Ford donates $6 million to Kellogg Institute

Teaching, research, outreach in development studies to be incorporated through new program

By JOHN TIERNEY

University trustee W. Arthur Thompson announced his experience starting his own organization to incorporate teaching, research and outreach in the field of development studies and Solidarity, which will be directed by Father Bob Dowd, an assistant professor of political science specializing in Africa.

The program is designed to reflect the mission of the University at large by channeling the incredible power of the human spirit toward service of God and the common good," Dowd said. The new program will incorporate teaching, research and outreach in the field of development studies, Dowd said. It will allow students and faculty research in development studies to be "devoted to real problems experienced by real people," he said.

The Ford Family Program is about to begin conducting a survey in conjunction with the people of Nnindye, a small village in central Uganda. Dowd said Notre Dame students will work with Uganda Martyrs University students this summer to help develop and implement this survey. Once the survey is concluded, the Ford Family Program will work with the people of Nnindye to implement its results.

"The Fords' gift allows us to transform the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative into a rather comprehensive program that integrates teaching, research and outreach," Dowd said.

The Ford Program plans to welcome the participation of Notre Dame undergraduates in all steps of its research. "We will push on our best to work with Notre Dame students to develop research in all aspects of this project," Dowd said.

Braun, Reish spar in final debate

Current VP focuses on passion, experience

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY

Student body president and vice presidential hopefuls Maris Braun and George Chamberlain highlighted their own passions and experiences for the job Wednesday in an attempt to differentiate themselves from opponents Bob Reish and Grant Schmidt in the debate before today's runoff election.

Reish and Schmidt emerged from Monday's primary with more than 48 percent of the vote. Braun-Chamberlain placed second with 32 percent. Today's voting — from 8 a.m. through 8 p.m. — will decide the next student body president.

Braun, who is the current student body vice president, has built a campaign around several platform ideas as well as her experience this year working with the South Bend Common Council to alter significantly the proposed party permit ordinance.

Braun said she wants to improve community relations by increasing security on campus. She believes that students would be more willing to go out into the community if they felt safer on campus.

"The city ordinance proved that community relations are no where near what they should be," Braun said.

Dungy delivers opening address

Executive director of NASPA speaks to begin-three-day conference

By LIZ HARTER

Saint Mary's third-annual Diverse Student Leadership Conference began Thursday with remarks by Gwendolyn Jordan Dungy, the executive director of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) in higher education.

"Diversity is not something that you are going to do just today, just this conference," Dungy said. "It is something that is being planned for this institution.

College president Carol Ann Mooney outlined the College's plans for diversity in her strategic plan, "The Path to Leadership 2012," which was delivered earlier this year.

"Everything [that plan said] talked about empowering these women [who hold Saint Mary's to lead]," Dungy said.

Part of teaching students to lead is helping them engage in their campus environment and become active in the national environment, she said. The way students are engaging in the national environment is partly why this year's presidential primaries have become charged with such enthusiasm.

"Part of the excitement has to do with the fact that there is something different than what we have seen before in this election," Dungy said. "Mc Cain is the oldest person who has run for president, and it's the first time we've seriously looked at a person who is a woman or who isn't white [as candidates for the presidency]."

It also has to do with the fact that the nation is turning toward the idea of a "Newlined States of America," she said.

"When a black male chooses [to] vote for a female instead of a black male and when a woman chooses [to] vote for a man instead of a woman, it's different," she said, emphasizing how these ideas are new to the nation, and will provide students with the opportunity to lead under different circumstances.

But the day of love is not only about romance and having that special someone in the Valentine's fever hits campuses

Holiday to be celebrated with usual enthusiasm

By ANN MARIE WOODS

Despite a weekly high below freezing, sub-zero wind chills and near-blizzards, students and faculty will feel the artificial warmth of February on Valentine's Day. Signs of the holiday are hard to miss at Notre Dame, with flower sales soaring at Irish Gardens, the florist shop in the basement of LaFortune.

"We have every type of flower in, including orchids, and we have special Valentine's Day packages," general manager Ann Marie Szymanski said. While men dominate the customer base, female students are getting balloons or flowers for their friends, Szymanski said.

For those who don't expect to give or receive flowers this Valentine's Day, students can enjoy the Gloe Club's "Singing Valentines," plus a Valentine's Day dessert dinner at both dining halls tonight — and even the opportunity to find love at Legends' speed dating at midnight. Students will get the chance to provide others with the opportunity to lead under different circumstances.

But the day of love is not only about romance and having that special someone in the...
INSIDE COLUMN

Be your Valentine

Men and women of Notre Dame, Spring Break is nearly two weeks away.
We all want to be tan, fit and beautiful when we're basking on the beach.

Through

Mary Kate Malone

Assistant Managing Editor

Those who don't probably aren't much happier than it, as a body.

Ourselves. We volunteer at levels unheard of at other schools.

And as the good Notre Dame students you are, you've got to be at your best. Right?

Wait. Set your Elliptical level down a few digits and listen up.

You're beautiful just the way you are.

In the preface to her play, "The Good Body," Eve Ensler urges every person on earth to do the one thing so many never will: love your body. "Tell the image makers and magazine sellers and the plastic surgeons that you are not afraid," she writes. "That what you fear the most is the death of imagination and originality and metaphor and passion. Then be bold and love your own body. Stop fixing it. It was never broken."

Maybe Eve Ensler is just an idealistic playwright out of touch with the pressures of college life and the pursuit of perfection at Notre Dame. But I'm inclined to believe she's on to something.

Maybe it's time we stop lifting and twisting and crunching and pressing and start loving ourselves.

It's puzzling how eager Notre Dame students are to help the world, but how slow we are to see care of ourselves. We volunteer at levels unheard of at other schools.

And when the day is nearly done — when we've served the poor, finished our homework, ate a salad for lunch, spent up in class, cleaned our rooms and snagged the summer internship, we head to the gym. Even with a growing stomach or a tired body.

Because, God forbid, we fail at looking flawless in our swimsuits.

But the perfect body is as elusive as a 4.0 at Notre Dame. Many want it, few have it, and those who do probably aren't much happier than those who don't.

So on this Valentine's Day, I'm choosing to not work out. Eve Ensler is keeping me from the frenzied afternoon rush at Rolfs.

Though a part of me says I need the exercise, a better, bolder one

I'm going to take a nap and eat a deliciously unhealthy dinner.

It's not laziness. It's care for the soul.

Try it. I dare you.

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

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CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your favorite word that sounds dirty but really isn't?

Anne Laughlin
sophomore
McClintock

"Hamdinger."

Don Whitney
sophomore
Stanford

"Wenox. You know that cute little wrinkle flak of skin on your elbow."

Marina Cardona
senior
off campus

"Saturated fat."

Molly Boyle
freshman
Pasquerilla East

"Krumkake. Some people think it's a swear word, but it's actually a Scandinavian dessert."

Nicholas Chambers
senior
off campus

"Puse. It means 'I put,' as in, 'I put the toy away.'"

OFFBEAT

Boston man finds postcard from 1929

BOSTON — The message on the postcard to a "Miss Margaret McDonald" was short. Its path to the intended address was much longer.

Nearly 79 years after it was sent, a postcard of Yellowstone National Park's Tower Falls arrived in a Boston mailbox recently with the one-word message, "Greetings."

"Its intended recipient had long since left the Victorian on Sparhawk Street, and the sender was not identified by name," reported The Associated Press.

Michael Oliff was shocked to find the card dated June 1929 in his mailbox. He says the McDonald family did own house for generations, but he doesn't think there is anyone left in the family to pass the postcard to.

A U.S. Postal Service spokesman says it's impossible to know what happened with the card. It somehow got into the mail and was sent with a one cent stamp from Seattle earlier this year.

Wisconsin ends sturgeon season

FOND DU LAC, Wis. — The sturgeon-spearing season on Lake Winnebago ended after just four days with a mammoth catch.

Ed Blatz bagged a 172-pounder that that measured 78 inches in length, the third-largest sturgeon taken from the lake since record keeping began in 1950.

The only larger ones were a 180-pounder caught in 1953 and a 185-pounder caught in 2004.

Spears place shanties on the lake, cut holes through the ice and wait until a sturgeon swims beneath them, within range of the spear.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

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College named to service Honor Roll

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

The Corporation for National and Community Service has named Saint Mary's to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts, especially regarding disadvantaged youth.

"Our commitment to the education of the whole person, a commitment that has been with us since our founding, remains unwavering; but the focus on the development of each student is not individualistic," College President Carol Ann Mooney said in a news release.

"We are always conscious that human beings live in community. As our Mission Statement implies, our commitment to education is not solely to or for the benefit of the individual student, but also for the benefit of the broader society."

The Community Service Honor Roll is one of the highest federal recognitions a college or university can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Saint Mary's was one of 117 schools that received the "honor roll with distinction" award. Honorees were chosen based on several factors including innovativeness of projects, percentage of student participation and the academic service-learning courses offered at the school.

Four programs at Saint Mary's were recognized, said Carrie Call, director of the office of civic and social engagement. These programs are under the umbrella of the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program where students mentor students from local primary schools and include the Read-to-a-Child program, Pen Pals program and the CAT program. 

"For the CAT program alone, we had over 160 students involved in 2007, which is 10 percent of the student body," Call said. "This is very high for a single program. Our numbers are quite high actually, higher than many other institutions. While we would love to see the numbers grow, I still feel very happy and proud of where we are.

Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service David Eisner recognized Saint Mary's commitment to service and the correlation with the College's mission.

"College students like those at Saint Mary's College are tackling the toughest problems in America, demonstrating their compassion, commitment and creativity in by serving as mentors, tutors, health workers and much more," Eisner said in a news release. "They represent a critical part of the civic engagement fostered by outstanding leadership on campus campuses."

The Community Service Honor Roll awarded six schools with "presidential awards," four with "special achievement awards," 117 as "honor roll with distinction" and 39 as "honor roll members."

"There are three levels of recogni­ tion that the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction, which we won, and then the Presidential Awards," Call said. "I feel strongly that it [the award] reflects the 'heart' of the Saint Mary's student body."

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll was established in 2006. It is cosponsored by the USA Freedom Corps and the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development.

Call hopes the enthusiasm for service at Saint Mary's will continue in coming years.

"It's a nice recognition and I believe it shows we are living up to our Holy Cross tradition of educating the mind and heart."

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Looking for solid business and accounting experience to put on your resume?

The Observer is accepting applications for a 2008-09 Business Manager and Controller. Responsibilities include preparing a yearly budget and handling payroll for a 200-person staff.

Since the Controller will take over as the 2009-10 Business Manager, Controller applicants should be sophomores, or juniors staying for a fifth year.

Both positions are salaried, about six to 10 hours a week.

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STUDENT SENATE

Group discusses Catholic faculty

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

The Student Senate began implementing plans to inform undergraduates about the hiring and retention of Catholic faculty members agree students an avenue to voice their opinions.

Carla Hendrickson, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, said sophomore Kathleen Donahue and seniors Amy Meyers and Brian Boyd said that alumni have often been wary of major changes at Notre Dame, such as making the University co-educational, and that students should still be open to new policies.

"If you look back on the history of ND, or of any college, whether it is about to go co-ed or to start accepting minority applicants, I'm sure the alumni were up in arms about saying it's not right, but that doesn't mean that objectively, it's not the right thing to do," she said. "I don't think that what they say should deter us."

Although the senators reported that most students were not concerned about a predominantly Catholic faculty, Hendrickson stressed the importance of listening to both sides of the issue at the town hall meeting.

"It will be interesting to see what people's opinions are once they've heard a really good briefing down of the issue," she said.

In addition to discussing student opinion about the hiring of Catholic faculty, the Senate passed a resolution supporting the installation of clocks in every classroom on campus. Hendrickson said that if both the Student and Faculty Senates pass the resolution, it will be implemented. Passaquerrra West Senator Megan Sennert said she met with Joseph Schellinger, the director of academic space management, who said it was "very feasible" to install clocks in the older classroom buildings that do not have clocks.

Sennert added that the University would use a satellite clock system, connecting clocks in the building together and reducing the possibility of theft, because they will not work if taken off the system.

In other Senate news:

Multicultural Affairs Committee Chair Ninny Wan discussed the progress of one of her committee's main ini­ tiatives, a cultural competen­ cy requirement in the Notre Dame curriculum. Wan said, some academic programs reported fitting another requirement into their cur­ riculum would be difficult. For example, architecture students are already required to spend a year abroad, and engineering students have room for only one elective.

Social Concerns Committee Chair Karen Koski said the Center for Social Concerns and the Kellogg Institute are hosting a sympo­ sium entitled "Solidarity in Pursuit of Authentic Human Development" on Feb. 23. A pre-symposium event to inform students about the event will take place Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Dooley Room of LaFortune.

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BCM plans faith dialogue

Club hopes to promote communication among Christian denominations

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

In an effort to foster understanding and discourse between Christian faiths, the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM), in conjunction with Notre Dame’s Campus Ministry, is planning a Catholic-Protestant Dialogue and reception on Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge. The discussion will feature scholars from two different Christian backgrounds. Offering a Protestant perspective will be Mark Noll, a professor from the history department. Theology professor Lawrence Cunningham will provide a Catholic perspective. Tim Matozina, another theology professor, will moderate the discussion.

Brett Perkins, director of student resources for Campus Ministry, said the event will be divided roughly into three sections.

Each professor will present a statement of his Church’s current perspective on the current relationship between Catholics and Protestants, followed by a summary of important doctrinal beliefs of their faith and how they differ from that of the other faith. The last portion will be left open to questions.

Perkins said he polled students from Catholic fellowship groups from Sharpsens Iron (IS) and Four to ask which issues they wanted the professors to address during their summary of doctrinal beliefs.

“We really want to address what kinds of questions students are asking,” Perkins said, adding that it is important to clarify any misunderstandings between the two faiths.

Allan Thompson, a local minister and member of BCM, said he wants professors to clarify certain issues that might often be misunderstood.

“One main area of difference between the faiths is the role of tradition, the role of scripture, and how the two interact,” said Thompson, who last-portioned the event.

Perkins emphasized the importance of understanding the differences and similarities between the two faiths.

“How close are we to being one again?” Perkins said.

Noll addresses that question in his book — “Is the Reformation Over?” — which examines the current state of affairs between Catholicism and Protestantism.

Perkins said this event is a follow-up of the Prayer for Christian Unity events that Campus Ministry sponsored in January, where services were offered at the Basilica and featured leaders of different denominations and different faiths.

But this event, he said, is more scholarly and aimed at dialogue and understanding.

“This is more of an academic setting,” Perkins said.

Perkins and Thompson sent e-mails to students and faculty belonging to Campus Ministry special interest clubs such as IS (IS) and Four to encourage people to attend.

Thompson said BCM seeks to engage students from all faiths. Calling its weekly meeting “The Journey,” BCM aims to focus on Jesus Christ rather than one specific doctrine or a certain faith.

“It’s like a metaphor for entering into a relationship with Jesus and seeing where he might take you,” Thompson said.

Thompson said BCM held a similar event last April.

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an additional $30,000 after getting support from South Bend’s Rotary Club and the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

By December 2007, the organization was able to build its first home in New Orleans for a family that had been displaced by the hurricane, he said.

After completing the first house last December, Phelps has been focusing on gaining additional support for Walking to New Orleans. Now, the organization is close to its goal for its second house-building project, thanks to additional support from Notre Dame faculty and students in the MBA program.

Phelps urged students at Notre Dame to garner even more recognition and support for his organization’s home-building plan.

“There is a college in your community, there is a Rotary Club in your community,” Phelps said. “Take the plan with you.”

After promoting Walking to New Orleans, Phelps touched on other topics as well — including his famed career coaching Notre Dame basketball — to emphasize the unique qualities of the Notre Dame community.

“I love talking to students. I love being around this place. I love being a part of this community,” Phelps said.

He hopes that in the future, the Notre Dame community can become an even stronger partner with his organization.

After the lecture, Phelps took student questions on a variety of subjects, even sharing some of his picks for the NCAA Final Four.

One audience member asked if Phelps planned on using his position as an analyst on ESPN to publicize his organization. Phelps said he doesn’t plan on using his on-air time at ESPN as a vehicle for promoting Walking to New Orleans, but he does plan on using some of his connections within the coaching community to get more donations to the organization.

Two years after Katrina, the Gulf Coast area is still suffering, Phelps said.

“Some people forget, and that’s the sad thing,” he said.

He is optimistic, however, that people will witness the struggle of New Orleans at least once a year. “Every August, it makes the news. Every August, there’s a flashback to Katrina.”

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Iran exports uranium to Pakistan

VIENNA, Austria — Iran’s new generation of advanced centrifuges has begun processing small quantities of the gas that can be used to make the fissile core of nuclear warheads, diplomats told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The diplomats emphasized that the centrifuges were being used on a small scale of uranium gas. One diplomat said Tehran has set up only 10 of the machines — far too few to make enriched uranium in the quantities needed for an industrial-scale energy or weapons program.

Still, the information revealed details of the state of Iran’s experiments with its domestically developed 192 centrifuges, which can churn out enriched uranium at more than double the rate of the machines that now form the backbone of the Iranian nuclear project.

Pakistan politician accuses Musharraf

KARUTA, Pakistan — A leading opposition politician on Wednesday accused President Pervez Musharraf of planning to rig next week’s elections, describing it as a move that could trigger uncontrollable unrest and tear Pakistan apart.

Ex-Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif also told The Associated Press in an interview that U.S. support for Musharraf was deepening anti-American sentiment in Pakistan and that only democratic rule could end Islamic militancy.

“Stand for democracy. He stands for dictator­ship,” Sharif said.

President Bush, surrounded by members of Congress and Cabinet members, signs the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 Wednesday in the White House.

Legislation includes rebates for more than 130 million people, tax breaks for businesses

WASHINGTON — The checks should arrive in the mail, but they will be soon.

President Bush signed legislation Wednesday to rush rebates ranging from $300 to $1,200 to millions of people, the first major federal effort to spur the economy since the Great Depression.

More than 130 million people are expected to get the checks in the mail or will get direct deposit into their bank accounts, according to a new Associated Press-Ipsos poll.

Most taxpayers will receive a check of up to $600 for individuals and $1,200 for couples, with an additional $300 for each child.

People earning too little to pay taxes but at least $3,000, including elderly people who live on income from Social Security and veterans who live on disability payments — will get $300 if single, or $600 if a couple.

The IRS will send out rebates — by mail or by direct deposit into your bank account — through the late spring and the summer.

The rebates come in addition to any regular tax refund. To pay for the rebates — which are estimated to cost about $177 billion over the next few years — the government will have to borrow more money, enlarge the budget deficit.

The Bush administration and some private economists are hopeful the rebates, tax breaks and aggressive interest rate reductions by the Federal Reserve will help the country narrowly dodge a recession. An increasing number of economists, however, believe the country has already fallen into its first recession since 2001, and they are simply hopeful the rescue package will limit the damage.

Most people — 61 percent — say the economy is now in a recession, according to the AP-Ipsos poll.

“Do I think this will give the economy a shot of adrenalin?” said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

Major terror figure killed in car bombing

ALBANY, N.Y. — A powerful winter storm ORLEANS, Mass. — The National Weather Service reported Wednesday that the storm system had been blamed for at least 15 deaths since Monday. Combined snow and sleet accumulations could reach a foot in parts of northern New York.

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share a dining hall dessert with. Love comes in all forms, from roommate to sisters, boyfriends and girlfriends to parents and children, fiancés to best friends.

Students on campus are embracing the holiday with acts of kindness; special outings and activities with friends; confessions of love; and, perhaps, engagements.

"My friends and I are going to Yesterdays in Granger for dessert this Valentine’s Day," senior Lindsay Paulin said. Sophomore Katrina Peller also said she and some friends were going to see "Enchanted," the SUB movie for the weekend, at 10.

Some students from Farley Hall are enjoying the night with friends, decorating cookies and watching movies. "You don’t need a boyfriend to celebrate Valentine’s Day," freshman Caitlin Ferraro said. "Taking extra time for your girlfriend is just as important today."

Men at Notre Dame are also stepping up and sometimes employing the holiday in order to confess their interest and hope for a relationship. "I plan on asking the girl I like to be my girlfriend on Valentine’s Day," one male student, who asked not to be named, admitted.

Another student had flowers delivered to an unsuspecting student during one of her classes yesterday, along with a note asking her to meet him at the Dome tonight.

And of course, there will be many couples, here and throughout the country, who will get engaged on this day of love. The Diamond Information Center estimates that 10 percent of the 2.3 million couples that get engaged each year, do so on Valentine’s Day.

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world, she said. "They have given more service ... than any generation in our past," Dungy said. "When evaluating the nation the first thing we need to do is look at the promise of our students.

Dungy showed pictures of golfer Tiger Woods, actress Halle Berry and Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama to the audience and said most students she has come in contact with want a post-racial future; that is something embedded by these celebrities because they claim neither to be white nor black, but self-identify as multiple races.

"They want to look at people as people and get beyond race," Dungy said.

She also said young people are more involved in the election process because they have realized the leadership of the country is important.

Dungy also spoke about the different aspects of diversity in education and how they affect students today.

"There’s no way we can talk about diversity and multiculturalism without talking about religion," she said.

Recently, Dungy spoke to a chaplain about the lack of religious diversity on college campuses and asked for advice on how to change it.

A chaplain replied that public school campuses can’t make it seem as though they favor one religion over another or that they believe that everyone in the United States is a Christian, Dungy said.

She added that while many believe that the Jewish faith and race is one of the most discriminated against in academia, a 2006 Washington Post survey showed that Jews were the most favorably looked upon by faculty and staff in America.

"These are the best times for America in a lot of ways when you think that we have moved forward a long way when it comes to anti-Semitism, but we don’t love all religions," Dungy said.

Dungy also said that this is the "best worst" of times for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer and transsexual community in the United States.

"People became more accepting of it because of talk shows like ‘Ellen’ and ‘Oprah,’ and shows like ‘Will and Grace,’" she said. "The programs being made by transgender (persons) is enormous. You don’t have to say you’re male or female, you just say self-identity. A transsexual person can participate in the Olympics now if it’s two years since your surgery.

At the same time, 64 percent of middle school students report that they have been affected by anti-gay bullying and name-calling, Dungy said.

"These students reported that they cannot learn if they don’t feel safe," Dungy said. "They’re trying to find safe spaces for students who are questioning. This is not a safe place for them at middle schools, however it’s getting much better in high school.

Dungy emphasized that it is everyone’s responsibility to make students who are different feel welcome.

"You can recruit as many students of color as you want but if they don’t feel a sense of belonging you have had rather close your doors because, first of all, they aren’t going to stay," she said.

"This is what happens to international students, you want them engaged, you come here to have an American experience. If you don’t talk to them when it’s time to eat they’re going to find the people who came from the same country and eat with them.

Everyone, not just the office of Multicultural Affairs, needs to engage these students to give them a sense of belonging, Dungy said.

The Diverse Student Leadership Conference will continue through Friday.

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Economists call unexpected increase a temporary blip, attribute to gas prices

In Brief

WTO denounces China tax practices

Geneva — The World Trade Organization on Wednesday issued its first official condemnation of Chinese commercial practices, siding with the United States, the European Union and Canada in a dispute over car parts.

The WTO found that China was breaking trade rules by taxing imports of auto parts at the same rate as foreign-made finished products, according to a copy of the ruling's conclusions obtained by The Associated Press.

In the sweeping decision, the three-member WTO panel found against China on mostly existential grounds in the U.S., the 27-nation EU and Canada. The panel found that Chinese-made or imported auto parts less favorable treatment than like domestic auto parts or "subject imported auto parts to an internal charge in excess of that applied to like domestic auto parts."

Its final message to Beijing: "The dispute settlement body requests China to bring these inconsistent measures as listed above into conformity with its obligations."

Scientists developing alternate power

Boston — Someday, your iPod — just by doing the normal stuff expected of a shirt.

Scientists have developed a way to generate electricity by piezoelectric fabric with unbelievably tiny wires woven inside, raising the possibility that you could produce power simply by being stretched, rustled or ruffled by a breeze.

The research, described in Thursday's edition of the Journal Nature, combines the precision of ultra-small nanotechnology with the elegant principle known as the piezoelectric effect, in which electricity is generated when pressure is applied to certain materials.

While the piezoelectric effect has been understood at least as far back as the 19th century, it is getting creative new looks now, as concerns about energy supplies are inspiring quests for alternative power sources.

Market Recap

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IN BRIEF

WASHINGTON — Retail sales posted a surprising rebound in January following a dismal December, although much of the strength reflected rising gasoline prices. Economists saw the increase as a temporary blip rather than a sustained recovery.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that sales rose by 0.3 percent last month after having fallen by 0.4 percent in December, as retailers suffered through their worst Christmas shopping season in five years. The increase was led by higher demand for new cars and a big jump in sales at gasoline service stations that primarily reflected rising pump prices.

On Wall Street, the better-than-expected reading on retail sales helped lift spirits by easing concerns about the severity of the economic slowdown. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 178.83 points to close at 12,552.24.

While the piezoelectric effect has been recognized for years, scientists now say they can build materials to produce electricity simply by stretching it — a principle that could be turned into products ranging from car-seat cushions to diaper covers.

Given all the troubles facing the economy from a prolonged slump in housing to rising food and energy costs, job losses and turbulent financial markets, analysts said it was not surprising to see lackluster retail sales. Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for two-thirds of economic activity.

"Consumer spending is still deteriorating quite dramatically," said Norman Excellence, chief economist at Global Insight, a private forecasting firm, which is predicting the economy will be in a recession in the first half of this year, contract­ ing at annual rates of 0.4 percent in the current quarter and 0.5 percent in the second quarter.

"It will be one of the milder recessions we have had. We don't expect anything awful, but it will be a recession," Behravesh said. Part of the reason for the optimism about a short downturn is the view that spending will be bolstered by the $130 billion tax refund checks of between $300 and $1,200 — more for families with children.

Shoppers put aside worries about the economy to go to malls and auto dealerships in January, pre­ selling retail sales to a surprising rebound following a dismal December.

Yahoo battles Microsoft for News Corp.

San Francisco — Yahoo Inc. is discussing a possible Internet partnership with media conglomerate News Corp., its latest effort to repel Microsoft Corp.'s bid to buy the online portal. Yahoo appeared to be trying to make a better offer from the unsolicited suitor, a person familiar with the situation said Wednesday.

Yahoo spokeswoman Terri Everett declined to comment on the Yahoo talks. Yahoo shares closed 31 cents to $29.84 Wednesday while Microsoft shares gained 62 cents to $25.96. News Corp. shares slipped 10 cents to finish at $19.93.

Based on Microsoft's current market value, its cash-and-stock bid for Yahoo now stands at $29.50 per share, or about $41 billion.

Yahoo rejected Microsoft's offer Monday, insisting that its Internet franchise is worth more money. Microsoft has held firm so far, calling its original "full and fair" while threatening to launch a hostile takeover attempt.

"What's unclear now is whether Yahoo is just trying to get a higher offer or if the company really doesn't want to sell to Microsoft," said Peter Fallacy, a technology investment banker with Revolution Partners.

Although News Corp. Chairman Rupert Murdoch unequivocally said during a conference call last week that his New York-based company isn't interested in an outright acquisition of Yahoo, he didn't rule out the possibility of a deal involving MySpace.

When asked whether he might renew the previous discussions with Yahoo about a MySpace alliance, Murdoch replied: "I think that day has passed, but you never know."

A News Corp. stake in Yahoo might hinge on whether the two sides can agree on how much MySpace is worth.
Debate

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Braun and Chamberlain list
ed their most important goals as community relations and "sustainability." Braun dis-
covered helping to change the attitudes of off-campus resi-
dents, which would help build community relations and stu-
dent safety. "I think there is an impression that when you move off-campus, you are a transi-
ient member," Braun said. She said that her focuses were formed with that goal in
mind.

Reish and Schmidt have been attending ordinance
committees meetings for the past few months in order to
understand the proceedings and progress made by outpi-
ing student body president Liz Brown and Braun.

"Showing the Council mem-
ers as well as other city offi-
cials that hey, we're here and
you know who to talk to," Reish said.

Reish strongly emphasized having a presence at the
Community/Campus Advisory
committees (CCAC) meetings and
suggested having CCAC mem-
bers come to student govern-
ment meetings as well.

While Braun and Chamberlain list their pas-
sion and experience, Reish and Schmidt tried to add to
that an ability to recognize a
variety of student concerns.

"One thing that separates, not only that we are pas-
sionate, we are willing to look at all the
issues," Reish said.

Braun and Chamberlain opened the debate dis-
cussing their plans to create
student legal services. These
services would offer students
legal council from alumni,
third-year law students or
lawyers in the community at
a discounted price.

"This would help students
try to navigate something they wouldn't already know," Braun said.

Reish and Schmidt empha-
sized the work they have been
doing to obtain student dis-
counts off campus.

"It's never been done at Notre Dame and it is some-
thing high student interest," Reish
said. "It allows you to get out into
Student Body and
Reish and Schmidt argued
for an online syl-
labus database that would allow
students to review the
requirements of a course before
signing up, and they said they
would work to reinstate the
"Last Lecture Series," which
allows professors to offer a talk as
if it were their final class peri-
od.

Braun and Chamberlain pre-
sented their ideas for student-
initiated courses. These
thing different," Schmidt said. They would apply for
funding, teach the materi-
al, and give them a wider general
perspective in that par-
ticular arena," Chamberlain said.

Braun also raised the issue
of student forum follow-ups
towards the creation of
Graduate School fellowships,
and policy makers that will
"We hope we can
improve gender relationships in that
way and make it a little less awkward,
and make 'Fresh-O' a little more comfortable for stu-
dents."

George Chamberlain
student body vice presidential
candidate

Braun and Schmidt had the most important goals as
the people of Nnindye and the
student body president Liz
Chamberlain and the
campus community relations.
We are passionate, we are
willing to look at all the issues," Reish said.

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projects that address real world issues that are
respectful of our partners, such as the people of Nnindye and
Bilhira," Dowd said.

The Ford Program will co-
present the project's first annual event, a student-organized symposium
on human development, on
Feb. 23 with the Center for Social Concerns and the
Kellogg Institute. Notre Dame
and Uganda Martyrs students
will present their research on
human development at the
symposium, which was
organized by seniors Sara
Snider and Joel Steiner and will be hosted at the
Hesburgh Center for
International Studies. Ray
Oppenheimer, president of
Oxfam-USA, will deliver the
keynote address, Dowd said.

While the Ford Program
will open additional oppor-
tunities to Notre Dame under-
graduates, Notre Dame stu-
dents are just a small part of
the program's mission.

"Through the Ford Program, we aspire to build a transna-
tional and interdisciplinary alliance of students, faculty,
development practitioners and policy makers that will be
dedicated to promoting respect for human dignity for a
long time to come," Dowd said.

In other news of donations to
the University, Richard
Notebaert, the chairman of the
Board of Trustees, donated $10 million to the
Graduate School, the University

announced Monday. The
Notebaert donation will go
toward the creation of
Graduate School fellowships,
which will provide merit-based
financial aid to doctoral candi-
dates.

The Notebaert fellowships will
provide doctoral candidates with
full tuition, health insur-
ance, and a generous stipend,
according to a University press
release.

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Police hunt for psychologist's killer

Man entered office and stabbed doctor repeatedly before escaping

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Police hunted Wednesday for a man who entered a psychologist’s office with a bag of knives and a meat cleaver, backing her to death so savagely that blood spattered the walls and floor and the entire room was torn apart.

A colleague who responded to the victim’s screams was seriously injured, and investigators were trying to determine whether the attacker was a patient of the clinician. Three knives were recovered at the scene, including a 9-inch knife and the cleaver, which was apparently bent from the attacker’s strikes.

Kathryn Faughey’s office was in shambles: Furniture was overturned, shades tore, and blood was on the walls and pooled on the floor. She suffered 15 stab wounds, including 13 to her head and face. Blood was found on the baseboard doorknob, and police said she was in their midst.

The attack rattled residents of the affluent neighborhood. They feared a violent slasher was in their midst. It also shocked the mental health care community and raised questions about safety protections at therapists’ offices.

Everyone in the building is very nervous, because we know that this person is loose. It’s very frightening,” said Linda Shinbach, a 70-year-old Kent Shinbach, a 70-year-old man who works in the building’s quarter-length green coat, knit cap and gloves, breezed past the building’s doorman, saying he had an appointment with Kent Shinbach, a 70-year-old geriatric psychiatrist who worked in the same office suite as the victim, according to police.

The suspect walked into the suite waiting room, where a cameraman was war­ranted at Faughey’s office and started to attack her, police said.

It wasn’t clear how long the struggle continued before Shinbach heard Faughey’s screams and ran to help. The traumatized female patient, who was in Shinbach’s office during the attack, was being questioned by authorities.

The suspect apparently didn’t recognize Shinbach when he opened the door and said, “She’s dead,” referring to Faughey, who was lying behind her desk, police said. He then attacked the psychiatrist, stabbing her at Shinbach and pinning him to the wall with a chair before stealing $80 and escaping through a basement door.

Shinbach was in serious condition at New York Hospital with slash wounds on his head, face and hands.

Blood was found on the baseboard doorknob, and police said the door was outside from the first-floor office wasn’t very obvious; it was possible the suspect was in the stairway where he was going. Surveillance tapes show the suspect deliberately leaving the luggage by the basement door before walking out.

Clear Channel, the company that owns the New York station, said the rock radio station WIHY-FM promoted the show by running on-air advertisements, distributing free tickets to the show and having a disc jockey serve as master of ceremonies and introduce the band. They say the DJ, Mike Ouellette—who was among those killed—had the authority to stop or delay the concert for safety reasons but failed to do so.

Clear Channel Broadcasting is a unit of Clear Channel Communications Inc., the largest operator of radio stations in the United States, and one of the brand-name defendants sued after the fire.

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Clear Channel said in a statement Wednesday that it was saddened by the “trumenous harm” caused by the fire.

The attorneys who represented the settlement requires the company to do so. The federal judge overseeing the case, among other conditions, the court papers said. A Duke University law professor has been appointed to create a formula for the distribution of settlement money.

The settlement also covers the radio station itself and Capstar Radio Operating Company, which is part of Clear Channel, according to the documents. The tentative deal brings to more than $70 million the total amount of settlement money offered to survivors and victims’ relatives. Other defendants that have reached settlements in the cases include The Home Depot, a manufacturer of insulation material, a pyrotechnics maker and a TV station whose cameraman was accused of blocking an exit while filming the fire.

Dozens of people and companies remain part of the federal investigation including Ashbury-Busch, members of Great White and the state of Rhode Island.

The three men criminally charged, club owners Jeffrey and Michael Derderian and former Great White tour manager Daniel Biechele, reached plea deals on involuntary manslaughter charges in the Rhode Island case.

Biechele and Michael Derderian each sentenced to four years in prison, while Jeffrey Derderian was spared jail time and ordered to perform community service.

WIHY-FM owner settles concert case

Company promoted fatal event where 110 died

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The owner of a radio station that promoted a rock concert where pyrotechnics ignited a deadly blaze reached a tentative $22 million settlement with survivors and victims’ relatives, according to court papers filed Wednesday.

The deal with Clear Channel Broadcasting is the latest in a series of settlement agreements from the Feb. 20, 2003, fire at The Station nightclub in West Warwick that killed 101 people and injured more than twice that many.

The fire began when pyrotechnic devices used by the rock band Great White ignited flammable foam used as soundproofing on the club’s walls and ceiling.

Victims’ lawyers sued Clear Channel, saying the rock radio station WIHY-FM promoted the show by running on-air advertisements, distributing free tickets to the show and having a disc jockey serve as master of ceremonies and introduce the band. They say the DJ, Mike Ouellette—who was among those killed—had the authority to stop or delay the concert for safety reasons but failed to do so.

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What do Wii really need?

During what seemed like the 27th snow day of 2008 this past Monday, I found myself very tempted to invite my children to write this column for me. Stuck inside (again), unwilling to brave the -17 degree wind chill when there wasn’t even enough snow to play in, I engaged in a reverting conversation throughout the day about why they really need — excuse me, NEED — to have a Wii. “Please write 650 words, plus or minus, on what it means to NEED something,” I could have said. Of course, they would have immediately responded, “If we do it, can we get a Wii?”

To their credit, they are remarkably tolerant of their parents’ insistence to even attempt to keep up with what they see as the basic NEEDS of any 21st century family (although our seventh grader is already hinting that when he goes to high school and will receive a cell phone he’d like to be like a “decent once” — read, “not like yours and Dad’s”).

Smirk in the middle of this first week of Lent, I have been thinking about both the gospel we heard last Sunday as well as the one we will hear this coming Sunday. They could not be more different: Last week, a hungry and vulnerable Jesus sparrowed in the desert with the devil, hurling scripture passages at him until he seemingly gave up and left. This Sunday we will find dazzling, transfigured Jesus on a mountain with Elijah, Moses, and the completely awestruck Peter, James, and John.

These two readings together quite fittingly kick off the season of Lent each year, and if, rather than simply reading them passively, we engage ourselves in how they speak to our lives and hearts; we ask us two critical questions for Lent: Who am I? and, What do I need?

“Who am I?” I suppose, is an evolving question — perhaps it’s better to ask ourselves, “Who am I becoming?” Either way, however, we can always at least begin to answer by going back to question No. 2, What do I need? Peter, James, and John certainly would have asked themselves, “Who is this Jesus?” after experiencing the Transfiguration, leading them naturally to wonder, “So then, now who am I? If I’ve given up everything else in my life to follow him, what do I need now?” Jesus himself challenges us to ask ourselves, “What do I need?” as we watch him deflect all the “needs” the devil brings before us.

We would do well to hold both these readings in our hearts as we move through Lent (and beyond). The devil told Jesus, “Just say the word and you’ll have bread from these stones,” but Jesus could see the reality behind the “needs” the devil wanted to convince him to grab. They would lead him not to fullness of life with God, but to death. We also must examine if what we think we need leads us toward, not away from, our waiting, inviting Lord. The promise of easy results, allure, power, or status entice us toward illusions, like those shimmering pools which continuously elude the grasp of the parched desert traveler, that remain nothing but false gods.

Peter, James, and John thought they knew Jesus, but in the moment of the Transfiguration they saw him more fully revealed. How could this event do anything else but turn upside down not only what they thought of him, but also their understandings of themselves? The question, “Who am I becoming?” would have taken on a whole new light. And they, like us, would find the answer to that question in the choices that made up their and our daily lives. What does it take to follow Jesus, the more and more fully we understand him? As we become the people we are meant to be, what do we need? The apostles seemed to find — as we might, too — that as they discovered who they were becoming, and the more closely they followed and imitated the person of Jesus Christ, the less urgent and numerous their other needs became.

So do my children really NEED a Wii? No, no does. But for countless complicated reasons, ranging from the plain old fun of it through to the ways millions of marketing dollars can make us feel like our Wii-less lives are incomplete and inadequate, on some days they do believe they need one. The tricky part, as they figure out their own answers to “Who am I?” and “What do I need?” is to help them recognize how inseparable these two questions are, one from the other, and the impact they have on our lives of faith. Maybe we get a chance to return to Lent every year so that we can continue to ask them of ourselves.

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In defense of caucuses

In response to the Greg Yatarola’s article (“Are you a fascist?”), Feb. 8, I must say that I feel is completely missing the point. You refer to conservatism as the opposite of fascism, and in principle, you may be correct. In principle, conservatives, in a general sense, the advocacy of caution regarding radical change. In the political arena, again in principle, it espouses limited government and decentralization.

The rush here, unfortunately, is what policies the Bush administration has enacted under the banner of conservatism. You refer to those who compare our current regime to that of Nazi Germany as “criminal” while criticizing the advocacy of gun control as Hitler-esque. You go on to claim that the only thing the “conservative” Republican party wishes to take away from Americans is the demand.”

I'm not claiming that these are correct in stating that conservatism is what's most important to most of the far left is, to me, pigheaded and generalizing to the extreme.

I am not writing with a full of my own mud to sling back at Mr. Yatarola. Instead, I offer an alternate view of the left. In my view, American liberals, spearheaded by the Democratic Party, hold first and foremost the ideal of tolerance and respect. We believe that all individuals are important and that the difference between us is critical to the preservation of our great society. I share Mr. Yatarola’s annoyance with the constant invocation of Nazism and fascism — but I find it equally ridiculous from every quarter. To be honest, what frustrates me even more is the constant reference to abortion in every political stance and debate.

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Can’t we move beyond these generalizations? Let’s respect the life of all people by putting them into little boxes and misconstruing their priorities. I’m sorry Mr. Yatarola’s observations have led him to this extreme conclusion. It is a mistake in a much more significant way. And to answer the question, no, I’m not a fascist. I am a liberal.

Daniel Tostado
Dillon Hall
Feb. 12

Respect the educated

In Gary Caruso’s recent letter to the editor, (“Dissecting the Democratic Primary,” Feb. 12) he discussed the constituencies of support for Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. He described one pocket of support, the highly educated liberals, as “the upscale elite Starbucks... wing of the party.” In saying this, he is marginalizing part of Obama’s support. I think it is important for the representation of Barack’s base is the highly educated, but Caruso, being a Hillary supporter, dismisses this base entirely when he calls describes them as such. He does this, not realizing that he’s insulting the liberal community of Notre Dame.

As Domers, WE are the highly educated, and we know what higher education looks like, because it looks like us. But Caruso implied that to be a highly educated left-leaning person, we are the coffee connoisseurs that work for the Daily Dillos and the螺bians. Part of writing for newspapers is removing your own bias from your article, and Mr. Caruso, you have failed at this. The result he was disrespectful to those of us who do support Obama.

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SCENE STAFF REVEALS ROMANTIC COMEDIES THEY HATE

"You've Got Mail" (1998)

The idea for this movie is brilliant. Let's have the audience watch Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks send e-mails to one another for two hours.

I feel sorry for the people who actually said, "Hey, let's go pay good money to watch two people send e-mails." If you really want to watch somebody send e-mails for two hours, go sit outside a cybercafe and watch some college nerd jam the world's inboxes with spam; it might be less brain-numbing. Fortunately, I rented this romantic abomination and watched it at home, keeping my proximity to the bathroom close for when I inevitably got the urge to throw up.

I'm not sure which was worse, the accentuation of Tom Hanks' receding hairline, or that anyone could believe that an Internet dating scenario could end up with any result other than some creepy 40-year-old getting arrested for posing as a younger man to seduce a new Eva Langoria fiancé about to get it on, does that somehow become creepily reminiscent of necrophilia? Though I can't quite put my finger on it, something about the new Eva Langoria Parker (flick is just not right. Perhaps it's the bad acting. Maybe it's the unoriginal plot line. Or, most likely, the basic premise of a love triangle, in which one or more members is deceased, is just plain wrong. However you look at it, this film is destined to be on our list. Might as well get it over with.

-Jessa Shaffer

"Failure to Launch" (2006)

Matthew McConaughey is poison to romantic comedies and his 2006 vehicle was no exception. There is little to love and little to laugh at in this miserable movie.

Surprisingly, McConaughey has the more sympathetic character this time since Paul Rudd's Tripp essentially tries to justify prostitution. This romantic comedy contains one big mystery that is never fully explained: Why hasn't McConaughey's Tripp moved out of his parents' house yet? That's a pretty big hurdle to overcome considering it's the whole premise of the movie. But the most repulsive part is when the romantic leads reference "A Philadelphia Story." Tripp and Paula shouldn't even be allowed to utter that movie's name.

-Cassie Beleek

"She's All That" (1999)

It's a favorite among our generation, but when you watch "She's All That" when you're not 12 years old, you get a whole new impression of the romantic comedy. Let's just say that it doesn't exactly hold up almost 10 years later like "10 Things I Hate About You" does. The acting is painful, the performance art is scary and Sixpence None the Richer has lost its charm. The choreographed group dance at the prom is pretty spectacular, but why is Anna Paquin in this movie again? The girl won an Academy Award at age 11. And how about this line for the romantic climax: "I feel just like Julia Roberts in 'Pretty Woman.' You know, except for the whole hokker thing." Oh Laney Boggs, you sure know how to woo your man.

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"Over Her Dead Body" (2008)

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"Must Love Dogs" (2005)

In an attempt to combine the celebrity force of '80s teen stars, "Must Love Dogs" unites John Cusack and Diane Lane on screen. But this middle-aged loving was far from being interesting, engaging, or even remotely funny. Basically on a scale from being compared to gorgias like "Something's Gotta Give" and horrors like "Gigli," "Must Love Dogs" falls much closer to 1.0 quality. Overall, it's mediocre and unmemorable. That's disappointing, considering the fame of "Say Anything" and "The Outsiders" — both pinnacle works of the '80s. It just goes to show that as with dirty laundry, some things do not get better with time.

-Jessa Shaffer

"Fever Pitch" (2005)

"Fever Pitch" is directed by the Farrelly Brothers and it stars Jimmy Fallon and Drew Barrymore. That should be all the reason you need to avoid it like the plague. The directors haven't helmed a remotely decent movie since the late '90s and nothing truly good since "Dumb and Dumber." Jimmy Fallon is a blight on everything he touches. Drew Barrymore is more boring than an "American Dad" marathon. Not a good combination, so the results were not unexpected.

A date movie about an obsessed Red Sox fan is not appealing to anyone outside Boston, and probably not even there. If you have seen this movie, you are either extremely brave or unforgivably stupid. Either way, it's a 100-minute exercise in suppressing your gag reflex. "Fever Pitch" will make you want to swear off cinema forever, move to Chyenne, WY. and begin plotting the downfall of everyone involved in making this travesty of a movie.

-Ryan Haffin

"50 First Dates" (2004)

"50 First Dates" is Adam Sandler at his worst. With the success of "The Wedding Singer" to back him up, he and Drew Barrymore teamed up for an absolutely horrible film. Sandler plays a Hawaiian bum who spends his time involving himself in making this travesty of a movie.

-Stephanie DePrez

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**NBA**

Iguodala leads 76ers to fifth straight win

Toronto Trumps New York for Second Time this Season; Ginobili Scores 46 Points as San Antonio Defeats Cleveland

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The All-Star break is coming at the worst possible time for the Philadelphia 76ers. They would much rather keep playing.

Andre Iguodala had 29 points, eight rebounds and eight assists as the 76ers won their fifth straight and completed a perfect 13-0 record before the All-Star break with a 102-88 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Saturday night.

"It's unfortunate that the All-Star break is coming now," Sixers coach Maurice Cheeks said. "But it is here and we have to think about where we are and where we're trying to get to."

Samuel Dolembert added 16 points and 12 rebounds and Andre Miller had 14 points and 11 assists for the Sixers, who improved to 23-30. Philadelphia has also defeated Washington, Miami, the Los Angeles Clippers and Denver on its home court since Feb. 5.

The 76ers are in a three-way tie for seventh place in the Eastern Conference with New Jersey and Atlanta.

"It's a hard position to compete for a spot," Iguodala said of the playoffs. "We need to get better and understand that we need to get better as a group."

Hakim Warrick and Rudy Gay scored 23 points each for the Grizzlies (14-39), who dropped their fifth straight road game. Memphis, in last place in the Southwest Division, fell to 4-26 on the road this season. Kyle Lowry contributed 15 points and Mike Miller had 13.

"We're going through some tough times right now," Memphis coach Marc Iavaroni said.

The Sixers scored the first 11 points of the third quarter — five by Iguodala — for a commanding 64-45 advantage.

Philadelphia went on to hit nine straight field goals en route to a 78-60 lead. Memphis eventually went on an 11-2 run, including eight points by Warrick, and got within 92-86 on a thunderous dunk by Warrick with 4:08 remaining. But Philadelphia responded with back-to-back baskets by Miller and Iguodala for a 96-86 advantage with 2:45 left.

"You don't want to risk it for a spasm," Warrick said. "It's a matter of everyone stepping up." Warrick added: "It isn't a guarantee he's going to fill his shoes. We all have to try and be good and determine, we can't afford any lapses."

Raptors 109, Nets 91

Riding high from news that Jason Kidd was likely to be traded soon, the rest of the New Jersey Nets didn't have much of a fight against the Toronto Raptors on Saturday night.

Chris Bosh had 27 points, Jose Calderon had 22 points and 12 assists and the Raptors beat the Nets in the final game for both teams before the All-Star break.

Toronto built a 13-point lead in the second quarter before the game all but won by halftime, when they led 61-42.

"You think that we were already on vacation in the second half," New Jersey's Vince Carter said.

Earlier in the day, the Nets announced the verge of a blockbuster trade that would send Kidd to Dallas, and the All-Star point guard said he was happy to be a part of this game.

But the trade hit a snag when Dallas' Devean George blocked it by not wanting to give up his "early Bird rights," a provision earned by being in his second season of his second contract with the Mavericks.

"Right now it is what it is," Carter said. "I'm not a GM, I can't do anything about it or I'd have to block it already."

Life without Kidd did not look pretty for the Nets, who never led and trailed by as many as 30.

"It's been a very emotional day," Nets coach Lawrence Frank said. "It was hard. I wish we could have got that kind of attention but you've got to go to Toronto credit. It's been a crazy day.

The second time this season, the Nets completed their annual rodeo road trip.

Knockdown shots down every corner of the floor. Ginobili made 4-of-4 3-pointers and scored 18 points in the fourth quarter to rally the Spurs, who began the final period down by four.

"I'm happy he's on my team," Tim Duncan said. "He's unbelievable when he gets rolling like that.

The funny part is, I've seen him do it before."

Ginobili's hot hand, the Spurs went 7-of-8 on 3s and shot a blistering 78 percent (14-of-18) in the final 12 minutes. Even when San Antonio, which wasn't too often, the Spurs out-hustled the Cavaliers to loose balls.

Duncan added 23 points and 15 rebounds for the Spurs, who completed their annual road trip at 6-3. LeBron James scored 39 points — in the fourth — but Cleveland's superstar again came up a little short against the Spurs, who swept the Cavaliers in last June's Finals. James added nine assists and six rebounds in 43 minutes, but walked off the floor shaking his head at Ginobili's marksmanship.

"It was unbelievable," James said. "There's nothing you can do when a guy get hot like that. He shot step-back 3s. He shot pull-up 3s. It was a great performance by Manu."

Larry Hughes had 26 points for the Cavs, who went ahead 91-89 on James' 3-pointer with 5:52 remaining.

That's when Ginobili, who also had eight assists and five rebounds, began taking target practice.

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Clemens, McNamee testify to Congress

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Separated by only a few feet, Roger Clemens and his accuser were never further apart.

There they sat, the star pitcher and his former personal trainer, Brian McNamee, sharing a wooden witness table Wednesday while speaking to Congress under oath and facing blistering questions.

For 4 hours, both men stuck to their versions of the he-said, he-said disagreement over whether McNamee injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone.

Clemens insisted it never happened. McNamee insisted it did.

His reputation and Hall of Fame candidacy potentially at stake — not to mention the possibility of criminal charges, should he lie — Clemens said: "I have never taken steroids or HGH. No matter what we discuss here today, I am never going to have my name restored.

For some members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Clemens' denials rang hollow, particularly in light of a new account of his discussion of HGH use, revealed by his friend and former teammate Andy Pettitte in a sworn affidavit.


Clemens and McNamee by all accounts once good friends, rarely looked at one another. Seated between them was a third witness, Charles Scheeler, a lawyer who helped compile the report on drug use in baseball headed by former Senate majority leader George Mitchell.

Occasionally, Clemens stuck out his famous right mound glare. Even when the details still were being worked out and the meeting was nearing its megatrade.

"I think it was the right thing to do," Goodell said Wednesday after meeting with more than an hour with Specter, the ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary committee. Goodell noted that "we were the ones that disclosed the New England Patriots' illegal taping of the New York Jets' defensive signals."

"I have nothing to hide," Goodell said.

Specter, R-Pa., requested the meeting so Goodell could explain his decision to destroy the tapes and notes from the case, which go back to 2002. Patriots coach Bill Belichick was fined $500,000 and the team was fined $250,000. The Patriots also forfeited a first-round draft pick.

**In Brief**

Kidd-Mavericks deal nearing completion

**NBA BASKETBALL**

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Dallas Mavericks' guard Jason Kidd appears headed back to where his career began, rejoicing the Dallas Mavericks in the latest Western Conference megadeal.

Kidd is the centerpiece of a proposed deal between the Mavericks and New Jersey. Various media reports say Dallas will send emerging point guard Devin Harris, veteran Jerry Stackhouse and reserves DeSagana Diop, Devean George and Shawn Marion to the Nets, with forward Malik Allen going from New Jersey to the Mavericks.

The details still were being worked out, but Nets coach Lawrence Frank already was talking about life without his All-Star point guard.

"I love him. He's a very special person, but it's time for both him and the organization to part ways," Frank said before the Nets' game in Toronto.

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NASCAR

Only four spots available in 500

DAYTONA BEACH — Tucked away in the back corner of the garage, far from the overwhelming attention surrounding NASCAR’s biggest stars, a world-class group of drivers went overlooked in their quest to make the Daytona 500.

It was a surreal scene: A former NASCAR champion, a two-time Daytona 500 winner and a Formula One star. Dale Jarrett, Sterling Marlin and Jacques Villeneuve were fighting to make the 500 field.

None were guaranteed a spot in the season-opening race, and all must race their way into the 500 field in one of Thursday’s two qualifying races.

Only four spots are available. And for all of them, it could be their last chance for the Daytona 500. Jarrett will retire next month, Marlin is running a partial schedule and Villeneuve needs sponsorship to run a full season.

“I haven’t really allowed myself to think in that direction,” Jarrett, a three-time Daytona 500 winner and former series champion, said Wednesday.

“We need to stay in a positive frame of mind in that we are going to be able to race our way in. It would be disappointing to say the very least, because this is going to be my last opportunity at Daytona. So I want to be involved in it.”

Only the two fastest drivers in last week’s time trials — two-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson and two-time Daytona 500 winner Michael Waltrip — are locked into Sunday’s race.

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Zednik injury nearly fatal

Panther players still refuse to wear neck guards despite wingman’s accident

Associated Press

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. — Even a neck guard may not have pre­vented Richard Zednik’s neck injury on Sunday.

Just ask Jussi Jokinen, whose jersey was splattered with blood as he helped his Florida Panthers teammate off the stained ice.

Jokinen knows all too well what it’s like to have a neck guard — they are free to use them if they choose,“” said Zednik’s teammate, executive director of the NHL Player’s Association.

“Players are free to use them if they so choose,” spokesman Gary Meager said in an e-mail.

Paul Kelly, executive director of the NHL Player’s Association, said it will take a closer look at neck guards.

“The NHL will review this matter in detail and will contin­ue to ensure that our members are educated about all aspects of on-ice safety,” he said.

“But there are a few players who say the league should do more with neck guards what it did with helmets — require them for new players while letting current players choose.

“If you start right now, the rule for newcomers, rookies, coming into the league, they have to wear it, it’s mandatory, no one’s ever going to complain,” said Anaheim Ducks forward Teemu Selanne, who has ordered neck guards for his three children. “That’s what the NHL has done with their program. Nobody complains. You start wearing them in juniors, in mites. I tell you, it’s going to save a lot of lives. Even if it saves one it’s worth it.”

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Refreshments & Conversation
MLB

Pitcher describes secret steroid use

Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado Rockies reliever Matt Herges says he's actually glad he was implicated in the Mitchell Report on drugs in baseball because it led him to do some soul-searching and clear his conscience over his "dirty little secret."

"I didn't use to be this way, but I'm at the point where I knew what I did was wrong 100 percent, no excuses, no justification, no rationalization. I screwed up and I crossed the line," the 37-year-old pitcher told The Associated Press in an interview from his home in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Wednesday.

"I feel like I've been shown mercy in all of this," Herges said. "If I'm not standing there naked in front of the world with my big secret, I'd still be holding onto it, hiding it. It would still be eating at me. It's not fun by any stretch holding onto something like that, so secretive, so dirty. I'm grateful it's out there. I'm freed a little bit, a lot actually."

Rockies first base coach Glenallen Hill, who was also implicated in the Mitchell Report, and Herges broke their silence on the matter Wednesday by issuing written apologies for using performance-enhancing drugs. They said they would work to make sure impressionable young­sters don't make the same mistakes.

They issued their statements on the same day Roger Clemens and his former per­ sonal trainer, Brian McNamee, test­i­fied before Congress about drug use in baseball.

"It was on in the back­ground while I was working out," Herges said. "It's not a place I wanted to be, let's put it that way."

Although Herges declined Mitchell's invitation to respond to allegations he used HGH, Hill, who played for seven teams over his 13-year career that ended in 2001, was required to meet with Mitchell because he's a club employee.

After his name surfaced in the investigation as having purchased performance enhanc­ing agents in 2000 or '01 while with the Anaheim Angels, Hill told Mitchell he did indeed buy anabolic steroids but insisted he didn't use them.

On Wednesday, he said he did use them.

"My brief use of performance enhancing substances embar­rassed me, both personally and professionally, and it was something that I did not want to discuss with anyone," Hill said. "After much thought and reflection, I felt that I owed it to God, my family and the Rockies' organization to be completely forthcoming and truthful. I would like to extend my deepest apologies to the Rockies organization, to my family and friends, and to baseball fans across the coun­try." Herges resurrected his career in Colorado last year, going 5-1 with a 2.96 ERA in 35 relief appear­ances to help the Rockies win their first NL pennant. He was rewarded with a one-year, $2.5 million con­tract two weeks before the Mitchell Report was released in December.

That report cul­minated a 24­month investigation by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, hired by commission­er Bud Selig to examine the game's Steroids Era.

In the report, former Mets clubhouse attendant Kirk Radomski said Herges bought human growth hormone on two or three occasions in 2004-05, when Herges was with the Giants and Diamondbacks.

"I just tried to get to the bottom of why I did it. Deep down, in my core, I'm not as good as I'd like to be. I'm flawed big­time," Herges said. "And I think the incredible amount of insecurity I have contributed to me basically not selling my soul but crossing that line."

Herges said there was no connection between his apo­logies and Clemens' testimony on Capitol Hill.

"It was just the right time," he said. "I've done my soul­searching and I've realized why I did it. And I did­n't want it to be a circus when I go down there to spring training, either."

The Rockies' pitchers and catchers report to spring training in Tucson on Friday.

Herges said he knows he's going to pay the price in the public's eye but has been surprised by the forgiveness shown him by those close to him.

"You talk about leading a double life. My wife, Jane, didn't know, my family didn't know, my mom and dad, who are so proud of me and what I've done, they didn't know," Herges said. "You can imagine the phone calls, sitting in front of my wife. I tried to hold onto a secret, a dirty little secret. That's not how you really want to live."

Herges said that when the Mitchell Report came out, "I felt better than I'd slept in months," because he knew he had to face the reasons he doped into drugs in cheat.

The funny thing is, Herges added, was that he didn't notice that much of a differ­ence on HGH, which he said he only used in the offseason.
High School Basketball

School refuses female ref
Officials investigating decision not to allow woman to call games

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City's Academy referred to a female referee to call boys' high school basketball games Tuesday, according to the Associated Press.

The Kansas State High School Activities Association said referees were not allowed to call boys' high school basketball games.

Campbell was preparing to officiate at St. Mary's Academy near Topeka on Feb. 2 when a school official insisted that Campbell could not call the game.

The reason given, according to the referees, was that Campbell was a woman, and that she could not be put in a position of authority over boys because of the academy's beliefs.

Campbell then walked off the court along with Darin Puthoff, the referee who was to work the game with her.

"I said, 'If Michelle has to leave, then I'm leaving with her,'" Puthoff said Wednesday. "I was disappointed that it happened to Michelle. I've never heard of anything like that before."

Putthoff and other referees of Campbell said they believe state activities officials will handle the situation properly.

Campbell did not return phone calls seeking comment.

However, she told The Kansas City Star that she was "dumb-founded" by the incident but that she is not angry at the school.

She said she does not want the situation to go any further than it already has.

"This issue was going to come up eventually," Campbell said Wednesday. "I was disappointed that it happened to Michelle."

Darin Puthoff, high school referee

Thursday, February 14, 2008

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MLB

Giants prepare for 2008 season without Bonds

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The San Francisco Giants of 2008 are all about Matt Cain, Tim Lincecum and Barry Bonds. So much so that there's talk of trying to mention hard-nosed center fielder Barry Zito as a possible candidate to get their chance with nothing left to prove

Bonds, the hype of the home run chase and All-Star game, well, that's all history.

"It's the post-Bonds era," Bowden said, "Barry is the last of his ilk. It's a whole new world for sabermetrics like working out with his new teammates. "We're definitely going to have fun. It's not Barry's fault. It's that he is who he is and there was a lot of attention. That happens when you're one of the best players of all time and you're not a champion.

San Francisco will start life without Bonds when pitchers and catchers hold their first official workout Thursday. Players began trickling in Wednesday to get ready and take physicals.

"It's on. It's time," second baseman Mark Sweeney said. "Last year, I felt I was singled out and everything happened in a way that the craziness went on. This year, I feel like business as usual."

"Last year, I felt like we were stepping into that role. It's more of a micro-scale on me. Even if there still is, I'm not perceiving it that way. It's all good now,

He might not even be the Giants' opening-day starter this time around, and Zito insists he won't mind a bit.

Bochy has several options and planned to sit down with pitching coach Dave Righetti to map out the schedule. No. 2 starter Tim Lincecum is scheduled to take the mound in his first spring game Wednesday against the Milwaukee Brewers.

"I think we've had that feeling for a while," Sabean said.

"Some ways you prepare yourself and in other ways you have to wait until you see it all play out.

With Cain, Lincecum, Zito, Noah Lowry and Pat Canseco in the mix, the Giants expect to have a deep staff in the pitching-heavy NL West. And a strong defense behind them, featuring catcher Bengie Molina, 11-time Gold Glove shortstop Omar Vizquel and second baseman Frank Francisco, gives them a solid middle.

The 23-year-old Cain went 7-16 despite a 3.65 ERA in his third major league season and the Giants saved him by not trading him during the winter meetings.

"He is happy the Giants have shown such confidence in him and the hard-throwing Lincecum, who was 7-5 with a 2.16 ERA in 24 starts last year, as a rookie.

"It feels good to know that we don't really have to worry about maybe moving," Cain said. "It's cool that Brian came out and said that verbally. We have a pretty good idea we're going to be here until something crazy happens.

Giants prepare for 2008 season without Bonds
**NCAA Basketball**

Indiana coach investigated for 'major' violations

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Kelvin Sampson’s future at Indiana was in doubt Wednesday following the release of an NCAA report that says he committed five "major" violations.

According to the report released Wednesday, the basketball coach and his assistants gave improper gifts and failed to provide misleading information to university and NCAA officials.

The allegations stemmed from a phone-call scandal that occurred while Sampson was still under recruiting restrictions following a similar episode at Oklahoma. The NCAA ruled in May 2006, less than two months after Sampson took the Indiana job, that the Sooners coaches made 277 illegal calls between 2000 and 2004.

The NCAA banned Sampson from calling recruits and making off-campus visits for a year. In October, however, new allegations surfaced after an internal review.

Just five months after coming off of probation, an Indiana investigation found Sampson’s staff made more than 100 impermissible calls, and that Sampson had participated in at least 10 three-way calls that were prohibited as part of the sanctions during his probationary period.

"It is regrettable, to say the least, that we are in this position, to respond to the allegations that have been made about several of our basketball coaches," athletic director Rick Greenspan said at a hastily arranged news conference. "I am personally, professionally and profoundly disappointed with the hint of inappropriate behavior."

Sampson declined to comment before the 13th-ranked Hoosiers hosted No. 15 Wisconsin on Wednesday night.

At the time of the Indiana investigation, Greenspan called the infractions secondary, although he said additional NCAA infractions could lead to Sampson’s firing.

On Wednesday, following the release of the NCAA report, Greenspan was quoted as saying the school planned to impose additional sanctions, but acknowledged Sampson’s contract contains a clause in which he could be fired for cause if the NCAA rules Sampson committed major violations.

Indiana has already forced Sampson to forfeit a $500,000 pay raise and one scholarship next season.

"I think the sanctions we established on Oct. 3, we felt very significant and we felt very appropriate for the information at that point in time," Greenspan said.

"Any additional self-imposed sanctions would come out of a collective thought process and we have not made any decision on that." The NCAA saw the infractions as more serious than secondary violations.

**MLB**

Cubs pitcher predicts World Series triumph

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Ryan Dempster plans to move from closer to starter for the Chicago Cubs this season. On the first day of spring training, he took on another role: prognosticator.

"I think we’re going to win the World Series. I really do," Dempster said.

That’s a bold prediction before the start of a season that marks the 100th anniversary of the Cubs’ last World Series win.

"Funny when people make predictions or they say things and people are like, ‘How could you say that?’” Dempster said Wednesday, as pitchers and catchers reported to camp.

Home?

"Like you believe it, you really do," Dempster added. "Enough of all the, you know the curse this the curse that, the goat this, the black cat, the 100 years, whatev- er it is. We’re a better team than we were last year, I truly believe. And last year we made it to the playoffs."

The Cubs did make it to the postseason last season after a slow start, winning the NL Central before being swept in the Division Series by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the first round.

A year ago in spring training, it was Carlos Zambrano guaranteeing the Cubs would win the World Series.

Dempster made no guarantees, but he’s convinced the century-long drought will end.

"I wouldn’t show up here and work as hard as I did and everybody work as hard as they did to not believe that," he added.

Reminded that Zambrano’s prediction fell short, Dempster didn’t back down.

"And we were close, maybe we need some more guys saying it," he said. "You see those teams and they come together, they battle together and they endure through everything and they start believing that they are that good."
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Gaines sliced to the basket all night en route to a season-high 22 points.

every night. They don't have a lights-out perimeter threat. They have hybrids that complement each other, and sometimes take over when necessary. See Barlow's 23 points against DePaul and Allen's 26 against Louisville for proof.

The speed of the Irish fast break makes it necessary for every player to be on the move, regardless of position, and that type of system is conducive to big individual nights from time to time. It isn't just Gaines who played well; Schrader hit 7-of-9 field goal attempts, and had 17 points and six boards. Allen scored all 13 of her points in the second half. But that doesn't surprise us. Schrader and Allen are supposed to go by getting close to the basket and making the easy shot. After Wednesday's game, Gaines is shooting 45.2 percent from the other arc and finished with 14 points.

"Our women's basketball committee voted to increase the number of host sites from four to eight in 2009 (reversing a decision made in 2005), it chose the Irish to host next year's Tournament as well."

"Our women's basketball team has enjoyed tremendous success in the NCAA Tournament over the years," Athletic Director Kevin White said. "We believe this selection is a fitting and just reward for the hard work and dedication Muffet [McGraw], her players and her staff have put in to make Notre Dame an elite national power in women's college basketball."

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Irish sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu hits a forehand during Notre Dame's doubles point in all three matches. The Irish look to rebound and correct those weaknesses in front of their home crowd. The match with the Buckeyes begins a three-game home stand over the next four days. The Irish won their only home match earlier this year and feel they have an edge playing at home. We had a pretty good crowd last time, and the kids are excited to play at home. Having three in a row here will be good,” Louderback said.

The Irish look to increase their lead in their series against Ohio State at 3:30 p.m. today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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ers are all undeclared. "There's not a lot of difference from their No. 1 to No. 6 singles players," Louderback said. "They're a lot like us in that respect."

None of Ohio State's singles players is nationally ranked, but the doubles pair of Angela DiPastina and Christian Keesey is No. 35 in the country. "They have a great No. 1 doubles team that did great at the nationals," Louderback said, referring to DiPastina and Keesey. DiPastina and Keesey upset the No. 1-seeded pair from Miami in the first round at the ITA National Championships in October before losing a close second round match. The Irish doubles team of Brook Buck and Keby Tefft won that event.

Notre Dame's doubles attack will have to improve as the No. 1 pair of Buck and Tefft lost twice last weekend, with the Irish dragging the doubles point in all three matches.

Luke Harangody Irish forward

"Minus the loss, I feel we played great tonight, especially in this type of an atmosphere. It was like a tournament game atmosphere here," Harangody said by phone. "I thought we played really well. Things just didn't go well for us down the stretch."

Throughout the second half, Connecticut did not let the Irish mount a significant run — Notre Dame's biggest lead after intermission was 65-60 with 10:14 to play.

After Harangody hit a layup with 7:44 left, Connecticut's defense clamped down, allowing Notre Dame a lone field goal the remainder of the game. The Huskies had a hard time scoring, but a dunk from guard Doug Wiggins after a rejection by forward Gavin Edwards at the other end got the Irish on its feet and gave the Huskies momentum. "It just feels like we had this one on the whole way and we couldn't pull it out," Harangody said. "They're a great team and it's an intense atmosphere to play here, especially on campus. So it was a good test for us."

At 8-for-20, the Huskies weren't spectacular from behind the arc. But most of their 3s came at critical times. Early in the first half, a basket by Jackson gave Notre Dame an 11-6 advantage. A tip-in by Connecticut guard Craig Austrie and consecutive 3s from Austrie and Price quickly erased that lead. Later in the half, Connecticut doubled-dipped again. This time, Wiggins and Price hit from 3-point range to cut into an eight-point Notre Dame lead and stop a 2-1 run. In the second half, after a Kyle McAlarney three gave Notre Dame a four-point lead, Austrie answered to keep the Irish from gaining momentum. McAlarney, who scored 32 in Notre Dame's 73-67 win over Connecticut on Jan. 7, nixed a 12 this time on 4-for-14 shooting. Jackson finished with 13 points, nine rebounds and four assists.

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Luke Harangody Irish forward

"Things just didn't go well for us down the stretch."

Tory Jackson Irish point guard

"We can't dwell on it because we have a big game against Rutgers."

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The coaches were working with me to change it up and taking him inside and outside,” Harangody said. “I did a good job of that and when he came up and I just drove up the lane."

Notre Dame will hit the road again to face Rutgers on Sunday. The Scarlet Knights are tied with South Florida for last place in the Big East with a 2-10 conference record.

"It was a good game and we fought hard," Jackson said of Wednesday’s loss. "But we can’t dwell on it because we have a big game against Rutgers."

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3 35 Charge
4 36 Undo a lead
5 37 Unharnessed
6 38 Out of harm’s way
7 39 Passing obstruction?
8 40 Mostest
9 41 Half a huge
10 42 Art class figure
11 43 Dishwashes
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14 46 Magazines
15 47 Grime
16 48 Sitting of a king
17 49 Ocean angler
18 50 Silver, for one
19 51 Inferior
20 52 Tasteful
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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Husky bites**

**By CHRIS HINE**

Connecticut overcame shaky foul shooting down the stretch and a career-high 32 points from Irish sophomore Luke Harangody to capture its eighth straight victory with an 84-78 win over Notre Dame Wednesday in Storrs, Conn. Huskies forward Gerald Robinson, an unlikely 3-point threat, nailed a trey against Notre Dame’s 2-3 zone with the shot-clock winding down to give the game’s lead at 78-74 with 1:57 to play. Connecticut hit only 5-of-10 free throws the rest of the game. The Irish couldn’t seem to knock down any more shots at the end. Connecticut guard A.J. Price scored 26 for the Huskies, who trailed most of the game until a pair of Jeff Adrien free throws with 3:25 left put Connecticut up for good.

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**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Irish shoot down Golden Eagles at JACC**

**By JAY FITZPATRICK**

All the progress Notre Dame had made defensively against Pittsburgh on Sunday looked lost early Wednesday night against Marquette. The Irish were down by six at the second TV timeout and appeared lost. But things finally clicked, and the Irish didn’t look back.

A defensive switch led to a 21-1 Notre Dame run, and the Irish stormed past the Golden Eagles 99-76 at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame used a box-and-one defense to shut down Golden Eagles guard Crystal Ellis and a good transition offense to pull away from Marquette.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she made the defensive change after Ellis had made three early 3-pointers against her squad. "Ellis was the one person we were concerned about guarding. We didn’t get close to her," McGraw said.

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

**Buckeyes to test squad at Eck Center**

**Team prepares for three-game homestand**

**By DAN MASTERTON**

After facing three top-15 teams last weekend, the schedule does not get any easier for No. 14 Notre Dame (19-4, 5-0 ACC) at home today.

The Buckeyes are undefeated, though they have not faced any top-15 opponents in the dual season. Irish coach Jay Louderback knows that their perfect record is no accident.

"Ohio State is solid. They just have not played high-ranked teams yet," Louderback said. "They’re well-coached, and we always have clean matches with them."

The Irish lead the all-time series against Ohio State, 15-3, and have not lost to the Buckeyes in 18 years. Notre Dame’s dominance is representative of the strength of the program, but Louderback recognizes that things could have gone either way.

"We’ve been lucky and won some tight ones," Louderback said. "They’ve been good matches, and we’ve been fortunate to come out on top."

This year’s Ohio State team is deep. Its No. 3 though No. 6 singles players are all ranked.

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**Irish senior guard Tulyah Gaines attempts a fade-away jumper during Notre Dame’s 81-64 loss to Connecticut Jan. 27. Gaines had 22 points in a 99-76 win over Marquette Wednesday.**

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