came off the field after a 31-13 loss.

IN BRIEF

Trezza, women's baseball leader, dies at 81

NEW YORK — Betty Trezza, a pioneering player in the World War II-era All-American Girls Professional Baseball League and a model for one of the characters in the 1992 movie "A League of Their Own," has died. She was 81.

Trezza died of a heart attack on Tuesday at her Brooklyn home, where she lived with her two sisters, her sister-in-law Sally Trezza said Thursday. Her brother, Daniel Trezza, of Brooklyn, was one of 12 children.

Trezza played with the league for seven seasons. She was 17 years old when she was recruited as a shortstop in 1944 and assigned to the Minneapolis Millie-Americans. When Minneapolis was replaced in 1945 by the Fort Wayne Daisies, Trezza split the year between the Daisies and the South Bend Blue Sox.

Jaguars resign linebacker Smith to five-year deal

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars locked up another key defensive starter Thursday, signing linebacker Daryl Smith to a five-year contract extension worth about $25 million.

Smith, a second-round draft pick from Georgia Tech in 2004, has started every game the past two seasons and led the team with 170 tackles last year while filling in for injured middle linebacker Mike Peterson.

The new contract, which begins in 2008, includes $10 million in bonuses. The 6-foot-2, 244-pound linebacker became the seventh defensive starter to sign a long-term deal with the Jaguars since coach Jack Del Rio took over in 2003.

Defensive lineman Marcus Stroud, John Henderson and Reggie Hayward, cornerback Brian Williams and linebacker Mike Peterson each signed contracts worth at least $20 million.

Sosa continues contract talks with Rangers

DALLAS — Sammy Sosa and the Texas Rangers kept up negotiations on a minor league contract Thursday, working their way toward a deal.

The Rangers and Sosa's agent, Adam Katz, have exchanged a couple of proposals. While they could finalize a deal this week, Katz said Thursday that the sides had not yet reached an agreement.

Texas has offered Sosa a deal that would require him to earn his spot on the roster during spring training. The 38-year-old former slugger, 12 short of 600 home runs in a 17-season career that began with the Rangers in 1989, didn't play in the major leagues last year.

If completed, the contract likely would be worth around $500,000 if Sosa is placed on the 40-man roster. He would have the chance to earn additional performance bonuses.
The state attorney general's office is weighing the candidates.

The state bar has also asked the North Carolina chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to stop talking publicly while the investigation into allegations of sexual assault is pending.


discuss the candidates with the public.

Miami Dolphins coach Nick Saban has received calls from at least 13 candidates in their most extensive coaching search since the franchise's first season in 1966. They hope to make a decision before next week's Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., where teams scout college prospects and assemble coaching staffs.

The Dolphins interviewed at least 13 candidates in their most extensive coaching search since the franchise's first season in 1966. They hope to make a decision before next week's Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., where teams scout college prospects and assemble coaching staffs.

The 55-year-old Gailey was hired as coach by Saturday, and the front-runner appears to be San Diego offensive coordinator Cam Cameron. The Tennessee coach, who kept his hotel room near the Dolphins' complex Thursday night, has been second day of interviewing with team officials. A Dolphins spokesman said management was still weighing the candidates.

"I can tell you with 100 per
certainty that no decision will be made today," Dolphins senior vice president Harvey Greene said Thursday evening. "We hope to finish the process by tomorrow or Saturday at the latest."

Cameron front-runner Charles Tillman, left, and Rashid Davis celebrate with Chicago fans after defeating the Seahawks 27-24 Sunday. Bears comeback.

Ricky Manning Jr., and Dante

Wesley, tackle Fred Miller, and punter Brad Maynard. Backup quarterback Rob Griesen was with Denver in 1999, but didn't get on the field.

"I think experience teaches you a lot, so if you've been in that situation..." we have a few, we don't have many," said coach Lovie Smith, the defensive coordinator for the 2001 team that lost to New England for the NFL title. "But yes, it has to have helped, especially if you've won a lot recently."

But once you get down to it, sometimes we're going to kick it off and now it's just another football game. You know the week leading up to it is quite a bit different. But beyond that I don't see much." Beyond the second round of the playoffs is farther than the Saints have ever traveled. They've made this uplifting journey in the wake of a nomadic season where they played home games in three cities after Hurricane Katrina devastat-

Chicago Bears quarterback Bob Griese was with Denver in 1999, but didn't get on the field. "I think experience teaches you a lot, so if you've been in that situation..." we have a few, we don't have many," said coach Lovie Smith, the defensive coordinator for the 2001 team that lost to New England for the NFL title. "But yes, it has to have helped, especially if you've won a lot recently."

But once you get down to it, sometimes we're going to kick it off and now it's just another football game. You know the week leading up to it is quite a bit different. But beyond that I don't see much." Beyond the second round of the playoffs is farther than the Saints have ever traveled. They've made this uplifting journey in the wake of a nomadic season where they played home games in three cities after Hurricane Katrina devastat-

"Nobody knows the totality of the facts," Barber said. "We do not expect, nor should North Carolina cli-

tify conditions because of the this case based on biased and political or public pressure the public or any overzealous supporters on either side. What we must do is insist that we follow the facts wherever they lead and face the facts when they are all in."

The state bar has also asked the North Carolina chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to stop talking publicly while the investigation into allegations of sexual assault is pending.

The state attorney general's office is weighing the candidates.

The state bar has also asked the North Carolina chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to stop talking publicly while the investigation into allegations of sexual assault is pending.

The state attorney general's office is weighing the candidates.

The state bar has also asked the North Carolina chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to stop talking publicly while the investigation into allegations of sexual assault is pending.

The state attorney general's office is weighing the candidates.

The state bar has also asked the North Carolina chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to stop talking publicly while the investigation into allegations of sexual assault is pending.

The state attorney general's office is weighing the candidates.
**NFL**

**Dungy, Smith could be first black coach in Super Bowl**

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Two weeks ago, Lovie Smith made the three-hour trip from Chicago to watch Tony Dungy's Colts take on Herman Edwards' Chiefs in a first-round NFL playoff game.

The night before, the three old friends and their wives dined at P.F. Chang's in downtown Indianapolis in what was as much a symbolic meeting as a gathering of old pals — three black coaches celebrating the arrival of their teams in the NFL playoffs.

"We talked about starting in '96 in Tampa and some of the things we remembered from then," Dungy recalled on Thursday. "How great it is that we are in the playoffs and that at least two of us have a chance to make it to the Super Bowl. You realized it would be awesome if it happened and, hopefully, it will."

It's officially one game from being awesome.

If the Colts beat the New England Patriots on Sunday and Smith's Bears beat the New Orleans Saints, it would put two black coaches in the NFL's marquee game for the first time in its 90-year career.

"We're making progress slowly," says defensive tackle Anthony McFarland of the Colts, who played for both Dungy and Smith in Tampa Bay.

"I don't think players think of 'black players' and 'white players,'" Testaverde said. "It's just the players I've played with."

"We are making progress slowly. I think it's exciting. I've always won our games and I think people are realizing the responsibility that comes with that," McFarland said.

"I think players think of their race. I think, 'It got away from me again,'" the New England Patriots' third-string QB said Thursday as he prepped for the AFC championship game against Indianapolis. "I've always been on the outside, looking in. I've always wondered what the players went through. I think I'd enjoy that experience."

"I don't think players think of 'black players' and 'white players.' It shows that for Tony and Lovie to come this far that there are at least some organizations that have confidence that black men can be head coaches. I hope it goes beyond that so we don't have to think of their race," he said.

NFL leaders acknowledge that's the future.

"We still have problems with the front office," said Pittsburgh's Dan Rooney, one of league's senior owners.

An example: When Jerry Reese was promoted to general manager of the New York Giants this week, he became just the third black man in that key position, joining Baltimore's Ozzie Newsome and Houston's Rick Smith.

**Testaverde hopes another Super Bowl win won't slip away**

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The clock ticks down to zero, confetti falls, the Super Bowl trophy is hoisted overhead by some other quarterback and Vinny Testaverde clicks off the television.

"Every year I watch it and think, 'It got away from me again,'" the New England Patriots' third-string QB said Thursday as he prepped for the AFC championship game against Indianapolis. "I've always been on the outside, looking in. I've always wondered what the players went through. I think I'd enjoy that experience."

Let others complain about the distractions and hype surrounding the Super Bowl. Testaverde would just like a chance to see what's it's like after failing to make it to the NFL title game, so far, during an otherwise distinguished 20-year career.

A Heisman Trophy winner at Miami who was the first overall pick in the 1987 NFL draft, Testaverde is on his seventh stop with five franchises. At 43, he is resigned to the fact that he probably won't be harking out signals in a Super Bowl huddle, but he still has a chance to tag along as an emergency QB if the Patriots beat the Colts on Sunday.

"I came here knowing it would be an opportunity for me to win a championship, something I've never experienced," Testaverde said. "I've been fortunate enough to play this long, to be in position to do it again. It's exciting. This is what you live for."

"It'd be nice," he said. "It'd be nice."

Testaverde played his first six years for the woeful Buccaneers and the next five for the Browns-turned-Browns, making the playoffs only once — in the 1994 season while playing for coach Bill Belichick in Cleveland. It was at his next stop, with the New York Jets, that Testaverde came closest to the Super Bowl.

After leading the Jets to their first AFC East title in 1998, he helped them to a 10-6 lead over Denver in the AFC championship game. But John Elway, in his final season, led the Broncos to a 23-10 victory and then to their second straight Super Bowl title.

"It was really tough," Testaverde said, swallowing hard, "to let it go then." Testaverde tore his anterior cruciate ligament in the "99 opener — against the Patriots — and lost in the first round in 2001 in his final playoff appearance as a starter. After coming out of retirement when the Jets' Chad Pennington was hurt last year, Testaverde was out of the starting lineup when Belichick, who had been working with two quarterbacks on the roster, asked if he wanted to be an insurance policy.

"We all knew what the situation was going to be. I knew I was the emergency guy," Testaverde said.

And he was OK with that.

"If I wasn't, I wouldn't be here to begin with," he said. Although Belichick insisted at the time that the goal was to keep Testaverde off the field, the 43-year-old veteran appeared in four regular-season and playoff games. Three of those were kneel-down situations, but in the regular-season finale against Jacksonville, Belichick gave him the chance to throw a touchdown pass that was meaningless except that it extended his record to 20 consecutive seasons with a scoring pass.

"That's the thing about Vinny," said No. 2 quarterback Matt Cassel. "He has so much respect in this locker room. You'd love to see him get a chance to do that at the end of his career. I hope I'm lucky enough to be around long enough to have that kind of success."
Enrich your life, not just your career.

Surround yourself with a group of people that can help you grow. You’ll be exposed to a range of skills and experiences that you’ll come to rely on both professionally and personally, including rigorous training programs and a mentoring system.

Firmwide Information Session
Learn about our summer analyst opportunities
Monday, January 22, 2007
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
The Center for Continuing Education, Room 210

Application deadline: Tuesday, January 30, 2007
Apply online at gs.com/careers and through your career service office.
PHOENIX — Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell warned baseball owners that a lack of cooperation with his investigation into steroid use will "significantly increase the chances of government involvement.

Speaking to owners at baseball's quarterly meetings, Mitchell said he intends to interview active players and raise the possibility that Congress or other government authorities could compel testimony.

"I believe it will be in your best interests, and the best interests of baseball, if I can report that I have received full cooperation from your organizations, and from others, in conducting this investigation," Mitchell said in remarks that were released to reporters.

Mitchell cited last week's Hall of Fame vote to underscore the importance of his investigation. Mark McGwire was picked on 23.5 percent of ballots — far below the necessary 75 percent required for induction. The vote was viewed by many as the first referendum on how history will judge an age when bulked-up players came under suspicion of using performance-enhancing drugs. Baseball didn't ban steroids until after the season.

"We've certainly been very interested in his investigation and what the results are going to be," Aushbrook said. "If he's not getting anywhere, we'll certainly consider whether to engage in it.

The players' association declined comment. spokesman Greg Boris said. Mitchell did not speak to reporters after addressing owners. He was hired by commissioner Bud Selig last March following more than a year of allegations against Barry Bonds, McGwire and other stars. No timetable was set for Mitchell's report.

Bonds is under investigation by a federal grand jury as to whether he perjured himself when he testified in 2003 in the BALCO steroid distribution case that he hadn't knowingly taken any performance-enhancing drugs. The San Francisco Giants are negotiating a contract with Bonds, who needs 22 home runs to surpass Hank Aaron's mark of 755. Speaking to reporters at a golf tournament in the Dominican Republic this week, Bonds declined to discuss ongoing negotiations with the Giants, or his reported positive test for amphetamines last year. Giants owner Peter Magowan declined to answer questions about Bonds.

Selig also spoke to the owners about Mitchell's investigation. Asked if he had urged the clubs to cooperate with Mitchell, Selig said, "Urge is probably not strong enough."

"Look, some clubs have been more cooperative than others, but at this stage, I'm not concerned about that," Selig said. "He will have cooperation.

Selig would not say which clubs are lagging in their cooperation. Mitchell acknowledged that teams aren't used to dealing with "large-scale document discovery," which can be time-consuming. But he said his investigation would move faster if clubs cooperated more quickly.

Many have asked when my report will be completed," he said. "The pace of this investigation is dictated by the rate at which information is received."

Former St. Louis slugger Mark McGwire is sworn in before testifying March 17, 2005 to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee about steroids in baseball. Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, who is heading an investigation into the issue, has warned baseball owners to cooperate and not impede his work.
SMC BASKETBALL
Close contest awaits Belles

By DAN COOPER
Spoon Writer

Saint Mary’s takes the court at home Saturday at 3 p.m. against Adrian in an import­ant conference game.

The last time these two teams met, Saint Mary’s came from behind to beat the Bulldogs 54-48 at Adrian.

This time, Saint Mary’s plays host and a Belles victory would move them to third place in the MIAA. As it stands now, the Belles have a 4-4 conference record and are 5-10 overall. Adrian is 2-6 in the conference and 7-9 overall.

Sophomore guard Meghan Contay recently noted the importance of this matchup.

“If we can’t over­look them, they’re a scrappy team,” Contay said.

Contay noted that the top four teams in the con­ference have the advantage of starting the conference tour­nament at home.

Wildcats pose biggest threat of year

By GREG ARBOGAST
Spoor Writer

Coming off a quad meet vic­tory that improved its dual meet record to 8-0, No. 20 Notre Dame will face the greatest threat yet to its undefeated record when it hosts No. 8 Northwestern this Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The Wildcats boast their own undefeated dual meet record, having won all five of their contests. Their record includes a win over then-No. 18 Purdue. Northwestern also picked up first-place fin­ishes in its TYR NU Invitational and last week­end’s prestigious Dallas Morning News Swimming and Diving Classic.

“They’re an excellent team,” Tim Welsh said. “They haven’t lost in anything they’ve done all year, and they might be under-rated. They could be the fastest team to swim in this conference since the late ’90s.”

In Dallas last weekend, Northwestern triumphed over a quality field that included No. 3 California, No. 10 Florida State and host Southern Methodist. The Wildcats finished with 359 points, besting Cal’s total of 334.

The Irish, however, have reason to be confident despite facing a quality oppo­nent.

Last weekend’s defeat of Cleveland State, Xavier and Duquesne gave Notre Dame its best start since the 1974-­75 season. Along the way the Irish have defeated traditional foes Purdue, Michigan State and Pittsburgh.

Welsh said that the team is very excited about their potential this season.

“This is as good as a start as this team has ever had, and we have a wonderful training trip between the semesters,” Welsh said. “We’re optimistic about how our season will end and how fast we can get.

“The Irish will likely need to be faster Saturday than at any other point this season. Despite their impressive record, Notre Dame has yet to face a team of Northwestern’s caliber. The Irish have competed in a dual-meet against a top-25 team only once this season."

“Any time to measure our­selves at Northwestern’s level because that’s where we want to be,” Welsh said. “We want to come out of this meet and be able to say we’re improving. We’re swimming faster than we have all year.”

Contact Greg Arbogast at garbogast@nd.edu

ND TRACK AND FIELD
Young runners ready for indoor season opener

By DEIRDRE KRAUSLA
Spoor Writer

Notre Dame will take to its home track for the first time in the spring season when it hosts the Notre Dame Indoor Op­ener at the Loftus Sports Complex today.

The meet is a chance for young athletes to try to qualify for the Big East Indoor Championship and to allow both the men and the women’s teams to get back into routine after being away over break.

“There will be good competition for the [young] guys to try to hit [Big East] standards,” junior dis­tance runner Adam Currie said.

“[It’s] a test to see who [we are] at after being away.

The teams come off a successful showing at the Purdue Invita­tional, where individual win­ners were determined, but an overall team score was not kept. The women’s team had two indi­vidual winners, senior Cassie Gillickson and sophomore Mary Sauv. Gillickson garnered a vic­tory in the high jump with a 1.63- meter jump. She also met her season-best mark with an 11.46- meter win in the triple jump. Both wins guaranteed her a spot in the Big East Indoor Championship in each event.

Sauv took first in the pole vault with a season-best clearance of 3.79 metres — again qualifying her for the Big East Championship. Freshman Michelle Bippe was not far behind with a personal-best vault of 3.35 metres, just short of a Big East qualifier.

The Irish saw success on the men’s side as well. Freshman pole vaulter Jim Merchan took seventh with a season-best height of 4.45 metres — placing him in the Big East Championship. Sophomore Brian Mahon and freshman Matt Schiper both cleared the 4.3- meter mark but fell short of 4.45- meters, which would have allowed them to grab a spot in the Big East Championship.

Senior Christopher Jucques led the men’s squad with two top-five finishes in the long jump and the high jump. Jucques’ 7.05-meter long jump was second best, trail­ing behind the 7.08-meter jump of Purdue’s Nolan Petties. Jucques also took fourth in the high jump with a 1.91-meter clearance. Freshman Eric Quick was not far behind Jucques with a season-best 6.62 mark in the long jump — making him the first Irish rookie to gain a place in the Big East Field.

Senior Garnet Koxlien furthered Notre Dame’s success in the field with a third-place finish in the weight throw with a toss of 16.64 metres.

Both teams have experienced veterans returning to guide the way for the new faces. The men’s team will turn to leaders like Jucques and senior distance runner Kurt Benninger. The women will continue to rely on Gillickson as both teams hope to take the Big East Championship and send a handful of runners to the NCAA Championship.

“Both teams sent a minimum to win the Big East and get as many people as we can to the NCAA championship,” Currie said.

Contact Deirdre Krasula at dkrasula@nd.edu

Michigan State and Notre Dame swimmers get ready to start a race Nov. 10 at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Michigan State and Notre Dame swimmers get ready to start a race Nov. 10 at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Megan Contay, Belles guard

“The game will feature two sharply contrasting offensive game plans. Adrian has a balanced offensive attack, with no single player averaging double figures in scoring. Saint Mary’s, on the other hand, runs its offense through junior guard Allison Kessler, who is averaging 19.9 points and 3.4 assists per game. She was also recently named MIAA Player of the Week.

“All five starters need to play aggressive D,” Contay said. “We need to make sure no single player has a stellar game.”

Rebounding has been a main focus in practice this week after Saint Mary’s was out-rebounded 42-28 in Wednesday’s loss to Albion.

“We struggled on the boards last week,” Contay said. “We’ve been working hard on rebounding in prac­tice. The Belles will look to neutral­ize Kim Olench, the Bulldogs’ leading scorer and rebounder. Adrian’s greatest strength is rebound­ing, with a positive rebound differ­ential of 6.9 per game.

“In their first meeting, Adrian out-rebounded Saint Mary’s 44-39 and the Belles have a nega­tive rebound margin on the season.

Conversely, the Bulldogs greatest weakness is in their tendency to turn the ball over. Adrian has a negative turnover margin of 3.3, and Saint Mary’s will look to exploit this weakness to come away with a victory.

Contact Dan Cooper at dcoopert@nd.edu


dr

SPEND THE NIGHT WITH 13 AMAZING FILMS YOU'LL NEVER SEE AGAIN.

notre
dame

Student
destival
2007

THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY JANUARY 25-26-27 7PM-8:10PM
BROWNING CINEMA • DEBARTOLO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE: http://performingarts.nd.edu OR CALL 631-2900
PRESENTED BY THE NOTRE DAME DEPARTMENT OF FILM, TELEVISION, AND THEATRE

Now leasing quality houses

close to campus for the 2007/8 and 2008/9 school years.

Call Bill at
Anlan Properties
574-532-1896
Ice
continued from page 24

Western Michigan has played the lumberjack in three top-20 ranked teams’ sequoias this season, chopping down then-No. 3 Michigan State, then-No. 6 Miami and then-No. 6 Michigan — all at Lawson. And the Broncos have the nation’s 13th most potent offense, averaging 3.33 goals per game.

The Irish are no strangers recently to upssets in college hockey either. Robert Morris Ice of Miami and then-No. 6 Central Michigan were ranked third at the NTDP, Teddy Ruth, was rated the No. 34 North American skater and the 12th best defenseman. Forwards Ben Ryan, Robyn Bergman and Cole Ridderwell were No. 50, No. 97 and No. 109, respectively.

Junior Caden Cole was at No. 113 and forward Billy Muday was at No. 177. "It's a little bit of a gauge, but it still doesn’t predict on how fast they develop," Jackson said. "You don’t know if they're going to come in and be gang-busters as freshman.

Jackson noted the impact that undrafted Erik Condra made in his freshman season when he led the Irish in points, and how third round undrafted freshmen Kevin Deeth and Ryan Thang are currently second and fourth on the Notre Dame points leaderboard board. The CSS Rankings show the Irish are in the top 30 undrafted goalies in North America. In preparation for the NHL Entry Draft. All seven incoming Irish tenders in North America in the top ten freshmen for the Irish.

Sophomore Christian Hanson will miss the next three weeks with a top-20 finishes, compared to six for Notre Dame. Ohio State sopho­more Mike Montsenuzli had the best chance for the Buckeyes, earning second in the men’s sabre – one spot ahead of Ghattas. This weekend’s competition may be tough for the Buckeyes. Ohio State and Stanford. Despite failing to keep pace with the women’s foil, the Buckeyes finished third at the 2006 NCAA National Team Championships with 155 points, just 10 behind the win­ning Harvard squad. Stanford placed seventh, while Wayne State finished 10th place at the championships.

Notre Dame and Ohio State are scheduled to host Saturday and Sunday begin­ning in the JACC Fieldhouse at around 11:20 a.m. That figure is to be some of the most competitive events this year. "It will be very tough for us, but I believe that those who haven’t had a chance to be starters will... do their best to defend the place," Bednarski said, refer­ring to the Notre Dame team. "It’s a home­ area advantage."

At last weekend’s North American Cup event in Columbus, nine Buckeyes earned top-20 finishes, compared to six for Notre Dame. Ohio State sopho­more Mike Montsenuzli had the best chance for the Buckeyes, earning second in the men’s sabre – one spot ahead of Ghattas. This weekend’s competition may be tough for the Buckeyes. Ohio State and Stanford. Despite failing to keep pace with the women’s foil, the Buckeyes finished third at the 2006 NCAA National Team Championships with 155 points, just 10 behind the win­ning Harvard squad. Stanford placed seventh, while Wayne State finished 10th place at the championships.

Notre Dame and Ohio State are scheduled to host Saturday and Sunday begin­ning in the JACC Fieldhouse at around 11:20 a.m. That figure is to be some of the most competitive events this year. "It will be very tough for us, but I believe that those who haven’t had a chance to be starters will... do their best to defend the place," Bednarski said, refer­ring to the Notre Dame team. "It’s a home­ area advantage."

At last weekend’s North American Cup event in Columbus, nine Buckeyes earned top-20 finishes, compared to six for Notre Dame. Ohio State sopho­more Mike Montsenuzli had the best chance for the Buckeyes, earning second in the men’s sabre – one spot ahead of Ghattas. This weekend’s competition may be tough for the Buckeyes. Ohio State and Stanford. Despite failing to keep pace with the women’s foil, the Buckeyes finished third at the 2006 NCAA National Team Championships with 155 points, just 10 behind the win­ning Harvard squad. Stanford placed seventh, while Wayne State finished 10th place at the championships.

Notre Dame and Ohio State are scheduled to host Saturday and Sunday begin­ning in the JACC Fieldhouse at around 11:20 a.m. That figure is to be some of the most competitive events this year. "It will be very tough for us, but I believe that those who haven’t had a chance to be starters will... do their best to defend the place," Bednarski said, refer­ring to the Notre Dame team. "It’s a home­ area advantage."

At last weekend’s North American Cup event in Columbus, nine Buckeyes earned top-20 finishes, compared to six for Notre Dame. Ohio State sopho­more Mike Montsenuzli had the best chance for the Buckeyes, earning second in the men’s sabre – one spot ahead of Ghattas. This weekend’s competition may be tough for the Buckeyes. Ohio State and Stanford. Despite failing to keep pace with the women’s foil, the Buckeyes finished third at the 2006 NCAA National Team Championships with 155 points, just 10 behind the win­ning Harvard squad. Stanford placed seventh, while Wayne State finished 10th place at the championships.
Big East
continued from page 24

only unbeaten team in conference play — just 19 days into January. Notre Dame was controlled from the start in its most recent game Wednesday at Villanova. The Wildcats dictated the tempo early and never allowed the Irish to recover in a 102-87 landslide.

The Irish had a similar performance at Georgetown Jan. 6 when it lost 66-48.

“We've had this cycle before, win by a good margin at home, lose by a good margin on the road,” Brey said in a radio interview following Notre Dame's loss to Villanova. They both count as just one league win and one league loss.” And that attitude — focusing on Sunday’s home game against USF — is crucial before the Irish address their recent struggles on the road, Brey said.


Last season, Notre Dame and South Florida matched up once, on Feb. 15 at the Joyce Center. The Irish won the game 62-55 and guard Russell Carter led the team with 13 points on 5-of-10 shooting to go with five rebounds and three steals.

South Florida, despite being 0-10 in conference play that point in the season, hung with the Irish and outscored them 36-31 after being dominated in the first half.

But that was last season.

This year, Notre Dame has a clear statistical advantage over South Florida. USF is among the bottom half of the conference in offensive categories such as scoring margin (plus 2.5, 13th) and scoring offense (66.9 points per game, 13th).

The Irish lead the conference in both categories, Notre Dame, though, despite showcasing an improved effort thus far this season working the ball inside — has still fired 416 attempts from 3-point range this season working the ball inside — has still fired 416 attempts from 3-point range this season, which is second in the Big East behind West Virginia (491). And South Florida's strength defensively might very well be its perimeter defense. The Bulls hold their opponents to 32 percent shooting from 3-point range.

The Bulls have four players who average double figures in points per game — Melvin Buckley (16.4), Kentrel Gransberry (14.4), McHugh Mattis (12.7) and Solomon Bozeman (17.7).

Gransberry leads the team with 10.7 rebounds per game and Bozeman has 89 assists in 19 games this season. Mattis had 12 points and 11 rebounds in 28 minutes last season against the Irish.

Tip off is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Joyce Center Sunday.

Contact Bob Griffin at
rg r i f f i @ n d. e d u

Irish guard Collin Falls, right, moves the ball down the court in Notre Dame's 90-45 win over Winston-Salem State Nov. 29. Notre Dame takes on South Florida Sunday.

Insight comes from all directions.

You bring something unique to the table, and at Ernst & Young, you'll be encouraged to speak up and contribute. Because we know that bringing together people with different backgrounds and perspectives lets us deliver quality results for our clients. It's why we've created a work environment of mutual respect that promotes your personal and professional growth and success. So visit us on campus or at ey.com/us/careers.
Hockey

Lawson Lunatics await contenders

Rankin returns home to the ’Zoo for series against Western Mich.

By KYLE CASILLY
Sports Writer

Junior right wing Evan Rankin got intimate and bloody real fast with Western Michigan’s Lawson Ice Arena.

“The first time I stepped on the ice there, I fell right on the ice and split my chin open,” Rankin said. “I was three or four years old.”

Rankin is a native of Kalamazoo, Mich. — where Western Michigan is located — and called Lawson Ice Arena home throughout much of his youth hockey days. Rankin went with the Broncos games before he could even walk, and once he got his feet beneath him, he would spend the game running around the arena with friends.

This weekend, Rankin won’t be exploring the bowels of the raucous rink, but will barnstorm into his hometown as a member of a national contender and provide a juicy target for Western Michigan’s Lawson Lunatics.

“Every single year it seems that Western’s fans get rowdier and rowdier,” Rankin said. “It’s going to be pretty exciting to play there again.

“Yeah, we have a big mark on our back right now, but if we just have the right mindset — we’ll be alright.”

The No. 3 Irish (19-4-1, 13-2-1 CCHA) travel to Kalamazoo tonight for a two-game series against eighth-place Western Michigan (8-12-1, 7-9-1 CCHA). Notre Dame leads into the series with sole control of first place in the CCHA, one week before a crucial two-game set at home with second-place Miami.

The Lunatics designate certain hecklers to sit behind the opposition’s penalty box and taunt players as they are whistled for penalties. Rankin said. But both Rankin and Irish coach Jeff Jackson were unconcerned about any challenges to the Irish that were not presented directly on the sheet.

“If you allow it to become a distraction — it can,” he said. “But I think it does more for the home team than it does for the visiting team.”

Last season, Notre Dame fell victim to the Broncos at Lawson, dropping a 4-3 decision before taking a 3-0 win the next day at the Joyce Center.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Squad looks for lucky No. 7

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

If Irish coach Mike Brey’s teams have learned anything over the past few years, it’s that there are no givens once Big East play begins. That’s why the No. 20 Irish (15-3 overall, 3-2 in the conference) won’t be looking past South Florida this Sunday at the Joyce Center.

South Florida (10-9 overall, 1-4 in conference) is one of the teams with one win in the Big East. Rutgers is the other after dropping a 68-54 home contest against Georgetown Wednesday. Cincinnati is winless in three tries.

But in a league defined by parity, especially this season when seven teams have three or more wins, anything is possible when the ball is thrown in the air.

No. 6 Pittsburgh remains the

ND Women’s Basketball

Allen to lead team at Joyce against Orange

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has not lost to Syracuse since March 3, 2003 — and doesn’t want to change that Saturday when the Irish (12-5, 3-1 Big East) square off against the Orange (8-11, 1-4) at 2 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

So far this season, the squad has fared well against Big East opponents, and especially in the Joyce Center. The Irish have won both of their home conference games with ease — a 83-65 drubbing of Saint John’s Jan. 16 and an 81-70 win over Cincinnati Jan. 10.

Overall, Notre Dame has won 9-of-10 home games this season, falling only to Indiana 54-51.

One thing that could trouble the Irish is the high-scoring Orange trio of freshman guard Nicole Michael (16.5 ppg), junior center Vaida Sipavicu (13.6 ppg) and junior guard Fantasia Goodwin (12.9 ppg).

“If [Sipavicu is] impressive, and they have a freshman who leads them in scoring, and she’s playing really well,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

“The three kids that are scoring in double figures are the three that we have to focus on.”

Even though the Orange bring three top scorers into South Bend, the Irish have their own prolific scorer to counter with — junior guard Charel Allen. Allen has averaged 19 points in four Big East games this season and has shot 5-of-7 from the arc.

“She’s the one we look to, to lead us in scoring,” said McGraw of Allen. “She’s been