Campus debates new Iraq policy

Professors and students consider President Bush's plan from wide range of perspectives

By MARCELA BERRIOS and AMANDA MICHAELS

On Jan. 10, President George W. Bush gave one of the most anticipated and controversial addresses of his presidency, admitting in primetime the mistakes and failures of the American strategy in Iraq while ordering a 20,000-strong troop surge into the war-torn country.

While the President has remained firm in his decision, saying the U.S. needed to "increase support at this crucial moment to help the Iraqis break the current cycle of violence," the announcement sparked nationwide debate, from Capitol Hill to the classrooms at Notre Dame.

Saturday marked the deadline day for American forces in the last two years, as 20 troops were killed in Iraq.

Notre Dame political science professor Dan Edelman said with instability in Iraq mounting and the possibility of a civil war erosion only increasing, the U.S. will need at least 20 troops for every 1,000 Iraqis to maintain order in the region — a scenario that isn't anywhere close to the current ratio.

Past estimates said there were approximately six troops per thousand Iraqis, and the President's recent troop increase will not increase that figure substantially.

"The Iraq War is lost unless the military force on the ground is increased," Edelman said. "As this will not happen, and because the Iraqi forces being trained are so much more or sectarian fighters than

ND graduates embrace ACE opportunities

Students use undergraduate skills to teach underprivileged students across the country

By AARON STEINER

When Sarah Greene was accepted to Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program during her senior year at Notre Dame, she expected to spend two years on assignment in Mobile, Ala., teaching high school freshmen about famous works of literature and developing their writing skills.

After five months in the program, she says she's experienced that, and much more.

Greene began teaching on Aug. 1. To begin teaching freshman English at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School, the only Catholic high school in Mobile.

"I think that people have a different idea of what teaching is until they get into it," she said.

For Greene, an English major, ideas about "what teaching is" go beyond going over the material in lesson plans, she said.

"Teaching encompasses so much more than I ever imagined. I chose ACE because I felt a call to teach," Greene said. "I love discussing literature with my students and reading their writing."

"However, I realize now that I am called to teach them more than English," Greene said.

Sarah Green teaches high school freshman English at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School through the ACE program.

Right to Life attends march in Washington

By BECKY HOGAN

Students from Notre Dame/ St. Mary's Right to Life Club marched along Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C. Monday with other pro-life advocates in the 34th March for Life, an annual event that memorializes Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision on abortion.

Approximately 120 Notre Dame students marched from the United States Capitol building to the steps of the Supreme Court building carrying a Notre Dame banner and a U.S. flag, said Notre Dame Right to Life secretary Victor Saenz.

"The enthusiasm and support of all the people [at the march] made us feel like we were making a difference," Saenz said.

The group arrived in Washington, D.C. on Saturday in three charter buses. Another charter bus arrived on Sunday.

While at the march, students heard from various senatorial candidates on pro-life issues and were also accompanied by Holy Cross priests and seminarians, who led them in the rosary.

"People could tell Notre Dame cared for the pro-life message," Saenz said.

Many of the traveling group members attended the 2007 Rally for Life and the Youth Mass sponsored by the Archdiocese of

MSA students relish trips abroad

By EILEEN DUFFY

When Bridget Meacham checked her e-mail last fall and learned there were three spots available for Notre Dame Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) students to travel to Asia — they'd simply be granted to the first three people to apply — she didn't hesitate.

Meacham joined a group of 34 graduate business students on a two-week trip to Suzhou and Shanghai, China, an experience she called "absolutely phenomenal."

"Right now, China is the center of innovation. It's revolutionizing manufacturing. It has an impact on so many sectors that are either

Driver in car crash identified

Man arrested for Breathalyzer refusal

By KAITLYNN RIELY

The man who struck six cars in a parking lot in the Castle Point Apartment complex early Sunday morning was arrested for DUI refusal, police said Monday.

Carlos O. Cedillo, 23, of South Bend has not been officially charged, St. Joseph County Police spokesperson Jaime Thirion said in an e-mail Monday.

The preliminary charge, declining a Breathalyzer test — which Cedillo did after driving his car into six unoccupied, legally parked vehicles early Sunday — is a misdemeanor offense.

Cedillo is listed as a student in Holy Cross College's 2006-07 telephone directory. In the 2005-06 telephone directory, Cedillo's address is listed as Basil Residence Hall.

Since Thirion provided information by e-mail and was unable for further comment, The Observer was unable to ask follow-up questions regarding Cedillo's background.

Holy Cross Director of Marketing and Public Relations Sara Kassen declined to comment on whether Cedillo was a student at the College. Holy Cross issued a statement regarding the incident.

"We have not received any report of an accident over the weekend involving any of our students. Holy Cross College
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**A house divided**

With the recent NFL playoff excitement, I find myself thinking this year's Super Bowl situation is win-win. Since my home team — the Eagles — fall short for another year, it may as well be the Colts and the Bears — the only two other teams in the NFL that I remotely follow.

The reason I follow these teams is that my mom is from Indianapolis and my dad is from Chicago. Every time either team is playing, we, as a family, root for the Colts or Bears, which works out because they do not usually play each other ... until now.

On Super Bowl Sunday, my parents will not trade their loyalties to favor one team as a family. It will be full-out war.

My parents spent at least 20 years in their hometowns before getting married and moving to Philadelphia. Naturally, each of them was brought up cheering for their home team and no one else.

Because of my split football upbringing since I was born in Chicago, this Super Bowl will be nothing more than an excuse to get together with friends and watch funny commercials with a football game on the side.

At home, however, I can only imagine what state my house will be like during those four hours of football. Hopefully, my parents will leave my little sisters to decide for themselves who they want to win, even though they may be indifferent.

My e-mail inbox has already been flooded with hype from aunts and uncles for the Colts with the instant rebuttal from my dad, one of the few in-laws from Chicago.

For example, this is a通风信 e-mail from my dad:

"Accordingly, Maddie and Clare (my younger sisters) may opt to root for the nine-time world champion Chicago Bears because they are the best team, but Emily and Katie (older sister and me) must join their father in rooting for their birth team: Da Bears."

This year, the Super Bowl is a question of hometown pride at my house, and time will only tell if football will be a strong enough force to make my upbringing since I was born in Chicago, the Big Apple, and Philadelphia, this house divided.

Living in Jamaica, Queens, also presents an interesting scenario. There are so many students from the Chicago area as well as India. Having an all Midwest Super Bowl is unique and I am sure roommates will be at odds for bragging rights on Feb. 4.

I just hope students, as well as my parents, realize that the Super Bowl is just a game and they are able to reconcile after a few hours of well-deserved guttering.

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The views expressed in the Inside Columns are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**IN BRIEF**

A reading of Homer's Iliad will take place today in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall at 6:10 p.m.

RecSports is sponsoring a blood drive today and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Rolfs. Registration is required.

John French, associate professor of history at Duke University and Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow, is speaking today at the Work in Progress Seminar, "Brazil's President as Working Class Raposa: Understanding Lula as Politician" from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in Hesburgh Center Room C-103.

Wednesday is the last day to make changes to class schedules for the semester on InsideND.

The Academic Council Meeting is taking place Wednesday in the McKenna Hall auditorium from 3 - 5 p.m. Attendance is by invitation only.

The 18th annual ND Student Film Festival will take place Thursday through Saturday at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The festival features 13 short films made as class projects during the past year. Tickets are $6 for general admission, $5 for faculty/staff and $3 for students.

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

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**CORRECTIONS**

In the Jan. 19 edition of The Observer, in the article "ND sans code of conduct with African elites," a statement by Jude Rub Diew was paraphrased to say the Notre Dame Catholic chapter "was not a driving force in determining the University's involvement in the Millennium Village Project." In reality, Notre Dame's Catholic chapter was a major force for Notre Dame's chapter in support of the Project, but it does not directly influence the specific activities workers are undertaking in Uganda.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: PARIS HILTON — HOT OR NOT? WHY?**

Mark Skylling

Katie Kohler

News Production Editor

"Not. Because she's not as pretty as Emily Voge."

"Not. Because she has a HUGE nose, and it's just not attractive."

"Not. It's a trashball."

"Not. She's over-exposed in more way than one."

"Not — too skinny."

"Hot. But please don't publish that."

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**OFFBEAT**

Tourist loses himself in the Big Apple

NEW YORK — A newcomer to the city became hopelessly lost for five days after going for a walk. Damon Mootoo was staying at his brother's house in South Jamaica, Queens, when he decided to go for a stroll last Wednesday, 12 hours after arriving in New York for the first time, the Daily News reported Monday.

The 33-year-old man quickly got disoriented by the confusing streets of Queens.

On Sunday night, after a good Samaritan came to his aid, he was recovering at Jamaica Hospital from dehydration and frostbite. Mootoo, who is hard of hearing but can communicate in English, said he didn't ask for directions because he was afraid he'd be deported and because he had heard many scary stories about New York. He recently had received his permanent resident card.

Dog terrifies mail carriers

CA P S E R, Wyo. — So far, he's all bark and no bite. But mail carriers aren't taking any chances.

They've stopped delivering mail to around 24 homes on Naravore Road because of Dutch, a sheep-herd/chow mix. Caper, Postmaster Susan Gray said Dutch has chased carriers eight times since 2002, with the latest incident occurring Jan. 8.

"This dog is very aggressive," Gray said. "Five different carriers have said the dog will come down the road to come get them."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Students pass Native American resolution

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

The campus life council (CLC) unanimously passed a resolution to enhance student life for Native Americans during its first meeting of the semester Monday in LaFortune.

The body resolved that the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs "be strongly urged" to work with the Office of the President to appoint a permanent member of the faculty or administration to serve as an official advisor to Native American students.

Members debated the wording of this particular line, as Dr. G. David Moss, assistant vice president for student affairs, said Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman was already "very sensitive to these issues" and urged care in making such strong demands.

No amendments were made, however, since student body president Liz Shappeg agreed to include in her cover letter to Father Poorman an explanation that CLC and the Senate feel strongly about the issue but did not wish to be demanding of its beneficiaries.

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MAKING IDEAS PITCHED

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Vice President of College Relations Sharon Rodriguez visited the Board of Governance (Bog) to discuss the progress of the Saint Mary's identity initiative at their meeting on Monday night.

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Washington, D.C. At the rally, attendees received the sacrament of confession, participated in mass and enjoyed entertainment by Catholic recording artists.

During the weekend before the March, Notre Dame students took advantage of their time in D.C. to visit monuments and museums. Touring the sites throughout the D.C. area gave students the opportunity to interact with both the secular and religious aspects of the abortion issue, Saenz said.

The group also visited the John Paul II Cultural Center located near the Catholic University of America.

Cardinal Francis Eugene George, Archbishop of Chicago, delivered a talk to the students in Washington, D.C. on Sunday before the march.

"I thought his insight was amazing on practical life issues," Saenz said. "He talked really well to realize why we were marching.

Sunday night, Notre Dame Right-to-Life also celebrated mass at the basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. "The church was a beautiful place of worship, and we got to participate in a huge mass," Saenz said.

Senior Monica Querenganroga, a member of the Notre Dame Right to Life, organized the trip to Washington, D.C.

Students who arrived Saturday paid a $75 fee to cover the cost of transportation for the trip and those that got in Sunday paid $50. Saenz said the club also received funding for the trip from donors who support the pro-life message.

Saenz said that the trip to D.C. helped the club members "begin to realize the reality of the importance of human life."

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always follows up on any knowledge of or any concerns regarding the safety of students or violation of a student code. Any violation of state, local or federal law constitutes a violation of our student code and Holy Cross does exercise off campus jurisdiction.

Tory Mitchell, who took over this summer as director of the Residence Hall at Holy Cross, said Cedillo was never a resident under his direction. He said, however, he had heard the name before.

"I believe he was a student here, or is," Mitchell said.

The Observer was unable to confirm whether Cedillo currently resides at Castle Point. His local address is not listed in the Holy Cross directory, and Judy Logan, manager of Castle Point Apartments, declined to comment on the incident.

Sunday morning, Cedillo "was driving his Lincoln Navigator west in the Cass Street Apartment Complex near 1309 Coachmans Trail when he drove off to the north part of the lot and struck six vehicles," Thirion said.

At least three of the cars belonged to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students. Rachel Davis, 26, a Castle Point resident who witnessed the incident, said Sunday she woke up between 4:30 a.m. and 4:40 to the sound of Cedillo's car crashing into her car and five other cars in the lot.

Davis called the police and said they arrived within two minutes. She said three St. Joseph County Police cars and one ambulance were on the scene.

The police at the scene told her the man in the car was intoxicated, Davis said. They told her he lived in the Enchanted Forest section of Castle Point, she said, but she did not recognize him.

Thirion said Cedillo was released from the St. Joseph County Jail on a $500 cash bond and is due to appear in court on Oct. 12.

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they are supporters of the contras government, the war is likely already lost," Saenz said.

Lindley dismissed Bush's plan, saying that a 21,500-troop surge cannot prevent a Shi'ite-Sunni war or stabilize Iraq.

"The progression of U.S. efforts ... far from finalizing the conflict — will only temporarily delay an inevitable civil war at the cost of more American lives, he said.

"How fast we leave and what we do with our remaining influence are the relevant issues," Lindley said. "Waining is not an option."

However, politicians and professors agree the future of Iraq must be considered as well.

In the Jan. 10 speech, the President said "to step back now would force a collapse of the Iraqi government, fear that country apart and result in mass killings on an imaginable scale."

The Iraq Study Group agreed.

The congressional bipartisan panel, charged with the evaluation of the Iraqi crisis, released its conclusions in December.

Though it agreed that "a premature withdrawal of America's forces from Iraq would almost certainly produce greater sectarian violence and a deterioration of conditions" in the region, it also notedmedium-sized manpower increments to the Coalition forces — such as the 20,000-troop increase — "would not be enough to avert the fundamental causes of the Suni-Shiite conflict."

To make the decision to stay or withdraw even more difficult, theology professor Michael Baxter threw the Christian viewpoint into the mix.

Baxter argued in favor of withdrawal from Iraq, considering the war "theologically unjust due to inconsistent purposes and erroneous information."

"At first it was about destroying weapons of mass destruction, but then it became about hunting down al-Qa'eda and finally it was about freeing the Iraqis," Baxter said. "Under those circumstances, any Christian who is involved in the war should refuse to participate any further — and plenty of them are already doing that." Christians have not been the only ones to question the American presence in the Middle East.

Last year, The Washington Post reported that approximately 80 percent of the Iraqi population favored an immediate pullout of American forces — but experts predict the President will remain optimistic about his new strategy in tonight's State of the Union address.

The White House said the President will focus his speech on energy conservation and domestic policy, but his continued support for the troop increase will likely cause the most heated debate.

Supporters of the President's new Iraq proposals, including potential presidential candidate Senator John McCain, will also be unable to withdraw criticism as the former's approval ratings have sunk to a dismal 33 percent, said the ABC News/Washington Post poll.

Political science professor Peri Arnold said McCain's future in American politics depends largely on the outcome of the road of Bush's decision — which will have two years to unfold before the next presidential election.

"If this turns out badly, McCain will be harmed by his identification with a losing cause and bad decision," Arnold said.

While Arnold called McCain's endorsement of the new Bush strategy "politically very risky," he noted that the senator is more likely to be harmed by his earlier positions concerning troop increases for Iraq.

Bush's troop announcement has generated debate among students, who see the impact they have on this generation's future — especially for those who know someone fighting the war, or may help fight it themselves.

Senior history major Philip Moch, who is also a member of the Army ROTC, said he was "thrilled" to hear of the troop increase, "but even happier to hear about the new effort being put in to reconstruction, as well as the removal of the political barriers which seem often to hinder the effectiveness of coalition forces."

Mauro, who will be going into the Active Duty Army directly following graduation, may see combat in Iraq one day — and he will hopefully embrace this call to service.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to help the people of Iraq rebuild their country, as well as the challenge of combat leadership in the contemporary operating environment," he said.

Mauro noted that the troop surge does not necessarily increase the chances of recent graduates going to Iraq, and will "more likely mean the quicker deployment of units already set to depart and extension of the tours for those already there."

Speaking as a private citizen and not a representative of the military, Moe said many of his friends have reacted positively to Bush's latest announcement.

"I think I have benefited greatly from being able to learn from their experiences [in Iraq]," he said. "And in my opinion, the quality of the ROTC, instruction has improved as we have gained more cadre [instructors] who have more recent wartime experience."

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At the Observer, we are going out of our way to include real-life stories. If you have one, please share it! We are all in this together.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran denies 38 inspectors entrance

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran has barred 38 nuclear inspectors from entering the country, the foreign minister said Monday in what appeared to be retaliation for the U.N. sanctions imposed last month. The rejected officials are on a list of potential inspectors drawn up by the International Atomic Energy Agency to visit and monitor Iran’s nuclear facilities. The act of rejecting some inspectors is legal and in accordance with the agency’s regulations, Foreign Minister Manouchehr Motakdi told the official Islamic Republic News Agency. He said others on the U.N. nuclear watchdog’s list remained eligible, but did not explain how Iran decided which inspectors to bar. The IAEA “submits a long list of inspectors to member countries and the countries have the right to decide on the visit by some inspectors,” Motakdi said. Last month, the U.N. Security Council imposed sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program and its allies against potential targets from the Middle East. But the prospect of sophisticated U.S. radar and interceptor systems in former Soviet Republics has led Eastern Europe to be glacier-less by 2050

VIENNA, Austria — Glaciers will all but disappear from the Alps by 2050 as a result of climate change, scientists warned Monday, basing their bleak outlook on mounting evidence of slow but steady melting of the continental ice sheets. In Austria’s Alpine province of Tyrol, glaciers have been shrinking by about 3 percent a year, said Roland Pantner of the University of Innsbruck’s Institute for Ecology. And 2030 is a conservative estimate, he said: “If they keep melting at that rate, most glaciers could vanish by 2037.”

NATIONAL NEWS

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Associated Press

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“This is a way to protect ourselves and give many who travel another form of ID,” Hernandez said. The Associated Press reported this week that 750,000 U.S. travelers had to pack passports for trips to Mexico, Canada and the Caribbean. Only about a quarter of U.S. citizens hold valid passports, and most are acclimated to traveling to neighboring countries with just a driver’s license or birth certificate, which have long been sufficient to get through airport customs on the trip home.

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“I'd rather be going through a security check, than possibly being blown out of the air because of lack of security measures,” John Golden of Columbus, Ga., who was headed to the Caribbean. But Pepe, the Czech analyst, said Russian threats should be taken with a grain of salt. “Russians in the past have threatened to do all sorts of things if NATO was enlarged,” Pepe said. “I think they are aware that this particular system, if it’s ever built, will be aimed against them. I would see this more as pressure and a bit of bluffing.” Shelters were open throughout the region. By late afternoon more than 540 people had taken refuge at Miami-Dade County shelters, but there were only 10 at a shelter near Fort Lauderdale and only 30 at four shelters in Monroe County. “I'm not surprised, because it's only a tropical storm. Most people are not taking it seriously because it's not a tropical storm,” said legal permanent resident. Monica, for Monroe County’s emergency management office. Damage from 2005 and 2004 hurricanes continues to plague many residents, as thousands still await roof repairs.

Associated Press

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“I'd rather be going through a security check, than possibly being blown out of the air because of lack of security measures,” John Golden of Columbus, Ga., who was headed to the Caribbean. But Pepe, the Czech analyst, said Russian threats should be taken with a grain of salt. “Russians in the past have threatened to do all sorts of things if NATO was enlarged,” Pepe said. “I think they are aware that this particular system, if it’s ever built, will be aimed against them. I would see this more as pressure and a bit of bluffing.” Shelters were open throughout the region. By late afternoon more than 540 people had taken refuge at Miami-Dade County shelters, but there were only 10 at a shelter near Fort Lauderdale and only 30 at four shelters in Monroe County. “I'm not surprised, because it's only a tropical storm. Most people are not taking it seriously because it's not a tropical storm,” said legal permanent resident. Monica, for Monroe County’s emergency management office. Damage from 2005 and 2004 hurricanes continues to plague many residents, as thousands still await roof repairs.

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — The United States has entered a decisive phase in a plan to set up missile defense sites in Eastern Europe — a system Washington says is aimed at protecting itself and its allies against potential attacks from the Middle East. But the prospect of sophisticated U.S. radar and interceptor systems in former Soviet Republics has led Eastern Europe to be glacier-less by 2050 as a result of climate change, scientists warned Monday, basing their bleak outlook on mounting evidence of slow but steady melting of the continental ice sheets. In Austria’s Alpine province of Tyrol, glaciers have been shrinking by about 3 percent a year, said Roland Pantner of the University of Innsbruck’s Institute for Ecology. And 2030 is a conservative estimate, he said: “If they keep melting at that rate, most glaciers could vanish by 2037.”
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rising or declining," she said. "To understand what's going on in the business world right now, it's crucial to understand what's going on in China.""Abroad is one of the many graduate students in the Mendoza College of Business who choose to study abroad each year. While some students prefer to go on a three- or four-week trip, others prefer to live in a country for an entire semester. The most popular destinations are China, and Santiago, Chile. For Notre Dame's graduate student, study abroad is divided into two seven-week modules (as they're termed), with a two-week break in between. While the Brussels/Paris and China trips take place during the break, the Chile program lasts for an entire seven-week module.

Dating to 2001, Chile is the oldest international study opportunity in the Graduate School of Business, and is offered only in module two of the fall. The Brussels/Paris and China programs are in their second years.

Abroad study graduate is clearly not as extensive — both in dollars and experience — as undergraduate, but any kind of international study is viewed as an invaluable resource for young professionals in what is becoming an increasingly global economy.

Mendoza Assistant Dean Samuel Gallagher, who directs International Programs for graduate business students, thinks that when it comes to landing a job, a candidate who has studied abroad is "more complete, more marketable." "You can't get enough experience in the international market," he said. "When making decisions in the business world, the more knowledge about how other companies and economies operate, the more valuable you'll be." Notre Dame's business graduate students are taking advantage of the abroad opportunities — over 70 percent of a graduating class participates in one of the international programs offered.

So while other schools like University of Houston have recently moved to require their MBA students to study abroad, Gaglio doesn't think that's necessary at Notre Dame. "I would prefer to send students who are interested," he said. "rather than students who are required."

While Mendoza acknowledges the positive impact her China experience has had on her, she also fears mandatory study abroad could damage Mendoza's appeal.

"Just the sheer economic burden it could put on some people ... I think that would be a limiting factor for students and make them choose a different MBA program," she said. "A lot of MBA students walk away from jobs, have families. It's a sacrifice for some of them to go on this trip."

But for students who are interested and qualified, there's no need to worry — Gaglio admitted that currently, the programs admit all applicants in good standing.

For Gaglio to be the most popular program, with 74 students scheduled to travel to the Far East this spring, Gaglio thinks of the finest parts of the program is the opportunity for participants to see the "real China."

We have this perspective of what we see as China," she said. "New China is exciting. It's like ... the Wild West of economy. We study the people: they're entrepreneurs; they're having a great time. It's not the China we all think we know." For Meacham, spending time conversing with Chinese peers will keep them in touch with some she met. They wanted to put their country's best face forward to the Americans, but unfortunately, Meacham noted, behind that front were symptoms. "They were bragging about Suzhou. They were showing us all this new construction, like apartments, and talking about how great the city was," she said. "But when we went on the canal tour there, we saw abandoned poverty. By our standards — that was the normal standard of living. We felt awkward looking at those people."

She was also distressed about the way her hosts greeted or addressed someone, she said, and with rapid expansion of industrialization and skyrocketing motor vehicle sales, she's worried it's going to get worse.

In any case, Meacham's study abroad experience taught her that perhaps her homeland isn't the center of the world — which is essentially crucial, since she's going to be starting in August, FJT Consulting, just bought a branch in China.

"I would say the most important thing was kind of opening my eyes to see that, sixteen years down the road, the United States may not be the leader in world economics," she said. "... For the Chinese, a lot of their interactions are about appearance. If you don't know the correct way to greet or address someone, you're not going to be able to survive in the everyday business environment."

Gaglio said he and his colleagues are looking into more programs for graduate business students to study abroad, and India will be the next program established.

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than English's requiring being a positive role model and a wit­ness to the Christian faith. It also includes helping students who, according to Greene, "are yearn­ ing for support and guidance." It's the times in which a stud­ ent says something like, 'My grandparents just passed away; can you pray for him?' or a student stops in to ask my advice on a problem," Greene said. "Those moments are very rewarding."

Greene is one of the 174 cur­ rent ACE teachers — college graduates who spend two years in the University's service pro­ gram teaching in under­ resourced Catholic schools across the country. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's alumni account for 94 of the program's current participants.

ACE participants spend two summers during the program taking what ACE Assistant Director Chris Kowalski calls a graduate program in education. At the completion of the two-year assignment, participants earn their Master of Educational degree from Notre Dame.

Ten days after her college graduation, Greene began her preparation on campus for her first year of teaching. Greene said the support from ACE, staff and faculty allowed her to transform from someone with little classroom experience into a full-time teacher.

"The rigor of the summer prepares us for the rigor of teaching," she said.

"The challenges come from people who understand the diffi­ culty of teaching. They know that ACE is a challenging experi­ ence, and India will be the next program established."

"They welcome it as a challenge — and I, too, was ready to take the challenge." Greene said.

For Greene, the choice to pur­ sue post-graduate service was one she made early on in her education.

"I knew I wanted to go into a field of ministry or education," Greene said.

Experiences at Notre Dame, including time spent as a high school assistant in Lyons Hall, helped develop her passion for both faith and education.

Greene applied to the ACE program with the goal of learning about and fulfilling a desire to work in a faith-based community. The three pillars of ACE are teaching, community and spirituality. Greene said she was charmed to Greene and her ideals.

"The way that ACE balances all of those three is so dear to me that something that I really wanted to be a part of service experiences."

In addition to teaching, Greene leads a women's prayer group at the school, which meets once a week to pray and discuss differ­ ent topics.

Whether the group discusses the way the media portrays women or a student asks Greene how she has dealt with specific moral problems of her own, she is always able to dig into deep issues and are in need of moral support.

While ACE strives to aid under-resourced Catholic schools, Greene said that under-resourced does not neces­ sarily mean schools without basic necessities. The primary need of these schools is not always financial, but is often a lack of professional training and teachers to dig into deeper issues and are in need of moral support.

"You would say most schools do benefit financially from having the ACE program," Greene said. "However, there are some schools where the ACE teachers might not feel like they fit in or feel like the ACE program is all that necessary for them."

"There is a need for ACE teachers to provide a different way for students to begin the classroom process. Greene said. "Many ACE teachers go above and beyond their call to serve and are willing to help out in whatever way they feel they can make a difference."

For Greene, making a differ­ ence in her students' lives has ensnared in changing her own life. The challenges of teaching have led to her own growth, she said.

A self-described "perfectionist" as a former student teacher, Greene said her work in Mobile has been less than perfect. She feels she faces day-to-day challenges to look introspectively and evaluate herself each day.

"At the end of every day, I look back at what went well and what didn't really go well," she said.

"I look for ways to improve and help my students to better succeed," she said.

Her own self-evaluation has cemented what she has learned about herself in the past five months.

"My time as an ACE teacher has already provided valuable life lessons about balance, respect, commitment and responsibility," she said.

Greene said she will likely remain active in the field of Catholic education.

"I imagine that I'll always be involved in Catholic education," she said. "Whether that is in teaching, administration or somewhere else, ACE has affirmed her passion for the Catholic commu­ nity."

"There's no better organiza­ tion for me to be involved in really on fire about Catholic education," she said.

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Pfizer Inc. to cut 10,000 jobs

World's largest drug company suffers under pressure from competing markets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pfizer Inc., struggling with fierce competition from makers of generic drugs, announced Monday it will cut 10,000 jobs and close at least five facilities as part of an effort to slash billions in costs by up to $2 billion by next year.

The drastic measures by the world's largest drug maker highlight challenges faced by many pharmaceutical companies recently. In addition to patent expirations, big drug companies are facing a business climate where insurers and other large purchasers of medicines are demanding lower prices and more evidence of products' worth.

Although big rounds of job cuts are typically a sign that a company's stock price, shares of Pfizer fell 27 cents, or 1 percent, to close Monday at $27.95 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The consensus among analysts of the drug company is it is at risk of losing 41 percent of its sales to generic competition between 2010 and 2012, including the revenue that tops seller Lipitor, according to Prudential analyst Tim Anderson.

The latest cuts come on top of a previous plan announced plan to slash costs by $4 billion a year by 2008. On Monday, Chartash said it would cut an additional $500 million to $1 billion in costs. However, it said some of the savings would be reinvested in the company so the total savings would be between $1.5 billion and $2 billion.

The 10,000 layoffs amount to about 10 percent of the company's global workforce and include the elimination of 2,400 jobs from the U.S. sales force, which Pfizer announced late last year.

The company said Monday it would cut 20 percent of its European sales force but didn't say how many jobs that will be.

Pfizer will close three research sites in Michigan and two manufacturing plants in New York and Nebraska. It may also sell another manufacturing site in Germany and close research sites in Japan and France.

Aside from outlining cuts, Pfizer also detailed how it would restructure its business in an effort to become more nimble and flexible. The U.S. commercial business will be divided into five distinct units, each with a general manager responsible for that group's performance.

Two research areas are being abandoned while other research and development efforts are being consolidated.

Pfizer also pledged to interact more with potential customers such as insurers to make sure it is developing medicines they deem worthy of purchasing.

"I believe we must transform the way we do business in the past in order to be more successful in the future," said Jeffrey Kendrick, who became Pfizer's CEO last summer and chairman last month.

"Incremental evolution is not enough. Fundamental change is imperative — and it must happen now."

Pfizer reiterated that its revenue would be flat this year and next, but it expects earnings to jump between 6 percent and 9 percent in both 2007 and 2008.

Analysts are skeptical about whether Pfizer's current and pipeline drugs can generate enough sales to compensate for revenue it stands to lose. Pfizer said it intends to buy or collaborate with other companies to bolster its product portfolio as it attempts to improve its own research. Pfizer reiterated it will introduce six new products a year beginning in 2011, four from its own research and two from collaborations.

Prosecution focuses on Coke worker

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A former Coca-Cola secretary spearheaded a conspiracy to steal trade secrets from the beverage giant in a case about "greed and poor choices," a prosecutor said Monday during opening statements in the woman's trial.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Chartash told jurors that Jaya Williams was the one who first approached two high-ranking executives in the case in late 2005 about selling Coca-Cola documents and samples of products that hadn't been launched to rival Pepsi.

"She says the documents are worth something to a competitor," Chartash said, referring to a meeting between Williams and a co-defendant.

Williams faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of the single federal conspiracy charge against her. She has pleaded not guilty. Williams remains free on bond pending the outcome of the trial. Two co-defendants have pleaded guilty to conspiracy, and at least one is expected to testify against her.

Williams, Edmund Duhaney and Ibrahim Dalmus were indicted in July, accused of stealing new product samples and confidential documents from The Coca-Cola Co. and trying to sell them to Purchase, N.Y.-based PepsiCo Inc.

The alleged plans were foiled after Pepsi warned Atlanta-based Coca-Cola and an undercover FBI investigation was launched.

Williams was fired from her job as an administrative assistant to Coca-Cola's global brand director after the allegations came to light.

Among the key evidence against Williams, according to Chartash: a $4,000 deposit Williams made into her bank account, voicemail messages between Williams and the co-defendants and surveillance video of Williams at her desk at Coca-Cola headquarters.

Chartash showed jurors during his opening statement some of that surveillance video, on which Williams is seen stuffing documents in a bag and taking a bottle with a liquid in it.
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Quote of the Day

"Do not wait for the last judgment. It takes place for dinner."

-Albert Camus

writer and philosopher

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

The Observer

Abortion and the March for Life

The seats, about 250, on the buses were sold out almost immediately. The riders subject themselves to a 10-hour trip each way. In between, they had to sleep on a gym floor; spend long hours out in the cold and do what they could for food, etc. Where were they going? A concert? The Motor City Bowl? Not quite.

They are Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students going to the March for Life in Washington. It marked the 34th anniversary of Roe v. Wade on Jan. 22.

A reasonable observer might ask, "Why bother?" Maybe students just don't have enough to do. The reality, however, is that those students are doing something real and important.

For most readers of these words, Roe v. Wade is ancient history. Since that ruling in 1973, more than 55 million unborn children have been legally executed by surgical abortion through 2002. That is the last year for which the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the source of the most complete statistics, has reported. Even since the early 1990s the totals have leveled out and declined somewhat. In 2002, the total was about 1.29 million. Those figures do not include the uncountable but increasing number of early abortions by chemicals, intrauterine devices and other means.

The legalized execution of unborn children is a fixed reality in our law and culture. Victims from the first decade of Roe would have already attended, had they lived, their tenth college reunions. You have rights under the Constitution because you are a person. In any civilized society where personality is the condition for possessing rights, every innocent human being should be entitled to be treated as a person. The theory of Roe is simple. The Court decided to determine whether the unborn child is a living human being. The Court held instead that, whether or not he is such, he is not a person. The ruling is the same in effect as a ruling that an acknowledged human being is a nonperson and therefore has no rights.

That depersonalization principle of Roe is the principle that underlay both the Nazi extermination of the Jews and the depersonalization of slaves in the Dred Scott case of 1857. If the students in the March seek to accomplish a restoration of legal rights to the unborn child they are embarked on an exercise in futility. The most the Court will do is to let the states decide whether to allow or prohibit abortion.

That would confirm the nonpersonhood of the unborn child, because if an innocent human being is subject to being executed whenever a legislature authorizes it, he is a nonperson.

The Court will soon rule on the federal prohibition of partial-birth abortion.

That case, however, is a sideshow. The issue there is whether innocent human beings may be legally executed and not even which ones may be so killed, but rather how the killing is to be done.

In any event, the restoration of legal rights to that child will not happen because early-aborter technology is irrevocably moving abortion beyond the effective reach of the law.

For those reasons, abortion is now essentially not a legal problem at all, but one that is cultural and — dare we say it? — religious. Here is where the March for Life becomes a big deal and the students are doing something real and important.

The students from NDSMC Right to Life are joining other thousands at the March for Life in giving witness not only to justice but also to peace. In his message for the World Day of Peace, Jan. 1, 2006, Benedict XVI said "The right to life ... is not subject to the power of men. Peace requires ... a clear boundary between what is at man's disposal and what is not. As far as the right to life is concerned, we must announce its widespread violation. ... Alongside the victims of armed conflicts, terrorism and the different forms of violence, there are the silent deaths caused by hunger, abortion, experimentation on human embryos and euthanasia. How can we fail to see in all this an attack on peace?"

Benedict described abortion and embryonic experimentation as "a direct denial of that attitude of acceptance of others that is indispensable for peace." The evils named by Benedict precipitate peace because they deny what he called "the requirements of the nature bestowed on man by the Creator." Legalized abortion is part of a bigger picture.

Benedict entrusted his prayer for peace to "the Queen of Peace" who is, of course, Notre Dame. As Right to Life chairman Mary Elizabeth Walter described it, the journey to the March for Life is "not so much a demonstration but a prayer." Those students embody Notre Dame at its best. They have their act together, evidently more than some faculty.

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ND should push living wage

I do hope the ND students will continue their mission to get the University to pay the employees at least a living wage, which would be a win-win situation.

I know some people that are employed think it is adequate now, but they are not raising a family on one income. Also for a Catholic organization advocating multi-family children, I hear from some employees that the department heads are not very tolerant when their workers need time off for emergency family problems.

Just as your former classmates were able to study non-conformity from being made near slave labor and their former classmates were able to persuade their leaders to divert the University of its African gold during the apartheid era, I know that this generation of students will be able to get the University leaders and do the right thing.

Louis C. Myers
South Bend resident
Jan. 11

Ethics and morals not synonymous

This bit was written as a result of, but not a direct response to Eleanor Song's letter ("Contraceptive morals harmfully," Jan. 22). As the states in the article, "God is the creator of humanity, thus God has written the manual for its optimal functioning in the world.

This is a widely held belief of many Catholics. Something in the apolitical political guide that I picked up last semester in my dorn chapel. It seems to me that the argument in its most basic form goes something like, 'Since moral law is not always best for society, ethics should not be synonymous with morals.'

And here's my anticipated example: Matthew states that I should not steal for 2,000 years. It is our moral duty to forgive our trespassers, just like those Amish families forgive Charles Roberts. The legal system, however, makes it best for society to ethically forgive those who trespass us.

Clearly the answer is no, as was installed to keep order, among other things. Without ethical implications our country would virtu­ally be in a state of anarchy. So, clearly, moral law is not always best for society.

My point is that morals can and should not ever be used to justify ethics. That's not to say that they can't be equivalent in most cases. This is true for most personal decisions. Perhaps the origin of my frustration with this issue. I am from South Bend, and most of my good friends at home are conservative. When we would discuss the issues of gay marriage, the only justification for their views was moral.

Do you not see the problem with that? If that is your justification, then you have to, in order to have a sound argument, also attest that all moral law should be actual law. Plus, we are not a theocracy; have we not forgotten that this country was not founded on the freedom of (and from) religion.

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Fighting science with science

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CD Reviews

Latest U2 collection includes hits and misses

By BRIAN DOXDAKER
Senior Editor

U2 already has a pair of greatest hits albums, “Best of 1980 – 1990” and “Best of 1990 – 2000,” so “U2:18” might seem like a cash-in on previously released material. Unfortunately, it is. U2 doesn’t really need another compilation, and “U2:18” doesn’t provide anything new or revelatory about the most popular band in the world.

U2, led by singer Bono and guitarist The Edge, started out as an above-average post-punk outfit before finding its footing as a socially-conscious band with a penchant for sweeping anthems. Driven by the rhythm section of Larry Mullen Jr. and Adam Clayton (the two members of the band that actually have names), U2 married eclectic experimentalism with simple rock beats, a combination that proved to be both artistically and commercially successful. In 1991’s “Achtung Baby,” it reinvented itself as an electronic/dance band.

U2 continued along this path for the decade until re-reinventing itself as a neo-classicist pop band, which was evident on its most recent two albums, 2000’s “All That You Can’t Leave Behind” and 2004’s “How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb.”

Sadly, despite this history, there’s a lot wrong with “U2:18.” It isn’t arranged chronologically, so it’s nearly impossible to get a feel for the band’s considerable artistic growth. This problem is compounded by the complete absence of several key U2 albums, including 1983’s “Boy” (the band’s debut), 1982’s “October,” and 1993’s “Zooropa.”

The music that is included is generally great, though it relies a bit too heavily on U2’s later Renaissance. Songs like “I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For” and “New Year’s Day” have a timeless, anthem-type quality to them, while love songs like “One” and “With or Without You” hint at the band’s depth. The best song on the compilation (and one of the defining songs of the 1980s) is U2’s tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., the fiery “Pride (In The Name of the Lover).”

“Achtung Baby” contains some fantastic guitar work by The Edge.

The two new songs on the album are respectable, but not nearly as good as the rest of the collection’s material. A cover of “This Side” by The Skids is a “The Saints” are coming" feature Green Day, while “Window in the Skies” is a U2-by-numbers anthem that showcases a fine vocal performance by Roto despite an excess of strings.

Still, for a collection that purports to be a collection of singles, it’s disappointing just how many of the band’s biggest singles have been forgotten — “I Will Follow,” “Gloria,” “Bad,” “Stay (Faraway So Close)” and “Even Better Than The Real Thing” among them. “U2:18” is also disappointing because it omits unreleased album tracks, so the breadth and depth of U2 is lost in the commerciality of the singles. It also fails to include anything from any of U2’s side projects, which means that “Miss Sarajevo” (featuring Luciano Pavarotti), one of its best songs from the 1990s, is also missing.

In the end, it’s hard to see the point of a compilation like “U2:18.” Faithful fans will most likely own most of the album’s material, and wouldn’t feel compelled to buy the disc simply for a few new songs. Those unfamiliar with U2 would be better off buying one of its previously released “Best Of” collections, or better yet, picking up 1987’s “The Joshua Tree” and 1991’s “Achtung Baby.” There’s no arguing with the greatness of the music included on the disc. However, it’s hard not to wish for more of it.

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Director Coppola blends punk rock, 18th century

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With her 2006 release “Marie Antoinette,” director Sofia Coppola took a unique approach to creating a soundtrack for her film. Unlike most modern period films, the majority of the music featured in the movie is not a recently composed mishmash of strings and generic orchestration. In an approach not uncharacteristic of the film’s quirky director, the music of “Marie Antoinette” derives not from an orchestra pit, but more likely from a garage or dingy nightclub.

Coppola has filled the film with New Wave, post-punk and modern rock songs, creating a sound that’s surprisingly fresh and youthful atmosphere for such a history-based film. The soundtrack itself comes with two discs, the first highlighting more well-known songs and the second featuring most of the film’s instrumental tracks.

The first disc thumbs open with “Hong Kong Garden,” a fervent post-punk track by eighties underground hipsters Siouxsie and the Banshees. The disc showed during a daring masked ball in the film, “Hong Kong Garden” creates an aura of crashing sound and exotic lyrics that seem out of place given the film’s storyline.

Marie Antoinette, an Austrian by blood, was herself something of a misfit in the ornate and regimented world of Versailles, and her costume and hair choice provides a figurative escape from that strange world ties in closely with the colorful atmosphere that “Hong Kong Garden” describes.

The subsequent tracks on the first disc are each well chosen and unique. One standout song is “Melody of a Fallen Tree” by Texas band Windsor for the Desert. One of the lengthier songs included, the “Melody” has a quiet, peaceful feel to it, contrasting sharply with the guitar-heavy tracks that make up the majority of the album. Strong vocals and a pulsating rhythm characterize “Kings of the Wild Frontier” by Adam and the Ants, a New Wave band whose powerful drums help anchor the song’s place on the album.

Other highlights include the addition of more modern bands, such as “What Even Happened” by the Strokes; the appearances of both the now-ubiquitous “I Want Candy” and the lesser known “Aphrodissiac” by Wow Wow Wow, and the bass-heavy vintage New Order hit “Ceremony.”

The choice to highlight the punk period in a period film with relatablecontemporary music would normally seem curious to the average listener. With “Marie Antoinette,” however, the choice makes thematic sense. To Coppola, Marie Antoinette is essentially a lost young girl searching for meaning as she is increasingly overwhelmed by pressures beyond her control. The struggle for individuality and personal happiness are well-worn ideas to any teenage listener of the music Coppola has chosen. The connection between the two time periods, then, is intriguingly obvious.

The second disc features instrumental tracks by both modern and more classical artists. Both the techno-influenced Aphex Twin and eighties alternative icons the Cure make appearances, with the Cure closing off the album with the disc’s final track, “All Cat’s Are Grey.” The disc’s most energetic track is Row Wow Wow’s joyful “Fools Rush In,” heard in the film after the young queen meets her future lover, Count Fersen (Jamie Dornan).

Seeing the film further enriches the experience of listening to this fantastic compilation, but unlike most movie soundtrack, the album stands very well on its own. Any eighties rock aficionado or French Revolution scholar can appreciate the diversity and strength of the songs included, vindicating Coppola’s off-kilter and ultimately fascinating collection of music for “Marie Antoinette.”

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'Veil' inspires emotions, senses

By MICHELLE FORDICE

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Chicago Bears quarterback Rex Grossman motions during Sunday's NFC title game. The Bears cemented their Super Bowl berth by defeating the New Orleans Saints.

Naomi Watts, left, and Edward Norton star in "The Painted Veil." The movie, an adaptation of the W. Somerset Maugham novel, examines a troubled marriage.

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Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Grant Hill scored 22 points, Dwight Howard added 18 and 14 rebounds and the Orlando Magic snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the listless Cleveland Cavaliers 90-79.

Hill, who missed Orlando’s previous game with a dislocated pinky, scored two points and played less than six minutes of the fourth quarter. But he did enough in his first 27 minutes on the floor to give the Magic an 11-point lead entering the fourth.

Jameer Nelson had 11 points, Keith Bogans made three 3-pointers and Darko Milicic added nine rebounds for Orlando, which ended a six-game skid in Cleveland.

LeBron James had 19 points for the weary Cavaliers, who just couldn’t make a final run against a Magic team that didn’t have the legs to get back in it.

Hill and Howard finished a combined 15-of-22 from the field.

Pacers 98, Bulls 91

Jermaine O’Neal had 22 points and 10 rebounds as the Indiana Pacers beat the Chicago Bulls on Monday night to snap a four-game losing streak and win for the first time in Chicago since the eight-player trade last week.

Darrell Armstrong had 16 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds for the Pacers. The 38-year-old point guard was making his second start of the season in place of the injured Jamal Tinsley.

Ben Gordon scored 21 of his 30 points in the first half for Chicago. Luol Deng had 18 points and eight rebounds and Kirk Hinrich had 14 points before fouling out late in the game.

Two of the newcomers acquired from Golden State, Joakim Noah and Troy Murphy, made solid contributions. Mike Dunleavy had 15 points, seven rebounds and five assists and Troy Murphy had seven points and eight rebounds and the Orlando Magic snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the listless Cleveland Cavaliers 90-79.

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The Knicks cut the deficit to 26-27 with 13 minutes left in the second but couldn’t get closer than six points.

The Heat started 13-for-19 and 10-of-21 from the field.

The Knicks misfired on 26-of-67 from the field.

The Knicks’ three-pointers of the opening period put them 21-3, and Haslem’s short jumper made it 29-3 before Curry’s layup ended the Heat run.

The crowd offered a mock cheer for New York’s first basket in more than eight minutes.
All-Star festivities feature many young players

Brodeur, Shanahan travel as familiar faces

Associated Press

DALLAS — Martin Brodeur is used to coming to All-Star games to catch up with friends, guys he knows from Team Canada and previous midseason gatherings.

On Monday, he might as well have worn one of those "Hello, my name is ..." badges.

The All-Star festivities feature so many new players that the days leading up to Wednesday night's game are more get-to-know-you sessions than reunions — even if first-timers Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin need no introduction to anyone who has followed the post-lockout NHL.

"A lot of young players are a big part of the league, so for us older guys it's kind of nice to get to know them, talk to them and see how they are," Brodeur said. "Really, they're the future of our game."

The past has been amazing — swept away by this new wave of talent.

Consider this Brodeur and East teammate Brendan Shanahan have played a combined 15 All-Star games; the rest of their teammates have played a combined 11.

On the West squad, Joe Sakic, Teemu Selanne and Nicklas Lidstrom hold a 29-15 experience advantage over their teammates.

The young guys today are a lot better seasoned than when we broke in," said Sakic, the Colorado forward who is a 12-time All-Star and the West's captain. "There are so many of them, and that's what is so great about this game right now. They're going to be the leaders of this league, and the league is going in the right direction with them."

Not that it's so terrible being invited back as one of the old guys.

"You've still got to be doing some right to be selected," he said. "This is just a different feeling for a veteran. Early in your career, you're really nervous. But the more times you're here, the easier it gets. You just come here, relax and have a good time."

The fun began Monday evening with a ceremony outside the arena honoring Dallas' 1999 Stanley Cup-winning championship team. Mike Modano, Brett Hull, Joe Nieuwendyk, Ed Belfour and Canadian coach Guy Carbonneau were among 15 attendees, as was the Cup itself. Then came an on-ice celebration of 11 former NHL superstars, followed by a practice featuring the real squads.

The light workout was most notable for seeing players skate in sleek new uniforms created for this event with materials that will be used for every team next season. The difference? Superstars, followed by rookies. What we're really looking to do is allow the players a, b, c, d to show off the skills; B, to have some fun, and, C, we want to win the game, too." — Back-to-back All-Star Dany Heatley laughed at being called a grizzled veteran. But he qualifies because he's among only four former MVPs of this exhibition game making it back, joining Sakic, Selanne and Bill Guerin.

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Martinez, Spain, and the Deportivo La Coruna, which had the most to lose from the strike, were among the clubs whose games stopped due to the strike. The Spanish league ended up with a 2-2 draw against the visiting AC Milan, despite the efforts of the Deportivo players to win the game.

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No. 6 Sooners top Texas Tech in double overtime

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Backup point guard Kendra Moore scored 13 of her career-high 20 points in extra time to help No. 6 Oklahoma hold on and beat Texas Tech 86-81 in double overtime on Monday night.

Courtney Paris added her 45th straight double-double, finishing with 22 points and 17 rebounds for Oklahoma (16-1, 6-0 Big 12), which extended its winning streak and its Big 12 conference opponents to 25 games.

But during the overtimes, Moore became the Sooners’ go-to player. With the game tied 81-81, it was Paris handling the ball off to Moore on a pick-and-roll and Moore slicing through the lane for a layup with 34.4 seconds left.

At the other end, Oklahoma’s starting point guard, Britney Brown, stole the ball and fired a pass. Moore ran in the game’s final 14 minutes and missed five shots in the overtime periods.

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Parcells calls it quits after 19 seasons

IN BRIEF

Nadal advances to quarterfinal of Australian Open
Rafael Nadal finally got to see how he holds up against a guy who can also tout Roger Federer.

And when his night's work was done — well past midnight — he understood what he had accomplished against Andy Murray.

"It was a very, very, very important match for me, very tough," Nadal said. "Andy was playing at an unbelievable level. He's very smart on court, for sure."

For four sets there was little to separate the two. But Nadal outlasted the 19-year-old Scotsman, twice rallying from a set down to win 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1 and reach the Australian Open quarterfinals.

After chucking a backhand pass on his second match point, Nadal dropped to his stomach and stretched face down. He got up and hobbled to the crowd. It was 1:50 a.m. Tuesday, and time to get some rest.

NASCAR changes points race system
Kasey Kahne won a series-high five races during NASCAR's regular season, yet barely qualified for the championship race because of a points system that has long rewarded consistency over winning.

But under a series of adjustments announced Monday, the emphasis has been shifted to winning. In doing so, NASCAR might also have ensured that its biggest stars will almost always qualify for the Chase for the championship.

Beginning this season, the Chase will have 12 drivers — up from 10 — and the field will be seeded based on "regular-season" victories.

"We believe the Chase accomplished the original goal — it made racing more competitive, made every race ... mean more and created more excitement," NASCAR chairman Brian France said.

ILLUSTRATIONS

N.C. State coach returns after bout with cancer
Two months after cancer forced her away from basketball, North Carolina State coach Kay Yow still fights a disease that won't let her rest.

The Hall of Famer showed little sign of backing down Monday as she announced she'd return to the team — even as she adapts to what her body will and won't let her do.

"Of course, I'm always anxious to get back with the team but I have to be realistic about it," Yow said.

"I told myself that I don't want to get back with the team and it be a hindrance. I have to be able to make a contribution. I wanted to get back, but I wanted to be sure I could do that before I came back."

The 64-year-old coach plans to resume her duties Tuesday, with her first game likely coming Thursday against Atlantic Coast Conference rival Virginia.

IN BRIEF
Colts quarterback Peyton Manning was scheduled to have X-rays on his thumb Tuesday, although Indianapolis doesn't believe it will affect his status for the Super Bowl against Chicago on Feb. 4.

"From everything I hear, it's going to be O.K."

Tony Dungy
Colts coach

Manning has started 156 consecutive games, including playoffs, in his nine-year career.

In fact, Manning has only missed one play because of injury — in a 2001 game against Miami.

Dolphins defensive end Lorenzo Bromell hit Manning with his helmet under the chin strap, fracturing Manning's jaw and drawing blood. Backup Mark Rypien replaced Manning, botched the handoff on the ensuing play and the Dolphins returned the fumble for a touchdown.

Bromell was later fined $15,500 for the helmet-to-helmet hit.

Manning's backup now is Jim Sorgi, a third-year player out of Wisconsin.

On Monday, Dungy was more concerned about the injury to quarterback Nick Harper's sprained left ankle than Manning's injury to his throwing hand.

Harper left during the first half to tie it at 48 with 7:28 left in the second quarter. Harper returned the drive with 1:37 left to put the Blue Devils up 74-70, the longest nonconference victory streak at 33. The Blue Devils have won three straight home on Jan. 13.

But they're rated as the seventh best junior in the country," McGregor said. "Who in the world ever designated him as the seventh best junior in the country? And now, does he have to live up to that reputation? Does he have to pretend that he is the seventh best junior in the country? What happens when he drops a pass next year? What happens when he doesn't make a 40-yard run in every ball game? I think what's happening is the pressure is being unduly transferred to the boys in a situation where they don't need it."

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Pittsburgh hires Minnesota coordinator Tomlin

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PITTSBURGH — Mike Tomlin didn't realistically expect to become the Pittsburgh Steelers' coach so early in his career, with so little experience as an NFL coordinator and at such a young age.

He knew it, too, although the 34-year-old Vikings defensive coordinator was excited when the Steelers called two weeks ago and offered an interview. In Tomlin's mind, jobs like this go to Hall of Fame-caliber coaches, the kind of men he has looked up to since he became a coach 12 years ago.

"I'm somewhat of a football historian, and I've got a great deal of respect for those who come before me," Tomlin said Monday after being hired for the job formerly held by Bill Cowher and, before him, Chuck Noll.

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one road win under their belts against Seton Hall. But overall this season, the Irish have struggled out­side of Indiana, with their only other road win coming with a 60-59 victory at Valparaiso.

"I think it will be a nice change for us to go on the road, have a chance to get a road win," McGraw said.

"I think that'll help our NCAA Tournament resume, but they are three very good teams."

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Despite the lack of recent success, playing in New York has a special feel for the Irish, Falls said.

"The Garden, that's the basketball Mecca of the world," Falls said. "I wish I could play every game there. It's just a lot of fun, knowing how many people played there before you and just the people that have been in there.

"There's definitely a mys­tery about the building that's really fun to play in.

Tonight's game will tip off at 7:30 p.m., and it will be shown on ESPN regionally.

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want it to. We know we'll get there eventually.

The last two times the Irish played on the road, against Georgetown Jan. 6 and against Villanova Wednesday. Notre Dame fell behind early. Against the Hoyas at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C., the Irish found themselves down 29-9 in the first half.

The Wildcats didn't quite display that kind of domi­nance, but they did lead by as many as 13 in the first half.

"We haven't done a good job of matching the home team's intensity when we're on the road," Irish forward Rob Kurz said.

Guard Colin Falls said Notre Dame can't afford an early deficit against the Red Storm.

"We're going to have to play hard right from the first tip," he said.

Irish coach Mike Brey rejected the idea that Notre Dame's struggles have to do with playing on the road. He gave credit to Villanova and Georgetown.

"They're NCAA Tournament level teams and they beat us in two areas — transition defense and the offensive boards," Brey said.

Brey predicted that getting back on defense and boxing out will continue to be important areas for the Irish against the Red Storm.

"St. John's is just 2-4 in con­ference so far this season, but it comes into Tuesday's game having defeated Syracuse 64-60 Sunday.

The Red Storm are led by senior forward Lamont Hamilton (13 points per game) and junior guard Avery Patterson (12.1 points per game).

In addition to the two-game road losing streak, the Irish will also look to end a three­game losing streak at the Garden, all in Big East tour­nament games. The Irish haven't met St. John's in New York since the 2003-04 sea­son.

The last Irish win in Madison Square Garden was a 65-64 win over West Virginia in the first round of the 2004 Big East tour­nament. Then a freshman, Falls hit a 3-pointer with 15 sec­onds left to give Notre Dame the victory.

French forward Luke Harangody goes to the rim over Alabama center Tanme Coleman on Dec. 5. Notre Dame won the game 95-64.
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Player of the Week.

"In high school, maybe I had a better week than this," Allen said after Saturday's game. "I'm feeling really confident and my shots are falling." Those shots will need to continue falling if Notre Dame (13-5, 4-1 Big East) hopes to put together another 2-0 week as it preps for road games against No. 17 Marquette and No. 7 Connecticut — the only teams ahead of the third-place Irish in the Big East — tonight and Saturday, respectively.

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For instance, last week, freshman point guard Melissa Lechlitner recorded 14 assists without turning the ball over once, which McGraw joked was "certainly a record for Notre Dame point guards" Saturday. In Saturday's game, Lechlitner also added a career-high 18 points and pulled down six rebounds. McGraw went on to commend senior point guard T'yreh Gaines and freshman guard Ashley Barlow for their play last week, as well the platoon at center of junior Melissa D'Amico and freshman Erica Williamson.

"When you combine their scores and rebounds it's about a double-double every game," McGraw said.

Notre Dame's play as of late and its current place in the Big East stands in stark contrast to how the Irish were predicted to play given their preseason rank. Still, the Irish will be playing the role of underdog in back-to-back games, something they have only done twice this season, in a 67-58 Dec. 6 win over No. 12 Purdue and in a 78-54 loss at No. 4 Tennessee Dec. 30. McGraw believes Notre Dame still has something to prove heading into this week.

"I think any time you play a team where you are the underdog, you have a chance to gain some respect, and that's what we're thinking about," she said.

In each of the last two games, Notre Dame put together a complete and dominant performance. However, in each of the last two games, Notre Dame also played an inferior opponent — Syracuse is 2-5 in the Big East and 8-12 overall, while St. John's is 1-5 in the conference and 5-12 overall.

As a result, tonight's game against Marquette and Saturday's matchup at Connecticut will show if Notre Dame can put a complete game together against a good team they way it did against Syracuse and St. John's. "We are playing with a lot of confidence, but you don't get any points for coming close," McGraw said.

Last week, the Irish started to reach their potential. This week, they will show how good they really are.

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Hughes commits to Notre Dame, Wilson may reconsider his commitment to Illinois and give the Irish one more shot.

Notre Dame currently has 18 verbal commitments for the Class of 2011, including three who have enrolled early — Allen, quarterback Jimmy Clausen of Westlake Village, Calif., and cornerbch Gary Gray from Columbia, S.C. "There's still a number of very good players out there that Notre Dame is recruiting," Frank said. "Whether they get them is another question."

The athletic department at Hubbard High School did not return calls from The Observer Monday.

Notes:

- Frank said members of the Notre Dame coaching staff likely would meet with Ransey, N.J., defensive end Justin Tratou within the next few days after the highly-ranked lineman visited Florida last week. Tratou committed to Notre Dame in June, but Frank said the Irish coaching staff may be worried that the 6-foot-4, 250-pounder would rescind his commitment and join the Gators instead.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Taking it to the streets

ND prepares itself for 3-game road trip

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When Irish guard Charel Allen was asked Tuesday about the difficult stretch quickly approaching, coach Muffet McGraw reminded the junior that "Marquette is the next game." McGraw has kept her team focused on the task at hand and as Notre Dame (13-5, 4-1 Big East) travels to Milwaukee today to face off against the No. 19 Golden Eagles (17-2, 5-1) tonight at 7 p.m.

Following the game at Marquette, the Irish will continue the road trip to No. 5 Connecticut and No. 25 Pittsburgh.

The Irish have played well so far in the Big East — with only one loss to South Florida in overtime — but will face their first real test against the Golden Eagles. So far in Big East games, the Irish have won three games at the Joyce Center against Cincinnati, St. John's and Syracuse and have

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Irish guard Charel Allen attempts to drive past Syracuse guard Cintia Johnson on Saturday. Allen had 25 points and 10 rebounds in Notre Dame's 83-55 win over the Orange.

Allen to play major role for Irish this week

By ERIC RETTER
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Charel Allen needs to bring her best game this week.

Not that she doesn't already have it. The Irish junior had her two most productive games of the season last week, scoring a career-high 31 points and adding six assists Jan. 16 in an 83-65 win over St. John's and following it with a 25-point, 10-rebound game in Notre Dame's 83-55 win over Syracuse Saturday. In the two games, Allen was 25-of-39 from the floor, including a 14-of-19 performance against St. John's.

Because of these performance, she was named the Big East Star recruit ready to decide on Notre Dame

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Star Chicago running back Robert Hughes is expected to announce his college choice today, and Notre Dame is hoping to pick up another premier tailback.

Hughes is a 5-foot-11, 228-pound brute and is listed as running the 40-yard dash in 4.6 seconds. After delaying his decision from earlier this month, Hughes is expected to choose either Notre Dame or Illinois at a 6 p.m. CST announcement at his high school.

The Illinois, under second-year coach Ron Zook, have made significant progress in recruiting this year, nabbing several big names despite their 2-10 record. Zook has beaten Notre Dame for two high-profile recruits already this year — Washington, D.C., wide receiver Arrelious Benn and Chicago defensive end Martez Wilson.

Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for IrishEyes.com, a member of the Scout.com network, said he is not sure which school Hughes will select.

"As far as which way he's going to go, I really don't know," Frank said. "He's been really quiet and hasn't talked to many people."

The product of Hubbard High School played in the U.S. Army High School All-American game in San Antonio Jan. 6 and was an All-State tailback as a junior. He eclipsed 1,000 yards in his first three seasons at Hubbard, located on Chicago's South Side.

Miami-area prospect Armando Allen verbally committed to Notre Dame earlier this month. Although the No. 21/22 Irish are 14-0 at home this season, they are just 2-4 away from the Joyce Center and have yet to win on an opponent's home floor.

Notre Dame (16-3, 4-2 Big East) will try to change that tonight when it faces St. John's (11-5, 2-4 Big East) at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

"We're looking forward to getting our first true road win," Irish sophomore forward Zach Hillesland said. "We're going to come out and attack even if it doesn't start the way we

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