Suspension recalls past cases, raises questions

High-profile nature of McAlarney marijuana incident brings debate to new level

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

The bad news in everyone agrees, is that the incident that involved athletes as some kind of flimsy test for the school or program.

But despite the extensive media attention McAlarney received, he certainly isn't the first student athlete to get in trouble with the University. Like its students, Notre Dame's varsity athletes face disciplinary action from the Office of Residence Life and Housing on a steady basis.

Dining Halls to replace 40,000 stolen objects

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Nearly 40,000 items — ranging from dinner plates and utensils to coffee cups and bowls — have been stolen from both North and South Dining Halls this year alone, said Dave Prentkowski, Director of Notre Dame Food Services.

At a cost of about $25,000, approximately 11,000 spoons, 8,000 knives, 6,000 coffee cups, 3,000 plastic cups, 1,500 dessert plates, 1,500 brown bowls, 3,000 blue bowls and 2,500 dinner plates will need to be replaced due to theft this year.

The trend has remained steady over recent years, Prentkowski said. Even after the dining halls began to offer Styrofoam cups and plastic spoons for take-out items during September of 2005, he said that the addition of those options has helped — but not solved — the problem.

There was a significant increase in theft several years ago when both dining halls allowed book bags and backpacks to be brought inside the cafeterias in response to problems of theft occurring in the lobby while students ate, Prentkowski said.

Students who choose to steal and are caught "loading up their backpack with cups or sandwiches" often face disciplinary action from the Office of Residence Life and Housing, he said.

I think it's [sometimes] a matter of convenience ... other times I think it's intentional," Prentkowski said.

Part of the problem, he said, is that students may not know there are plastic spoons available and will instead walk out.

Senior works at homeless shelter

Summer Service Learning Project popular choice for internships

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

For Notre Dame senior Sheldon Dutes, last summer was anything but ordinary. For two months of the respite between spring and fall semesters, Dutes worked in Kansas City, Kan., serving homeless men, immigrants and children.

Dutes participated in the Center for Social Concerns' CSC domestic Summer Service Learning Project (SSLP), a program which hopes to draw over 200 participants again this summer. SSLP Director Andrea Shappell said.

Eight weeks of Dutes' summer were spent on his SSLP assignment serving at the Shalom House, a shelter for homeless men. Dutes said that the experience pushed and challenged him from the start.

"I went in with a sort of idealistic dream of McAlarney marijuana community — which hails from all over the country and the world — a chance to discuss the social and cultural observations of Ragtime, Masterton said.

"We figured this would be the best way to take a step back from the show and try to make more relevant some of the things that were discussed in our show," he said.

Ragtime, a musical based on E.L. Doctorow's 1975 novel of the same name, is about three different groups that come together in America in the early 1900s, Masterton said.

The play's depiction of the interactions between the established white aristocracies, African Americans in Harlem and immigrant groups from across eastern and west-European students as some kind of litmus test for the school or program.
Magical phone calls

When my little sister, Evelyn, turned three last year, my mom called from home with a special request: Could my roommate call Evelyn and pretend to be her favorite Disney princess, Cinderella? I understand how cheesy this sounds. I know what people think that encouraging children to hold unreal beliefs does them a serious disservice. However, anybody who lives over half way across the country from their little siblings knows that you do what you can if it means awkwardly asking your freshman year roommate to be a Disney character. Fortunately, my roommate quickly agreed, found her inner princess voice, and called to wish my sister a "happy birthday" and to inspire her to be the best princess she could be.

Last weekend, Evelyn turned four and I had to ask a similar favor. Evelyn no longer preferred Cinderella, but would love it if Belle and Ariel could give her a call. My current roommate and some of our other friends readily expanded on this, and by the end of the night, Evelyn had reminisced with Jasmine about her pet tiger, Baja, and Ariel about her sidekick, Flounder. Snow White had told her that her gift would soon be in the mail. We carefully plotted so that when Evelyn answered the phone, the princesses were already on the line. If she knew that I was involved, it would ruin the pretense (at least that’s what we thought).

Later that night, Evelyn hurriedly told me about her presents (and shamelessly called me out for not sending one). Suddenly, her voice grew really excited and she anxiously asked me if she could talk to Snow White. Somehow, she had discovered that I was associated with the princesses. That’s when I realized that either my sister thinks that I go to college in a castle and hang out with a bunch of Disney princesses, or, as another friend suggested, she knows it’s all pretend and just chooses not to care. Knowing Evelyn, it’s probably a little bit of both.

After laughing with my friends over her princess impressions, I found myself admiring Evelyn. She does not waste any energy overanalyzing her princesses. In fact, she had the choice she knew that half of the princesses had the same voice. She may have realized that at one point, when I accidentally took the phone too soon, she was really talking to me when she thought she was still chatting with Belle. Sure, if she had thought about it a bit more, she may have seen through to the real. In this situation, though, if she had seen the real, I think she would have missed the point.

Maybe in this case the real is a matter of interpretation. Despite its less-than-enchancing exterior, Pangborn Hall might really be a haven for me. In my opinion, Evelyn really did talk to some princesses on the phone...Cheesy? Yes, but at least I can claim that it runs in the family.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT CELEBRITY DO YOU MOST RESEMBLE?

Brianna Muller freshman Lyons
Justine Duffy freshman Lyons
Sean Fox senior off-campus
Tim Loh senior Keough
Nick Zarazua junior Carroll
Claire Connell freshman Lyons

"Gonzo from The Muppets."
"Lindsay Lohan, Screw that."
"Kiefer Sutherland, at least that’s what Tim says."
"Mike Jones, cause we tippin’ on 4-4-6."
"Tom Cruise. The smile."
"Brad Pitt. I get that all the time."

IN BRIEF

Tenor Mark Beadert performs a faculty recital with mezzo-soprano Karen Lykes and pianist Timothy Cheek at Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 8. Tickets are $3 for students.

The Winter Career and Internship Fair will be held Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Field House.

Sabine MacCormack, the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor of Arts and Letters Chair, will deliver the lecture “The Worlds of Jose de Acosta (1549-1600) Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in Room C-183 of the Hesburgh Center.

The student group, Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMCO), proudly presents “Baptize” on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. “Baptize” will also be playing Feb. 3, 9 and 10. Tickets available at LaFortune box office and are $6 for seniors and $8 for adults.

The Late Night Olympics will be held from Friday at 6 p.m. to Saturday at 4 a.m. in the Joyce Center. The event raises money for St. Joe County Special Olympics.

The Notre Dame Scrabble Club is hosting a Scrabble Tournament Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. There is an entry fee of $50.00. There will be different divisions for players of all skill levels.

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

Western scrunch-owl moves into home

UGENE, Ore. — Saws buzz and carpenters hammer nails, set up steps and run an air generator. A 40-foot Western screech-owl showed up at Laura Fenimore’s house as she began adding what will be its new great room.

"I thought the construction noise, the dog or the power tools would scare him off, but the next day he comes right back," said Fenimore, 30, a lawyer who works from home.

But it seems Al is handy to have around. He doesn’t make a mess, he isn’t noisy and he helps with rodent control.

When she moved into her house in 2000, Fenimore spent a couple of years battling mice, and hired exterminators who shooed them into burrows in her backyard.

Bears helmet breaks on statute of,Huron

CHICAGO — An effort to honor the NFL Champion Chicago Bears hit a snag Tuesday morning when a huge football helmet broke as it was being placed on one of the lion statues that stands guard outside the Art Institute of Chicago.

It seems the frigid weather, often referred to as Bears weather in Chicago, may have been to blame. "They’re made of Fiberglas and (one) broke," said Art Institute spokesman Chad Lee.

Some theorize the broken helmet had nothing to do with the weather at all. "I think the lions got tippin’ on something," joked Gary Heitz, project manager for Chicago Scenic Studios Inc., the company that made the helmets.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Student Union Board (SUB) manager Patrick Vassel proposed amendments to sections in the constitution relating to budget structure at the Council of Representatives (COR) meeting Wednesday.

Budget oversight was among Vassel’s main concerns, as current procedures dictate that the Financial Management Board (FMB) must approve organization spending over $5,000. SUB often exceeds $5,000 in expenditures and is often working with agents on tight schedules.

“Raising it to ten (thousand dollar) limits would make a big difference to us,” Vassel said. “It’s more just being able to have a little more flexibility within our own organization.”

While the oversight mark may be low for SUB, other members pointed out that it suits other student organizations just fine.

“If a club only has a few thousand dollars in their account, they want to plan this huge trip somewhere then that’s something FMB needs to see,” Class of 2008 president Bridget Keating said.

Breen-Phillips senator Mark Braun said that “the amount of money (SUB deals with) on a regular basis is so much more that everyone else’s,” suggesting that SUB could be made an exception to oversight restrictions.

Vassel also noted that a section of SUB’s budget is meant for “policy-based programming” and should be reallocated under student government funds. When the fund was created, it was thought that all programming should be very explicitly kept under programming bodies, namely SUB, and not student government, Vassel said.

“As far as we’re concerned it’s student government’s money,” he said.

Vassel also noted that a section of SUB’s money could be made an exception to student government programming funds. When the fund was created, it was thought that all programming could be made an exception to the student government’s money, “but we realized that that money to disappear … it just doesn’t need to be under SUB.”

In other COR news:
- Student body president Lizi Chappel announced the Community Summit will take place March 2. Letters will be sent to local leaders and there are plans to further network with other universities in the area. She also encouraged members to attend the Notre Dame Eating Disorders Conference, set to take place next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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with a stainless steel spoon while eating a cup of yogurt. Other times, a student steals to “stock up their dorm room,” Prentkowski said.
For junior Emma Pineda, though dining hall theft isn’t “right,” she said she can understand why some students do it.
“It’s convenient to steal — for grab ‘n go, or for cereal in your room ... you need a spoon,” she said.
And with no one watching some of the time, sophomore Erica Sanchez said that, even though it “isn’t acceptable to steal,” sometimes it can just be a joke.
In some cases, a student’s ID number will be specially flagged in the card services system, Prentkowski said. When that student’s card is swiped at the dining hall entrance, a notice appears stating that the student has previously committed a theft of dining hall property. As a result, they are not allowed to carry their book bag inside, he said.
“Ultimately, [the cost] ends up being passed on to the students, through room and board costs,” Prentkowski stated.
Food Service’s annual budget is in the process of being submitted for next school year, he said, and will include estimates to cover the cost of replacing stolen items.
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1st vision of making a difference,” Dutes said. “By the third day, I wanted to go home.”
That third day was disrupted by the violence of a substance abuser on site. Dutes said. Still, he was able to move past the incident and continue to help those less fortunate.
In a neighborhood that almost always lead the five o’clock news, never for anything posi­
tive, Dutes said he worked with the center’s staff to help the 25 men who stay each night. The Shalom House a shelter that in a part of the national Catholic Worker House organization.
Cooking, cleaning and painting were some of the jobs assigned to Dutes, in addition to his daily task of cleaning the three shower stalls used by the residents daily. As a part of the experience, Dutes said he left anything excessive — from his iPod to laptop — at home, working to “better empathize with the community I was serving.”
“It was definitely a humbling experience,” Dutes said of the work.
He spent time with the men at the site, who arrived at 4:30 p.m. each day and had to leave by 8 a.m. each morning, sleep­ing in what “looked kind of like an old hospital ward.”
Whether playing a pick-up game of soccer, starting a game of chess or simply listening, Dutes said he learned a great deal from those he served.
“They weren’t homeless for the reasons we often think they are homeless,” he said.
Some were born into poverty and others had been hit by mis­fortune. But some of those he worked with even had advanced degrees, Dutes said.
The Shalom House caters to immigrants, Dutes said, and that helped him to see the plight of migrants in a new light.
“The experience deepened my understanding of the immigration debate,” he said.
In addition to his work at the Shalom House, Dutes said he spent time at a neighborhood learning club, tutoring children in first through eighth grade.
Dutes said the whole experience was well worth his effort and “very rewarding.”
“To see that they are no dif­ferent that we are” was especi­ally important to Dutes.
Shappell said there are important benefits to both those participating and those receiving services.
“Many students find those eight weeks as a spark to con­
tinue to be engaged in ... a social issue, either as a career, as a volunteer or as board members for organizations,” Shappell said.
The SSLP program places stu­
dents in approximately 200 sites around the country with the help of Notre Dame Alumni Clubs in area cities each sum­mer, according to Shappell. Participants spend eight weeks immersed in a poverty experi­
ence, with “the opportunity to address the injustice of pover­ty,” while earning three Theology credits, she said.
Types of work vary from com­

city to community, as chosen by the local Alumni Club, which also arranges for housing and food for participants.
Many sites relate to persons who are homeless ... and many involve working with children, but there are also sites who address the needs of disabled people, youth in the juvenile justice system and even envi­ronmental projects,” Shappell said.
The program, often called an internship, provides students with supervised experience in a specific profession, including sociology, psychology, architec­ture, business, law and social work, Shappell stated.
In addition to earning three credits — which can now apply to the CSC’s new Catholic Social Tradition minor — students receive a scholarship for the fall semester after participating in the program.
“AB SSLP students receive the $2,300 scholarship,” Shappell said. “The AmeriCorps educational award of $1,000 is also available for those students who do not plan to participate in a two year post-graduate service program.”
Shappell stated that there will be information sessions for the program held on Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. in the CSC building class­
room. All students are welcome to attend, she said, even if they are not sure they want to apply. Past participants will speak at all sessions.
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuela seeks defense missiles
CARACAS — Venezuela plans to obtain air defense missiles and other strategic ship systems such as oil refineries and major bridges against any air strike, a top military adviser to President Hugo Chavez said Tuesday.

Gen. Alberto Muller said Venezuela is looking to buy surface-to-air missiles from Russia or another country to defend "strategic points in the country."

"They are for air defense," Muller told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "They are for air defense. They are for attacking the volitile territory and brokering for hope of getting the imagination that has lost 36 people dead in five days."

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Associated Press

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Hodges was admittedly a different type of candidate.

"I'm not Catholic. I'm not the typical 'what people would view Saint Mary's as being' type of student," Hodges said. "But I live my values and when you do that, you truly push diversity. When you truly defy diversity, it's far beyond ethnicity and race."

Although Hodges will be taking on a new title, she is certainly not a beginner at addressing issues of race and diversity on the Saint Mary's campus.

As the student diversity board vice president this year, Hodges was active in recruiting black students to the College. Her interest was peaked when she realized that there was only one black student in the class of 2009. She marched into the office of Dan Meyer, the vice president of enrollment management and said, "We need to do something about that."

Meyer agreed and began to work with Hodges to do "what was necessary."

"I went to high schools throughout Chicago and recruited. I did multi-cultural calling. I said, 'You need to apply.' And I turned in at least 50 applications (for students of diverse backgrounds)," she said. "And I did more calling after students were accepted to make them come to Saint Mary's."

Hodges' hard work resulted in another first for the College — a record-high number of black women in the freshman class.

"There were four black girls from my high school alone and we made history with 13 black students in the class of 2010," she said.

Her role on the Student Diversity Board (SDB) — which Hodges said has had black and Hispanic presidents — is one that Hodges cannot take on again.

"I know that we'll have students next year that will step up in my position, but I'll always be a loud mouth and a huge voice for Saint Mary's wherever I go," she said.

Still, the goals she set out to fulfill on the SDB remain high priorities for Hodges. Though diversity was not an issue addressed on her presidential platform, Hodges plans to continue her efforts during her term.

"I'm a huge advocate on our campus," she said. "I find (pushing diversity) to be something that we'll have to do."

And throughout her three years at Saint Mary's, Hodges has recognized a need for such an advocate's presence. She said she has had many conversations with young women of color of the College's campus who do not think they fit in.

Luckily for those students, those are feelings she understands well. Hodges came to Saint Mary's from Seion Academy, an all-girls college preparatory school in South Holland, Ill., where she was "president of everyone you can name."

Though she called the school a "mini-Saint Mary's," there was one distinct difference — it was at least 90 percent black.

So when she arrived at Saint Mary's to find that she was just one of just three black students in her class, she "wanted to leave."

Hodges prayed and decided to stay at the College, recognizing her importance as one of only a handful of black students on campus. Instead, Hodges propelled herself to find her purpose at SMC, which she found relatively fast. At the start of her second semester freshman year, she was elected to the first year board.

"It's funny because freshman year I was like, 'I'm going to be student body president.' I made that up in my mind before I came," she said. "And I decided to run because I knew that I wouldn't be complete or be fulfilling my mission if I didn't."

Next year, Hodges imagines her duties being a bit more "structural" than in years past — focusing on issues of programming and retention. She said that she will not be able to do as much grassroots work as she is used to.

Rather than traveling to local high schools and meeting with potential black Saint Mary's students, Hodges will use her new position of leadership to "make sure that diversity is not just in our student body, but also in our faculty."

"We have literally one handful of black faculty members. We just had a few leave," she said.

Hodges is inspired by the Saint Mary's diversity initiative, which states that with the hiring of faculty and staff there must be at least one multi-cultural or diverse candidate before the hiring actually occurs. As student body president, Hodges said she will be part of that hiring committee.

Hodges lives, breathes and sleeps thinking about diversity issues — literally. She lives on the inter-cultural floor in Regina Hall and shares a room with her sister Krista, a freshman.

"It's amazing because we have people from all different nationalities — some from Bulgaria, from China, some African American and some main-stream Saint Mary's students."

Since her victory last week, Hodges has received "tons of emails" from different people in the administration, who she didn't "even know were rooting for me."

And Hodges' family was just as excited. Her sister was "crying and praising God" with her once the announcement was made. Her mom came to South Bend the night before with her pastor from back home. "They were ridiculous. Of course they were excited," she said. "I feel like with my parents, they know that I'm kind of always involved and always active."

Hodges appreciates all the support she can get. While she said the student body president is "for the students of course," she acknowledged that sometimes in order for goals to be fulfilled, alignment with the administration is essential.

"For me to have that support, my job will be so much more meaningful," she said.

And when Hodges takes office on April 1, she will be sure to hit the ground running.

"Everything that we put on our platform we will definitely accomplish. If we needed to do them tomorrow, we could," she said. "I am almost positive that I can deliver that, if not before the first semester is over."

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**In Brief**

Wyth and Merck share prices fall

TRENTON — Shares of drug makers Wyeth and Merck & Co. took a hit Tuesday after disappointing earnings reports, but for different reasons: Wyeth missed analysts' expectations by a wide margin, while Merck's profit plunged due to ongoing legal and restructuring costs.

Merck surprised some analysts by boosting its reserve for litigation over withdrawn painkillers Vioxx for a second straight quarter. That charge and others cut Merck's fourth-quarter profit by 58 percent despite higher revenues.

Shares fell 60 cents, or 1.6 percent, to $44.19 with nearly double normal trading volume. Wyeth shares fell $1.24, or 2.5 percent, to $48.95.

Few purchase newly released Vista

NEW YORK — Consumers can finally get their hands on Microsoft Corp.'s long-delayed Windows Vista, but unlike the mad midnight rushes retailers saw with the recently released video game consoles, stores saw only a trickle of early adopters Tuesday.

Retailers around the world held special events Monday or opened early Tuesday morning, as the Vista operating system and Office 2007 business software went on sale in 70 countries. Some stores, including a Best Buy in midtown Manhattan, brought in extra employees to handle pent-up demand for Vista.

"I've been waiting and waiting, and I've been using my personal laptop for work-it's not working well," he said. "This is a big deal for me. I'll hopefully get the better performance that I need, and I won't have to go through the trouble of upgrading later."

Wrightson Industrial Group

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**Strategists: more than rank to funds**

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Associated Press

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke stands in headquarters board room in Washington Friday, ready to discuss economy at meetings Tuesday.

**Market Recap**

**Dow Jones Index**

- Up: 12,523.31, +32.53
- Down: 12,573.48
- Composite Volume: 2,466,139
- Points of Change: 1,372
- Value of Change: $2,338,464,370

**AMERICAN**

- Up: 211.73, +11.12
- Down: 210.63

**NASDAQ**

- Up: 9,306.39, +66.84
- Down: 1,428.82, +8.20

**NYSE**

- Up: 17,456.69, -33.50
- Down: 1,072.64, -12.79

**FTSE 100 (London)**

- Up: 6,242.00, +2.10

**Commodities**

- Light crude (dollars): +2.96, 56.97
- Gold ($/oz.): +1.10, 650.20
- Pork bellies (cents): -0.05, 98.50

**Treasuries**

- 10-YEAR NOTE: -0.35, -0.017, 4.975
- 3-MONTH BILL: 0.00, 0.00, 4.995
- 30-YEAR BOND: 0.00, 0.00, 4.983
- 5-YEAR NOTE: -0.01, -0.030, 4.860

**Exchange Rates**

- YEN: 121.670
- EURO: 0.7710
- POUND: 0.5095
- CANADIAN$: 1.1794

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — The economy tested Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke during his first year on the job. A sinking housing market and a faltering auto industry threatened short-circuit economic activity. Gyrating energy prices threatened as well. By year's end, the chairman passed.

"I think he has done a pretty masterful job playing by the hand he has been dealt," said Thomas C. Connolly, dean of Golden Gate University's Agno School of Business.

Inflation calmed down along with soaring energy prices. The jobs market is sturdy, the nation's unemployment rate fell to a six-year low of 4.6 percent. And economic growth in 2006 is estimated at just over 3 percent, a solid performance.

Bernanke and his colleagues gutted Tuesday their twice-yearly meeting to discuss what is needed to keep the economy on track and improve the central bank's communications with Wall Street and Main Street.

They were widely expected to hold an important interest rate steady at 2.5 percent. If so, commercial banks' prime interest rate for certain credit card, home equity line of credit and other loans would stay at 8.25 percent.

Since August, the Fed's key interest rate hasn't budged, giving borrowers a break. Before that, the Fed had steadily boosted rates to fend off inflation.

Economist Bernanke, who took the helm last February, has marked for his handling of the economy so far. But, he says, there is more to come.

"Bernanke has become a B+/A- performer in the early months," observed Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at IHS Global Insight. "Still, even when Bernanke's messages were clear and consistent—today his mostly upbeat assessment last month about the economy's growth prospects—many on Wall Street had taken a decidedly dimmer view.

A respected economist who spent most of his professional life in academia, Bernanke never worked on Wall Street. Skilled communications are critical because a single utterance by a Fed chief can affect the financial fortunes of millions of investors.

Bernanke speaks clearly and plainly, a sharp contrast to his often deliberately cryptic predecessor, Alan Greenspan, who ran the Fed for 18 1/2 years, and was wildly incrustable peering out from black horn-rimmed glasses.

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none just the athletes. But at a place like Notre Dame - which Chmiel said holds itself to a higher standard - drugs aren’t quickly ignored. People expect more from Notre Dame. That’s because Notre Dame expects more from itself,” he said. “When you sign up for Notre Dame, whether it be as a student, a coach, an employee - you should be held to a higher stan­

dard.” But both he and Brooks said certain people outside the Notre Dame community precariously themselves with finding fault within the University. “Notre Dame, more than any other university, is scrutinized to the nth degree,” Brooks said. “There are people that revel in seeing a pitch in the armor; so to speak, at Notre Dame. You’re going to be under a microscope.” Chmiel said. “Does that add to responsibility? Yeah, it does. But ‘when it’s good,’ he said, “it also enhances accomplishments.” Chmiel said the McAlarney case was startling. But he believes it was magnified given the state of today’s media landscape. “I think you have more infor­

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Ragtime
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ern Europe who came to America at the turn of the century results in "a dramatic telling of the melting pot that was present at this time in America," Masterton said. All the groups are different, but each aspired to some version of the American dream, he said. "We want to break open this idea of the American dream and how it is very central to immigrants coming to America...and what that means in the 100 years after the show takes place," Masterton said.
PEMCo. invited five speakers to comment on the play in the forum entitled "Ragtime 100 Years Later: Defining Our Generation's American Dream." Graduate School Dean Donald Pope-Davis, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs G. David Moss, associate professor of economics and policy studies Martin Wolfson, Notre Dame graduate student Fleming Greene, the advisor for Shades of Ebony and assistant professional specialist in the First Year of Studies, will all speak at the forum.
Ragtime is the most ambitious show PEMCo. has produced since it was started ten years ago, Masterton said in a news release, and the first show they have produced that lends itself to further academic discussion.
Senior Jack Calcutt, the director of Ragtime, wanted to put on this show when he applied for the position last February, Masterton said. "We wanted something that had substance and could be socially relevant and could translate to people's experiences at Notre Dame," he said.
The show, with its diverse cast, also allowed the producers to pick a varied group of students to play the parts. "We've never really had very many African American members of the club," Masterton said. "We were really excited to expand the group."
Unlike the production of Footloose last year, the racially charged language of the play and its thematic elements separated it from plays PEMCo. have performed before, Masterton said. "We felt like we had to do this (academic forum) because there are so many things that need to be discussed," he said.
Ragtime will be performed Feb. 2, 3, 9 and 10 starting at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets — six dollars for students and senior citizens and eight dollars for adults — can be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office or by phone through the box office. The forum discussion — co-hosted by the student groups Shades of Ebony and Webnuda — will take place Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. The forum discussion is free. Contact Kaitlynn Riely at kriely@nd.edu
Super Bowl XLII is this weekend. My apologies to all you Superfans out there, but I do not have much invested in this year’s Super Bowl contenders. I do, however, have much more interest in and entertaining commercials that are synonymous with Super Bowl Sunday. Those commercials, as we all know, come with hefty price tags. This year, advertisers must be willing to shell out over 2 million dollars for a 30-second spot during Super Bowl XLII. Companies such as Pepsi and Budweiser willingly handed over the cash knowing that their advertisements will bring in more money and prosperity to the company.

That price tag, however, pales in comparison to the cost of a political campaign. To even be considered a candidate in the 2008 presidential election, presidential hopefuls must be willing to fundraise at least 100 million dollars. As a result, candidates and their loving lobbyists are wasting little time. It is not even February of 2007 and candidates such as Obama and Clinton are already campaigning in Iowa in an effort to raise money for a much-need race. The more candidates collect money from lobbyists and big corporations, the more loyalties and favors candidates must be willing to pay on election day.

While I anxiously await my favorite pre-game meal consisting of homemade Italian sausage sandwiches, a side of cheese and Tostitos chips accompanied by a few chuckles at a Budweiser advertisement, I am already campaigning in Iowa in an effort to raise money for a much-needed race. The more candidates collect money from lobbyists and big corporations, the more loyalties and favors candidates must be willing to pay on election day.

Instead of spending so much time raising money, we simply could not devote quality time to thoughtful decisions and debate. It lowered the substance of our work.

The health care system is in dire need of attention; thousands of Americans are living without health insurance and are unable to afford proper medical care. Education in America is failing; college tuition is rising and the opportunity for grants and loans is not easy to come by. The environment of not only America but also the whole world is in danger; global warming has proven to be a threat to our nation after infamous signs such as Hurricane Katrina, melting icecaps and rising global temperatures. The Colts, however, cannot blame global warming for their demise by Hurricane Ditka on Sunday. Most prevalent of all, the conflict in Iraq has yet to be solved; over three years and three thousand casualties have passed and a clear plan has yet to be established for the United States’ victory in Iraq.

Instead of dealing with these issues, politicians spend their time schmoozing at cocktail parties and dining at Le Bec Fin. And when it does come time to debate and decide on legislature, the individuals or corporations that were most philanthropic towards a political campaign will be the root cause for the way each decision is made, hence why Big Tobacco, Big Oil and the NRA are still in existence. Campaign finance reform needs to be established so that the American people become the reason as to why decisions are made rather than Big Business behemoths.

While money will always be involved in politics and is needed to run a successful campaign, I believe in the theory that less is more. The less time spent raising money, the more constituents will benefit. While we all anxiously await the match up of two hometown teams and the release of millions of dollars worth of second commercials this Sunday, candidates will be busy at work raising money for their own 30-second commercials for election that is two years away. And as each candidate climbs his or her way up to the million dollar mark, the interests and needs of American people will slowly be blurred out of the vision of politicians. The sooner campaign finance reform is finally taken seriously, the sooner the American people will be better represented and educated, let alone the world, will be healthier, more secure place to live.

Go Bears.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

*Expanding the student support*

Saturday's halftime show featured the Notre Dame Band's drum section. They ran through their cadences and did their usual great job, but it was a missed opportunity to improve crowd participation at the games. The student section has some specific cheers that accompany some of the cadences. The drum line's performance was an opportunity to educate the crowd about how to emulate what the students do during certain cadences. Why not try to expand the cheers to the rest of the arena? This shouldn't be hard. Send cheerleaders to different sections during TV timeouts, have the leprechaun briefly explain what's happening over the PA system, and instruct those sections to do what the cheerleaders do. It wouldn't take long to get the arena waving arms and chanting along with the students — 11,000 participating instead of a couple of student sections would help make the JACC more intimidating.

Kevin O'Neill
alumnus
Class of '76
Jan. 29

*Re-evaluated marijuana policy needed*

The decision regarding Notre Dame point guard Kyle McAlarney's future was released Tuesday afternoon. The sophomore, who was arrested for possession of marijuana after a game in late December, was dismissed from school and will be eligible to reapply to Notre Dame for summer sessions. Many will probably be up in arms over the apparent 마련 of a familiar campus figure, but the real issue is not this one case, but rather the University's policy on marijuana that has been in place for years. Not only does Do Lae claim that being caught with any marijuana one time is a violation worthy of expulsion, they actually back it up. Kyle is not the first student to be suspended after his first marijuana offense and not the first to be suspended for possessing an amount so small that it would generally result in a slap on the wrist as far as the law is concerned. I know Notre Dame is not Berkeley, and I'm not proposing that it should be, but when a university's policies regarding marijuana are significantly stricter than the law's, there is something seriously wrong. The United States laws regarding marijuana were drawn up during a time when knowledge about drugs was so limited that films such as *Reefer Madness!* is 1936 film in which people who are high on marijuana are depicted as sex-crazed murderers were taken seriously, and these laws have not changed much since. While the country's marijuana laws are strict, Notre Dame's policies blow them out of the water. In an environment where binge drinking is practically encouraged, one offense for possessing an amount so small that it would generally result in a slap on the wrist as far as the law is concerned would generally result in a slap on the wrist as far as the law is concerned. I know Notre Dame is not Berkeley, and I'm not proposing that it should be, but when a university's policies regarding marijuana are significantly stricter than the law's, there is something seriously wrong. The United States laws regarding marijuana were drawn up during a time when knowledge about drugs was so limited that films such as *Reefer Madness!* is a 1936 film in which people who are high on marijuana are depicted as sex-crazed murderers were taken seriously, and these laws have not changed much since. While the country's marijuana laws are strict, Notre Dame's policies blow them out of the water. In an environment where binge drinking is practically encouraged, one offense for possessing marijuana, a significantly less dangerous drug, will almost certainly result in expulsion without guaranteed readmission, throwing your life completely off course. Something here just doesn't add up.

Marty Roers
junior
off campus
Jan. 24

**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

*The Whiff of an Election Is in the Air Here in Ottawa*


drawn and © 1990 by Jan O'Neill

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

*Keep your eyes on your prize, not someone else's*

Wait till you're older. That's what children are often told to do when they want things they can't have due to their age — such as alcohol, a driver's license or the chance to go to college. I was such a child, in a hurry to grow up, wanting what I couldn't have yet. As a child — and even as an adult — the feeling of being left behind when everyone else is zooming past at a million miles an hour can be quite frustrating.

Many people (myself included) have this semi-internal need to plan out each aspect of their lives, always getting their "ducks in a row" for the next step. In eighth grade, I was the kid who studied the high school course booklet front and back, having my classes picked weeks before my classmates did.

While this approach may work from birth to senior year in college, it tends to create more hassle than peace of mind. This is because the time prior to one's graduation from college is nearly always filled with uncertainties, such as the questions of where one will live and work. Still, this urge to plan and keep pace with everyone else does not go away at this stage of life, especially when it comes to relationships.

My boyfriend and I have been dating for nearly six and a half years — yes, I'm serious. We started dating when I was 15 and he was 16, so obviously, we weren't going to be getting married after a year of dating. We have put a lot — and continue to put a lot — into our relationship. It hasn't been easy. What can make it even more maddening, at least for me, is the fact that people who have been dating for less time than we have are boasting us to the alzar. It's not that I'm not happy for my friends — I just want so badly to experience that same kind of happiness.

Part of the reason my boyfriend and I have not taken the plunge yet is that we wish to be stable in our careers and finances first. This is a reasonable goal — it's what works for us. That's what I had to keep telling myself when logging on to my Facebook account and seeing two more of my friends had become engaged.

In the midst of my happiness/disbelief, I decided to cling to my faith in God. I had to remember that He is behind everything. Things happen in His time, not mine. He's in control and I am not. For someone who is always in planning mode like me, relinquishing that control is more difficult than it sounds. I just have to remember that through constant communication through prayer, He'll tell me what I need to do.

Some may not have such a faith in God or another higher power, and those that do may not feel ready to relinquish control of their life to their respective higher powers. Those people must remember that in the long run, life is not about keeping pace with others, though MTV may tell them otherwise. Everyone does not operate at the same speed and what works for one person does not always work for the next. Besides that, after an extended period of time, changing one's neck to take a look at what everyone else is doing can be downright tiring.

So the next time someone else gets a promotion — and along with it, a six-figure salary — or someone else is about to have a baby when you and your significant other have been wanting one for quite some time, be happy for them (genuinely happy) and take heart that what you desire will come to you in time. Be patient.

When someone else loses their keys and they're looking for them like mad, it's not until after they calm down a bit and stop scrambling that they tend to find them. That's what life is like — when we stop scrambling, we find what we've ultimately been looking for.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
By MARCELA BERRIOS

To the delight of millions of viewers, federal agent Jack Bauer — compellingly embodied by Kiefer Sutherland in Fox’s heart-pounding “24” — may be having the longest day of his life, again.

However, far from losing its momentum, the suspenseful anti-terrorism series returned to the water coolers and online discussion boards with the explosion of a nuclear device in California, the death of a familiar face and the introduction of Bauer’s maverick brother.

While the first few episodes this season were intriguing, they failed to spellbind viewers compared to the first handful of episodes last season, which were unforgettable.

To the show’s credit, the bar was set incredibly high in the very first episode of season five. Very few plot twists could shake viewers with the same intensity as the assassination of the VP.

The first episode of the first season — completed before the 2001 World Trade Center attacks — ends with the explosion of a commercial airplane for terrorism purposes.

The second season finds Bauer desperately racing against time to keep the United States from declaring war in the Middle East and exposé America’s proposed presidential candidate.

The third season finds Bauer on the run in the White House and the CIA.

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In its fifth year, the clock was alive and ticking for Sutherland and his associates.

They received Emmy Awards for outstanding male performance and drama series while viewers coveted Sutherland’s character, Jack Bauer, escape from the maximum-security Chinese prison where he was taken in the season finale last May.

They waited for months to see him return to North America and now that he is back in action, the Chinese prison is old news. Nay, make that ancient history.

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He may be resourceful and delight viewers with memorable quotations — including “You are going to tell me what I want to know, it’s just a matter of how much you want it to hurt,” but Bauer is not a gallant hero and “24” is not formulaic.

Bauer defeats his enemies every season but where one is eliminated, five more arise — and his enthusiasm for law enforcement dwindles.

His efficient mode operandi thrives on his resolve and his viciousness — which viewers concur in Bauer’s circumstances but often condemn in Guatemala.

He fights for democracy and the safety of little children but his only weapons are a murdered wife, an estranged daughter, a drug addiction and a legion of enemies on every continent and in Washington.

Bauer, nonetheless, remains, and the viewers won’t desert him.

The ratings have steadily increased since the series premiered in 2001, breaching an army of assembled followers that range from U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney to novelist Stephen King to Sarah Michelle Gellar (“the Vampire Slayer”).

It will all keepwatch, watching their nails and anticipating the next jaw-dropping cliffhanger.

The death toll in Los Angeles this season has already surpassed the 12,000—mark and it’s only noon on Bauer’s watch, which means he’s angry and facing many more hours of rampage and opportunities to indulge his trigger-finger fury.

The only reason you’re still conscious is because I don’t want you to carry you,” Bauer growls in the fifth season. America can only hope he gives her more unforgettable quotations before he shoots.

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LATEST DAY OF ‘24’ MAINTAINS MOMENTUM FROM EARLIER SEASONS

By KEN FOWLER

The line was replaced episode-by-episode after a..

Days after a nuclear blast in Los Angeles set the White House in chaos, the popular Fox terrorism drama was blasted for its portrayal of Middle Easterners.

“24,” the show, was critically acclaimed for its tense, fast-paced drama and non-stop action.

The production team behind the show, however, faced backlash from some viewers and critics.

Some argued that the show perpetuated negative stereotypes and contributed to the “yellow peril” stereotype of Middle Easterners.

Others applauded the show for its realistic portrayal of the terrorist threat and its dedication to delivering a thrilling, high-stakes experience for viewers.

The debate over the show’s portrayal of Middle Easterners continued as the series entered its seventh season.

Viewers were conflicted, some saying they enjoyed the tension and excitement of the show, while others felt it was irresponsible and contributed to negative stereotypes.

The show’s creator, Joel Silver, defended the series, saying it was a work of fiction and not meant to reflect real-life events.

The show’s finale aired in May, and since then, the debate over its portrayal of Middle Easterners has continued.

Some critics have praised the series’ depiction of Middle Easterners, while others have criticized it as perpetuating harmful stereotypes.

Regardless of the criticism, “24” remains one of the most popular and talked-about shows on television, with a devout fan base that follows the exploits of Jack Bauer and his team every week.

The show has been praised for its attention to detail, its fast-paced storytelling, and its ability to keep viewers on the edge of their seats.

It’s all in a day’s work for Bauer. The series chronicles 24 hours of national security emergencies with 24 episodes that unfold — in most cases — in natural time, with every passing second.

Oftentimes the screen is fractured into three or four frames that accommodate different story lines as they unfold simultaneously.

The innovative and ambitious storytelling model has glitches, however. Bauer’s ability to drive across downtown Los Angeles during the rush hour in less than 10 minutes remains disputable, but viewers wink at it because “24” is, after all, a work of fiction.

This work of fiction, nonetheless, has an added layer of suspense because viewers can’t help but wonder if the events depicted in the series are real, or if they are merely part of a larger conspiracy.

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of the first season when he initially ran for election, Season 3 remained conspicuously absent of political party references. But as President Bush ran a close race against John Kerry — whose name's first six characters are identical to the first six characters of Palmer's foe — "24" played on the real presidential race. The show created an official campaign logo for Keeler with the same features as Kerry's signature stamp — blue background, white font, a white star and multiple wavy red lines.

But more than just partisan politics, hot-button issues of counter-terrorism run deep in "24." In 2005, Adam Green of the New York Times wrote a 1,300-word column for the Sunday paper largely bash­ing "24" for its depiction of torture and, in his view, its seeming face-value acceptance of its use. But in the evaluation of torture, Green and others miss a central theme of "24" throughout the past four seasons — immoral means sometimes achieve results, and villainous characters sometimes make righteous decisions. Howard Gordon, one of the show's executive producers, has defended the program countless times over the past year as "24" tries to eliminate situational certainty and create spheres of insecurity and confusion of right versus wrong.

In Season 3, for instance, CTU agent Gael Ortega is found to be smuggling information to the Salazar brothers — that season's main antagonists — and is tortured by CTU's regional director before agent Tony Almeida reveals that Ortega is part of a long-planned second-choice strategy to bring down the Salazars.

Much like in the debates over the show's ramifications for Muslims in the past and present, the debate over the depiction of torture is understandable from the perspective of a television critique.

While "24" has been a sparkplug for controversy, the show has been even more a magnet for second-guessing.

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Sutherland displays diverse talent in film, TV

By BRIAN DOXTADER

Sutherland's choices demonstrated his versatility, though his penchant for smart, ominous villains hinted at the intensity he would bring to the character of Jack Bauer.

The movie-like production values of "24" have proven immensely popular over the years, and the show and Sutherland numerous awards and accolades. The actor's complex characterization of Bauer has been extremely well-received by critics and audiences. Sutherland deftly balances a spectrum of emotions stemming from Bauer's sense of duty and personal vendettas.

Sutherland has been recognized by media outlets for his work on "24," and has won several awards amongst numerous nominations. Most notable among these is the 2002 Golden Globe for "Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series — Drama," the 2006 Emmy for "Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series" and a pair of Screen Actors Guild Awards for "Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series" in 2004 and 2006.

Jack Bauer has become something of a cultural icon, though Sutherland's versatility and talent means that he probably won't become pigeonholed. Though he may always be associated with the action terrorism agent Sutherland has already proven that he is capable of other roles. Like Sean Combs's Jersy, Sutherland's Jack Bauer will always be his most immortal role — but unlike Combs, Sutherland doesn't have the luxury to prove himself as an actor after "24" ends.

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ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE

Network TV takes page out of Hollywood's book

By SEAN SWEANY

Assistant Scene Editor

Just about any night of the week, television viewers can tune in to shows so elaborate, complex and effects-filled it seems Hollywood has invaded the small screen. While this has been somewhat of a staple in television since its inception, the mid-to-late '80s were a breakthrough came as the curly Ace Merrill in Rob Reiner's 1986 classic "Ferris Bueller's Day Off". David in Joel Schumacher's cult film "The Lost Boys". Bigger parts in films like "Young Guns" followed, and memorable turns in "Flatliners" (where he met Julia Roberts, with whom he had an extended relationship), and Reiner's "A Few Good Men" helped elevate him into a minor star. The '90s, however, were a mixed bag for Sutherland, as he often took esoteric roles, such as the mad scientist Dr. Schreber in Alex Proyas' 1998 film "Dark City." The ranginess of Sutherland's choices demonstrated his versatility, though his penchant for smart, ominous villains hinted at the intensity he would bring to the character of Jack Bauer.

Fox launched "24" in 2001 with Sutherland in the lead as government agent Jack Bauer. The show's novel concept, cinematic style and twisting plot turns made it an instant hit, and helped launch Sutherland into the public consciousness.

Since then, Sutherland's film work has slowed considerably. He has only starred in a handful of movies in the past half-decade, the most notable of them Joel Schumacher's dark, fast-paced thriller "Phone Booth," D.J. Caruso's "Taking Lives" and Clark Johnson's disappointing "The Sentinel." The latter picture featured Sutherland in a role that isn't much different from Jack Bauer, as he plays a Secret Service agent who is attempting to uncover a plot to kill the president.

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ABC's "Lost" exemplifies successful serial television programming, which gives audiences talented actors, smart writing and cinematic visual style.

Kiefer Sutherland has garnered many awards, including an Emmy in 2006, for his role as anti-terrorism agent Jack Bauer in Fox's runaway success, "24."
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NBA

Arenas scores 36 as Wizards down Pistons

LeBron-less Cavs clobber Warriors; Kobe-less Lakers fall

Associated Press

Gilbert Arenas had 36 points, 11 assists and seven rebounds Tuesday night, as the Washington Wizards beat the Detroit Pistons 104-99 in a first-place showdown, a victory tempered by a knee injury to Antawn Jamison.

The win kept the Wizards ahead of the Pistons atop the Eastern Conference and stopped the teams a split of the four-game season series, leveling the first tiebreaker should they finish the regular season with the same record. Washington bested Detroit twice in five days, including a 99-96 win on the road Sunday.

But the Wizards left the court anxious for news about Jamison, who sprained his left knee after colliding with teammate DeShawn Stevenson under the basket during a fast break with 6:29 to play in the first quarter.

Jamison, who entered the game averaging 19.7 points and 7.6 rebounds, did not return and was to be re-evaluated after the game. Jamison hyper-extended the same knee against Boston on April 20, also was not the same knee that required surgery two years ago. He had missed 11 games this season, practicing last week to rest the knuckled knee.

The Wizards' two best games of the season: 35 points against Detroit and 34 points against Boston on Sunday.

Jamison would be difficult to replace if he's out for any extended period — he, Arenas and Caron Butler form the NBA's highest-scoring trio at a combined 70 points per game — and Jamison's absence Saturday could be a turning point for a team with 14 losses.

The Wizards made one final push, due largely to the Wizards' three missed free throws in the final 30 seconds, but Tayshaun Prince then missed a 3-pointer that would have cut the lead to two.

Stevenson, picking up the slack for Jamison, scored 15 points on 7-for-8 shooting. Butler finished with 13 points.

Clarence's Billups scored 15 points, Prince had 19 points, and Richard Hamilton and Rasheed Wallace finished with 15 apiece for the Pistons, who ended up outshooting the Wizards 52 percent to 49 percent.

Cavaliers 124, Warriors 97

Sasha Vujacic scored a career-high 24 points filling in for the injured LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers rolled without their superstar.

Jermaine O'Neal added 25 points and eight rebounds for the Pacers, who won for the first time since April 22, 1994.

Branor Davis scored 21 points to lead the Warriors, who opened a six-game trip with one they'd like to forget.

They went 2-for-20 on 3-pointers, committed 20 turnovers and were never in the game. 

Donnell Marshall added 15 points and Andrés Biedrins 12 for Golden State, while the Cavaliers to overtime before losing on a technical.

This was one of very early as the Cavaliers bolted to a 15-point lead over the Warriors and never let the Warriors in double digits the rest of the way.

Saric turned in one of his best means from his point guard, Cavs coach Mike Brown, while Ernie Smucker in the starting lineup with rookie Daniel Gibson, who finished with 12 points, two assists and two turnovers in 25 minutes.

Javale McGee sank a three-pointer with 2.5 seconds left to cut Indiana's lead to 96-94 with 26 seconds left.

Tinsley missed the second of two free throws with 25.7 seconds left to put the lead to five, then he made two more free throws with 8.9 seconds remaining to end the threat.

Boston led 30-24 at the end of the first quarter, but the Pacers outscored the Celtics 26-15 in the second to take a 52-43 lead at halftime. Indiana shot 61 percent in the first half, including an 11-for-15 effort in the second quarter.

Knicks 99, Lakers 94

Playing without the suspended Kobe Bryant, the Los Angeles Lakers' late rally fell short in their season-high third straight loss, to the New York Knicks on Tuesday night.

Eddy Curry had 27 points and nine rebounds and Stephon Marbury scored 22 points for the Knicks, who led most of the game but never pulled away. David Lee grabbed 13 rebounds and Jamal Crawford added 17 points.

Bryant was penalized one game without pay earlier Tuesday for hitting San Antonio's Manu Ginóbili in the face late in the Lakers' overtime loss to the Spurs on Sunday.

Without Bryant, the Lakers looked only 43.5 percent and lost for the fourth time in five games.

Lamar Odom had 25 points, nine rebounds and six assists for the Lakers. Vladimir Radmanovic added 18 points and nine boards and Smush Parker scored 14 points.

The Lakers trailed by seven with 1:12 minutes remaining, but closed to 96-94 on Radmanovic's 3-pointer with 45 seconds left. Curry made two free throws 10 seconds later, and after Maurice Evans' 3-pointer rattled out, Los Angeles got the ball back after Jamal Crawford turned it over.

However, Jared Jeffries blocked Brian Cook's 3-point attempt and New York put away with three more free throws.

It was a rough way for the Lakers to start an eight-game Eastern trip, their longest since playing eight straight on the road from Dec. 9-20, 1989.

Bryant will be back Wednesday when Los Angeles visits Boston. He hoped to play Tuesday, seeking an immediate hearing at the league office during the afternoon since he was already in New York.

That was a rough day for the Lakers when he was suspended. With his money back later if he wins his appeal.

Bryant and the Lakers were surprised by the penalty, and the fans at Madison Square Garden were muted themselves.

There were mostly boos when Bryant's absence was announced during pregame introductions.
Kobe suspended for striking Ginobili

NEW YORK — Kobe Bryant was suspended one game without pay by the NBA on Tuesday for striking San Antonio’s Manu Ginobili in the face.

With his Los Angeles Lakers in New York to play the Knicks, Bryant request­ed an "immediate hearing" with the league office to appeal the suspension. But his request was denied because it would have deviated from standard procedure, and Bryant was still slated to miss the game Tuesday night.

"This is not the process that we use at the NBA," Bryant said. "Certainly, in theory, given the fact that the Lakers were in New York, we could have heard an appeal. But again, we never have, as it’s not part of our process," said Stu Jackson, the league’s chief disciplina­rian for on-court actions. "He does have the right to an appeal at a later date. If he were to win that appeal, he would get his money back."

Bryant’s absence left the Lakers without their lead­ing scorer when they opened an eight-game road trip.

"I’ve been waiting to play here. It’s always been a fun place for me to play here, and I’m surprised. Shocked, by it, actually," Bryant said.

Duke lacrosse sexual assault hearing rescheduled

DURHAM, N.C. — A critical hearing in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case has been postponed until May as the new prosecutors continue to study evidence.

Prosecutors from the state attorney general’s office met with defense attorneys and the judge for about two hours Tuesday. It was the first meet­ing between the parties since the state took over the case this month from embattled District Attorney Mike Nifong.

Lawyers said afterward that a planned Feb. 5 hearing where the accuser was expected to appear would be rescheduled for May 17.

"We will use this time to continue reviewing the case files, talking to the many people involved in the case, and making sure that all discovery requests have been responded to properly," state Attorney General Roy Cooper said in a statement.

Brazillian star Ronaldo to join Italian team AC Milan

MILAN, Italy — Brazilian Ronaldo’s farewell to Real Madrid didn’t include any fond words for coach Fabio Capello.

The World Cup’s all-time leading scorer left Madrid for AC Milan on Tuesday, returning to Italy’s Serie A for a reported $9.73 million transfer fee. The 30-year-old Brazil­ian striker will join Milan until 2008 — the same length as the remainder of his contract at Madrid.

"My heart’s breaking but life goes on," Ronaldo told reporters in Madrid. "I’m a great Madrid fan. I’m not so sure about the coach."

"I know that Ronaldo is Milan’s," Capello said. "I wish him good luck, that he does what he used to be able to do, that is a great play­er."

Ronaldo hasn’t been picked to play for Capello since a Jan. 7 defeat at Deportivo La Coruna.

Heisman winner Smith hopes to play for Browns

CLEVELAND — Usually the one avoiding pressure, Troy Smith is put­ting the heat on the Cleveland Browns.

Ohio State’s Heisman Trophy-win­ning quarterback is lobbying his hometown team to select him in April’s NFL draft, and he isn’t miss­ing any chance to remind the Browns that he’ll be available to them soon.

Smith was named the area’s out­standing collegiate athlete at Monday night’s Greater Cleveland Sports Awards, and during a taped acceptance speech he thanked the city’s fans for their support.

"Hopefully, I’ll get a chance to rep­resent you guys at the next level with the Cleveland Browns," he said.

Smith hasn’t hidden his desire to play for the Browns, who after fin­ishing 4-12 last season will pick either third or fourth in April’s draft.
Super Bowl QBs take different roads to Miami

Associated Press

MIAMI — One has been called the Kup, the other the Da Man. Rex Grossman of the Bears vs Peyton Manning of the Colts in the biggest Super Bowl mismatch ever.

Not close to being true, of course, but it’s perception that counts.

Grossman can’t do anything right, even in Chicago, where every mistake leads to more cries for his benching. He had a passer rating of zero in one game this season and 1.3 in another on a team that is carried by its defense.

Manning, the most talented in a family of quarterbacks, is a two-time NFL MVP who holds any number of passing records. Barr ing injury, he could retire as the most prolific passer in league history.

About all they have in common is zero Super Bowl victories. Until now, the only real knock on Manning is that he could never win the big one.

“I read the Colts media guide on the way down: 18 pages of Peyton,” Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera said after he arrived in Miami. “It showed me what’s in store for us.”

That compares with three pages for Grossman in the Chicago guide.

There will be more pages next season, but they will have to list games like those against Arizona, when he threw four interceptions and lost two fumbles. Typically, the Bears won 24-23 on two fumble returns and Devin Hester’s punt return, enhancing the perception that Chicago finished 13-3 in the regular season despite its quarterback.

Grossman’s take?

That he has played 12 good games this season and six bad ones, including the playoffs.

But people only remember the bad ones, including two on national television — the Arizona game and the meaningless season finale against Green Bay when he tied an NFL record with a passer rating of 0.0, throwing more interceptions (three) than completions (two).

Then be compounded his mistake by saying afterward that because the game had no bearing on the standings, he didn’t prepare as thoroughly as he should have.

Not preparing thoroughly is something Manning never does, meaning game or not.

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Urlacher prepares for Showdown with Colts

Associated Press

“Brian Urlacher is a guy I will always know where he is,” Peyton Manning, Colts quarterback

Urlacher creates to sort of chill.

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Bonds inks deal to remain a Giant

 Slugger will make $15.8 million as he chases Aaron in 2007

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds never wanted to leave the Giants. They have been his team for more than a decade. Now, the 42-year-old Bonds says he will stay put right where he believes he belongs. Bonds and San Francisco completed a $15.8 million, one-year contract Monday night after the slugger spent hours at the ballpark being examined by team doctors.

The club announced the deal, which took significant time to finish after the sides agreed on financial terms Dec. 7 on the last day of baseball's winter meetings.

Now, the 42-year-old Bonds can focus on the upcoming season. He has 734 home runs, 22 career triples, and a .286 lifetime average. He is 18 home runs behind Mike Piazza for 10th all-time home run record, and he plans to play beyond this year if he fails to set the mark in 2007.

"I think I'll be around until I'm 100, or at least try to," Bonds said.

Before the contract was completed, Bonds had to pass a physical and the parties had to negotiate complicated language regarding his behavior and what would happen if he were to be indicted.

A federal grand jury is investigating whether Bonds perjured himself when he testified in 2003 in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution case that he hadn't knowingly taken any performance-enhancing drugs.

"I knew things would work out. This is where I always wanted to play and always loved to play," Bonds said. "I love the city of San Francisco. It's been my home for more than a decade. It's been my family. They were the team of my late father and also my godfather, Hall of Famer Willie Mays.

"There's no better place for me to be. This is my history. The people in San Francisco deserve it all." On a conference call late Monday night, Bonds was asked why it took so long for his contract to be completed.

"I was on a skiing vacation," he said, laughing. "It didn't take any time. It's normal procedure. As part of the deal, Bonds' trainers — Harvey Shields and Greg Oliver — will no longer be on Bonds' payroll and they won't be permitted in the clubhouse, where they previously had their own lockers next to Bonds' space.

"I have no problems with it," Bonds said. "(Oliver and Harvey) will be with me, just outside the ballpark."

Shields and Oliver will no longer be on the Giants' payroll and they won't be permitted in restricted areas in any big league ballpark.

If they were to make road trips, it would be on Bonds' dime or their own, two baseball officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Bonds underwent X-rays and many other tests from multiple team doctors Monday. The seven-time NL MVP waved and smiled as he left the stadium and then quickly drove away with agent Jeff Borris.

Giants outfielder Barry Bonds watches the flight of the ball after hitting a home run against Seattle June 16, 2006.
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But none of that is true anymore after the Irish dispatched of the Orange 103-91 in a game that wasn’t even that close.

So how did Notre Dame change its road luck and earn in win in one of the toughest places to play in college basketball?

It finally moved the ball on offense.

In their road losses this year, especially against Villanova and Georgetown, the Irish stood around a lot and their offense stagnated. Against St. John’s, they played a fast pace that this Irish team has a ton of potential. Notre Dame is 18-4 overall this season and 6-3 in the Big East.

That conference record puts the Irish in fifth place, but they are only four games behind Louisville and Georgetown and they hold the tiebreaker over the Cardinals.

If Notre Dame can work its way into fourth, it will earn a bye in the Big East conference.

And the Irish’s schedule sets them up to do exactly that.

The Irish travel to league bottom-feeder South Florida this weekend and then head up to Chicago to face DePaul next week. Then they return home to face Providence. Each of those games is winnable, and even if they go 2-1, they’ll still be in good shape at 8-4.

After that, Notre Dame travels to struggling Cincinnati and plays DePaul again, this time at home, before a showdown with Marquette at the Joyce Center Feb. 24.

Once again, 2-1 is likely, leaving the Irish at 10-5 with only the league finale against Rutgers left.

If Notre Dame can continue to play the way they did Thursday, 11-5 and a first round conference tourney bye are also likely. A 13-3 conference record isn’t out of the question either.

Regardless, the win over Syracuse was a huge step forward toward the program’s first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2003.

Not bad for a young team that was expected to struggle to reach the NIT level of the past few seasons.

Not bad for a team that had to deal with the suspension of its starting point guard and has its most experienced big man hobbling.

Not bad for a team that couldn’t win on the road.

Not bad at all.

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season and is now averaging 11.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per contest. Considering that she runs two games she averaged 22 points, including her career high of 30 in Saturday's win against Tri-State. On Saturday, Newsome posted her third double-double of the season and is now averaging 11.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per contest. Erin has really improved this year," Henley said. "I think her biggest improve­ment has come on the defen­sive end.

Henley noted that Newsome's accomplishments were especially impressive considering that she runs cross country for Saint Mary's. The basketball season and the cross country season overlap, as cross­country competition inter­feres with the beginning of the basketball season. "We got her to "work and she has to work twice as hard just to catch up," said Henley.

Saint Mary's and Olivet face off at 7:30 p.m. in the Angela Athletic facility.

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look to score. I think they are trying to score." Freshmen guards Lechlitner and Barlow along with fresh­men center Erica Williamson have been crucial to the team's success this season. McGraw hopes they will con­tinue that success against the Panthers. Against Big East opponents, Barlow has averaged 9.3 points per game while Lechlitner has 8.2 points, 3.4 assists and only 1 turnover per game. "They've been playing great, all three of them," McGraw said of her freshmen. "We outscored Connecticut's bench, and we've outscored a lot of teams' benches that we've played. I couldn't be happier with how the freshmen are coming along, so hopefully they continue to play well and keep getting better." Williamson plays a different role for the Irish this season than her fellow freshmen, as she comprises one-half of Notre Dame's center tandem with junior Melissa D'Amico. The duo averages a com­bined 16.4 points per game and 11.5 rebounds per game, helping provide the Irish with a strong presence in the post. But against Pittsburgh, the Irish will see a tough opposing center — Marcedes Walker. Walker averages 14.9 points and 8.8 rebounds this season to go with her 18 blocks. "I expect a little bit more (from the cen­ters)," McGraw said. "I think we got a good dou­ble-double in most of the games, and then we tapered off with Marquette and Connecticut. So we need to get back to where we're getting twenty points and fifteen rebounds between the two of them.

Walker is one of three players for the Panthers scoring in double figures, along with sophomores guards Shavonte Zellous (19.6) and Xena Stewart (14.6). "They have three big scor­ers. So we're going to be test­ed again, as we were at Connecticut and I think we handled that well," McGraw said. "Hopefully we'll be able to identify the shooters and be able to find them, and work to keep Walker off the boards." But for McGraw the key to the game will be to correct the team's offensive struggles. "I just think we feel good about the offense in terms of execution," she said. "I think we have to set better screens and get a really good shot so that everybody feels that we are accomplishing something. We're executing, the shots just aren't dropping."

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Irish guard Ashley Barlow drives against Indiana guard Nikki Smith in a 54-51 loss to the Hoosiers Dec. 3.

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By Henri Arnold and Mike Engstrom

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Horoscope

CELLEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kitto Thomas, 18, Witner Valdezman, 27, Churses Pireno, 31, Phil Collins, 68.

Happy Birthday: Act on your intuition not your emotions this year. Changes with regard to your vacation or financial situation appear to be positive, if you are willing to take action and make the necessary moves. This is not the year to do what you are not sure you want to do but, instead, a time to push forward. Your numbers are 10, 16, 22, 28, 34, 35.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may have to juggle things around to appease someone you care about. Emotional matters will escalate if you aren't willing to back down or at least compromise. Pick and choose your battles wisely.

TAUREAN (April 20-May 20): You may need to bite the bullet and make the necessary decision.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone may try to make some unwelcome moves but, if you keep as aware of it, you should be able to keep things in order. Don't overreact. Facts will be what you are looking for.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Aggression may not be the way you handle matters today, but, as long as you are aware of it, you should be able to keep things in order.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22): A business trip or meeting will pay off. You will have the upper hand and be able to get a deal you've been working on for a long time. Don't fool yourself, however, into thinking the work is done.

MILITARY (Aug 23-Sept 22): Diversity today you want things to pass out. Use your imagination and you will get far better results. A love connection can be made or a relationship taken to the next level. A change in your status is apparent.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22): Don't let your emotions cloud your vision, causing you to make a poor decision that will influence your future. Prepare to take a rather unusual approach to get to where you want to go. It's an element of surprise that can be made to work for you.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): You'll be far better with acquaintances than you will with close friends and family. Get out on the road and make your rounds. Present and promote today and you will prosper—but don't offer more than you have to.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): Talk is cheap but, if done properly, it can get you what you want. Use your imagination and paint a scenario that is attractive to others and you will win a position that will help you get ahead. Change will come to you as you have prepared your case well.***

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): You may feel pulled in two different directions emotionally. Stay with your case rather than letting your stress levels increase. A romantic relationship can turn into something very special.***

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): Now is a good time to take care of matters that are affecting your work. So much will depend on how you present yourself to others today. Be sure to stay within the boundary set by society if you want to succeed.

PISCES (Feb 19-March 20): Focus on someone you want to spend more time with. A scheme to develop a creative idea you have is possible. Children can influence your decision. Don't get angry with someone who is trying to help you.****

Birthday is 20: Happy Birthday. You are independent and sensitive to the moods of others. You can take advantage of any situation that arises. You are quick and intelligent and have great vision. You are charismatic and popular.


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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Orange juiced**

61 points in the first half propel Irish to win at Carrier Dome

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame forwards Luke Harangody and Zach Hillesland each had a double-double as the Irish exploded for a 61-point first half, snapped their season-long road losing streak and defeated Syracuse 103-91 Tuesday at the Carrier Dome.

"We've been searching for a road league win," Irish coach Mike Brey said in his post-game press conference. "This is a nice way to start it off." Early in the first half, Notre Dame's 18-4, 6-3 Big East) opened up a 28-19 lead, thanks to the sharp shooting of guards Russell Carter and Colin Falls. The two combined for eight

Irish forward Luke Harangody, left, pulls down a rebound in front of Syracuse center Darryl Watkins during the first half of Notre Dame's 103-91 victory at the Carrier Dome Tuesday.

**SMC BASKETBALL**

**Belles to face rival Comets**

Saint Mary's carries three-game win streak into Olivet rematch

By DAN COOPER  
Sports Writer

The Belles look to extend their three-game win streak to four games today and get some revenge for a lopsided loss to Olivet earlier this season.

Saturday's win at Tri-State may have been just the confidence boost the Belles needed as they prepare to face rival Olivet.

The Comets -- who are 9-8 overall and 6-4 in the MIAA -- had no trouble when they

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Pittsburgh concludes three-game trip for ND**

McGraw "feels good" about team's psyche despite dropping two consecutive games

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

Despite having lost back-to-back games for the first time this season, Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw remains confident in her team's ability to perform well tonight at Pittsburgh at 7 p.m.

"I feel really good about the psyche of the team right now," she said. "We had a good practice yesterday. I think we know we played better against Connecticut than against Marquette.

"I think that's going to be key to see how determined we are and how we can bounce back after two losses.'

The Irish (13-7, 4-3 Big East) will wrap up a three-game road trip against the Panthers (15-5, 3-4), a team that until a 51-50 loss to Seton Hall Saturday was ranked in the top 25 of both polls.

In Notre Dame's previous two games, one of the main problems was its inability to establish a rhythm offensively, pressuring guard Charel Allen -- the team's leading scorer -- to put the scoring on her shoulders. But Allen only shot 8-of-37 in the two losses and received little help from her teammates offensively.

"I talked to Charel about her role, basically, and it's not her job to carry the team," McGraw said. "So we are encouraging, without changing anything, encouraging Melissa Lechlitner and Breonna Gray and Ashley Barlow and everyone to