Sex, gender issues examined on, off campus

Eve Ensler’s ‘Monologues’ returns to community in off-campus venue

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Writer

Against the backdrop of a stark shamrock green wall hung a simple white banner reading “V-Day, Reclaiming Peace 2007.”

Though the room was modest, the message was strong as the 27 “Vagina Monologues” cast members took to the stage Wednesday night in their first production of the year at South Bend’s First Unitarian Church — their new off-campus venue. Despite the relatively low turnout of 50 to 60 people, organizer Michelle Lewis said she was “really, really happy with the way it went.” Director Sarah Mancarella said she thought Wednesday would be the least popular night, but saw the effect of the move off-campus. “I think we would definitely have a higher number if...” see VENUE/page 6

Institute gives ND poor grade

University policies rank low in report

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

With top athletic programs and consistent academic rankings annually in the nation’s Top 20, Notre Dame is not used to receiving failing grades. However, when the Sustainable Endowment Institute released its annual College Sustainability Report Card covering environmental and endowment practices, Notre Dame received a D-minus — the lowest grade given in the survey. Other institutions that received low grades included the University of Chicago, which received a D. see GRADE/page 6

Run to raise funds, remember students

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

Welsh Family Hall will sponsor its sixth annual Clary, Murphy, Thomas Run Saturday to honor and raise scholarship funds in memory of three members of the Class of 2002 who lost battles with leukemia during their time at Notre Dame.

The Run is a 5K loop around campus that will begin and end in front of Welsh Family Hall, Welsh Family rector Candace Carson said.

Start time for the run is 10 a.m., and (a) prayer service will be held in the Welsh Family Hall chapel around 10:45 in remembrance of Brienne Clary, Mirinda Thomas and Cole Murphy — the three students for whom the race is named.

Funds for the run are raised through runners’ registration fees and all the money goes to scholarships that are not yet fully funded. “Once they are funded, we will be able to award them to three students,” Carson said. “The more students that participate in the event, the faster we can get closer to managing the scholarships.”

Sophomores Brew Clary, a relative of Brienne, helped to organize this year’s run and will attend both the race and see RUN/page 6

The majority of Student Senate members signed a bill Wednesday to impeach Morrissey senator Greg Dworjan, who led a campaign to abstain during the period between the student body president election and the run-off election two weeks ago.

The Senate’s decision was a “statement of signature” rather than an actual vote, student body vice president Bill Andruchik said. The Senate will vote next week whether to remove Dworjan from office, which will require a two-thirds majority.

Dworjan was found guilty of violating two articles in the Student Union Constitution. He used the copy machine in the student government office to make flyers that urged people to vote abstain in the run-off election, violating a rule that campaigning may not take place on the second floor of LaFortune in the student government office.

Dworjan also posted the flyers without getting them approved by the Judicial Council and the Student Activities Office, which was a second violation.

The Executive Committee of the Judicial Council decided last week that these two allegations were not actual election violations and sent the issue to the Student Union Ethics Board for consideration.

The Ethics Board voted Tuesday that Dworjan’s use of student government resources was a violation of which and decided in a vote of 4-3-1 to recommend the Senate impeach Dworjan.

Before the impeachment vote, Dworjan took the podium at the Senate and gave a speech. He asked senators to consider his actions a “foolish mistake.” see SENATE/page 4

Majority signs bill to begin senator’s impeachment

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

‘Sex and the City of God’ stirs talk within Catholic context at University

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

A question posed by Sex and the City character Carrie Bradshaw — “Is it possible to be both Catholic and cosmopolitan?” — extended beyond the television screen to Notre Dame Wednesday night.

Faith confronted culture in a “Sex and the City of God” presentation, which was held in DeBartolo Hall. The event grew out of an ad hoc committee on gender relations University President Father John Jenkins created last spring, intended to stimulate discussion on issues raised by “The Vagina Monologues” with a focus on Catholic context.

“The goal is to bring the insights of the Catholic tradition into a frank conversation of contemporary topics ... at the cusp of the 21st century,” said M... see GOD/page 5

Montrose senator Greg Dworjan asks senators Wednesday to consider his actions during recent student body elections a “foolish mistake.”
**Question of the Day:** What's the first page you turn to in *The Observer*?

- Dave Lionetti - sophomore
  - Stanford
- Noelle Crooks - sophomore
  - Carancahua
- Justin Perez - freshman
  - Alumni
- Jeffrey Kraft - freshman
  - Alumni
- John Strong - junior
  - Alumni

**International News.**

"I didn't read The Observer.

"I read USA Today.

"Question of the Day to see if I've been misquoted."

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**Musical Flaws**

As Scene Editor, I do a lot of music reviews, which I think are the most difficult. Music is a lot more subjective than movies and literature, because the Duke Ellington once quipped, "if it sounds good, it is good." Yet a lot of really good bands and artists run into problems that are immediately noticeable to even the most casual listeners. Here are a few examples of how musical decisions happening to be bad and, the biggest offenders.

- **Oversinging** — As much as I love Led Zeppelin, I could go without hearing Robert Plant yelp "oh yeah, baby, baby, yeah yeah" on every single song. A lot of singers can't resist the urge to make sure their presence is known, resulting in some unfortunate vocal ad-libs, like Morrissey's yodeling at the end of "The Smiths" "The Boy with the Thorn in His Side." This offense is particularly prevalent among groups that have a designated singer who doesn't do anything else. Biggest offenders: Robert Plant (Led Zeppelin), Rino (U2), Morrissey (The Smiths)
- **Overplaying** — This offense comes in two varieties: letting a song go on too long and too much showy musicianship. I remember when "Anthem" came on a classic rock station and my friend guessed it was by Rush. When I asked how he knew, he replied, "Because it's ten times more complicated than I understood the point of jam bands how he knew, he replied, "Because it's ten times more complicated than it needs to be." Additionally, I never understood the point of jam bands — films and books get editors, sometimes bands need them too. Biggest offenders: The Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers, The Dave Matthews Band, Phish.
- **Bad lyrics** — Here's the complete chorus set of Nirvana's "Lithium" "Yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah..." It's actually longer than that, but you get the picture. Hardy a hasty estimate of lyrical insight. A lot of artists just don't seem to care about lyrics, which is really the only conceivable way that we got Green Day and the Smashing Pumpkins. This offense is particularly prevalent among groups that have a designated singer who doesn't do anything else. Biggest offenders: Robert Plant (Led Zeppelin), Rino (U2), Morrissey (The Smiths)

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**OFFBEAT**

Man tries to cash $50K check from God

HOBART, Ind. — Kevin Russell found it's not easy trying to cash a check from God. The 21-year-old man was arrested Monday after he tried to cash a check for $50,000 at the Chase bank in Hobart that was signed "King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Servant." Hobart police Detective Jeff White said Russell was charged with one count attempted check fraud and one count intimidation, both felonies, and one count resisting law enforcement, a misdemeanor. He could face grison time.

Police were called to the bank after Russell tried to cash the check, which was written on an invalid bank. One check with no imprint. White said Russell had several other checks with him that were signed the same way but made out in different dollar amounts, including one for $100,000. "I've heard about God giving out eternal life, but this is the first time I've heard of him giving out cash," White said.

**Woman finds WWII grenade in potatoes**

HOBART — A woman in a town near Naples got an unwelcome surprise when she bought a sack of potatoes at a nearby market, put them into water to peel and discovered one of them was a hand grenade apparently left over from World War II. Olga Mauriello had put the potatoes in a pot of water and had just begun peeling them Tuesday when she found the explosive, covered in dirt, in an e-mail to the police said Wednesday. An alarmed Mauriello, 74, called neighbors, who in turn called police. Officers detonated the grenade in a park on Wednesday, state police said.

**Correction**

*Correction to the story on the Wall Street Journal* The July 5, 2007, story on the Wall Street Journal is incorrect. The company was not forced to seek a new owner. The company is still in operation and is not in financial distress.

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**In Brief**

Freshmen can vote today in the run-off election for the sophomore class council. Voting will take place between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Students can access the voting on the Web site by clicking on a link in an e-mail from the Judicial Council.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre presents Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" on the Declo Mainstage Theatre at the DelBartolo Performing Arts Center. The show opens today at 7:30 p.m., and continues until March 4. Evening performances are at 7:30 and the Sunday matinee is at 2:30. Ticket prices are $12 for the general public, $10 for senior citizens, $5 for faculty and staff and $8 for students.

Legends will host Last Comic Standing tonight at 10.

Admission is free.

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

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will perform tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert, DelBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $10 for students and $15 for adults.

**The Day to see**

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Finals for Bengal Bots will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena. Proceeds will go to the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

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

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**Correction**

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.
OIT maintenance leads to outages

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) recently performed maintenance on multiple University systems in advance of a large storage expansion planned for this summer.

The maintenance caused several services to be unavailable from 7 p.m. Saturday until 5 a.m. Sunday — including Weboi, insideND and WebCT.

"The planned maintenance this past weekend included a major upgrade to the University's data storage infrastructure," said Dewitt Latimer, assistant provost for OIT. "It required the main storage array to be taken offline, backed-up, removed, replaced, restored and finally tested for quality assurance.

This was the first phase of a major expansion of storage capabilities that form a highly interdependent information technology infrastructure that helps run the day-to-day business of Notre Dame.

"In order to provide maximum uptime with the least impact to campus computer users, we employ two service windows per month," Latimer said.

These service windows typically occur on the second and fourth Sundays of every month from 2 a.m. to 10 a.m., Latimer said.

However, when the service window involves a large amount of work — as it did this past weekend — the maintenance window is expanded to ensure all work is done by 10 a.m. on Sunday.

OIT makes sure not to schedule maintenance during special events like football weekends.

Junior Parents Weekend and alumni weekends, as well as important times of the year like Senior Weekends and graduation.

Latimer said, "That leaves little time for the OIT staff members to perform their responsibilities, often causing them to work before 5 a.m. and well into the evening.

Although students cannot avoid shutdowns, they can be prepared. OIT usually e-mails students to notify them of upcoming maintenance and posts the information on its Web site.

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Conference to address diversity

Mooney, McIntosh to head forums at Saint Mary's during the weekend

By LIZ HARTER
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Diversity will once again become the main topic of conversation at Saint Mary's this weekend as the Student Diversity Board (SDB) hosts the second-annual Diverse Student Leadership Conference (DSLC), which begins tonight with a reception and address by College President Carol Ann Mooney.

The conference will continue Friday and Saturday with workshops throughout the day and a Diversity showcase in O'Laughlin Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The conference is intended to educate students about the different kinds of diversity each person encompasses.

conference chair and student body president-elect Kimberly Hodges said. "We try to celebrate all kinds of diversity," Hodges said. "We are attempting to educate participants about various modes of diversity, not generalized in a societal norm.

The weekend workshop titles include "Notre Dame vs. NKU", "HIV/AIDS Disproportionately Affecting Students of African American Populations", "SMC and Beyond" and "Deriving Racial Understanding from our Own Experiences.

Peggy McIntosh will deliver a keynote address entitled "How I Came to See I Had White Privilege and What I'm Learning I Can Do With It" at 4:15 p.m. Saturday in Carroll Auditorium.

Conference organizers collected pre-registration forms for the past two weeks and students are encouraged to register if they wish to attend the closing banquet, due to a lack of space in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall.

Registration has been going on for about a month for members outside of the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community.

The event received a lot of support from the College administration this year, DSLC faculty liaison Serita Fritzler said. "There's been a lot of positive feedback from faculty," Fritzler said. "They were really willing to send their students, give extra credits and cancel classes.

It is also noteworthy that the conference netted a renowned figure like keynote speaker Peggy McIntosh, Hodges said. "Pat White (last year's keynote speaker) was amazing, but being able to go from Pat White to Peggy McIntosh is a great achievement," Hodges said.

The conference was created last year when current conference chair Hodges, SDB president Angeline Johnson and class of 2006 alumna Claradith Landry felt Saint Mary's needed an event that combined everything SDB discusses — a student group that represents diversity and tries to foster it through educational programs and events — as well as subjects not normally encountered on either campus.

Hodges said she hoped that this year participants absorb what they learn at the conference and workshops and apply that to their own lives.

"This year, we will be not only able to offer all that we offered last year, but people will be able to take advantage to that," Hodges said. "It's a new year, and [the conference] is bigger and better this year.

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Students bid to dine with campus figures

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

For most students, it's not a usual evening when you can ask Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman to pass the salt, or ask for seconds from Mendoza College of Business Dean Carolyn Woo.

But for the highest bidders at the Breen-Phillips Hall Meal Auction Wednesday night, they'll soon have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to dine with Poorman and Woo, among other campus icons.

The annual event held in the LaFortune Ballroom auctioned meals with "campus celebrities" to eager students, featured a silent auction and raffle off a football autographed by Brady Quinn — all in the name of charity.

Essay said this year's proceeds "will definitely cover the cost of the event" and "will be donated to Meals on Wheels of Mishawaka by the American Association of University Women." The proceeds will be "in the thousands of dollars," Essay said.

Other notable campus figures who offered up a night for the program included Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, student body president Lizzie Shappell, the a capella group The Undertones, Irish basketball coach Mike Brey and former Notre Dame running back Reggie Brooks.

Bidders will enjoy a variety of activities ranging from home-cooked food by auctioned personalities to dinner at LaBelle Grille to ice cream at Coldstone Creamery. This year's total of about $5,600 exceeded the average $3,000 the event usually raises, despite a similar turnout as past years, Essay said.

Dinner with Hesburgh was the highest bid per plate of the night, at $215 each for four guests, while Pryor's evening with Poorman brought in the largest total of all meals, with $2,340 bid for the total package.

Proceeds will be delivered to Meals on Wheels of Mishawaka by the end of the week, Essay said. This is the first time the funds have been donated to a local organization.

"In the past we had donated to the American Diabetic Association, which was great, but we thought it would be great to donate to a local organization so we could help out the local community," Essay said.

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"It was a mistake," rather than unethical behavior, Dworjan said in his interpretation of the constitution was that the defined campaign is as "any public contact for the solicitation of votes. Personal appearances, placement of posters or distribution of election materials is considered campaigning."

Dwzorjan said he did not think he violated the part of the constitution that prohibited campaigning in the Student Union office.

"Does making copies of papers, handing out fliers, asking for votes? I don't believe it does," he said.

Dwzorjan encouraged senators to reexamine the Student Union Constitution, which he said has many flaws.

Senators did spend approximately an hour and a half looking over amendments introduced by Senate Oversight committee chair Chris Holton. Of the four resolutions Holton introduced to amend the constitution, three passed.

The amendments stemmed from previous discussions in the Senate. The Senate unanimously passed a resolution to eliminate the presidential division budget from the Student Union Board (SUB)'s overall budget and to transfer the budget to the Office of the Student Body President. Previous discussion in Senate meetings said this would streamline the process by which student government can access this money.

The Senate also unanimously passed a resolution that would allow the Judicial Council president to sit on the Financial Management Board (FMB). Judicial Council president Liz Kozlow said this will greatly improve the communication between the two groups.

"Judicial Council's always asking for more funding," Kozlow said. "We request allocations just like any other student group."

FMB continued to play a role in Senate discussion, as senators disagreed with the wording of an amendment regarding FMB approvals. Currently, FMB approves requests of $5,000 or five percent of the requesting organization's budget, and student groups only have to wait for FMB approval if their requests surpass that amount.

SUB manager Pat Vassel said increasing that level to 10 percent would enable his group to book events more quickly, without having to go through FMB. The senators agreed to raise the limit to 10 percent.

SUB has a history of being frustrated with who they decide to bring in," Breen-Phillips senator Maris Braun said. "If we decide to give them ten percent, I don't think the Student Union is going to go crazy. I think that SUB's purpose is to enhance daily life."

The Senate voted 22-1-1 to pass the amendment with the change.

The resolution that did not pass was generated by the confusion surrounding the recent student body elections. No ticket received 50 percent plus one of the vote in the primary election. Neither the Liz Brown-Maris Braun nor the Danny Smith-Reggie Weiss tickets secured 50 percent plus one votes in the run-off election either, so in a closed meeting Feb. 18, senators voted 15-13 — according to the plurality in their respective residence halls — to elect Brown and Braun.

Since this process created controversy in the Senate, the Oversight committee introduced an amendment that would change the election system so a plurality would win in the run-off election. In the event of a tie — which would be very unlikely — the votes would be broken down by dorm, and whatever ticket had the majority of dorms would win.

Senators disagreed about the wording of a new amendment and questioned the purpose of an abstain vote in the run-off election.

The amendment failed to win the three-fourths vote called for by the constitution regarding election bylaws during election season. Holton said he would bring up the amendment again after election season, when it would only require two thirds approval in the Senate.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran and Syria to join U.S. in meeting BAGHDAD — Iran's neighbors including Iran and Syria have agreed to join U.S. and British representatives to discuss the Iraqi security cri­sis at a regional conference March 10 in Baghdad, the government said Wednesday. Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari said he will be issuing formal invitations shortly to the neighboring countries and the five permanent U.N. Security Council members — the U.S., Britain, France, Russia and China — to send deputy foreign ministers or senior officials to the conference.

Zebari, in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from Sweden, said the invitations agreed to in Baghdad will be sent to the other neighbors but "they have some ques­tions" about a separate session that would be held the same day with the five permanent council members.

Prescription drug abuse skyrocketing WASHINGTON — Abuse of prescription drugs is about to exceed the use of illicit street narcotics worldwide, and the shift has spurred a new trade in counterfeit painkillers, sedatives and other medicines potent enough to kill, a global law enforcement warning Wednesday.

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WEST BANK

Israel steps up search for militants

Associated Press

NABLUS — Israel on Wednesday clamped down on the West Bank city of Nablus for the second time in a week, confining tens of thousands of people to their homes and limiting movement to search for wanted militants.

In Nablus, under Israeli troops and pedestrians in a black car shot and killed three mili­tants in a parking lot, including the chief spokesman for the Islamic Jihad group, Palestinian officials said.

The army has been operating in Nablus, the West Bank's commercial center, since the weekend. Forces briefly withdrew Tuesday, but at dawn, dozens of jeeps backed by bulldozers moved back in.

In Jenin, Israeli undercover troops in a black car fired at a vehicle carrying three Islamic Jihad gunmen, witnesses said. The army confirmed its troops killed the men, saying they had helped to plan an attempted suicide bombing in Tel Aviv that was thwarted last week.

Two of the militants were killed instantly, and the third, Ashraf Saadi, was shot and killed after he scrambled out of the car and tried to escape, wit­nesses said. Saadi was the spokesman for Islamic Jihad, a militant group backed by Iran and Syria, and respon­sible for dozens of suicide bombings and rocket attacks against Israel.

The army said the troops tried to arrest Saadi but he opened fire on them. Troops returned fire, killing two militants and injuring Saadi. After Saadi fled, continuing to fire, the troops shot him dead, the army said. One sold­ier was slightly wounded.

In the Gaza Strip, Palestinian Islamic Jihad spokesman Abu Ahmad vowed retalia­tion. Hamas also swore revenge.

Lawyers: Padilla unable to cooperate

Assistant U.S. Attorney says defendant using Al-Qaida training to appear incompetent

Associated Press

MIAMI — A federal judge who must decide whether the former al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla is mentally competent to face trial said Wednesday that the for­mer Chicago gang mem­ber has "almost poli­te to a fault." U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke said on the fourth and final day of compe­tency hearings.

Cooke said that one psy­chologist had found Padilla "gracious," and she said he had not demonstrated any hostile behavior or outbursts in the courtroom or while in custody.

But she also questioned prosecutors about defense lawyers' claims that the 36-year-old U.S. citizen had refused to dis­cuss many aspects of his case. Defense attorneys say Padilla suffers from post-traumatic stress dis­order stemming from iso­lation and interrogation during 3 1/2 years as an enemy combatant at a Navy brig.

"By refusing to discuss vast sections of his case — that is not in and of itself an inability to assist counsel?" Cooke asked.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Shipton insisted there is ample evidence that Padilla has been assisting in his own defense and suggested that "al-Qaida training" was behind his choice not to cooperate on certain issues. Prosecutors contend that Padilla, a Muslim convert, attended an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan that included indoctrination on resis­tance if captured.

"That is a decision made by this defendant. That doesn't mean he's incompetent," Shipton said. "The issue is whether the defendant has the capacity to assist." Anthony Natale, one of Padilla's four court­appointed attorneys, urged Cooke to find Padilla legally competent to stand trial and send him to a mental health facility for at least three months. "It is better for this court to afford him an opportu­nity to get competent, to go to a facility where he can get treated," Natale said.

Cooke did not immedi­ately rule.

Padilla's trial is set to begin April 16.

A psychiatrist and a psychologist hired by the defense concluded that Padilla suffers from post­traumatic stress disorder that impairs his ability to assist lawyers. A court­appointed psychologist who works for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons rejected that diagnosis and determined that Padilla is competent, even if he has some anxiety and anti­social personality prob­lems.

Prosecutors persuaded Cooke to sharply limit tes­timony by officials from the brig in Charlotte, S.C., about Padilla's treat­ment there, arguing that her decision should focus on Padilla's current abili­ty to understand legal proceedings and assist his defense team.

Padilla claims he was tortured and mistreated at the brig, a claim vehe­mently denied by U.S. officials.

If Cooke finds Padilla incompetent, she has sev­eral options, according to legal experts. Among them would be sending him to a mental institu­tion for treatment — pos­sibly at a secure military base — or have him treat­ed at the downtown Miami prison where he is held in a special unit.

Padilla is charged with co-defendants Adham Amin Hassoun and Kifah Wael Jayyousi with being part of a North American terrorist support cell that provided money, recruits and supplies to Islamic extremist groups. They face life in prison if con­victed.

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plan and University of Southern California has gone public.

The Report Card "100 colleges on campus" focuses on college governance practices and endowment policies, according to the organization's Web site.

The grading is on an A+ to F scale and takes into account 26 indicators, ranging from green buildings to endowment policies.

**Venues**

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it were on campus," she said. Though not at the 120-person maximum occupancy, the room was filled with a number of Notre Dame students. But also seen were guests and dozens of six pesos and seven rows of chairs were moved in. It was not the greatest South Bend community, who showed up in attendance that witnessed the play's off-campus venue.

"I feel like it has a bigger purpose because we're allowed to raise money," said Sarah Muscarella, director of the Arts and Letters Environmental Task Force.

The task force released a report titled "The University of Notre Dame's Environmental Crisis," a document created to address the University's environmental responsibilities.

A group of students at the environmental crisis, especially in the arts and humanities, has organized the "Watermark" series of events.

**Race**

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prayer service, Carson said. "Family members of Brionne Williams will be present in attendance at the prayer service," Carson said.

The first run placed in 2001, when a majority of the residence halls at all of the students wanted to do something to sustain the memory of Brionne Kelly. Brionne Clary was a resident of Walsh Hall and was held off-campus event.

"After the passing of these students, all of their halls wanted to do something to sustain their memories and honor them," Carson said.

Candace Carson, Welsh Family relocation director said actual... how impressed I was," Muscarella said.

Though the play remains relatively new, author Karen Siskind usually writes an advertisement to be performed, like this year's "I Was There in the Room." A monologue about Native American women called "Crooked Braid," was an option selection this year, Muscarella said.

Also included were "harmless references" to Notre Dame, she said. "It's a great idea, but I'm not sure what to make of it," Muscarella said. "I was impressed," Muscarella said.

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"The women's experience of sustained shame is deeply disturbing," Ensler said in an interview earlier this month.

"It's a shame that it couldn't be on campus."

**Race**

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"I'd like everybody on campus to have a sustainability mindset in everything they're doing," the report said. "They should think about what's good for the environment, what's good for the community, what's good for the worldwide community."}

Narvaez also said that "more work needs to be done academically in terms of teaching." He would like to see an environmental studies major or minor within the College of Arts and Letters.

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"The women's experience of sustained shame is deeply disturbing," Ensler said in an interview earlier this month.

"It's a shame that it couldn't be on campus."
Barnes hands first market crisis

New Federal Reserve chairman carefully monitoring situation on Wall Street

WASHINGTON — Ben Bernanke isn’t a rookie anymore. He’s got a year under his belt as chairman of the Fed, and he now endures his first market crisis.

Barnes trooped to a crowded hearing room on Capitol Hill Wednesday after the day the market suffered its worst sell-off since the terrorist attacks, to deliver a simple message.

He said Fed officials were carefully monitoring the situation but had not seen anything worrisome in how the market had dealt with Tuesday’s sudden decline.

His performance won praise from the lawmakers, economists and, most importantly, Wall Street’s biggest investors, who triggered a small rebound in stocks on Wednesday.

And unlike his predecessor Alan Greenspan, who would occasionally resort to his famously opaque speaking style to dodge questions he didn’t want to answer, Barnes answered every question in a straightforward way that did not leave his listeners guessing.

House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said in an interview after the hearing that Barnes had given a credible performance by being careful to keep his comments “in the bounds of what he knows.”

Saying it was Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Economy.com: “He did an excellent job. He exuded confidence.”

Zandi praised Bernanke for clearly delivering the key messages that the market was focusing on well and the Fed’s views on the economy had not changed.

That was important information because it lets investors know the big stock sell-off had not exposed any problems at major banks or brokerage houses and the Fed did not expect the sudden drop of $632 billion in paper wealth to alter the economy’s performance in a major way.

On Wall Street, investors responded by pushing the Dow Jones industrial average up by 52.39 points to close at 12,268.63, a small gain but better than Tuesday’s 416-point loss.

Bernanke succeeded Greenspan, who had been Fed chairman for 18 1/2 years, on Feb. 1, 2006. He told the House Budget Committee that there probably wasn’t just one cause for Tuesday’s sell-off.

The possible causes put forward by analysts have ranged from a record drop in China’s Shanghai index, a surprisingly weak manufacturing report in the United States and weekend comments by Greenspan that had raised the possibility of a U.S. recession by year’s end.

“There didn’t seem to be any single trigger of the market correction we saw yesterday,” Bernanke told the lawmakers, speaking in a slow, deliberate voice with his hands folded to his breast at the witness table.

Barnes let the lawmakers know he wouldn’t be led into publicly contemplating what role Greenspan’s remarks or any of the other developments had played in setting off the worst one-day point drop since Sept. 17, 2001, after the terrorist attacks.

“I don’t think it would be useful for me to try to parse the movement into the components associated with different pieces of news or pieces of information,” he said.

WellPoint Inc. appoints new CEO

NEW YORK — Mergers and consumer directed plans will be among the key drivers of WellPoint Inc.’s future growth, said Angela F. Braly, the newly appointed president and CEO of the nation’s largest health insurer on Wednesday.

“We get talent and scale from mergers,” said Braly in an interview with The Associated Press. “In two days after she was named to the job.”

Mergers constitute WellPoint’s roots. The company was formed in 1994 after Indianapolis-based Anthem Inc. acquired the assets of rival Callow-Wallace.

Braly said WellPoint would prefer to purchase Blue Cross Blue Shield plans. “We’re looking at a Blue Cross or Blue Cross Blue Shield license in 14 states — but since there aren’t any for-profit options available it would require examining various opportunities. She also noted WellPoint would explore ways to partner with the nonprofit Blue plans such as joining back office operations as a way to save money.

WellPoint’s acquisition interests tran­scend not only just health plans but also include other related companies such as those that sell dental, vision or life insur­ance, Braly said.

Two years ago, WellPoint purchased Lumenos, a company that specializes in consumer-directed plans, products that combine high deductibles with a pool of money to help consumers pay for health expenses. Some experts believe that if consumers have more of their own money at risk, they’ll make better health care choices that will ultimately bring down costs.

Braly said that creating affordable health care plans is a challenge for all insurers and that consumer directed plans are one way to create value.

“I think we have to maintain a focus on the consumer,” Braly said. But she added that insurers must continue to add ways for consumers to learn about the cost and quality of the hospitals and doctors involved in their care so they can make good choices.

Braly, a 45-year-old mother of three, will assume the top spot in June when Larry Glasscock retires. He will remain as the company’s chairman.

Some Wall Street analysts were sur­prised at Braly’s appointment, with a few expressing concern that other executives that weren’t tapped for the post might leave — most notably WellPoint CFO David C. Colby. Braly, who is currently WellPoint’s executive vice president, general counsel and chief public affairs officer, said she expects the speculation about Colby’s future to blow over soon.

“He’s been very supportive... We’re a team,” said Braly, who was in New York to meet Wall Street analysts. “We are focused on competing effectively in the market.”
engaged in promiscuous sex had feelings of regret that they felt uncomfortable admitting to, Bradley said, since they were inconsistent with Sex and the City's message that says "women can have sex like men," she said. Bradley said her Catholic identity hasn't caused problems for her in urban environments, and has actually been considered refreshing. I think people find me "strangely fascinating, or maybe fascinatingly strange," she said.

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"We didn't expect this event to answer all questions, but we hope it will start a discussion and if we do that we'll be very successful," Kaveny said before the episode began.

Panelists included: President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, Director of the Gender Studies Program Eileen Hunt Botting, Theology Department chair John Cavadini, Law School professor Margaret Brinig, "Loyal Daughters" author Emily Weisbecker and Jennie Bradley, a 2004 Notre Dame graduate currently attending Harvard Law School.

Each panelist took 10 minutes to address a specific question dealing with a certain aspect of Sex and the City with the context of a Catholic faith.

Poorman was asked what he would say to the show's characters if he were stuck in a cab with them on the way to the airport. Assuming they asked for his advice, Poorman said he would tell them he detected a profound sadness in all of you.

"The constant frustration of not having what you really want is enough to depress even the most buoyant spirit.... It's time to discover a deeper meaning by becoming engaged in activities that go beyond themselves. The characters need to reconnect with the God who gave [them] such privileged lives in the first place and spend [their] talents on people who hunger for the benefits of [their] gifts," he said.

Poorman discussed issues of feminism within the show, addressing whether or not Carrie and her friends were actually feminists or just overly affectionate about show.

"I do think that it is possible to appropriate the beauty of a pair of shoes or a beautiful piece of clothing and espouse feminist ideals," Botting said.

Though she would not classify any of the characters as fitting a particular school of thought or a particular brand of feminism, Botting said the show is able to "set forth a variety of viewpoints on different subjects and force us to ask tough questions.

Some of the tough questions, Brinig said, were what consequences real women would face if they lived like the show's characters.

"When you do things they have consequences and these women are headed for a number of them," she said.

Though "these women seem empowered women because they have jobs... because they're beautiful and because they're free," they "aren't free to be vulnerable about very much," Brinig said. "They're not free to put sex together with affection."

Cavadini also said he was concerned by how the show portrayed the role of sex in relationships.

"It is only when they can't have sex that Carrie and Big Carrie's interest arise have a real discussion," he said. "Only when they feel vulnerable in the face of sickness and death (do) they consider marriage as a likely possibility in the here and now.

Weisbecker brought a Notre Dame student perspective to the discussion.

"Students recognize that the show represents a romanticized version of life in the city," she said. "It's pretty obvious to everyone that these characters and lifestyles are not realistic."

Although Weisbecker said Notre Dame students realize that lives of promiscuous sex and exorbitant spending are unrealistic, she said Notre Dame has fallen victim in some ways to a "hookup culture."

"Even though we crave intimacy and closeness with people, we don't necessarily have the time to cultivate it," she said. "Hookup culture is the easiest way out.

Bradley shared her experiences on life beyond Notre Dame — vast from under the influence of what Weisbecker called "the whole Catholic sexual teaching thing" — and how students can remain true to values in environments that do not cater to them.

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Kids gain weight at home
Study shows parents, not school lunches, responsible for poor diets

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The nation's schools — under fire for unhealthy school lunches, well-stocked vending machines and phys ed cuts — may actually do a better job than parents in keeping children fit and trim.

A study found that 5- and 6-year-olds gained more weight over the summer than during the school year, causing doubt on the assumption that kids are more active during summer vacation.

The findings don’t reveal what’s behind the out-of-school weight gain, but the researchers speculate it’s because the summer months lack the structure of the school year with all its activities and daily comings and goings.

Doug Downey, an Ohio State University sociologist who co-authored the study, said that for many youngsters, the lazy days of summer have more impact on their weight than the restaurant meals they may eat.

He said the study seems to point to the need for parents to be more involved, as well as raising the idea of a longer-school year and more after-school programs to keep children active.

And schools should continue their efforts to promote good health, he said.

"Trying to improve the quality of school lunches, getting the soda machines out of schools — those are still good approaches. But clearly the source of children's obesity problems lies outside of the school," Downey said.

For the study, Indiana University and Ohio State researchers studied the growth rates of the body-mass indexes of 5,380 kindergarteners and first-graders. The data came from a National Center for Education Statistics survey that ran from fall 1998 through spring 2000 in 310 schools across the country.

The university sociologists discovered that the youngsters' BMIs increased on average more than twice as much during summer break compared with the school year. That increase was even greater among black and Hispanic students and kids who were overweight at the start of kindergarten.

"Kids once back in school, however, the monthly growth rate of their BMIs fell, and the growth rate gap between these and the population and the minority and overweight groups shrank, the researchers found.

The study will appear in the April issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

Betty A. Keller, a professor of exercise and sport sciences at Ithaca College in New York, said the pattern seen in the study’s snapshot of the kids’ kindergarten year, summer break, and first grade is “irregular” and does not mesh with kids’ normal growth in the pattern seen in the study’s kindergarten year, summer break, and first grade.

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Storm causes NASA to postpone launch

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA on Tuesday postponed next month's launch of space shuttle Atlantis after a hailstorm left hundreds of small dings on the spacecraft's external fuel tank.

The launch, which had been set for March 15, was pushed back to at least late April to give NASA time to make repairs.

NASA technicians planned to move the shuttle back to a giant hanger as early as this week to examine the damage and decide whether repairs can be made at the Kennedy Space Center or whether the tank needs to be returned to its manufacturer in New Orleans.

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More time offered on driver’s licenses

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is giving all 50 states more time to bring their driver’s licenses up to the standards required by a new federal law.

Responding to a revolt by governors, state legislators and members of Congress against the new Homeland Security Department rules, President George W. Bush is expected to issue a statement Thursday that will extend the May 2008 deadline set by Congress.

"There is a provision in the law permitting states, which we will of course grant to states that need more time," Secretary Michael Chertoff told reporters Wednesday.

The extended pause in response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, requires all states to bring their driver’s licenses under a national standard and to link their record-keeping systems.

"There’s vividly in my mind a picture of the Florida driver’s license Mohammed Atta carried that he used to get on an airplane to drive it into the World Trade Center," Chertoff said. "So we are doing something to get a handle on what is the principal form of identification used in this country.

The administration is issuing the rules at the same time the Senate is considering ordering a driver’s license screening as part of the Homeland Security Department’s immigration priority checks.

In January the Maine legislature overwhelmingly passed a resolution objecting to the law, and about a dozen other states have also balked at conforming with it. Several are expected to pass laws this session stopping the adoption of regulations declining to participate.

State officials have been coming under pressure to conform to the law since its enactment, saying they are afraid of losing federal money to the states.

Privacy advocates also have griped that a national database linking all the state’s systems could promote identity theft.

The digital photos, and possibly digital fingerprint, encoded on the ID cards made in the near future could make them more attractive to thieves because they would be more widely accepted, they claim.

"It’s going to be a honey pot," said Leroy Comrie, the New York state senator who chairs the Homeland Security Committee.

In New York’s resolution is not binding, but merely calls on residents to stop using the slurs.

Leaders of the nation’s largest city also have been silent on the issue.

Krush Mata, 21, of New York said he did not know the word if the city had no plans to enforce it, adding that he thinks it’s an issue of free speech.

"I don’t necessarily think people should ban the word, but it’s a derogatory term and it shouldn’t be used," he said. "It’s different from other curse words. It has a history.

Other municipalities have already passed similar measures in a debate that rose to a fever pitch last month when the star of the hit television show "The Office," actor Michael Richards spewed the word repeatedly at a comedy club.

At New York City’s Hall, supporters cheered passage of the resolution on Monday after hearing a video of the incident where Amen Joe Darby, who was performing as "The King of塑料" featuring a single white "N" with a red stroke on it.

Hip-hop pioneer Kurtis Blow Walker said when the resolution was proposed that blacks needed to stop using the word so we “can elevate our minds to a better future.”

"They’re using the word because it’s a marketing tool, that reclaiming a slur and giving it a new meaning takes away from its punch. Oscar winner Jamie Foxx, for example, said he would not stop using the word for not seeing anything inappropriate about blacks using it within their own circles.

But in the upper echelon of Richards’ outburst, black leaders including the Rev. Jesse Jackson and California Rep. Maxine Waters, like to see the spirit of the New York City resolutions. They challenged the public and the entertainment industry to stop using the word.

"I forgive those young people who do not know their history, and I blame myself and my generation for not preparing you," Councilman Albert. "But today we are going to know our history. We are not going to refer to ourselves by anything negative, the way the slave master referred to black people, using the N-word.

New York’s action resonated far beyond the city.

In Miramar, Fla., 27-year-old Alexis Cabrera said she hopes the resolution will at least make people stop and think about their use of the word.

"It’s a derogatory term no matter who uses it. Like if the KKK uses it, it’s wrong, but if 50 Cent uses it, it’s more acceptable," she said. "It’s not black and white."

In Dallas high school principal Ed Illesmo, who described himself as black and Hispanic, said he would like to see the spirit of the New York resolution spread until the word’s use is stamped out.
Gov. removes prison official

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Gov. Rick Perry removed a leader of the Texas Youth Commission on Wednesday, while the lieutenant governor angrily demanded its entire board be fired for the cover-up of sexual abuse of inmates.

In addition to removing the board’s chairman, Perry has asked it to re-examine executive director with a top official from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The Texas Senate, over which Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst presides, was unexpectedly scheduled to reconvene late Wednesday to address the concerns.

The moves come a day after an emotional hearing about investigations that found high-ranking officials at the West Texas School in Pyote had repeated sexual contact with inmates.

Perry cannot kick a board member off the panel, spokesman Ted Boyer said. But his decision to remove Pete C. Allary as chairman sends a strong signal of his displeasure with the agency’s actions.

“This agency has not been headed in the right direction, and that needs to change,” Boyer said. Commission spokesman Tim Savy did not return a telephone call seeking comment. The Associated Press also left a message at a telephone number belonging to a Pete C. Allary in Baytown, where the former chairman used to be mayor.

Lieutenant governor’s spokesman Rich Pedersen said he could not immediately comment on Perry’s actions.

Dewhurst said he made the recommendation over breakfast with the governor and House Speaker Tom Craddick.

“I want the problem solved,” he said. “This is not right.”

Facilities committee house officers ages 10 to 21 who are considered the most dangerous, incorrigible or chronic. The West Texas School State at the heart of the controversy holds 250 male inmates.

An internal investigation found that many prison staff members had committed sexual abuse to their supervisors and to officials in Austin, but that for more than a year, no one in charge did anything to stop it.

A Texas Rangers investigation in 2005 found that the prison’s assistant superintendent and the school’s principal had repeated sexual contact with inmates.

The officials involved resigned in 2005. The agency’s former executive director, Dwight Harris, resigned last week.

Neither of the investigations has produced criminal charges, though Sen. John Whitmire, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, said a special prosecutor is on the case.

The Senate panel is considering legislation that would create an independent investigator and increase youth corrections staff and training. It also would prevent the agency from housing inmates as young as 11 with inmates in their late teens and early 20s.

Inuits say pollution devastating hunting

Associated Press

IQAULLIIT, Nunavut Territory — Simon Nattaq lost both feet to frostbite when his snowmobile crashed through the ice, made thin by rising Arctic temperatures.

All his gear plunged into the water too, leaving him stranded for two days. He now walks — and still hunts — with prosthetic feet, and believes God kept him alive to warn the world about global warming.

“Today I am here because the creator allowed it,” says Nattaq, 61, a city councilor for Iqaluit, a one-time U.S. Air Force base that is today Canada’s northernmost city with 7,000 residents.

Nattaq and other Inuit, the Arctic people of the United States, Canada, Russia, and Greenland — in Alaska where they’re known as Eskimos — have been warning the world for more than a decade about the shifting winds and thinning ice. Hunting patterns thousands of years old are in jeopardy.

“Our way of life is at stake,” says Sheila Watt-Cloutier, just nominated with former U.S. Vice President Al Gore for a Nobel Peace Prize for their work on climate change.

Watt-Cloutier will argue before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Washington on Thursday that the United States, as the world’s largest emitter of greenhouse gases, is violating her people’s rights.

While for many global warming is a distant threat, for the Inuit its impact is a reality now. “I know about real people who live on top of the world,” she said this week before leaving for the hearings.

The commission, part of the Organization of American States, has no authority over the U.S. government. But Watt-Cloutier says she’s looking for a moral and political victory, to help make climate change a bigger issue in future elections.

Nattaq is one of 63 Inuit from Canada and Alaska on the OAS petition she is representing, filed on behalf of the world’s 155,000 Inuit.

An anchor sits as a memorial in Iqaluit’s stark cemetery. The field of simple white wooden crosses sits next to the frozen Frohler Bay, a massive inlet of the Labrador Sea on the southeastern corner of Baffin Island about 200 miles north of the North Pole.

Alaina pointed across the cemetery from the warden of his pickup truck. He recalled how the lessons his father taught him, handed down through generations of Inuit hunters, helped to keep him alive for three nights and four days without food or water.

“My father used to teach me how to take a layer of snow off frozen salt water and eat only the fresh snow,” said Alaina, a 40-year-old father of three boys. “We take the first top half of the snow and we make a ball out of it and put it into our mouths and let it melt. We told him not to chew the snow because it was warm when it was warm.”

The Arctic is the region of the globe hardest hit by rising temperatures. In a major report Feb. 2, a U.N.-sponsored network of scientists said some projections show the Arctic’s late-summer sea ice will disappear almost entirely in the second half of this century, unless emissions are dramatically reduced by such developed nations as the United States, which is responsible for one-fourth of the world’s greenhouse gases.

The shrinking ice cap is already forcing the polar bear, seal and walrus to migrate farther north in search of solid ice. Inuit hunters report painful scenes of stranded walrus and seal pups left to die on floating ice because their mothers are too heavy to share the rafter.

Scientists last December discovered the 41-square-mile Ayles Ice Shelf had broken loose, a matter of hours from the coast of Ellesmere Island, 500 miles from the North Pole. The ice shelf was one of six major shelves remaining in Canada’s Arctic, some locked with 3,000-year-old ice.

The Canadian weather service said last winter was the warmest on record since they began keeping records in 1948.

Watt-Cloutier hopes to put a human face on the statistics.

“There’s no heartbreak to any of those global negotiations,” said Watt-Cloutier, 53, past chair of the highly respected Inuit Circumpolar Conference. “It’s about urgency, that immediate, because we tell the story of the Inuit hunter who falls through the ice, how it’s connected to the industries, connected to the disposable world.”

Watt-Cloutier, who traveled only by dog sled when she was a child, fears her 9-year-old grandson could be from the last Inuit generation to know how to read the stars, the wind and the clouds, to hunt the food that keeps them alive. Watt-Cloutier confides in the Inuit hunters who help her keep the statistics that help them survive the elements.

“Within my grandson’s lifetime, he will lose what I had,” she said. “Actions, immediate.”

With our hunting culture may lose us, because the ice is melting so fast.
Gloom and doom in America

James Dechant
Foregone Conclusion

"I’m a Sales Rep … which means that my job is to speak to clients on the phone about, uh, quantity and type of paper, whether we can supply it for them, and whether they pay for it … and I’m boring myself talking about it." Thus spoke Tim Cantorbery, the self-deprecating everyone from the British comedy "The Office." Tim perfectly summarizes a com­mon attitude toward the modern work­place: it’s dull, boring and unfulfilling. And it’s just the paper merchants who feel that way.

The show was British, but workers on our side of The Pond share this gloomy sentiment (although the show’s American counterpart leaves down the dark hum­our). A survey conducted by The Conference Board — the marketing information company that puts out the Consumer Confidence Index — found that fewer than half of Americans feel satisfied with their jobs. This marks a low in the 20-year history of the survey. Workers under 25 have the lowest job satisfaction rating — something to look forward to after you leave the shadow of the Golden Dome.

You think, as easy as we have it, that we would find more satisfaction in our work life. In an age of unsurpassed wealth, we have more freedom than ever to pursue a livelihood of our choosing. You would expect our pride in work to reach new heights, par­alleling our financial luxu­ry — but instead, we have effec­tively trapped ourselves. We have a con­sumer’s market that drives on the pos­sion and consumption of property and material goods. 21st-century media controls our collective fantasies, all our desires align and we all want the same things. More "stuff" must be produced to meet our demands, and this whole process requires an economic infrastructure to support it.

Enter our depressing modern economy, an indisputable force of powerful sway and infinite reach. Its army is the work­force, soldiers shooting slacks and white shirts and ties. As we dread our impending future of dark grey business suits and cold white office walls, where only water­cooler small talk breaks the monotony of boring days, that future has already arrived. All the tech-sector commercials you see on television advertising an exciting and hip world of work and excitement merely paint a pretty face on the unenvi­movable reality underlying. These jobs aren’t hip and young and exciting; they dull your senses, suffle your creativity and suppress your originality.

Our jobs fail to interest us because they lack human interaction, a problem in turn stimu­lates our document acquiescence and unchecked consumption of material goods. The cultural zeitgeist reflects this by prompting such dark art as "The Office" or the also aptly-named 1999 movie "Office Space." That film’s anti-hero, Peter Gibbons, has an awakening and realizes his job is boring and his life meaningless.

"Human beings were not meant to sit in little cubicles staring at computer screens all day, filling out useless forms and lis­tening to eight different bosses drone on about mission statements," he vows.

Peter finds true happiness in the film only when he stops caring about work and starts enjoying himself by getting a girlfriend, going fishing and sleeping in. "Office Space" took aim at the tech sec­tor’s zombie-like stupor, and succeeded because that niche’s "hip" advertisements strayed so far from reality that they became easy targets for mockery. People like Peter Gibbons and many, many others these days — hate their jobs. We’re so sun­dered from work creating objects for a real pur­pose, so far removed from jobs with a real connection to the service procured, that we can’t possibly take pride in our work. We never see the faces of the people we serve. When the service-consumption equation lacks human interaction, when all we do is produce goods to be con­sumed and place our materialist desires, when we’re constantly reduced to cogs in the corporate machine, we can never expect satisfaction from our jobs and we can’t help but feel depressed.

I’m not saying factory workers, paper merchants or software engineers are evil. People need money and jobs to support their families. The economy is a created structure, and those are the jobs it offers. In break out of this cycle of work-con­sume-repeat, we must end our fixation on the amalgations of material goods. If we see that, the need for so many faceless jobs declines, and the economy shifts to adapt. Just imagine if every factory job was turned into a humanitarian effort dedicat­ed toward providing medical aid to the sick or food to the hungry. Fewer DVD players, sure, but much happier workers.

Why should we care about this at Notre Dame? Because factory workers aren’t the ones hoarding those material goods — they often don’t have the option. That sine lies at the feet of the upper class, the wealthy, the privileged. We hate to admit it, but at Notre Dame, that means us. We are the ones that must use our gifts for others’ benefit, with the responsi­bility to change our ways and curb our material desires. This change can filter from the top economical strata of society all the way down to the lower fringes — and maybe then we would start seeing more humanitarian work.

When you walk around campus, note all the iPads and funky phones, the designer clothes and keys to deluxe cars. Imagine how the economy would change if we checked our luxury desires. Jobs could focus more on human interaction instead of production of mass goods. People could find more happiness and more interper­sonal connection in their work. It won’t be easy — but as David Brent of "The Office" said, quoting another famous philosopher: "You want the rainbow, you’ve gotta put up with the rain."

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Have you noticed that the days are growing longer? Not, as might wish, in total hours per day, that's still stuck at 24. However, we are at least getting a little light. As you'll hear in Luke's gospel on Good Friday as Jesus hung dying there was now about noon and darkness came again and again, because it's the work of a lifetime — to renew our baptismal promises at Easter and to live out those promises in our lives. Perhaps your mom used to tell you (as mine told me, and as I tell my own kids) that "no one can 'make' you do anything." This universal "mom response" to kids brought to face the music — "I wasn't going to do it, but he made me!" — has been repeated through so many places and generations because our parents, who love us, want us to become who God truly means us to be, not just to follow the crowd to the latest attraction or distraction. If we can imagine that God loves us even infinitely more than that, and wants us to become a part of the Body of Christ on earth, we can begin to understand why the story of the Transfiguration matters; why Lent matters. As the Transfiguration hints at, and the Resurrection tells us definitively, Jesus gives us the power to be light in darkness, which no one can take away from us. Jesus uses the power of love, no matter what happens to him, to save the world, and he gives that to us as well.

During this Lent as the light begins to push back the night each morning and evening, try contributing your own light to the effort. Become the light of Christ wherever you find darkness in the world around you.

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DVD REVIEW

Ferrell's 'Fiction' filled with laughs, love

By TAE ANDREWS
Assistant Scene Editor

Hilarity ensues as Ferrell yells at his toothbrush, attempts to contact the omnipotent author of his life, and Eventually, his trusty wristwatch. He yells at everything he does to the exact count and his music is remarkably consistent. He grows up too quickly and he overdoes it. He knows that something is wrong, but he can't put his finger on it. The listener gets the feeling of just not fitting.

Everett Collection

The Ataris haven't grown up yet. They have the same sense of style, the same music like an oversized sweatshirt you can claim as their own.

Sanctuary Records

The Ataris' latest album not a 'welcome' addition

By CHRIS McGARDY
Assistant Scene Editor

The Ataris have developed a large fan base since their 1997 debut, but "Welcome the Night" is a far cry from where they began and may drive fans away.

The Ataris

Welcome the Night

Sanctuary Records

Recommended tracks: 'The Driftwood Sinner' and 'The Cheyenne Line'

Realistically, this band shouldn't be making this type of music, not yet. The sound just gives off the feeling that the notes coming from the speakers shouldn't be coming from The Ataris. It is natural, and actually great, for a band to mature over time. The great modern rock bands — Incubus, The Killers, or (a bit further back) U2 — all changed their sound over the course of their albums. The difference, however, is that with those bands, the change was moderate and slow and eased the listener in until they were ready.

The Ataris have a preposterous premise (is it art imitating art imitating life, or is it art imitating art determining life?), the film is a change of pace. It's often said that real life is "stranger than fiction." Oddly enough, for a film that has a preposterous premise fit it art imitating art imitating life, or is it art imitating art determining life?, "Stranger Than Fiction" not only rings true, but is as warm and likeable as a fresh batch of chocolate chip cookies.

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Photo courtesy of timemebb.com

Harold Crick (Will Ferrell) and Ana Pascal (Maggie Gyllenhaal) develop a romantic relationship while he audits her bakery in "Stranger Than Fiction."

Ferrell fans used to knee-slapping and haw-hawing at every line he drops (and then subsequently regurgitating those lines ad nauseum to friends and family), the film is a change of pace.
By ERIN McGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

Saying farewell to ‘The OC’ hard for fans

Dearly Beloved, we are gathered here today to memorialize the death of a close friend. Last Thursday brought us, as Seth Cohen would say, to the end of an era as “The OC” bid the campus farewell.

We all knew that the show was coming to an end. Yet, the sadness and shock of knowing that the characters we have grown to love will no longer grace our screens is overwhelming.

The series began four years ago, in September 2003, and has been a staple of our teenage years. Ryan Atwood, Marissa Cooper, Seth Cohen and Summer Roberts became the star icons of teen culture starting in 2003 on “The OC,” which ended last week.

The first season was a great success, and fans eagerly awaited to see what would come next for their beloved Newport crew. The second season brought new faces, with the introductions of Alex and Lindsay, as well as Ryan’s troubled brother Trey. Although fans held high hopes, “The OC” didn’t shine nearly as bright as it did during its first season. Aided by Marissa experimented with her sexual orientation, Lindsay was (in)conveniently discovered to be related to the Cohens and Trey already killed Ryan.

With the beginning of the third season, “The OC” was starting to lose the fans that were so enamored with the show’s first season. The charm and character that was such a mainstay of early episodes had greatly diminished. With the death of Marissa at the end of the season, fans left in droves, and the fans that stayed worried about the future of the series.

At the same time, another show was gaining momentum, one that would eventually lead to the death of “The OC’s” Grey’s Anatomy.” While “The OC” was losing ground, “Grey’s Anatomy” was rapidly picking up a large fan base. When “The OC” returned for its fourth season, it was in direct competition with the medical phenomenon.

Although few of their fans remained, the show returned to its roots and produced some of the best episodes to date. It was nice to see “The OC” restore the luster of its brilliant first season. Unfortunately, it couldn’t survive against Grey’s.” Fox tried to move it to Wednesday, but that placed it against the other title, “LOST.” Fox isn’t exactly known for its support of promising young shows (see: “Family Guy,” “Arrested Development” and “Firefly”) and early in 2007 they declared that “The OC” would be coming to a close.

The final episode, aired last Thursday, did the show justice, and cemented its legacy. Flashes of scenes from the first season, of Ryan in the Cohen’s house for the first time or of seeing Marissa in the driveway, were heartwrenching and nostal­gic for fans.

Although “The OC” might be off the air, it will certainly live forever in the hearts of its fans. Heroes named Princess Sparkle and Captain Oats, true love atop a coffee cart and the further adventures of Kid Chino, Little Miss Vixen and The Irons are unlikely to be forgotten, at least in this television lifetime or the next.

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Photo courtesy of MTV

REVIEW

Final ‘OC Mix’ heads for cover with hit songs

By ERIN McGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

One of the numerous highlights of “The OC” was the strength and quality of its soundtrack. Each episode used a variety of current hits, as well as songs from less well-known bands that became popular due to their exposure on the show. On top of using these songs as background music, “The OC” frequently incorporated performances by bands such as Rooney and The Killers into episodes.

“The OC Mix 6: Covering Our Tracks” is the final soundtrack collection from the television show. This mix is unique because it is a collection of covers from songs that previously played a role on the television show.

In each episode of “The OC,” the songs are often as integral to the storyline as the dialogue, frequently adding a new dimension or highlighting an element of the plot. Because these individual songs play such an intertwining role with a specific plot element, the covers of these songs playing in an episode not only create their own unique moment but also evoke the memories and emotions of when the original song played. This is true, in most of the cases.

The album opens with Goldspot’s cover of “Float On,” originally recorded by Modest Mouse. While Modest Mouse’s version would typically be considered a happy song, the cover by Goldspot is infinitely happier and catchier than the original version. After hearing the Goldspot version it’s difficult to even remember the tune to the original song. This version of “Float On” was prominently featured in “The Sleeping Beauty,” when Taylor tries to be Ryan’s sleep therapist.

Not all of the covers take on a happier spin. Mates of State covered Kid Cudi’s “Daytona,” which ended up on Kid Cudi’s album. Mates of State’s version is also a tad bit slower and more drawn-out than the original version, while still being greatly enjoyable to listen to. Their cover was featured in last season’s New Year’s special, “The Earth Girls Are Easy.”

Not all the covers appear as shiny and new as the aforementioned ones. “Come Into Our Room” by The M’s and John Paul White’s cover of “Can’t Get It Out Of My Head” are hardly arranged any differently from the original versions, and are even slightly weaker than their source material.

While not everything on “The OC Mix 6: Covering Our Tracks” stands out, there are definitely enough strong songs to make this album a worthwhile purchase. It is also a great way to end the solid collection of covers that make up the soundtracks for “The OC.”

It’s absolutely necessary for fans of the show and those who enjoy the music that defined — and was defined by — “The OC.”

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Various Artists

The OC Mix 6: Covering Our Tracks

Warner Bros. / Wea

Recommended tracks: “Float On” and “Smile Like You Mean It”

The Killers perform their song “Smile Like You Mean It” at the Ball Spot during the second season of “The OC.” Their song is one of many covered on “The OC Mix 6.”

Photo courtesy of MTV
**NBA**

**Shaq takes over as Miami downs Washington**

Iguodala scores 24 points and Willie Green adds 20 more as Philadelphia takes care of business against Phoenix

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Shaquille O'Neal took over the game in the fourth quarter, assuming command of the paint by scoring 10 of his season-high 23 points to lead the Miami Heat in a 92-83 victory Wednesday night over the Washington Wizards.

In a game without Dwyane Wade, Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison, who missed time earlier this month with Gilbert Arenas having another poor shooting night, O'Neal was the unstoppable star when it mattered most. He scored all 12 of Miami's points over a 13-minute span, using a variety of moves against helpless Wizards center Gordon Hayward.

When Eddie Jones hit a 3-pointer with 1:12 to play, it broke the all-Shaq Miami parade and gave the Heat a nine-point lead, essentially sealing the game. Meanwhile, the Wizards were absolutely cold at the other end, shooting 7-for-26 in the fourth quarter of their fourth straight loss.

O'Neal, carrying much of the load while Wade is out with a shoulder injury, finished 11-for-17 from the field and also had 10 rebounds and four assists. He would have scored more had he not missed six of seven free throws.

Jason Williams also scored 23 points, and Udonis Haslem had 12 points and 16 rebounds for the Heat, who are 2-2 since Wade's injury. Wade is scheduled to get a second opinion Thursday to determine whether he should have season-ending surgery.

Arenas, basically a one-man band for the third straight game because of injuries to Butler (back) and Jamison (knee), scored 15 points on 3-for-18 shooting. He is 14-for-61 over his last three games. He missed all eight of his three-point attempts and has made only 19 of his last 101 3-pointers, a skill he once had and put to rest after his last 25th birthday.

**Philadelphia 99, Phoenix 94**

Andre Iguodala scored 24 points, Willie Green had 20 and the Philadelphia 76ers never trailed Wednesday night in win over the Phoenix Suns, who lost on the road to an Eastern Conference team for the first time.

The Suns won their first 14 on the road against East teams and failed in their bid to become the first team to sweep its road games against the opposite conference. It was also the first time the Suns failed to even hold a lead.

With the Suns playing without Shawn Marion and Boris Diaw, the Sixers were able to pull off their most impressive win of what's mostly been a miserable season.

Amare Stoudemire had 31 points and 12 rebounds, and Steve Nash scored 23 points. Marion sat out his first game of the season because of a bruised right hand and bruised left quadriiceps suffered against Indiana on Tuesday night. Wade had back spasms.

So the Suns matched the only other team that finished with one road loss against the opposite conference: The 1982-83 Sixers who went on to win the NBA championship. And the star point guard on that title team? Current Sixers coach Maurice Cheeks.

**Boston 102, New York 94**

Gerald Green scored 10 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter, including seven straight after Boston had finished blowing a 25-point lead, helping the Celtics beat the New York Knicks on Wednesday night.

At Jefferson had 26 points and nine rebounds and Paul Pierce added 24 points for the Celtics, who won two in a row for the first time since winning five straight Dec. 9-16. After that, they lost 25 of 27 games, including 18 straight losses that set a franchise record and made a run at the NBA mark of 24.

Rajon Rondo had nine rebounds and eight assists for the Celtics in their first game in Boston since former point guard Dennis Johnson died last week at the age of 52. The Celtics observed a moment of silence in his memory, and even former teammate Isaiah Thomas paid tribute.

Quentin Richardson scored 24 and Stephen Marbury had 23 for the Knicks, who entered the night in 10th place, two games out of the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

New York came back from a 23-point deficit in the first half and led 88-87 with just under five minutes left when Eddy Curry, who scored 16, made a hook shot. But Green took over, and didn't even need to call on one of the trick shots that helped him win the NBA slam dunk contest.

**Utah 104, Memphis 88**

Carlos Boozer had 24 points and 16 rebounds, and reserve Matt Harpring added 25 points to lead the Utah Jazz to a 104-88 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday night.

Boozer shot 12-of-16 from the field and Harpring was 7-of-12, helping Utah overcome early shooting woes and finish the game at 54 percent.

Paul Gasol led Memphis with 28 points and 13 rebounds. But he had only six points after halftime, missing six of his seven shots.

Mike Miller added 17 points for Memphis, while Haslam Warrick finished with 13.

Utah, which trailed by as many as 16 in the first half, pulled even in the third, and put together a 33-10 run spanning the third and fourth quarters to build the lead to 95-77. From there, Utah maintained the advantage for its ninth win in the last 11 outings.

**New Orleans 107, Atlanta 100**

Chris Paul had 24 points, 13 in the fourth quarter, Tyson Chandler added 18 points and 13 rebounds, and the New Orleans Hornets beat the Atlanta Hawks Wednesday night.

B.J. Brown scored 19 points and David West 17 for the Hornets, who began the night a half-game behind the Los Angeles Clippers in the race for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Joe Johnson led the Hawks with 27 points. Josh Smith had 17 points and nine rebounds.

New Orleans outscored the Hawks 30-12 at the free throw line and sealed the victory by going 7-of-8 from there in the final 32 seconds. Paul had two big 12-second drives left after Atlanta had gotten within 103-100 on a 3-pointer by Salim Stoudamire.

After two jumpers by the Hawks' Anthony Johnson had tied the score at 96, the Hornets put together a 10-0 run capped by an alley-oop dunk by Chandler on an assist from Paul. Then scorer the Hornets' next six points and assisted on another basket. He finished with eight assists.

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**NCAA Baseball**

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**PGA TOUR**

Honda Classic
3 p.m., The Golf Channel

**NBA**

Clippers at Sonics
10:30 p.m., TNT

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Matthews implicated in steroids ring

ORLANDO, Fla. — Athletes were involved as customers in an illicit steroid distribution network that led authorities to raid two Orlando pharmacies and arrest four company officials, a New York prosecutor said.

Albany County (N.Y.) District Attorney P. David Soares refused to identify any steroid recipients, saying prosecutors were focused on producers and distributors.

Customers allegedly include Los Angeles Angels outfielder Gary Matthews Jr., according to the Times Union of Albany, which first disclosed the investigation, citing unidentified sources.

The paper said the names of Matthews, along with former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield and college baseball star Jose Canseco were allegedly included on customer lists for Applied Pharmacy Services in Mobile, Ala. The two own- ers have been indicted by an Albany County grand jury.

Matthews, speaking to reporters at the Angels’ spring training camp in Mesa, Ariz., said he wasn’t “in a position to answer any specific questions.”

“I do expect it to resolve itself here in the near future,” he said Wednesday.

Canseco’s attorney, Robert Saukweke, told The Associated Press he would be surprised if the former slugger had been a client.

“I would find it highly unlikely,” Saukweke said.

“All the steroids that he got were prescribed to him or were from people in the gym. There’s never been anything he’s gotten online.”

Saukweke added that neither he nor Canseco had been contacted by any investigators in the case.

"Just Senator Mitchell," he said, referring to base- ball’s ongoing investiga- tion into steroids.

A message left with Holyfield was not immediately returned.

The Times Union said investigators found evidence that testosterone and other performance-enhancing drugs may have been fraudulently prescribed over the Internet to current and former Major League Baseball and NFL players, college athletes, high school coaches, a former Mr. Olympia champion and another top contender in the bodybuilding com- petition.

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Ravens cut Lewis four years after 2,000-yard season

Jamaal Lewis, whose 2,066 yards rushing in 2003 were the second most in NFL history, was cut by the Baltimore Ravens on Wednesday.

Lewis was one of several players released as teams maneuvered to find salary cap space before the free-agent period started Friday. However, the Ravens said they are still attempting to re-sign Lewis.

Among the other name players cut were Cincinnati linebacker Brian Simmons; Minnesota quarterback Brad Johnson, a 15-year veteran, and wide receiver Eric Moulds, who played for Houston last season after 10 years in a standout with Buffalo.

The 27-year-old Lewis, the NFL’s offensive player of the year after his big season, had slipped in recent years and rushed for 1,132 yards last season with just a 3.6 average. His problems were due to injuries and perhaps a term in prison in the 2005 offseason.

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Activists, NCAA president discuss lack of black coaches

WASHINGTON — The lack of black head coaches in college football was lamented in powerful language Wednesday by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, NCAA president Myles Brand and congressmen from both parties.

“When African-American coaches do well, we’re delighted,” Jackson told a House subcommittee. “Only the ignorant are surprised.”

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Attorneys for Nifong defend procedures in Duke case

RALEIGH, N.C. — The former prosecutor in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case did not intentionally break ethics rules, his attorneys argued Wednesday as they sought to keep him from being disbarred.

Attorneys for District Attorney Mike Nifong acknowledged that he made many of the comments the state bar deemed misleading and inflammatory. But they denied that Nifong intentionally withheld DNA evidence from defense attorneys — the most serious of the ethics charges faced by the veteran prose- cutor.

“A lot of people have been rushing to judgment on both the underlying case and this case,” attorney Dudley Win said. “I think you will find that he didn’t do anything wrong.”

Nifong’s attorneys made the state- ments in a 50-page response to the bar’s complaint.

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**Law enforcement officials raid Signature Pharmacy in Orlando Tuesday, after a New York state grand jury investigation into Internet drug sales. Four pharmaceutical officers were arrested and several MLB players were implicated.**
**NHL**

**Rosters finalized after trade flurry**

New York — Now that the traded players are in place, NHL coaches must quickly make them fit.

Swaps for the playoff push are only as good as the wins they produce. After a furious day of wheeling and dealing Tuesday, the time has come to bring old and new players together into a cohesive mix for a run toward the Stanley Cup.

"What we were trying to identify was we needed a little bit more leadership in the room," San Jose Sharks coach Ron Wilson said after the acquisition of top forward Bill Guerin from St. Louis. "We actually don't have anybody on our team, outside of Billy now, who's played on a Stanley Cup champion."

Entering play Wednesday, only seven of the 30 NHL clubs were more than 10 points below the playoff cutoff. Some, such as Edmonton and Florida, fell into that range but used deadline day to work toward the future.

The rest hope to catch a spark in the final five weeks of the regular season.

"It sends a clear message to our players that we believe in our team," Wilson said. "We think that by adding Bill it makes us even stronger in our push to try and win a Stanley Cup this year."

Only defending champion Carolina, Montreal and Vancouver were inactive in the final six hours before the swapping stopped. Each made deals, however, in the days leading up to the deadline. There were a record-tying 25 trades Tuesday involving 44 players.

Edmonton created the biggest stir by sending favorite forward Ryan Smyth to the New York Islanders 20 minutes before the deadline. Smyth became the face of the franchise during his 11-plus seasons with the Oilers.

But his pending unrestricted free agency and the inability for the left winger and the team to reach a new contract in time forced general manager Kevin Lowe to move him.

Smyth had a tearful goodbye at the Edmonton airport before boarding a flight to Long Island on Wednesday. Dubbed "Captain Canada," the 34-year-old Smyth has gone from being the most popular Canadian on a Canadian team to a newcomer in New York.

"Any time you're with one organization for as long as Ryan has, there's certainly going to be a little bit of sadness leaving an organization that he grew up with," coach Ted Nolan said. "To fly him overnight and get him down here and put a New York Islanders jersey on him, that's not going to make him an Islander right away."

"It's going to take some time to adjust, to adapt and all the things of a normal learning curve."

"New York paid an expensive price to land Smyth, the Oilers' leading scorer who could walk away at season's end. But by giving up two prospects and this year's first-round draft choice, the deal brought in an impact player without causing a roster ripple."

"That's one of the things we looked at," Nolan said. "Usually you have to give up one or two players from your roster to make a trade. Sometimes that can have an effect in the dressing room. One thing I have to say about our team, we've got some real good character-type of guys."

"To make a move like this with no disruption in the room, I think that's as important as getting Ryan here."

The Islanders faced a similar dilemma as the Oilers. Top scorer Jason Blake was on the block because of his impending free-agent status and for recently going public with contract demands.

But New York held onto him, and Blake responded with a hat trick hours after the deadline in a 6-5 victory over Philadelphia. He has a career-high 32 goals and will be a key factor in determining whether the Islanders hang onto eighth place in the Eastern Conference and get into the playoffs after a one-year absence.

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**NASCAR**

**Suspended crew chiefs return for special race**

Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Robbie Reiser was so anxious to get back to the track, he struggled to fall asleep. Kenny Francis batted a bit of nervousness.

The crew chiefs received a temporary reprieve from their four-race suspensions this week when NASCAR allowed them to participate in the two-day Car of Tomorrow test at Bristol Motor Speedway. Both have been side-lined since Feb. 13, when NASCAR docked the points of the Daytona 500 in a cheating scandal that snared five teams.

Reiser, crew chief for 2003 series champion Matt Kenseth, and Francis, crew chief for Kasey Kahne, also were fined $50,000 each. Both drivers also were docked 50 points as NASCAR took the unprecedented step of taking points before the season started.

The crew chiefs will go before an appeals committee next week, as they attempt to portions of the penalties — including the points — reduced. But they aren’t fighting the suspensions, so the COT test was the first time they have been permitted in the garage.

“I am a pretty old guy and I have been doing this a long time, and this is going to sound stupid, but I almost couldn’t sleep last night,” Reiser said Wednesday. “I was so anxious to get back to work before we had a chance to start the season. It’s been since February since we started the program. When you look at the core group, that kind of team together, and you look at it on TV you just think ‘That’s the way it’s supposed to be.’

“But it’s tough not being there. There’s no way around that.”

So Reiser couldn’t wait to get back into the action this week — albeit briefly. He has two more races to sit out before he’s cleared to return for the March 25 race here.

“Did you ever have a Lab, a hunting dog? The kind you keep in a cage all year long and you only let it out when you go hunting? That was Robbie this morning,” Kenseth said. “His tail was wagging and he was ready to go. Coming runnined the garage.

“Things were a little more subdued with Francis and Kahne, who were eager to get some work in and get their program back on track. Although Kahne was seventh at Daytona, an engine failure led to his 38th-place finish in California.

The points finish and the loss of points has Kahne sitting 32nd in the standings right now.

**MLB**

**Wainwright, Cardinals back in action after short offseason**

Big leaguers in full swing as exhibition games get under way

Associated Press

Adam Wainwright threw the final pitch of last season and one of the first at spring training this year.

Wainwright, who closed out the St. Louis Cardinals’ World Series win in October, opened his bid for a job in his team’s rebuilt rotation with three hitless innings Wednesday in a 6-3 victory over the Florida Marlins.

Wainwright earned the win on the first day of exhibition play between major league teams since last one and a half year ago. But he still needed only 30 pitches — 15 strikes — to get through the first three innings, facing 10 batters.

He did some things well to get some first-pitch outs, but I did a lot of things I’ll need to improve on,” he said. “All in all it was a good first time.”

Manager Tony La Russa agreed.

“I thought he was great,” La Russa said. “He was impressive, just the way he has been since his first day he started throwing down here. I mean, he wants that job.”

Wainwright will likely be a starter this season, unless closer Jason Isringhausen has a setback in his rehabilitation from hip surgery. Wainwright filled in for an injured Isringhausen last October, allowed no earned run in 9 2-3 postseason innings and saved the clinching games against the New York Mets in the NL championship series and the Detroit Tigers in the World Series.

“Feels like three days away,” Wainwright said. “No off-season — I spent a lot of time with these guys. But at the same time, my thinking was it was a million years away. I’m really trying not to forget that.”

“I feel I haven’t proved anything yet. I have to prove myself all over again as a starter.”

Adam Wainwright St. Louis pitcher

“There is no pain at all, no sharp pain, just one pitch where it caught right away,” Jenkins said. “That is why I called Ozzie out there. There is nothing wrong with it. It is just tight. I couldn’t get the extension, and I can’t accelerate through the ball because I have no range right now.”

Jenkins is in his second full year with the White Sox. He said the tightness had been there since he arrived at spring training.

“Coming into camp there was a little tightness back there, but I have been working all spring to loosen up my shoulder. I had no inter nal rotation,” Jenkins said. “The combination of that and today using bad mechanics of dropping my elbow was not good. It caught the back of my shoulder and tightened it up, but there is nothing to worry about.”

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., New York Mets’ Bickey Oliver Perez hit a Sports Illustrated photographer on a leg with one of his warmup pitches. His control improved, his results did not.

Perez walked only one batter in two innings, but gave up four runs and five hits as the Mets lost 5-4 to the Tigers.

“I got pretty good,” said the photographer, John Faison, who was shooting from near the backstop before the game.

“At the last minute, I saw it coming. I turned my left leg just enough so I didn’t get it head on.”

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**Matt Kenseth’s pit crew refuels his car at the Auto Club Speedway. Crew chief Robbie Reiser will rejion the team this weekend.**

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Jesse Jackson upset with lack of black coaches

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Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act makes it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of race.

The criticism of the colleges comes after a Super Bowl in which both teams were led by black coaches: Tony Dungy of the Indianapolis Colts and Lovie Smith of the Chicago Bears. The NFL has made significant strides in hiring black coaches in recent years following the implementation of the "Rooney Rule," which forces any team seeking a coach to interview at least one minority.

But at the college level, there are staggeringly few blacks in charge. Of the 119 Division I-A schools, only six have black head football coaches. There are even fewer in the lower divisions: five in Division I-AA, two in Division II and one in Division III. The figures exclude historically black colleges.

In addition, there are only 12 black athletic directors in Division I-A, and not a single major conference commissioner is black.

"Sadly, if the pace of progress remains the same, it will be approximately 80 years before we reach a percentage of coaches that even approaches the number of African-Americans in the general population," Brand told the House Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. "This is not only unacceptable, this is unconscionably wrong."

The NCAA lacks the power to tell its schools whom to hire — or even whom to interview — so Brand has sought to influence them in other ways.

The Black Coaches Association's annual report card on minority hiring has added some transparency to the process, and the NCAA has set up academies for potential coaches.

But those measures haven't been enough to break through the network that picks a new coach. The president, athletic director, search committee, board of trustees and deep-pocketed boosters all seem to have a voice, and often they like to play it safe by hiring established coaches.

"Changing such a culture is difficult, but Brand doesn't think the NCAA needs is its own Rooney Rule to do so," she said.

"I think we have all the tools in place," Brand said. "What we don't have is talent. Excellent African-American coaches brought into the informal networks of athletic directors and others who are making the final recommendations. We need to find a way to open up that closed circle."

Kansas State athletic director Tim Weiser, who hired a black coach two years ago, suggested giving financial incentives to schools who hire minorities, but several witnesses went in the other direction, saying the force of law is needed to tear down racial barriers.

"History has proven that in order for any significant progress to be made in eradicating a social injustice, legal action has been the catalyst for change," said Floyd Keith, president of the Black Coaches Association.

Change could come in dramatic fashion if Lapchick and Keith succeed with their plans to file a Title VII lawsuit, which Lapchick said could happen in a year or so. They are looking for the right case, one backed by a discriminated coach willing to take a stand.

The Title IX lawsuits decades ago revolutionized women's sports, and it was the threat of a lawsuit from Johnnie Cochran and Cyrus Mehri several years ago that prompted the NFL to institute the Rooney Rule.

NBA

Celtics broadcaster apologizes for sexist remarks about ref

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston Celtics radio analyst Cedric Maxwell apologized on the air Wednesday night for saying that a female referee should "go back to the kitchen" after he disagreed with one of her calls.

Maxwell made the comment during the Celtics' 77-72 victory over the Houston Rockets on Monday. He subsequently said "Go in there and make me some bacon and eggs, would you?" in reference to referee Violet Palmer.

"If I said anything that might have been insensitive or sexist in any way, then I apologize because she worked extremely hard to get where she is now, end of quote," Maxwell said before the Celtics' game against the New York Knicks on WEEI-AM, which is owned by Entercom Communications.

"This really has been a firestorm," he added later. Maxwell's co-commentator, Sean Grande, followed his apology by saying their show would not change.

"We are not changing the way we do our jobs because of the tendency of media outlets to present people's comments in a way that serves their story," Grande said.

Maxwell declined further comment, following the on-air exchange.

Jason Wolfe, Entercom's vice president of AM programming and operations in Boston, said the station does not condone Maxwell's comments, which he called a poor attempt at humor.

"Cedric is an excellent analyst and has been an exemplary employee in the more than 10 years I've known and worked with him," Wolfe said in a statement. Entercom owns WEEI and WRKO-AM. Celtics games are usually broadcast on WRKO, but Monday and Wednesday night's games were on WEEI.

Maxwell is a former Celtics player and the MVP of the 1981 finals, won by Boston 4-2 over the Rockets. The team retired his number in 2003.

Entercom fired former WRKO talk show host John DePetro in November after he called Green Party gubernatorial candidate Grace Ross a "fat lesbian" on the air. DePetro later apologized.
Longhorns edge Aggies in double overtime win

Texas takes down rival for chance at Big 12 title against Kansas

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Maryland 85, Duke 77

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BENGAL BOUTS

Ward outlasts Frisch to win St. Ed’s showdown

Captains Stypula and Hansen advance with unanimous decisions

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

165 lbs — Preston “Punch Through” Carter def. Matt Cimino
Carter had more stamina than Cimino and was able to penetrate his defenses for the unanimous win. The first round was intense and filled with aggression as both fighters threw a lot of punches. Cimino’s left hook kept him out of trouble in the second round, during which both fighters began to tire. Carter took advantage of their exhaustion in the third round and landed some big punches to put the match away.

165 lbs. — Michael Smith def. Jon “Duck” Kelly
Smith advanced over Kelly after the referee stopped the fight in the second round. He continued, but another barrage from Smith and another stoppage, the referee stopped the fight.

170 lbs. — Steve “Ogie” Hansen def. Stephen Klein
Klein made use of his size and reach advantages with solid defense and body shots, but Hansen landed good shots in the first round. Hansen’s left hook was on in the second round — ducking a Klein attempt and coming back with four quick shots. Both fighters were replaced in the third round, landing some solid shots to Klein’s opponent’s head. Klein was somewhat defensive, and Hansen capitalized on opportunities when Klein did throw a punch.


175 lbs. — Mike “Double Fist” Lee def. Mike Cimino
Lee put down Cimino in a third-round, referee-stopped contest.

Lee’s footwork put him in better position to throw powerful punches in the third round. Lee had more power and quickness than Cimino. The second round saw some confusion over proper etiquette following a standing eight count. But there was no confusion when Lee landed after a Cimino attack, dropped his opponent to the mat. Lee again took over the match in the third round, which culminated in a barrage of punches and a left hook that forced the referee to stop the fight.

175 lbs — Andrew “Rage” Massari def. Greg “Busta” Brown
Massari’s left hook worked well in the first round, but it was his right that put Brown on the deck in the first round, allowing Burns to land many strong shots to the head. Burns’ left hook caught Nanovic twice in the third round, causing the fight both times.

180 lbs. — Leo Rubinkowski def. John Soltis
Rubinkowski gave Soltis some problems with his right-handed jab in the first round, a punch that set up his strong left cross. Soltis landed three consecutive rights, but Rubinkowski countered with a left that knocked Soltis off balance. Soltis’ aggressive style in the second round flustered Rubinkowski, but Rubinkowski’s reach advantage prevented him from doing any damage. Rubinkowski landed a solid left hook that ended the fight midway through the third round.

Heavyweight — Stu “Man Eater” Stypula def. Karl Kadin
Stypula joined off-campus roommates Hennig and Oglethorpe as he advanced to the finals with an unanimous decision victory over Kadin.

Burns put away Nanovic with an unanimous win.

Nanovic’s weak defense hurt him in this fight. Burns’ defense was strong and didn’t allow any of Nanovic’s jabs to open the door in the first round. Nanovic’s low hands cost him in the second round, allowing Burns to land many strong shots to the head. Burns’ left hook caught Nanovic twice in the third round, causing the fight both times.

Super Heavyweight — Patrick “Funk” McNerney def. Cole Davis
McNerney tore through Davis en route to the finals, as the referee stopped the fight in the second round.

Both fighters made effective use of body shots in the first round. McNerney finally got his hook to land in the second, delivering a powerful shot that bloodyed Davis’ face.

McNerney did a good job of avoiding Davis’ right hook during the fight, only allowing one to catch his head. Davis’ bloody nose caused the referee to stop the fight at the beginning of the second round.

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Men's volleyball falls to No.1 Notre Dame

by Ken Nistler

Notre Dame swept their opening weekend with a 5-0 victory over Western Michigan, again winning all six games. The Irish opened up early to beat the defending national champions.

Notre Dame then faced No. 1 Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the defending national champions. The Irish started the match strong, holding an early lead, but ran into a dogfight from the Titans. Despite a lengthy string of points, the Irish were able to take the match with a 22-25 second set victory.

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Sagar Navare de, Will Mama

Navare, an off-campus senior, received a unanimous decision over Marra in an offensive showcase.

In one corner, a series of combinations being thrown by both fighters, as the beginning minutes became a stalemate. Marra, a junior from Zahn, was able to land some punches of his height and larger reach.

The second round started with several more exchanges of a close contest. Navare landed several powerful hooks to go along with his jab.

Navare started the third round by landing some nice jab-hook combinations to start. After more exchanges, Marra's corner needed to clear some blood dripping from the fighter's nose. Navare proceeded to land more punches to the face as he punched his ticket to Saturday's finals.

132 lb.

Paul Oddy de, Chris Lee

In a patient and defensive fight, the senior from Dillon fell short to Paul Oddy, a sophomore from Kronan who won unanimously.

The first round saw the fighters exchange a few shots with Oddy displaying superior technique, able to avoid mixing up Lee's punches with landings several power punches. Oddy also showed great footwork while countering punches from the junior early on.

The second round started with a quick change, with Oddy landing the majority of punches. However, Oddy quickly adjusted to a fighter with a faster style of boxing, causing a standing eight count.

Both boxers seemed to tip in the third round, as Oddy went to his jab to consistently land punches. In the end, Oddy's consistent fighting and technique enabled him to advance.

Chris Cugliatti de, Connor Cain

Cugliatti earned himself a unanimous decision over Cain, an off-campus senior. The first round showed both fighters display patience. Cugliatti, a freshman from Dillon, defended Cain's changes well with nice footwork and was able to land some early jabs.

Cugliatti attempted to not only work Cain's head in the second round, but target his body as well, landing several blows.

Cugliatti continued his fine technique in the final round and landed some combinations. Cain, who fought back with a sense of urgency, was able to connect on several punches but it wasn't enough.

140 lb.

Kris Perez de, Eric Fedeska

Perez, a sophomore Mariner, beat his opponent in a unanimous victory, debuting Fedeska.

In the first round, Perez was able to land some solid punches to the body and head. Fedeska, a sophomore from Siegfried, attempted to block many of Perez's blows but failed early on. Fedeska fought back strong and was able to recapture some points with a strong surge to end the round.

The second round started with Perez proving to be the dominant fighter. Fedeska's quickness enabled him to react from Fedeska's powerful punches and connect on some counter hooks.

Fedeska came out firing in the third, but Perez managed to thwart the attack and land more solid punches of his own. As the bell rang, Hartstein landed a few round off with a nice one-two.

Johnston tried to gain on his opponent by the second round with fancy footwork, but Hartstein continued to advance in the round and proceeded to land a series of powerful jabs and hooks. As the bell rang, Hartstein moved to the center to start.

In the final round, the Keough Box relied on his quick combinations, but Johnston replied with a lot of his own barrage of punches. Both fighters had difficulty finding a close round, but in the end, Hartstein was too much for him.

145 lb.

Mike Hening de, Matt Poslusny

Hening, a senior from Keough, entered the final round with a unanimous victory over Johnston.

The fight started slowly, until Hartstein was able to connect on a combination of a left hook from the junior from Dillon, responded later in the round and proceeded to land a series of powerful jabs and hooks. As the bell rang, Hartstein moved to the center to start.

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160 lb.

Joeany Leyde de, Jesse Brawer

Both fighters tried desperately to fight their way into the final, but the honor went to Icuray, a sophomore from Dillon, who bested Brawer with a split decision victory.

The first round started with Leyde landing some head shots through Brawer's defense. The agile Icuray also avoided Brawer's throws. However, Brawer fought back strong with a series of powerful punches to end the round.

In the end, Leyde's quickness was enough points for the victory.

170 lb.

Ryan Smith de, Joseph Meares

Shapell fought the way up through Round 1, a sophomore from Stanford, in a unanimous victory over Meares.

In the first round, Perez was able to connect on several late combinations in what was one of the better fights of the night.

185 lb.

Brad Shapat de, Mark Bond

Shapat followed up the drama by flying through Round 2, a sophomore from Stanford, in a unanimous decision.

As both fighters traded a series of punches, they fought an evenly matched, technically sound round.

The second round started with a wild展示了 exchanges, as the fighters were able to connect on some power punches to the head. The fighters continued their exchange through the second round, landing a powerful punch that sent Bond into a standing eight count.

In the end, Bond landed a lot of power punches to the head, but Bond was able to land his final punch to the body.

The crowd stood stunned with the referee waiting for weak spots in both fighters.

195 lb.

Josh Sullivan de, Mike Brawer

Sullivan def. Nazur Ahmed

Sullivan held his own throughout the fight, but Ahmed could not finish off the close fight. Fighters Sullivan and McGill each landed their share of punches.

The crowd stood stunned with the referee waiting for weak spots in both fighters.

200 lb.

Alex Duffy de, Nazur Ahmed

Duffy beat the Santa Claus with a unanimous decision over Ahmed, debuting the fighters.

The first round saw both fighters patient in an opening round. Both fighters exchanged some jabs and straight punches to the head, but both fighters were able to connect on an early punch.

Several punches were traded to end the close match. In the end, Conti was able to advance to the finals with the decision.

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interview with The Observer from his winter home in Florida.

Foge Fazio and Tony Yelovich, both former members of Holtz’s coaching staff, will serve as Holtz’s assistants. Former Irish quarterback Tony Rice, who led Notre Dame to a national title in 1988 under Holtz, will be the captain for his old skipper’s squad.

Parseghian said a slew of his old assistants still live in the area, including Tom Pagna, who now writes for Blue and Gold Illustrated.

“It’s unbelievable how many guys are still in town, and it shows how much of an impact Notre Dame had on their lives,” Parseghian said, before quipping, “I may petition for more assistant coaches.”

With sophomore Evan Sharpley, freshmen Zach Frazer and Demetrius Jones and early-enrollee Jimmy Clausen set to battle for the starting quarterback job this spring, Parseghian said he’s excited to meet the future of the program.

But he’s not going to be too involved in the passes they’ll throw.

“I won’t be calling any of the plays,” Parseghian said with a laugh. “It’s a very important time for the building of the Notre Dame football team because the spring practices are where you make changes where improvement is needed.”

Parseghian, who coached the Irish from 1964-74, said the media and fan attention for the spring game now is greater than when he was coach, but not by much. He estimated 25,000 to 30,000 people annually attended the Blue-Gold games when he led the Irish.

“They were always a lot of interest because it was a preview of what was to come,” he said.

Tickets for the Blue-Gold game go on sale March 26.

Notes:

- Chik-Fil-A sponsored the 2006 “Blue-Gold Spring Football Festivities,” while the 2007 title sponsor will be Home Run Inn Pizza.

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had seen the all-Missouri Valley Conference catcher play numerous times as the skipper of conference rival Evansville. "I knew Schragel just through playing against him," Weglarz said.

Despite the team’s 2-4 start, the graduate student has been a bright spot thus far. Last Saturday against No. 12 TCU, Weglarz stroked three doubles in Notre Dame’s 4-1 victory. "He felt good to finally get some hits," said Weglarz, who was 0-for-9 in his first three games with the Irish. "It was really good to win a game. That’s the biggest thing.

The veteran catcher has also handled a pitching staff that has posted a 3.07 season ERA with a .250 opponent batting average. "It’s been good to work with [the pitchers], just learning what they want to do in certain situations, while the pitchers they’re comfortable with," Weglarz said of his battery mates. "They’ve kept us in a lot of games.

After the Irish allowed just one stolen base in three games last weekend, Schragel said he was impressed by his team’s ability to limit opponents’ running games. "That was one of our goals going in, so that was a real positive that I saw," Schragel said.

Hitting runs static on the base paths begins with the catcher, and Weglarz is beginning to again feel comfortable in the role of starting backstop. "Coming in, I felt like a mix between a freshman and a senior," Weglarz said. "But it’s been a lot of fun."

The catcher also expressed confidence that he and his teammates will turn around their early-season troubles at the plate. "The hitting’s going to come," he said. "It always does.

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Kjellman, last year’s Tewaaraton Trophy winner for the best female lacrosse player in Division I, Kjellman scored 72 goals in 22 games last season and was named to her second straight All-America team as a junior.

Kjellman is just one of three Wildcat seniors named to the preseason All-American team.

Attacker Aly Josephs and defender Lindsay Finochiaro were also named to the first team, and Notre Dame will work to contain them as well.

“They definitely have a very prolific offense,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said Wednesday. “We know they will get their goals, but we also feel very prepared defensively that we can counter their offensive sets and try to limit their fast breaks.”

The Irish rallied to beat Stanford 12-11 in double- overtime.

Notre Dame trailed 11-9 with less than eight minutes left, in regulation when junior attacker Caitlin McKinney scored to pull the team within one. Senior midfielder Lena McKinney then scored off an assist by McKinney with 4:02 remaining to send the game to extra minutes.

Both teams went scoreless in the first three-minute overtime period, with both defenses stonewalling the offenses. It appeared the game would advance into sudden-death overtime when McKinney netted the unassisted goal for the victory.

"Even in a game when we faced adverse circumstances, we had the confidence and focus to pull through," Coyne said after Saturday’s game. "Though sophomore attacker Lillian Byers netted three goals for the Irish, the hero of the game was McKinney. The junior midfielder/attacker scored a game-high six goals and was named Big East offensive player of the week for her performance.

McKinney’s play in the clutch has been crucial for the Irish. In victories over James Madison and the Cardinal, she recorded eight goals and an assist. In addition to the game-winner against Stanford, McKinney scored two game-tying goals late in the game against James Madison.

"Caitlin has really worked hard on her game, and now that effort is being rewarded," Coyne said. "She’s earned every bit of success she’s had."

Notre Dame and Northwestern faced off early last season in Evanston. The Wildcats overcame a 9-8 half- time deficit before rolling to a 21-12 victory over the Irish.

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BENGAL BOUTS — SEMIFINALS

Bell tolls

Sophomore Rodgers moves onto championship round with victory over McGill

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Chris Izaguirre started the 129 lb. semifinal round Wednesday by eliminating defending sophomore champions Matt Gilchrist by split decision.

The first round was fairly even. Both fighters displayed very good defensive tactics, blocking punches with efficiency. Both boxers traded combinations, but defense dominated the round.

The second round was close as well, with polished defensive fighting. Izaguirre, a senior from Zahn, was not intimidated by the former success of Gilchrist, a fisher resident, and the fight continued to be evenly matched as both fighters traded combinations.

Entering the final round in a dead heat, Izaguirre managed to avoid Gilchrist's blows and successfully landed several punches earning him valuable points to bat in the lineup," Weglarz said. The Kansas City native was granted an extra year of NCAA eligibility due to a foot injury that wiped out his 2003 freshman season, one that saw the Bears earn a trip to the College World Series. Though he came to Notre Dame understanding he would probably be a role player for the Irish, he jumped at the chance to play another season. Now, Weglarz is anything but a backup. When senior Sean Gaston, who started at catcher the past two seasons, was lost for the season due to shoulder surgery, Weglarz became a key to Notre Dame's season plan.

"After Sean got hurt, I knew I was really one of the only ones who had caught," Weglarz said. First-year coach Schrage asked by Irish coach to as a backup catcher and has since taken on a much larger role. "Schrage called me in and said he might need another