Men to box in Bouts for Bangladesh

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

The tradition of strong bodies fighting "that weak bodies may be nourished" continues tonight with the first punches thrown in Notre Dame's famous Bengal Bouts. "Guys who are fighting tomorrow want to come in to work up a little bit of a sweat," senior captain and Notre Dame Boxing Club president Andrew McGill said at an informal practice Tuesday.

Working up a little sweat is well worth the nearly $80,000 the more than 200 men — a record number — hope to donate to the Holy Cross Missions in Indianapolis this year.

By Tuesday afternoon, McGill said, approximately $100,000 had already been raised from tickets, advertising and merchandise — a very promising figure, but one that does not reflect any deductions taken for expenses. He said last year's expenses were approximately $42,000.

At practice Tuesday afternoon, the steady beat of songs like "Air Force One" echoed the sounds of fists hitting the punching bags. The boxers rotated in and out of a practice ring, some jumping rope while others hit the floor for pushups and sit-ups.

Senior and third-year Boxing Club member Nate "The Closer" Barbera was keeping loose at practice Tuesday and will enter the ring for his first fight.

Donnelly shares views on election, Congress

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

For Democratic Congressman Joseph Donnelly, representing the citizens of Indiana's 2nd District is "the privilege of a lifetime."

Speaking to professor Robert Scutia's American Political Life class Tuesday, Donnelly highlighted his experiences blazing the campaign trail to his recent election as congressman, beating out incumbent Republican Chris Chocola.

But since taking office, Donnelly's focus has shifted from running for the Hill to representing his alma mater.

Donnelly shares his views with senior Chris Nanovic in preparation for Bengal Bouts, which begins today.

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In opposition to President Bush's plan to deploy additional troops in Iraq, Donnelly said he gave a lot of thought to the decision by talking to war veterans, meeting with the Michiana Peace and Justice Coalition and attending a White House briefing on the war in Iraq.

"At some point the Iraqis have to stand up ... and decide that they don't want any more death and destruction. There is a solution to this — it will be tricky to get there," Donnelly said. "The Iraqis have to want their country to succeed."

And one thing that helps Donnelly succeed in Notre Dame, his alma mater, is a sense of faith in community with his brothers in scholarship.

Each day, the philosophy he chooses to attend Mass and practice his faith in community with his closest friends.

For Lent, that's precisely the time of penance and reflection, preparing the University community to celebrate the Easter season.

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University prepares for Lent with Masses

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Tuesday's Mardi Gras festivities will die down today as the campus welcomes the solemnity of Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent.

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Student body president Lizzie Shappell, center, talks to a group of COR and BOG members in the College's student center Tuesday.

STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

BOG, COR build relationships

By KATIE KOHLER and SONIA RAO
News Writers

In a meeting more symbolic than groundbreaking, two prominent student legislative groups — Notre Dame's Council of Representatives (COR) and Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) — met Tuesday at Saint Mary's in a meeting scheduled by student body president Lizzie Shappell and Susan McElhuff a few months ago.

Leaders from both schools brought up the Feb. 13 viewpoint column by Jonathan Klinger that criticized Sen. John McCain's views on the Iraq War. At the meeting, the two student groups formed a team to draft a joint resolution.
INSIDE COLUMN
On Lent and Britney’s sons

Lent starts today, and that’s fantastic. Lent marks the end of the ordinary time and sets the stage for Holy Week. Lent reminds us of Christ’s ability to resist temptation in the desert. Lent encourages us to follow His lead and be resolve in our faith and our commitment to righteousness. Lent is important; Lent is sublime. Lent is my great culture as a

Yes, my friends and readers, I admit in public in my 21-year friendship with Britney Spears that I have never given up anything for Lent — and what’s even worse, I’m not breaking out about it.

Maybe I’m just telling myself what I want to hear, but I think I really do believe there are to be better ways to prove my devotion than renouncing candy, booze, or Facebook.

As a more formality, though, every year I have vowed to give something up to break my promise with the first week. One year it was Coke, another one it was anything that had chocolate in it and my freshman year here it was Facebook — and keep in mind this was Facebook before you could create albums. If I tried that little stunt today, I doubt I would make it through Ash Wednesday Mass before checking who’s on my “Recently Updated” profiles list.

A friend who shall remained anonymous tried giving up sex with her boyfriend one year — but they indulged on Sundays since technically they’re not included in the 40-day count. They really indulged on Sundays. It was everything but sublime.

At any rate, I don’t think I’ve learned much from my attempts to give up any­thing, and my faith certainly doesn’t grow from hearing my friend’s stories every Monday. I really don’t see how it will become a better Catholic these days if one day I do succeed in renouncing something I like.

The closest I came was the year I tried giving up on chocolate bars — although not chocolate cookies or chocolate cake or chocolate, but then I realized my new motivation to stay away from the candy was because I was losing weight, so I broke my promise because I didn’t think it was true to the Lenten purpose anyway — and because I went to the movies and I felt like eating some loose’s instead of popcorn.

Call me weak if you want. Call me epi­curean, because I do think Christ has more important things to deal with than my snack selection. There are wars raging in my country and neglected old people and a bad Britney Spears in this world — and I think our mission as Catholics is to help them. So let me just throw this out there. This Lenten season, do something nice for someone, and if it’s somebody you don’t like, even better.

That’s why I choose Christ over treating sweets and Facebook like they’re the anti-Christ. Ask the ugly girl out to the Britney Spears, Federline boys. Spread the love. That’s what Jesus would do.

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CORRECTIONS
Due to a reporting error in the Feb. 21 edition of The Observer, the sports article “Golic, Jr. commits to 2012 class” incorrectly listed Northwestern Catholic High School as being in West Hartford, Conn. It is actually in New Haven, Conn. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT?

Andy Houser, senior Marcella Berrios Alumni... Babies “Killing terrorists.”

Charlotte Low Junior Walsh “Thumper... PSYCH!”

John Strong, junior Christine Polovski “Getting misquoted by The Observer.”

Krystle Traudt, sophomore Welsh Family “Things that are unhealthy: ice cream, candy, boys.”

Michael Latkus, junior John Strong “I’m giving up soda.”

Neb. woman accused of window smashing
LINCOLN, Neb. — Lincoln police said a 50-year-old woman was charged Tuesday with child abuse and criminal mischief after having her 12-year-old granddaughter drive her to her niece’s house, where the grandma brake five windows.

A neighbor told police that Vickie Britton picked up a chair from the front yard of a duplex Monday night and used it to smash five windows, causing about $400 in damage, said Lincoln Police spokes­woman Katherine Finnell.

Finnell said police arrested Britton when she came back to the neighborhood more than an hour later. Police freed Brit­ton drunk and belligerent in the car with the 12-year-old behind the wheel. Fin­nell said.

Police have referred the grandmother to the Lancaster County Attorney’s office to determine whether any juvenile charges will be filed for driving without a license.

Man sues IBM over adult chat room firing
WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — A man who was fired by IBM for visiting an adult chat room at work is suing the company for $5 million, claiming he is an Internet addict who deserves treat­ment and sympathy rather than dismissal.

James Pacenza, 58, of Montgomery, says he visits chat rooms to treat traumatic stress incurred in 1969 when he saw his best friend killed during an Army patrol in Vietnam.

In papers filed in federal court in White Plains, Pacenza said the stress caused him to become “a sex addict, and with the development of the Internet, an Internet addict.” He claimed protec­tion under the American with Disabilities Act.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT
Sophomore Angela Comosa, left, and senior Theresa Polovski sell Girl Scout cookies in LaFortune Tuesday as part of a partnership with a Girl Scout chapter in South Bend. Cookie sales will be today from 3 p.m. to 6 and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 in LaFortune.

Today marks the beginning of the Lenten season for Christians. Mass will be cele­brated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

As part of the Foreign Film Series, “Milagros: Made in Mexico” will be shown tonight at 7 in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The film is reed­ited by a reception with a Mexican cuisine at 6 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Great Hall.

The movie “Heading South” will be shown Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium. The showing is sponsored by the Haiti Working Group as part of Haiti Awareness Week.

The Career Center is holding an informational session about careers in writing or media communications Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room on the 2nd floor of LaFortune.

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 7:15 p.m. Friday. Stations will be held at the Basilica each Friday during Lent.

The Fenians, an Irish band, will perform at Legends Friday at 10 p.m. to celebrate an early St. Patrick’s Day.

Notre Dame men’s ice hockey will play Ferris State at 7:35 p.m. Friday and at 7:05 p.m. Saturday at the Joyce Center.

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

IN BRIEF

Local Weather
College named School of the Year for residences

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

With the tagline "I want 'em more SMC," 10 Saint Mary's students presented a 17-page bid to the Indiana Residence Hall Organization to win the IRHO School of the Year award this past weekend at Ball State University.

"It's a pretty cool prize," Residence Hall Association (RHA) president Amy Dardinger said. "It's a [recognition] of everything we've done (this past year) like selling out the all school formal, creating Dance Marathon and winning a national award (for Dance Marathon)."

The IRHO is comprised of 12 Indiana colleges and helps facilitate the communication of ideas between schools around the state.

Saint Mary's was the only school to apply for the award this year, but all 12 IRHO schools were eligible to apply.

"They only give [awards] to schools that deserve them," Dardinger said. "If only one school applies and they don't deserve it (or they get disqualified for not following the rules of the organization) they just won't hand it out that year."

The award, while given out by an organization that Saint Mary's has worked with, is not limited to recognizing those on RHA, Dardinger said.

"It compliments all Saint Mary's students because it shows how well the Saint Mary's community works together," she said. "RHA is successful because students want to participate."

She cited the success of this year's all-school formal, which sold out all 800 tickets within a week and a half— one of the major ways students participate in campus events.

"People were almost scalping tickets," Dardinger said jokingly.

Saint Mary's has been involved in the IRHO for more than 10 years. The last time it won an award— also for School of the Year — was during the 2003-2004 school year.

While many students were not aware of the award on Tuesday, they were excited to hear the good news.

"That's really cool," sophomore Angela Siler said. "I feel that we deserved the recognition, and I'm glad that they saw fit to give it to us."

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SMC to drop landlines

Students to rely on cell phones, calling cards, officials say

By AMANDA SHROPSHIRE
News Writer

Students returning to campus next fall will have to find other ways to call family and friends due to a decision that administrators say is an effort to make College spending more efficient — no more landline phones in dorm rooms.

As of June 15, Saint Mary's will remove all phones from student rooms and instead offer other phone services to students on campus.

"I've never used a landline phone. In fact, when teachers ask for my number, I give them my cell."

Jeanie Clement
Junior

The student body was notified of the change by e-mail Monday. Vice President for Student Affairs Karen Johnson wrote that the change stems from two years of research, which shows usage of residence hall phones has declined to nearly nothing.

The decline in usage has put a financial drain on Saint Mary's, and the decision isn't revolutionary, said McDonald.

With the increase in cell phone usage, many other colleges and universities — Notre Dame included — have successfully made this change without overly impacting the students.

"The impact will be minimal — if it was going to be a big impact that would affect the students negatively then the College wouldn't make the decision," McDonald said. Contact Amanda Shropshire at ashrop01@saintmarys.edu

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Broden, D-South Bend — listed 12 changes Indiana should make to its death penalty system to make it fair and accurate.

The changes, which NDASK endorsed, included requiring law enforcement agencies to record all interrogations, banning the execution of defendants with severe mental illnesses and requiring that biological evidence is preserved the entire time the defendant is imprisoned.

NDASK co-organizer Andrea Laidman said the debate about the use of death penalty is just starting to take place nationally and is now taking root in the Midwest, specifically Indiana.

"I think the reason that we started NDASK was because no one was talking about the issue on campus and across the state as a whole," Laidman said. But with the speaker series NDASK sponsored the full week which included Kernan and Broden — and now with the release of this report, Laidman and McAuliffe hope people will start talking about the death penalty.

"I think one of the biggest things to consider with this is it adds a lot to the discussion in terms of resources, in terms of numbers and in terms of policy recommendation," McAuliffe said. "Now there's this one big, overarching resource of over 300 pages for people in the state of Indiana to use in discussion.

But the ABA report is the culmination of a recommendation, not an actual policy. The next step in the process, McAuliffe said, is either for Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels to order a moratorium or for the legislature to pass one.

A recent statewide survey conducted for the ABA makes those two options seem hopeful, McAuliffe said. The survey showed a majority of voters favor a temporary halt to executions in Indiana while the system is studied.

"When you have 61 percent of people supporting a moratorium like that — it's a very political topic," he said.

And so it makes sense for the governor or the legislature to take a step back ... and aren't under the ticking clock, specific case provides, are able to really look at the death penalty and see that it doesn't work," McAuliffe said.

McAuliffe and Laidman said they hope the report will bring more media coverage to this issue. The report also adds a "layer of legitimacy" to NDASK's work this year, Laidman said.

The group's plans for the rest of spring semester include building a statewide network to address the death penalty issue, starting a victim's families outreach committee and coordinating an academic conference in April with experts on the death penalty from across the country.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**IRAN**

Iran willing to negotiate on nukes

VIENNA — Iran’s chief nuclear envoy said Thursday that his country wants to negotiate over its uranium enrichment program, on the eve of a U.N. Security Council deadline that carries the threat of harsher sanctions. But the country’s hard-line president said Iran will halt enrichment only if Western nations do something the United States and others with similar programs are unlikely to even consider.

**IRAQ**

Crackdown not halting bombings

Baghdad — A hidden bomb ripped through a tanker carrying chlorine gas Tuesday, killing nine people and filling hospital beds with more than 100 people seeking and frightened villagers after glorious planes covered homes and schools north of Baghdad.

The attack was part of a string of blasts — including a suicide bomber who killed seven mourners at a funeral — that further castled officials marking the first week of a major security crackdown seeking to calm the blood-soaked city. U.S. forces, meanwhile, called in airstrike in dispute against insurgent in strongholds northwest of Baghdad.

With the death toll in the Baghdad area climbing above 100 so since Sunday, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki tried to court some rare upbeat publicity with an even rarer event — leaving his heavily guarded quarters on a visit to the city’s streets and markets.

The fansfare of the plan’s launch Feb. 14 has been swept away by a steady roll of attacks, most blamed on Sunni extremists targeting the majority Shiites. Many Sunnis believe they are being sidelined by al-Maliki’s government and under growing threat from Shiite militiamen, which the prime minister refuses to confront.

The shipment of the tanker took place near Tajik. 12 miles northwest of Baghdad. A militant, spokesman, said: "It was a very rare event — leaving the city’s streets and markets.

An Iraqi army soldier controls traffic at a vehicle checkpoint Tuesday in Baghdad. A car bomb and a suicide attack left at least 15 dead in the city.

Associated Press

**NATIONAL NEWS**

New Orleans celebrates Mardi Gras with Moonwalk fans

New Orleans — Mardi Gras fans Saturday wore grass skirts and blackface makeup in parades where thousands of art lovers joined with rowdy visitors for Fat Tuesday, taking a break from rebuilding New Orleans to put on wild costumes and celebrate the second Mardi Gras since Katrina.

John Ferguson, who is still rebuilding his house, had a timer or a car rigged with explosives.

Bush: Spy system must still improve

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Local News

**Longest found painting at museum**

GARY — A painting discovered at an industrial plant 20 years ago under a pile of junk was found to be the work of an artist owned by the city and its schools that left experts scratching their heads by Monet and Bemfard, officials said.

A resident who has worked for years trying to find a place for the work and years dedicated to the restoration of art works once owned by the city and its schools that was found to be the work of an artist owned by the city and its schools.

The painting was donated to the city in 1957 shortly after Dudley’s death, according to a newspaper photographer published that year. But the city no longer has the painting.

Guantanamo detainees can’t file suit

**WASHINGTON** — In a victory for President Bush, a divided federal appeals court Tuesday ruled that Guantanamo Bay detainees cannot use the courts to challenge their indefinite imprisonment. A Supreme Court appeal is expected.

The 2-1 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit dismisses a series of cases by foreign-born detainees in federal court and also threatens to strip away courts access to millions of lawful permanent residents currently in the United States.

It upholds a key provision of the Military Commissions Act, which Bush pushed through Congress last year to set up a Defense Department system to prosecute terrorism suspects. Now, detainees must prove to three-officer military panels that they are being held in violation of international law.

**Democrats newly in charge of Congress promised legislation aimed at giving detainees legal rights. Attorneys for detainees said they would appeal Tuesday’s ruling to the Supreme Court.**

"We’re disappointed," said Shayna Kadidal of the Center for Constitutional Rights. "The bottom line is that according to two of the federal judges, the president can do whatever he wants without any legal limitations as long as he does it offshore."

The two judges voting with the White House — Judge A. Raymond Randolph and Judge David S. Sentelle — were appointed by Republicans, Reagan appointed Sentelle, and the first President Bush appointed Randolph. The dissenters, Judge Judith W. Rogers, was appointed by Clinton.

White House deputy press secretary Dana Perino called the decision "a significant win" for the administration and said the Military Commissions Act "provides "sufficient and fair access to courts for these detainees."
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"It's absurd that the dining halls only serve fish, especially because the fish don't seem any different from what they normally serve," junior Matthew Betwiler said. Still, other students find comfort in the fact that the Notre Dame works hard to support Catholic practices. "Since Notre Dame is a Catholic institution, the University has the right not to serve meat," junior Shannon Morrison said. "When people decide to come to Notre Dame, they should realize that Catholic beliefs will even affect things like the dining hall menus."

One Notre Dame student group, the Knights of Columbus, plans to provide an alternative to dining hall dinners on Fridays. The Knights will sponsor a soup and bread dinner at the Knights' building on Quad after Stations of the Cross in the Basilica at 7:15 p.m. during the Fridays of Lent. In addition to dorm Masses today, there are Masses in the Basilica at 10:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. There will also be a distribution of ashes at 12:20 p.m. and 6 p.m. and a Mass at 9 p.m. in Regina Chapel at Saint Mary's. Mass will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the chapel of the Mendoza College of Business.

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Bengal Bouts fight tonight.

"I feel like I'm pretty ready; I feel like I've prepared myself as well as I could have," Barbara said. "I wrestled in high school and it's a lot like wrestling -- you push yourself in boxing and wrestling more than any other sport I've ever played."

Such "pushing" began at Notre Dame in 1920, when boxing was first brought to the University by legendary football coach Knute Rockne, according to the Bengal Bouts Web site. Bengal Bouts was not established, however, until 1931 when Dominic "Nappy" Napolitano decided to give his boxers something really worth fighting for -- the missions in Bangladesh.

Since Napolitano established Bengal Bouts as a fundraiser for the Holy Cross Missions, "the Bouts have become the largest contributor" to this cause, McGill said.

McGill said the work the Holy Cross brothers have done in Bangladesh includes running an army and secondary schools, providing shelter and care for low-income families and building an orphanage, a hospital and a shelter for abused women.

The Holy Cross Brothers are a huge presence in Bangladesh, and it's incredible how far the money we donate goes over there," McGill said.

The Bengal Bouts mission has sounded like fun. He said that Johnson comes up with the fundraising, works closely with the captains and is involved in organizing and shaping the Bouts.

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"It's a charity event. Although boxing is "kind of out of character" for him, he said, "it's a huge presence in Bangladesh, and it's incredible how far the money we donate goes over there." McGill said.

McGill said he has a profound respect for Johnson, Sudden and all the volunteer coaches and would love to stay involved with the Bouts and work with future presidents and captains after he graduates. McGill is one of six senior captains this year. Steve Hansen, Stu Stypula, Dan Ward, Mike Hennig and Chris Calderone are the other five, chosen by last year's senior captains.

"I think we've been really successful fundraising because we've really talked to the boxers about the Holy Cross Missions and why we're encouraged everyone to get involved," he said. "We wanted to spread the word that you're down in the gym every day boxing, working hard and making some of your best friends ... but the real heart and soul of the program, it's the missions." That spirit of charity is evident in every aspect of the Bengal Bouts, from the money donated to the Missions to the volunteers who make the Bouts possible.

Two men, whom McGill described as the "heart and soul of the Bouts," are volunteer coaches Terry Johnson and Tom Suddes -- both former boxers at Notre Dame.

McGill said Johnson, a Chicago attorney, is "basically the brains of the Bouts; he has run them for about 39 years." He said that Johnson comes up with the fundraising, works closely with the captains and is involved in organizing and shaping the Bouts.

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"I actually don't feel nervous at all," McGill said. "I feel really well prepared and I'm excited to get in the ring."

The preliminary rounds of the Bengal Bouts will be held tonight and tomorrow in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse beginning at 6:30. They are free and open to the public.

The semifinals will be held on Monday in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse at 6:30 p.m. The semifinals will be Feb. 28 in the Fieldhouse at 7:30 p.m. and the finals will be Mar. 3 in the Joyce Center Arena at 8 p.m. Tickets for the quarterfinals, semifinals and finals can be purchased at the door.

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**In Brief**

**FCC licenses prohibit radio merger**

WASHINGTON — When the Federal Communications Commission auctioned off two exclusive licenses to create the satellite radio industry 10 years ago, it did not mince words on whether the competing providers could merge.

The agency said that any licensee will “not be permitted to acquire control” of the other. The clause was inserted to ensure “sufficient continuing competition” in the new business, it said.

But when dealing with the FCC, one should never say never.

The companies will have to gain approval from the Justice Department as well as the FCC licenses prohibit radio merger

**JetBlue focuses on customer rights**

NEW YORK — JetBlue Airways introduced a customer bill of rights on Tuesday that promises vouchers to fliers who experience delays, hoping to win back passengers after an operational meltdown damaged its brand and stock price.

Founder and chief executive David Neeleman described the crisis as “a huge bump in the road” but said JetBlue will move past it. He said he had no intention of resigning in the wake of the worst corporate mess in the airline’s near history. JetBlue’s shares fell 6.4 cents, or 4.87 percent, to close at $12.90 on the Nasdaq Stock Market Tuesday.

“I think I’m uniquely qualified to deal with these issues,” Neeleman said.

JetBlue said the first step in getting people to fly on the airline again was its introduction of a new customer bill of rights.

**Tobacco death award dismissed**

Supreme Court rules widow has no right to compensation for husband’s death

**Merck ends lobby for HPV vaccine**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled a $79.5 million judgment in a lawsuit against Merck & Co., bowing to pressure from parents and medical groups, is immediately suspended pending its lobbying campaign to persuade state legislatures to mandate the vaccine.

The case hinged on whether the company’s new vaccine against cervical cancer as a requirement for school attendance usually are for diseases easily spread through casual contact, such as measles and mumps.

“Ultimately, the Supreme Court’s decision to suspend the $79.5 million award uncovers serious problems in the law that these defendants have been trying to advance for decades long,” said Merck’s medical director for vaccines, told The Associated Press.

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**Associated Press**

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served the relationship between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame but quickly ended the discussion of the topic.

Shappell said the Student Senate University Relations committee at Notre Dame is now addressing the issue. Notre Dame senior Aly Baumgartner, the committee's chair, did not speak on the topic Tuesday.

Instead, the groups focused on describing the place of each group on its respective campus and in the larger picture of student government.

"COR is a microcosm of the larger Student Union consisting of presidents from all student organizations," Shappell said.

The meeting was informal and was used as a "meet and greet" to get to know how each other's systems work, McElroy said. "We are the main policymaking board on campus representing every major area of campus and campus groups," she said.

Saint Mary's student Alanna Cheffari, the tri-campus commissioner who sits on both COR and BOG on a weekly basis, directed the informal discussion and encouraged attendees to use one another as a resource. "We hope we can bounce ideas off each other about student government and learn from one another," she said.

The meeting was mandatory for BOG members, who had a strong showing with nearly all members present. Due to scheduling conflicts and other commitments, only eight representatives from COR attended the meeting.

Holy Cross student Deirdre O'Toole represented the third branch of the tri-campus relationship. She was the only Holy Cross representative present.

Saint Mary's junior Amy Bardinger, Residence Hall Association president, led an icebreaker activity to introduce members from each school.

Members from COR and BOG then paired with a counterpart from the other school. They were given the chance to discuss their positions at their school and compare their roles.

There were no serious implications of the meeting, but each student body president hopes to continue the tradition in the future.

Prior to the joint meeting, BOG met at 5:30 p.m. as part of its weekly schedule.

The group discussed the recent approval of the six-semester residency program. The program will begin with the freshman class of 2011 and requires them to live on campus through their junior year.

"We market ourselves as a residential college," Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson said. "Most of our peer schools require eight semesters; we decided to only require six." There will be certain exceptions for local residents, transfers and abroad students which have not yet been finalized.

BOG also invited Laurie Stickelmaier, the College's vice president of finance and administration, to discuss workers at Saint Mary's and the living wage — an issue discussed at last week's meeting.

Stickelmaier said Saint Mary's is working to improve wages for its workers, but it is an ongoing process. "We are paying our workers as much as we can right now as an institution," she said.

Stickelmaier said the College has a three-year plan for college employees, which was already brought before the Board of Trustees and will "hopefully" appear on the budget in April.

"We are set to address the shortfall of wages at this time," she said. "It will take us three years, but to get our workers within ... 10 percent of median market wages in St. Joseph County, it will take us $2.5 million."

Stickelmaier is confident that the Trustees will eventually approve this pending issue.

"The Board recognizes that this is an important issue and I feel strongly that the Board will approve this first phase of the three-year program," Saint Mary's inability to pay its workers the median market wage stems from Notre Dame. Stickelmaier said. "Notre Dame drives the market," she said. "They have a much larger endowment than we do, so instead of focusing on getting our workers in the 50th percentile of wages, we have to focus on trying to get them in the 40th right now."

In other BOG news:

• Little Nibs Weekend will take place this weekend. Registration will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 Friday in the Student Center.

• The Diverse Students Leadership Conference will be held from March 1 to 3. All are welcome to attend. Students can register in the atrium of the Student Center during dinner.

• On Mar. 24, the whole-school dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. All proceeds will go to Riley Children's Hospital.

• Dance Marathon registration packets are now available in residence halls. The cost is $12 and includes a T-shirt, three meals, snacks and a small donation to Riley Hospital. The marathon will take place on Apr. 20.

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**EGYPT**

**New tombs discovered**

Associated Press

SAQAQRA — Archaeologists have unveiled two tombs Tuesday of a pharaonic builder and a scribe that have been buried for more than 3,000 years — and said they, that Egypt's sands still have secrets to reveal.

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Archaeologists in Saqqara discovered the mummified remains of a doctor who was buried along with medical tools more than 4,000 years ago. Two months earlier, another team of researchers said they had discovered in Saqqara after the arrest of Saqqara's more than 3,000-year-old limestone mummified remains of a doctor who was buried for more than 3,000 years. He said he, that Egypt's sands still have secrets to reveal.

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Hawass, who is the secretary general of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, said the discoveries are significant because they show that the ancient Egyptians had a deep understanding of the human body and the medical profession.

One of the three tombs, which is 3,350 years old, was that of a scribe named Khay, who was buried with his wife, Anh, and their daughter, Amilla.

Hawass said Khay was a doctor and was buried with medical tools that included a stone knife, a stone mace, and a stone sickle.

Amilla, the first child for Khay and Anh, was laid to rest in the tomb along with her parents.

"We have uncovered the tomb of Amilla," Hawass said. "She was buried in the same tomb as her parents, who were buried with medical tools."
Abolish the BIA

"Let me be a free man, free to travel, free to stop, free to work, free to trade wherever I choose. Free to choose my own teachers, free to follow the religion of my fathers, free to talk, think and act for myself— and still obey every law or submit to the penalty of it."

-Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce

Thanksgiving is not unique to American culture. Traditional celebrations of the autumn harvest are celebrated in many cultures and countries. However, in America, Thanksgiving takes on a special meaning as we remember some of the first celebrants of Thanksgiving in the New World, the Pilgrims. Facing religious persecution in their homeland, the Pilgrims fled England and a tyrannical King James for the promise of the New World. Thus, Thanksgiving is not just a celebration of the year’s harvest, but also a reminder of the promise of freedom in America.

At the same time that most Americans will be celebrating Thanksgiving, there will be a small group of citizens protesting at Plymouth Rock. Every year since 1970, American Indians and their supporters have been gathering at Plymouth Rock to observe their “National Day of Mourning.” Those Indians are the other half of the Thanksgiving story. While the European colonizers prospered freely and built our great country, the Indians suffered and died, often at the hands of our own government. I should not need to give a detailed history of American Indian abuses perpetuated by the United States government and people. We all know the story. However, as if past atrocities were not enough, the federal government today continues to persecute Native Americans under the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

The BIA was created to help all existing government bureaus that were created because politicians in Washington, D.C. believed that they knew what was best for a group of individuals. Originally organized under the War Department, the BIA was responsible for removing Indians from their homelands and placing them on unproductive reservations. Then the BIA managed government schools where they sent Indian children to be “civilized.” Civilized in this case means they were abused, forbidden to speak their native tongue, separated from family and purged of any native cultural education. Then the BIA looked at traditional Indian views of communal property and divided reservation lands into individual plots. This was all purported to be in the Indians’ best interest, because it would allow them to accumulate faster into the European way of life. The BIA continues to this day to unlawfully meddle in the affairs of American Indians. It gives federal recognition and gaming rights to some tribes while starving others. It intervenes in the affairs of tribal governments and dictates tribal policies. It administers health and education programs which are woefully inadequate.

As with any government agency, the BIA is prone to corruption and mismanagement. After the allotment of reservation lands to individual Indians, many Indians placed their lands in a trust. The BIA was in charge on managing this land trust, contracting out mineral and resource rights to private companies. Many of these contracts have benefited the corporations at the expense of American Indian landowners. Furthermore, the funds from the sale of these rights have been incredibly mismanaged. In 1996, American Indian rights groups sued the Department of the Interior and the BIA. The case, Cobell v. BIA, claims that the BIA has over $13 billion to the Indian trusts funds. According to Judge Royce Lamberth, “The actions of Interior and Secretary Norton in this instance again demonstrate why the court continues to believe that Interior sets the gold standard for mismanagement of a government agency.” The BIA is also a breeding ground for corruption. It was the competition for lucrative Indian gaming contracts that started Jack Abramoff on his road to infamy.

So what has the American Indian gained from the corruption, mismanagement and “in-your-best-interest” government programs? American Indian suicide rates are 3.5 times the national average. Rates of poverty and unemployment are more than twice the national average. It is just a coincidence that poorest people in our nation are also subjected to the most government oversight? Certainly not. Freedom breeds prosperity. Rather than limiting American Indians out of poverty, the BIA has fostered it through years of corruption, mismanagement, and paternalism.

As we commemorate Native American History Month next November, let us remember that the struggle for American Indian sovereignty is not over. Critics of the BIA are not few and far between, and many American Indians have called for the abolishment of the BIA. As long as there exists a Bureau of Indian Affairs, American Indians will remain poor, broken and without freedom. It is time to let American Indians rule themselves. Restore their property, their rights, and their sovereignty. Let them decide for themselves what is best for their people, their culture and their prosperity.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The best of us must sometimes eat our words.

J.K. Rowling’s children’s author

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In his Feb. 20 Letter to the Editor ("Loyal Daughters’ humor detracts from true dialogue"); Jon Buttaci argues that the play “Loyal Daughters” is “dangerous” because it uses humor to keep students from actually thinking about the ideas it presents. The first flaw in Buttaci’s argument is that anyone who actually saw a thought-provoking manner. Humor, it truly seems to feel that we, as Notre Dame students, are sheep, incapable of seeing "Loyal Daughters” humor detracts from effective, necessary dialogues in a thoughtful, provoking manner. Humor, it seems to feel that we, as Notre Dame students, are sheep, incapable of seeing its humor while still being serious enough to help me learn the things I need to know. The performance dealt seriously with heavy issues of sexual assault on Notre Dame's campus.

That said, let’s go ahead and talk about that lighter 10 percent. Clearly, Buttaci seems to feel that we, as Notre Dame students, are sheep, incapable of seeing its humor while still being serious enough to help me learn the things I need to know. The performance dealt seriously with heavy issues of sexual assault on Notre Dame’s campus.

In response to Jon Buttaci’s Letter to the Editor ("Loyal Daughters” humor detracts from true dialogue"); Feb. 20, and the ongoing dialogue about sexual assault on the Notre Dame campus, I would like to first and foremost ask: are you actually seeing the play or are you relying on someone else’s opinion? I have never been more than a fun night at the theater for me.

In Mary Elizabeth Walter’s Letter to the Editor ("Dialogue is not dead"); Feb. 20 she says that presenting material pertaining to subjects such as that, which is discussed in the Quill’s film festival and “The Vagina Monologues”, is not necessary to facilitate discussions. I disagree with this claim.

Classics and the “Monologues” are necessary because they present alternatives views from a point of view unshared from the Catholic Church and it is necessary for students to understand these views. To oppose events such as the Quill’s or the “Monologues” is to deny the fact that any alternative opinions exist on the subjects that these events attempt to address, which is a naive approach to the world. Yes, we go to a Catholic university, which promotes the teaching of the Church, but when we leave the "bubbly” of Notre Dame, we will enter a world that contains and acknowledges many alternative views. The “Monologues” is an opportunity for people to communicate their alternative views. It is an effort to make people aware, especially in an environment like Notre Dame, that there is more than one answer to a question. People who believe in alternative views to the Church’s teachings define truth differently.

The “Monologues” are performed because they provide insight into the personal experiences of real women, a point of view that cannot be discussed in an academic forum where no one has experienced first-hand the experiences being debated. We are so quick to form opinions today that we sometimes forget that we do not know everything. How can we debate a topic when we have no understanding of the subject?”

When people go and attend the “Monologues”, they are not going to be “sitting in a plush theater”, rather they are acknowledging that they may be able to understand alternative view to their own by listening to someone else’s opinions. Whether these truths have validity, we must acknowledge their presence within our world, and this is their importance in facilitating the dialogue Walter claims already exists on campus. College is a time in our lives to define who we are. We form our opinions independent from our parents for the first time and we begin to learn about different points of view. It seems nowadays that people are quick to form an opinion but they have no support to back it up. I challenge Walter and every other student on campus, regardless of your political, religious, or social ideologies, to support people who hold opposite opinions to your own because you might find that you could learn something from simply listening instead of always saying how you feel.

Loyal Daughters: More than a play

Editor’s note: The Observer respects the wishes of this letter writer to remain anonymous. As a policy, The Observer does not name victims of sexual assault.

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Monologues” in full, but the parts I have seen made me intensely uncomfortable; I’m not sure that I could cope with an entire viewing of such a graphic play. But precisely because “Loyal Daughters” employs humor, I was able to relax enough to get the real points it was trying to make.

“Loyal Daughters” helped me to change my life. I was finally able to talk to people about what had happened to me. I called some of my friends from home, who knew me at the time it happened, and broke a four year silence. They were shocked when I was finally able to tell them such an important thing, but glad they were finally able to offer me support. I finally had the confidence to be able to help someone like myself.

Yesterday, Monday, I went to my first counseling session at the CSC to discuss the deep issues in my life as a result of the violence against me, a step that I’d never have been able to take before “Loyal Daughters.” These things may not seem monumental, but for me, they are all huge steps in the right direction.

Mr. Buttaci’s instigation that “Loyal Daughters” is useless to me apart. Useless? For me it was the most useful play I’ve seen. The sexual assault victims struggle with the way their ability to choose was taken away from them. “Loyal Daughters” give me my choice back. I choose to see “Loyal Daughters” and offer it my full support. Mr. Buttaci is free to exercise his right to choose to see the way it is presented and choose to add the problem of sexual assault in any way he wants. I’ll be sure to attend his play, or whatever venture he sponsors to advance the issue of sexual assault awareness. I have a right to look forward to it, but I won’t hold my breath waiting for him to step up and actually do something.
The 79th Annual Academy Awards feature the most wide-open Best Picture race in years. In a pack that doesn't yet have a clear-cut front-runner, only "The Departed" and "Babel" have separated themselves enough to be considered favorites. In fact, the most-nominated film, "Dreamgirls" (with eight nominations), failed to even receive a Best Picture nom, despite having won the Golden Globe for Best Musical or Comedy.

The acting awards, however, are the polar opposite. All of them are essentially locked up, with heavy favorites in each of the four major categories.

The biggest storyline revolves around director Martin Scorsese, who has never won a Best Director statue. His film, "The Departed," has a legitimate chance of winning Best Picture, which bodes well for the cinema legend. The Oscars are always an entertaining show, but this year promises to have more surprises and drama than usual.

**Best Actress**

Who will win: Helen Mirren, "The Queen"

**Why she'll win:** Mirren is one of the few locks in this year's Oscar race. Her pitch-perfect performance as Elizabeth II was the driving force behind one of the best-reviewed films of the year. If she were to lose, it would be nothing less than a stunning, almost inconceivable upset.

**Who should win:** Helen Mirren, "The Queen"

**Why she should win:** Mirren's performance is genuine, the best of the bunch, which makes her a shoo-in for the award.

**Best Actor**

Who will win: Forest Whitaker, "The Last King of Scotland"

**Why he'll win:** Another lock. Despite highly unlikely that Whitaker will lose, despite the fact that he's in a very deep and talented pool of actors. Surprisingly, this is Whitaker's first career nomination, and his brutal take on Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in "The Last King of Scotland" earned positive critical notices — it is generally considered Whitaker's best performance in an already long and distinguished career.

**Who should win:** Leonardo DiCaprio, "Blood Diamond"

**Why he should win:** A few years ago I picked DiCaprio as my choice for Best Actor for "The Aviator," which was a pretty unpopular pick considering the actor's pedigrees and resume.

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**Why he should win:** The Aeademy has definitely taken notice of his performance as Billy Hope, which makes Murphy the frontrunner for the award.

**Best Supporting Actress**

Who will win: Jennifer Hudson, "Dreamgirls"

**Why she'll win:** Hudson already won the Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actress, and it seems that acting awards are going to be the consolation prizes for "Dreamgirls." (Since the film itself failed to garner a Best Picture nomination.) Hudson's brash performance as Effie White went over extremely well with critics and audiences, and she will likely be rewarded for her effort.

**Who should win:** Abigail Breslin, "Little Miss Sunshine"

**Why she should win:** Breslin's sweet-natured, yet surprisingly mature performance is the heart and soul of "Little Miss Sunshine." All of 10 years old, Breslin is one of the youngest nominees ever, but her age belies the fact that she really is good in this year's Oscar sleeper.

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**Best Supporting Actor**

Who will win: Eddie Murphy, "Dreamgirls"

**Why he'll win:** You've got to wonder if the backlash of "Norbit" will come back to haunt Murphy on Oscar night. Murphy's performance in "Dreamgirls" earned a ton of positive notices, including a Best Supporting Actor Golden Globe, and seemed to indicate that the SNL alum is ready to come into his own as a dramatic actor.

**Who should win:** Sam Strong, "Babel"

**Why he should win:** Babel's supporting performances are a virtual walk in the park compared to their other films, but the actor's mature performance is the heart and soul of the film.

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**Best Director**

Who will win: Alfonso Cuaron, "Children of Men"

**Why she'll win:** The Aeademy has certainly taken notice of Cuaron's work on "Children of Men," which was a pretty unpopu lar concept for a film that can't be the big one, and while "Children of Men" did quite fall into that category, it's nonetheless a film that benefits from written script.

**Why she should win:** It's pretty unlikely that anyone will be able to wrest the award away from Hudson.

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**Best Original Screenplay**

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How Academy of Motion Sciences have a long, rich history.

By MARY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

This year marks the 79th time the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will gather together to hand out the Academy Award of Merit — the iconic statue given for Academy Awards, or Oscars.

This night of glitz and glam has its share of history and interesting trivia. For example, the 1941 Orson Welles epic that has come to be known as one of the greatest films ever made, "Citizen Kane," only won one Oscar — and for Best Screenplay at that. It lost out on the Best Motion Picture Oscar to a little-known film directed by John Ford — "How Green Was My Valley.

Needless to say, the Academy doesn’t get it right every time, but its awards have come to be known as the apex of achievement for those involved in the motion picture industry. But what about the star of the ceremony himself — Oscar himself? Where does he come from, and why has he been dubbed Oscar?

The sword wielding art-deco crusader was designed by Cedric Gibbons, sculpted in clay by George Stanley and then cast in tin and copper and plated in gold by Alex Smith. This is the chronicle of his birth and he has changed little except for the base of the statuette, which has been streamlined in recent years.

His name is something more of a mystery. Some claim Bette Davis named Oscar after her husband Harmon Oscar Nelson. Others say that the Academy’s Executive Secretary, Margaret Herrick, after seeing the statue in 1931, said it reminded her of her uncle Oscar.

Whatever the actual story, the golden knight standing on the reel of film is one of the most highly prized awards in the entertainment industry. Though Oscar himself stands in gold perfection, the awards ceremony — and the voting of the Academy members — is far from perfect. Many times the Academy voters have made decisions that seem correct at the time but do not seem right years down the road — like choosing "Shakespeare in Love" over "Saving Private Ryan" in 1998.

Some of the more infamous gaffes have come in recent years. The 1992 award for Best Supporting Actress went to Marisa Tomei for her role in "My Cousin Vinny." Urban legend claims that presenter Jack Palance actually read the wrong name because Tomei was considered a long shot against the other four nominees.

Whatever the case, this example shows that not everyone is a lock, no matter what the critics and so-called experts say.

Another incident involving acceptance speeches occurred in 2000 when Julia Roberts won her Best Actress Oscar for her role in "Erin Brockovich." When she got up to the microphone she seemed to thank everyone and their dog — forgetting, however, the real-life Erin Brockovich.

This snub will go down as a lesson to anyone composing an acceptance speech.

The Academy Awards are not quite the perfect dream that many budding actors and filmmakers might expect. In fact, there are a lot of politics and a lot of commercialism involved. Some movie studios push their films harder than others to get votes, which ultimately equals dollar signs (such as the infamous over-saturating market strategy known as the "Miramax Machine").

What can be counted on, however, is a night equally exciting for those obsessed with celebrity gossip and fashion as for those that just love movies, despite the occasional gaffe in etiquette.

After all, nothing said "the classiest night on Earth" like playing the theme from "The Terminator" right after cinematographer Robert Richardson dedicated his Oscar for "The Aviator" to his recently deceased mother.

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Oscar’s Dark Horses Could Take the Lead

By MICHELLE FORDICE
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The Academy Awards are notorious for the inscrutability of their nomination process.

Somewhere between the 6,000 unnamed members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences receiving a ballot and a winner receiving a golden statuette, a list of nominees is formed and a winner chosen. But every year, there is a nomination that no one actually believes will win, no matter its cinematic worth — the dark horse.

Dark horse nominations are the movies and performances that, though excellent examples of filmmaking, don’t seem to quite fit the typcast of an Oscar contender, and are a long shot to win.

Of course, the official qualifications to be nominated are deceptively simple. Best Picture nominees simply have to fulfill such requirements as have a running time over 40 minutes and be released in a commercial theatre for paid admission. But there is an undefined standard which nominees are expected to fill to have a chance to win.

Dark horse candidates are fairly common. Any film that was one, as it stood up to movies such as "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" and "Mystic River." So were "Babe" in 1995 — against "Apollo 13," "The Postman (Postino)," and "Braveheart" — and "Quiz Show" in 1994 — against "Forest Gump," "The Shawshank Redemption" and "Pulp Fiction."

None of the films were underserving nominations, but they were unlikely to be Oscar winners. Generally, they didn’t have the "sensuousness" or the chance for historical longevity associated with Oscar Best Pictures. The likelihood of there being a non­standard best picture nominee was high this year because so many contenders were still left in the running right before the nominations were announced.

Everything from "Apocalypse Now" to "Pan’s Labyrinth" was still considered a possibility. Even "Babel," which is now considered to have a shot, was not a sure thing.

The odds increased when "Dreamgirls" was left out of the best picture race, leaving an open spot behind it. Most of the other acclaimed nominees, such as "The Queen" and "The Departed," have a shot at the top prize.

The dark horse candidate for best picture this year is "Little Miss Sunshine," which has received considerable critical acclaim, gathering four Oscar nominations and two Golden Globe nominations. It has gained popular support, managing to rank in the top three weekly box office winners, despite being an independent film with a relatively low $8 million budget.

Still, it does not fit the typical Oscar persona. While "Little Miss Sunshine" has dramatic elements, it is considered comedic satire, a genre that has never fared well at the Academy Awards. It is also the first feature film of Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris, so it cannot be carried by director prestige. Despite all of its merit, "Little Miss Sunshine" will probably never shed its film-festival roots.

Another dark horse for this year’s Academy Awards is Ryan Gosling for best actor. Gosling was nominated for his portrayal of gifted high school teacher and cocaine addict Dan Dunne in "Half Nelson." Though the film itself has not received much attention — in fact, it is Gosling’s performance that has mostly put it on the radar — it will not carry him. Neither will Gosling’s acting history, he is most known for "The Notebook" and "Remember the Titans," neither of which are Oscar-type movies.

Finally, up against names like Peter O’Toole, Forest Whitaker, and even Leonardo DiCaprio and Will Smith, Gosling does not have much of a chance.

Despite his strong performance, Gosling is not actually seen as a contender this year.

As the 79th Academy Awards draw near, there aren’t as many sure bets as was in years past. Maybe this is the year that one of the dark horses will take the lead.

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"Seabiscuit" was 2003’s dark horse Best Picture nominee, going up against the likes of "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" and "Mystic River."
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Detroit holds off a late Milwaukee run to win

Arenas scores 38 in win despite shooting a mediocre 12-for-24

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Chauncey Billups scored more than the Detroit Pistons held on to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 84-83 on Tuesday night.

Milwaukee’s Charlie Bell scored on a driving layup to cut the Detroit lead to 1-0 with 20.2 seconds remaining. Rasheed Wallace, the only Pistons player left who had not scored, added a free-throw line jumper with the shot clock running out, giving the Bucks a shot at the victory with 7.1 seconds remaining.

Wallace missed the bundle to hand Andrew Bogut. He gave it back to Williams, who drove the lane and missed a layup.

Detroit spoiled the return of Milwaukee star Michael Redd, who played for the first time since straining the patellar tendon in his left knee Jan. 5.

Arenas, who has struggled with his game the past 12 games, returned to the lineup but made only 1 of 8 from the field. Bell led Milwaukee with 22, and Ruben Patterson added 10.

Wallace scored 16 and added 11 rebounds for Detroit.

With the victory, the Pistons are 16-9 on the road this season — matching the team’s best start in 13 games. But Milwaukee went on a 9-0 run to cut their lead to 47-41 at halftime.

Washington 112

Minnesota 100

Trying his best to shoot himself out of a slump, Gilbert Arenas launched a few bricks and rattled a few home Tuesday night on his way to 38 points as the Washington Wizards beat the Minnesota Timberwolves.

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The Wizards led by one going into the fourth quarter, when Arenas scored five quick points to put the Bobcats ahead. Matt Carroll’s 3-pointer, with just under 6 minutes left made it 89-84.

Just over a minute later, Fournier blew up and fed Gerald Green for a layup to complete a 7-0 run and put Charlotte ahead 95-90.

Jannero Pargo’s 3-pointer with 31 seconds left cut the lead to 98-100, but Derek Anderson, in his first game back from an ankle injury, hit a free throw with 6.7 seconds left to put it away.

Washington had 21 points and Emeka Okafor added 16 points and 15 rebounds for the Bobcats, who won their second straight game.

Desmond Mason scored 17 points, David West scored 16 and Tyson Chandler had 16 points and 20 rebounds for the Hornets, who lost despite a 47-36 rebounding edge.

It marked the third time the Hornets have returned to Charlotte since they left for New Orleans in 2002. With a 3-for-13 shooting night from Arenas, the Hornets shoot 41.7 percent from the field, 42.9 percent from three-point range and 86.7 percent from the free-throw line.

The Hornets have returned to Charlotte since they left for New Orleans in 2002. With a 3-for-13 shooting night from Arenas, the Hornets shoot 41.7 percent from the field, 42.9 percent from three-point range and 86.7 percent from the free-throw line.

San Antonio forward Tim Duncan swats a shot from Denver’s Nen during the first quarter of a 95-80 Spurs win at Tuesday at the AT&T Center in San Antonio.

San Antonio 95, Denver 80

Tony Parker scored 17 points to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a win over the Denver Nuggets on Tuesday night.

The Spurs broke the game open in the third quarter against the Nuggets 30-10. Andonov and Iverson were just a combined 1-for-10 in the quarter as Denver had nine turnovers.

The Nuggets rallied in the fourth, but it was too late as the Spurs improved to 36-18 on the season while Denver fell to 50-26 (26-6).

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BOXING

De La Hoya, Mayweather start tour

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was Oscar De La Hoya's turn to take the podium, and he could hardly get a word in.

Floyd Mayweather Jr. was busy yelling back at rowdy fans, posing for pictures and doing everything he could to annoy De La Hoya.

"This guy has been under my skin for a while," De La Hoya said Tuesday at the Waldorf-Astoria. It was the first stop of an 11-city promotional tour in advance of their highly anticipated super welterweight title fight on May 5 in Las Vegas.

"It's a little bit," De La Hoya added with a smile. "I'm going to teach him a lesson."

The trash talk flew, mostly from Mayweather's camp, throughout the press conference, which was marked by the type of lavish production music, lights and videos that's expected to accompany a fight with the slogan, "The World Awaits."

When De La Hoya (48-4-3, 30 knockouts) and Mayweather (37-0, 24 KOs) square off at the MGM Grand for De La Hoya's title, the fight is expected to set pay-per-view records and be shown in a record 176 countries. It also sold out in three hours.

With a crowd of close to 200 media and several hundred more fans in attendance, a digital countdown board was displayed outside the press conference and huge promotional posters lined the walls.

"Mayweather, looking to win a title in his fifth weight class, was the first to enter the huge ballroom to Queen's "Another One Bites The Dust." He strode down the red carpet that led to the podium, stopping frequently to shake hands and pose for pictures soaking in the cheers and jeers.

He took off his brightly colored warmup jacket when he reached the podium, revealing a dark T-shirt. A few moments later, De La Hoya made his way in, wearing a sharp, black suit but not for long.

As soon as De La Hoya started walking, Mayweather whipped off his shirt and flexed for the crowd. When De La Hoya reached the podium, he took off his suit jacket and pulled his dress shirt out of his pants to expose his abs.

IN BRIEF

Gonzaga's Heytvelt charged with felony drug possession

SPOKANE, Wash. — Suspended Gonzaga center Josh Heytvelt is being charged with felony possession of a controlled substance following his Feb. 9 arrest, when police said they found hallucinogenic mushrooms in his car.

According to court documents released Tuesday, police found 33.2 grams — just over an ounce — of mushrooms inside a plastic ziplock bag in the back of the Chevrolet Blazer that Heytvelt was driving. Possession of any amount of illegal mushrooms is a Class C felony.

Heytvelt, 20, and teammate Theo Davis, 23, were arrested in Cheney on Feb. 9 and booked into Spokane County Jail. They were released the next day on their own recognizance.

Davis, a redshirt freshman who has not played because of injuries, will be referred to Cheney municipal court on a misdemeanor charge of marijuana possession.

Robredo, Ljubicic advance to second round of ABN AMRO

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands — Second-seeded Tommy Robredo and third-seeded Ivan Ljubicic advanced to the second round of the ABN Amro on Tuesday.

Fourth-seeded Tomas Berdych, however, was knocked out after losing to Mikhail Youzhny of Russia 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-1. Robredo beat Simone Bolelli of Italy 6-2, 7-6 (2), while Ljubicic downsed doubles partner Thiemo de Bakker of the Netherlands 7-5, 6-3.

Berdych became the first seeded player ousted from the tournament as Youzhny raced to a 3-0 lead in the third set.

Sixth-seeded David Ferrer of Spain overpowered Christophe Rochus of Belgium 6-3, 6-0, concluding all of the corner court with strong shots.

Kristof Vliegen, who helped Belgium defeat Australia last week in the Davis Cup, beat Jurkko Nenonen of Finland 6-1, 6-4, and Florian Mayer of Germany beat Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia 7-6 (5), 6-7, 6-5.

Oscar De La Hoya, left, pushes Floyd Mayweather as they pose together during a news conference Tuesday announcing their upcoming fight for the junior welterweight championship in New York.

Cubs' Zambrano signs $12.4 million, one-year deal

MESA, Ariz. — Carlos Zambrano and the Chicago Cubs agreed to a $12.4 million, one-year contract Tuesday, avoiding salary arbitration by striking the deal just before their scheduled hearing.

Zambrano earned $6.5 million last season while going 16-7 with a 3.41 ERA and 210 strikeouts. He asked for $15.5 million in arbitration, while the Cubs countered at $11,025,000 more than any player had been awarded.

Now, the sides can focus on trying to work out a multiyear contract, which would likely be in the five-year range.

Zambrano told WGN-TV last week that he would leave as a free agent after the season if the Cubs did not sign him to a long-term deal by opening day but he backed off those comments a few days later.

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CUBS' ZAMBRANO SIGNS $12.4 MILLION, ONE-YEAR DEAL
Jeter denies rift with teammate Rodriguez

Yankees captain does not discuss pair’s off-field relationship

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Derek Jeter wouldn’t discuss his off-field relationship with Alex Rodriguez. A Rod, however, felt relieved to speak his mind.

As 64 New York Yankees players assembled on the field for the first time this year, the focus was on the withered friendship of their two biggest stars.

“I don’t have a rift with Alex,” Jeter said Tuesday, a day after Rodriguez finally acknowledged they no longer are the best of friends. “We go out there. We are teammates. This is our fourth year to be playing together. It’s amazing to hear about it all the time.”

Shortly after arriving at spring training on Monday, Rodriguez said it was time for him to stop pretending that his relationship with Jeter was as close as it was in the 1990s. The pair have drifted apart since Rodriguez made critical remarks in a 2001 Esquire article.

“That’s as honest as I’ve been here since I’ve been here, the four years, and that part of it felt good,” Rodriguez said Tuesday as he left Legends Field. “A God’s psyche has been subject to analysis by fans since he joined the Yankees before the 2004 season. While he’s a two-time AL MVP, Rodriguez has four World Series rings. Rodriguez felt a need to conform during his first three seasons in New York. He appears to be taking a different tack this year.

“I just found myself trying to say always the right things and try not to screw up,” he said. “And I think that came across for some people as very disingenuous andphony perhaps — those are the things you hear. If you’re going to get chopped up into pieces, you might as well be as honest as you can and get ripped for it.”

He thinks he’ll be more at ease going forward.

“You get a little gun-shy, that’s all,” he said. “It all comes down to being yourself.”

Sitting in virtually the same spot in the first-base dugout at Legends Field that Rodriguez occupied a day earlier, Jeter appeared uncomfortable discussing the topic.

“I don’t see the relevance of it,” he said. “I think it has no bearing on us playing baseball.”

He doesn’t comprehend the focus on their relationship.

“They see us on the field, if one person gives another one a look, it’s a story,” Jeter said. “If we’re at opposite ends of the bench, people say it’s a story.”

Jeter spoke with Rodriguez in the clubhouse. He said catch with him on the field as they warmed up. But he refused to say how close he and Rodriguez are away from the ballpark.

“How would I characterize it? I would characterize it as it doesn’t make a difference,” Jeter said. “What we do away from the field, how much time we spend together, really makes no difference when we’re playing.”

Coming up through the Yankees’ organization and becoming a key component of the unit that won four World Series titles from 1996-2000, Jeter has worked hard to avoid discussing his private life.

“I understand my job is public, but your personal life is your personal life. Once you open that door, it doesn’t stop,” he said. “Away from the field, people want to keep tabs on how many times we go out to eat, things like that. That has no bearing on what we’re trying to do.”

Jeter was criticized by some last year for not voicing sufficient support for Rodriguez, who struggled at times during the regular season and was booted at Yankee Stadium.

“From Day 1 I’ve said I support Alex,” he said. “The only thing I’m not going to do is tell the fans what to do. … I don’t think it’s my job to tell fans to boo or not to boo.”

Yankees manager Joe Torre thought it was good for Rodriguez to air his issues early in spring training.

“Evidently, what Alex was talking about yesterday sort of made him feel better,” Torre said. “Evidently, Alex said what he needed to say.

Bernie Williams was not among those who worked out.

Torre has tried to persuade him to accept a minor league contract and called Williams again Sunday night, but Williams didn’t return the call.

“Evidently, what I’ve said to him hasn’t been enough for him,” Torre said. “I know he was down when I talked to him.”

Since winning their third straight World Series in 2000, the Yankees have fallen short each year. They were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by Detroit last season.

New York captain Derek Jeter, right, denied Tuesday that his relationship with third baseman Alex Rodriguez was in bad shape.
Belles headed to semifinals

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's made history Tuesday night, defeating Alma 66-54 to advance to the MIAA semifinals for the first time since joining the conference in 1998. The third-seeded Belles and the sixth-seeded Scots played a very close first half in the first round of the MIAA Tournament, with neither team getting more than a point advantage. The Belles closed the first half on a 14-7 run to take a 30-29 lead into the locker room.

Saint Mary's slowly began building that lead in the second half, pushing to 50-45 with 10:32 remaining. Alma was unable to make up the deficit, and the Belles pulled away for the 12-point victory. "It's been great to make it to the semifinals for the first time," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "Tonight was a great night with a lot of firsts." In addition to the team's record-breaking trip to the semifinals, several Saint Mary's players broke individual records in the victory. Sophomore forward Erin Newsom pulled down a MIAA Tournament-record 21 rebounds to go along with 14 points, her sixth double-double of the season. Senior Bridget Lipke also set an MIAA Tournament record, dishing out 11 assists in an incredible performance.

Junior Alison Kessler led the Belles with 20 points, and in doing so set the Saint Mary's single season scoring record. Kessler's 484 points so far this season surpassed the 12-year-old record of 476 set by Jennie Taubenheim.

Alma forward Ashley Matuzak led all scorers with 21 points, and junior Megan Holbet added 15 points in the losing effort.

The Belles will travel to face second-seeded Hope in Holland, Mich. in the semifinals Thursday night. Saint Mary's faced Hope twice this season, struggling on the road in a 67-42 loss Nov. 28 but playing the Flying Dutchmen closer in a 79-71 home loss Saturday. Hope is currently ranked fifth in the nation among Div. III schools and is the defending MIAA champion.

"I think this win will give us some momentum," Henley said. "We showed we could play with them last game, and we hope to go on the road and get it done this time."

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Chicago ace Zambrano inks deal with Cubs

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Carlos Zambrano, they can focus on getting those Cubs to agreed to a $12.4 million, one-year contract Tuesday, avoiding salary arbitration by striking the deal just before the scheduled date.

He would also earn bonuses for finishing among the top five in Cy Young Award voting, being named MVP of the World Series, leading the league in strike outs. He asked for $15.5 million in arbitration, while the Cubs countered at $11.025 million — more than any player has been awarded.

"I feel good, ready to go," Zambrano said. "I'm ready to lead this team to the championship, to win in this city. The fans deserve us to go to the playoffs and to win for the city of Chicago. I'm here for that." The Cubs have not been to the playoffs since 2003, when they were within five outs of reaching the World Series. Their last arbitration hearing with a player was with Mark Grace in 1993.

"Our track record is in order," general manager Jim Hendry said. "Barely."

"There was no other case on the dockets at all like this," Hendry said. "He didn't sign him to a seven-year contract with the Cubs because, first of all, he was 25 years old. When the filing numbers went in, it was like, 'Wow, this is a tough one.'"

The sides reached an agreement as they were walking to the room at the Phoenix hotel where the hearing was to be held. Now, they can focus on trying to work out a multiyear contract, which would likely be in the five-year range.

Zambrano told WGN-TV last week that he would leave as a free agent after the season if the Cubs didn't sign him to a long-term deal by opening day — but he backed off a few days later. He did, however, reiterate that he won't negotiate during the season and wants to be paid on the level of left-hander Barry Zito, who got a $126 million, seven-year contract with San Francisco this offseason.

I don't want to have a discussion during the season," Zambrano said. "But if something can happen after the season, why not?"

Hendry said, "He's always told me he wants to be here first preference and probably second preference. Why would I (as a general manager, not want him on the ballot). I don't think we're going to do it tonight at dinner, but we're happy.

I've known him since he was a kid and he's grown into a heck of a man.

A native of Venezuela, Zambrano signed with the Cubs as a non-nested free agent in July 1997 and made his major league debut in 2001. The right-hander was 20-16 with a 3.29 ERA. This is a good relationship between Jim Hendry and me," Zambrano said. "I think everybody's happy, as well."

Zambrano said Monday he was "85 to 90 percent" sure a deal would get done before the hearing.

Cubs manager Lou Piniella predicted there would be an agreement, too.

"I don't think the club needs that, and neither does the player," Piniella said Tuesday afternoon.

Piniella said he attended one hearing — when the New York Yankees' general manager in the late 1990s and third baseman Mike Pagliarulo went to arbitration — and it was a "rough process." Piniella didn't present any arguments; he just listened. But he did offer compromise after the hearing.

"After it was over, I told him, 'We'll split this thing before the awards are made because I think you're not going to be pleased with the outcome,'" Piniella recalled. "He chose not to, and I was right. I felt a little uncomfortable in there, to be honest.

Hendry said there was never "any animosity" during negotiations and there was no way to be any because of the hearing.

"There wasn't going to be any tarrying down of Carlos Zambrano because, first of all, he's our best pitcher," he said. "I've got nothing bad to say to him. All I want him to do is win more games than he won last year. ... The person who was going to play regularly had to be told by me that was the way it was going to be."

Zambrano was committed nearly $300 million to retain and bring in free agents before reaching an agreement with Zambrano. They re-signed third baseman Aramis Ramirez for a seven-year contract over five years, and signed out- fielder Alfonso Soriano to an eight-year, $116 million deal. They also brought in starting pitcher Ted Lilly and Jason Marquis.
Illinois guard charged with drunk driving

Police say sophomore
Jamar Smith had a .17
BAC when he crashed

Associated Press
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — University of Illinois basketball player Jamar Smith was arrested Tuesday with drunk driving and leaving the scene of an accident — apparently believing his teammate in the passenger seat of his car had died, authorities said.

Smith, a sophomore guard, was driving a 2006 Lexus last Monday night when it struck a tree in heavy snow. He then drove the car a little more than a mile to the apartment complex where he lived. Rystanders called 911 after seeing the badly damaged car in the parking lot of the clubhouse, then the 42-year-old Bietz said.

Smith had a pointed message for the grand jury: Go ahead, they investigate. Let them investigate. Let them investigate. Let them investigate. Let them investigate. Let them investigate.

Witnesses reported seeing the Lexus pull into the apartment parking lot, then saw a tall man wearing University of Illinois baseball pants leave the car and enter the apartment building, leaving an unconscious Carlwell in the car, Rietz said. Shortly afterward, the tall man returned with a second car and then left and went back in the building she said.

Smith was in custody Tuesday, Rietz said. She said he is expected to appear in court at a date to be set.

Smith's attorney, Mark Lipton, was in court Tuesday and not available for comment, his office said.

Weber criticized his player in a written statement but said he is still part of the school's basketball program.

"This was a case of extremely poor judgment by Jamar," Weber said. "He remains a part of our family and we need us none more than ever.'"

Aggravated driving under the influence is a Class 4 felony that carries a sentence of up to 12 years in prison. Leaving the scene is a Class 3 felony and carries a sentence of up to five years in prison, Weber said.

Someone convicted of either charge, though, could be placed on probation, he added.

Smith's only previous traffic infraction was a 2004 citation for failure to stop or signal a turn, according to the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

Weber said last week that Smith would sit out the rest of the season, calling it "a mutual agreement that would allow Smith to "focus all of his attention on the physical, emotional, academic and other related issues he will face in the coming weeks."

MLB

Bonds challenges U.S. grand jury

Slugger also hits five home runs in first batting practice

Associated Press
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds had a pointed message for the grand jury: Go ahead, they investigate. Let them investigate. Let them investigate. Let them investigate. Let them investigate. Let them investigate.

"When Bonds showed up, he waved twice to the swarm of people waiting to see him make his entrance, then quickly headed into Scottsdale Stadium to get to work.

"Noteworthy absent were his two personal trainers, Greg Oliver and Harvey Shields, who no longer can be with the slugger during major league spring training. Oliver, who spent the weekend in Las Vegas for the NBA All-Star game, was flanked by his two publicists and a Major League Baseball security guard accompanying him.

He joked with new teammates Aaron Rowand and Ray D'Alessandro, and took batting practice behind the plate, followed by fielding drills, hitting against the live ball and hitting off the tee.

Bonds hit three home runs, a double and a single to move his career total to 709, putting him just behind Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa for fourth on the all-time list.

Bonds' second home run, a three-run shot in the second inning, was his first since being suspended

"I don't blame Mark McGwire. I don't blame Sammy Sosa," Bonds said Tuesday, noting he apologized only "because you guys just started talking about it and I just thought it was unfair for him to be accused of something that wasn't true."

"If he had failed an amphetamine test, Bonds declined to comment. Also, he denied reports that he was always available to pinch-hit last season.

"That's not all true," said Bonds, who has language about领导班子 family and needs us none more than ever.'"

"As far as Bonds is concerned, that is over with.

"I don't need to say anything to anybody," he said.

Bonds quickly ended his 12-minute interview in the dugout when the questions turned from baseball to his problems away from the field.

He begins his 22nd major league season, and 15th with San Francisco, needing only 22 home runs to break Hank Aaron's career record of 755. Bonds isn't about to make predictions, but said he won't stop once he catches Hammerin' Hank.

"I'm playing till I'm 100 — you guys get used to me."

Bonds and Zito had a little fun, coming out of the club- house at one point in matching black T-shirts with this orange writing on the back: "DON'T ASK ME ... ASK BARBIE," each with an arrow that pointed at the other Barry. Zito, who threw to Bonds this winter at UCLA, stood on the left with his arrow aimed at Bonds.

"Hey, ya don't want to miss this," Bonds said to get everyone's attention.

"I'm a center fielder and leadoff man there are two knobs next to Bonds' folding chair to chat with the resting slugger between rounds of BP.

"It's going to be interesting to see how this shakes out," Roberts said about the type.

"We'd be naive not to think he's going to be a big part of this team."
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eering internal bleeding and infection after his surgery. The trial, which featured testimony from Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, was entering its second week.

Sporlock consulted with both sets of lawyers and spoke individually to jurors after the trial. One said he did not know if the doctors could have done anything to prevent the incident out of his mind in his deliberations.

The fact that the doctors helped this juror and that the fact the other jurors saw them do that is something that would have to be in their minds," Mone said outside the courtroom.

But William Dailey Jr., the lawyer for the doctors, said in court he wanted the trial to go on, saying a mistrial "would be terribly unfair to these doctors.

"They responded the way they were trained to do," he said. "They simply stood up and tried to help."

Dailey said he thought the case was going well.

"We were confident and were very optimistic there was going to be a good result and that there would be no negligence found," he said. Mone said Weis wanted to move forward with the case, which could take months to reach a conclusion," the lawyer said.

David Hanson, the father of Irish sophomore center Christian Hanson, starred as Jack Hanson in the 1977 film "Slap Shot.

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gold) on a road trip with one of my amateur teams when the old guy around the house, Hanson's father, Dave, is most famous for playing the feisty and outspoken Jack Hanson in the film. Jack and his two misfit brothers - Stev and Jeff - come to the struggling Charleston Chiefs and turn the team around using their legendary unorthodox methods.

The character is based on the elder Hanson's professional career, which included time with the Detroit Red Stars and the WHA's Minnesota Fighting Saints. During his 10 years in the pros, Dave Hanson spent nearly as much time in the penalty box as on the ice. He collected more than 2,000 penalty minutes in his career.

"He actually had bonuses in his contract where if he led the team with penalty minutes he would get more money," Christian Hanson said.

The younger Hanson, who plays a more balanced role for the Irish, has only racked up 18 penalty minutes so far this season. Although he may not exactly be a chip off the old block, Hanson did learn some irreplaceable lessons from his childhood spent in hockey locker rooms.

"I think I picked up the love of the game from always being around it," Hanson said.

After his fighting days were over, Dave Hanson became the general manager of the AHL's Albany River Rats, a position he held throughout Christian's upbringing.

The 6-foot-4 sophomore was raised on stories of his dad's career - like the time he fought Bobby Hull, arguably the greatest winger to ever lace up skates. While exchanging words with the older Hanson, he had a hold of Hull's helmet and tore it off - taking his toupee with it.

"He threw it in the stands and the next year he got death threats from the fans in Winnipeg," Christian Hanson said.

Although he respects his father's style of play, Christian considers himself a two-way player - responsible for shutting down opponents and burying a few goals of his own. The sophomore had one goal and two assists in his rookie campaign and netted five more in the first half of this season.

He was sidelined for more than a month this season by mononucleosis. He missed eight games with the infection and returned to the lineup last weekend for the CCHA-clinching win over Alaska. Prior to the trip to Fairbanks, the last game the younger Hanson skated in was Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Lake Superior State Jan. 13.

"It felt great to finally be back in the lineup," he said. "To be able to help the team out again felt great."

Hanson and his linemates wasted no time getting back into the swing of things. The trio put one past Nanook goaltender Wylie Rogers on their very first shift. The goal was eventually disallowed, but Hanson had his legs back under him.

His return was a welcome sight for head coach Jeff Jackson and the rest of the Notre Dame team. Just as the fictional Hanson brothers' arrival lifted the Chiefs to the top of their sport, the Irish hope the return of their own Hanson will help them keep their nine-game unbeaten streak alive against Ferris State in the last two games of the season this weekend.
**Revenge**

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"We were pissed," said Falls, who scored 19 points Tuesday. "I don’t know how else to say it. That was our motivation." The win was Notre Dame’s school-record 17th straight at home this season. A win against Marquette Saturday at the Joyce Center would close out an unbeaten home campaign for the Irish.

This group deserves that," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "Hopefully we can get one more on Saturday.

DePaul shot just 34 percent for the game, including 2-for-19 from behind the three-point arc.

"We haven’t played that good on defense for a while," Kuehn said. "Notre Dame, on the other hand, shot 49 percent from the field and hit 16 of 21 three-pointers.

The Irish jumped out to an early 8-1 lead, keyed by five points from Falls. The Blue Demons’ first field goal came on a runner by Sammy Mejia with 16:40 left in the first half.

DePaul (16-12, 7-7) climbed back into the game, getting to within two at 8-6, but a 10-2 Irish run — including six points from senior guard Russell Carter — stretched Notre Dame’s lead to 18-8 with 13:09 left in the game.

The Irish continued to build their lead, holding the Blue Demons scoreless for a six-minute period and going up 27-12 with six minutes remaining in the half.

Notre Dame went on a four-minute scoreless streak of its own, but DePaul could only cut the lead by two points during the stretch.

"We defended well," Falls said. "Our defense won us this game.

A four-point play by Falls broke the funk and gave the Irish a 40- 22 lead at the half.

After the half, DePaul switched to a full court press and cut the lead to 12 at 45-33, but an 11-2 Notre Dame run keyed by six points from freshman point guard Tory Jackson put the Irish up by 21 with 11 minutes to play. From there, Notre Dame cruised to an easy victory.

Jackson scored 13 points — 11 of them in the second half — and added six assists. He also led the team in rebounds with nine.

"He attacked and drove and got everybody confident again," Brey said.

Tuesday’s victory moved the Irish into a tie with Marquette for fourth place in the conference. The top four teams get a bye in the Big East tournament.

The Irish and Marquette Geroge Washington will be held back from Providence, which knocked off West Virginia 64-61 Tuesday night. The Mountaineers had been tied with Notre Dame and Marquette for fourth place.

Syracuse is currently a half game back at 8-5 in the Big East and plays the Friars Saturday.

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**Hoyas**

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Notre Dame will attempt to offset Georgetown’s post play with a balanced scoring attack. A who averaged 13 points in her last two games after scoring 23 total points in the Hoyas’ previous two games.

"I’m really pleased with her because of the small lineup at Villanova, and she responded really well," McGraw said.

D’Amico came off the bench and scored 15 points, then went on to score 13 against Providence. McGraw also noted that D’Amico’s opportunities were limited.

"I think the thing about Mel is we’re throwing her the ball a little bit more, and that’s been our problem all year," she said. "We just haven’t looked to the post enough and used our post game as much as we could have.

Freshman Erica Williamson will be another roadblock showing the Hoyas’ post play. She recorded 10 points, seven rebounds, a block and a steal against Providence on Feb. 3.

"You’re letting people know that you’re one of the top four teams in the league," McGraw Irish coach.

Notre Dame sits by itself in fourth place in the Big East, in position for a bye in the Big East tournament. McGraw sees positives in both getting the bye and playing a first-round game.

"I think you want to, just for the sake of the NCAA Tournament," she said. "You’re letting people know that you’re one of the top four teams in the league. But you have a chance to maybe get an extra win if you don’t get the bye.

Last January Notre Dame edged past Georgetown 54-52 when Hoyas guard Kate Carlin’s three-point shot fell short.

They gave us a lot of problems last year. We had a very difficult game with them out there," McGraw said. "We had a little bit of a lead and they came back to win it at the end of the game. It’s a team that we are very focused on right now.

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**Jackson**

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The Blue Demons, on a 7-0 run, cut Notre Dame’s lead to 45-33 with 13:04 remaining and applied full court pressure looking for a steal. The pressure did not faze Jackson. He took the inbound pass, dribbled through the defense and laid in two of his 13 points. He then scored on Notre Dame’s next two possessions and grabbed a rebound on defense that resulted in a Zach Hillesland jump shot to bump the Irish lead to 18.

"I knew he was open where he scored six points in a row sealed the game," Irish guard Colin Falls said. "They were beating back and he missed a few. That’s a freshman growing up.

Jackson finished with six assists and — despite his 5- foot-10 frame — a team-high nine rebounds.

But if Jackson looked more motivated than usual on the floor, there was good reason. On the opposing bench sat Will Walker, whom Michigan chose to recruit instead of Jackson. Even though McGraw chose DePaul over the Wolverines, Jackson carried the memory of someone saying he was not good enough into Tuesday night.

"We were recruited by Michigan and Michigan didn’t have the opportunity to shut down Walker," Jackson said. "I faced him, and I know I had my moments.

"There were games when we didn’t play our best. But you know, there were games. Like all summer, I played well. I know we didn’t win every game against Will Walker during the course of the season, but a lot of people thought he was better than me.

"I came in here with an attitude. ... Once I got in, I just felt that I knew I was a lot better player so I got aggressive and took it to the rack.

Jackson’s progression this season shows he can play with the best in the Big East, without a doubt. His biggest impact has come on the defensive side of the ball.

When guard Kyle McAlarney was starting earlier in the year, Jackson came off the bench to provide a defensive spark. But after McAlarney’s suspension, Jackson had to sharpen his game on the other side of the ball and become the general of the offense.

His confidence in the face of defensive pressure is unwavering, and throughout the course of the season, he has grown more self-assured with his ability to put the ball in the basket.

Sure, he’s missed layups and made a couple of turnovers, and he still needs to work on his jumper, but these are growing pains. The confidence is there, the raw ability is there, and the game was a big step in refining that talent.

Even with Jackson’s offensive responsibilities, Irish coach Mike Brey said the point guard to shut down some of the best offensive players in the conference, Jackson answered the call and was especially effective against Villanano guard Scottie Reynolds in Notre Dame’s 66-62 win Jan. 27, holding him to just 5-for-14 from the field.

With his talent for lockdown defense and ever-improving offense, Jackson will be one of the marquee players in the Big East in a few years.

Michigan should be kicking itself right now.

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**Irish point guard Tory Jackson dribbles around DePaul’s Jabari Currie in Notre Dame’s 78-54 win Tuesday at the Joyce Center.**

**Irish senior guard Colin Falls looks for space against Notre Dame’s 78-54 win over DePaul Tuesday at the Joyce Center.**
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**Men's Basketball**

Sweet revenge

Five score in double figures as Irish avenge Feb. 8 loss to DePaul

By CHRIS KHOREY

All five starters scored in double figures as Notre Dame earned its third win in six days with a 78-54 victory over DePaul Tuesday at the Joyce Center.

"We had so many guys play really well," Irish forward Rob Kurz said. "I think it was definitely one of our better efforts."

With the win, Notre Dame (21-6, 9-5 Big East) averaged its 67-66 last-second loss to the Blue Demons Feb. 8, a defeat senior guard Colin Falls called "the worst of his career."

Irish sophomore forward Zach Hillesland looks to drive in Notre Dame's 78-54 win over DePaul Tuesday. The win was the third straight for the Irish, who remain tied for fourth in the Big East.

Point guard Jackson growing up as team improves around him

If Irish point guard Tory Jackson's performance in Notre Dame's 78-54 victory over DePaul is indicative of the future, then Irish fans have something to look forward to the next three years. Just when the Blue Demons were getting back in the game Tuesday, "Action Jackson took over and ended DePaul's hopes of a comeback."

Hockey

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Irish center's father starred in 'Slap Shot'

By DAN MURPHY

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ND Women's Basketball

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By BILL BRINK

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**Football**

Judge declares mistrial in Weis medical malpractice lawsuit

Associated Press

BOSTON — A judge declared a mistrial Tuesday in Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis' medical malpractice lawsuit after a juror collapsed and several doctors — including the two defendants — rushed to his aid.

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Spectators were ordered out of the courtroom shortly after the man fell ill. He was taken away in an ambulance; his condition and identity were not immediately known.

Weis accuses Ferguson and Hodin of acting negligently by failing to recognize life-threat.