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Few sex crimes reported annually

National trends indicate many incidents not brought to police; victims seek other options

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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Rape and sexual assault are the most underreported crimes in the U.S., said a representative from St. Joseph County rape crisis center in South Bend — and judging from statistics, Notre Dame is no exception to this statement.

While Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) statistics show just one to two incidents of reported sex offenses each year — more recent numbers aren't available, but there were two more just last week — 61 students reported "some kind of victimization experience" to the University Counseling Center last year, according to Rita Donley, the center's associate director.

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Campus construction projects begin

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Two major campus construction projects — a sanitary sewer job and removal of a portion of Juniper Road — are slated to begin this week, according to a Jan. 12 University press release.

Both projects will cause minimal closures in certain areas on campus. University Vice President for Business Operations Jim Lyphout said Monday:

On Monday, Lyphout said, snow removal began on the first section of Juniper to be removed — between Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Center.

The road will be eliminated and replaced with a pedestrian-friendly plaza. In addition, the project will make possible improvements in sewer systems and other utilities, which will in turn allow for the planned addition and reconstruction of the Joyce Center, he said.

"The area will have grass, landscaping and a nice pedestrian feel," Lyphout said. "We expect to be done before the first home football game."

Throughout the project, all entrances to the Joyce Center will be accessible, Lyphout said.

The second project will increase sanitary sewer capacity leading to Notre Dame Stadium, Lyphout said. Construction will begin immediately east of Brown-Phillips Hall and continue southeast toward Notre Dame Stadium.

The project was scheduled to begin this week, and Lyphout said they hope to begin construction within 10 days to two weeks.

ND plans Mardi Gras meals, parties

By MEGHAN WONG
News Writer

You don't have to travel to New Orleans to celebrate "the feast before the fast" today, since Notre Dame is bringing some Cajun culture to campus for Mardi Gras.

French for "Fat Tuesday," Mardi Gras is the day of celebration before Ash Wednesday, a solemn day which marks the beginning of the Lenten fasting season.

If you want to partake in feasting, you can take a trip South — to South Dining Hall — where the chefs have been busy preparing for the annual Fat Tuesday feast.

South Dining Hall will serve some Cajun favorites for dinner tonight, including gumbo, crawfish, and other entrées, dessert and bread pudding, Louisiana red beans and rice, and some Cajun favorites for dinner tonight, including gumbo, crawfish, and other entrées, dessert and bread pudding, Louisiana red beans and rice, and

Senior's portraits adorn local Club's hallway

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

For senior Kelly Hardy, her paintings are far more than something beautiful to look at — they're a way to give back to South Bend.

After spending last summer working at the Boys and Girls Club of St. Joseph County, Hardy created seven portraits of the children she had worked with as an assignment for her Multilevel Painting class.

Hardy worked on the project for the entire Fall 2006 semester — a feat that, until recently, she thought she would never accomplish.

"I had never really painted people before. It was something that I had always avoided even though I had been painting a long time," Hardy admitted. "But I decided ... to dive right in with huge, oversized portraits."

For Hardy, who first attended a painting class in second grade, art influences the way she interacts with kids today.

"I think the best part about this was getting to know the kids individually by working with them, and then getting to know them at a different level by painting them. ... It brought a whole new level of meaning," Hardy said.

"Although Hardy did not originally plan to donate the paintings, she felt that the Club would benefit most from them.

"There were seven pretty over-

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Delayed departure

It's a Saturday night (technically early Sunday morning) as I sit here writing. I'm sitting at a desk in my room at the Detroit Airport Days Inn. My luxurious surroundings include walls with peeling paint and a leaky toilet. I can hear sounds from the hotel's "B&O" in the background. I didn't realize the Remains cursed so much.

Anyway... why am I here? Well, I guess the story begins a couple of days ago.

I had a bad feeling. My flight was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon. I wasn't alone in the world calmed me down. We walked together through the airport and swapped weekend horror stories.

Just as I was about to sit down and have a good cry, I spotted a girl at the gate counter talking about South Bend. I immediately went up to her and introduced myself. Her name was Laura.

Just knowing someone else was in my situation and suddenly wasn't alone in the world calmed me down. We walked together through the airport and swapped weekend horror stories.

We arrived at the ticket counter to get rebooked. I went first to an agent who said I could have it. When she was told it wouldn't work, she asked my name.

"Just thinking outside the box," Laura said.

"OK," the agent said. "Laura's name must have been faster because she was booked on the flight and I wasn't.

My ticket agent attempted to whisper to the other agent, "I don't have any more available.

I was too numb to be upset. Instead I witnessed one of the nicest things a stranger has ever tried to do for me. Laura pleaded with the agent to cancel her booking so that I could have it. When she was told it wouldn't work, she asked if my name could be put on the ticket instead.

I couldn't believe it. She didn't even know me. Despite the reality that we had arrived at the counter together and she had as much right to be first as I was, she generously gave up her seat.

Not only did she attempt to give me her seat, but she did this after being told all flights to South Bend were fully booked for the next day.

But it all ended up working out. Somehow the agent found a seat for me on a direct flight to South Bend at 10:40 p.m. instead of my flight(tiacted delayed in D.C., for an hour. That gives me one hour layover in Detroit...

I was of the plane in Detroit at 10:40 p.m. My flight to South Bend left the gate at 10:30 p.m. I was alone and spending the night in Detroit.

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The wedding wouldn't be out of character for Amster, 27, a computer expert for a financial company by day and rehabilitator of old hearses by night.

The grave yard, he says, is the place where the tranquility and thriftiness for nupitals the young couple insists will be small, private and traditional -- except for the haggles. Amster's refurbished hearse and the throne of eternally silent witnesses.

Thousands make snow angel in record attempt BISMARCK, N.D. Among the thousands of people frantically flapping in the snow Saturday in an attempt to set the record for the most snow angels ever made were parents, children, even snowplow drivers.

And then there was Pauline Jaeger -- who on her 99th birthday, was making her very first angel.

"It's fun," Jaeger said. "I feel just like a kid." More than 8,900 people flapped their arms and legs on the state Capitol grounds Saturday in an attempt to reclaim the record, which was snatched away about a year ago in Michigan.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error in the Feb 19 Viewpoint section of The Observer, the letter to the editor titled "Dialogue is not dead" used the name of the writer incorrectly. The author's name is Mary Elizabeth Walter. The Observer regrets this error.
Poorman responds to recently passed resolutions

**Vice President for Student Affairs commends Council for freshman 'disorientations,' Domer Dollars work**

Student body president Lizzi Shappell, left, and vice president Bill Andrichik discuss recently passed resolutions Monday.

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

A letter from Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Poorman, which addressed the Class of 2006, has sparked some debate in the council's meeting last night.

"I commend the CLC Task Force on its thoughtful report," Poorman wrote. "I will forward the resolution to the newly formed recluse task group, and am sure that the findings outlined in the report will be helpful as they begin their work." 

Father Mark Poorman
Vice President
Student Affairs

Seniors weigh choices for graduation gift to University

Class of '07 members can vote on one of three monetary options, present will be given in Caitlin Brain's memory

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

As the class of 2007 finishes up one last semester, it plans to leave behind a reminder of its legacy at Notre Dame. With the help of the Notre Dame Annual Fund, the senior class will choose a class gift to give something back to the University.

Last Wednesday marked the last day seniors could vote on the class gift from the three options selected by the Senior Class Gift Committee. The money raised by the committee will either be given to the Erasmus Institute Endowment, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) or Student Activities.

Seniors were able to vote from the three different options by e-mailing the Annual Fund's e-mail address.

The gift from the class of 2007 will be donated in memory of Caitlin Brain, a member of the class of 2007 who died in November 2006.

"In the committee's first meeting, a few members asked me if the gift could be made in memory of Caitlin," said Moira Madden, assistant director of the Notre Dame Annual Fund. "After some discussion, all of the committee members agreed unanimously that regardless of the allocation that the class voted to support, the gift would be made in memory of Caitlin Brain. Past Senior Class Gifts have also been made in memory of classmates who passed away before the class graduated."

The committee is comprised of 10 seniors, Madden said. "In past years, the Annual Fund has worked with the senior class council," she said. "However, this year we decided to expand the program and created the Senior Class Gift Committee. Some of the senior class council members are members of the Senior Class Gift Committee as well."

Senior Class Gift chair Stephanie Pelligris said the first gift that the gift will be donated in Caitlin Brain's name adds to the significance of the gift. "At one of our first meetings it was decided across the board that the gift should be given in Caitlin's name because she passed away during our senior year and this affected a lot of people in our class," Pelligris said. "The fact that it will be in Caitlin's name makes it even more special since it was a traumatic loss for our class."

Committee chairperson Rosie DePaoli said the Senior Class Gift Committee held its first meeting before Christmas break in December and has been meeting as a group once a month.

"According to the Notre Dame Annual Fund's Web site, the University appreciates "contributions which are not designed for a specific project but can be used to address the University's most pressing needs,"" Madden said.

"In past years, the Senior Class Gift is usually a monetary gift to a University department or program, it may sometimes be a physical gift as in the case of the class of 2002, which donated the "Jesus the Teacher" statue located near the Bookstore."

"Any of the three gifts would really be great for our class," Pelligris said. "Those are the three that most represent our class. I think the UROP gift would be great because so many members of our class have studied abroad or have taken part in research opportunities."

"Although there is no deadline for the gift, there are some incentives for seniors to fulfill their pledges before the end of the year. If seniors make their contributions before May 1, they receive a "token of appreciation" from the Annual Fund. Also, seniors can be entered in the 2008 football ticket lottery if their gifts are received before Dec. 31."

"I think (the lottery) will generate a big response because alumni love to come back for ND football Saturdays and partake in all the traditions associated with them," DePaoli said. "As soon-to-be young alumni, it is one of the best excuses to come back for a weekend and meet up with friends."

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Projects
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weeks as plans are finalized. Pedestrians can expect minimal disruption between Breen-Phillips Hall and the Hesburgh Library, and on the Hesburgh Library quadrangle, he said.
The sewer system expansion is necessary due to recent growth, Lyboud said.
"The sewer system has been taxed as the campus has grown," he said, noting that in the mid-1990s there was some flooding in Galvin Hall, Hesburgh Library and the IT building related to sewer use at Notre Dame Stadium. The project is intended to reduce the possibility of similar backups in the future.
They expect the project to be completed in six weeks, Lyboud said.
Both project completion dates are subject to change due to weather and other factors. Still, weather issues tend to delay construction by "only a few days," Lyboud said.
Lyboud said both projects are part of the University's "long term, master plan.
The creation of the pedestrian plaza will contain the intersection of Edison and Douglas Roads. The removal will continue north in the coming months, leading to construction of new service routes to Hank, Galvin, Friedman and Lasbun buildings and reconstruction of the Hesburgh Library circle, including additional parking near the library. Construction to remove the portion of Juniper Road between B and C parking lots south of the Joyce Center and Notre Dame Stadium will begin in Murch.
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Meeting
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ments of their counterparts.
"This meeting has been on the books for a while and this just happened to be the best time that worked with everyone's schedules," Shappell said.
Both Shappell and McCall said the meeting is mandatory for BOC members, but we did our best to accommodate as many COR members too so there would be better representation," McCall said.
Shappell said she was also interested in getting to as many COR members as their schedules allow to attend," Shappell said.
The groups will also be discussing upcoming and coming issues such as the Community Summit at Notre Dame.
"We just hope this meeting will give our boards the opportunity to get to know how other student government structures work so we can better understand the other systems," Shappell said.
Shappell and McCall said they hope this is the first of many meetings between the two groups.
"I would recommend meeting once a semester — once at Notre Dame and once at Saint Mary's," McCall said. "I think that would be really important in beginning to address issues we both share.
Tonight's meeting is open to all members of each student body.
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beans and rice, jambalaya with chicken and ham and a host of indulge desserts.
If Cajun food isn't preferred, the Student Union Board (SUB) is sponsoring an event called "Multi-Cultural Mardi Gras" from 8 to 10 p.m. in LaFortune's Sorin Room. They will serve Chinese food from Golden Dragon, Mexican food from Hacienda and Indian food from Star of India.
Both Melia, director of programming for SUB, said she hopes students enjoy the free food and will come "to eat up, celebrate Fat Tuesday and celebrate life.
For those 21 and older, South Bend's Linebacker Lounge is commemorating Mardi Gras with a Cajun style buffet that "will have everything from shrimp a la gratin to jambalaya to whiskey cake and there will be all kinds of drink specials," she said.
While many students got a taste of the New Orleans nightlife while in town for the Sugar Bowl, some returned to experience one of the most famous Mardi Gras celebrations in the world this weekend.
Senior Lucy Summerville left for New Orleans Saturday night to make the eight-hour road trip to the French Quarter at a huge parade on Saint Charles Street Friday night.
"Contrary to popular belief, you don't really have to do anything for the beads. They just kept throwing them off of the floats and we collected quite a bunch," she said.
She said she and a friend attended a ball "with thousands of people" Saturday evening in the Student Union Ballroom and then went to Notre Dame's Sugar Bowl loss. She said American idol winner Taylor Hicks, Journey and Styx all performed at the ball.
"The drive was worth every minute of our time in New Orleans," Summerville said of her Mardi Gras experience.
Senior Thomas McCall also traveled to New Orleans during this past weekend, but he bypassed Bourbon Street for his hometown of Lake Charles to partake in a more traditional, Mardi Gras celebration -- a debu- tante ball.
McCull and seven of his Notre Dame friends made the approximately 1,100 mile drive on Thursday night and returned back to South Bend in time for class Monday morning at about 6:30 a.m.
McCull said he and his friends expect to attend the very traditional Mardi Gras celebration, not the "touristy Mardi Gras" that people usually picture when they think of the holiday.
They arrived a crabfish boil on Friday night and got dressed up in tuxedos and party dresses for Saturday night to serve as escorts for some of the town's young women who made their debuts at the ball.
He said it was a great time and on Monday afternoon he joked that he "planned to take a 25-hour nap" to recover from the road trip.
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iranian nuclear construction delayed

MOSCOW — Iran has given Russia until the end of this month to sign a deal on the construction of its nuclear power plant in Iran, or else the project will be delayed indefinitely.

The contents of the agreement are not yet finalized, but officials said that Russia will provide the technology and equipment for the plant, which would be located in the Bushehr region of Iran. The project is expected to take five years to complete.

If Russia and Iran fail to reach an agreement, the project could be delayed for several years, officials said, as Iran may be reluctant to invest in the project without a guarantee of timely delivery of equipment.

Rice says call with Israeli, Palestinian representatives 'productive'

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice met Monday with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, and discussed ways to advance the peace process.

Rice, in a statement reflecting the growing interest in the possibility of a new start to the peace process, said she had discussed a range of issues with both leaders, including the need for a “continued commitment to negotiations on the basis of the road map.”

She added that both leaders “expressed a desire to act on the basis of a political commitment to a two-state solution.”

National News

New Jersey offers same sex civil unions

TEANECK, N.J. — Hundreds of gay couples were married Monday as New Jersey became the 10th state in the nation to recognize same-sex unions.

The state’s law went into effect Monday, and about 130 gay couples were married within the first hour, according to officials.

The law allows gay and lesbian couples to marry, adopt children, and participate in other legal and financial arrangements.

Despite criticism from some religious leaders, who opposed the law, the new law has been generally well-received by the public.

Religious leaders now say they will focus on outreach efforts to educate the public about the issues involved with same-sex unions.

Veterans association seeks federal recognition

WASHINGTON — The American Veterans Association has filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking federal recognition of veterans who served in the Vietnam War.

The association, which represents about 30,000 veterans, said it is seeking recognition because many veterans have been denied benefits because of their service in Vietnam.

The group is seeking recognition for veterans who served in the Vietnam War, including those who served in the Marine Corps, Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Local News

State considers video game restrictions

SACRAMENTO — California legislators are considering a bill to restrict violent video games that are sold to children.

The bill, which was introduced by state Sen. Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, would require video games to be labeled as appropriate for children or adults.

Steinberg said the bill is necessary to protect children from violent video games that can have a negative impact on their development.

The bill would require video games to be rated by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) and to have a warning label.

The ESRB is a private, non-profit organization that rates video games and assigns labels to them.

The bill would also require video game retailers to display the ratings of video games and to provide customers with information about the content of the games.

The bill has been supported by children’s advocacy groups, but it has also faced opposition from the video game industry.

The industry has argued that the bill would lead to a “flood” of lawsuits against video game companies, and that the bill would have a negative impact on the industry.

The bill is currently being considered by the state legislature, and it is expected to be voted on later this year.

Patriot Act bars Vietnamese refugees

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government has announced that it will bar Vietnamese refugees from entering the country under the Patriot Act.

The Department of Homeland Security said in a statement that the act allows the government to bar entry to the country of anyone who is considered a threat to national security.

The act was passed in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, and it has been used to bar a number of individuals from entering the country.

The government said that it will continue to review the situation and will make changes as necessary.
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sexual assault, rape, unwanted sexual contact or childhood sexual abuse, she said in an e-mail. This num-
ber does not reflect the instances of sexual assault that occur on campus, Donley said, since students may come to the Counseling Center to talk about another issue and bring up past inci-
dent of this crime on campus and the dozens that are

Still, there’s a significant gap between a few incidents and the dozens that are reported to the Counseling Center. “Loyal Daughters,” a play performed last fall written by senior Emily Weisbecker, featured real
stories from Notre Dame students and pointed at the discrepancy between report-
ed and non-reported cases — something also attested to by Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk.

"For various reasons — the reporting on this doesn’t reflect what I think is very legitimately the occurrence of this crime on campus and off," he said.

So why don’t victims always report?

A victim of sexual offenses may not tell police offi-
cials because he or she is afraid the authorities will not believe the report, Donley said. Another com-
monness of sexual assault is too much time has passed and there is no physical evi-
dence of the victim may think it is not worth pursu-

Other reasons include shame, embarrassment and “fear that the process will feel victimizing to me,” she said.

As Preacher, the victim’s resource person for the University's Survivors, advocates for survivors and interested parties with information about the procedure that will follow if a studen reports a sex offense to University offi-
cials or NISP. Preacher esti-
maled she receives approxi-
ately 12-to-15 calls each school year about sexual offense incidents.

But Preacher said she rarely gets calls from a stu-
dent right after an incident occurs. Rather, she more often receives them throughout the year, some-
times from the victim, other-
times from friends or rec-

S-O-S of Madison Center
Assistant Director and
Therapist Crystal Whitlow
said Notre Dame and Saint
Mary’s students — mostly
females — come to S-O-S to
use their counseling servic-
es, but also said these may not be recent cases, but incidents that occurred in the past which the student is just starting to address.

"Between Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, we have seen dozens of victims in the last year," Whitlow said.

In most of the cases S-O-S employees see, the incident is acquaintance rape.

"Usually alcohol is fre-
quently involved, but almost always the person is known to the victim," she said.

The U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Post-Secondary Education main-
tains an online database that shows crime statistics from colleges throughout the United States. Notre Dame, a school with a reported population of 11,479, had one forcible

sexual offense in 2003, two in 2004 and one in 2005, all on campus.

The Web site defines a forcible sex offense as "any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will; or not forcibly or against the person’s will where the victim is inca-
pable of giving consent."

This includes forcible rape, sodomy or fondling and sex-
ual assault with an object.

Boston College, a school with a reported population of 14,561, had 10 reported sex offenses in 2003, five in 2004 and nine in 2005. Two of these offenses occurred on public property each year.

University of Dayton, with a reported population of 10,495, had 13 reported sex offenses in 2003, 14 in 2004 and 12 in 2005. One of the reported offenses in 2003, fear in 2004 and two in 2005 occurred on public property.

But Kirk said it’s hard to compare statistics and say Notre Dame has relatively little incidents of sexual assault, due to the differ-
ent crime statistics and the fact that the University has a smaller population as a percentage of sexual assault.

"If you compare our data with other campuses, we’d look good," Kirk said. "But the last thing we’d want to do is get a false sense of confidence because our numbers are very low com-
pared to other schools."

But Notre Dame is trying to combat the silence of sex-

ual assault by making resources readily available for students.

Kirk and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Ann Firth are co-chairs of the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee, which Preacher said is changing its name to the Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention. The goal of this group, which includes faculty, staff and students, is to work on sexual assault prevention and education and improve University response to incidents, she said.

Donley said it is never easy for a victim of sex-
ual assault to come forward, but the University has proved several outlets from services like Residence Life, the Gender Resource Center and the Counseling Center — for students to use.

Assistant Director for NISP David Chapman encouraged students who are victims of sexual assault to seek help from the police and other counseling servic-
es.

"We want the young vic-
tims to know that they are in control of the situation and we are there to help them." 

NISP sent e-mails to the student body last week encouraging two separate instances of sexual offenses — a forcible fondling sex offense and a sexual assault — that occurred within a few days of each other.

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sized portraits of the kids I worked with at the Boys and Girls Club, and I decided that the best thing that I could do with them was share them with the kids who inspired them," Hardy said.

The portraits now adorn the main hallway of the Club on Sample Street.

"Solly has been a long-time volun-
teer and staff member, and it means a lot when a staff member invests so much time into [the Club]," said Kregg VanMeter, director of develop-
ment at the Club. "The paintings bring a typical hallway to life and show the mission we have with the kids."

Hardly worked at the Club during her freshman year and then returned early last summer. This year, she works in its art room.

Hardly used graphic refer-
ences to create the seven portraits, each of which features a child partic-
ipating in the various activities the Club offers.

"They are not exactly realistic — they are more impressionist portraits — with pretty active brush strokes," Hardy said. "The kids at the Boys and Girls Club act very adult-like, and I wanted to catch them at their childhood moments."

Although Hardy has never donated her time to the Boys and Girls Club, the paintings will appear in the 2007 edition of the dome yearbook.

Hardly is currently applying for a teaching service projects including Teach for America. Hardy is working with Catholic Education, and eventually plans to pursue a career working with children in art therapy.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:00pm Evening Concert Block - Washington Hall

Tickets are FREE for ND/SMHC students. Non-students: $5/night or $7 both nights. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Box Office. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets will become available Monday, February 12, so make sure to reserve your ticket.

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Tuesday, February 20, 2007
JetBlue 'paralyzed' by snowstorm

New York — JetBlue was paralyzed by a snowstorm as its service desks functioned more smoothly and customer calm prevailed despite flight cancellations.

The beleaguered company said it was canceling flights and helping new or existing shareholders of both companies to combine in a deal that investors hope will result in lower stock prices.

The companies bailed out the deal announced Monday as a merger of equals with shareholders of both companies owning approximately 51 percent of the combined entity. However, Sirius will give $3.78 billion of its stock to XM shareholders, a substantial premium to the value of their shares.

Sirius CEO Gary Parsons and Matt Karmazin will lead the combined company, and XM's David Neeleman will stay on until the deal is closed. John Menzer, Chairman Gary Parsons, will remain CEO.

The deal faces substantial obstacles in Washington, including a Federal Communications Commission provision that specifically forbids the two companies to combine.

Analysts have noted that the FCC could change the rule, but in a statement late Monday FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said that the "rule" would be "high" to prove that the deal would be in the public interest.

"The companies would need to demonstrate that consumers would clearly be better off with more choice and affordable prices," Martin said.

A condition would also have to meet antitrust approval from the Department of Justice. The companies are expected to acquire some companies only with each other but also with traditional radio and a growing base of digital audio sources such as iPods, mobile phones and non-satellite digital radio.

The XM shareholders will receive 4.6 shares of Sirius stock for every share they own, valuing them at $17.02 each based on Friday's closing price for Sirius stock. That gives XM shareholders a premium of 22 percent to the $13.98 closing value of their stock on Friday. Markets were closed Monday for the Presidents' Day holiday.

Investors and analysts have been speculating about a deal for months, and are hoping that the cost savings that would result would make up for soften­ ing retail demand for satel­ lite radio units. Both servic­ e offers dozens of channels of talk and commercial-free music for monthly fees of about $13.

XM radio receivers can't receive signals from Sirius, and Vice versa. But Karmazin and Parsons said in an interview that the companies are working on developing a receiver that could receive both signals.

In the meantime, they said, assuming­ the deal goes through, the compa­ nies would make other arrangements to bring pro­ grammings that's currently exclusive to one provider to listeners of the other, such as getting Major League Baseball games — currently only available on XM — to Sirius listeners.

"We will be taking every effort to find the best possi­ ble programming combination," Parsons said. "It's too early to say what the deal will mean for sub­ scription prices. The merg­ er could bring down the cost of providing service, but at the same time give the company more pricing power as the only U.S. satellite radio provider.

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Rural poor anticipate wage increase

Associated Press

The beleaguered company said it was canceling flights and helping new or existing shareholders of both companies to combine in a deal that investors hope will result in lower stock prices.

The companies bailed out the deal announced Monday as a merger of equals with shareholders of both companies owning approximately 51 percent of the combined entity. However, Sirius will give $3.78 billion of its stock to XM shareholders, a substantial premium to the value of their shares.

Sirius CEO Gary Parsons and Matt Karmazin will lead the combined company, and XM's David Neeleman will stay on until the deal is closed. John Menzer, Chairman Gary Parsons, will remain CEO.

"Of course it would be helpful, going to school and supporting myself right now," said Platt. 19.

More than 10 percent of hourly workers in South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi would see wage increases if the federal proposal goes through — the highest such percent­ ages in the nation, according to the Washington-based Economic Policy Institute. In South Carolina, that translates to 179,000 people.

The House and Senate have approved bills raising the hourly minimum wage from $5.15 to $7.25 over two years. The Senate bill paired the wage hike with tax breaks for small businesses. The House, initially reluct­ ant to add similar tax cuts, was set to pass a smaller tax package on Friday. House and Senate negotiators will have to work out the differences. Nationwide, an estimated 13 mil­ lion workers would be affected, either directly or indirectly. The insti­ tute estimates that workers already making the new federal minimum could expect pay hikes after lower­ wage earners start making more.

South Carolina tourism officials and advocates for the poor say the rising tide effect would especially be felt among those who work in the state's $16 billion tourism industry and other areas where employers already pay close to the proposed increase because they have trouble finding workers.

Louisiana's health care industry is another good example. Officials say a worker shortage caused by Hurricane Katrina drove up hospital wages in the southern part of the state, and they fear the effects of a federal wage hike on overall health care costs.
Undeclared war and the role of Congress

Ready for a surprise? A member of Congress,悦in in a way, has unleashed a powerful new force from the middle East, a bill embodying common sense and constitutional principle. No kidding. H. R. 14, introduced by Congressman Walter R. Jones (R-NC), with two Republican and four Democratic co-sponsors, provides that no previously enacted law "shall be construed to authorize the use of military force by the United States against Iran." The punch line is in the next section: "Absent a national emergency created by attack by Iran, or a demonstrably imminent attack by Iran, upon the United States, its territories or possessions or its armed forces, the President shall consult with Congress, and receive specific authorization pursuant to law from Congress, prior to initiating any use of military force against Iran."

Substantial evidence supports a description of the Iraq war as a mistake in its inception and flawed in its execution. A.J. ax 14 weeks, prevent another worse replay in Iran, by requiring that a new war must be initiated pursuant to constitutional process. On Aug. 17, 1787, according to James Madison's notes of the debates, the Constitutional Convention gave Congress the power to "declare" rather than to "make" war, "leaving to the Executive the power to repel sudden attacks." "The Executive," Roger Sherman said, "should be able to repel and not to commence war." Elbridge Gerry said he "never expected to hear in a republic a motion to empower the Executive alone to declare war." George Mason "was against giving the power of war to the Executive, because [the war] not safely not to be trusted with it."

The Constitution created, in Justice Robert Jackson's words, "a zone of twilight," with concurrent war powers in the President and Congress but no bright line of separation. Presidents have put forces into combat more than 200 times, all with explicit or implicit Congressional approval before or after the fact. As Alexander Hamilton noted even in 1787, "the ceremony of a formal denunciation of war has of lain fallen into disuse." Congress has declared war only five times. But it is still true that Congress should decide whether to go to war, with or without a formal declaration, and the President should conduct it. The President is "Commander in Chief of the army and navy" because, as Hamilton said, "the direction of war... demands... exercise of power by a single hand." Congress has no right to forbid the "surge" of more troops in Iraq or to cut off funds for that "surge." Congress, however, has the power of appropriation and could cut off funds for continuation of the entire war, as was done in Cambodia and Vietnam. If the President vetoed a cut-off of funds, an override of that veto would require a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate. And impeachment of the President for his position on the war would require a two-thirds vote in the Senate to convict him. The President, incidentally, is "Commander in Chief of the army and navy," not of the country. An attack on Iran would be a new war rather merely an incident of the Iraq war. Opinions differ on whether a war against Iran would be justified and necessary. But Congress should make that call. In 2002 Congress gave the President authority to decide whether to go to war against Iraq "as he determines to be necessary and appropriate." That sort of blank check should not be given again. The members of Congress should make the actual decision whether or not to go to war, and account for it to their constituents. "Too many times," said Congressman Jones, "Congress has abdicated its duty. "While the Commander in Chief has the power to conduct wars... only Congress has the power to authorize war... it [Congress] ... concern... that Administration officials are conducting military action against Iran. ... We understand the threats posed by Iran... The question is how best to address these threats... if the President is contemplating committing our blood and treasure in another war... then he and his administration must come to Congress and make their case. The Congress answers to the American people... it is our Constitutional responsibility... to hold hearings, ... to evaluate the threats and to determine the best way to counter these threats. If military action against Iran is necessary, then we in Congress will meet our responsibility and authorize it. If no military action is contemplated, then there should be no objection to this commonsense resolution."

The military personnel of the United States are relatively few. But they are the very best among us. They have a moral and legal right to have military power used, and themselves put at risk, only through a decision made in accord with the Constitution and therefore made with proper authority. H.J. Res. 14 should be enacted to achieve that end.

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Positive sibling relationship should be fostered

Over the past week, we have heard a great many responses from Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students regarding the issue of sibling rivalry. Some have expressed concern that the relationship between Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross is characterized by sibling rivalry, while others have argued that it is characterized by cooperation and mutual benefit. In this issue, we will focus on the latter perspective and explore how the relationship between Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross can be improved.

One of the most significant benefits of the sibling relationship is the intellectual and cultural exchange that occurs between the three institutions. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross are all founded on the same principles of education and faith, and they share a common heritage. This shared heritage provides a foundation for cooperation and mutual benefit, as the three institutions can learn from each other's strengths and weaknesses and work together to achieve common goals.

Another benefit of the sibling relationship is the opportunity for growth and development. The three institutions have unique strengths and areas of expertise, and by working together, they can complement each other's offerings. For example, Notre Dame is known for its strong programs in theology and philosophy, while Saint Mary's excels in the arts and humanities. Holy Cross, on the other hand, is renowned for its commitment to social justice and service. By collaborating on joint projects and initiatives, the three institutions can offer a broader and more diverse range of opportunities to their students.

In addition to the intellectual and cultural benefits, the sibling relationship also provides opportunities for cultural understanding and cross-cultural exchange. The three institutions are located in different parts of the country, each with its own unique culture and traditions. By working together, the institutions can expose students to a wider range of perspectives and ideas, which can help them develop a greater appreciation for diversity and cultural differences.

Finally, the sibling relationship can also benefit the larger community. The three institutions have a combined student body of over 15,000 students, and by working together, they can make a greater impact on the community. For example, the institutions can collaborate on community service projects, environmental initiatives, and other programs that benefit the local community.

In conclusion, the sibling relationship between Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross is a valuable asset that provides a range of benefits to the institutions and the larger community. By fostering cooperation and mutual benefit, the institutions can continue to thrive and grow, while also contributing to the greater good.

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**Movie Review**

**Film adaptation of tale impresses viewers**

By ERIN McGANN
Assistant Scene Editor

It is always a difficult task when a beloved children’s book is adapted into a film. Children’s books lock away so many emotions and memories for young readers that it becomes both painful and frustrating when a film doesn’t live up to its original source material. “Bridge to Terabithia,” by Katherine Paterson, is one of those books that has been treasured dearly by young readers since it was first published in 1977. A feature film of the work hadn’t been tackled until now because of the dilemmas in creating the world of Terabithia as well as the intensity of the story. Fortunately the film, scripted by David Patterson (the son of the original author), lives up to the novel and is destined to be a children’s classic.

“Bridge to Terabithia” tells the story of Jesse Aarons ( Josh Hutcherson), a fifth grade student who deals with problems both at school and home through his artwork. His routine life changes when Leslie Burke (AnnaSophia Robb) arrives at school. Leslie is the daughter of two writers and has a vivid imagination and outgoing personality. The two become friends and they create their own fantasy world called Terabithia, where they use their imaginations to escape from reality and find ways to cope with their problems in the real world.

“Bridge to Terabithia” uses the special effects team that was created by Peter Jackson when he filmed his “Lord of the Rings” trilogy in order to create the world of Terabithia. In the trailers, they promote the special effects as a strong selling point, hoping to attract the same crowds that turned out to see “Lord of the Rings” and “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.” Even though the film plays up the fantasy much more than the novel, the actual scenes make up a small percentage of the whole movie.

In the novel, only a small amount of detail is given about Terabithia since it exists solely in their minds. This is easily the film’s weakest point since the computer graphics tend to like the line between fantasy and reality, which is always clearly demarcated in the book. At some points it is clear that the reality really is just a tree, but at other points (such as when the “tree” becomes Jesse) that distinction doesn’t exist. The filmmakers would have done better to model their fantasy sequences after Peter Jackson’s “Heavenly Creatures” in which two girls also create their own fantasy worlds. That film did much better job of showing that their fantasy exists solely in their minds.

The core of the story, in contrast to the trailers, lies in the human element — in the friendship between Jesse and Leslie. Hutcherson and Robb both do excellent jobs in portraying the children and in dealing with the occasionally difficult subject matter. They both succeed in endearing themselves to the audience, who in turn invests their emotions into the characters.

The supporting cast is less noteworthy, with the exceptions of Jesse’s father (Robert Patrick) and his music teacher Ms. Edmonds (Gooey Deschaun) who both do great jobs of showing contrasting adult personalities to the children.

Fans of the book will definitely not be disappointed by the film version of “Bridge to Terabithia.” The film is just as endearing and emotionally powerful as the original novel. Those familiar with the book already know about the tragic twist that the plot takes, and the film is no less heart-wrenching. For those who don’t know how it ends, be forewarned that it is impossible to leave without emptying a box of tissues.

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**CD Review**

‘Emmerick’ has a sound for everyone with ‘North’

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Southern rock exists in the popular mind — incarnated by bands such as Lynyrd Skynyrd and 38 Special. The genre is no longer popular for emerging artists to emulate — at least not artists that want to find mainstream success. Perhaps this is because the bands that came before them were just so talented at what they did, they set a benchmark no one can hope to match.

Tim Emmerick and Cold Front County make a valiant and somewhat successful attempt, but can’t quite match what came before them. It’s album, “North,” is an excellent array of rock, country and the melding of those two genres. It does make some in-roads in combining genres — and it does it better than most mainstream bands. However, it can’t match the greatness of either musical genre and falls into the trap of trying to please everyone.

The album opens with the raucous “Black River Bridge,” which tears through its surprisingly long 4:49 run time. This song sounds shorter than it is and Emmerick and County keeps the rock gods appeased in this opening track. However, the gods will surely smile at the next song, “All to the Leaves,” that sounds only remotely rock and simply tries too hard with forced guitar solos that seem out of place in the factory-sealed blandness that is this song.

On a slower note, “Intentions Fade” brings about apparitions of The Eagles and manages to keep a toe-tapping tempo going as Emmerick sings about death and mourning. The bluegrass edge to this song is so welcome to the album as most of the other tracks sound as if they could have come from anywhere. This one is unique and the talent the band put into this one shows.

As the album progresses, the rock and roll punch that made the opening track so fun transforms into stringed-up steel guitar old-school country on “North Bound and Far Away.” This is country a la George Strait and early Alan Jackson, this song will certainly appeal to the children.

Recommended tracks: ‘Chapter and Verse’ and ‘Storm’

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Tim Emmerick and Cold Front County recently released “North” on Red One Records. The band is an eclectic mix of country, rock and bluegrass sounds.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**‘Illusionist’ fails to realize magic potential**

By MARTY SCHROEDER

Many films try to recreate the past and immerse the audience into some far distant time with kings, wars and chivalry. Few modern films, however, try to immerse us in a viewing experience as those viewers of the past would have had. “The Illusionist,” the director Neill Burger’s latest, brings this time. A tale about a magician who travels to Vienna at the turn of the 19th century, this film is as much about the past as the past viewings of films. Starring Edward Norton and Jessica Biel, “The Illusionist” weaves a plot around the protagonist who becomes the famous Eisenheim the Illusionist in the Austrian-Hungarian Empire. Rufus Sewell delightfully plays Crown Prince Leopold whose never told Johnny that his cancer-free unique voice brings an unmistakable menace to the character. The hubris that Sewell brings suits the character well and counters Norton’s Eisenheim in a way that is not complicated or subtle but works well for the film. But here, his skills seem to have dried up a crack of the devilish jack box, the sumptuous costumes and varied scenes are exploited in this film not due to anything detailed sets and costumes. This is where the film shines over the past because it seems the set division is one of the few that actually took their jobs seriously. Except for a certain sword that looks like something out of a cracker-jack box, the lighting and costumes are designed with excellent care. But — surprise, surprise — Mephisto unleashes the dormant Ghost Rider and sets Cage — err, the Rider — loose to wreck unholy vengeance on us, err, those who deserve it. As comic book properties go, Ghost Rider is the redheaded stepchild of the Marvel Comics family. He’ll never have the name recognition of a Spider-Man or Wolverine, but his full head of flames and wardrobe of black leather jacket, chains and a wicked hog means he’s always looking good. When asked what his career is, “We are Legion ... because we are many!” Pathetic.

The first sign that something’s gone horribly, horribly wrong with “Ghost Rider” comes 15 minutes into the movie with年轻的Johnny Blaze, a hotshot motorcycle-riding stuntman — he finds a ring on daddy’s turf. Mephisto unleashes the dormant Ghost Rider and sets Cage — err, the Rider — loose to wreck unholy vengeance on us, err, those who deserve it.

That Johnny never willfully signs the damned paper is the first of many signs that our hero, and this picture, is beyond saving. A paper thin plot gets sadder still when director/writer Mark Steven Johnson cranks time forward to the present. When he’s not plotting Cage’s escape, Mephisto is telling Johnny that he’s going to remarry his wife (Eva Green) and have a child. Johnny’s father (James Remar) decides to return with Mephisto and Leopold to save his son.

**“Ghost Rider” takes the fast lane to cinematic trash heap**

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

The dialogue in “Ghost Rider” is atrocious. Many of the zaniest one-liners are left for Bentley’s Blackheart to contend with. It’s hard enough to fear a villain when we’re already trying to understand his origin story.

For diehard comic book fans, Joel Schumacher’s 1997 film Batman and Robin is a registered crime against humanity for how badly it crippled the Dark Knight. Ghost Rider purists have good reason to weep, for Johnson comes dangerously close to drowning their beloved Flamehead under water for good. As for Mr. Cage, he seems content to spend his screen time making a mockery of the character and himself. When producers were looking to land Johnny Depp for the role, Cage stepped in and revealed his deep love — and body armor — for the character. Ironically (or fittingly), Cage had to have his Ghost Rider tattoo covered up when making up to play Johnny Blaze. When he’s not hiding behind a heinous,

**MOVIE REVIEW**

“The Illusionist,” a film about the famous Eisenheim the Illusionist, stars Edward Norton (right) as Eisenheim and Paul Giamatti (left) as Inspector Uhl.

This is not a film that deserves a blind-buy despite the name recognition of a Spider-Man or Wolverine. Neil Burger’s latest brings us a plot that isn’t an Oscar caliber performance but it keeps the story interesting. The DVD has a commentary by the director Neill Burger that is interesting and insightful. The making of the film is also of note due to this highly detailed sets and costumes. This is where the film shines over the past because it seems the set division is one of the few that actually took their jobs seriously. Except for a certain sword that looks like something out of a cracker-jack box, the sumptuous costumes and varied scenes are exploited in this film not due to anything detailed sets and costumes. This is where the film shines over the past because it seems the set division is one of the few that actually took their jobs seriously. 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NCAA Men's Basketball

Pitt notch 11th Big East victory without its injured star center

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Levance Fields scored seven of his 15 points in the final 2 1/2 minutes to help short-handed No. 10 Pittsburgh hold off Seton Hall 71-69 Monday night.

Levon Kendall had 14 points and eight rebounds and Sam Young added 11 points for the Panthers (24-4, 11-2 Big East), who were without injured 7-foot center Aaron Gray.

The victory came 30th birthday for Pittsburgh coach Jamie Dixon (100-26), who reached the milestone faster than any coach in school history.

Benson Harvey scored 19 of his 24 points in the second half as No. 8 Villanova (19-9, 9-5 Big East), which was minus 13 in the first half before fouling out late in the second.

“Guys were making fun of me because it was me wanting to play earlier,” said Harvey, who was 5-for-7 from the floor. “I can’t let this be a one-hit wonder.”

Dominic James added 18 points and Wesley Matthews had 16 points for the Golden Eagles (22-7, 9-5 Big East), who separated the three-game losing streak.

Marquette made all 16 of its free throws in the final 2:58 of the game. Matthews was 12-for-12 from the line.

For the game, Marquette shot 31-35 (88.6 percent) from the floor. The team entered the game with a 42.2 shooting percentage, 15th out of 16 Big East teams.

“They’ve been struggling shooting free throws, but they were doing them well,” Villanova coach Jay Wright said.

Scottie Reynolds added 25 points for Villanova (18-9, 6-7), which lost its third game in the past nine.

“They’re a better freshman guard in the country, I’m not sure who it is,” Marquette coach Tom Crean said of Reynolds.

Curtis Sumpter added 14 points for the Wildcats, whose last four losses have come against Top 25 teams.

“You’re going to lose some games,” Sumpter said. “You can’t let it get you down. You’ve got to focus on your next game.”

Two 3-pointers by Cartier Martin and another by Lance Harris pulled the Wildcats (19-9, 8-5) even at 43-all with 11:12 to play. But Collins answered with a 3-pointer that ignited a 16-4 run for the Jayhawks.

A basket by Rush and two free throws by Collins gave Kansas its first double-digit lead, 59-47, with 5:39 to go.

Kansas State got to 68-62 on Clent Stewart’s layup with 46.9 seconds left, and then got the ball back on Akeem Wright’s steal. But David Hoskins missed a 2-footer with 15 seconds left, and Rush iced it when he hit one free throw, missed the second and put back his miss with just under 7 seconds to go.

The Wildcats shot just 32.3 percent (20-62) from the field.

Martin led Kansas State with 19 points. Stewart added 13 points and Collins had 10 for the Wildcats.

No. 15 Butler 68

Wisconsin-Green Bay 58

A.J. Graves scored 20 points, Brandon Crane added 17 and No. 15 Butler beat Wisconsin-Green Bay.

The Bulldogs (25-4, 12-2 Horizon League) battled through a physical game after they had lost two of their previous three in the past nine days with setbacks at Wright State on Feb. 10 and No. 13 Southern Illinois on Saturday.

Green Bay (16-13, 7-8) had won four of its previous five, but lost its 11th straight game against a Top 25 opponent after hitting just one field goal in the final 5:47.

Ryan Evanchock, who finished with 10 points, made two free throws to cut Butler’s lead to 58-26 with 2:19 to play, but Graves answered with a 3-
**Chargers hire Turner as head coach**

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Norv Turner got his third shot at an NFL head coaching job when he was hired Monday by the San Diego Chargers, a week after the surprising firing of Marty Schottenheimer.

The hiring came less than 24 hours after the Chargers wrapped up their interviews. The Chargers also hired Ted Cottrell as defensive coordinator.

Turner, the San Francisco 49ers’ offensive coordinator, was the only one of the six candidates who’s been an NFL head coach, and the only one from the offensive side of the ball.

He inherits a team that was an NFL-best 14-2 last season but melted down in its playoff opener, a stunning 24-21 loss to the New England Patriots.

Last Monday, the Chargers again surprised the NFL when president Dean Spanos fired Schottenheimer, citing a "dysfunctional situation" between the coach and general manager A.J. Smith.

Turner had trouble winning in the regular season, going 58-82-1 in head coaching stints with Washington and Oakland. Schottenheimer had trouble winning in the postseason, going 5-12 overall and 0-2 with the Chargers.

Turner was San Diego's offensive coordinator in 2001, when LaDainian Tomlinson was a rookie and Smith was the assistant to the late John Butler.

The Chargers still use the same offense Turner installed.

"This isn't a team where you're rebuilding," Turner said.

"We should start fast. We should be good early and we should be good late. Not having to go through the normal things you have to go through when you make a coaching change is going to help the players more than anyone." Turner was fired by the Raiders in 2005 after going 9-23 in two seasons.

In a news conference Monday announcing Turner as the Chargers’ head coach, Turner formerly coached the Raiders and Redskins.

**Fredder ties record for longest stretch atop rankings**

LONDON — Roger Federer tied Jimmy Conners’ record of 160 consecutive weeks as the top-ranked player in men’s tennis Monday.

The 10-time Grand Slam champion has held the No. 1 ATP Tour ranking since Feb. 2, 2004. The Swiss star is assured of breaking the record next week.

"Breaking records and doing something that hasn’t been done for a long time, it’s really nice," Federer said recently.

Conners was No. 1 from July 1974 to August 1977. He is now coaching one of Federer’s biggest rivals, Andy Roddick.

Federer, who has won six of the last seven Grand Slam titles, hasn’t played since beating Fernando Gonzalez in the Australian Open final on Jan. 28. He returns to action next week at the Dubai Open.
Bears won't retain defensive coordinator Rivera

Assistant coach crafted one of the league's top defenses in Chicago

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Chicago defensive coordinator Ron Rivera has gone from head coaching candidate to out of a job — a little more than two weeks after Bears were in the Super Bowl.

Rivera, who has talked with eight different NFL teams about their head coaching positions over the last two seasons, had a three-year contract with the Bears that was set to expire next week. The NFC champions announced Monday he will not be back.

Head coach Lovie Smith had been pushing Rivera for head coaching jobs, now he's pushed him off his staff.

"It's just something that coach decided he was going to shuﬄe his staff and we'll go from there," Rivera said during a conference call.

Rivera said he wanted to return and was told a few days ago he wouldn't.

Was there a personality conﬂict with Smith?

"No, no, no, please, I don't think there is. I really don't," he said.

"I believe this is just a foot­ball decision and it was made. Emotionally, I'm disap­pointed in not getting the opportunity to come back in '07 because as I said at the end of the year after the loss that this is a football team that's headed in the right direction."

Smith, a defensive-oriented coach, insisted there no philosophical differences with Rivera.

"As much as anything, it's just a fit that we have and right now the direction I would like to go and the direction that Ron would like to go, we're going in two dif­ferent directions," Smith said during a conference call.

"It's been my goal all along to help Ron, to do everything I could to get one an opportu­nity to get a head football coaching job and it's no more than that. We've tried to do that. Ron had a contract. I don't see it as a firing or any­thing like that. His contract expired and he wants to go in one direction, and I'd like to go in one. No more than that."

Rivera was a linebacker on Chicago's Super Bowl champi­on team in 1986 and then led a defense that helped the Bears make the playoffs in back-to-back seasons. Chicago had trouble contain­ing Indianapolis in the Super Bowl, losing 29-17 to the Peyton Manning-led Indianapolis Colts.

Rivera has been an assis­tant coach for 10 years in the NFL beginning as a quality control coach with the Bears in 1997. He spent five years with the Philadelphia Eagles as their linebackers coach and then the last three in charge of Chicago's defense.

The Bears led the NFL with 44 takeaways in the regular season, but the defense was slowed in the latter stages of the season after injuries to defensive tackle Tommie Harris and safety Mike Brown.

Smith did not elabor­ate when asked if there were things about Rivera's per­formance he did not like.

"These are the things Ron and I talked about," Smith said. "We feel good about the things we did together during that time, but no more needs to be said about that. That's between he and I."

Rivera was a candidate last season for head coaching jobs in Green Bay and St. Louis. This year he talked with Pittsburgh, Miami, Atlanta and Arizona before the Bears started post­season play. After Chicago lost the Super Bowl, he interviewed for coaching vacancies at Dallas and just a few days ago at San Diego.

Smith said he would move quickly to replace Rivera, line­backers coach Bob Babich is considered a top top candidate.

Even though many NFL coaching spots are already filled, Rivera said he is con­fident he will get a job.

"The timing sometimes could have been better or it could have been worse. It is what it is right now," he said.

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MLB

Rodriguez admits relationship issues with Jeter

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Yes, it's true, admitted Alex Rodriguez, his relationship with Derek Jeter is not what it once was. Surrounded by reporters and cameras as he sat in the first-base dugout Monday at Legends Field, A-Rod played true confessions, acknowledging they no longer have sleepovers and don't go out together all the time anymore. "People start assuming that things are a lot worse than they actually are. They're not. But they're obviously not as great as they used to be. We were like blood brothers," Rodriguez said. "You don't have to go to dinner with a guy four, five times a week to do what you're doing. It's actually much better than all you guys expect, but I just want to let the truth be known.

On the first day of his fourth season with the Yankees, he did three rounds of interviews—English-language television, Spanish-language television and print reporters. He talked about his poor postseason ("I stunk"). his pride at being the highest-paid player in U.S. team sports ("It's pretty cool") and his refusal to rule out exercising the opt-out provision in his contract after this season ("I understand my options"). A-Rod and Jeter were buddy-buddy back in the 1990s, when Rodriguez was a young star shortstop in Seattle and Jeter emerged as a force that helped the New York Yankees win four World Series titles in five years. But A-Rod disliked Jeter in a 2001 Esquire article, saying "Jeter's been blessed with great talent around him" and "he's never had to lead." "You go into New York, you wanna stop things that you're not good at, they're obviously not as great as they used to be. We were like blood brothers." Alex Rodriguez Yankees third baseman

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"The reality is there's been a change in the relationship over 14 years and, hopefully, we can just put it behind us," he went on. "You go from sleeping from somebody's bed to five days a week, and now you don't sleep over. It's just how that big of a deal." Jeter had left the clubhouse by the time reporters were allowed back in. His agent, Casey Close, said later that Jeter didn't want to comment. Most of the Yankees have long concluded the relationship between their captain and Rodriguez is a nonissue. "They're probably not as tight as they used to be, but it's not a situation where they don't look at each other and don't say, 'Hi.' They're teammates and they're still friends," Jason Giambi said. "I suspect it's nowhere near as bad as the general perception is."

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Woods shoots for eighth straight Tour victory

Tiger can rebound from overseas loss with win in Accenture tourney

Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Tiger Woods ran into one player and caught two reminders. He was zipping along The Gallery during a practice round Monday, his first look at a new course for the Accenture Match Play Championship where he will try to win his eighth straight PGA Tour event. Some people will argue it’s not really a winning streak, for Woods has failed to win four times overseas.

So it was only fitting that he caught up to Shaun Micheel on the second green.

"Do you think I should wish him luck this week?" said Tony Lingard, the caddie for Micheel. The streak in its purest form ended Sept. 14 on a gray afternoon in the English countryside when Micheel, the last seed in the 16-man field of the HSBC World Match Play Championship, pulled off a stunner and beat Woods, 4 and 3.

That never came up during the next 16 holes of a course that stretches some 3 miles out into the desert and eventually winds back through cactus and shrub toward the clubhouse. They talked about the birth of Micheel’s daughter, Marin Belle born on Feb. 9, and Micheel asked him if Woods knew what gender his child would be when it comes this summer.

"We’re not going to find out," Woods told him. "It’s got to be one or the other."

The rest of the round was spent navigating the 7,446-yard course at Dove Mountain just north of Tucson, with two par 5s over 600 yards and two par 4s that can be reached off the tee.

It’s a new course for all 64 players in the field after the World Golf Championship event left soggy La Costa Resort north of San Diego. Phil Mickelson was due on Tuesday, but he played a round that he couldn’t remember the last time he played in a regular PGA Tour event anywhere except the majors.

It is rare for Woods to show up on Monday, but he knew nothing about the course, and didn’t learn much except to notice it was green, brown and white with some marvelous vistas of the valley below.

At stake this week is the streak with the asterisk.

Counting only PGA Tour events, the last time he didn’t go home with a trophy was July 9, when he was second at the Western Open. Woods believes his streak ended when he lost to Micheel, although he also recognizes that his PGA Tour streak is seven and counting, and each week brings him closer to the 11 in a row that Byron Nelson won in 1945.

More than anything, he realizes there are no guarantees at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Woods is a two-time champion of this field, but he also has lost in every round except the semifinals. A year ago, he was bounced by Chad Campbell in the third round.

And while this WGC event is played over 18 holes until the 36-hole championship match, even the purest form of match play — 36 holes every match — didn’t spare Woods a defeat at Wentworth last September.

"I cherish my win against him," said Michael, who lost in the championship match that week to Paul Casey. "It’s exciting to be playing in the same generation with a guy who arguably is the best ever."

And what does Michael think when he hears about the winning streak?

"I’m not too much of a historian," he said. "But I don’t think guys were going overseas back in Byron’s day. Golf’s nothing like it is today. Tiger’s streak is a PGA Tour streak, and it’s amazing. But this can be the one tournament that gets him."

Michael won’t face Woods in the first round Thursday — he will play third-seeded Adam Scott, while Woods takes on No. 64 J.J. Henry, who got into the field when Charl Schwartzel withdrew. The former PGA champion would have to win all his matches, and Woods would have to win all his, for them to meet again.

Michael already has the ending scripted.

"I think it’s interesting that Byron’s streak ended in Memphis," he said. "Wouldn’t that be something if a guy from Memphis could stop Tiger’s tour streak?"

That’s getting too far ahead. Most players know better than to look past Wednesday.

The only player who should be concerned about Woods — and vice versa — is Henry. Maybe it was just a coincidence, but Henry was on the flight to Tucson with Micheel on Sunday night.
FOOTBALL

New personnel highlight Irish coaching staff

Nine hirings include old, familiar faces

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

A month after naming Corwin Brown its new defensive coordinator, Notre Dame on Monday delineated Brown's position tasks and specified other staff changes.

In a news release sent to media by e-mail, Irish coach Charlie Weis announced that Brown will lead outside linebackers in the team's new "3-4 personnel" defensive scheme. Current special teams coach Brian Polian will split his duties between his current position and the inside linebackers.

With Polian splitting time between his two responsibilities, current tight ends coach Bernie Parmalee will serve as concurrent special teams coach.

The Irish added a second intern this year — Kevin Loney — to focus on offense. The status of 2006 intern Jesse Minter, who was Brown's predecessor before Weis "went in a different direction" with the defense, was unknown Monday.

With Ron Powlus promoted to quarterbacks coach, Notre Dame also changed the titles for its director of personnel development and its coordinator of personnel development. Tim McDonnell, who served in 2006 as coordinator of quality control, will become director of football personnel. Dave Peloquin, who was coordinator of football personnel development, will now be director of football development.

Nick Mainieri, the son of former Irish baseball coach Paul Mainieri, will take McDonnell's position as coordinator of quality control.

Notre Dame also hired Patrick Graham as its graduate assistant on defense. He replaces Jeff Burrow, whose two-year stint in the position ended after the 2006-07 season. Director of Football Media Relations Brian Hardin said Shane Waldron, the current offensive graduate assistant, might apply for a third year.

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New faces and new titles Notre Dame football

Corwin Brown - Defensive Coordinator, Outside Linebackers Coach

Ron Powlus - Quarterbacks Coach

Brian Polian - Inside Linebackers, Special Teams Coach

Bernie Parmalee - Tight Ends, Special Teams Coach

Tim McDonnell - Director of Football Personnel

Dave Peloquin - Director of Football Development

Nick Mainieri - Coordinator of Quality Control

Kevin Loney - Intern - Offense

Streak

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was cold from the free-throw line, sinking just 41.2 percent of its foul shots. On Dec. 30, the Irish shot well but made only 66.7 percent of their free throws and forced just 15 turnovers.

Against Connecticut Jan. 27, the defense created plenty of turnovers but shot just 24.2 percent for the game.

Sometimes all the factors are present, but still don't add up to a victory. Against Indiana Dec. 3, Notre Dame shot 41.7 percent from the field, 83.3 percent from the free-throw line and forced 21 turnovers, but still lost 54-51.

But in the past five games, the Irish have shined. They've averaged 19.8 turnovers per game, shot 45.3 percent from the field and 74.4 percent from the free-throw line.

"We have shot the ball well at different times," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said in her bi-monthly conference call. "Melissa Lechlitner, I think one of the best shooters on our team, has really in the last two games shot the ball very well. Breona Gray is shooting 40.4 percent very well right now, and Charale Allen has shot well the last eight games."

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Muffet McGraw

Irish coach

Field goals

Allen is averaging 24.8 points per game on 52 percent shooting during the win streak. Gray is averaging 9.2 points per game shooting 41 percent and Lechlitner is averaging 8.6 points per game on 43 percent shooting.

The Irish have steadily improved their shooting throughout the streak. They began sinking 40.4 percent against West Virginia Feb. 4. That number climbed gradually to 49.1 percent in their win over Providence Feb. 17.

"I think overall, we're really putting the ball in the basket a little bit more," McGraw said. "I don't think our shot selection is any different, I just think we're really confident right now."

Foul shots

The free throw line has also been an important source of points for Notre Dame.

The team set the tone by sinking 33-of-39 free throws against West Virginia, a scoring 44.6 percent. What's amazing about this particular stat is the lack of attention paid to it by McGraw.

"It's funny, we haven't worked on it at all," she said. "We're pretty good free-throw shooters in general."

Last summer, center Melissa D'Amico and forward Crystal Erwin were told to improve their free-throw shooting, as both were under 60 percent. The work paid off — D'Amico now shoots 81.1 percent from the line.

"They both obviously worked on it very well. Mel in particular," McGraw said. "She's shot the ball very well from the free throw line. And I think our freshmen were good free throw shooters in high school and they continue to do that."

McGraw went on to call this year's team the best free-throw shooting team she's ever coached.

Turnovers

Notre Dame has caused problems on defense all season, but the success wasn't always coupled with the offensive production it now enjoys. Villanova's offense was immeasurably hampered due to the turnovers the Irish caused, and the 24-turnover performance played a large role in upsetting then-No. 17 LSU Feb. 7.

Still, McGraw is not entirely pleased.

"I was a little disappointed against Providence," she said. "They have very good guards, and they handled our pressure very well. That's the first game in a while that a team hasn't turned the ball over 20 times, so we are really going to focus on that a little bit more, and try to develop maybe a little something different for the stretch run and the Big East tournament."

With three games left in the regular season, Notre Dame has a tentative hold on the high in the first round of the Big East tournament. Nothing is guaranteed, but if the Irish continue to combine the successful elements of their game, it could mean good things for the postseason.

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This is the biggest week of our season," Falls said. "The Irish finish the regular season March 3 at Rutgers. With just three games to go and Big East seed and an NCAA Tournament bid on the line, Falls said the team is the most focused it's been.

"We're not going to lose games down the stretch based on effort," the senior said.

Falls is coming off a 23-point performance Saturday against Cincinnati, his fourth straight game as high-point man for the Irish. For the season, he is averaging 14.8 points per game, second on the team to senior guard Russell Ward, who averages a combined 25.9 points per game.

The Irish defense struggled in the first matchup, allowing the Blue Demons to combine for 41 of DePaul's 67 points. Kurz made up for it on the offensive end of the floor, scoring 15 points, but DePaul defense struggled just 2.0 of the floor and scoring five points.

Irish forward Zach Hillessland could prove to be the difference in the game. Hillesland played just 12 minutes in the first matchup, scoring two points, but has come on strong of late — averaging 10.5 points per game since.

Contact Colin Falls drives through traffic on his way to the basket in Notre Dame's 67-66 loss at DePaul Feb. 8. Falls set the Notre Dame career three-point record Sunday against Cincinnati.

"The best thing about the Bengal Bouts is that it takes an individual sport, in boxing, and turns it into a team sport." Andrew McGill

Bengal Bouts president Andrew McGill lands a punch against Tommy Fork in last year's tournament. This year, a record number of participants will take part in the event.

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The planning for the Bouts began soon after school started in August, McGill said. The captains coordinated schedules and held meetings to garner interest in the Boxing Club, in preparation for the novice season for beginning boxers that began after Fall Break.

McGill and the other cap­tains, six seniors and three juniors, taught the young boxers how to throw punches, the mechanics of their stance and movements and how to block opponents' attacks in the latter half of the fall semester.

"We really push them hard with pushups and sit-ups," McGill said. "We really try to condition them as much as possible." The Irish forward said it was time for the meat of the season, when the veteran and novices combined, to begin.

"Everyday we decide what we want to work on," McGill said. "At the begin­ning we'll have a day where we work on legs, a day where it's all upper body — running, conditioning. We change it around a little bit." It is important to accommodate the increased numbers in the Boxing Club this season, they set up two rings for the first time so that double the amount of boxers could spar everyday, McGill said. The senior captain also said the length of the training season and its intensity lends itself not only to better boxers, but in developing better people.

"You can really see their character develop as they progress through the program," he said. "You can see everyone mature. As the season progresses, you can see everyone become best friends. The best thing about the Bengal Bouts is that it takes an individual sport, in boxing, and turns it into a team sport."

There will be no rematches of last year's semifinal or championship bouts in the preliminary rounds because of the bracket system the Club uses to separate the main contenders, McGill said. It will, however, be the prov­ing ground for many inexperi­enced boxers.

"The first round is a lot of guys getting in and getting the butterflies out of their stomachs," McGill said. "It's pretty different boxing down here, training down here and then going upstairs and being in an atmosphere where the entire arena is dark. You're in a ring in front of a thousand or so people or more and all the lights are focused on you and your oppo­nent."

Senior Nathan Dyer, who has fought since his fresh­man year and made it to the semi­finals in the 145-pound division last year, remembered how nerve wracking it was to step through the ropes for the first time.

"I was extremely nervous, scared. I didn't know what I was getting myself into," he said. "I had no idea what I was doing. I was going purely off adrenaline maybe, instinct maybe, I was just a wreck. I just walked in there and tried to remember how to fight." Ward, who will compete in the 180-pound class and who already has won a champi­onship, has his own approach to the ring.

"Personally, I kind of black out for a little bit," he said. "You don't think -- you just react. The best I can describe it is just going blank for a lit­tle bit, and praying that your body knows what to do when it's moving different ways."

McGill quoted from a book called "The Power of One" that the captains and coaches use to pre­pare boxers forough­ness for those about to step into The Sweet Science.

"Boxing is as much mental as it is physical," he said. "To quote from the Power of One, 'First with the head, then with the heart.'"
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**Exorcising Demons**

**Irish look for revenge at home against DePaul**

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associated Sports Editor

Colin Falls called it the "hardest loss of (his) career." Last week, Notre Dame fell 67-66 on a dunk in the closing seconds by forward Wilson Chandler. Falls had been holding the ball near mid-court when Blue Demons guard Brandon Burns stole it and hit a streaking Chandler for the winning basket.

Tonight, the Irish senior guard and his teammates have a chance at revenge as they take on the Blue Demons at 7 at the Joyce Center. "We owe them," Falls said. "They're a good basketball team but this is a huge week for us and we're really excited.

The No. 23 Irish (20-6, 8-5 Big East) are chasing a bye to the Big East tournament. They are currently in a four-way tie for fourth place, but control their own destiny.

"Weis said all new "commits" would have to promise him that they would not take telephone calls from other coaches or travel to other schools for visits after the promise. Three players who had previously committed to Notre Dame decided to go elsewhere in the final three weeks of the recruiting cycle.

**Fundamentals spark win streak**

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Sometimes the formula for winning lies in the little things. Since Feb. 4, Notre Dame has won five straight Big East games by an average score of 12.2 points per game. Charlie Allen has scored 25 or more points in four of those five contests. The Irish defense is better than ever. It even out-rebounded Louisville, the best rebounding team in the Big East.

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**Bengal Bouts**

**Over 200 ready to rumble at Joyce**

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Two days before the opening bloows of the 77th annual Bengal Bouts will return throughout a darkened Joyce Center Fieldhouse, over 200 boxers crammed into the bowels of The Pit to get in some last-minute conditioning for what will be the largest Bouts tournament ever.

The amateur boxers were led Monday by junior and senior captains through calisthenics in the basketball gym, while others jumped rope, shadow boxed and hit the heavy bag in an adjoining room underneath the Joyce. Among the group were eight returning champions, dozens of experienced fighters and a large number of novice boxers who will conclude months of training when the preliminary rounds of the Bouts begins Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and continues at the same time Thursday evening.

Bengal Bouts President and senior captain Andrew McGill said that the 200 and plus boxers that will compete this year blew away the previous record of 150 set last season. The Bouts captains were faced with so many prospective boilers that they considered room underneath the Joyce.