**Super Tuesday vote to narrow field**

Twenty-four states to participate in largest number of primaries and caucuses ever held in one day

By DAVIS RHORER, Jr.

The remaining candidates competing for the Democratic and Republican presidential nominations will face their biggest hurdle yet in today's Super Tuesday primary and caucus elections.

The previous primaries and caucuses this election season have sent delegates to numerous candidates on both sides of the political arena, failing to identify one "stand out" contender. With such close races, the elections today in 24 states could be a turning point for candidates seeking the nomination.

"This is the closest we've ever been to a national primary," David Campbell, a Notre Dame political science professor, said Saturday.

Notre Dame political science professor Peri Arnold echoed those sentiments. This year's Super Tuesday elections, so named because of the large number of primaries and caucuses held, marks the largest number of states ever to distribute delegates in a single day in the approximately 30 years the United States has used the primary and caucus system, he said.

"We haven't had an open race in a long time," Arnold said, referring to the absence of a "favorite choice" for the nomination in both the Democratic and Republican parties. Campbell said President George W. Bush's very low popularity level is a reason behind the current presidential race's competitiveness.

"Winning early has not worked well this election," Campbell said. He emphasized the potential shifts in popularity that have already forced some previously well-known candidates out of the race.

Arnold emphasized his surprise at the resiliency of the Republican Party, especially considering Bush's low popularity.

"This race shouldn't be competitive," Arnold said. "All things would point to a victory for the opposition."

While both Campbell and Arnold acknowledged the diversity of groups of candidates competing, Saint Mary's history professor Amanda Littauer said the Facebook group and worldwide protests were triggered in part by the delayed release of two political hostages, though popular sentiment against the kidnappings has been building for decades.

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**Protests held against Colombian kidnappings**

Lost release of two hostages triggers worldwide marches; resentment builds against FARC

By LIZ MILLER

A protest against violence and kidnappings committed by a guerrilla group that began as a Colombian Facebook group in January expanded into a day of protest marches in over 100 cities worldwide Monday. Notre Dame's campus club Organization Latino Americana held a rosary in solidarity with the marches Monday night in the Cavanaugh chapel.

The largest guerrilla group in Colombia, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), was established in 1964 by the Colombian Communist party. It is considered a terrorist group because of its kidnapping, narcotics trafficking and traditional military action against the Colombian military.

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**ACE hosts First Lady at Catholic school**

By BECKY HOGAN

First lady Laura Bush visited a Washington, D.C., elementary school partnered with the Notre Dame-affiliated Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) on Wednesday.

Her visit to Holy Redeemer School took place during Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration of Catholic schools and their contributions to their communities and the nation.

The ACE Magnificent Initiative has given Holy Redeemer School support and resources since it was nearly shut down two years ago. ACE Director for Education Outreach Aaron Wall said.

"The Magnificent Initiative partners the University and each Catholic school that is in danger of being closed down and gives schools the tools and resources to continue educating students," Wall said. "These include training, marketing and finance expertise and funding.

The partnership also makes ACE teachers and principles available to schools.

Wall said the first lady's visit was an indication of ACE's success in Catholic schools nationwide.

"Coming from an educator herself, it is great to have Laura Bush garner national attention for the ACE program," he said. "It gives us that recognition I feel we
INSIDE COLUMN

**Hey Skip, you're wrong**

As a San Francisco 49ers fan, I didn’t have a rooting interest in this year’s NFL playoffs. Then Skip Bayless opened his mouth.

Just after New England defeated the New York Giants 38-35 in Week 17, the loudmouth ESPN “analyst” went on TV and called out the Giants coach Tom Coughlin for playing his starters the entire game in an attempt to beat the then-undefeated Patriots. Bayless called Coughlin’s decision one of the worst coaching decisions he’s ever seen and said the Giants didn’t deserve to win the playoffs because they were injured. He said Coughlin missed an opportunity to be a hero in the playoffs.

Only Bayless didn’t articulate his argument as calmly as I made him sound. Arms flailing, temper flaring, Bayless screamed that Coughlin was an idiot and had no chance to beat Tampa Bay in the first round, much less win the Super Bowl. Well, despite what Bayless would have you believe, Tom Coughlin knew his team pretty well.

He knew if the Giants were going to make it through to the best the NFC had to offer, and win the Super Bowl, the team would need to overcome any injury. But Bayless decided he would use airtime to shed a light on the number one team pretty well.

So when the cantankerous Coughlin told his team in the locker room before every playoff game they could beat anyone, and they were the best team in football, they believed him. His words weren’t just hollow preaching that had no substance to back it up. When everyone in the locker room truly believed they were the best, that can overcome any injury. But Bayless failed to see that logic. Instead, Bayless decided he would use airtime to slam Coughlin. Even after the Super Bowl, Bayless failed to admit he was wrong. How arrogant can one man get?

Skip, you were wrong. Admit it. Congratulate Tom Coughlin, who clearly knew more about football than you do, and move on. It’s people like Skip Bayless who give sports journalists a bad name and make young people consider turning away from the profession. He’s confrontational just for the sake of being confrontational. He says people should be freed from constraints for as much as an ounce of regard for their families, who just might be watching his program at home or who might hear about it later. And he criticizes in an unnecessarily over-the-top manner. It’s one thing to be critical of someone, it’s another thing to be just plain mean about it.

I hope Bayless is able to keep his facade of self-worth going the rest of his life, because if he ever catches a glimpse of what he has become, it will easily surpass the horror of having to admit he’s wrong.

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

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What region of the U.S. has the best food?

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Sophomores Cynthia Curley and Caitlin O’Connell sell carnations in North Dining Hall to benefit Passquale West residence hall.

**OFFBEAT**

Grandmother allegedly hides cocaine in bra

OAKLAND PARK, Fla. — Broward County authorities said a grandmother was arrested for hiding cocaine in her bra during a drug raid in Oakland Park. Eight others were also arrested Friday at or near the home of Henrietta Corvin Daise, 62. Many of them were her grandchildren.

Jail records show Daise posted $7,500 bail Saturday.

The Broward County Sheriff’s office said deputies conducted a search warrant on her home and found Daise with powder cocaine stuffed in her bra. Deputies also found 20 crack cocaine rocks, four grams of powder cocaine, marijuana and $1,000 in cash.

Mississippi law would ban obese diners

JACKSON, Miss. — A state lawmaker wants to ban restaurants from serving food to obese customers — but he says he’s done nothing to offend. He says he never even expected his plan to become law.

"I was trying to shed a little light on the number one problem in Mississippi," said Republican Rep. John Read of Gautier, who acknowledged the 5-foot-11 and 230 pounds, he’d probably have a tough time under his own bill.

More than 30 percent of adults in Mississippi are considered obese, according to a 2007 study by the Trust for America’s Health, a research group that focuses on disease prevention.

The state House Public Health Committee chairman, Democrat Steve Holland, said he is going to “shed” the bill.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

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**IN BRIEF**

The ND women’s tennis team will take on BYU today at 5 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavillion. Admission free.

There will be an alumni panel for Teach for America today at 7 p.m. in 100-104 Mekenna Hall.

Ash Wednesday services will be celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday.

The “Lest We Forget: Two Years After Katrina & Rita” forum will take place Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Student Lounge. The event features an affected student panel for discussion and ticket giveaways for the upcoming World View Film Series showing of “Desert Bayou.”

NDVotes ’08 will host a Super Tuesday and early primaries event analyzing political experts from the University Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

A campus-wide Lenten penance service will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The student body primary election debates will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the TV lounge of LaFourmet in front of the Dooley Room.

The deadline for Spring 2008 Intramural entries and fees is Thursday. Entries are due at Rolfs Sports Tea Center. The basketball doubles fee is $5 and the floor hockey fee is $30.

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

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**Corrections**

The Observer regrets staff or a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.
National group honors Hesburgh
University president emeritus receives higher education award

Special to The Observer
The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) has selected University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh as the 2008 recipient of the Henry Paley Memorial Award. Hesburgh will receive the award at a pre-recorded presentation of the Henry Paley Memorial Award, Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. University President Emeritus Father John Jenkins will attend and accept the award on Hesburgh's behalf.

Since 1985, the Paley Award has recognized an individual who, throughout his or her career, has unflaggingly served the students and faculty of independent higher education. The recipient of the award has set an example for all who would seek to advance educational opportunity in the United States. The Paley Award is named for Henry Paley, president of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities of New York from 1975 until 1992.

One of the most influential figures in higher education in the 20th century, Hesburgh served as Notre Dame's president from 1952 to 1987, during which time he established the University as one of the nation's leading institutions of higher learning. The two major changes during his tenure were the transformation of governance in 1967 from the Congregation of Holy Cross to a two-tiered, mixed board of lay and religious trustees and faculty, and the admission of women to undergraduate studies in 1972.

Hesburgh's service to the nation and church, including 16 presidential appointments and service to four presidents, has been recognized with the Medal of Freedom from President Johnson in 1964 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2000. He is the recipient of 150 honorary degrees, the most ever awarded to one person.

"Father Hesburgh's gift for constructing a world-changing vision and bringing it to fruition has inspired all of us in higher education, as well as countless others outside the halls of academe," said David L. Warren, NAICU president.

Third annual French film festival begins
College shows award-winning movies using grant from FACE and other foundations

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

A series of well-known French films is playing at Saint Mary's this week as part of the College's third annual French Film Festival. The movies will be shown with English subtitles in Vander Venet Theater.

The films are highly regarded in the French community, said Mana Derakhshani, French professor and coordinator of the French program.

"We chose films that had been somehow recognized by getting Academy Awards, or Ceasars [French Oscars] or the European Union Awards," she said.

The program also takes recommendations from seniors studying French for which movies to include. The festival is made possible through a grant from FACE, French American Cultural Exchange, and a number of other foundations, Derakhshani said.

In years past, the events have attracted between 50 and 60 viewers each night. "Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff, as well as people from the Notre Dame community, local high schools, local college students and local community people attend," Derakhshani said.

Admission is free and open to the public. Each screening will begin at 7 p.m.

The film "Brodeuses" will play Tuesday. The film involves a woman who is forced to move out of her home because she is pregnant. In order to support herself, she begins working as an embroiderer with an older woman and gains a wealth of knowledge.

The film "Delwende, l'etoile et marche" will play Wednesday. This film involves the emotional struggle of a teenage rape victim who does not reveal that they are pregnant.

The final film, "Le petit, Le taimme" will play Thursday. This film includes 18 different stories of Paris and highlights different areas of the city. Each story is directed by a different director and evokes the romance and longing the city is famous for, Derakhshani said.

The final film, "Les amies maladresses," will play Friday. This film follows the lives of French college students who try to emulate another student, but find they are better off by themselves.

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Prof named to political committee

Special to The Observer
Notre Dame political scientist Darren Davis has been appointed to an ad hoc committee of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) to evaluate the New Hampshire primary polls. Polling taken the day before the New Hampshire primaries indicated a 10-point lead for Sen. Barack Obama that turned into a 3-point deficit once results were tabulated.

This film, "The Point," is the leading pro-professional organization of public opinion and survey research professionals in the U.S., with members from academia, media, government, the non-profit sector and private industry.

Drawing from the experience of the 1948 Committee on Analysis of Pre-election Polls and Forecasts, which incorrectly predicted the Truman-Dewey election, the AAPOR ad hoc committee will evaluate the methodology of the pre-election primary polls and the way results are reported by the media and used to increase the contests in pre-election press coverage. The committee will archive the data related to the 2008 primaries for future scholarly research and will evaluate how these will have been and can be optimally used in reporting.

The committee also will review pre-election polls in the South Carolina and February 5 "Super Tuesday" primaries, which will provide additional evidence that may inform theories concerning the New Hampshire polls.

A nationally recognized expert in public opinion, Davis specializes in political psychology, political behavior, public opinion research methods and racial politics.
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deserve that we are a for- ward-thinking group of edu-
cators and be recognized by her... and it gives us a lot of validation to keep working hard," said the school’s principal, Ben Ketcham, who is also a Notre Dame alumnus and member of the Board of Trustees.

Holy Redeemer School is in its first year of the five-year Magnificat Initiative. "It’s only been five to six months that we’ve been involved," Wall said. "This was a school that was ready to close its doors, and it has made incredible improvements. Holy Redeemer still has a long way to go, but relative to what it was last year, it is excellent."

Wall said the most meaning ful aspect of Bush’s visit is its importance to the students. "The biggest impact is on the students," Wall said. "Holy Redeemer, that someone like Mrs. Bush will take time out of her day to visit them." Wall said, "The first lady offered an opportunity that the school was in her backyard. It was beautiful that she said yes."

ACE ended the Catholic Schools Week festivities with a reception at Holy Redeemer School Thursday evening to celebrate the school’s success under the Magnificat Initiative.

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effectively and rapidly with the campus community, and we take it very seriously," he said. "We want students to know that it works as fast as it possibly can, so we have to work out the kinks."

Steed said the University needs to replace its current system it uses to send text messages to students.

"One of the things that we found Friday evening after the test went down was that some of the text messages did not go out," he said. In a currently meeting with Connect-ED, the vendor responsible for delivering the messaging services for emergency voice mail, text messages and e-mail to discuss possible solutions, "Connect-ED is saying that a number of text messages will not be delivered at all, and that had to do with a problem in their company’s firewall," Steed said.

Every person who volunteers to receive the messages should have received a text message. Under the old system, students who opted in to receiving text messages, but Steed said the Connect-ED "has since reached the limit to automatically opt everybody in that has volunteered to receive a certain number so that they would receive a text message."

If students do not wish to receive a text message, they can choose to opt out of the system on the OPT Web site. There were also delays in the e-mail system, Steed said. "If it is also working on the issues regarding sending out the emails to the Notre Dame community, I would like to get as fast as we have hoped and planned for," he said. While OPT hopes the system will someday be flawless, Steed said there are always some errors.

At any given point a number of contacts won’t be reached because of data-entry errors or if a third-party system account no longer exists," he said. "We have a very high percentage of contacts that won’t be reached."

Steed said he has seen no significant increase in the amount of people who volunteer their cell phone information, though he said OPT plans to put out advertising on campus urging students to sign up for that information. "We expect to have 100 percent participation with regard to cell phones," he said.

Moreover, although the university plans on testing one test of the system this semester, Steed said that the system might require an OPT to perform another assessment. "There’s no way to test that with Connect-ED and we will determine the next text message when we are ready," he said. "We have hoped that we would only have to test once this semester to try to make sure we didn’t confuse the students with wrong information, but given some of the results we may look into having another test this semester."

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When the Connect-Ed system was first implemented, Wall said the system was able to send 70 percent of the messages within one hour, and that never happened before. "At all, there were times when they would not be delivered at all, and that had to do with a problem in their company’s firewall," he said. Every person who volunteers to receive the messages should have received a text message. Under the old system, students who opted in to receiving text messages, but Steed said the Connect-ED "has since reached the limit to automatically opt everybody in that has volunteered to receive a certain number so that they would receive a text message."

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Children’s home attacked in Kenya

**Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

A children’s home attacked in Kenya was not liable for the shooting death of a drunken college student at a children’s home in western Kenya finished the soccer game, their fellow players turned on each other.

The attackers crept out of a coffee plantation, smeared with clay and armed with spears, machetes, bows and arrows. Then they burned and looted the home that served as the only refuge for 130 children with troubled pasts. One child heard an attacker mention President Mwai Kibaki, who is accused of steering this country’s 2008 election.

The attack on the Sagul-Musingen Children’s Home and School this weekend is one in a series of the violence has pitted other ethnic groups against each other. The clashes that killed more than 6,000 people.

Turkish military said.

Their interest in conservation and parks.

The impact is not just on their health, researchers report in the online edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The declining nature participation has crucial implications for current conservation.

“Declining nature participation has crucial implications for current conservation efforts,” wrote co-authors Oliver W. R. Fergus and Patricia A. Zaradic. “We think it probable than any major decline in the value placed on natural areas and experiences will greatly reduce the value people place on biodiversity conservation.”

**LOCAL NEWS**

Ball State police officer acquitted

INDIANAPOLIS — A federal jury on Monday found a former Ball State University police officer was not liable for the shooting death of a drunken student.

Juries in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis deliberated more than 14 hours before returning the verdict in favor of Robert Duplain.

Police say Duplain, 21, of Bedford, charged at him and he fired in fear that McKinney could lung for his gun. Duplain said he didn’t know the time at which, November 2007.

McKinney was a lost, drunken college student at the wrong address.

But his task in several Southern and border states — Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma and Missouri — is complicated by the presence of Mike Huckabee on the ballot.

The former Arkansas governor was in Washington, D.C., where he said Wal-Mart Republicans knew long before Wall Street that the economy was headed for trouble. “They were paying more for their fuel and more for their health care and their kids’ education, but their paychecks weren’t going up enough to cover all those things that were costing more,” he said.

**ISRAEL**

Suicide bomber kills 11, fuels fear of border

DIIMA – A Palestinian bomber blew himself up on Monday in this desert town near Israel’s nuclear reactor, killing an Israeli woman and wounding dozens. It was the first suicide attack inside Israel in a year.

Police killed a second attacker after a shootout with Israeli security forces.

The attack fueled Israel’s fears that Gaza militants would exploit a border breach with Egypt to sneak into Israel. Militants claimed the bombers entered Israel through the porous Egyptian border, about 35 miles from Dimona, and said more militants were inside Israel waiting to strike.

In Gaza, gunmen fired in the air and relatives of the bombers passed out sweets to celebrate the bombing.

An official of the Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas’ Fatah movement claimed responsibility, threatening to complicate recently revived peace talks.

Abbas condemned the violence from his West Bank stronghold.

Palestinian officials said peace talks with Abbas would continue, but vowed to push forward with the country’s military campaign in Gaza, which is controlled by the Islamic militant Hamas.

The explosion took place in a shopping center about six miles from the desert that houses Israel’s nuclear reactor.

Israel’s official dismiss d_suggestions the reaction might have been the target.
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"It's like people are trying to outdo each other," Meyer said. "We're waxing trees like crazy."

He suggested the University erect pillars on which student groups could hang their posters, eliminating the hanging of wall and window space.

Lauren Sharkey, Hall President and chair of the council chair-chairs, suggested more discretion be used in the poster approval process and that smaller posters be encouraged.

Plamoot told echoing Sharkey's notion.

"Receivers should submit a list of the number and size of posters appropriate for their halls," she said.

Brown concluded the discussion by declaring that suggestions for the poster situation command over to Plamoot's committee.

Scott Vitter, Alumni Hall senior resident, and members of the Task Force on Campus Environment, said his group is interested in later, larger posters along with their ingredients in the dining halls, as is the case with salad dressings, which lists the complete nutrition facts.

"This would empower students to make healthy decisions," Vitter said.

The University has not given a formal response to the CLC suggestion.

Student government vice president Maris Braun, a member of the Task Force on Student Development, said the task force plans to conduct a follow up of college Has Issues, the group which addresses issues involving alcohol awareness. She said the task force seeks to work with other student groups, like peer education group Pillars.

Student body president Liz Brown commented on this aspect and the recommendation regarding the improved residence hall workout facilities CLC passed in Jan. 21. This was the first resolution CLC passed this academic year.

Brown said Poorman has not yet responded to the resolution but hopes to look into it in the near future.

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elaborated on this aspect.

She questioned the media's emphasis on sexual identity and race being measured as well.

"I think it is an empirical and political mistake to reduce the current dialogue between Clinton and Obama to sex versus race," Litauer said Monday.

Litauer focused on a recent survey conducted by CNN where reporters asked black women in South Carolina who they support. It was "a more important influence on their decision making," she said.

"I would like to hear more from both candidates about the current dialogue between Clinton and Obama," Litauer said, suggesting that undue emphasis was being placed on superficial qualities rather than the real issues at hand, such as education, healthcare, welfare, immigration and poverty.

She echoed the angry sentiments of some South Carolina women who stated that black women could vote based solely on issues just as white men could.

"The Obama-Clinton divide seems to be more determined by race or sex," Litauer said, citing the current numbers of young vote- ers who have voted for Obama while older voters tend to trust Clinton's expertise.

Diversity has also been an issue among the Republican candidates.

"The religiously observant are in the Republican party," Campbell said, referring to the large number of Mormon candidates Mitt Romney has received from Protestant and Evangelical religious groups.

Litauer said the relatively moderate campaign of John McCain, who has not relied heavily on the "religious right" and the support of conservative media and talk shows like other candidates have in the past.

While Campbell said it would be likely that the nominees of both parties would be known by voters, the CRSCM would take a more cautious view.

"The Democrats are very closely tied in the margin of error," Arnold said, indicating that both Clinton and Obama has given the party its nomination after Tuesday.

Arnold acknowledged the proportional distribution of delegate votes to both parties, meaning both candidates could walk away from some states with support.

He said there was a greater chance for both candidates to win some state in a "whisper scenario," according to Litauer's opinion.

"He's certainly at the right place at the right time entering the field of food safety litigation," says Smidi McVay, who is in charge of food safety at the nonprofit Center for Science in the Public Interest in Washington.

"He's seen in him one of a primary attorney general role.

Marler, 20, operates three dozen Web sites dedicated to foodborne illnesses. He is a tire- less blogger on all things food safety and appears in front of federal and state lawmakers and regulatory boards. The license plates of his wife's Volkswagen read "E. coli."

In all these cases, Marler has gone after defendants, winning a $4.6 million verdict against a Washington state district in which 11 children got E. coli poisoning in the cafeteria.

Instead, he adroitly uses his sympathetic clients — and the media — to shame food producers into settling.

"I don't apologize for that," he says. "The publicity helps gener­ ate change."

The past year has been a busy one for Marler's six-lawyer firm, which has about 1,000 active cases in all 50 states. The clients typically pay their lawyers 25 to 35 percent of their settlements.

The targets of Marler's lawsuits include the Topps Meat Co., which recalled 21.7 million pounds of his hamburgers in September — the second­ biggest U.S. beef recall ever — then went out of business. When Cargill Inc. recalled $40 million of beef patties the following month, it brought more law­ suits by Marler.

He is also suing ConAgra Foods Inc., which recalled its Banquet chicken pot pies and Peter Pan peanut butter last year after they were found to be contaminated with salmonella.

"He's a good lawyer and he does a fine job for his clients," says Leo Knowles, ConAgra's top lawyer. "He's passionate about food safety. At times he's a little bit over dramatic, but I think he's passionate."

Marler continually implores the food industry to "put me out of business" by adopting more strict safety procedures. He sent the lettuce industry a letter in 2006 in which he called on growers to stop using irrigation water contaminated with cattle and human feces, to wash fruits and vegetables more thoroughly, and to provide field workers with bathrooms.

"These steps will help make our food supply safer and will enable us to keep our most vulner­ able citizens — kids and sen­ iors — out of harm's way," he wrote. "And, with a little luck, I will force one damn trial lawyer to find another line of work."

Marler holds degrees from Washington State University and the Seattle University School of Law. He has no formal scientific training but has immersed him­ self in microbiology and DNA tracing, and his firm has a scien­ tist on staff on whom he relies.

Marler handled about 150 cases from the deadly 2006 E. coli outbreak involving California spinach, settling roughly half those cases so far with compa­ nies such as Dole Foods. Among the clients whose cases are still unresolved is 3-year-old Ashley Armantrout of Indianapolis, whose kidneys were so damaged she will need a kidney transplant for the rest of her life and will probably need a transplant, according to her mother.

William Marler poses in his office in Seattle on Wednesday. He has been dubbed the king of food poison litigation.

E. coli lawyer profits from bad food

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A girl fell into a 40-day coma after eating a bad chick in the town of Hilmar. Fifteen years later, she is still suffering ill effects. That doesn't bode well for a child who spent six weeks in the hospital in 2006 after eating E. coli tainted spinach from California.

But both have lawyer William Marler in their corner — and that's no small consolation.

The Seattle-based Marler is the undisputed king of food poi­ soning litigation. He has made more than $300 million in settlements for his clients in the rapidly growing legal field of food safety.

"I see a sense of compla­ cency in the meat industry that believes, 'Hey, we solved that problem and we don't have to watch it so much,'" says Marler, whose career has proved other­ wise.

The Centers for Disease Control and prevention esti­ mates that food poisoning each year afflicts some 76 million Americans; 200,000 require hos­ pitalization and 5,000 die.

Marler is representing a girl who was born in 1986, the same year her mother, Cheri, got sick with E. coli, poisoning in the cafeteria.

She echoed the angry sentiments of some South Carolina women who stated that black women could vote based solely on issues just as white men could.

"The Obama-Clinton divide seems to be more determined by race or sex," Litauer said, citing the current numbers of young vote­ ers who have voted for Obama while older voters tend to trust Clinton's expertise.

Diversity has also been an issue among the Republican candidates.

"The religiously observant are in the Republican party," Campbell said, referring to the large number of Mormon candidates Mitt Romney has received from Protestant and Evangelical religious groups.

Litauer said the relatively moderate campaign of John McCain, who has not relied heavily on the "religious right" and the support of conserva­ tive media and talk shows like other candidates have in the past.
**MARKET RECAP**

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**IN BRIEF**

U.S. factories see rise in demand

WASHINGTON — U.S. factories saw demand for their products rise in December by the largest amount in five months, a sign of XL.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that orders placed with U.S. factories rose by 2.3 percent in December. That was an improvement from the 1.7 percent gain posted in November. It marked the biggest increase since July.

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percent rise in June

and the number of people

ones that were incorporated. Fiscal

There was a slight rise in December, but orders for durable — big-ticket goods, such as cars, that are expected to last at least three years — rose by 5 percent in December, up from a 0.5 percent advance in November.

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Yet if Yahoo spurns Microsoft, analysts believe it probably will have to swallow its pride and forge an advertising partnership with Google if the alliance could win antitrust clearance.

Under this scenario, Yahoo would rely on Google's search engine while joining thousands of Web sites that depend on the Internet search leader for a steady stream of revenue generated from text-based links that produce commissions for clicks.

But getting Google's advertising help probably wouldn't be enough to trump Microsoft's offer by itself. To placate shareholders, Yahoo probably would have to line up enough money to pay a special dividend or perhaps even take the company private in a leveraged buyout.

Going private might be even more painful for Yahoo's 14,300 employees than a sale to Microsoft. To help repay the more than $20 billion debt that would be incurred in a leveraged buyout, Yahoo would likely have to fire about 4,500 employees, or 31 percent of its workforce.

Stocks slid. The Dow Jones industrials lost 108.03 points to close at 12,635.16. Orders for "durable" — big-ticket goods, such as cars, that are expected to last at least three years — rose by 5 percent in December, up from a 0.5 percent advance in November.

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A primary concern

After today, we might have a clear idea of which two candidates will be running for president in their respective parties. We hope, find now or in the coming weeks, a strong candidate who can lead us out of Iraq, because this war is killing us. "Flying," I do not mean the damage the war does to our international image or the billions or tax dollars we spend on it. And I say "us" in reference to the military troops from our own families and communities, too, often neglected to an alien sphere of society, too seldom concerned of us as our neighbors and friends. What I mean is that soldiers from our own communities are killing themselves as a direct result of their time spent, at our government's behest, in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Recent statistics from the Army show that suicide rates among American soldiers have skyrocketed in the past five years. Two thousand and one hundred and sixty-five U.S. soldiers tried to commit suicide in 2007, nearly six attempts every day. Back in 2002, before the Iraq War, there were 350 suicide attempts — less than one a day. The six-fold increase over five years has given the Army its highest suicide rate among active soldiers since 1980, when such record keeping began. Traditionally, suicide rates are actually lower during periods of overseas deployment, which is part of what makes the rise so striking and unacceptable.

There are soldiers in our age — perhaps you know at least one — who go to Iraq and return to find their lives waiting to be resumed where they left them off. Only they, themselves, are irreversibly changed. The cortex splattered, their reflexes rent-sharp, their adrenal systems unable to shut down, soldiers who faced combat find themselves experiencing hallucinations, sexual impotency and a loss of ability to communicate. They are haunted by depression and flashbacks and find even previously-stable relationships difficult to maintain.

Failed personal relationships are the most common cause for military suicides. Troops are being sent back to Iraq for their second or third consecutive tour of duty extended to 15 months by the Pentagon last year with little rest in between. Our armed services thrust them back into the hell of combat, often failing to diagnose their true affliction: post-traumatic stress disorder. Many times psychiatrists diagnose soldiers with pre-existing personality disorders instead — meaning they were already troubled before their service and their involvement in the war had nothing to do with their current psychological condition.

Several scandals have been documented involving military officers requesting such diagnoses, commanders unwilling to sacrifice potential troops with resources already stretched so thin. Officers also discouraged seeking care in the first place, cultivating a machismo stigma against the "weakness" of psychological support. With tiny homes Shariah and all soldiers unwilling or unable to help them cope with the horrors of war, it is any wonder troops have trouble maintaining relationships.

Ever since soldiers began returning from combat, officials have lamented the severely under-equipped mental health services of the military. Some efforts have been made by commissions and Congress to improve the care given to returning soldiers. President Bush highlighted the need for our troops in his State of the Union address. Senator Jim Webb of Virginia introduced new legislation last Thursday aimed at improving the military's suicide prevention programs.

Such calls for aid draw attention to the problem, but actual improvements require more than money. There is no corps of psychologists waiting in reserve to aid the soldiers. For every soldier we lose, we must begin to look for help to those soldiers who gave so much, a path to recovery for our friends and relatives.

We need more than a way out of Iraq — we need a way forward for our troops.

James Dechant hopes you could follow his continued train of thought and would like to place blame on Wikipedia and the Internet in general. You can complain about his rambling discourse by writing him at jdechant@nd.edu

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Quote of the Day

"We are gonna need Aah Wednesday, let it all hang out on Fat Tuesday."

Ray Nagin
Mayor of New Orleans

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

WE VIEWPOINT

James Dechant
A call to conserve

Lent is upon us, and we have a mar­velous opportunity to improve how we approach the greatest problem that humanity has ever faced.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, two of the major causes of greenhouse gases that promote climate change are consumer habits and coal-fired power plants. Two of the major causes of greenhouse gases in the United States are eating habits and animal feedlots (supporting our meat-eating habits) and coal-fired power plants, one of which Notre Dame has.

Transpo trouble

Many students rely on the Transpo trolley to get from Notre Dame to Saint Mary's College. Personally, I don't care how late it's running when it's transporting partying girls on weekends, but I rely on it for class, and I know many others do as well. I understand that inclement weather can cause delays, but in recent weeks the trolley has become completely unpredictable. It might stop at Regina Hall at 8:40 a.m., or it might be there at 5:59 a.m. (as was the case this past week). Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are largely pedestrian campuses with notoriously inconvenient parking. Since no pay service (other than a taxi) exists to transport students between campuses for class, I believe it is the responsibility of the schools to ensure that some semblance of a schedule is maintained. I'd be willing to pay 50 cents per ride if I knew the trolley would get me to class on time.

We at Notre Dame have the power to decrease our carbon footprint individually and as an institution. Notre Dame would use some of its endowment funds to move the campus towards use of wind power and carbon neutral energy; build bicycle paths for constituents to get to campus; promote vegetarianism at least occasionally (to reduce those feedlot effects) and vigorously support educational and research initiatives to meet carbon neutral goals. And we would act with urgency — the window of opportunity is quickly shrinking. Such moves require vision, courage and perseverance, not only of Notre Dame's leaders but of us all — students, faculty, staff, alumni.

Now is the time for the whole of the Notre Dame community to individually and communally adopt policies and practices that fulfill our moral quest to bring about the greater good. Whether the Notre Dame community takes the heroic path of leadership is up to you — to us, and our passion for goodness. The call to discipleship has never been stronger. The cost of acedia has never been greater. Life on the planet is at stake.

Darcia Narvaez
psychology professor
University of Evansville and Environmental Commissioner

Sports overkill

This past Sunday evening, from about 6 to 10 p.m., I found myself in front of the TV watching the Super Bowl. Joining me were an estimated 105 million Americans who watched at least part of the game. With the U.S. population at about 300 million, that means that roughly 35 percent of Americans watched or were thinking about or watching sports at some point during this event, plus millions more who heard or read about it.

Sports should be an important part of most people's lives. There's no shortage of energy, enthusiasm and money that support sports. But we're reminded of that ancient adage, "Everything in moderation." Sometimes when a good thing is pursued to excess, it becomes a bad thing. That is what I suspect may be occurring in the lives of millions of Americans who have made sports their No. 1 concern. Sports should be an important part of most people's lives, yet one would be hard-pressed to argue that it should be the primary focus of our lives. At Notre Dame and in America, we need to step back for a moment and assess what our values really are. It has been suggested that our priorities should include, "God, country, Notre Dame." To these, I humbly add family, friends and our professional and school commitments. Simply put, it has been shown that if we live our lives more balanced among these priorities, the results are disastrous. Sports are a lot of fun, but let's not make a sport out of life.

Chris Spellman
senior
off campus

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Top Ten Super Bowl Ads from USA Today

#1 Budweiser
Dog trains a Clydesdale

#2 FedEx
Pigeon carriers can’t compete with FedEx

#3 Bridgestone
Critters scream before a near-miss

#4 Doritos
Mouse goes for a whole bag of Doritos

#5 Bud Light
Fire breathing man turns romance into mayhem

#6 Bud Light
Hidden Bud Light bottles at a wine-tasting party

#7 Coca-Cola
Coke brings together dueling parade balloons

#8 Diet Pepsi Max
Missy Elliott and others wake up with Pepsi

#9 Planters
Men find unattractive woman alluring

#10 Tide
Stain does the talking in job interview
By STEPHANIE DePREZ

On Sunday night, years of hard work culminated in an epic smack down between the titans.

Of commercials, that is.

Once again, the greatest advertising campaigns came together for a battle royal with the prize being that ever-elusive trophy, the consumer. Some watch for the football, some for the halftime show, but most everyone can agree the Super Bowl just isn’t super without a rally of all the best commercials the industry rulers can bring.

Budweiser brought its best game, with a series of commercials involving the abnormal effects of its beer, and why the magical beer is no longer available.

Car companies went head-to-head, as Audi, GMC and Hyundai came on to the field with a take-no-prisoners approach. The Hyundai Genesis went all-out, with the narration surrounding style shots of classic announcing. "E\'re sure what the USA Today Ad Meter will think of this commercial tomorrow, but we\'re pretty sure Mercedes, BMW and Lexus aren\'t going to like it very much.\" (Apparenly no one did. It came out number 43 of 55 in the USA today rankings, which were published Monday.)

The ultimate goal of any TV ad is, of course, to get your attention. This is accomplished in a number of ways, the most obvious one being comedy. This year\'s ads certainly didn\'t lack laughs, but many other tricks were pulled out to grab viewers\' interest.

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Second place went to the disturbingly oversized carrier pigeon for FedEx, a screaming squirrel that looked suspiciously like one of at Notre Dame wailed as he clutched his acorn, and he and his panicked forest friends took third place for Bridgespan.

Fourth place went to the mouse with a passion for Doritos. This delightful creature was set to the eternal "Habanera\" from Carmen. A man devised the set and trap for the mouse using a crumb from a Dorito. He sits down and bobs into a handful of cheesy chips as a human sized-mouse breaks through the office and starts walking away.

The No. 1 USA Today pick was a sentimental favorite. Hank the Clydesdale reigned supreme by not only successfully training to be a Budweiser horse to the Rocky theme (with the help of a Dalmatian), but also by winning the hearts of football watchers everywhere. This ad came relatively early in the game, but came out on top as the best commercial of the Super Bowl.

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Before the season ends, the love life of Chuck goes up and down and in numerous directions. Even Grimes manages to survive Casey\'s scorching anger and score himself a few dates before the season\'s close.

The ratings for NBC\'s new secret-agent comedy \"Chuck\" concluded its first season on Jan. 12. NBC\'s new secret-agent comedy \"Chuck\" is debatable whether the decline is a result of the writers\' decision to instantly recall the top-secret information off of a government supercomputer known as \"The Intersect\" and shortly before sending Chuck\'s brain has been upgraded.

When Chuck opens the message on his computer, all of the U.S. government\'s secrets are dumped into one long reel of somewhat disturbing images, pop up on the screen and imprint themselves into the back of the mesmerized Chuck\'s brain. Needless to say, when Chuck woke up the next morning, he had a bit of a headache.

As it turns out, Chuck\'s old roommate stole the information off of a government supercomputer known as \"The Intersect\" and shortly before sending the secrets to Chuck, he blew up the multi-billion dollar piece of equipment.

It doesn\'t take Chuck long to realize things inside his head have changed and that his brain has been upgraded. Chuck soon discovers he has the ability to instantly recall the top-secret records and history of a person at the sight of his or her name or face.

The CIA and the NSA soon locate Chuck and deploy agents to keep an eye on him while utilizing his abilities. The attractive Sarah Walker (Yvonne Strahovski) and the ever-angry John Casey (Adam Baldwin) enter Chuck\'s everyday world both at home and at work. Chuck\'s sister Casey\'s lookalike and his friend, who finds it hard to score a girl with Walker\'s looks, appear on a pre-episode fitting in. Forced to take up a job as a salesman alongside Chuck and Grimes at the Buy More, Casey constantly appears on the edge of exploding into a violent rampage, mostly at the foolish actions of Grimes, whose pathetic, yet genuine attempts to move up in the world, as well as woo the ladies (including Chuck\'s sister) make him comically laughable.

As the season progresses, threats and attempts on Chuck\'s life come and go as he and the agents do battle against numerous criminals from all over the world. Chuck and Walker\'s cover slowly transforms into more than just pretend as the two characters begin to earn the trust of their growing feelings for each other. About halfway through the season, the show takes a twist when Bryce Larkin suddenly reappears on the scene, apparently back from the dead. He and Chuck\'s sister make him comically laughable.

In today\'s unstable television industry, \"Chuck\" was a welcome whiff of fresh comic action this season, showing the world that even computer geeks can lead super hero lives.

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By MARK WITTE

NBC\'s new secret-agent comedy \"Chuck\" concluded its first season on Jan. 12. The show\'s version of Best Buy, working as an electronics specialist, is behind the Nerd Herd counter at the Buy More, the show\'s version of Best Buy, working as an electronics specialist, at his side stood close friend and sales manager Morgan Grimes (Joshua Gomez). Together they constituted the most socially awkward pair in all of Los Angeles.

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The ultimate goal of any TV ad is, of course, to get your attention. This is accomplished in a number of ways, the most obvious one being comedy. This year\'s ads certainly didn\'t lack laughs, but many other tricks were pulled out to grab viewers' interest.

The most jarring ad had to be for Carreerbuilder.com, and it involved a woman's heart popping out of her chest, waiting for the send/receive process to complete. The contents of the email are mesmerizing words that the public are anxious to receive. This ad came relatively early in the game, but came out on top as the best commercial of the Super Bowl.

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NHL

Parise's quick OT goal gives Devils 4-3 victory

Don's goal from on knees powers Phoenix to 4-3 overtime win; Oilers snap two-game skid behind Garon's 24-save shutout

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Zach Parise scored 37 seconds into overtime to cap a furious late rally and lift the New Jersey Devils to a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday night that revealed a three-way tie atop the Atlantic Division.

New Jersey tied 3-1 in the third period and appeared headed for its fourth loss in a five-game homestand, but Jamie Langenbrunner and David Clarkson scored less than two minutes apart to tie it.

Parise won it with his 20th goal, tipping a drive by Patrik Elias past Ty Conklin on the only shot of overtime. New Jersey, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia all have 63 points in the five-team Atlantic.

Martin Brodeur earned his 250th win of the season and was credited with an assist on the winning goal. That made up for his tripping penalty in the third period that led to Jordan Staal's power-play goal.

The Devils also recorded only 14 shots through two periods, meaning they could not get back in the third that they didn't seem to have in them through another lackluster home performance.

After Staal pushed Pittsburgh's lead to 3-1 4:30 into the final period, Elias and Clarkson connected 1-44 apart.

Elias got the rally going at 9:37 when he sent a shot toward the net that his defense man Kris Letang in front and caromed past Conklin. Clarkson tied it with his seventh of the season and second in two games, getting to a rebound of Johnny Oduya's shot and flipping it in at 11:21.

That finally gave the record-low crowd of 13,012 fans at the new Prudential Center something to cheer about. Until then, the loudest roar was in the first period when the Devils posted a congratulatory message on the scoreboard to the Super Bowl champions New York Giants.

Each club had 10 shots in the third period and both seemed content to play conservatively and get to overtime.

The road team had won an NHL-record tying nine straight in this series, including the first five this season with New Jersey winning three times in Pittsburgh. The Penguins extended the run last Tuesday by beating the Devils 4-2 in Newark.

Parise left wing Zach Parise celebrates after beating Penguins goalie Ty Conklin to give New Jersey a 4-3 overtime victory Monday night. The goal was Parise's 38th of the year.

Petr Sykora and Ryan Malone also scored for the Penguins, who fell to 3-2-2 since Sidney Crosby's ankle injury.

Eugeni Malkin had two assists to tie Crosby for the team lead with 63 points.

Coyotes 4, Avalanche 3 (OT)

Shane Doan was on his knees when the puck between Peter Budaj's pads with 1:37 left in overtime to give the Phoenix Coyotes a come-from-behind win over the Colorado Avalanche on Monday night.

The Coyotes forced the extra period when Radim Vrbata scored into a wide open net with 3:11 left in the third period. Vrbata took a pass from Steven Reinprecht on a face off and slapped it past Budaj, who never saw the pass and was still hugging the post on the right side and not challenging the shot.

The Avs were unable to rattle in any game from the Pepsi Center, where they're 18-9-1, the second-best home record in the NHL, behind Detroit.

It looked like the Avs were headed to victory when T.J. Hensick scored his second goal midway through the third period to give Colorado a 3-2 lead.

It came at 9:52 when he jammed the puck past Mikael Tellqvist after Jaroslav Hlinka centered the pass in front of the net. The goal wasn't allowed until a stoppage in play at 11:32 and the officiating crew had a chance to review the play.

Oilers 5, Flames 0

Mathieu Garon made 24 saves, and the Edmonton Oilers ended a two-game losing streak with a win over the Calgary Flames Monday night.

Fernando Pisani, Dustin Penner, Alex Hemsky, Steve Staal and Sam Gagner scored for Edmonton in Garon's fourth shutout of the season.

The Oilers' second win in five games moved them within six points of the eighth playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Curtis Joseph made his first start in goal for the Flames after signing with the team last month. He made 23 saves.

Calgary has dropped two in a row after winning four straight.

Edmonton took it 3-0 five minutes into the second on the power play. Joseph allowed a big rebound on a point shot by Jarret Stoll. Gagner's follow shot caromed off of Hemsky and in.

Calgary had a chance to get back into the game early in the third when Stoll took a double-minor for high-sticking, but the Flames were unable to put a puck past Garon.

A fight-filled game nearly got out of hand with seven minutes gone in the third.

Flames forward Eric Godard gave Garon a shove in the post, sparking several altercations.

Joseph even skated the length of the ice before things calmed.

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Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight is congratulated by his son, Pat, Knight, following his team’s win over New Mexico State on Jan. 1. Knight resigned Monday as the winningest coach in major college basketball history with 902 career wins.

Knight unexpectedly resigns from Texas Tech

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Bob Knight resigned Monday at Texas Tech, a stunning midseason move by the winningest men’s coach in major college basketball. "He said he was tired and that it was best to go ahead and do it now," Texas Tech chancellor Kent Hance told The Associated Press. "I think Bob is through with coaching. I think he got to the point where it wasn’t fun for him.”

Known as much for his fiery temper as his basketball brilliance, Knight gave no hint a change was coming. He will be replaced by his son, Pat, a Red Raiders assistant. The 67-year-old Knight informed Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers of his decision in a meeting around noon, Hance said. Knight then called Hance and told him. "He thought about it Sunday all day and talked to his wife and decided this is something I want to do," Hance said.

The Red Raiders beat Oklahoma State 67-60 on Saturday, giving Knight his 902nd victory. Knight was not available for comment Monday, said Randy Farley, a spokesman for the Texas Tech basketball program.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal first reported the resignation.

In September, Knight signed a three-year contract extension that runs through the 2011-12 season. In 2005, Pat Knight was appointed his father’s successor.

Bob Knight has 902 career wins, more than any coach in the history of Division I men’s basketball. Win No. 900 came last month against Texas A&M.

Knight arrived at Texas Tech in March 2001, six months after being hired by Indiana for what school officials there called a "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

In his first six years at Tech, he led the Red Raiders to five 20-win seasons, a first at the school. They are 12-8 this season. Texas Tech's next game is Wednesday night at Baylor.

Knight passed former North Carolina coach Dean Smith as the winningest Division I coach Jan. 1, 2007, getting career win No. 880. To celebrate the milestone Knight chose "My Way" by Frank Sinatra, a mantra for how he navigated his personal and professional worlds.

"Bob is kind of a funny guy. He always loved that song 'My Way,' and this is a humorous example," Hance said.

IN BRIEF

Judge rules to let Vick keep $20 million signing bonus

WINNIPEG — Jailed quarterback Michael Vick can keep nearly $20 million in bonus money he received from the Atlanta Falcons following a ruling Monday by a federal judge.

The Falcons sought to recover the bonuses after Vick pleaded guilty to federal charges in a dogfighting operation. The bonuses were paid from 2004-07.

A special master ruled in October that the Falcons were entitled to recover the bonuses. The Falcons argued that Vick used proceeds from a contract he signed in 2004 to finance his illicit activities.

But U.S. District Judge David Doty of Minneapolis ruled that the Falcons’ recovering the bonus money would violate the NFL collective bargaining agreement.

Harkleroad, Davenport lead U.S. to Fed Cup semis

SAN DIEGO — Move over, Lindsay Davenport, and make room for another star on the U.S. Fed Cup team.

Shaking off nerves, 22-year-old Fed Cup rookie Ashley Harkleroad rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the second set to beat Germany’s Sabine Lisicki 6-4, 7-5 on a picturesque-perfect Southern California day to clinch the quarterfinal match on Monday.

Harkleroad’s victory followed Davenport’s 6-1, 6-2 win over 19-year-old Julia Georges in reverse singles, sending the United States into a World Group road semifinal in April against defending Fed Cup champion Russia, which most likely will be led by Maria Sharapova.

The United States finished 4-1 against Germany after Davenport and Lisa Raymond won the doubles 6-2, 6-0 over Tatjana Malek and Anna-Lena Groenefeld.

Granderson signs five-year deal to remain with Tigers

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers could have kept Curtis Granderson around for a while, retaining his talents with one-year deals until he became eligible for free agency after the 2011 season.

The Tigers, though, don’t just want around to make moves these days. Granderson and baseball’s busiest team agreed Monday to a $30.25 million, five-year contract that includes a club option for 2013 that could make the deal worth up to $43.25 million.

"The Tigers held all the chips and didn’t have to do anything," Granderson said. "I’m very happy with the way everything happened." Tigers president Dave Dombrowski is not known to give long-term deals to players before they are even eligible for arbitration, but Granderson merited an exception.

around the dial

NCAA Men’s Basketball

Florida at Tennessee
9 p.m., ESPNU
Manning shines on biggest stage

Patriots perfect no longer

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — The only perfect thing about the Patriots was their record.

Now they are about to lose that.

Dominant in the first half of the season, they survived some close calls afterward. But that finally caught up with them in the Super Bowl and left them facing an offseason of what-if and what-were.

What if their offensive line stumped with three Pro Bowl players had kept the team’s most important player from being knocked down time after time in the most important game?

What if Brady — well, he’s Brady.

What if Manning said.

The history of this franchise, its Super Bowl MVP couldn’t elude the steamrolling New York Giants the way he does the paparazzi who stalk him on the streets of the city where the new Super Bowl champions will be honored at a victory parade Tuesday.

Brady was sacked five times in the game’s first 174/4 seconds, the most in his 92 games since the New York Jets did that in the third game of the 2003 season.

So the Patriots finished 18-1 and disappointed, not 19-0 and historic. That left the 1972 Miami Dolphins, who were 17-0, as the only NFL team to go undefeated through three Super Bowls and finish 19-0.

Only team to go undefeated through any sport — has ever seen.

Brady — well, he’s Brady.

And disappointed, not 19-0 and historic. That left the 1972 Miami Dolphins, who were 17-0, as the only NFL team to go undefeated through three Super Bowls and finish 19-0.

Brady was a near unanimous choice for the league’s MVP and was brilliant in the first six games of the season. He was not as good after that.

His five worst passing ratings came in his last eight games, including the past two. In the AFC championship game against San Diego, he threw a season-high three interceptions. In the Super Bowl, he was uncharacteristically inaccurate on some passes even when he had time to throw.

“So we all could have done things better, but it’s just part of competition,” Brady said of the devastating defeat.

New England won three Super Bowls in four years before falling short the next three years — losing to Denver in a divisional playoff game, to Indianapolis in last year’s AFC championship game and to New York in the last disappointment.

After coming so close last season, the Patriots received the largest paycheck, Moses Welker and Donte’ Stallworth. They signed free agent Adulon Thomas for their aging group of linebackers. And they signed Peyton, designing the star cornerback a franchise player and signing him for one year after he held out for a long-term contract.

The offense set several single-season records: 50 touchdown passes by Brady, 23 scoring catches by Randy Moss and 589 total yards. But the season began with off-field problems. Harrison, the hard-hitting safety, was suspended for the first four games for violating the league’s substance abuse policy.

The season-opening 38-14 win over the New York Jets, the NFL’s best record (6-0-1) and the team $250,000 and took away a first-round draft choice as punishment for videotaping Jets’ coaches on their sideline.

That culminated up the Patriots. They were accused of running up the score in some of their games.

But the Patriots shrugged off the criticism and kept focusing on the next opponent. They won each of their first eight games by at least 17 points.

Then the powerhouse that pulled away from opponents began letting them hang around.

In their ninth game, they beat Indianapolis 24-20 on a touchdown with 3:15 left. In their 11th, they scored the go-ahead touchdown with 7:30 to go but needed two interceptions in the last four minutes to clinch the 31-28 win over Philadelphia.

The following week was the next challenge.

They trailed 24-20 at halftime, fell behind 26-24 in the third and fell twice on fourth down in the last two minutes. But the first play was nullified by a false start penalty against the Patriots and the second by a holding penalty against New England.

On the next play, Brady threw the winning 8-yard scoring pass to Jabar Gaffney with 44 seconds left.

And, in the last regular-season game, the defense struggled in a 38-35 win over the Giants.

As good after that.

Manning, the serenely brilliant brother of Peyton, who won his own Super Bowl last year, and sat in the corner of a skyscraper for this one, squirming and agonizing over every play.

Now both Mannings have a championship and a Super Bowl MVP to their names and Brady — well, he’s still got the looks, the supermodel girlfriend, Gisele Bundchen, and three Super Bowl titles of his own.

With the loss, New England finishes 18-1 and the 1972 Miami Dolphins remain the only team to go undefeated from the start of the season through the Super Bowl.

Their coach, Don Shula, was on hand, ready to congratulate the Patriots. Instead, he figured to be sipping champagne, continuing a tradition the Dolphins have enjoyed every year when the last undefeated team finally falls.

What a great football game this was, Shula said. "What I learned today was how tough it is to go undefeated."
**NCAA Men's Basketball**

Vitale set to return to booth

ESPN announcer will return Wednesday after Dec. 18 throat surgery

Associated Press

Say something. Anything. Just do the very thing that made him famous.

But Dick Vitale couldn't. Tears welled up in his eyes as he imagined his beloved career crashing to an end.

Then the doctor suggested he count to 10. And with the simplest of words, Vitale heard his own voice again for the first time in weeks.

ESPN's hyperkinetic college basketball announcer will call his first game in more than two months Wednesday after recovering from throat surgery. It was the cruelest of ailments for the man who yelled his way to becoming a household name. His treatment? A ban on speaking.

"That's how really down I was," Vitale said. "I can't go to the game and just enjoy doing the game and be excited about doing the game and not worried about my damn throat."

He went to see several physicians, who said his problem was caused by acid reflux. Vitale finally got an appointment with Dr. Steven Zeitels of Massachusetts General Hospital, a specialist who has treated Julie Andrews and Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler.

Zeitels found ulcers on his left vocal cord and said there was a chance they were cancerous.

"That word scares the life out of anyone," Vitale said. "The news was good. No cancer. Not speaking wasn't so hard. Vitale insisted, which becomes more believable considerations from the surgery resulted in blader problems that distracted him from his original ailment. Vitale communicated by scribbling notes to his wife, who had to try to decipher his "horrendous" handwriting.

"I went through so many pens, it was unbelievable," he said.

Doctors told him it wasn't a coincidence that somebody else was causing so much strain on his vocal cords developed problems. Vitale is working with a voice coach to learn to speak more from his diaphragm. ESPN will adjust his schedule so he won't call doubleheaders or games on back-to-back days.

Vitale is conscious of avoiding traps like talking loudly to try to be heard over the din at a noisy restaurant. His doctors will attend Saturday's Georgetown-Louisville game so they can use a device that measures exactly how much of a strain Vitale is putting on his vocal cords.

But what's going to happen Wednesday if a player goes soaring in for a dunk in the final seconds to send the game over time?

"I'm going to be myself," he said. "I'm going to try to let the microphone do more work." he said.

"For anybody wondering how Vitale will sound Wednesday, he noted he never was as smooth as a play-by-play guy to begin with.

"I've always been raspy," he said. "Heck, Rod Stewart's raspy, and he makes millions of dollars."

**MLB**

Clemens will face steroid deposition

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON - Not one of Roger Clemens' flat-out denials about using steroids or human growth hormone was delivered while he spoke under oath. Now he gets that chance.

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner is scheduled to give a deposition to lawyers from a congressional committee behind closed doors Tuesday, one day after his former New York Yankees teammate and workout partner Andy Pettitte delivered sworn testimony for about 2 1/2 hours.

Both pitchers' private interviews with staff members from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee are part of preparation for a Feb. 13 hearing. That public session is expected to focus on allegations made in the Mitchell Report by trainer Brian McNamee that he injected Clemens more than a dozen times with performance enhancers.

The 45-year-old Clemens ranks eighth in major league history with 354 career wins. He put off retirement yet again in 2007, returning to the Yankees in June and going 6-6 with a 4.18 ERA.

"Roger is not going to take the Fifth Amendment," Clemens' lawyers, Rusty Hardin, said in a statement e-mailed by spokesman Joe Huggins.

"He is going to answer the committee's questions truthfully under oath.

McNamee is to appear Thursday. One of his lawyers, Earl Ward, said no decision had been made on whether he would submit to a deposition or transcribed interview. It is a crime to lie under oath, whether sworn to tell the truth or not, so the distinction between the two has more to do with the format of the questioning and the confidentiality of the transcript.

Pettitte, who chose to be depoised, did not take questions from reporters afterward as he walked from committee offices to an elevator in the Rayburn House Office Building. Wearing a pinstriped gray suit and bright striped tie, Pettitte was accompanied by his wife and three lawyers.

"At the committee's request, Andy Pettitte voluntarily met with representatives of the committee this morning, and fully answered all of the inquiries made of him in a sworn deposition," two of Pettitte's lawyers, Vincent DiNunzio and Thomas Farrell, said in a statement. "Out of respect for the sensitive nature of these proceedings, and out of deference to the committee's request for confidentiality, we, on behalf of Mr. Pettitte, will not comment on the nature or specifics of his testimony."

Staff members for the committee declined to comment.

McNamee told former Senate majority leader George Mitchell he injected Pettitte with HGH. Pettitte lent credence to Mitchell's findings by acknowledging two days after the report was released in December that he did try HGH for two days in 2002 to help deal with an elbow injury.

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NBA

Hawks rebound from slow start to top 76ers

Magic's Turkoglu picks up triple-double in loss to Mavs; Heat suffer 32-point loss, their 19th in 20 games

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Just when it seemed Philadelphia might have an easy time with Atlanta, Josh Smith gave the Hawks a lift and gave the 76ers something to think about.

Smith blocked six shots in the second quarter, giving the Hawks a 49-39 bounce. He also carried them to a 96-91 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

He had 19 points, nine assists and nine blocks, and his big second-quarter effort was key in the Hawks' victory over the 76ers from a miserable start.

"Josh changes the game with his blocked shots," said 76ers coach Maurice Cheeks. "When a guy has nine blocked shots it changes the game dramatically. Even when he doesn't block a shot he has guys thinking about it when they shoot, and that can mess up your offensive rhythm."

The Hawks outscored the 76ers 54-36 in the second half and outrebounded Atlanta 23-5 to take a 32-14 lead in the first quarter. Smith's second-quarter rejections fired up the Hawks, who outscored the 76ers 82-59 in the first half.

"Josh got really aggressive, just really made his presence felt in the paint," said Hawks center Al Horford. "He changed the game for us completely. He was carrying us in the second quarter.

"Smith and the other starters struggled while falling behind by 20 in the first quarter."

"I understand when I came back in I had to change the game a little bit from the offensive end," Smith said.

"When you block a couple of shots, it makes them second-guess shots," Smith said, second in the league with 3.2 blocks per game, matched team records with the six blocks in the second quarter and eight in the first half.

"It felt great just to come over and help my teammates," Smith said. "Some of them turned into fast breaks."

Added Hawks coach Mike Woodson: "He changed the whole game. It's a shame that we put that kind of pressure on him. ... We just have to look in and take the individual challenge to guard the ball. That's what we weren't doing, and he was covering up a lot of our mistakes.

"Smith also had four steals and six rebounds in the game. Smith's career high is 16 blocked shots as a rookie against Dallas on Dec. 11, 2004. Josh Childress scored 21 points and Joe Johnson added 18 for the Hawks.

Atlanta led 91-88 before turning the ball over on an offensive foul by Horford with 1:20 left. Philadelphia rookie Thaddeus Young, a Georgia Tech product making his first return to Atlanta, missed on the other end, and a basket by Horford pushed the Hawks' lead to five.

Horford then blocked a shot by Andre Miller, who scored 29 points, and Horford makes a great block on Andre Miller at the end, was huge," Woodson said. "He held his own and made the block and secured the ball. That was pretty much the game right there."

The Hawks set a season high with 14 blocks, including two by Horford.

André Iguodala's three-point play with 19.5 seconds to go cut Atlanta's lead to 94-91, but Smith answered with two free throws.

Iguodala had 22 points. Young added 11 and Willie Green had 10. Samuel Dalembert had nine points and 13 rebounds.

The 76ers' big early lead didn't last long. The Hawks outscored the 76ers 30-18 in the second quarter to trail only 50-44 at halftime.

The quick turnaround stunned the 76ers.

"I wish I could tell you what happened," said Dlamont. "It was two games," Cheeks said.

Johnson's 3-pointer with 4 seconds left in the third put Atlanta in front 72-70 heading into the final quarter.

The Hawks led 87-79 in the fourth but the 76ers answered with two baskets by Miller and a 3-pointer by Iguodala to close the lead to 87-86 with 3:45 left.

A drive by Johnson with 1:53 left pushed Atlanta's lead to 91-88.

Mavericks 107, Magic 98

Coming off their worst performance of the season, the Dallas Mavericks got some extra practices in before playing the Orlando Magic on Monday night.

It paid off with a win in which Dallas led from tip to buzzer.

"We didn't want to leave anything in the gym tonight," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said. "That's why I brought them to the gym at the last minute to shoot around.

"I wish they'd do exactly the opposite sentiment existed.

Dorrell Wright scored 32 points, while Mark Blount and Dwyane Wade each added 12 for Miami, which has lost 19 of its past 20 overall, 10 of its past 11 at home. Not that many were around to see it; the arena that hosts the team with the NBA's worst record (9-37) had thousands of empty seats.

"Like my rookie year," Wade said.

Chris Quinn scored 17 points and Alexander Johnson had 10 points and 10 rebounds for Miami, which committed 21 turnovers that led to 30 Dallas points. And afterward, Heat coach Pat Riley simply seemed at a loss for answers.

"We're going to have to do some evaluation here," Riley said.

Anthony Parker scored 18 points for the Mavericks, Jose Calderon had 11 points and 10 assists for Toronto, and Jason Kapono — in his first trip back to Miami after the Heat chose not to re-sign him in the offseason — scored 13 points on 6-for-10 shooting.

Philadelphia guard Louis Williams, right, defends Hawks forward Josh Childress' drive to the basket during Atlanta's 96-91 home victory Monday night.

Raptors 114, Heat 82

Just when the Miami Heat thought they finally hit rock bottom, along came more indiscretion.

Chris Bosh scored 24 points, Andrae Bargnani added 22 and the Toronto Raptors handed the hapless Heat their biggest loss of the season Monday night, a 32-point drubbing that was never in contention.

The Raptors shot 66 percent through the first three quarters, jumped out to a 23-point lead in the first quarter and wound up

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Women's hockey ties Northwestern in home finale

Northwestern topped the Irish 5-5 in overtime on Saturday, the team's final game of the home season.

Despite playing most of the game with a man advantage, the Irish struggled on both ends of the ice. Notre Dame capitalized on their mistakes throughout the game, taking a 3-1 lead into the third period. Northwestern answered in the third period, tying the game at 3-3 with 52 seconds left in regulation.

In overtime, the Irish failed to capitalize on several scoring opportunities. However, on the flip side, Northwestern was unable to capitalize on their man-advantage opportunities, including a late power-play in the dying seconds of the overtime period.

Notre Dame goalkeeper Emma Ridenhour recorded 28 saves, while Northwestern's Camryn Stock had 25. The Irish scored twice on the power play, but were unable to capitalize on their other opportunities.

Northwestern's field hockey team will now turn its attention to the upcoming Big Ten Championship, which takes place later this month.
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but our confidence has grown and we’ve been making shots and that just grows,” Ayers said. “Everyone just has confidence in us.”

Ayers said that confidence in Notre Dame’s overtime win over Providence on Thursday.

In overtime, Ayers stepped up and drilled a three from the top of the key to give Notre Dame a five-point lead on its way to victory.

“That’s been a little bit of a chip on his shoulder, which is very scary for opponents because we’re such a talented guy like Ryan Ayers is playing with a chip on his shoulder,” Hillesland said. “I think it was kind of the reaction the coach was looking for with him this year.”

Hillesland netted 10 points against DePaul, including an electrifying baseline slam, but hasn’t limited his offensive potential to driving and scoring in the paint. Against Providence, Hillesland attempted, and drained, a couple of mid-range jump shots.

“With one left in the shot clock, I was able to create a mismatch and dart in and score,” Hillesland said. “It was a good shooting night.”

Against Providence, McAleary finished with only eight points, but his role has been that of a distributor who can find open players and allow Notre Dame to score in other ways.

“With Kyle and, I think, any guard, they’re going to have a hard time guarding us,” McAleary said. “They’re not going to be able to guard both of us, and we’re going to take advantage of that.”

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win. Ryan’s been great off the bench for us and scoring and Zach just needs to be aggressive attacking the paint. Just coming in every day and doing their part has really helped us out a lot.”

But Hillesland and Ayers’ effectiveness isn’t only measured in points. The 6-foot-9 Hillesland and the 6-foot-7 Ayers make for tough defenders, especially at the top of Notre Dame’s 1-2 zone where they can use both their size and quickness to thwart shot attempts.

Offensively, Hillesland can create mismatches against taller defenders with his ability to drive and dish, while Ayers has taken the ball to the hoop over the past few games more than he did earlier in the season.

“They’re huge for us,” McAleary said. “They do what they have to do for us to get the

Rhod, the Irish have a strong No. 1 doubles team in senior Sheeva Parbhu and junior Brett Helgeson. “They return as well as anyone in the country,” Bayliss said. “They sometimes break down at net, but have made great improvements. It will be interesting to see how the rest of the season plays out.”

Junior Santiago Montoya has also been a mainstay in the lineup for the first time this spring. Montoya has been playing with freshman Tyler Davis at No. 3 doubles.

Bayliss said the team is deeper than last year. Montoya and sophomore Sean Corrigan traveled with the

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“She won 6-0, 6-0 and did it quickly,” he said. “She didn’t really let her opponent into the game at all.”

Tefft also contributed to a doubles match win over the Wolverines.

“Kelye (sophomore) Brook (Buck) were down 6-1, but came back and won 8-6.”

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Piane was pleased with the performance of his throwers. Three shotput throwers made it to the finals.

Freshman Denes Veres has led the Irish throwers with top marks in the weight throw and shot put respectively. Veres has started off his collegiate career strong, finishing in the top 10 at each meet so far. A multiple letter winner in track in high school, Veres attracted Notre Dame’s attention when he became an all-state shot putter and set the county record mark of 60 feet, 10 inches.

The middle distance runners also put in big finishes over the weekend. Junior Billy Buzaid earned a sixth-place finish in the 800 meters. Although he ran the 500 meters in his freshman and sophomore seasons, Buzaid transitioned to the 800 in his last year’s outdoor season.

This indoor season, he’s already qualified for the Big East tournament for the 500 and 800 meters.

Sophomore Cameron Eckert came in fourth in the 600 meter run, following up his stellar performance from the Notre Dame Invitational where he ran a Big East qualifying time for the 800 meter run. He also qualified for the Big East meet with his time of 2:29.83 in the 1,000 meter run.

There are two more opportunities to qualify for the Big East championships: the Meyo Invitational Feb. 6-9 and the Windsor Team Challenge in Ontario, Canada on Feb. 16.

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Irish forward Zach Hillesland attempts a free throw in Notre Dame’s 83-74 overtime win over Providence on Jan. 31.

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Switcheroo

Lineup change pays off for surging Irish

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Juniors Zach Hillesland and Matt Schipper haven’t said a change in the lineup didn’t affect how much they played, it affected how they played.

Before newly-ranked No. 22/21 Notre Dame’s 90-80 win over Villanova on Jan. 26, Irish coach Mike Brey inserted Hillesland into the starting lineup for Ayers, and both said they elevated their play in the three games since the switch.

"I was in a rut for a while and the change kind of refocused me for a bit," Hillesland said after Notre Dame’s 89-80 win over DePaul on Saturday.

"It’s not like a whole bunch has changed, people are still playing their same minutes and coming in and contributing."

Ayers hasn’t seen a significant decline in minutes since coming off the bench and is averaging 9.7 points over his last three games when he averaged just under five per game in Notre Dame’s first five Big East games.

"I think we were kind of in a slump for a couple of games," said Alfonzo Ayers, left, Ryan Ayers, center, and Luke Harangody attempt to block a shot during Notre Dame’s 89-80 win over DePaul on Feb. 2.

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Men’s Basketball

Split squad scores big at IU Relays

By EUGENIA ALFONZO
Sports Writer

Although Notre Dame didn’t take its entire team to the Indiana Relays this weekend, the athletes that did travel performed well.

"We had some good things happen, but we didn’t bring everyone down," Irish coach Joe Plave said. "We took primarily sprinters and field events kids. We had the distance resting for the upcoming meet this weekend, the Meyo Invitational."

Sophomore Greg Kiley was the exception, running a 4:13 in the mile and qualifying for the Big East Conference Meet.

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Men’s Tennis

Doubles partners mesh well

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

On a team with six freshmen, one has separated himself from the pack.

Freshman Stephen Havens has distanced himself from the five other freshmen on this season’s squad. Havens and Andrew Roth made up the No. 4 doubles team for the early part of this season.

"The doubles have been playing really well," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "They make a lot of balls, and have responded well. I am pleased with them overall."

Roth has been a pleasant surprise for the Irish this season. He battled eye injuries early in his career and has stepped into a leadership role, Bayliss said.

"He has a determined work ethic," Bayliss said. "He is a lot more composed on court. He has a big heart, and can do a lot of things. He will make his opponents work. While Stephen is pretty placid on court, Roth is more fiery."

Aside from Havens, the rest of the freshmen have made their presence felt.

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ND Women’s Tennis

BYU presents chance to rebound

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

Road-weary No. 12 Notre Dame begins its home schedule today against No. 54 Brigham Young after losing two of its first three matches on the road. Notre Dame (1-2) looks to win two in a row over the Cougars (2-4) after winning 5-2 last season in Provo, Utah.

Notre Dame’s 4-3 loss to Michigan last Thursday did not sit well with Irish coach Jay Louderback, but the team has had five days to recover and prepare for BYU.

"We just didn’t play well at Michigan," Louderback said. "Friday was so close to the loss that everyone was still down. We had a better practice Saturday. I’m looking for Monday to be another good one to get everyone ready."

In addition to the time off, coach Louderback is happy to be home.

"It’s been tough to beat us here. We definitely need to play at home," he said. "We had three in a row on the road to start, and I was hoping we’d be at least 2-1."

Their match at Michigan helped prepare the Irish for BYU.

"Playing at Michigan, their courts are faster, and they hit the ball fast and hard," Louderback said. "So playing BYU will be an advantage for us because these teams play similar."

The Cougars’ strength is their doubles play. Both the No. 1 team of Anastasia Surkova and Jennifer Miccoli and the No. 2 pair of Bolly Chang and Kristina Doerr are 4-0 for the dual season.

"We lost the doubles point [to BYU] last year, and they have the same team coming back," Louderback said. "They’re tough and hit the ball big, so we will work on doubles more [in practice on Monday] to get ready for them."

Junior Kelsey Telft leads the Irish, coming off a strong showing at Michigan. Louderback was pleased with her performance.

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