Wabruda events honor black history

Weekend conference features guest speakers, trip to Underground Railroad landmarks

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

This weekend’s inaugural Black History Conference underscored the importance of remembering and celebrating black history through cultural immersion in a series of lectures on campus and a visit to Underground Railroad landmarks in southern Michigan.

The conference was sponsored by the Notre Dame student group Wabruda in honor of Black History Month. Wabruda, a group whose name means “brother” in Swahili, promotes brotherhood and leadership among black men on campus.

Two-year Wabruda president, senior William David Williams, said he envisioned the conference a year ago but began planning the event in December.

The Conference was designed to address black history and its effects on American society today, Williams said.

Presentations given by three speakers Saturday attracted about 100 students, faculty, staff and community members, he said.

Fans flood JACC to cheer basketball wins

Arma sees high attendance levels during 36-game win streak over three seasons

By EMMA DRISCELL
News Writer

Fans have been packing the Joyce Center all season and have helped the men’s basketball team tally a 36-game home winning streak — the second longest streak in the nation.

Josh Berlo, assistant athletic director at the ticket office, said the games against DePaul, Marquette, Pittsburgh, and Syracuse sold out and the game against St. John on March 5 has almost sold out.

“We’ve been very pleased with our fan support, and in particular the student body this year,” Berlo said. “We always want a full building. When filled to capacity, the JACC holds 11,418 people.

“We want as much of a home court advantage as we can have, and we always want to have our student body behind us and with us along the way.

This season, ticket sales increased from last season, which saw only two
Every student by now has noticed the plethora of campaign posters: the ubiquitous black and red signs set to the far left, are set in front of a red background from rest of the generic tickets. There is one — the sophomore class council's — that features the words "News Team!". The unusual footwear is "Cupcakes because every day is delicious." — Ed Crago

OFFBEAT

German police dogs to wear shoes BERLIN — Police dogs in the western city of Duesseldorf will no longer get their feet dirty when on patrol — the entire dog unit will soon be equipped with blue plastic fiber shoes, a police spokesman said Monday.

"All 20 of our police dogs — German and Belgian shepherds — are currently being trained to walk in these shoes," Andre Hartwich said. "I'm not sure they like it, but they have to get used to it." The usual footwear is not a fashion statement, Hartwich said, but rather a necessity due to the high rate of paw injuries on duty. Especially in the city's historical old town — famous for both its pubs and drunken revelers — the dogs often step into broken beer bottles.

School bus driver claims to be a cop ECONOMY, Pa. — A school bus driver in Beaver County said he told students he was an undercover officer so they wouldn't misbehave on the bus. They didn't.

But the real police said what William Dunn, 59, did was wrong and have charged him with impersonating a public servant. Police said Dunn flashed a badge and identified himself as an undercover officer to at least three people on Feb. 5.

Dunn said a fellow bus driver, who has asthma, had been harassed by students, and he was driving her route that day. Dunn said he didn't mean any harm.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Jo Beger, associate professor of sociology at Oakland University, will speak on "Fascism and Feminism in the Contemporary U.S. Women's Movement" at 12:30 p.m. today in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Former Senator Rick Santorum will present a lecture entitled "Gathering Storm of the 21st Century" today at 7 p.m. in the McKenna Hall auditorium. The lecture is sponsored by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute and the Ethics and Public Policy Center.

ND women's basketball will play South Florida Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

The Gender Relations Center is presenting a Notre Dating panel discussion Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse lounge. The discussion will address how competition and perfectionism affect gender relations at Notre Dame.

The Bengal Bouts quarterfinals will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Tickets are available at the Ticket Office.

The film "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Thursday at 7 p.m.

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

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

Members from Around the World club debate international issues

By DAVIS RHORER, Jr.
New Voice

While students at Saint Mary's College have studied abroad for years, one student organization is bringing the themes of international diplomacy and cultural diversity back to campus.

This March, five members of the Around the World club, a group comprised of students interested in studying different cultures and foreign nations, will travel to the University of California-Berkeley to participate in a national collegiate model United Nations forum.

"We're expanding what our objectives and goals are," Meghan Ferrara, an junior, said. "They represent our experiences from different cultures and from different countries, so we can bring our world to the other students who are studying different cultures and world issues on a national level."

Ferrara cited the efforts of Saint Mary's Freshman Jingqiu Guan in reinstating the study's tradition, as Saint Mary's students participated in model UN events until the activity fell out of practice 15 years ago. "We're expanding what our objectives and goals are," Meghan Ferrara, an junior, said.

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According to one review by Raymond Brady Williams of Wabash College, Walvoord's new book is "insightful, inspiring, practical. This is scholarship of teaching at its best—careful analyses of students' and teachers' goals and evaluations along with detailed case studies of effective teaching. Every teacher can learn from this book how to become a better teacher."

Walvoord's book reviewer

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Raymond Brady Williams

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will contain "more informa-
tion that I want." For ex-
ample, Saracino explained that the University is interested in the religious background of the applicants, but this is left out of the Common Application. The supplement will also contain an additional essay question, he said. The decision to join the Common Application was not made in an attempt to increase the number of applicants, though that may occur.
"Universities always report that with the Common Application, their number of applicants go up," Saracino said. "But we are not conver-
ging in more applications for the sake of diversity, we are not interested in sending out any more "no" letters to students," he said.
Although the Common Application may be a popular choice in applicants, the overall pro-
file of the student body is not expected to change significa-
cantly. "Admission is quietly get-
ing more competitive, and the overall profile of incoming first-year students is probably increase, but that has been happening anyways," said Saracino.
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Fans
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sellouts — Villanova and Marquette — according to Berlo. Student ticket booklets came close to selling out this season.
He attributed high sales to coaching and the way that the teams have been winning, as well as its suc-
cess this season. "Coach Brey and the team have been doing a fabulous job of playing ... and of course riding a 36 home game win-
ing streak," Berlo said. "I also think that Notre Dame fans love their teams and will do anything to help them draw a lot of people anyway," he said.
Sustich said he has noticed the size of the crowd increasing throughout the season. "At the beginning of the year, there are a lot less peo-
ple there because the oppo-
nents are a little lesser," he said.
Sustich said that now toward the end of the season, with games against Big East teams, there are "a lot more people there and the crowd is a lot more enthusiastic.
The atmosphere in the Joyce Center has been "pretty elec-
tric," he said. "We have a great fan base, and even when the team is los-
ing ... fans will get real into it and try to bring the team back into it," Sustich said. He added that Notre Dame fans are "very knowledgeable about the game and know what they are talking about." Sophomore Tommy DeGregoris, who purchased student tickets and has attend-
ed most home games, has also noticed "the size and liveliness of the fan base" this season.
"As the season goes on, other than the Marquette game — which was a huge win — the student section has been getting bigger, but more than anything else, the energy of the section is getting better and better," DeGregoris said. "I think the student section was a particularly large number of fans at this weekend's St. Joe's game, he said.
"It looked like the stu-
dent section was sold out, it was pretty much packed, a lot of good energy," he said.
Josh Berlo
director
Ticket Office
Bo th Sustich and DeGregoris enjoy being part of the enthusiastic crowd at games last year, but agree that this year's crowd is even better.
"I'd say the energy level is even a little bit bigger than last year," DeGregoris said. He added that last season was a great season to build on, as the team posted home wins over Villanova, Providence, DePaul and Marquette.
"I don't think the crowd's energy ever dropped off from last year to this year," DeGregoris said. "It's getting bigger pretty much every game.
Berlo said the student sec-
ton plays an important role at home games. "Students contribute a lot of energy and excitement to the games," he said. "I know our season ticket holders appreciate and enjoy it.
"Everyone prefers it when the students are here for our games."
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In 2001, a memorial scholar-
ship was created in honor of Connie Murphy, a junior who died of leukemia, Gaines said. The Fund's other function is to help students pay for medical expenses.
Gaines said the Financial Man-
agement Board will not pro-
ceed with individual scholar-
ships before acquiring permission of the student's family. She has yet to approach the Abele and McNair families, she said.
"I'd really like to respect the sit-
tuation of the families and give them a little bit of time to them-
selves," she said. "Then I'd just like to let them know that this opportuni ty is out there to really honor their sons and keep them immortalized within the school."
There are two main steps in the process. First, a minimum of $25,000 must be raised for the estab-
lishment of an endowed scholar-
ship fund, Gaines said. The schol-
arships will rely on the Financial Management Board, which is responsible for approving all activities of The Fund, for the ini-
tial $25,000, she said. Later, other dorm and class council groups may contribute to renewing the scholarships.
After the initial funds are allo-
cated, representatives of The Fund will work with the student's family and friends in order to establish the criteria by which scholarship recipients would be selected.
"Normally, these criteria would reflect some aspect of the memori-
alized student," she said.
If the necessary $25,000 is
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"Catholic, Black and Proud: African American Inventions and Ingenuity" is the theme of the annual event. The peer-reviewed event is sponsored by the Multicultural Student Programs and Services of the University of Notre Dame. The event is free and open to the public. It will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2008, at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

N. Korea welcomes N.Y. Philharmonic

PONTIAC, Ill. — Swirling dancers and musicians beating traditional drums welcomed the New York Philharmonic to North Korea Monday for a historic cultural exchange between countries that have technically been at war for more than a half-century.

In a burst of musical diplomacy notably devoid of the usual glare-giving leader Kim Jong II or attacks on U.S. policy, North Korean dancers balanced water jars on their heads or twirled pink and green fans to entertain the celebrated American orchestra — which gave them a standing ovation.

The Philharmonic is the first major American cultural group to visit the isolated communist nation and the largest-ever delegation from the U.S. to visit its longtime foe.

NATIONAL NEWS

N.Y. Philharmonic gets to move

DEKALB, Ill. — Students carried backpacks stuffed with books, headed in and out of class, gathered in groups to sit down and study in the library just like always.

But there was not normal about Northern Illinois University on Monday. Not with white crosses on a small knoll and television news trucks parked around campus. And not with crime scene tape strung in front of the auditorium where 11 days earlier a gunman wordlessly pumped bullets and buckshot into a crowded community where 11 days earlier a gunman wordlessly pumped bullets and buckshot into a crowded

The shooting sparked protests and debate over excessive force and police conduct in New York City.

Prosecutor Charles Testagrossa told the judge that the evidence is unclear. "I will be clear that what happened cannot be explained away as more accident or mistake. It can only be characterized as criminal."

LOCAL NEWS

Three boys drown in separate incidents

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Three children drowned over the weekend; one in the St. Marys River near a downtown Fort Wayne apartment complex died early Monday, while crews searched in Elkhart for a boy presumed drowned in another river, authorities said.

The boys, ages 4 and 9, were pronounced dead shortly after midnight at Parkview Hospital Emergency Room. The boys were pulled Sunday night from the frigid water, Indiana Conservation Officer Rodney Clear said.

The boys, who were unresponsive when they were found, never regained consciousness.

VENEZUELA

Leftists find refuge in Venezuela

Rebels fighting Columbia's U.S.-backed military receive weapons, food and medical treatment

Associated Press

EL CRUCE, Venezuela — Leftist rebels fighting Colombia's U.S.-backed military have increasingly found refuge in Venezuela, where they get weapons, food, medical treatment and a smooth passage across the border in the cocaine that keeps them afloat.

Former rebels say the two main Colombian rebel groups, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, and the National Liberation Army, or ELN, buy protection from high-ranking Venezuelan National Guard and army officers, with whom they often also share a leftist ideology.

"Venezuela's army helps the guerrillas," said Antonio, who was 13 years with FARC. "Now an informant for Colombia's military, he asked that his last name be omitted to protect relatives from reprisals.

Antonio was among two dozen former FARC fighters, rebels interviewed by AP who said they moved freely across the border, a tangle of thick jungle, wild rivers and rugged mountains.

Well inside Venezuela, Colombian insurgents rest, train, deliver intelligence and communications intercepts.

Venezuela's safe haven has helped to keep their insurgencies alive, particularly because it enables the rebels to extract tons of Colombian cocaine for shipments to the United States and Europe, according to U.S. and Colombian officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they said they didn't want to provoke guerrillas.

"The only one who wasn't there for bullet wounds," he said. Roman, too, would only be identified by his first name.

No one interviewed by AP — including revisited Gen. Raul Baduel, a former close ally who recently split with Chavez — alleged or provided evidence that Chavez is personally involved in sheltering or militarily backing Colombian rebels.

But there is little doubt senior rebel commanders have traveled freely and even lived in Venezuela.

Am. Airlines defends staff after in-flight death

NEW YORK — American Airlines defended its staff as professional and its equipment Monday after a swell of reviews of a passenger's in-flight death, despite her family claims that the crew failed to act soon enough.

"The plane's defibrillator on her as she fainted, but the pilot did not want to leave the plane to work," the doctor, Joel Shulkin, was one of several medical professionals who stepped in after flight attendants asked if there were on board. Shulkin said through his attorney, Justin Nadeau, that two emergency medical technicians performed CPR on Desir.

Desir, herself a nurse, had complained of not feeling well and being very thirsty after she ate a meal on the flight home from Port-au-Prince to John F. Kennedy International Airport, according to Antonio Olivero, a cousin who was traveling with her and her brother. A flight attendant gave her water, he said.

A few minutes later, Desir said she was having trouble breathing and asked for oxygen, Olivero said. "Don't let me die," he recalled her saying.

But a flight attendant twice refused her request, Olivero said.

Airline spokesman Charles Wilson said Desir's cousin flagged down a flight attendant and said Desir had diabetes and needed oxygen. "The flight atten­ tant responded, OK, but we usually don't need to treat diabetes with oxygen, but let me check anyway and get back to you," Wilson said.

The employee spoke with another flight attendant, and both went to Desir within three minutes, according to Wilson.

"By that time the situation was wors­ ening, and they immediately began administering oxygen," he said.

Flight attendants are trained not to automatically give oxygen to every pas­ senger who requests it but instead use airline criteria to judge when it's needed, said Leslie May, a spokeswoman for the union representing American's atten­ dants.
A planned lecture by Reginald Robinson, a professor at Southern Illinois University, was prevented from reaching campus by bud weather. In his stead, James Ford spoke to a group of students and faculty about the Underground Railroad with an excursion into southern Illinois.

Some residents of this area 18 miles from the Mexico-Turkey border said they'd escaped to a safer haven, having abandoned homes closer to the border to avoid skirmishes between the Kurdish Workers' Party, or PKK, and Turkish troops.

But with the Turks mounting their first confirmed ground operation in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, some say they are fearful of getting caught in the deadly crossfire.

Adjei discussed a number of issues honesty, the more the Norie community can move forward." Moss said. "The more we can talk about these issues honestly, the more the Norie community can move forward."

Adjei began by introducing himself as the descendent of Ghanaian slave traders. He apologized to the black community for his family's help in selling many blacks into slavery. He noted that his ancestors were unaware of the inhumane treatment that they were to receive upon arrival in the New World.

"On behalf of the South Bend and Notre Dame communities, I accepted his apology," said David Moss, assistant vice president of Student Affairs and advisor for Wabruda.

Moss said Adjei's public apology was one of the most profound aspects of the Conference for him. "We can now look past this since we have reconciled and look at what we can do moving forward," Moss said.

Adjei discussed a number of different areas, or "visions," on which to focus, from regaining spirituality to strengthening family relationships to taking care of education, which he said is "the key to success."

Adjei said there is a need for universal betterment of society, regardless of race, age or socioeconomic status.

"These visions for victory can be applied to anyone," Adjei said.

Saturday's events closed with a performance by spoken word artist Taalam Acey at Legends, where the Conference saw its highest attendance of more than 100 audience members, Williams said.

Sunday's activities took participants out of the classroom with an excursion into southern Illinois to view a number of important Underground Railroad sites, including a visit to the Underground Railroad Cemetery in Vandalia, Mich., a family farm in Paw Paw, Mich., and the Sojourner Truth statue in Battle Creek, Mich. Williams and Moss both said they were pleased with Sunday's turnout, particularly with the numbers of South Bend community members.

"It was a successful way of building the community between Notre Dame and South Bend," Moss said. Many community members shared their personal histories of the Underground Railroad with the Wabruda members.

The Conference really aimed to create some dialogue," Moss said. "The more we can talk about these issues honestly, the more the Norie community can move forward."

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**WASHINGTON** — Internet users should be free to surf where they want and download what they please, but shouldn't the owners of the networks that make the Internet possible have any say? That, in a nutshell, is the topic of debate at a special public meeting of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Tuesday.

The session is the agency's most serious public discussion to date of the principle of "network neutrality." That is the idea that all Internet traffic should be treated equally. Among the speakers are the federal policy chiefs for Comcast and Verizon Communications Inc. as well as representatives from public interest groups and academicians who have criticized the companies' practices. Comcast is the subject of an FCC investigation regarding charges it has hampered traffic between users without notice. This practice was raised by an Associated Press story in October.

"I'm concerned about Comcast limiting the ability of people to go anywhere they want to on the Internet," said the commission chairman, Kevin J. Martin, at the meeting on Friday. "And what's the hearing about?" The commission is accused of violating the FCC's policies against a "failure or refusal" to serve.

"The FCC only Comcast does not have, and not will block any Web sites or online applications, including peer-to-peer services, and no one has demonstrated otherwise," company spokeswoman Sina Fitzmaurice said.

The public meeting also will address Verizon Wireless' denial in late September of a request by an abortion rights group to use its mobile network for a text messaging program. The company has since said it was a mistake. Congress is considering legislation by Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., that would require the FCC to conduct "broadband summits" around the country on the network neutrality issue.

Markay, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on telecommunications and the Internet said Friday his bill is an "effort to ensure that we do have a national broadband policy" and to make sure "consumer rights are protected" when it comes to broadband, or high-speed, services.

On the same day and location of the hearing, the Boston and Cambridge, Mass., branches of the NAACP plan to host a "take back our media" rally, according to a flier that was circulated on the Internet.

The flier includes quotations from several civil rights groups criticizing Martin's policies on media ownership. The Rev. Jesse Jackson was quoted as claiming Martin supports a "massive new and unjustified welfare for the rich program."

But, in a statement Friday, Jackson denied making such a comment and said it does not reflect his position or that of his Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. "We have always enjoyed a constructive relationship with the FCC and look forward to continuing it," the statement said.

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**Federal Communications Commission**

Chairman Kevin J. Martin, center, listens to testimony during a public meeting of the FCC at Harvard Law School Monday.

**Wall Street storms upward, revives hope**

NEW YORK — Stocks are shockingly tight, the economy may be tipping into a recession. Not the best of times to be going to the markets for what will be the largest initial public offering in U.S. history.

That's the gamble Visa is taking as it gave details Monday about an IPO that could raise up to nearly $19 billion: if it works, it could be an encouraging sign for stock markets and may even help loosen the credit knot.

While Visa's IPO will have little direct effect on its cardholders, the banks that issue Visa cards are expected to see a total windfall of more than $19 billion in a market that has fallen sharply in recent months on any negative news about the insurers, investors feared that a downgrade of the insurers' credit ratings would lead to billions of dollars in write-downs of securities held by already-battered banks and investment firms. Rating agencies including S&P have been under pressure to downgrade the insurers after they weakened their financial positions by issuing subprime mortgage securities that later collapsed.

There has been speculation that Ambac might find sufficient capital early this week to hold onto the stellar "AAA" rating it needs to remain in the municipal bond business. Municipalities and companies use these insurers to back bonds, allowing them to get higher ratings and cheaper financing.

"This is essentially evidence that S&P has signed off on any tentative deal," said Charlie Smith, chief investment officer at Fort Pitt Capital Group, of the rating agency's announcement.

Financial institutions have already suffered huge losses tied to defaults on subprime housing loans and are gearing up for more as consumer credit deteriorates. JPMorgan Chase & Co., which has a 23 percent stake in Visa — stands to gain the most. The more cash-strapped Citigroup Inc. and bank of America Corp. are also Visa stockholders.

"Even the smallest hit of positive news and the market takes off," he said. "Investors get excited if they sense a bottom in the financials because they've been the Achilles' heel of this market."

The Dow rose 189.20, or 1.53 percent, to 12,570.22.

The major stock indexes also closed with a solid advance. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 18.69, or 1.38 percent, to 1,371.80; and the Nasdaq composite index added 24.13, or 1.05 percent, to 2,327.48. Advancing issues outpaced decliners by about 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volumes, which spiked after S&P affirmed the bond insurers, came to 3.7 billion shares from 3.46 billion on Friday.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.90 percent from 3.80 percent late Friday. The yield edge up to 3.91 percent in after-hours trading.
Minister regains control of Muslim movement

Farrakhan recovers to lead Nation of Islam again

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A year after delivering what the Nation of Islam deemed its ailing leader's final public address, Minister Louis Farrakhan has regained control of the movement and his place in its spotlight, a top aide said.

Months before delivering the 2007 Saviours' Day speech in Detroit, Farrakhan had passed daily leadership of the Chicago-based religion to an executive board as he recuperated from serious complications from prostate cancer.

Some experts were quick to predict an inevitable fracturing of Nation of Islam leadership without Farrakhan, the organization's best-known leader and charismatic speaker.

But on Sunday, a healthy-looking Farrakhan returned for another Saviours' Day, delivering a two-hour speech in which the 74-year-old expressed his hopes for the presidential election and outlined his view of the Nation's future tone.

Minister Ishmael Muhammad, top assisting minister at the organization's Mosque Maryam on the city's South Side and who is widely believed to be Farrakhan's successor, told The Associated Press that Farrakhan has quietly reassumed full responsibility for the Nation during the past year.

In fact, Farrakhan passed daily leadership duties to an executive board for only a few months before taking back the organization's reins, Muhammad said.

"God has spared his life and kept him here," Muhammad said. "He has work to do and complete."

In May, Farrakhan delivered a message of unity at St. Sabina Catholic Church on Chicago's South Side. In October, he addressed a crowd of about 5,000 in a commemoration of the 12th anniversary of the Million Man March. He has since produced a series of lectures for youth with titles like "Black Youth in Peril."

On Sunday, Farrakhan spoke for two hours to an estimated 20,000 people during his first major address in a year, pausing only to wipe sweat from his forehead.

He told followers his weight was up to a robust 192 pounds — up from a low of 158 pounds in late 2006 — and suggested that he may be ready to assume a more public profile.

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Ga. schools separate sexes

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, Ga. — Nearly four decades after this rural Georgia county stopped segregating its schools by race, it wants to divide students again — this time by sex.

Greene County is set to become the first school district in the nation to go entirely single-sex, with boys and girls in separate classrooms — a move born of desperation over years of poor test scores, soaring dropout rates and high numbers of teenage pregnancies.

"At the rate we're moving, we're never going to catch up," Superintendent Shawna McCollough told parents in an impassioned speech last week. "If we're going to take some steps, let's take some big steps.

This pine-shrouded county of about 14,400 people between Atlanta and Augusta has in recent years become a magnet for retirees moving into luxury developments along the shore of Lake Oconee. But the vast majority of longtime residents — and most of the 2,000 students in the county's schools — are black and working-class.

McCollough pointed to research showing that boys and girls learn differently, and said separating them will allow teachers to tailor their lessons. Also, boys won't misbehave as much because they will no longer be trying to impress the girls, and the girls will be more likely to speak up in class because they won't be afraid to look smart in front of the boys, he said.

The school board's move to radically overhaul the school system next fall has angered parents, students and teachers, who say they weren't consulted. And one of the nation's foremost proponents of single-sex education warned that the board has gone too far.

The measure, approved two weeks ago, applies to the high school, the middle school and both elementary schools. It exempts only the preschool and a charter school, which is public but operates independently.

"I am outraged," said Tammi Freeman, who has two children at the high school. "I am disgusted. It's mixing our county look like our kids are trouble when they're not."

Leonard Sax, head of the National Association for Single Sex Public Education, said that while single-sex schools and classrooms are on the increase, it knows of no other community that has converted its entire school system. He called the move illegal.

Federal law allows single-sex classrooms or schools, but parents must also have the option of publicly funded coeducation education for their children, Sax said.

"This is the worst kind of publicity for our movement," he said. "It mixes the whole point. Our movement is about choice. One size does not fit all. Even a small school district needs to provide choice."

U.S. Education Department spokeswoman Samara Yudof said officials "do not have sufficient facts to determine if the district would be in compliance with federal law.

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Documents may reveal Iranian nuclear plans

Tehran may have developed arms after 2003

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — The U.N. nuclear monitoring agency presented documents Monday that diplomats said indicate Iran may have focused on a nuclear weapons program after 2003 — the year that a U.S. intelligence report says such work stopped.

Iran again denied ever trying to make such arms. AllAshaghi Soltanieh, the chief Iranian delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency, dismissed the information showcased by the body as "forgery.

He and other diplomats, all linked to the IAEA, commented after a closed-door presentation to the agency's 35-nation board of intelligence findings from the U.S. and its allies and other information purported to show Iranian attempts to make nuclear arms.

A summarized U.S. National Intelligence Estimate said Tehran conducted atomic weapons work before 2003 but stopped. It said the Iranians froze work in 2003.

Asked whether board members had been informed that Iran continued weapons-related activities after 2003, British delegate to the IAEA, said: "Certainly some of the agency warned it with concern.

He did not elaborate. But another diplomat at the presentation, who agreed to discuss the meeting only if not quoted by name, said some of the documentation focused on an Iranian project to make "enrichment centrifuges" that some experts have said could be related to weapons.

She said it was unclear whether the project was being actively worked on in 2004 or the report was a review of past activities. Still, any Iranian focus on nuclear weapons work in 2004 would at least indicate continued interest past the timeframe outlined in the U.S. intelligence estimate.

A senior diplomat who attended the IAEA meeting said that among the material shown was an Iranian video depicting mock-ups of a missile re-entry vehicle. He said IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano suggested the component — which brings missiles back from the stratosphere — was configured in a way that strongly suggested it was meant to carry a nuclear warhead.

Other documentation showed the Iranians experimenting with warheads and missile trajectories where "the height of the burst... didn't make sense for conventional warheads," he said.

Smith and the senior diplomat both said the material shown to the board came from a variety of sources, including information gathered by the agency and intelligence provided by member nations.

"The assumption is this was not something that was being thought about or talked about, but the assumption is it was being practically worked on," Smith told reporters.

He said the IAEA presented a "fairly detailed set of illustrations and descriptions of how you would build a nuclear warhead, how you would fit it into a delivery vehicle, how you would expect it to perform.

The U.N. agency released a report last week saying that suspicions about most past Iranian nuclear activities had eased or been laid to rest. But the report also noted Iran had rejected documents linking it to missile and explosives experiments and other work connected to a possible nuclear weapons program, calling the information false and irreconcilable.

The report called weaponization "the one major unsolved issue relevant to the nature of Iran's nuclear program.

Most of the material shown to Iran by the IAEA on alleged attempts to make nuclear arms came from Washington, though some was provided by U.S. allies, diplomats told the AP. The agency has been under pressure not only after the nations gave their permission.
The old double-standard—promiscuous males are studs, promiscuous females are sluts. A prevalent source of outrage, wellbeing or reprimand. It seems this double standard is rapidly vanishing, and that chastity is almost stigmatized among younger women in particular as among men. But insofar as the double-standard still exists, it's usually challenged by women. Isn't that particular what "The Vagina Monologues" is about? I'll understand if some of you think "only at Notre Dame..." as I challenge it from the men's side.

When I was little, a Bon Jovi song recalled being taken to a motel by some woman and being made by her in a man. There's probably few people on earth with less knowledge of being or becoming a man than Jon Bon Jovi; it's common sense that one cannot give what one doesn't have, so the idea of a woman giving men their manhood is idiotic. But common sense wasn't my strength, and I was very interested in becoming a man, so the suggestion intrigued me.

I soon learned what was meant by it, but it wouldn't have mattered if I hadn't. The idea that being a man meant being unchaste was thrown at me countless times as I grew up — by teammates, upperclassmen, bosses, popular culture, sometimes even older relatives — and I still encounter it. I'd say it's part of our society's cultural wallpaper.

I find this attitude as bizarre as it is prevalent. Is it that sex itself makes one promiscuous? Maybe a lot promiscuous? Well, so what? Am I just that annoyed by guys boasting about fornicating, or even going to strip clubs, as if it were some kind of heroic accomplishment? Yes, but that's not it. Having taught in Catholic schools, I've seen how hard it is to evangelize teenage boys. There's many reasons, including evangelizers like me, but one major obstacle is their perception of the faith as effeminate. The liturgy's one problem. Catholic moral teaching is another. Now, it's terribly wrong to reduce the faith to morality, or reduce Catholic morals to sexuality. But for many people, old and young alike, a salient feature of Catholicism is its prohibitions about sex. What do these say about the Church's teachings differently. Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that a measure of wrath is necessary to protect one's purity. How stirring, and utterly unlike how the call to chastity is usually offered! Teachers of the faith should explain the pursuit of chastity as more necessary to protect one's purity. Is the culture's prohibitions about sex.

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Acceptance, not tolerance. For to merely "tolerate" someone different carries the implication that we agree to live side-by-side without strife because it is "the right thing to do." But we must look beyond what we have been taught in the classroom about the ideal of equality and examine what it truly means to achieve this ideal.

Equality is not the status quo, it is an uncommon balanced state that is only achievable through combined effort and individual commitment. Each individual on this campus must care enough to question his or her subconscious prejudices, and reach out to learn about others outside of his or her comfort zone in small, but significant, ways on a daily basis. Sadness and anger are humane and important reactions of those who have been exposed to the depth, history and continuing reality of racism.

For instance, Irving Howe commended the novel "Native Son" because "Wright forced his readers to acknowledge his anger, and in that way, if none other, he wrested for himself a sense of dignity as a man. He forced his readers to confront the disease of our culture, and to one of its most terrifying symptoms he gave the name of Bigger Thomas." But anger is useless if it is not backed by the strength and conviction needed to accomplish change; and change doesn't always happen in loud movements. There is no reason to remain heartbroken, or as long as the students at Notre Dame really are the good-hearted and willing people that I have had the fortune to encounter in the past few months, there is every reason to believe that we can come closer to the delicate balance of equality, and remain distinct and true to our backgrounds in the process.

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For the record, I love the Oscars. Wait, that’s an understatement. I’m obsessed with the Oscars. Which is why even though the 80th Academy Awards telecast was a tad underwhelmin’, I’m not going to say I was disappointed. Jon Stewart was much more at ease than last time, we had some wonderful victory speeches and the In Memoriam montage made me cry again.

In fact, everything that went wrong with the Oscars I’m going to blame on the fact that they only had 11 days to write the telecast due to the writers’ strike. So kudos to writer Bruce Vilanch (that’s right) and host Jon Stewart for making it happen.

I’ll admit that I was a little harsh on Stewart two years ago, but he made me proud this time around. My favorite joke came when he was commenting on all the dark themes and psychopathic killers present in this year’s nominations. He quipped, “All I can say is thank God for teen fare.”

The ceremony was once again heavy on the montages, but since I love old movies so much I always enjoy those. Stewart gave us a taste of what an even more mon­
ange-heavy night would have been like if the writers’ strike hadn’t ended. We saw snippets of “Oscar’s Salute to Binoculars and Periscopes” and “Bad Dreams: An Oscar Salute.” Was it the only one who wanted to see more?

Stewart kept the jokes coming when he gave a little tribute to the acting skills of Cate Blanchett, say­
ing that she had played a queen, a man and although it was a little known secret, the pitbull in “No Country for Old Men.” “The Daily Show” anchor even played Wil on the giant screen with the 11-year­
old girl who sang “Raise It Up,” nominated for Best Song.

Speaking of Best Song, I have to admit that the performances from “Enchanted” were disappointing and awkward. Poor Amy Adams did a brilliant job singing “Happy Working Song,” but it was just her, alone onstage. The song loses some of its charm when the CGI rats and cockroaches are missing.

But the classiest moment of the evening was the presentation of Best Makeup. Glen Hansard got to give his thanks, but right as co­
writer Marketa Irglova stepped to the microphone, the orchestra cut her off. Stewart saved the day when after a dozen commercial breaks, he escorted Irglova onto stage so she could have her Oscar moment. She said, “This is such a big deal, not only for us, but for all other independent musicians and artists that spend most of their time struggle­
ing, and this, the fact that we’re standing here tonight, the fact that we’re able to hold this, it’s just to prove no matter how far out your dreams are, it’s possible.”

Unsurprisingly, the presenters didn’t offer much entertainment this year. Jennifer Garner didn’t slip this time and when presenting the award for Best Makeup, Katherine Heigl stated how nervous she was and said, “I’m not very good at this.” She could have fooled me since she’s famous and everything for acting and being composed under pressure. Maybe she suddenly became aware of how heavy her brower was.

Nevertheless “La Vie en Rose” won the category, and as soon as I saw the joy on Marion Cotillard’s face, I wanted her to win Best Actress. It was an unusual year for Oscar because all four acting awards went to Europeans. Javier Bardem (Spanish) won Best Supporting Actor for “No Country for Old Men,” Tilda Swinton (British) won Best Supporting Actress for “Michael Clayton,” Marion Cotillard (French) won Best Actress for “La Vie en Rose” and Daniel Day-Lewis (British) won Best Actor for “There Will Be Blood.”

I’ve got to say, though, that those Europeans sure do know how to give an acceptance speech. In his speech, Benicio joked, “I think you to the Coens for being crazy enough to think that I could do that and put one of the most horri­ble haircuts in history over my head.” He then spoke in his native tongue, dedicating his award to his mother, grandparents and Spain.

Swinton, who won in a category that was still wide-open by the time the awards began on Sunday, wished Oscar a happy birthday and said, “... and George Clooney, you know, the seriousness and the dedication to your art, seeing you climb into that rubber bat suit from ‘Batman & Robin’, the one with the nipples, every morning under your costume, on the set, hanging upside-down at lunch, you rock, man.”

Backstage, Swinton explained that she was just ribbing Clooney as usual. For me, it was nice seeing someone remind Clooney that if he gets, he’ll always be the guy who wore the nipple suit.

Cassie Bélèk
Scene & Heard

So there you have it. It’s too spectacular, but it’s too terrible. We had a Gooding, Jr. moment, streakers running on stage, but Oscar’s birthday was still a ga...
and Joel and Ethan Coen won Adapted Screenplay for Country for Old Men. When
the Oscar, Ethan simply said, "We, uh... Thank you very much." Later, when the brothers
lost Director, Ethan joked, "I have a lot to add to what I earlier. Thank you.
Country for Old Men" took the top prize of the evening, picking up four total wins. "The
Cecil B. DeMille" ended up winning the Oscar for Sound Mixing and Film
& Television Architecture. As happy as I was for the Norman, Sound Mixing and Film
& Television Architecture category, my heart broke a little for Kevin O'Connell, who
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Celebrity Fashion
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Although the Academy Awards would not have taken place without the great films of the past year, the fashions on the red carpet drew a large number of viewers before any statuettes were handed out. Whether audiences hoped to see elegant gowns or wanted to mock a fashion faux pas in real time, this year's pre-Oscar festivities did not disappoint.

There were several standout moments in the early evening festivities: Cameron Diaz wore a pale pink Dior gown with clean architectural folds that fell into a nicely draped body and skirt while Jennifer Garner's Oscar de la Renta was another interesting design. Strapless at the top and fitted through the thigh, the gown featured a unique texture, with layers of black material that fell into larger ruffles at the bottom.

Kelly Preston strolled by the paparazzi on John Travolta's arm in a gown featuring an interesting marigold shade by Hoberto Mancini. Pregnant beauties Jessica Alba and Caite Blanchett glowed in richly colored gowns by Marchesa and Dries van Noten, respectively.

True to its name, the Red Carpet featured several dresses of the same color. Teen pop sensation Miley Cyrus wore an elegant, age-appropriate Valentino gown. Renowned of Old Hollywood glamour, Katherine Heigl showed off a vintage-inspired Escada gown, with an equally fitting hairstyle. The always classy Helen Mirren stunned in a deeply colored Georges Chakra gown with stunning Swarovski crystal sleeves.

Also in crimson, Heidi Klum's bold John Galliano gown was auctioned off after the big night to benefit The Heart Truth, an organization founded by the National Institute of Health to promote awareness of women and heart disease throughout the country. The red dress is the national symbol of women and heart disease awareness, and Klum began her help promoting the cause when she wore a red dress to the Country for Old Men premiere Red Carpet at the recent Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week.

The most debate-inspiring gown on the Red Carpet was certainly French actress Marion Cotillard's mermaid-esque gown by Jean Paul Gaultier. However, even skeptics of the design could not deny Gaultier's beauty when she stepped forward to accept her Oscar for Leading Actress for her role in "La Vie en Rose.

One of the biggest misses of the night was Tilda Swinton's shapeless and overly modest black washed silk satin Lanvin gown that perplexed many. Miller's black frock featured large black gems on the bust and red ribbon bows as straps, along with long sleeves that appeared below her bare shoulders. Further confusing the evening's audience were the simple shoes that Diablo Cody showed off to photographers. Cody was scheduled to wear a pair of million-dollar metallic T-bar heels designed by Stuart Weitzman, that featured roses of Kwiat diamonds. In the days leading up to the ceremony, the writer of Indie film "June" had made known her disappointment at being used as a stunt to publicize the shoes.

Despite the few exceptions, the ladies of Hollywood cleaned up nicely for the Industry's most important night. However, even those gowns that impressed viewers the most still lacked a certain something that memorable gowns in recent years had brought to the table. Loyal Red Carpet fans will certainly be waiting for more noteworthy looks from both the best and worst dressed, at next year's event.

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**BENGAL BOUTS**

Whalen unanimous decision over Zehrbach

Senior Grissinger defeats freshman Cray in third round; Gough knocks Gallic out of ring, wins by TKO in second round.

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NASCAR

Edwards takes Sprint Cup despite rain delay

Associated Press

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Tennessee takes over No. 1 spot, Memphis falls to No. 2

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Edwards, who dominated Sunday's rain-interrupted racing, finished third. He was followed by Kyle Busch and Roush's Matt Kenseth, who had won the two previous February races at this track. Another Roush driver, Greg Biffle, won this event in 2005.

A year ago, Johnson and Gordon ended 1-2 in the season points. Johnson won his second straight Cup title and the team rolled up 18 victories in 36 races. The Hendrick contingent also won nine of the 16 races in which NASCAR's new Car of Tomorrow was raced.

The CoT is being used for the entire Sprint Cup schedule in 2008 and its debut on Auto Club Speedway's 2-mile oval was a triumph for Edwards and Roush-Fenway Racing.

"I knew that last year we wouldn't have tried my car in for one of theirs at any of the CoT races toward the end of the year," Edwards said. "I thought we had the best car.

Everyone knows, all the drivers know for sure. It's what you're sitting in a lot of the times that makes a tiny little difference and I'm proud to be driving this car."

Team co-owner Jack Roush cringed his feet testing the bigger, boxier CoT a year ago. But Roush said that changed last March when he realized other teams were getting too far ahead.

Forsberg to finish season in Colorado

DENVER — The Avalanche and Peter Forsberg have agreed on a deal to bring the NHL's 2003 MVP back to Colorado through the end of the season.

Forsberg will earn about $1.1 million prorated from a one-year, $5 million deal, since there are about six weeks left in the regular season.

Forsberg won two Stanley Cups in his nine seasons with the Avalanche and won the Hart Trophy in 2003 after scoring 29 goals and adding 77 assists.

But foot and ankle injuries have plagued him in recent years.

Until Monday's announcement, it appeared Forsberg wouldn't return to an NHL team this season. His agent, Don Baizley, informed teams last week that Forsberg didn't have enough confidence in the strength of his surgically repaired right foot to play.
Ring

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relentless, beating up on Smith from the moment the bell sounded. The freshman
was unable to defend himself as he faced a barrage of jabs and swings. Smith improved
as the fight went on but just couldn’t stand up to the law student’s onslaught.

Thomas Haan def. Ryan Landsberg

Haan took control in the second half of the fight, and defeated Ryan Landsberg by
unanimous decision. Both fighters started off with a very defensive style, with each
getting in only a few jabs in the first round. Haan landed a series of solid jabs to start of
the second round and dominated for the remainder of the round. Haan’s supremacy
flowed into the final round, and he will advance to the quarter-finals.

Alexander Lough def.

Fritz Schoenhut

Lough defeated Schoenhut easily, with the referee stopping the fight in the second round.

Both fighters came out tentatively, but Lough took control late in the first round, backing
Schoenhut into a corner and attacking him with a barrage of jabs and uppercuts. The sopho-
more continued to rely on a strong uppercut in the second round to put Schoenhut on the
defensive and cause the referee to end the fight.

206-pound division

James DiGiacomo def.

Wil Henderson

DiGiacomo, a sophomore, landed one of the night’s most thunderous blows, knocking out
the MBA student, Henderson, with a haymaker midway through the first round.

Dex Cure def. Ryan Hawley

Cure more than made up for his quickness as he lacked in height in this battle of
Siegfried residents. The fight was competitive for the first round and a half, but Cure
connected on some big shots to knock Hawley off balance and eventually bloody his nose on
the way to a unanimous decision.

Brent Coudron def.

Riel Mahoney

Coudron used his southpaw stance to establish an early advantage and catch the fresh-
man Mahoney off guard, taking it to him for the first 20 seconds. The fight’s pace
slowed considerably from there, as Coudron, a law student, forced Mahoney to come to
him. Each fighter sporadi-
cally landed punches in the final two rounds, but Coudron’s fast start proved too much to earn him a una-

imous decision.

Tony Klausing def.

Brian O’Connor

Klausing defeated O’Connor when the referee stopped the contest in the second round.

Klausing chased O’Connor around the ring from the beginning of the fight, at points sprinting after him to
level a flurry of punches on the freshman. O’Connor never really appeared to have a chance, as he was unable to
land solid punches on Klausing at any point in the fight. Klausing swung his arms wild-
ly, but all his punches found

O’Connor’s head, and the ref-
eree was forced to call the fight.

Heavyweight division

David Stedman def.

Daniel Scime

In the only heavyweight action of the night, Stedman beat Scime by unanimous
decision. Neither appeared to have an advantage early in the fight, but Stedman
landed jabs and punches to leave Scime reeling. Scime countered with a strong left
hook. At the end of the round, Scime backed his opponent onto the ropes and used a series of
hooks to leave Stedman roeting. Stedman responded in the third round, landing a good series
of body shots and uppercuts to take the fight.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dakich faces OSU in first home game

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Dan Dakich passed his first test as Indiana's new coach Saturday night.

On Tuesday, the former Hoosiers player and Bob Knight assistant will fulfill his lifelong dream — being introduced to the home fans as the Hoosiers' new coach. To Dakich, who laments the circumstances surrounding Kelvin Sampson's resignation last week, it will be a bittersweet moment.

"I'm obviously thrilled to be sitting here, I'm not thrilled at the circumstances and I hope that's obvious, too," Dakich said Monday night on his first weekly radio show. "But I do want to thank a ton of people who sent me e-mails, text messages, letters and phone calls. The messages they left were unbelievable to me and my family. It tells me the magnitude of Indiana basketball, regardless of how things go, and it's just been an incredible thing for me personally."

For Dakich and the 12th-ranked Hoosiers (23-4, 12-2 Big Ten) it's been a tumultuous couple of weeks. Since the university released an NCAA report accusing Sampson of five major rules violations Feb. 13, basketball has taken on a rare backseat to rumors, speculation, criticism and consternation.

Many fans questioned whether Sampson should have even been hired at a school that prides itself on not having committed a major NCAA violation since 1960. Some critics responded by booing Sampson during pregame introductions of the Hoosiers' last three home games even though the Hoosiers continued to chase their first outright Big Ten title since 1963.

Sampson's resignation and Dakich's subsequent promotion were followed by a threatened players' boycott that never materialized Saturday at Northwestern. The result: An 85-82 victory that was more impressive in demonstrating the Hoosiers' resilience than their play.

Still uncertain is how fans might react to the players, six of whom skipped Dakich's first practice Friday. Dakich has repeatedly downplayed the supposed rift, reflecting on the hypothetical situation of how he would have acted in a similar predication during his playing days.

"You don't miss practice, ever. But this isn't ever. This is extraordinary circumstances," he said.

MLB

New acquisitions give Angels depth for '08

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Los Angeles Angels have been one of baseball's better teams over the past several years. They've won the AL West three of the past four seasons — and gone home frustrated in October.

"One of the things I believe hurt us the last few years is depth. I think the real good teams have good, solid depth," said Arte Moreno, who bought the Angels in 2003, the year after they won their first — and only — World Series title.

Last fall, about half of the lineup was slowed or sidelined by injuries when Los Angeles was swept by Boston in the AL division series.

The way the Angels stack up this spring, depth shouldn't be a problem. There's a surplus of players in the outfield and starting rotation, with some other spots also deep in talent.

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Los Angeles has four outfielders with outstanding credentials after signing free-agent center fielder Tori Hunter in the offseason. Vladimir Guerrero is in right, Garret Anderson in left, and Gary Matthews Jr. is being shifted from center to some where. Manager Mike Scioscia intends to keep all four in the lineup, using some sort of rotation at DH.

Two other outfielders, Juan Rivera and Reggie Willits, won't have to fight for playing time. Rivera hit .310 with 23 homers and 85 RBIs and had an AL-high 13 outfield assists in 2003, but missed most of last season recuperating from a broken left leg. He has been working some at first base this spring, with Scioscia thinking he may be able to add depth there.

Willits, impressive during his rookie campaign last year despite being hampered by a gallbladder problem, batted .293 (430 at-bats) with 27 steals.

The mound is almost as crowded as the outfield.

With five starters seemingly set, the Angels added a sixth when they sent shortstop Orlando Cabrera to the Chicago White Sox for Jon Garcid. His acquisition looks more significant now, since 18-game winner Kelvim Escobar is sidelined with a sore shoulder and may miss part of the season.

"A few years ago, if Kelvim Escobar went down, we'd have a problem," Moreno said, alluding to the added depth.

Not only do they have an abundance of proven players, the Angels have a number of highly regarded prospects in the pipeline.

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Emotional Huskies return to court after tragedy

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Michael Patton heard the news and immediately grabbed his phone. A gunman had just opened fire in a crowded lecture hall at Northern Illinois, and he wanted to know where his brother was. So he tried to call.

No luck.

He tried again. And again. Michael Patton was safe at basketball practice, but his brother was somewhere on campus.

Ricardo Patton was worried, too. On the way home from a recruiting trip, the Huskies' basketball coach knew one son was fine but the whereabouts of Ricardo Jr., a football player, were a mystery.

Cell calls were going nowhere but, finally, after nearly three hours, Michael's phone rang. His brother was on the other end, and the mystery was solved.

"We got lucky," Michael Patton said.

No one needs to remind him how lucky.

Northern Illinois will take another step toward normalcy when the Huskies host Western Michigan Tuesday in the first athletic event on campus since the shootings on Feb. 14.

Classes resumed Monday, but getting back to routine won't be easy.

Not when there are white crosses on a knoll. Not when there's a crime scene tape outside the auditorium where the gunman opened fire, killing five students before taking his own life. Not when counselors are attending classes, offering to help students.

For a school determined to move on, a basketball game is just a small step. Or maybe it's more than that.

"I think it's huge," coach Ricardo Patton said. "When you talk about trying to get over as best you can and move forward after such a devastating tragedy, I think it's great to get back to some sense of normalcy as best you can."

No NIU athletes were among the killed or wounded, although a man's body in a car was in the class during the rampage.

The shootings stirred the elder Patton's memories of the Columbine High School massacre in 1999. He was the head coach at Colorado and one of his players, Josh Townsend, lost a sister. Patton took over 11 months ago at this rural school in DeKalb, Ill., about 65 miles from Chicago.

"I think it's great to get back to some sense of normalcy as best you can," said Ricardo Patton, Huskies coach.

Ricardo Patton

Senior Shaun Logan had film analysis class the day of the shootings in the lecture hall where they occurred.

"I was just in there that morning," said Logan, a forward. "If this would have happened any earlier, I would have been in there. So it makes you feel kind of weird.

Michael Patton's friend was thinking of leaving the shooting, but she escaped without injury. He has a theater class in that hall, but hasn't been by since then. His class got moved, as did Logan's.

"I don't know if I'd want to go by it, to be honest with you," said Michael Patton, a freshman. "For me, it's just kind of easier to stay away from the area. It makes me think about it a lot more. Hopefully, I won't have to go near that lecture hall.

There has been an outpouring of support from colleges and pro teams since the shootings. Coaches and administrators got calls from their counterparts at Virginia Tech, where a massacre last spring left 33 dead and dozens injured.

Close to home, there were moments of silence at college and pro games. The Chicago Bulls wore NIU T-shirts during pregamed warmups, and the Chicago Blackhawks sported NIU decals on their helmets. The Chicago White Sox will autograph caps that they wear during Wednesday's exhibition opener against Colorado and ship them to NIU for an auction to benefit the university's February 14 Student Scholarship Fund. They will also auction an autographed NIU jersey and cap along with a White Sox bat and two other signed items on their Web site next month, with the proceeds going toward the scholarship fund.

Western Michigan has been paying tribute, too, wearing NIU ribbons on its jerseys. And, of course, there will be tributes on Tuesday.

This was already a difficult season for the Huskies (6-17, 3-8 Mid-American Conference), even though their most recent game was their best. Two days before the shootings, they beat Akron 88-78 and snapped the Zips' 22-game home winning streak. They were scheduled to host Western Michigan on Feb. 17, but NIU had closed down by then.

When the team returned to practice on Wednesday, the elder Patton noticed "a level of focus and excitement just getting back around one-another."
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age. The judges awarded Mower the win by unanimous decision.

McNichols got off to a quick start and then outboxed Perez, as

evidence throughout the match and he scored a knockout in the middle of the third round.

Christopher Schiralidi def. Nathan Serazin

In the first round of the night, Schiralidi beat the favored Serazin by unanimous decision. Schiralidi came out with

a strong first round against the highly-seeded Serazin. The second round was little bit closer, but it was clear that Shiraldi

was still in control, getting the bigger punches in despite

sustaining a bloody nose toward end of the round. Serazin made a comeback attempt in the final round, but it was not enough.

138-pound division

Mike Howard def. John Thomson

In the weight class' opening bout, Howard dominated early in the first round. By the end of the first, though, Thomson made it interesting with a series of jabs. Thomson was able to avoid Howard's big punch

and he used all of his energy in the first round as Biddle kept con-

trolled. He used his experience in the second round before the referee stopped the match and gave Biddle the win.

Chris Hartstein def. Chris Borchers

Hartstein came out with a series of punches that knocked Borchers back and led to a quick decision with Hartstein winning before the first round was even over. It was one of the most dominating performances of the night in either ring.

Patrick W. O'Brien def. Thomas Woods III

The fight opened up with a bang as both fighters threw huge punches quickly after the opening bell. The second round was stopped as Woods suffered a bloody nose, which persisted and became a major factor as the fight went on. Powers' ability to land thundering punches at Woods' already weakened nose won him the fight, which was ended by the referee in the middle of the third round.

John Biddle def. Nicholas Bock

In the first round, Bock threw a punishing body shot to Biddle, who came back with a hard shot to Bock's face. In the

middle of the second round, Biddle had Bock on the run, and the referee stopped the match for a standing
eight-count. The round went to Biddle, who continued his strong round. Bock seemingly

proved too much for the junior as endurance wasn't a concern

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as the referee stepped in to stop the fight in the first round.

Brian Heath def. Anthony Dayrt

Anthony Dayrt's latecomers near the end of the closing round. Heath's early advantage in a back-and-forth in the third round proved too much, as the judges named the sophomore the victor by unanimous decision.

146-pound division

Thomas Schanazer def. Andy Ziccarelli

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Mark Costanzo def. Andrew Balhoff

The first two rounds were weeks as both fighters landed some solid punches. Balhoff took control early in the third round but Shiraldi was able to make a comeback later in the round. But it was too little too late, and Costanzo was given the victory by unanimous decision.

Matthew Iwanski def. Stephen Mattingly

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on several combinations to the head in the third round, and the referee stopped the contest.

Best Fitzgerald def. Nick "Gary" Severny

The first round started out with even competition as both fighters exchanged jabs. The second round featured furious fighting with each boxer trying to

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McNichols landed his punches with a greater frequency as the fight wore on, and he eventually proved too much for Perez.

Andrew Mok def. Andrew Crecelius

Both boxers came out swinging from the get-go, with neither fighter allowing the other to dance away in the first minute. The pace slowed con-

considerably from there as each got winded and settled down. Mok took advantage of Crecelius' over-aggressiveness, winning the fight by unanimous decision.

Matt Dobelman def. Daniel Rotar

The match started out close but Rotar tired quickly and Dobelman took over. He even-

flew a flurry of punches, which gave Rotar a bloody nose. Dobelman was given the victory when the referee suspend-

the match.

Patrick W. O'Brien def. Nicholas Abercombie

At the close of the first round, O'Brien took control of the match with a couple of solid punches. The second round brought much of the same, with O'Brien throwing a punishing blow at the end of the round. O'Brien's size advantage was

several times, Arevalo used an early comeback from

Eric Arevalo def. Michael Burns

in a fight that was stopped several times, Arevalo used an aggressive approach to

top Burns by unanimous decision. Both fighters needed assistance at some point during the fight, but Arevalo prevailed, outlasting his opponent despite the

149-pound division

Paul "The Punter" Mower def. Brian "Loveless" Nelb

Senior Paul Mower came out strong in first round, connecting on several combinations. Round two saw an early comeback from

sophomore Brian Nelb before the referee stepped in on
demand of the fight. The third round saw a furious frenzy from both Nelb, which was stopped by the sound technique and retaliation

are not included. The judges awarded Mower the win by unanimous decision.

Mack "Mullet" Posluszny def. Ryan "The Lion" McNeilly

The first round was mostly a dance with both fighters sizing each other up. Posluszny showed his size and height advantage over Carey was key, showing his ability in numerous combinations, while Carey was far too late to react. Posluszny came away with a unanimous decision

Lawrence Sullivan def. Marty Krueger

Sandberg came out swinging, but it wasn't enough. Sandberg seemed to land nearly every punch he threw, especially in the early going. Sullivan showed his versatility by throwing punches from each side and every angle and his strength,

Brian Koepel def. James Heilbron

Koepel knocked out Heilbron early in the first round. Koepel's long reach connected, and Heilbron fell to the floor and was unable to get himself back up to fight.

Daniel Ivanski def. Tomas Sevila

Castillo, a junior, defeated freshman Ivanski by unanimous decision.

The first two rounds were close, with each trader blows with no decisive hits. However, Castillo came out strong in the third round, attacking at a feroc-

Kristopher "El Arteca" Perez def. Marco Rosales

Perez, a junior and two-time defending champion, defeated freshman Rosales in a close first round. The first round was even, but Perez came out strong in the second round. Perez showed off his way on what looked like an easy victory, Rosales put up a good fight, but Perez was able to win by unanimous decision.

Dillon "Irish Car Bomb" Bailey def. Tim "Business Socks" Steed

Dillon Bailey, a freshman, was connected on several punishing blows to fellow freshman Hroniek's head. Hroniek rallied to make it a fight in the first and second round. Hroniek took a lot of punishment in the third round and was stopped, but Bailey came away with the unanimous victory.

Luciano Lara def. John "My Body is a Wonderland" Master

Lara, a senior, didn't let his size disadvantage slow him down.

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Tiger’s hot start fuels thoughts of Grand Slam

Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — The closest anyone came to a perfect season on the PGA Tour was Ben Hogan.

He won every major championship he played in 1953, and every official tournament he entered except for the Seminole Pro-Am Invitational, where he tied for second. Then again, Hogan only played six times that year because of battered legs from a bus accident.

Tiger Woods will play no more than 17 events on the PGA Tour this year, so a 20-0 start might be a little early for anyone to get excited.

But even so, expectations were as high as the desert sun at noon when Woods left Arizona with yet another victory. It was his fourth in a row on tour since early September, all done in record fashion.

He set a 72-hole scoring record at TPC at Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico, and won by eight shots at the Tour Championship and the Buick Invitational, both record margins.

On Sunday, he smoked Stewart Cink 4 and 7 in the Accenture Match Play Championship, the biggest blowout in the finals in 16 years of a tournament that Woods considers the toughest to win this side of a major.

“I think this certainly is the best stretch I’ve ever played,” Woods said.

Strong words — downright scary — considering that Woods won nine times, including three straight majors, in 2000 and that he won six consecutive PGA Tour events at the end of 2006, a streak that reached seven until losing in the Match Play the following year.

Woods, who also won in Dubai earlier this month, has never before started a season with three straight victories, and it is hard not to speculate how long he can keep winning given his history at some of the tournaments coming up.

Next in the Arnold Palmer Invitational March 13-16 at Bay Hill, where Woods won four straight times from 2000 to 2003. The week after that is the CA Championship at Doral, where he has won the last three years.

Then the Masters April 10-13.

“Just morphs his game into the courses,” Cink said. “So I don’t think there’s a course that’s going to present him with a real obstacle as far as him not being a favorite.”

Woods did little to squash the notion of a perfect season when someone asked him if winning was what he planned.

“That’s my intent. That’s why you play,” Woods said after collecting his 63rd career tour victory and his 15th title in the World Golf Championships. “If you don’t believe you can win an event, don’t show up.”

But also is his intent to make every putt and hit every shot just how he wants. No one does that, of course. No one wins every tournament. Byron Nelson holds the record with 11 straight victories during a year in which he won 18 times in 30 events. That means he lost 12 times that year.

A perfect season in golf? “I do find that laughable,” Hal Sutton said Monday. “Anybody who knows golf knows that ain’t going to happen. You can only own this game for a certain period of time. Even if your name is Tiger Woods, you don’t own it forever.”

Sutton was among those who beat Woods during a time when the world’s No. 1 player looked unbeatable, going head-to-head with him at The Players Championship in 2000 and winning by one shot.

He watched part of the championship match Sunday “until I got bored.”

“Tiger is definitely more dominating,” Sutton said. “Curtis Strange is among those who played in the prime years of Woods and Jack Nicklaus, and he said it is pointless to compare generations.”

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One of our team goals was to be in the top four of the MIAA so that we could be at home. Last season, Henley led the Belles to one of their best seasons in the program history with a record of 12-13, 10-6 MIAA. The squad reached the semifinals of the post-season tournament, which it lost 71-52 to Hope.

Olivet was knocked out of last year's tournament by Albion in the first round. The Belles hope to hand Olivet a similar fate tonight.

"If there is an advantage to playing Olivet on Tuesday, it would be that we are familiar with them," Henley said.

After being one of the top players for the early part of the season, Saint Mary's has played its last five games at home, going 3-2 in those contests. Senior Allison Kessler has rewritten Saint Mary's history during this homestand, setting the career points record against Adrian on Feb. 20 to go with a record for career 3-pointers on Feb. 9.

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"We need to carry over the momentum we had from Saturday into [tonight's] game." Jenn Henley Belles coach

The tournament week is always tough," Henley said. "You are seeing teams for the third time in a season and everyone should be playing their best basketball. There is not a lot of down time between games, so teams really have to be focused.

Tonight's win will play Thursday against the winner of tonight's game between No. 8 Tri-State and No.1 Hope. Hope bumped Saint Mary's out of the tournament last year, and has beaten the Belles twice this season. But the Belles are focused on Tuesday's game before looking ahead.

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down, coming right at Maier. There was not much contact in round two, with both fighters feeling each other out for weaknesses. Maier, a sophomore, came alive in the third, finally taking advantage of his height advantage over Lara, but it would not be enough to defeat the scrappy Lara, who won by split decision.

Mark "Senor Marco" Bennett def. Hamilton Marx

There was no action right off the bat, as both fighters sought to overwhelm each other early. The senior Bennett knocked down Marx with a ferocious right hook in the second round, almost knocking him out of the ring. Marx, a senior, fell for a second time later in the round, causing the referee to stop the fight.

Pat "My Room is a 24-hour Space" O'Brien def. Michael "Wu Shack" Wu

Both fighters traded numerous body shots to start the first round. O'Brien, a senior, took control in the second round with repeated left-right combinations. The freshman Wu continued to back away, trying to keep in the fight. In the third round Wu took some serious punishment when O'Brien pummeled on the pressure. O'Brien was awarded the fight by unanimous decision.

161-pound division

Joe "The Roman Catholic" Church def. Colin "Oscar" Meyer

Church connected with several big punches early against Meyer, nearly knocking him down. Meyer kept pace with Church, but Church was able to keep the pressure on, proving for weaknesses in Meyer's defense. The third round brought much of the same, with both fighters blocking the other's attacks, but Church strung more of them. Church received the nod from the judges by unanimous decision.

Jason Miller def. Kevin "Just One More" Goodwin

Miller took advantage of his size, keeping Goodwin at a distance and connecting on several combinations. Goodwin couldn't get up to Miller's height, as Miller gradually wore him down. Goodwin made a spirited attack in the final round backing Miller down, but it was just not enough as Miller continued to assert himself. Miller won by unanimous decision.

Nick "The Ponz" Ponzio def. Jack "The Ripper" Peterson

In the first round Ponzio came right at Peterson, but Peterson made him pay the price for covering the distance. Ponzio was able to get some valuable blows in and back Peterson up to the ropes. The fighters settled in after two rounds, answering combination for combination. Peterson began to use his size advantage in the third round, but Ponzio kept up the pressure in an inspired effort. Ponzio edged out Peterson in a split decision.

Ryan "Seoul-Man" Smith def. David Landry

Smith came right at Landry at the start of the fight, backing him across the ring. Landry looked lost as Smith landed blow after blow. The punishment continued in the third round, with Smith scoring a Knockdown of Landry, causing the referee to call the fight.

Freshman boxer Bernardo Garcia raises his fist after winning his fight in the Bengal Bouts preliminaries last Friday.

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onsipon can be shared between two or more teams, but only one can win the conference title, and that team will be the first seed in the Big East tournament.

The top five teams in the Big East are considered locks for the NCAA Tournament. The winner of Notre Dame’s game with Louisville would hold the tie-breaker over Georgetown. The second tie-breaker is record against common conference opponents, in order from best team to worst.

Chasing a bye Until a 66-62 loss to Villanova Saturday, Connecticut (10-4) was one of the teams focusing on the conference title. But because of that loss and Marquette’s wins over Rutgers and Villanova, the Huskies will find themselves just one game ahead in the loss column of the 11-5 Golden Eagles for the final bye in the Big East tournament.

Connecticut has a pretty easy road ahead of it. Its only away game is at Providence, and they finish the season with a resume-building win Saturday against Cincinnati. West Virginia is the best team to worst. The worst thing that could happen for Notre Dame at this point is to slip up in any kind of let­down. Last year, the Irish had a two-game home skid to end the regular season and then fell in the first round of the Big East tournament to DePaul. Even though the Irish still made the NCAA Tournament, they were a No. 8 seed and had to play No. 1 North Carolina in the second round — not the ideal situation for any team.

The best way for Notre Dame to make sure that they are the bully picking off mid­dle-ranked teams in March is to finish with three solid wins that would impress the NCAA Selection Committee. The Irish have a knack for winning games they are supposed to. They just need to do it three more times.

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The Wildcats (7-8) were the last team in for the NCAA tour­nament for the early season but fell by the wayside with a five-game losing streak in late January. They get another shot at a big win on March 2 against Louisville.

Syracuse (7-8) is on life-sup­port for a bid. The Orange have a big win over Georgetown, but have lost four of their last five. They still have big games left against Pittsburgh and Marquette. Cincinnati sits at 8-6 in confer­ence play and probably beat out some of the above teams for Big East tournament seeding. However, the Bearcats had an ugly non-conference experience and are only 13-13 overall. They have a chance to play spoiler against Pittsburgh Wednesday and when they visit Connecticut in their regular season finale.

Hoping to get to New York The top 10 teams in the con­ference all feel comfortable about their prospects to make the NCAA tournament (although if Syracuse falls apart, it could be left out). There is a logjam in slots 10-14 and only two of those teams can get to the conference tournament. If the season ended today, Seton Hall (6-7) and DePaul (5-9) would be in, but hot on their heels are St. John’s (4-10) and Providence (4-11).

South Florida (2-12) and Rutgers (2-13) need monumental collapses by the teams in front of them to make the conference tournament and are just hoping to stay out of the Big East melee.

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LIZ MURPHY and SARAH MUSCARELLA

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jamie Lee Curtis, 52; Steve Addis, 37; Tim Conway, 75; lady Davis, 97

Happy Birthday: There will be lots going on behind the scenes this year. You will have new ambitions, and it is a good time to put them in motion. Opportunities are present and money and deals can be made. Take action and you will succeed; for others take over and you will stand still. Your numbers are 16, 17, 19, 21, 30, 39, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have lots to gain if you help others. Your ability to trust others and work much when anyone cleans up will enhance your chances of advancement. Changes may now lead to greater stability. 3 stars

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20) You are either in love and seem to be enjoying yourself in the way. So long as you don't agree with your' lover's habit, it is a good year for the two of you. This is a great time of growth for the couple. 4 stars

Gemini (May 21-June 21) You will get a job sooner opening a position opening that appears to you. A personal connection to someone you are working with will develop. Travel the decorations to embrace you will pay off from the love. 5 stars

Cancer (June 21-July 22) You'll make a big deal out of nothing. Certain your miles, understand that your actions in this area have far reaching implications for you. As you may come up with a new idea you may be able to get the best if you are too aggressive or a failure. 2 stars

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) A few alterations at home will make things easier for you to make an easy to care for you. Someone may complain in the interim. Love may stress you out, especially if you are too aggressive or a bad idea. 4 stars

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your sense of balance is off a bit, and other people will affect you the secret of a house. Keep up the good work and, although the period can be stressful, you will get the next one on top. Your friends will be happy for your day. 4 stars

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You don't have to work to make money in secret. A trip will stop any creative gameplay that can help you know a new direction. 5 stars

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Concentrate on work and do a good job of producing. It's easy for someone else to criticize you, but if you take work being said and feeling, they will be able to improve. There is a secret. 3 stars

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Getting involved in secret and getting ahead. You should offer your services and donate your time to something that you believe in. It can be a good experience for you both. Someone may complain in the interim. 3 stars

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) By trying new things or a visit or an occasion to which you're sure to lose, your eyes will be opened to a new way of doing things. A slight change of plans will lead to two more years. Do not be pleased. 2 stars

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Things are looking up and you are in the loop. A chance meeting with someone who can help you get it financially will boost your morale. Be outgoing, creative and active. Money is heading your way. 3 stars

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Think and do as easy as possible. Stop waiting and start to move on with your ideas and work with your ideas. Thinking across the desk won't do you any good. 3 stars


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BENGAL BOUTS

Fists of fury

First day of tourney showcases 182 fighters

By PETE REISENAUER, LAURA MYERS, JARED JEDICK, SAM WERNER and MATT GAMBER

Sports Writers

The 87th-annual Bengal Bouts boxing tournament began Tuesday with 91 fights between fighters of 13 weight classes.

130-pound division

Jack Dillon def Daniel Brannon

In the night's opening bout, Dillon won a close fight that wasn't decided until the final round. Neither fighter established a definitive advantage until Dillon landed a couple of combos early in the third, earning him a unanimous victory.

Matt Conti def. Joe Camarda

Conti was able to knock Camarda down twice in the first round, causing the referee to stop the contest and award Conti the victory.

First place up for grabs at top of Big East pack

Most of the league's top four teams have three games remaining, while some teams, like the Irish, have four. The top 12 teams in the 16-squad conference make the Big East tournament two weeks from now in New York, with the top four teams getting a bye.

Three teams — Georgetown, Louisville, and Notre Dame — are tied at the top of the league with three losses apiece, while Connecticut and Marquette loom beyond with four and five losses respectively. Behind those top squads, several teams are trying desperately to get a few more wins to solidify their places in the NCAA Tournament.

The Big Three

The Hoyas and Cardinals are tied at the top of the league at 12-3, with the Irish close on their heels at 11-3. All three are in good position to earn a bye in the first round of the conference tournament, but the main goal for these three is to win the regular season conference championship. Georgetown started the conference season hot, winning nine of its first 10 league games. Recently, however, the Hoyas have faltered, losing to Louisville and Syracuse.

Over the next two weeks, Georgetown has two more major tests — a visit to Milwaukee to play Marquette and a rematch with Louisville in Washington. The Hoyas finish up with a game against bottom-feeder St. John's.

Louisville might have the toughest road through the final stretch of the season. It faces Georgetown and a home match-up with the Irish.

Cardinals will also play a home game against Villanova, which will be fighting for its NCAA Tournament life. Despite having to play the Cardinals on Thursday, Notre Dame might have the easiest schedule of the three. After taking on Louisville, the Irish play DePaul, St. John's and South Florida, none of whom have a winning record.

The conference championship will not be decided this weekend, with the conference tournament to begin March 11.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ANALYSIS

Team attempts to earn bye

With six games left to play in Notre Dame's conference schedule, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said her team needed to go 4-2 if it wanted to secure a first-round bye in the Big East tournament. So far, everything is right on schedule.

The Irish come home on Wednesday after their three-game road trip — the longest in the Big East this season — having gone 2-1. Notre Dame

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles set to take on Olivet in tournament

By MEAGHAN VESELIK

Saint Mary's begins post-season play tonight at home at 7:30 as the Belles take on rival Olivet in the first round of the MIAA tournament.

The week-long tournament kicked off last night with a play-in game between No. 9 Kalamazoo and No. 8 Tri-State in which the Thunder knocked the Hornets out with an 80-70 victory. The Belles (11-10-12) will face the Cardinals on Saturday as they hope to claim the championship.

The Belles will also play DePauw, St. John's and South Florida, none of whom have a winning record.

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