Panel: Obama faces many challenges

Political science professors speak of problems and opportunities for the new administration

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Exactly one week after President Barack Obama’s inauguration, a roundtable of political science professors met for a panel discussion, talking about Obama’s challenges as he begins to tackle economic and military crises against a backdrop of high expectations.

The discussion was titled “Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Obama Administration” and held in the Coleman-Morse lounge Tuesday evening.

Professor Dan Lindley spoke of an overlooked dimension of dealing with high expectations. “The power he gets from his popularity is intangible, but nonetheless real,” Lindley said. Since the public expects Obama to bring about so much positive change, they will be more willing to back his proposals, he said.

“High expectations are a form of power,” Lindley said. These expectations will apply to many different crises as the United States confronts challenges in a variety of arenas, according to the professors at the roundtable.

Lindley spoke of the need to build strong alliances by focusing on mutual interests to meet these expectations.

Professors from left to right, Tony Messina, Dianne Pinderhughes, John Roos and Perl Arnold discuss Obama.

Career Fair sets up shop at Joyce Center

135 companies will recruit employees, interns in the midst of difficult economic times

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Despite the poor economy and dismal job market, 135 companies will be looking for interns and job applicants at the 2009 Winter Career and Internship Fair at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse today from 4 to 8 p.m.

A variety of companies, non-profit agencies, government entities, accounting, and financial firms will be represented at the Fair, according to Associate Director of the Career Center Kevin Monahan.

“This fair especially is a good mix of industries that should appeal to just about all majors,” Monahan said.

The companies will be recruiting for fulltime and internship positions in different fields, Monahan said.

A diversity reception that will be “centered around the issue of diversity in the workplace” will take place today from noon until 2:30 p.m. in the Monogram Room in the Joyce Center, Monahan said.

The reception will be an open networking session and is open to all students, Monahan said.

Students meet with representatives from companies at the Fall Career Fair on Sept. 11, 2008.

Pangborn opens cafe in lounge

Phoxy Cafe offers coffee, hot chocolate and biscotti twice per week

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Students desiring a cup of hot chocolate or a mug of coffee to warm up from the wintry weather can stop in Pangborn’s new coffee shop, the Phoxy Cafe.

The cafe, located in Pangborn’s lobby, offers coffee, hot chocolate, and biscotti Monday and Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Katie Callison, the Phoxy Cafe’s project coordinator, said that the cafe is just starting and hours may change as well as the variety of snacks offered. Hours are likely to change during the semester as well.

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Food compost plan started by student

The Phoxy Cafe offers coffee, hot chocolate and biscotti twice per week

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

On average, Notre Dame students waste 5.03 ounces of food every meal. So junior Sarah Cline is working to implement a composting system, in which food wasted in the dining halls would be converted into fertilizer, instead of rotting in a landfill.

Cline, a junior member of GreeND, won the United Nations “Climate Crews” competition with the help of last semester’s GreeND president Lourdes Long. The competition called for students to submit a plan to improve the environmental impact of their school.

Cline entered a proposal to convert the University’s dining halls get rid of food waste.

“There is a lot of food waste in the dining halls that can’t be recycled. But it’s better if it’s not just thrown in a landfill,” she said. “They can use it as fertilizer and it’s really helpful.”

About half of colleges and universities nationwide have a composting system, Cline said. The University of Notre Dame currently has no system in place.

“At this point, all of the waste in the dining hall gets

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By AARON STEINER
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame’s Accountancy Program recently received high marks from an annual survey of accounting professors nationwide. The undergraduate program was ranked fourth in the nation and the Master of Science in Accountancy program was ranked sixth among graduate programs in Public Accounting Report (PAR), a trade magazine.

Fred Mittelstaedt, professor of accounting and chair of the department, said Notre Dame has ranked high in the report for “the last number of years.”

“The undergraduate program has been in the top five for the last several years,” Mittelstaedt said.

According to the report from PAR, “the survey asks accounting professors, department heads and department chairs to name the undergraduate and graduate programs that... they feel most consistently turn out students capable of some day attaining partner status.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Question of the Day: What do you think about the Pope’s new YouTube channel?

Mary Clare Murphy   Laura Myers
junior Lyons        Sports Writer

"Papal emo eulogies would be pretty amusing but possibly sacrilegious."

Mary Allison   Johann Kirsch
senior off campus  junior McClain

"Does the Pope even know what YouTube is?"

"I hope he doesn't read the comments."

Offbeat

Firefighter charged for stealing severed foot

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Authorities said the St. Lucie County firefighter who took a man’s severed foot from an Interstate 95 crash scene last year has been charged with misdemeanor theft. The firefighter told the Florida Highway Patrol after the Sept. 19 crash that she took the remains to help train her cadaver dog. She eventually resigned from the St. Lucie County Fire District. She was arrested Monday.

FHP Lt. Tim Frith said the severity of a theft charge is usually determined by the value of what is stolen. Since there’s no law specifically dealing with the theft of a body part, he said it was difficult to determine the monetary value of the foot.

The firefighter was released from jail on her own recognizance Monday afternoon.

Woman shoots boyfriend who wouldn’t let her sleep

MONROE, La. — A 21-year-old Monroe woman charged with aggravated battery allegedly told police she shot her boyfriend because he wouldn’t let her sleep. The motive for Saturday’s shooting was detailed in an arrest affidavit.

The woman remains in Ouachita Correctional Center with no bond. She was charged with shooting her boyfriend, who was found by Ouachita Parish sheriff’s deputies in his car at an intersection early Saturday. The boyfriend’s name was not released.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Correction

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In Brief

Author Deb Olin Unferth will read from her first novel, “Vacated” at 7:30 p.m. at Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Unferth teaches at Rotman University Chicago. The event is free and open to the public.

A blood drive is taking place on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 217 of the Engineering Lounge, which is on the 2nd floor of Cushing Hall. To sign up, call Donna Fecher at 574-631-5432 or go to the AMC office in 365 Fitzpatrick Hall.

"Le plus heureux des trois," a play by Eugene Labiche will be performed at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Snite Museum of Art. Although the play will be in French, an English synopsis will be provided. Tickets, $5 cash only and can be bought at the Center for the Study of Language and Culture, 339 DeBartolo Hall or at the door.

The film "Happy Go Lucky," is being played at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Browning Cinema in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Purchase tickets at performingarts.nd.edu or call 574-631-2400.

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

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When I was little, my parents gave me a lot of instructions. They told me to duck if someone throws a softball at my head and I can’t catch it. They told me not to hit the cat, regardless if it bit me first.

They also told me that I should always, always, always, turn off a light when I leave a room. Just flipping a switch saves them money, saves the light bulb, and saves energy.

Now that I’m almost 20 years old, that seems like common sense. Which is why I was surprised at what I saw on Thursday and Friday as I walked my way to Legends.

On Thursday, my friend Katie and I went to Legends for their poker league. It ended at 2:30 a.m. (Katie came in third or fourth). We live in Cavanaugh, so we walked past DeBartolo and O’Shaughnessy and then into the little alley comprised of Hayes-Healy, Riley, and Nieuwland. Interestingly enough, literally all of the lights in Hayes-Healy were on, and several in Nieuwland.

On Friday, my friends and I went to the comedians, who were disgusting. Half the time, the crowd, rather than the comedians, was laughing. Just stared at him open­mouthed.

Anyway, I walked back from that a little after midnight. This time, a good two-thirds of the lights in Nieuwland were still on. Now, I know some teachers love to hear them­selves talk, but I don’t think there were any physics lectures that con­tinued to midnight on Friday.

This year I happened to shack up with two environmental science majors, so my literacy in all things Green has gone up a bit, which is why I’m fairly in arms about this. I mean, Notre Dame just won a $10,000 award for its sustainability efforts, but they can’t turn off some lights?

And maybe if it were just one or two lights, I could understand the slip up. But as it was, it was literally the entire building on Thursday night, and a majority on Friday. There is just no excuse for that.


So here are some solutions. 1) Make sure you have a custodian go around and check that kind of thing. GreenND wants suggestions of what to do with the money it won, why not use it to ensure lights get turned off? 2) Let us do it for you. I bet that volunteers from Cavanaugh (the winners of RecycleMania last year) would have no problem going over to Nieuwland and turning off lights.

It’s one of those things that’s not hard to do. 3) Turn off the light when you leave a room.

Of course, a five-year-old could tell you that.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

COR discusses funds bias

Members express concern over bias during funds distribution, offer solutions

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

The Council of Representatives discussed the process of allocating funds in an upcoming meeting Tuesday evening, with student body president Bob Reish expressing his concerns about possible bias when funds are distributed.

Although the council ultimately decided that bias is not an issue within the Financial Management Board (FMB), members argued that the process needs further clarification and transparency.

Currently, the allocation process takes place in the spring and includes members of student government organizations (class councils, Club Coordination Council and others) creating proposals that are later sent to the FMB at the allocation meeting.

Members of the FMB, which include outgoing members from student government, listen to all the proposals and then decide on fund allocation.

Bob Reish, student body president, said he was concerned about the process and wanted to ensure that funds were distributed fairly.

"I am concerned... that there could be some bias as to who will receive the funding," Reish said. "I feel that this definitely could occur and that it could be relevant to discuss," he added.

Although most of the members felt that this was not a significant issue and agreed to talk about possible ways to prevent it from occurring, they also noted that the FMB often times the money itself.

Members discussed the idea of using a reward system as a means for allocating funding by appointing more money to a group who had functioned well during the previous academic year and taking away money from others that had not performed as well.

This, however, posed a problem for the new incoming administrations. Many of the council members were concerned that the incoming administrations should not be penalized for the flaws of their predecessors.

Another suggestion was made to possibly open the allocation decision meetings to the public, allowing incoming and outgoing members of the council to be in attendance.

This, however, also proved to be an issue because it would lengthen the meetings extensively, something that would only serve as a hindrance to the process, members decided.

There was a general consensus among COR members who had attended an allocation meeting that the meetings were already long. They noted that increasing the meetings' duration would make members less likely to attend, like many, if any changes at all to the budget from the previous year.

The members concluded, however, that all the checks and balances within the FMB would eliminate any bias held by one member.

"I am concerned... that there could be some bias as to who will receive the funding." — Bob Reish, student body president

COR members discussed the reaction of members of the Hall President's Council to the same-sex event planning.

The female halls were in favor of the idea, while the male dorms felt that it would be better if there was funding involved.

President Dianne Pinderhughes expressed concerns about the proposed 15% allocation to affect African-American dorms, which blacks' "incomes are on average two thirds of white," while also warning worries about the enforcement of voting rights laws.

According to Pinderhughes, during the bus trip administration will hire numerous people to fill non-political positions on the basis of whether they have conservative, Republican and "right thinking."
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thrown away," she said. As one of 10 winners of the contest, she was encouraged to market her plan on campus and a free trip to Washington D.C. for a workshop to teach her how to implement it. Callison said she was encouraged to enter the contest by Long.

"I was not expecting to win," she said. "I was really shocked when I got that e-mail." Callison said she already began working with the Office of Sustainability and the University will invest in a composting system.

"We are not sure how it will all work out yet," she said. "It's too early to know for sure, I'm just not sure when." The context required Cline's proposal to be based on the grades given by the University by the Sustainability Report Card, which evaluates Notre Dame's environmental footprint in various areas. Cline said the University received a low transportation grade, but she thought her project would improve the grade.

"This is a huge step towards achieving sustainability at Notre Dame," Cline said.

One goal for implementing the project is to garner a lot of student support, she said, in keeping with Notre Dame's high grade on the category on student support, she said. In addition to the biggest grade for completing the Sustainability Report Card.

"We got an A for student involvement, so we want to really emphasize that," she said. "That's something that has really been working for us so far." The first step is to make students aware of the amount of food they waste on a daily basis in order to gain support and action from students.

Cline said she will use the $500 she won to create a media campaign to raise awareness. "Basically, the only way that the University would ever commit to something this big is by knowing that students actually care," she said. "And I think, in order for that to happen, we have to know how they can help," she said.

Cline said Notre Dame has put in a lot of effort to improve the University's sustainability. "We're the biggest university of the Office of Sustainability last year. Two years ago, Notre Dame had one of the lowest scores compared to other universities on the Sustainability Report Card. We recently had the highest score in the nation for any school," Cline said. "We are moving up a lot." Contact Madeline Buckley at mbuckley@nd.edu

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curriculum." The top three programs in the undergraduate rankings were the University of Texas-Austin, the University of California, and the University of Southern California. The University of Michigan also made the Top 7. Mittelstaedt said the Master of Science in Accountancy pro- gram wasn’t among the top 7 since the program started. Mittelstaedt said that Notre Dame’s accounting curriculum is consistently well-ranked in various publications. In addition to the PAR survey, the undergraduate program ranks No. 3 by BusinessWeek’s 2008 and No. 7 in the 2009 U.S. News and World Report rankings.

"For one, they’re very smart, and second, they can balance things very well," he said, from academics to leadership positions in firms. "We have seen that Notre Dame are in leadership positions in firms." In addition, Mittelstaedt credits the University of Notre Dame with the internal accounting department, which he said focuses on "foundational knowledge." We’re trying to provide broad skills," he said, teaching both quantitative accounting as well as "soft skills," like teamwork and communication.

That, plus the "great environment, great faculty ... as well as alumni," he said. The program is "very competitive," Mittelstaedt said, highlighting the "great success" the program has had.

"We have alumni that have done really well that are in leadership positions in firms," he said. "We are moving up a lot." Contact Madeline Buckley at mbuckley@nd.edu

Announcing the Year 2009 Annual Awards of the Albert Rarravino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Rarravino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2009 annual competition for in-kind support to foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made available to students to extend $5,000, and will be used to cover travel expenses. Not eligible to apply are underclassmen or graduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of foreign study in Italy. Satisfaction of the grant will be subject to the student's successful completion of a course related to Italian language, literature, and culture, and must be used to apply to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include:

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexican immigrant remittances fall

The number of Mexican immigrants fell by 8.4 percent at the start of 2009, according to the Migration Policy Institute. Remittances, Mexico's second-largest source of foreign income after oil, plunged 3.6 percent to $26 billion for the previous year, the central bank said.

The drop reflects the global economic downturn, as remittance flows are closely linked to economic activity in the U.S. and other developed countries.

REPUBLICAN NAZI REJECTS NAZI WAR BOMBS

The German government has rejected a proposal by the U.S. to return thousands of Nazi war bombs to their home country.

The United States has been seeking to return the bombs to Germany for decades, but the German government has repeatedly rejected the proposal.

A U.S. official said the German government's decision was a setback for efforts to return the bombs to their original owners.

LOCAL NEWS

CB finance committee recommends cut

The CB finance committee recommended a 0.25 percentage point cut in the federal funds rate. The committee cited ongoing concerns about the economy and the need to support growth.

The Federal Reserve, which sets U.S. monetary policy, is expected to lower interest rates when it meets on March 18. The committee's recommendation is likely to influence the central bank's decision.

NATIONAL NEWS

Minnesota voters testify to save ballots

Minnesota voters testified Tuesday in support of a bill that would allow voters to save their ballots in case of an recounts. The bill was introduced in response to a controversial recount in the November 2008 election.

The vote on the bill is expected to take place this week.

Food safety experts call for more testing

Food safety experts have called for more testing of peanuts to prevent future outbreaks of salmonella.

The latest outbreak, which began in the fall and has sickened nearly 500 people, has reignited calls for more testing of peanuts, which are a leading cause of salmonella outbreaks.

RUSSIA

Metropolitan Kirill elected patriarch

Interim leader of the Russian Orthodox Church receives 508 out of 700 votes

The interim leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, Metropolitan Kirill, has been elected patriarch.

Kirill, 62, is expected to lead the church for the next 20 years.

The election was held in a special assembly of the church's bishops, who gathered in St. Petersburg.

Kirill has been a prominent figure in the Russian Orthodox Church for many years and has been a vocal critic of the government's policies.

The election comes as the church faces a number of challenges, including a surge inactivity in recent years.
Award-winning writer John Updike dead at 76

In this Oct. 23, 1990 photo, author John Updike speaks at a lecture at the Boston Public Library in Boston. Associated Press

NEW YORK — John Updike, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, prolific man of letters and erudite chronicler of sex, divorce and other adventures in the postwar prime of the American suburbs, died Tuesday at age 76.

Updike, best known for his four "Rabbit" novels, died of lung cancer at a hospice near his home in Beverly Farms, Mass., according to his long-time publisher, A. A. Knopf.

A literary writer who frequently appeared on best-seller lists, the tall, hawk-nosed Updike wrote novels, short stories, poems, criticism, the memoir "Self-Consciousness" and even a famous essay about baseball great Ted Williams. He released more than 50 books in a career that started in the 1950s, winning virtually every literary prize, including two Pulitzer's, for "Rabbit Is Rich" and "Rabbit At Rest," and two National Book Awards.

Although himself deprived of a Nobel, he did bestow it upon one of his fictional characters, Henry Bech, the womanizing, egotistical Jewish novelist who collected the literature prize in 1999. His settings ranged from the court of "Hamlet" to postcolonial Africa, but his literary home was the American suburb, the great new territory of mid-century fiction.

Born in 1932, Updike spoke for millions of Depression-era readers raised by "penny-pinching parents," unified by the "patriotic cohesion of World War II," and bonded by a "disproportionate share of the world's resources," the postwar suburban boom of "idealistic careers and early marriages."

He captured, and sometimes embodied, a generation's confusion over the civil rights and women's movements, and opposition to the Vietnam War. Updike was called a misogynist, a racist and an apologist for the establishment.

On purely literary grounds, he was attacked by Norman Mailer as the kind of author who knew nothing about writing. Last year, judges of Britain's Bad Sex In Fiction Prize voted Updike lifetime achievement honors.

But more often he was praised for his flowing, poetic writing style. Describing a man's interrupted quest to make love, Updike likened it to "a small angel to which all afternoon tiny lead weights are attached."

Nothing was too great or too small for Updike to poeticize. He might rhymoize over the film projector's "chuckling whir" or look to the stars and observe that "the universe is perfectly transparent: we exist as flaws in ancient glass."

Author Joyce Carol Oates, a friend of Updike's, said there was a "luminosity in John's style that was just extraordinary. He also had a wonderful, warm, sympathetic sense of humor which people didn't always notice."

In the richest detail, his books recorded the extremes of earthy desire and spiritual zealotry, whether the cosmic philosophies of the preacher in "A Month of Sundays" or the steady rage of the "young Muslim in 'Terrorist.'"

Raised in the Protestant community of Shillington, Pa., where the Lord's Prayer was recited daily at school, Updike was a lifelong churchgoer influenced by his faith, but not immune to doubts.

"I remember the times when I was wrestling with these issues that I would feel crushed. I was crushed by the purely materialistic, atheistic account of the universe," Updike told The Associated Press during a 2006 interview.

"I am very prone to accept all that the scientists tell us, the truth of it, the authority of the efforts of all the men and woman spent trying to understand more about atoms and molecules. But I can't quite make the leap of unfaith, as it were, and say, 'This is it. Carpe diem (seize the day), and tough luck.'"

He received his greatest acclaim for the "Rabbit" series, a quartet of novels published over a 30-year span that featured ex-high school basketball star Harry "Babbit" Angstrom and his relentless adjustment to adulthood and the constraints of work and family. To the very end, Harry was in motion, an innocent in his belief that any door could be opened, a believer in God even as he hedged women other than his wife.

The series "told me the tale of a life, a life led by an American citizen who shares the national passion for youth, freedom, and sex, the national openness and willingness to learn, the national habit of improvisation," Updike would later write. "He is furthermore a Protestant, haunted by a God whose manifestations are elusive, yet all-important."

"Other notable books included "Couples," a sexually explicit tale of suburban mating that sold millions of copies; "In the Beauty of the Lilies," an epic of American faith and fantasy; and "Too Far To Go," which followed the courtship, marriage and divorce of the Maples, a suburban couple with parallels to Updike's own first marriage.

Build Stronger Relationships with Your Family

Want to better understand your teen? How about your significant other?

Are you interested in what's going on in their lives but find yourself unable to communicate with them? Or are you just looking for some more family time?

If so, you're not alone! Consider the family communication project in the Family Studies Center to be a great resource! Couples with teens between the ages of 11-16 are encouraged to call:

Dr. Julia Schatz @ (574) 631 - 0954
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Jackie Bauters and Patricia Kriegel @ (574) 631 - 0887
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Citigroup changes plan to purchase jet

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Citigroup won’t be getting a new corporate jet after all.

Under pressure from President Barack Obama, one of the nation’s largest banks reversed course, announcing Monday that it will not take delivery of the jet it had planned to purchase before the credit crisis unfolded.

The canceled deal came as many political leaders criticized Citigroup about how banks are spending government bailout money.

The White House reached out to Citigroup on Monday to reiterate Obama’s position that such jets are not “the best use of money at this point,” calling them “outrageous” spending and a current “dollar tax,” said a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was describing private conversations.

In a statement late Monday, Citigroup said it paid a deposit in 2005 to acquire the jet. The New York-based bank said it did not plan to use government money for the purchase, and it noted that any cancellation of the deal would probably lead to multimillion-dollar penalties.

On Monday, the New York Post reported that Citi was set to take possession of the jet even after receiving $45 billion from the government.

The government is also providing guarantees on hundreds of billions of dollars of Citi investments in mortgages and other troubled instruments. With the cancellation of the jet deal, a deposit on the plane will be lost, but is recoverable once the jet is sold.

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Obama seeks GOP help, compromise

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — On the eve of Barack Obama privately promised Republicans he would make sweeping changes in the $825 billion economic stimulus legislation, invoking Reagan-era policies and rebuffing conservatives and urging lawmakers to "put politics aside" in the interest of creating jobs.

"Timid American people expect action," Obama said Tuesday as he shuttled between closed-door meetings with House and Senate Republicans on a trip to the Capitol that blended substance with political symbolism.

Republicans who attended the sessions said the president did not agree to any specific changes but did pledge to have his aides consider some that GOP lawmakers raised dealing with additional tax relief for businesses.

Promised to judo on another point, Obama said that despite opposition, he will insist on getting relief to wage-earners who pay Social Security taxes but do not earn enough to owe income tax. His spokesman said the president reminded his critics that former President Reagan — a conservative hero to many contemporary Republicans — supported the same concept while in the White House.

In a measure of the complex political dynamic in Congress, House Republican leaders urged their rank and file to oppose the stimulus measure houses before Obama arrived.

One Republican later quoted the president as saying any changes would have to come after the House gives what is expected to be largely party-line approval Wednesday to the Democratic-backed bill. The debate began late in the day on the floor, which includes about $550 billion in spending and roughly $275 billion in tax cuts. Democrats made one small change, voting to delete $20 million intended for renovating the National Mall. Republicans had criticized the expenditure as wasteful.

In the Senate, traditionally more bipartisan than the House, a companion bill grew to roughly $900 billion. That included a new tax break for upper-middle-income taxpayers, at a one-year cost of $70 billion. It was advanced by Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, a Senate Republican on the Finance Committee.

Democratic leaders in both houses have promised to have legislation ready for Obama's signature by the end of February, and Tuesday's developments coincided with fresh evidence of deterioration in a national economy seemingly growing weaker by the day.

Housing prices tumbled by a historic low. consumer confidence dropped to a historic low. Department announced distribution of $386 million to 23

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Life is calling. How far will you go?

Canada plans stimulus package

New Liberal Party leader Michael Ignatieff said he would announce Wednesday whether he'll support the package. The opposition Liberals had vowed to use a parliamentary confidence vote to topple Harper's minority government if the stimulus plan fell short.

"There are some positive signs to this budget," Ignatieff said. "There's some things that we are concerned about. There's a negative side. Ignatieff said he's concerned the government has underestimated the seriousness of the crisis, but he said the government has responded to the combined pressure of the opposition parties and those recession fears.

The credit crisis and the global sell-off of commodities have started to hit Canada hard. The country lost more than 100,000 jobs in the last two months of 2008, and the central bank is predicting economic output will contract 4.8 percent in the first quarter.

Flaherty called the crisis "the challenge of our time. " Canadians are feeling the effect of the global recession, and they are concerned," he said.

The government is providing money for bridges and highways, high-speed Internet networks and home retrofits. The government also lengthened the amount of time unemployed people will be able to collect insurance if they are laid off.

There's also government credit support for automobile leasing, and there is money for job retraining programs, the aboriginal programs and struggling industries such as the auto sector and forestry.

Flaherty said he is prepared to provide more stimulus if necessary.

"We are in uncharted waters," Flaherty said. "The economy is coming in worse than we predicted. All of the so-called experts continue to become more pessimistic in their forecasts. Things couldn't be worse and if they get worse, we'll do more."
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By the time I'd opened my eyes I was wide awake. I leapt out of bed and bounded down the stairs, skipping steps without noticing. For weeks I'd dreamt of this moment, the glorious opportunity to unwrap the wonder of Christmas morning right then. As I wildly tore into Santa's delivery, I found my mind racing with predictions of what precious gift awaited me beneath the ribbons, bows and wrapping paper. A Loki Zeller Fathead? Sad but true, that wouldn't fit on my wall. 4,000 plastic balls to make a ball pit in my apartment? Disappointingly no; the package was too small. A beer tree? Understandably no; people tell me those don't even exist. I was still struggling to come up with a suitable gift when I lifted the lid on the box and looked down at my reward for being an exceptionally good boy in the last 11/2 months - a pair of pants.

"Anything but pants," I thought with a sigh. I'd thought of another pair of sweats, something to wear a week, a day, maybe a month. I'd thought of a shirt, maybe a tie - anything but pants. I tossed them into the closet, met with my cold, steely, button eyes and I hated you for being jolly while I'm wearing them. I've worn them? Zero. You really phoned this one in, didn't you? My Christmas list this year was just a post-it note with "ANYTHING BUT PANTS" scribbled on it in Sharpie. I hate pants and I hope you for being jolly while wearing them.

Before you get upset with me for yelling at Santa Claus, perhaps I should explain the rationale behind my loathing for legged clothing. Pants, like RedLF, The Berlin Wall and the bouncer at the corner - are an attempt to keep us down. They restrict our movement and crush the human spirit, preventing us from ever fully experiencing the freedom we cherish. Take a second right now and notice the times in your life when you were truly happy. Now think of the times in your life when you were wearing pants. Not much overlap, right? History's greatest heroes were usually barelegged, its greatest villains excessively clad. Did Gandhi wear pants when he led the Indian nation to freedom? No, but Hitler wore a crisp pair when he goose-stepped into Poland in 1939. Did Usain Bolt wear pants when he set the world record in the 100-meter dash in Beijing? No, but the 2.3 million people in prison in the United States were each given a fresh pair upon incarceration. Each morning when I see some poor soul in jeans out on the quad I whisper, "Welcome to Shoshank," and head to the Grotto to light a candle.

At home in Virginia, my friends and I can skirt (or shirk) the issue for much of the year thanks to the mild climate, but in the depths of winter it's all pants, all the time. I can only imagine the eternal nightmare that unfolds year-round in Alaska. Do you want to know why I voted for Barack Obama? Because he's from Hawaii, a land free from the tyranny of trousers. That, America, is change we can believe in.

Political considerations aside, I'm proud to say that the pants-wearing plague is noticeably less rampant at Notre Dame than it is at other cold weather locales. It's taken a lot of creativity and courage, but we at Notre Dame have finally figured out how to really stick it to the man. The answer: sweatpants. They're technically still "pants" for accounting purposes, but everyone knows pajamas-in-disguise when they see them. I can move like a cat in those things. They're durable, comfortable and suitable for every occasion. Last night I went to sleep in a pair of sweatpants. Today I went to class, met with a professor, and went out on a date in them. Come to think of it, I haven't taken this pair off in over a week. Showering and changing? Yeah, right! Thanks to sweatpants I'm able to simply hop out of bed and amble on over to DeBartolo every morning in no time.

One might expect the functionality of sweatpants to come at the expense of style, but this is simply not the case. I've been at Notre Dame for three and a half years now and I know high fashion when I see it. Nothing says sexy like the supple softness of sweatpants. They sure go great with a North Face, too. I wish I had a new pair of Lugs into which I could snugly tuck them; then I'd look good.

My advice to you? Wear your sweatpants proudly, Notre Dame. In the war against the oppressive pants regime, they make us front line freedom fighters.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Too crowded to eat a meal

I often lie on my couch and mutter softly to myself, "I'm just not stressed out enough right now." It happens quite a bit. As I watch endless episodes of "Mad Men" or "Wild on 10," sometimes check my pulse and make sure I'm still alive. When I dis- cover that my heart rate is hovering around 15 beats per minute, that's when I know that I need to wander over to South Dining Hall at around 6:30 pm. Why 6:30 pm? Because that is when the Dining Hall is filled with more people than a Tokyo subway. That's when I look around and say to myself that Everyone's face: Kill me now with this dull sky bridge from our leadership. In my letter that the author denies the existence of my heart rate is hovering around 15 beats per minute, that's when I know that I need to wander over to South Dining Hall at around 6:30 pm. Why 6:30 pm? Because that is when the Dining Hall is filled with more people than a Tokyo subway. That's when I look around and say to myself that Everyone's face: Kill me now with this dull sky bridge from our leadership. In my letter that the author denies the existence of

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As we read the Viewpoints in the Jan. 26 Observer, we were disheartened to see how far the quality of the discourse within had fallen. We were particularly distraught by the lack of substance to Ms. Adam's argument in her letter "That's why we need the 4th Amendment" (Jan. 26). Her letter was an attack on the fundamentals of serious academic discussion that have been the hallmark of the Observer. The ideals that we have come to expect in our leadership are offensive and hurtful to our community. Her assertion that we should "work with nature, not against it" is exactly what the squirrels in question need from our leadership. In spite of "daily acts of aggression" and "suicide missions," she has proposed that our leadership appease the squirrels to avoid future conflict. This action would set a dangerous precedent for future conflicts involving the growing threat from the avian population that has invaded the squirrels' territory.

As opposed to harboring these militaries in our own dwellings, the clear solution to free a forceful task force charged with defending our territory from these aggressors. For this to succeed, we must give them the opportunity to carry out their duties with the same respect, care, and oversight. This plan is essential to the safety and well-being of the entire Notre Dame community. It should be enacted swiftly to avoid further tragedies.

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MISSING THE POINT

When happened to your rights?

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Guest Columnist

In the wake of the arrests is what fundamental due process rights do Notre Dame students have under these circumstances? Are these fundamental rights protected by provisions in our student handbook? To be fair, if the illegally obtained evidence during this raid, would the University be able to use such tainted evidence in a disciplinary hearing even though it would otherwise be inadmissible to court under the "exclusionary rule?" What stops the police from repeatedly violating student rights to obtain evidence if they know the University will use it?

Public universities are obliged by law to grant students due process rights. The United States Supreme Court has ruled that public colleges cannot expel students without proceedings that provide at least minimal due process (Dixon v. Alabama State Board of Education, 1961). The 1975 Supreme Court case Goes v. Lopez, ruled that students' due process rights must be given notice and a hearing at a minimum before being suspended. However, the Students' rights to be represented by lawyers at a disciplinary hearing to cross examine witnesses and produce evidence. Universities are not required to follow trial procedural requirements in a disciplinary hearing. But some states have added student protections, such as laws allowing lawyer into student discipline hearings. Students must be given an opportunity and open and that disciplinary hearings are not educational records under The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Yet Louisiana and Oklahoma had contradict trial court decisions on the same matter. Private schools such as Notre Dame are not required by law to guar- antee these same 14th Amendment lib- erty and property due process rights. They are obliged to adhere to their contractual agreement with students and therefore must follow the disciplinary procedures spelled out in their student handbooks and judicial codes. The lack of guaranteed due process rights at pri- vate schools makes the issue of what is written in the du Lac Student Handbook much that more important. Students should consult du Lac's procedures such as the burden of proof for dis- missal, or the procedures for witnesses and evidence against the protections guaranteed in the handbooks of other universities.

The 2006 Duke University Lacrosse case brought the importance of due process rights at a private university into the national spotlight. Bias against the students was exposed in the media, police and university disciplinary sys- tem. The 2007 proceeding of the Lacrosse case include lawsuits against Duke University and the city of Durham for claims including harassment, depriv- ing civil rights and breach of con- tract. The Duke Lacrosse case due process issues are well detailed in "The Torch," a publication defending students rights, and in a blog titled Duke's Associate Dean of Students and Director of Judicial Affairs arguing that Duke should not "impose a cure upon a disease...against our will."

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January is drawing to a close, creeping towards what some fans have awaited for nearly a year: Super Bowl XLIII is about to go down in the history books on Sunday. Many have thought about and dreamed of what they will do before and after the game. Now, let’s take some time to think about some of the many careers of the 2009 Super Bowl. This year’s championship game is a battle of two teams, but also a battle of two cities that may be considered the best yet—a true display of American spirit and culture.

Oh yes, there will be a football game too.

In recent years, the buzz surrounding Super Bowl halftime shows has enveloped the nation with anticipation that rivals the game itself. The NFL championship event has blossomed from more than just a football game into an entire cultural event and an American pseudo-holiday.

Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band were selected to perform for Super Bowl XLI in 2007. The Boss’s highly anticipated performance, let’s reminisce about Super Bowl performances in recent memory.

2002: Britney Spears and humanitarians Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton and Larry Mullen Jr., aka U2, produced one of the most emotional musical performances of all, taking place only one week after September 11th terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The stage on which U2 performed was shaped like a heart and flanked by a giant banner displaying the names of the nearly 3,000 individuals who were victims of the attacks.

2004: Who can ever forget the infamous and controversial, “Nipplegate” of Super Bowl XXXVIII? Though the halftime show featured six prolific performing artists (Jessica Simpson, Janet Jackson, Justin Timberlake, Nelly, P.Diddy and Kid Rock) and the University of Houston and Texas Southern marching bands, the entire presentation pales in comparison to the final seconds of the performance. In a pre-rehearsed conclusion to Timberlake’s “Rock Your Body,” a piece of Jackson’s clothing was pulled away, revealing her exposed breast. The low stunt generated upon Super Bowl the American public, heavy fines levied by the FCC, and was changed regulation regarding broadcasting delays and censorship.

2005: Former Beatles Paul McCartney brought excitement to the Super Bowl crowd with a set list including the hits “Drive My Car,” “Get Back,” “Live and Let Die” and “Hey Jude” as they joined forces in a collaborative finale.

2006: During the 2006 Super Bowl, the Rolling Stones earned one of the largest television viewing audiences in history, drawing 89.9 million viewers. That total was more than the Oscars, Grammys and Emmy Awards combined. The Stones played “Start Me Up,” “Rough Justice” and “ Satisfaction” on a custom stage (the largest in Super Bowl history) in the form of their signature tongue logo.

2007: Despite a heavy downpour in Miami, Prince lit up Dolphin Stadium at Super Bowl XLI performing a 102-minute medley. The performance included several Jessica Simpson solos and was performed on a stage in the form of a Peace logo.

2008: Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers performed on a stage shaped like a heart pierced by Flying V guitar. Petty’s set included “Breakdown,” “Free Falling” and “Running Down a Dream.”

So, what will Bruce “The Boss” Springsteen and his E Street Band offer on this Super Bowl Sunday? Whatever you’re having as stage take? Will be avoid a just a study break, stick with these guidelines. Following a string of creative and memorable performances, expectations are high for an innovative performance. Follow our pre-game, provide you with everything you need to know about this year’s halftime show. The views expressed in this column are those of the author, the E Street Band and John Iwowy, even after this Sunday the game can provide long lasting entertainment as memorable as last year’s.

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Planning your Super Bowl party

The success of throwing a good Super Bowl party is all about the pre-game. By planning your party to watch the game before Sunday morning, you can make sure to have a great Super Bowl, no matter what.

First step? Regardless of whether or not you’re throwing or attending a party, you better know who is playing this year. It is the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Arizona Cardinals. Now, use this checklist to make sure that when you and your friends watch the Super Bowl it is not just a watch, it is a party.

1. Choose your guest list wisely. If you know one of your friend thinks sports watching is serious business, try not to invite him if he uses the couch as a trampoline at every touchdown. If your best friend goes hard football fan from Arizona, your outspoken boyfriend from Pittsburgh should stay with his friends the night of the game. 2. Find, or make, a comfortable place to watch the game. It may be difficult to find a section lounge or 24-hour space that is free to watch the game, so make your own place. Most dorm rooms can hold you and a few of your friends comfortably, by means stack, push and crunch your bulk together to get a common-room feel in your double. Also set up a trash bag in a central location in your room to make the cleanup easier. 3. Feast and drink well. Though a dorm kitchen and the section microwave are probably not capable of making Super Bowl snacks up to your standards, they both can come close. The food you chose to be at your Super Bowl party needs to be inexpensive, easy and as mess-free as possible. A traditional option is mini-weenies, but they will be your option because their only requirements are toothpicks and a microwave. Another dorm option that is often featured at weekend events is the chip and dip tray. The Huddle sells several different ready-to-eat dips and tortilla chips. If all else fails and you have nothing else, you can pick up buffalo wings from Buffalo Wild Wings or Wings Etc. passes as authentic Super Bowl food, not procrastination. When choosing beverage, be easy to your guests with sugar-free options and cups for water. Be more napkins than you think is necessary and miniature plates to keep everything as easy as limit your post-game clean up. 4. Set your TVs. Most college students cannot afford to have a digital video recorder and skipping commercials during the Super Bowl is sacrilege, but this year’s game promises to be as memorable as years past. With confirmed guests such as Jennifer Hudson, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band and John Iwowy, even after this Sunday the game can provide long lasting entertainment as memorable as last year’s. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and are not necessarily those of The Observer.

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With Super Bowl XLIII quickly approaching, football fever is mounting. Of course, for Pittsburgh fans, football fever is more like multidrug-resistant typhoid. Few teams boast a tradition as long and strong as the Pittsburgh Steelers. I cannot attest to the vivacity of Primanti Brothers, a local restaurant for lunch, but they did not have enough time to sit down and eat with proper utensils. Instead, the cooks put the side dishes right on the sandwiches for you, but this should be enough to give you an idea of what this team means to thousands of people across the nation. At least when you’re watching the Super Bowl you’ll know what all those yellow things are flying through the air.
Women's semifinals becoming Russian affair

Dementieva's victory means at least three Russians are in semis; Roddick avenges U.S. Open loss to Djokovic

Both players were soon draping towels packed with ice around their necks during changeovers and sought shade as long as possible behind the baselines between points. Suarez Navarro, who had an upset second-round win over seven-time Grand Slam winner Venus Williams, tied her best run at a major — her quarterfinal debut at the French Open.

Fourth-seeded Dementieva had never gone past the fourth round in 16 previous trips to Australia. Now she's only one win from reaching a third Grand Slam final. The 27-year-old Russian lost the French and U.S. Open finals in 2004.

She'll play the winner of Wednesday's later quarterfinal that features the only two major winners remaining in the draw. Serena Williams, who has nine Grand Slam singles titles including one in Australia every alternate year since 2003, takes on 2004 U.S. Open winner Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Already set is an all-Russian semifinal between Olympic silver medallist Dinara Safina and Vera Zvonareva, who ran off the last 11 games to rout 2007 Wimbledon finalist Marion Bartoli 6-3, 6-0. No. 3 Safina overcame 11 double faults and 36 unforced errors to end the surprising run of Jelena Dokić 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Andy Roddick continued his roll, reaching the semifinals in Australia to go with his previous runs to the final four at Melbourne in 2003, '05 and '07. He got there courtesy of defending champion Novak Djokovic, who retired Tuesday after trailing 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-2, 2-1. A sore, cramping and fatigued Djokovic was undone in the quarterfinal by 95 degree heat.

Roddick wants to go a step further but has one problem: Roger Federer. Federer routed Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina 6-3, 6-0, 6-0 in his quarterfinal and is only two wins shy of tying Pete Sampras' record of 14 Slams titles.

Roddick has not beaten Federer in six Grand Slam meetings and is 2-15 career against the Swiss star. He has reason for encouragement though. He ended an 11-match losing stretch to Federer last April in Miami. "You're dealing with a guy who's probably the greatest ever," said Roddick, whose only major title came at the 2003 U.S. Open. "I think it helps that I stopped a big streak against him last year in Miami. It's certainly not going to hurt at all."

No. 2 Federer swept the last 13 games and eliminating the eighth-seeded del Potro in 80 minutes.

Federer lost to Djokovic in the Australian semis last year, when he was struggling with mononucleosis that lingered until midyear.

Rafael Nadal, who beat Federer in the French Open and Wimbledon finals and then overtook him at No. 1, plays No. 6 Gilles Simon of France in the quarterfinals later Wednesday.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who upset Nadal in the semis last year before losing the final to Djokovic, faces Spanish Davis Cup winner Fernando Verdasco.

Australia - Elena Dementieva shakes hands with Spain's Carla Suarez Navarro after winning their Australian Open quarterfinal match Wednesday.

Russia's Elena Dementieva shakes hands

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Man shot by Harrison's gun on trial

PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia man shot with a gun owned by Colts receiver Marvin Harrison is headed to trial Wednesday, accused of lying to police.

Dwight Dixon is scheduled to appear in a Philadelphia municipal court on a charge of making false sworn statements.

Dixon initially told police he was shot during a robbery but later accused Harrison of shooting him. Dixon’s attorney, Robert Gamburg, said Dixon did not immediately identify Harrison because he was afraid of him.

Gamburg added Dixon was denied access to his attorney after being shot and spoke under duress.

“He didn’t know what to do,” Gamburg said.

Dixon in a previous criminal matter, that police had been shot. When detectives entered the room to interview Dixon, Santiguida said he and the officers got into an argument, that police had hospital personnel order him to leave and then questioned Dixon.

The 32-year-old Dixon said he sustained injuries after being shot. He was denied access to his attorney after being shot and identified himself as Malik Tucker.

Dixon told police he had been robbed by two men and was shot during a struggle for a gun, the report said.

Dixon later told other officers his real name and signed conflicting statements about where and how he was shot.

Joseph Santiguida, an attorney who represented Dixon in a previous criminal matter, said he went to the hospital immediately after Dixon was shot and said he had been shot.

“Walk in my house and whisper to me,” said Santiguida, who will testify as a witness Wednesday. “He didn’t know what to do.”

He was worried about saying anything because of retribution. "If I'm gunned and people thought I was a rat. It's a street thing."

When detectives entered the room to interview Dixon, Santiguida said he told police that Dixon did not want to talk.

Santiguida said he had made claim that police had hospital personnel order him to leave and then questioned Dixon.

The 32-year-old Dixon said he sustained "serious and permanent injuries" to his arm and body and a "severe shock" to his nervous system and filed suit last September against Harrison.

IN BRIEF

A.C. Milan negotiations to resign Beckham after loan

MILAN, Italy — A.C. Milan plans to meet with David Beckham’s agents to see if the former England captain can get out of his contract with the Los Angeles Galaxy and stay with the Serie A club.

“If Beckham reaches an agreement with the Galaxy, we are prepared to pay a fee,” Milan vice president Adriano Galliani said Tuesday. “We will meet with his representatives in the next few days.”

Beckham is on a month-long loan from the Galaxy and is due to return to Major League Soccer on March 9.

The former Manchester United and Real Madrid star scored his first goal for Milan in Sunday’s 4-1 victory over Bologna.

“If he decides to free himself and wants to (stay), we will welcome him with open arms, but he belongs to another club and we’ve got to thank them because they were very kind with us,” Galliani said, according to the Gazettetta dello Sport Web site.

Rey Sox set deadline for resigning catcher Varitek

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox have given catcher Jason Varitek until Friday to accept or reject a one-year, $5.5 million contract offer with options for 2010.

A person familiar with the negotiations said Tuesday the Red Sox, who begin spring training on Feb. 12, want an answer by Friday. The person disclosed the deadline and details of the offer on condition of anonymity because the team does not publicly discuss negotiations.

The Boston Herald and Boston Globe reported earlier the offer was $5 million for 2009 with player and club options for 2010.

Varitek, who turns 37 on April 11, is coming off the worst of his 11 seasons with the Red Sox. In 131 games, he hit .250 with 13 homers and 43 RBIs.

Former All-Star Casey to retire after 12 seasons

CINCINNATI — During his 12-year career, Sean Casey’s most enduring trait became his most enduring.

Fellow major leaguers dubbed him “The Mayor” because he seemed to know everyone he met. He chatted up runners at first base, making the game’s luminaries smile by respectfully calling them “Mr.” before offering a compliment.

When he retired on Tuesday to move into broadcasting — a career that fits his gift for gab — the 34-year-old Casey remained proud of his reputation as baseball’s Mr. Congeniality.

“It means a lot to me if I’m looked at as a good guy in the game and a pretty good player,” said Casey, who is joining the Fielding MLB Network as a studio analyst. “It’s a nice combination.”

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James has unique way of keeping his edge

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TAMPA, Fla. — What to make of an NFL running back who looks fitter the longer his career stretches out and fresher the more hits he absorbs?

Consider "The Curious Case of Edgerrin James."

One look at the Arizona Cardinals' 30-year-old running back, on paper or in person, would make you think he has a nutritionalist whipping up every meal, a personal trainer following him around and a team of health professionals on 24-hour call. Not even close.

James boasts the same lean, sculpted muscles, gaudy stats and durability that were the hallmark of many of pro football's best all-purpose backs. But the story of how he came to appear in his rookie year with the Indianapolis Colts — does not include the usual cast of characters.

More often than not, James' off-season workout partners in the Miami area are crackheads. He makes no bones or excuses about it.

"James grew up in Immokalee, a town of 20,000 some three hours south of where the Super Bowl will be played Sunday, in a family with 10 brothers. He spent backbreaking summers working alongside several more, harvesting watermelons at $30 a truckload."

James said a few years ago that's why, when he showed up at the University of Miami to begin his college career, "I was hardened in every way."

Besides, when you do your best conditioning work at 3 a.m., as he has been doing ever since college, pickings can be slim.

"You find some interesting people at that hour," James said, "and they're plenty happy for the chance to make a few bucks."

Running with crackheads? Makes sense, maybe. Having them spot you while bench-pressing a 400-pound barbell? Not so much.

But James laughed off the idea that could be dangerous. "Everybody knows me because I'm around so much. ... Hacking weights, spotting me, doing the things I need is not a problem."

"Neither, apparently, is finding a meal at that hour."

No erratic schedule, coupled with all the punishment a feature back like James takes, is hardly the only reason many people doubted he'd last this long. More than a few thought James was done when he left the Colts the season before they won the Super Bowl. And his critics note he was so lightly used in the second half of the season, being benched after losing the starting job to rookie Tim Hightower, that James' resurgence in the regular-season finale against Seattle, and playoff wins over Charlotte and Philadelphia, should have come as no surprise.

What all of them underestimated was his desire.

"Because of his contributions over seven seasons in Indianapolis, the Colts sent him a Super Bowl ring after their win in 2006. He accepted it gratefully, but would rather have one he earned on his own."

"You've tried to put yourself in a situation to be in games like this, and it didn't happen. It's not that I didn't do something, or that I didn't work hard enough, or that I didn't put up enough numbers. It's just," James said, pausing, "that everything has to work out."

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No longer just Warner, Cardinals and Steelers players alike profess their faith ahead of Sunday’s big game

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TAMPA, Fla. — Arizona quarterback Kurt Warner said he had just finished a thoughtful explanation of his religious beliefs when media types who found their way into the Super Bowl news bubble Tuesday decided he needed more proof.

"You pray right now?" he asked.

"I mean pray that whatever is going on in your life right now that you find God," Hightower said.

Hightower handled the question with the same ease he handled would-be tacklers to score the winning touchdown that got his team into the Super Bowl, which by itself was somewhat surprising because he is a rookie on the biggest stage of his young life.

Even more surprising at this Super Bowl, though, is how so many players on both teams aren’t hesitating to invoke the name of God as they prepare to play a violent game where there will be no mercy shown on either side.

Usually that has writers second-guessing their pens and cameramen hitting the pause button until talk returns to the game itself. But the depth of convictions from evangelical Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner to the Steelers who will do the best to plant peace we have on the field because you get the credit his faith in God for the younger teammates, about 20 of whom join him in Bible studies after practice every game.

"You just have to embrace it, whatever God does in your life and wherever he puts you," Warner said in one of his many religious references since landing in Tampa. "If it means being a role model in this game, I’m happy to do that. You are excited about that opportunity because you get the chance to speak to millions of people and, hopefully, we’ll get an opportunity to impact some lives this week.

Warner is the most vocal — and visible — Christian on the Cardinals, proclaiming his faith at every opportunity and underscoring it by carrying a Bible with him almost everywhere he goes. He had it with him at the postgame press conference after Arizona upset Philadelphia to reach the Super Bowl, and took time to credit his faith in God for the win before answering any other questions.

The 37-year-old Warner’s public display of faith has led to an interest from his younger teammates, about 20 of whom join him in Bible studies after practice every day. Even Wednesday during the season.

"Our quarterback is a definitive leader and devout Christian," center Larry Allen said. "He’s never pushy about it but you can definitely sense it."
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UMPIRE: Ohio — Rick Nash has been through all the bad times with the Columbus Blue Jackets. No one is enjoying the good times more.

Nash's third goal of the game came on a rebound 3:27 into overtime and gave the Blue Jackets a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Tuesday night. The win kept the surprising Blue Jackets in the thick of the race for their first playoff berth.

"All the moments have felt right," Nash said after bumping up his scoring total to 22 goals. "We've been on 10-game losing streaks. They've felt pretty real too. This is a lot better."

Nash came short-handed, on the power play and, finally, even strength. "The more than anyone, recognizes the opportunity in front of us and he knows the other players a clear message," Columbus coach Ken Hitchcock said. "He wants to finish the job and make a mark for this thing.... Rick's able to start at a high pace and others are able to follow, where she was."

"It was mostly just a lack of awareness and effort," McGraw said. "(Prince and Ray) were the two we wanted to guard. We guarded the other ones pretty well, but we left the best ones open." Ray did as she pleased with the defense. She shot over the zone, and when the Irish switched to a box-and-one defense, bad junior guard Melissa Lechleitner shadowed her. Ray used her teammates' screens to get free and drive the lane.

"When I hit that first shot I felt good, and it gave me the confidence to shoot more," Ray said.

The Scarlet Knights' post players also did what they wanted. McGraw said before the game rebounds would decide it, and Rutgers' 10-0 advantage certainly helped fuel their transition game and keep the Irish from second chances.

"They did what they wanted to do," McGraw said. "That's probably the most of them a second half. Force the shooters to drive the lane. In fact, give them no other option. Get right in front of their faces until they're lurching to the baseline.

The three aren't falling on offense? Feed inside to the big men or centers, or drive the ball, like Novosel did Tuesday. She finished with 19 points on 7-for-11 shooting, made a few layups and drew fouls. "I think we could have done more. She knew what would help the cause."

"I tried to take advantage of the first step and attack the basket," Novosel said. "Each game creates more opportunities in transition will help our shoot-"

Such wisdom for a freshman.

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"High school swimming in Indiana was a big deal," Behrens said. "It got me where I am today." Currently, Behrens is competing in three different events: the 50-meter (23.81), the 100-back (55.61) and the 200-back (2:03.59). All three seasonal best times were reached at the Ohio State Invitational on Feb. 16th.

"I've always loved the backstroke, maybe because I get to breathe as much as I want," Behrens said. "Like the 50-free, backstroke is all in my head and in my gut.

"I was just a few days to go before the Big East Championships on Feb. 18, Behrens said. "And we shot better than in the 100-back and 200-back, and tenth for the 50-free in the conference's pre-championship rankings."

"Even though we are confident, the Big East meet can still be a very nerve-wracking meet, both as an individual and as a team," Behrens said. "Knowing that all the hard work you have put in for the last six months could determine a few races is very stressful." But it still won't be easy the rest of the way. Aside from their personal best times were reached are in 11th place and right now, "Our time is very close that level. The Irish have to travel to take on East tournament. After

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Calvin set to host Belles

By ALEX WEST

Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will face the toughest test of its current four-game road trip when the Belles come to town today.

The Belles (10-7) will try to improve to 3-0 on their current road trip, and more importantly keep their lead in the MIAA standings over Saturday's opponent Hope College.

To do that, the Belles must focus on beating Calvin (10-6), the MIAA's fourth-place team.

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Rubbing down the right side of his head, Behrens said, "I said, "It's hard not to when you look at the standings and our record.""

If they fall to the Panthers, the No. 22 Irish do have a shot to secure a decent seed for the Big East tournament. But Saturday, Notre Dame will play just two games — rematches at No. 22 Connecticut and home against No. 7 Louisville — against the upper echelon of the conference.

But it still won't be the easy the rest of the way. Aside from their remaining conference slate, the Irish have to travel to take on UConn in Big East tournament. They have to play home games against Villanova, Pitt and St. Joseph's next, and at Cincinnati, West Virginia, Providence and Connecticut. At least the Irish have a chance to winnable games for the Irish.

Threw in home contests against league-divisional south Florida, Rutgers (6-6), and the Irish don't seem like they have that much in common with Quiet, from the movie "Jaws" anymore. If you don't have seen, "I'm not explaining it to you. Just see the movie." If the Irish lose to Pittsburgh and could maybe win just three of six from their other solid league opponents. They'll have no share of the trio of easy home games to finish with a 500 Big East record. The Irish would then have 18 wins, which, along with a win in the conference tourney, might be good enough for an NCAA tournament bid. A win at UConn could help a lot as well.

In the beginning of the season, that one game seemed like a worst-case scenario for the Irish. And it still is. A point here matters more to Notre Dame is far from done. A 10-8 league record right now is a realistic goal for this team. For the Irish a year, good enough for seventh place, and won the Big East championship. A 9-9 record would likely put the Irish in a more procuring position, but still with a shot at the NCAA Tournament.

And who's to say the Irish can't sweep home games against Louisville and Villanova or that they can't catch Pittsburgh, Connecticut or UConn on a bad day? Notre Dame ended up of its worst games of the season offensively on Saturday and Monday and still was it in at the end of each contest against a top Big East team.

Beginning Saturday, the Irish must start winning the games they should and pick up a couple of underdog victories. It could be a lot easier to do that against St. John's and it has to be able to pull out a couple of road wins against some of the conference's tougher opponents. It's time for the Irish to again become more like sharks, rather than the benches of the Big East.

Here's a look at where the top teams in the conference stand:

1. No. 10 Marquette (18-2 overall, 7-0 Big East)

Fresh off their win at Notre Dame, the Golden Eagles are off to a 10-0 start in Big East play and are the only team in the Big East regular season championship. Marquette probably has the best backcourt in the country and is on a roll after winning its last 10 games.

2. No. 7 Louisville (15-3, 6-0)

The Cardinals have really turned it on since conference play started. They took down No. 1 Pittsburgh and blew Notre Dame off the court in an overconfident performance. This team will definitely be a tough proposition for host Notre Dame.

3. No. 2 Connecticut (18-1, 7-1)

The Huskies have just one loss but it was a much bigger loss than the Irish, coming at the hands of Georgetown, a Big East powerhouse. Connecticut has to make that, certainly, nobody will run the table. If Connecticut can win a game like this against the Irish Saturday, they could double as Big East regular season and conference champs.

4. No. 3 Pittsburgh (18-1, 6-1)

The Panthers, who were ranked No. 10 a year ago, just sit at midwest place in the conference. Such is the nature of the Big East. But Pittsburgh has an opportunity to make some noise this week as the team will take on No. 21 Villanova tomorrow today before getting set to welcome the Irish on Saturday.

Also in the hunt: Providence (13-6, 5-2), No. 15 Syracuse (17-4, 5-3)

Still alive: Villanova (15-4, 3-3), West Virginia (14-5, 3-3), Georgetown (12-6, 3-4), Creighton (11-8, 3-4), Wake Forest (12-7, 3-5)

Out of contention: St. John's (11-8, 2-5), South Florida (7-16, 1-9), Rutgers (9-11, 0-7), DePaul (6-12, 0-7)

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ouly close that level. The Irish are in 11th place and right now, their NCAA Tournament hopes in jeopardy if they can't right the ship soon.

"We want to start thinking about that yet," Irish guard Kyle McAlarney said after Monday's loss to Marquette. "But it's hard not to when you look at the standings and our record."

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Irish senior guard

The lead hovered around 15 points until a 6-0 run midway through the half. Reive McGraw sank a 3-pointer from the right wing as an offi- cial was waving the clock out of the ball. The basket and the foul on Seskiy elevated and Prince's two foul shots finished the five-point swing for Rutgers, mak­ ing it 35-29.

"The rule is that if she's in her motion to shoot the ball, the basket counts. I didn't see the foul," McGraw said of the call. "I think she was actually whistled for shooting the ball. I thought it was very clearly after the whistle ... but she's in her motion to shoot the ball. They gave her the basket and she whistled like an NCAA continuation type of thing.

For how much the whistle

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Left defenseless

Rutgers dominates as Irish 'D' falters again

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

Rutgers guard Brittany Ray had 26 points — including a 4-6 performance from beyond the arc — and the rest of the Scarlet Knights helped her outpound Notre Dame 78-68 Tuesday night at the Joyce Center.

Ray was not the only Scarlet Knight to have a great offensive game against the Irish. Epiphanny Prince, who led the team going into Tuesday's game with 20.4 points per game, added 24 points to the Rutgers effort.

"It was mostly an incredible lack of awareness and effort to know that those [Prince and Ray] were the two ones to guard," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Men's Tennis

No. 11 Seminoles present another challenge for Notre Dame

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish have already faced some of the nation's top teams — and they're just getting started.

No. 30 Notre Dame (1-2) hosts No. 11 Florida State (2-2) today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The Seminoles are the third ranked team Notre Dame has faced so far.

"We certainly have already faced quality opposition in this young season," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "So even though the Florida State team, we should be ready for that level of play."

The young Irish squad, which only has one upperclassman in senior Brett Heglestorm, won a 7-0 match at William & Mary Saturday but lost 0-7 at No. 5 Virginia on Sunday.

"While Virginia was very talented," Bayliss said. "I don't think we really gave ourselves a real chance to win because we checked out of too many points and didn't leave our comfort zone at crucial times. Several of our guys learned something in Charlottesville. Hopefully we will see a difference today.

The Seminoles are coming off a loss as well, a 4-2 decision against No. 2 Texas. This will be Florida State's first indoor match of the season and Notre Dame's second match at home. The first was a tough 4-3 loss to No. 14 Pepperdine on Jan. 16.

"Being at home is always an advantage," Bayliss said. "You are playing on the same courts on which you practice, the fans aren't questioning your manhood, and the other team, hopefully, is adjusting on the fly to the surface, visual background, etc. The support we got playing Pepperdine was gratifying and I think our freshmen were pleasantly surprised with the cheering."

ND Women's Swimming

Behrens helps lead ND into Big East stretch run

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

When it came time to pick a college after a heavy recruiting process, the choice was easy for junior Maggie Behrens, who currently holds the team's seasonal best times in both the 100- and 200-meter backstroke events.

"I've always been a big Notre Dame fan since both of my parents went to school here," said Behrens, who hails from northwestern Indiana. "I feel in love with the school, the traditions and the most important, the team."

Men's Basketball Analysis

Time to play like the sharks

It might seem like Notre Dame is sinking, but don't abandon the ship yet. Yes, the Irish have suffered four straight losses. And yes, after wasting a two-game homestand, they head to Pittsburgh on Saturday.

But no, this isn't the USS Indianapolis we're talking about here — that ship sank and left its crew to sharks-infested waters.

In other words, the Irish don't belong with the bottom feeders in the Big East, but they could be getting dangerous. 

Scarlet Knights played like they needed it more

The two coaches' first statements of their post-game press conferences helped illustrate the reasons behind No. 11 Notre Dame's 78-68 loss to Rutgers Tuesday night.

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw apologized to the fans. "I don't think we played with the intensity, the effort, the enthusiasm and the energy that we needed today, and I thought Rutgers did," she said.

Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer?

"We really needed that one," she said. "If you guys don't mind, we needed it more than you did."

That's the attitude Notre Dame, who has lost three of its last four