Bengal Bouts tickets on sale, fights to begin Feb. 15

Annual boxing tournament trying to raise money for Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh amidst bad economy

By LAURA MCCCRSTAL

With a Feb. 15 preliminary round on the horizon, tickets went on sale for the 79th annual Bengal Bouts last week.

Bengal Bouts is a boxing event that raises money for the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. This year’s Bengal Bouts team has almost 300 members, according to senior president Mark Weber.

The novice boxers began training before fall break and have been practicing since the beginning of spring semester, he said. The practices run for two hours, six days per week and consist of conditioning plus five to 10 spars with other boxers.

"To make it through the training is really a rite of passage," Weber said. The pairings for the preliminary round will be posted late next week, after the boxers are divided into 12 to 14 different weight classes and matched with their competitors based on their sparring records, he said.

The box office estimated selling 3,300 all-session and individual round tickets as of Monday afternoon. The box office sells all-session and individual round tickets, but each boxer also sells all-session tickets, making it difficult to estimate total ticket sales, a representative from the box office said.

Weber said that the boxing program hopes to sell tickets to sell tickets to fill the dining halls at the end of the week.

Bengal Bouts raised $50,000 last year for the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh, but that fundraising goal has become more difficult to meet for this year’s tournament, Weber said.

"The economy’s hitting us pretty hard," he said. Businesses that have traditionally bought advertisements for the tournament have decided not to do so this year because of the economic downturn, Weber said.

But Weber said that Bengal would see BOXING/page 3 lakhigaIhe Observer

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15. Tickets are now on sale.

Boxes compete in last year’s Bengal Bouts tournament. This year’s competition will begin Feb. 15.

CFC discusses off-campus task force

Council also debates possible implementation of Good Samaritan policy

By SARAH MAYER

The Campus Life Council (CFC) continued discussing the possibility of creating a new off-campus task force that would focus on the well-being of Notre Dame students and the possible implementation of the Good Samaritan policy at its meeting Monday.

Student body president Bob Reish said Fr. Mark Poorman, Vice President of Student Affairs, told him earlier in the week that he intends to discuss Notre Dame’s sexual assault policy, so CFC no longer needs to do so.

"That still leaves room for the off-campus issue and possibility looking through the Good Samaritan policy," Reish said.

A Good Samaritan policy would protect students who have been drinking from getting in trouble if they help for an intoxicated friend without any call for it.

Another issue the CFC discussed was the disconnect between the University and off-campus students, and the lack of clarity on what kind of responsibility off-campus students and the University have towards each other.

"Something that we noticed is that once students make the decision ... and you can be as involved or uninvolved as you want to be," said Meg McLaughney, Student Union Board manager. "There is a disconnect that would be really important to fix so that the University doesn’t feel that once you leave, that’s it.

"But we don’t have any kind of responsibility to them anymore." Finalist for the Good Samaritan policy, she intended on ignoring or leaving off-campus students, police

By LIZ HARTER

It happens every year at Saint Mary’s. Large amounts of lake effect snow continue aggressively pushing up against the South Bend area causing parking lots making it almost impossible to paint the lines designated parking spaces.

When this happens, some students deal with the inability to see where one space ends and another begins by leaving their vehicle at a corner just to leave the parking lot.

And some park in spaces they won’t be there when the snow melts.

While this happens in most parking lots on campus, it is most noticeable in Regina parking lot, next to Regina Hall. Here, cars stretch the length of the entire lot with no parking spots remaining. When the ground is not covered with snow, there is a path between two groups of parking spots.

This path, an area near the side entrance to the parking lot, are often blocked with snow banks, and a path closer to their dorms.

"It’s a bad thing that people want to park closer to the dorms, but it’s a bad thing that people want to park in spaces that won’t be there when the snow melts," said Cindy Appelquist.

She admitted to parking illegally in the lot for a day, but did not get ticketed, something which she attributes to the cold weather.

"I think that security does not ticket if it is very cold outside, but if it isn’t, they are right on it with the ticketing," she said.

However, the lack of organized parking spaces inconveniences who park or try to park in the lot.

Senior Deanna Molosky checked the lot open after returning to campus last week. She pulled into the side entrance of the lot and made the circuit around the student spots.

When she got to the end she noticed that there were a couple of cars parked at the end of the row, where there is normally space for a car to pull through to exit the lot.

"You can tell the parking spots would usually be lined (where they were parked)," she said.

"There was a space between the snow bank and the parked car, but not enough for my car to go through," she said. "I would have hit my car and theirs."

There was a room to turn her car around so Molosky was forced to back her car down the row and around the corner just to leave the parking lot.

"It’s a convenience to park in Regina, but there are all those other people on campus who walk in the cold, (the people parked illegally) should do the same," she said.

"It’s a safety hazard and it makes the grounds crew work that much harder plowing around the cars, it’s a hassle and its unsafe."

Dave Gariety, director of the Department of Safety and Security at Saint Mary’s, said security routinely checks the parking lots and issues citations, but it is harder to do so in the winter months.

Saint Mary’s to host weekend conference

"Based on the economy and other situations, we are having issues," she said. "The problem is, at other schools, college students come and sleep on the floor. Since we are an all-women college they would not let us have boys and girls together on the floor and they told us we had to house them in a hotel."

While the hotel fees were incorporated into the price the delegates are paying to come, the College is trying to keep the costs as low as possible so every student can attend, she said.

By SARAH MAYER

Saint Mary's students may notice an influx of guests on campus this weekend as the College hosts 112 students from other colleges and universities for the Indiana Residence Hall Organization Conference this weekend, senior Kate McNerney said at Monday’s Board of Governance (BOG) meeting.

McNerney, a resident advisor in McCandless Hall, presented a co-sponsorship asking BOG to help supply the costs of the conference.

"I’m respecting their autonomy once they leave the dorm," she said, "It’s not out of a sense of spite."
Lamenting a laptop

Laptops. Fun, fantastic, internet producing machines that make our lives easier. We can watch Mamma Mia on DVD, listen to that great new song by Miley Cyrus and even get a paper written (after receiving the absolutely necessary extension).

Sad to see these fabulous activities have disappeared from my daily life because my brilliant servant, my 12" PowerBook G4, finally gave up on me after four years of faithful service.

It was spontaneous somewhat expected. My little silver friend had fallen spectacularly a few months back and had a dent on his metallic exterior. Last week though, the screen became gray, filled with horizontal lines of various colors, and it kindly requested that I shut it down, and send it off on a burning pyre.

Instead of having my computer at my side to service my every curiosity I was thrown into a dark mysterious abyss filled with no answers to any questions: Did Katie finally friend me on facebook? Who was that? What was that one movie, you know with the hair? What is the average life expectancy of a torso? The facts that I would look up and immediately forget were gone from my life, with no substitute for "the google." I was once again unsatisfied in my search for trivial knowledge.

I don't mind that I lose all of my photographs, my music, and everything that I had written in my undergraduate years of college. The lack of backing up my creations was my fault and the data will be recoverable at some point in the near future. But my expensive 500 gigabyte external hard drive is this double whammy existential crisis. I am simply saddened by the loss of my computer, nay, my companion.

I lost more than just time and productivity, I lost an inanimate object that had been there for me for years. I spent a semester abroad, traveling to various countries. It was there for me when people felt that PCs were better than Macs. It was also a great space heater when my off-campus house was completely devoid of heat.

Of course, it had nothing to do with anything going on, it was just a series of circuits, but in that respect aren't we all? Perhaps an outrageous original price or a frequent recharging are required, but you'll never hear a monitor complain. Only in their untimely death are electronics despoiled, so why not celebrate their service?

I recommend that everyone take the time to thank the cell phones, televisions, and computers that provide valuable services year after year without asking for anything in return.

Actually I think I'll just replace my computer and not make a big deal out of it. Darn thing cost me a fortune.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Szymon Ryzner at sryzner@nd.edu.

**CORRECTIONS**

I watched the "Puppy Bowl" during commercial breaks. Seriously.

"The one where they hit the kola. Because hitting small animals is awesome."

The Doritos one, that's what I do with my snowglobes too.

"The E-Trade talking baby commercial, because talking babies are crazy."

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L.A. Theatre Works presents "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial" Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Declo Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play is based on original transcripts of the famous 1925 Tennessee v. John Scopes "Monkey Trial," which challenged the newly passed Tennessee legislature's "Butler Act" banning the teaching of evolution in the state's public schools. Purchase tickets online, visit our cell or call the Ticket Office at 574-631-2880.

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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Bouts is making an effort to go beyond simply raising money for causes. This year he and four other boxers will travel to Bangladesh to view situations for the first time in Bangladesh's history.

During the two-week trip, the boxers visited Dhaka, where they worked on a documentary film with a professional camera crew, and put together the International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP) through the Center for Social Solutions.

The new ISSLP will send Notre Dame boxers to Bangladesh each summer, creating a more personal relationship between the boxing tournament and missions that it supports. The documentary film will be released in the fall of 2009.

"Our money is earmarked to support educational initiatives in tribal villages," he said. "Instead of just sending money over there, we're trying to form relationships with the people and learn from them." 

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"Twilight" will be shown along with Feb. 21 in Warner Vennon Theater in the basement of the Student Center. Show times are at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40, and 9:50. Tickets are free, but some tickets will need tickets that will be distributed on Feb. 19.

Women's Studies majors have put together a formal petition to make a Women's Studies class required under the General Education requirements, women's issues commissioner Beulah Faunce said. The students are going around the dorms with signatures and need 500 signatures before they can turn it in.

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The co-sponsored lunch also asked for funds to help offset the cost of the room, coffee, and a movie being shown Friday night. The event will be shown here on campus and everyone can see it if it will benefit the entire campus," McNerney said.

After the co-sponsored lunch was passed, student body vice president Sarah Falvey talked about her own Honoring Women banquet held in late February.

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Associated Press

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Patrol investigates quota allegations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to nominate Sen. Judd Gregg as commerce secretary. The White House confirmed on the eve of the announcement that the New Hampshire Republican disclosed an apparent deal that would keep his seat out of Democratic hands.

"I have made it clear to the Senate leadership that both sides of the aisle and to the governor that I would not leave the Senate if I felt my departure would cause a change in the makeup of the Senate," Gregg said Monday in a statement. The White House confirmed the Gregg choice on the condition of anonymity because the announcement had not yet been made.

New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch confirmed the "understanding," stopping just short of promising to appoint a Republican or an independent to serve out the remaining two years of Gregg's term.

The deal would give Obama his top choice for a task beset with steering the stimulus out of recession. Republicans get to keep Gregg's seat for two more years, and they face 41 Senate seats they need to fill before majority Democrats.

And Democrats, who control 56 seats and caucuses with two independents, stand a better chance of flipping Gregg's seat into their ranks in two years by running a candidate who would bookend his rookie replacement or an empty seat than Gregg himself.

The White House tried to stay out of the back and forth. But officials there did nothing to squelch the expectation that Gregg would be the storm hit, the post.

"Obviously, the president has great respect for Senator Gregg," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Monday. "I'm not going to get into any speculation before we are there."

Getting to a deal took days of negotiating after it became known last week that Obama was considering appointing the former Budget Committee chairman from New Hampshire to his Cabinet.

Gregg would become the third Republican in the Cabinet, if confirmed. The others are Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

The deal spares Gregg blame for delivering Democrats' complete control of the Senate and a re-election campaign in Democratic-leaning New Hampshire.

Lynch's agreement, meanwhile, shores up his bipartisan credentials at a time he's confronting a decades-old budget crisis at home.

The Republican expected to be named to Gregg's seat is Bonnie Newman, who served as Gregg's chief of staff during his time in the House. Newman is a veteran of the Reagan White House. Under the deal, she would not run in the 2010 election.

Kent. officials rate FEMAs response to storm

Associated Press

EDDOWVILLE, Ky. — In the first real test of the Obama administration's emergency management efforts as a disaster, Kentucky officials are giving the federal government good marks for its response to a deadly ice storm.

Yet more than 300,000 residents remained without power Monday and some areas had yet to see aid workers nearly a week after the storm, a fact not lost on some local authorities.

"We haven't seen FEMA. They haven't been here," said Jaime Green, a spokeswoman for the emergency operations center in Lyon County, about 95 miles northwest of Nashville, Tenn. Federal authorities insisted they responded as soon as the state asked for help and promised to keep providing whatever aid was necessary.

FEMA has been under the microscope since the Bush administration's botched response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005, which Barack Obama and other Democrats made a favorite topic on the presidential campaign trail. FEMA was reorganized and strengthened after that, and it has avoided the onslaught of negative feedback Katrina generated.

The agency hasn't been tested the same way it was after Katrina. Gov. Steve Beshear raised Kentucky's death toll to 24 on Monday, meaning the storm has been blamed in at least 55 deaths nationwide. And while it also knocked out power to more than a million customers from the Southern Plains to the East Coast, it's still considered a medium-sized disaster, the kind FEMA traditionally has been successful handling.

The Kentucky disaster will be closely watched, said Richard Sylves, professor of political science at the University of Delaware, particularly because people President Obama has put in the top FEMA officials, many of whom must go through Senate confirmation.

"If it's perceived not to be handled very well, or if there's a sense that there's insensitivity at the federal level to the plight of people President Obama has appointed to senior positions in FEMA who are in their confirmation hearings," said Sylves, who has written four books on federal disaster policy.

Beshear asked Obama for a disaster declaration to free up federal assistance Thursday, two days after the storm hit, the post. The White House issued it hours later. Trucks loaded with supplies began arriving at a staging area at Fort Campbell, Ky., on Friday morning, said Mary Hudak, a spokeswoman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"We got a deal," Beshear said Sunday, "the president made a commitment to us." A spokesperson for the White House confirmed on Monday that FEMA got its request for federal assistance.

"This is the most, by far, the federal government has done to help a state," Sylves said.

FEMA's response has been viewed as very good so far. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear have praised the agency's response.

"FEMA and the Kentucky National Guard are doing everything they can to get things back up and running," Beshear said on Monday. "And while it has been without it, with Obama, we have been able to get a deal."

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

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QUETTA, Pakistan — A Pakistani gunman seized an American U.S. worker and held him for ransom Monday, shooting and killing his driver, U.N. and Pakistani officials said. The American, a U.S. Land Cruiser was found rammed against a wall, punctured by at least one bullet hole.

The United Nations expressed "extreme shock and dismay" at the rare attack in a region that has largely been spared the al-Qaida and Taliban insurgency wreaking much of northwestern Pakistan.

The gunman called the abduction of John Solecki, head of the U.N. refugee office in the southwestern city of Quetta, a "dastardly terrorist act." But police said it was not clear whether Islamist militants, criminals seeking a ransom or members of a regional separatist group were responsible.

Badminton team to travel to Iran

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is sending a women’s badminton team to Iran this week as part of a broad bid to engage the Iranian people through educational and cultural exchanges, the State Department said Monday.

After a wide-ranging review of U.S. policy toward the Islamic Republic, the trip is the new administration’s first foray into such exchanges that began as President George W. Bush was in the White House. Past exchanges have involved athletes from other sports, art and music programs.

The 12-member team — eight female players, four coaches and managers representing USA Badminton — will be in Tehran from Tuesday until Feb. 9 to participate in the Iran Fajr International Badminton Tournament, which begins on Friday, the State Department said in a statement.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Sailors trained to ward off pirates**

PORTLAND, Maine — With an alarming number of tankers and cargo ships getting hijacked on the high seas, the nation’s mar­itime academies are offering more training to merchant seamen in how to fend off attacks from pirates armed not with cutlasses and flintslocks but automatic weapons and grenade launchers.

Colleges are teaching students to fistfight through Krav Maga self-defense classes and how to build rafts with high-pressure water hoses and illuminate their decks with FordLights.

**Mom of octuplets recieves offers**

LOS ANGELES — One of the most famous baby boys in the world, a member of the newest ­generation of Octomom Suleman, has received offers from a range of companies.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Man sentenced to 27 years in prison**

CROWN POINT — While a student was seated at the back of a county bus, a man who had been sentenced to 27 years in prison for killing his former wife in 1990.

Robert Lee Wood was sentenced Monday to 27 years in a county bus, a man who had been sentenced to 27 years in prison for killing his former wife in 1990.

Two years later, Wood pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and to a burglary of a residence. At the time of the robbery, Wood was armed with a gun and a knife. He was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to 27 years in prison.

Wood was arrested in 2007 in the case of Dena Roebuck, whose body was found in a field near her home in Crown Point. Roebuck’s body was found with a bullet wound to the head.

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**ENGLAND**

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LONDON — It was hardly a blizzard, but it was enough to shut down the city that beat the Blitz.

The biggest snowfall to hit London in 18 years idled the city’s trademark red buses and Underground trains Monday. More than 300 flights were canceled at the city’s two airports, and hundreds of thousands of travelers were stranded at the stations.

In the city’s outer suburbs, a snowstorm brought more than four inches of snow overnight and another four inches in the after­noon.

Londoners who needed to get some­where often found they couldn’t — unless they were willing to walk for miles.

"There’s no point in going to work today," said office worker Caroline Samuel, 36, after waiting for an 18 minutes for a bus that never arrived. "I’m going home." All five of the capital’s airports briefly shut down — with nearly 90 flights canceled throughout the day and thousands of passengers stranded. An international flight skidded off a runway at Heathrow, causing no injuries.

The city’s extensive bus network was completely closed for most of the day and many trains simply didn’t run.

Colossal traffic jams clogged roads because of fender benders and more serious accidents.

London’s Ambulance Service’s opera­tions director Richard Webley said the bad weather had put the depart­ment under severe pressure, adding that it will respond only to calls from people with life-threatening injuries or illnesses.

Some people stranded on cross­country ski trails to get away, others spent the day sledding with their kids. Problems extended to France and Ireland as well, with airports in both countries reporting numerous delays and cancellations and motorists facing icy hazards.

Mayor Boris Johnson conceded that London lacked the plows and other equipment — mostly because buying it is a gamble with big snowfalls so rare here.
Cold case investigation begins for Ramsey

Boulder police look into evidence and action taken after 6-year-old beauty pageant contestant was found dead

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — The slaying of JonBenét Ramsey will be investigated as a cold case with all evidence and actions taken 12 years ago reviewed anew, the police chief said Monday as the department resumed a probe for which it has been criticized.

Chief Mark Beckner said new technology gives investigators tools they didn't have a decade ago, the 6-year-old beauty pageant contestant was found bludgeoned and strangled in the basement of her Boulder home in 1996.

Police had transferred the probe to the district attorney's office six years ago amid criticism of how the case was handled.

"We'd love to solve this case for JonBenét so she can rest in peace," Beckner said at a news conference announcing the shift. "Police will handle the investigation as a cold case, "reviewing everything that's been done, the evidence that's been collected, trying to determine where do we go from here," he said.

"As a cold case, the investigation won't have a full team of detectives working around-the-clock, the chief said.

"It's going to be an as-we-can type of thing, or as needed," he said.

L. Lin Wood, an attorney for JonBenét's father, John Ramsey, called the announcement a positive sign in terms of the 16,629 kidneys transplantations where organs were removed through a contaminated area over stomach acid could leak into the abdominal cavity in operations where organs were removed.

"There's a risk of infection that will encourage more people to donate because it reduces pain, scarring and recovery time," Beckner said.

Doctors at Johns Hopkins Baltimore, needed the first transplant because Montgomery and Dr. Anthony Kalloq, the director of the Division of Gastroenterology at Johns Hopkins and a pioneer of the method of using natural orifices for organ removal.

Kalloq said more than 300 such surgeries have been performed worldwide, mostly gall bladder and appendix removals through the mouth, anus and vagina. Kalloq said there have been some success in the medical community because of concerns, for example, that the stomach acid could leak into the abdominal cavity in operations where organs were removed through the mouth.

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The group will meet in the next few weeks to review the evidence and identify additional testing that might be done.

At the news conference, Beckner said more than 140 people had already been investigated as potential suspects, but none could be definitely linked to the crime.

Garnetti's predecessor, Mary Lacy, last year cleared JonBenét's family in the slaying, saying male DNA found on the girl's clothing almost certainly came from her killer, and that it didn't match anyone in the family.

Beckner informed John Ramsey of the change in the investigation in a letter. Wood said the letter gave no hint that police would back away from Lacy's decision to clear the family.

Lacy did not run for re-election because of term limits.

She told The Associated Press that returning the investigation to police was "a great idea."

"I think that time has resolved any issues that might have lingered, but also I think that Mark Beckner has done a very good job," she said.

Lacy said the reason her office took over the case in 2002 was that the Ramsey family had no confidence in the police. "It wasn't that they were incompetent," she said of the officers.

Lacy said she is "absolutely" hopeful the case will one day be resolved.

"I believe the DNA (that cleared the Ramsey family) is the most significant piece of evidence, and hopefully, as with some cold cases, there will eventually be a hit on it," she said.

Beckner said "that unknown DNA" will be a big part of the

Unusual procedure used to donate kidney

Doctors remove organ through vagina in 'easier than childbirth' operation to reduce pain, scarring and recovery time

Associated Press

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The group will meet in the next few weeks to review the evidence and identify additional testing that might be done.

At the news conference, Beckner said more than 140 people had already been investigated as potential suspects, but none could be definitely linked to the crime.

Garnetti's predecessor, Mary Lacy, last year cleared JonBenét's family in the slaying, saying male DNA found on the girl's clothing almost certainly came from her killer, and that it didn't match anyone in the family.

Beckner informed John Ramsey of the change in the investigation in a letter. Wood said the letter gave no hint that police would back away from Lacy's decision to clear the family.

Lacy did not run for re-election because of term limits.

She told The Associated Press that returning the investigation to police was "a great idea."

"I think that time has resolved any issues that might have lingered, but also I think that Mark Beckner has done a very good job," she said.

Lacy said the reason her office took over the case in 2002 was that the Ramsey family had no confidence in the police. "It wasn't that they were incompetent," she said of the officers.

Lacy said she is "absolutely" hopeful the case will one day be resolved.

"I believe the DNA (that cleared the Ramsey family) is the most significant piece of evidence, and hopefully, as with some cold cases, there will eventually be a hit on it," she said.

Beckner said "that unknown DNA" will be a big part of the

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Application Deadline: Friday, May 8, 2009

Application materials should include:

1. A letter of no more than one page indicating how the proposed research or foreign study in Italy is in support of an ongoing research and or foreign study project.

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3. A description of the research project or the program they intend to follow.

4. Three letters of recommendation.

5. A résumé of completed work and plans.

6. A list of courses completed.

Successful candidates will be notified by May 15, 2009.

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A copy of all letters should be submitted to the Italian Studies Program at University in Notre Dame.

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University of Notre Dame
Banks make it harder to obtain banks

Despite $700 billion bailout, borrowers still finding it difficult to be approved

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many banks have been so hard for borrowers to obtain all kinds of loans over the last three months despite a $700 billion federal bailout program, and other bold moves to stem the worst financial crisis to hit the country since the 1930s.

The Federal Reserve in its quarterly survey of bank lending practices released Monday said large numbers of banks reporting tighter credit standards across a broad range of loan products — from credit cards to home mortgages to business loans — have increased.

Nearly 60 percent of banks responding to the survey said they had tightened lending standards on credit card and other consumer loans, about the same share as in the previous survey released in early November. And about 80 percent of domestic banks said they tightened lending standards on commercial real-estate loans, slightly less than the roughly 85 percent that reported doing so in the previous survey.

All told, roughly the proportion of banks that "reported tightening their lending policies on all major loan categories over the previous three months stayed very elevated and unchanged, Fed concluded.

Greg McBride, senior financial analyst at Bankrate.com, predicted the banks' tightened lending standards for home mortgages contributed to the financial meltdown — won't be in any hurry to loosen lending standards.

"Even when lenders come to the marketplace and become willing to lend again, who they lend to is not going to change," McBride said.

"The tighter qualification standards that we've seen are here to stay for the foreseeable future regardless of whether or not there is stress in the credit markets and a deep recession. Lenders won't go back to giving out credit like candy anytime soon."

The Fed survey was based on the responses of 51 domestic banks and 23 U.S. offices of foreign banks.

The findings come as the government has taken a series of unprecedented actions to bust through a debilitating credit clog and spur banks to lend more freely again.

Under the $700 billion bailout program, enacted in early October, the government has pledged to inject $250 billion into banks in return for partial ownership.

Secretary Timothy Geithner is exploring other ways to provide relief, including the possibility of buying rotten mortgages and other toxic assets now weighing down banks' balance sheets.

The Federal Reserve has slashed a key interest rate to record lows and rolled out radical programs to, among other things, provide cash loans to banks, buy mounds of short-term debt from companies, and purchase up to $500 billion in mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae.

In its survey, the Fed said roughly 45 percent of banks raised the minimum-required credit scores on credit card accounts and other consumer loans.

The survey also found that domestic banks had reduced the size of existing credit lines for all major types of business and consumer customers.

For business customers, roughly 60 percent of banks reported a decrease in the limits on commercial construction lines of credit, and about 50 percent indicated a decrease in the limits extended to financial firms.

Consumers continue to cut spending

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumers slashed spending for an unprecedented sixth straight month in December, feeding the already painful recession as millions of households opted to save rather than spend.

Spending by consumers, the economy's key driver, means little because sales are generally rebought by retailers, homebuilders and automakers.

The fallout spread Monday when Macy's said it would cut 7,000 jobs, almost 4 percent of its work force. The weak tightening measures to cope with the drop in sales.

"It is going to be hard to get the economy going again," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist for IHS Global Insight of Lexington, Mass.

"We are very much reliant on what ever help the government can provide through the stimulus package and through the efforts of the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department to help the financial system work," Gault said.

Personal consumption spending dropped 1 percent in December, a sixth consecutive decline that represented the longest stretch of weakness in a half-century of record keeping.

Spending had declined 0.8 percent in November, even worse than first reported, the Commerce Department reported.

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Incomes, reflecting an accelerating tide of layoffs, fell for a third straight month in December. The 0.2 percent drop followed a 0.4 percent fall in November that was worse than initially reported, the Commerce Department reported.
Obama’s new era of responsibility

During Barack Obama’s lackluster inaugural address, he called upon all Americans to usher in “a new era of responsibility — a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving all of our time to a difficult task.”

His subsequent actions as president, however, do not ring true to these words.

Take, for instance, his decision to shut down the prison facilities at Guantanamo Bay within the next year. While liberals in America and radical Muslims throughout the world celebrated, the question of what should be done with the detainees remains woefully unanswered.

“They’re either going to be moved and tried in American courts, or tried in military courts, or they’re going to be sent back to their own countries,” Vice President Joe Biden said.

Moving the detainees from one prison to another does nothing more than endlessly endanger Americans by bringing them within our nation’s borders. It does not address the criticisms regarding the claims of those prisoners who have yet to be charged with a crime, nor does it make explicit how long they will be held until they are tried. Releasing them in the US is out of the question, and the 60 detainees that the Pentagon has already cleared have not been accepted back into their home country, or any other nations for that matter. Who can blame them, since one man released in 2005 later killed 13 Iraqi soldiers in a suicide bombing and another who was deported to Saudi Arabia has become the deputy leader of a branch of al-Qaeda bordering Yemen.

One of the primary roles of government is to provide security for its citizens. In his zeal for protecting the “rights” of those who would kill themselves to harm innocent American men, women, and children, Obama has apparently neglected this vital responsibility.

Another area in which Obama conveniently forgets his own call for a new era involves his cabinet nominees. First there was the case of Timothy Geithner, now Obama’s Treasury Secretary, who failed to pay over $34,000 in federal taxes over seven years until an audit by the IRS in 2006. Then last November Obama’s vetting team found more unpaid taxes from 2001 and 2002, and again Geithner was forced to repay them.

Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Obama’s pick for secretary of health and human services, has also run into trouble regarding tax payments. Reports have surfaced showing that he failed to pay over $125,000 in taxes by neglecting to declare the use of a car and home in Iowa. Then last November Obama’s vetting team found more unpaid taxes from 2001 and 2002, and again Geithner was forced to repay them.

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None Dame, the eternal maverick, is voicing opposition to the bill while criticizing Obama and his party for their failure to include Republican input in the drafting process. “The Republicans have not been brought in to the degree that we should be into these negotiations and discussions,” he said last week, adding that no Republican proposal was incorporated into the legislation.

When Republican Congressmen Eric Cantor voiced concerns over Obama’s tax policy during a private meeting with Congressional Republicans and Democrats, the President ended the meeting with a single phrase: “I won.” After all the complaints about Bush’s “my way or the highway” approach to governing, the Democrats appear to have embraced it wholeheartedly. At least Bush was bold enough to admit it. So much for the era of responsibility.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Boss goes wrong

Back in 2004, fans witnessed what they would have considered the most offensive Super Bowl halftime show of all time. But now, Bruce Springsteen has tainted the Super Bowl halftime show yet again to a greater extent than Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake ever could have planned...err, experienced. Even though the Boss’s wardrobe was functioning perfectly fine, he could easily be accused of gratuitous “crotching” which was much more graphic than necessary for the Super Bowl halftime show. What is supposed to be a show that one can watch with the family turned into a disgusting display of pole dance of sorts in which Bruce Springsteen made numerous sexual gestures while Additionally, he almost certainly violated a class. He is providing an awful role model to other singers and performers, but more importantly, senior citizens. To whom are we seniors to turn when trying to relate to the younger generation? Because Bruce certainly showed them what not to do. He most aptly demonstrated his shameful behavior while singing “10th Avenue Freeze Out” into the camera... with his crotch. I propose that those in charge of the Super Bowl halftime show make sweeping reforms to make the show more family friendly. In future years I hope to see Beyoncé take over the halftime show as they like no other know what is best for the nation. We should look to seeing much more family-oriented halftime shows such as those starring the Jonas Brothers, Wiggles, or even Hannah Montana (hoping she still won’t be dating someone, who in some states could be accused of statutory). One can only hope that Bridgeport will revise the halftime show next year to provide more positive role models.

Goals worth one point

I grab one Observer everyday with lunch. My favorite section, as it is for many people, is the Viewpoint. In the past, there have been many articles I’ve disagreed with, some I’ve laughed at, and some that just made me wish I couldn’t read. But yesterday, for the first, I came across an article which was, to say the least, just wrong. I am of course talking about Tim Schuma’s “Surely you jest” (Jan. 30) article. To summarize, Tim believes we should add more hockey leagues instead of lengthening the sole inter-hall hockey season. Being a player myself, I feel that the season is a little short and it is also true that the game times are ridiculously late at night. However, Tim’s opinions on interhall hockey were not the reason for my alarm yesterday. It was instead, his claim that Alumni hockey team managed to beat Zhang’s very best Wednesday night. Now, I am fairly certain it was Zhang winning the entire game until Alumni tricked a puck into the net with 30 seconds left. While I understand that a 1-1 tie to the reigning league champs may have felt like an “awe-inspiring defeat” to an Alumni fan, it was, in fact, still at tie. Therefore, I suggest Tim rewrite his viewpoint, focusing on reasons for why a last minute goal in interhall hockey should now be worth two points.

Raytheon is (not) unwelcome

Alright boys and girls, we here at the University of Notre Dame have just enjoyed yet another successful career fair! And you know what that means... that’s right. Another letter protesting Raytheon’s presence at the fair (“Why is Notre Dame involved in the arms trade?” Feb. 2), which expresses new thoughts that haven’t already been repeated several times. So let’s look at some of the points they felt compelled to make:

1. “Fr. Jenkins left us with an understanding that his administration would take the issue seriously.” It’s a good thing that taking an issue seriously means the exact same thing as taking action or making changes. If it didn’t, it would be clear that Fr. Jenkins does not at all care for the students or the University.

2. “Organizations like Raytheon serve a narrow conviction that place national self-interest and violent military power above the calling... of ‘human solidary and concern for the common good.’ They inherently contradict what we as a university community have placed as our true mission.” I completely agree. Placing our own national self-interest and defense above the University’s own concerns is completely uncalled for. It’s a good thing Notre Dame doesn’t have a popular motto (such as “God, Country, Notre Dame.”) that places our own country’s concerns ahead of those of the University.

3. “For Raytheon, the more war and insecurity the better.” Weapons manufacturers really should learn to make profits outside of when weapons are needed. That wish I couldn’t read. But yesterday, for the first, I came across an article... trade?”

4. “But in August 2006... nine men... occupied a Raytheon office and were detained for trespassing. On June 11, 2008 a jury released the entire group in a unanimous verdict.” I am proud to know that we have a jury that was able to release these poor detained men, while neglecting the fact that they were occupying private property on which they had no right to be, and the fact that they would not peacefully leave when asked to do so. These men certainly were lucky that jury came along.

5. “We call on the Career Center and the University administration to examine more closely who we allow onto our campus to recruit our students.” If, as mentioned earlier, Fr. Jenkins doesn’t realize that “consider” and “act” mean the same thing, maybe these groups will.

Well, that’s five undeniable points our writers have made in opposition to Raytheon’s presence here on campus. It is very important that Raytheon no longer shows up at ND, so that no ND student can try to join Raytheon and do their part in making sure weapons companies act in an ethical manner. Finally, it just so happens that “Currently, Raytheon is the world’s fifth-largest weapons manufacturer.” Coincidence? You decide. See you all next time.

This is the color of fail. Less grey. Less fail. More win.

Jamie Engel senior Lyons Jan. 30

Brian Conway fiddleman Sc. Eds Feb. 2

Michael Murray sophomore Zahm Jan. 30

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Mitch Hedberg's "Sesame Seeds"

"There's got to be some sesame seed glue out there!"

Lula's:
More than a Restaurant

By J.J. REES
Scene Writer

Lula's opened as an independently owned coffee shop in the spring of 1995, two years after the current owner, Steve Egan, graduated from Notre Dame. Since then, Lula's has hosted Irish Movie Mondays, Slam Poetry Tuesdays, acoustic sets from local musicians, and various readings through Notre Dame's Creative Writing Program.

As construction continues on the new Eddy Street Commons, Lula's demonstrates a great example of existing Notre Dame/South Bend community relations. Egan describes Lula's as "more than a restaurant—a cultural gathering place that promotes community and provides a creative outlet." For almost fourteen years, Lula's has provided a starting point for students looking to get off campus and into the community. Located on Edison Rd., in between the Backer and the Softball Field, Lula's is the easiest and closest off-campus eatery for an on-campus student to visit. In warmer weather, the walk would take about an easy 30 minutes.

Much of Lula's appeal is its accessibility for those who need to study off campus. Providing free WiFi, users are only asked to code key tables during busy lunch hours if necessary. The restaurant does fill up quickly, but outside of lunch hours students will find mostly peace and quiet, with easily obtained snacks and drinks.

The atmosphere is hard to pin down, coming off as something between a stripped-down Starbucks and a hole-in-the-wall bar. Neither hipster nor corporate, it's not uncommon to see a professor and student sitting next to an older couple as a group of undergrads argue over Trivial Pursuit (Lula's has a cabinet full of board games sure toiven the most dud of dates). The tabletop was presumably from 14 years' worth of thrift stores and garage sales, but that's not a result of lack of effort.

As for the food, almost everyone who has been has a dish to recommend. A standard favorite is the hummus with warm fresh pita and blue corn chips. This homemade dish is a completely different taste, texture, and body than the dining hall. Neither is bad, but hummus lovers would be remiss not to sample Lula's roasted red pepper take on the dish.

The soup has never been a disappointment, paired perfectly with fresh pumpernickel bread. Lastly, the sandwiches and wraps are noteworthy. Egan's four recommended dishes for first-timers are well-cho- sen: the house salad, the turkey brie sandwich, the artichoke chicken spinach wrap. Lula's recently added the Laguito Menu (Cajun for something extra, like the 13th in a baker's dozen). The new menu includes more wraps and salads, and also a breakfast sandwich. One of Lula's best features is its service. First-time diners might be put off by the clear-your-own table policy, but it almost seems right, after such friendly table service. Orders are placed at the register, where the chalkboard menu is changed frequently, and the food is brought right out to the table.

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On the night of Thursday, January 29th 2009, Jeff Tweedy took the stage at the State Theatre for his first performance with Kalamazoo as a professional musician. With five guitars behind him, Tweedy suspended banter and began his solo show with a rendition of the Woody Guthrie penned, "One By One." The guitar played gently and Tweedy sang as if the words were his own. No longer the wide eyed Belleville 20-something who cut his teeth on punk and traditional country, the father of two solemnly echoed his forbearers' words, "One by one, my hair is growing gray/One by one, my dreams are fading fast.

Recently returning from New Zealand, Tweedy appeared to be as healthy as he's ever been. Sometimes noted for his lack of patience on stage, the benevolent Wilco dictator remained in good spirits despite many inappropriate shout-outs from a few over-served individuals among the over 1,000 fans on hand. Tweedy's 20-song set was both eclectic and fresh.

Reaching all the way back to "Uncle Tupelo's Anodyne," Tweedy played at least a song from every Wilco album as well as his own. "Loose Fur" tone, a "Sky Blue Sky" bonus track, a "Yankee" b-side, a Radiohead cover and four new tracks were included in the show's first piece to offer a significant amount of synchronization between the dancers - first between the male and female dancer reaches into black smoke in total isolation. The effect of the smoke was both powerful and ominous. All the dancers were popping in and out of the set, constantly sliding on and off the set but still in constant contact with one another. Similarly, the dancers carefully refrained from making eye contact with one another to preserve this sort of isolation. The effect of the smoke was both powerful and ominous. All the dancers were still in contact with one another. The lighting was dark and the dancers' presence was felt as if they were floating on the top of the set and in the set itself.

The aura of the dance was reminiscent of a New York City street - despite the thousands of people in the building, no one seemed to have the time to acknowledge one another. Similarly, the dancers carefully refrained from making eye contact with one another. The lighting was dark and the dancers' presence was felt as if they were floating on the top of the set and in the set itself.

The final piece was set on a ship that rocked back and forth - harder at the crescendos, and slower during the more sensitive movements. This was the first piece to offer a significant amount of synchronization between the dancers - first between the men, and then the women, but the abstract nature of the show was certainly not lost. The dancers were constantly sliding on and off the set but the transitions were so smooth that one would not even notice they were gone. The 30-minute piece ended as one female dancer reached into black smoke in total isolation, bringing the theme of the show full circle.

The performance was outstanding, and there was no one dancer that stood out more than another. The irony of the show was that despite its theme of isolation in the modern, technological world, every number necessitated an extraordinary amount of teamwork from the dancers. And there was constant uncertainty about what they would do next that was invigorating to watch. "We put it together like a puzzle," Jeff Tweedy said. "There's an unknown zone every night,"

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Mavericks down Magic for third straight win

Wade tallies 32 points and nine assists in win over Clippers; rookie Mayo scores 33 to lead Memphis over Wizards

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.—Dirk Nowitzki had 29 points and six rebounds, and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Orlando Magic 105-95 Monday night for their third straight win.

Josh Howard and Jason Kidd added 13 apiece for the Mavericks, who held Orlando to 3-for-20 shooting from 3-point range.

Dirk Nowitzki had 32 points and 11 rebounds, and Hedo Turkoglu scored 18 as the Magic ended their three-game winning streak. But that wasn't the worst news of the night for Orlando.

All-Star point guard Jameer Nelson left the game in the third quarter with a dislocated right shoulder. He was scheduled to have an MRI on Tuesday.

Dallas also took advantage in his absence.

Terrady 3-point play capped a 19-6 run as the Mavericks turned a tight game into a blowout, going ahead 75-57 in the third quarter. Dallas started fast in the fourth, using a 10-4 spurt to put an 87-67 lead.

A late rally by the Magic cut Dallas' lead to 99-90 with 2:29 remaining on a 3-pointer by Turkoglu. But each time Orlando nudged closer, Nowitzki or Howard would answer back.

It was quite different early.

Michael Pietrus' layup highlighted an 11-4 Magic run, giving them a 39-33 lead midway through the second quarter. But Dallas would answer, clamping down on Howard and getting out on the fast break.

Forcing turnovers and speeding up the tempo, the Mavericks closed the half on an 18-7 spurt that put them ahead 54-47. Dallas' perimeter defense was stellar, holding Orlando to 1-for-7 shooting from beyond the arc in the first half.

It wasn't as easy in the third.

Muscling through Mavericks at will, Howard nearly had a double-double by the end of the first quarter. He had 12 points and six rebounds, powing the Magic to a 27-25 lead.

But even Howard wasn't perfect.

He was rejected by the rim on an alley-oop attempt in the first quarter, falling to the floor after misjudging his position under the basket. Josh Howard was able to keep the Mavericks in range early, scoring 10 points in the first quarter.

Heat 119, Clippers 95

Dwyane Wade had 32 points and nine assists, Michael Beasley added 18 points and the Miami Heat snapped a two-game losing skid by beating the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night.

Wade scored 15 points. Udonis Haslem added 13 and Shawn Marion — in his first game back after missing five straight with a strained left knee — finished with 31 points and seven rebounds for the Heat, who improved to 15-3 when scoring more than 100 points this season.

Farcical Randolph, back after missing 19 games with a sore left knee, scored 21 points for the Clippers, who've lost six straight and 20 of 22. Marcus Camby and Eric Gordon each added 13 for the Clippers, who had beaten Miami by a single point in each of their last two meetings.

But Miami controlled this one from the start.

It was the third straight Miami scored at home since beating Utah 121-83 on March 14, 2006.

Although the Clippers are tied with Washington for the league's worst record — both teams are now 10-38 — this game had significance for Miami.

The Heat were coming off losses to Indiana and Dallas.

And with a road to Eastern Conference rivals Detroit and Philadelphia starting Wednesday, it's not the ideal time for a midseason swoon, particularly with five teams already settling for the No. 4 playoff seed.

So Wade and Chalmers went on the offensive in the first quarter. They combined for 16 points in the first quarter as Miami built a six-point lead. And the Heat — buoyed by 56 percent shooting in the first quarter — moved into second place from Baseline — eased into the break with a 56-47 edge.

It got dicey, though, late in the third.

The Clippers held Miami to only two field goals in a four-minute stretch as the Heat defense was missing.

Grizzlies 113, Wizards 97

Rookie O.J. Mayo matched his career high with 33 points to lead the Memphis Grizzlies to a win over the Washington Wizards Monday night, their first win in nearly a month.

Rudy Gay scored 23 and Marc Gasol added 22 points and 11 rebounds for Memphis, which ended a 12-game losing streak — the team's longest since dropping 16 in a row to start the 2002-03 season.

The Grizzlies had not won since beating Dallas 102-92 Jan. 4.

Antawn Jamison had 29 points and 13 rebounds for Washington, which failed to record its second two-game winning streak of the season.

Memphis led for much of the game, but did not pull away until a 19-2 run to finish the second quarter, giving them nine straight points as the Grizzlies ended the quarter with a 94-81 lead.

The game was Memphis' highest scoring mark of the season, and the Grizzlies' eight turnarounds seasons a match.

Memphis started three rook
es, a second-year player and Gay, in his third season. Wizards interim coach Ed Tapscott said before the game he hoped his veterans would be able to exploit the Grizzlies' youth, and he went so far as to script the first two plays of the game to make sure Jamison and Butler would each get the ball early.

They both had 12 points at the end of the first quarter, accounting for all but five of the Wizards' points, but the strategy still left Washington down 32-29 after the first quarter.

The Grizzlies' youth kept pace with the Wizards in the early portion of the second quarter, after a 14-2 run that put the Grizzlies up 10, 47-37. After a score, the Grizzlies outscored the Wizards 20-13 in the second quarter, giving them a 28-point lead over the Wizards. The Wizards had 28 points in the second quarter.

The Grizzlies outscored the Wizards 35-13 in the third quarter, and the Grizzlies outscored the Wizards 36-11 in the fourth quarter.

Memphis guard Kyle Lowry led the court early in the second quarter after a collision with the Wizards' Dominic McGuire, hopping on his left foot out the tunnel to the locker room.

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In Brief

Perez, Mets reach three-year preliminary agreement

NEW YORK — Oliver Perez and the New York Mets reached a preliminary agreement Monday on a $36 million, three-year contract.

The deal is subject to the pitcher passing a physical, two people familiar with the talks said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the agreement wasn’t final. The physical is scheduled for Tuesday.

New York had offered Derek Lowe — another client of agent Scott Boras — a $36 million, three-year contract, but Lowe accepted a $50 million, four-year offer from Atlanta. In addition to Lowe, the Mets also held talks with agents for Tim Redding and Randy Wolf, and agreed with Redding on a $2.25 million, one-year deal.

With the agreement, the Mets’ projected rotation includes Johan Santana, John Maine, Perez, Mike Pelfrey and either Redding, Freddy Garcia or Jon Niese.

Tax returns reveal Selig’s salary to be $17.5 million

NEW YORK — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig made more than all but three of his sport’s players in 2007.

Selig received a raise of about $3 million to nearly $17.5 million that year, according to Major League Baseball’s latest tax return.

His compensation was listed at $17,470,491 for the 12 months that ended Oct. 31, 2007, according to the return, which is available at guidestar.org. That was up from $14,515,071 in the prior 12 months.

MLB’s contribution to Selig in its benefit plan was $461,540, an increase from $400,999 in the previous return. He got $422,590 in expense account and other allowances, up from $140,603 in the previous fiscal year.

In 2007, the only players who made more than all but four players included Phelps, his sponsor, stand by the Olympic swimmer

MILWAUKEE — Michael Phelps doesn’t seem to be in much hot water with his sponsors despite being photographed inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

From apparel company Speedo to luxury Swiss watchmaker Omega, several sponsors are standing by the 22-year-old swimming phenom — at least for now — and have accepted his public apology. Other big companies, like Visa Inc., Subway and Kellogg Co., aren’t talking yet.

Experts say if Phelps doesn’t stick to the straight and narrow, he could hurt his chances at future endorsements. And there’s no guarantee he won’t be dropped quietly once the furor dies down.

Phelps, who won a record eight gold medals at this summer’s Olympics in Beijing, acknowledged “regrettable” behavior and “bad judgment” after the photo appeared Sunday in the British tabloid News of the World.
**NBA**

Lakers’ center Bynum to miss 8 to 12 weeks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Los Angeles Lakers center Andrew Bynum will miss eight to 12 weeks after tearing his medial collateral ligament in his right knee.

The diagnosis Monday was a relief to Bynum, who initially feared he might be out for the season. Bynum was hurt in the first quarter of Saturday night’s game against Philadelphia when Kobe Bryant drove to the basket and crashed into Bynum’s leg.

“It’s better news than I expected to hear because of the shot that I took,” Bynum said before the Lakers played at the Knicks on Monday night.

Still, it’s hard for the Lakers to forget what happened last season, when Bynum was also supposed to be out eight to 12 weeks with a knee injury. The 7-foot, 285-pound center bruised a bone in his left knee and briefly dislocated his kneecap in mid-January.

Instead of returning in time for the playoffs, he missed the final 46 games of the season and underwent arthroscopic surgery May 21 to remove cartilage debris and smooth some rough spots on the underside of his kneecap.

Without him, the Lakers lost in the NBA finals.

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**NHL**

Ottawa fires coach after just 48 games

Associated Press

OTTAWA — Craig Hartsburg lost less than one season with the unraveling Ottawa Senators, who suddenly have no decisions to make about personnel changes, which was hardly a vote of confidence.

The decision to replace Hartsburg with Cory Clouston was made by general manager Bryan Murray after just 48 games into the season when the Senators won their club. Talk of a potential coach when Murray was also 8 to 12

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**Information Meeting**

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Tuesday, February 3

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Associated Press

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma is not about to let his team rest on its laurels.

"On Tuesday night we had another chance on Thursday to play a 1-team in as many weeks earlier in the season," he said. "It's the confidence when he's on the ice. You see that he knows what he's doing. You feel a little more prepared."}

"I'm not concerned about a lot of things at the moment," Summitt said. "I'm concerned about this basketball team getting in shape, getting better, working on our offense and defense, and trying to become the best team we can be."

"I'm not concerned about anything else," he added. "I'm just concerned about the basketball team getting better every day."
**NCAA Football**

Tressel finds support despite big game woes

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — On the driver side door of a pickup truck parked in a suburban driveway is a magnetic sign that says, "Fear Tressel." The plastic looks as weathered and beaten as the sentiment.

Some Buckeyes fans are no longer convinced that Jim Tressel is all that fearsome. Sure, he still wins 80 percent of his games, has a 7-1 record against Michigan, still wins Big Ten titles and his teams finish in the top 10. Those accomplishments are more than enough to place him among the most famous, and highest-paid, residents of Ohio.

But in just over two seasons, stingy losses on the national stage to Florida, LSU, Southern California, Penn State and Texas — three of those in major post-season games — have left a vocal sector of Buckeyes fans no longer convinced that Tressel's recent series of high-profile losses.

Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith went to Tressel last summer and offered to bump the coach's salary $1 million to make him the highest-paid coach in the Big Ten. The raise means Tressel, as of last Friday, making $5.5 million per year.

Ohio's governor, Ted Strickland, is paid $144,831 per year — less than 1/20th what Tressel makes.

Smith believes that Tressel, who declined to be interviewed, is worth every penny.

"I've always felt that it was appropriate to keep him right at the top," Smith said of Tressel's salary in comparison to other conference football coaches. "If you look at his body of work, which we always talk about, he's done everything that we've asked him to do. You know all the stats. He's just done a great job for us."

Tressel, 56, continually woos aside questions about how long he'll coach. Yet his new contract — which goes through the 2012 season — has an interesting addition: If he decides to retire, the university can keep him on as a professor for up to five years.

"That's the first time I've heard of that," he said, "but I've always felt that it was an ideal one for college football."

Smith doesn't believe Tressel will coach into his 80s like Penn State's Joe Paterno or Florida State's Bobby Bowden.

**NFL**

Super Bowl audience 2nd highest

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Arizona-Pittsburgh matchup wasn't considered an ideal one for television, but its Finish rivet-
ed an estimated audience of 95.4 million people, second only to last year's game as the most-watched Super Bowl ever.

Viewership peaked in the fourth quarter, when Arizona took the lead on Larry Fitzgerald's 64-yard catch and sprint to the end zone only to have it snatched back when Santonio Holmes' end zone leap gave Pittsburgh the 27-23 win. More than 100 million Americans were watching between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. EST, according to Nielsen Media Research.

The game was the third most-watched program in American television history, after the 106 million people who watched the "M*A*S*H" series finale in 1983 and the 97.4 million who watched the N.Y. Giants end the New England Patriots' bid for an undefeated season in the 2008 Super Bowl.

"The Super Bowl, once again, proved its ability to capture America," said Dick Ebersol, NBC Universal Sports chairman.

The NFL's championship is traditionally television's biggest event of the year. Yet between 1998 and 2004, none of the games reached the 90 million mark in viewers. Each game for the past four years topped 90 million.

Arizona's first-ever visit to the Super Bowl hadn't drawn much buzz outside of the Southwest. But Pittsburgh, perhaps because of its four Super Bowl wins in six years in the 1970s, has more of a national constituency than the city's size would suggest.

Both of its last two Super Bowl trips topped the 90 million mark, with the Steelers' 1996 loss to Dallas the most popular Super Bowl until it was beaten last year.

The Super Bowl, long derided as a game that rarely lives up to its hype, now has two classics in two years.

One measure of how grip-ping the game was: For the first time in the seven years TiVo Inc. has been measuring, more people watched the game during the second half than watched the commercials. The ads are usually watched more because of people playing them back on digital video recorders, said Todd Juenger, general man-agер of TiVo's research department.

Pittsburgh wide receiver Santonio Holmes celebrates the Steelers' 27-23 win over Arizona in Super Bowl XLIII.
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"We're going to work hard, but she's just that good," McGraw said. "Looking (so-
more forward) Devereaux (Peter), she would have been someone who can challenge
shots and things." Pittsburgh is 16-4 and 6-2 in the Big East. The Panthers
have won five straight and beat Marquette by 32 points. Notre Dame
defeated Cincinnati 66-50 at home Saturday and is also 16-4, but the Irish have a
5-3 conference record.

Notre Dame doesn't have a go-to scorer this season like it did last season with Charel
Allen. The teams on Notre Dame's schedule for the past few games have had that scorer — Laura Kurz, Epiphanny
Prince and Zellous. McGraw said not having that scorer, however, helps balance the
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Marquette (19-9-0, 12-7-3, 26 pts)

The Irish will look to make a run at the NCAA Tournament. They got to play Marquette. Unfortunately, the Irish aren’t close to peaking by then.

The New No. 1: Connecticut (21-1-3)

After Wake Forest upset then-No. 1 Duke, Connecticut inherited the nation’s top ranking Monday. The Huskies aren’t even the top squad in the Big East but they were dominant in a win at Louisville Monday night. Plus, they still get a chance to play Marquette. Unfortunately for the Irish, they have to travel to Storrs on Feb. 28 to face the Huskies, which could be pretty close to peaking by then.

Others Looking for a Top-Four Seed: No. 8/7 Pittsburgh (22-2-7), No. 9/7 Louisville (17-4-8), Providence (14-7-6), No. 17/15 Villanova (17-4-5-3), No. 20 Syracuse (17-5-4-1)

The Panthers are among the best of this group but Villanova beat them Wednesday and has been coming on strong lately. Don’t be too surprised if the Wildcats—who have spent most of the season outside the top 20—swing in and capture a double-bye for the conference tournament. In addition to the win over the Panthers, Villanova cruised Cincinnati Sunday. Louisville, meanwhile, is still in good position despite the loss to Connecticut. The Irish will look to avenge their road loss to Louisville when the Cardinals come to the Joyce Center next week.

The Middle of the Pack: West Virginia (15-6-3, 4-4-3) Cincinnati (14-8-4-5)

Both of these teams beat Georgetown in the past week, improving their stock while sending the Hoyas reeling. The Irish face both of these squads in the next few weeks and would actually love to seize their “middle-of-the-pack” label.

The Mighty That Have Fallen: Notre Dame (12-8-3), Georgetown (12-8-3)

Both the Irish and the Hoyas looked like potential top-10 teams in the beginning of the season but they have now dropped into the dreaded “others receiving votes” category. Even worse news? Neither team is receiving too many votes. The Irish garnered just seven in the AP rankings and four in the ESPN/USA Today poll. Also, since Georgetown has fallen sim-

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conference play, though they have played two more games (22) than every team but Nebraska-Omaha (22) and Alaska (24).

Alaska (12-10-6, 10-9-5-3, 28 pts)

Last week: won 4-1, lost 6-2 vs. Ohio State

Next week: off; at Western Michigan Feb. 13-14

Key stat: 11.7 penalty minutes per game. The Nanooks take fewer penalty minutes than any other team in the league and have allowed a conference-best 12 power-play goals by successfully killing 89 percent of their penalties.

No. 4 Michigan (19-9-0, 13-7-0-0, 26 pts)

Last week: won 2-1, lost 3-2 vs. Notre Dame

Next week: vs. Lake Superior

Key stat: eight power-play goals allowed. The Wolverines have killed 32.2 percent of their opponents’ power plays, and no other team has allowed fewer than 12 power play goals in CCHA competition.

No. 15 Ohio State (17-8-3, 10-7-3-2, 28 pts)

Last week: lost 4-1, won 6-2 at Alaska

Next week: vs. Notre Dame

Key stat: 22-third period goals allowed. Only the bottom three teams in the current standings have allowed more goals in the final period than the Buckeyes, who will have to shore up their defense as they pursue a spot in the top four.

Notre Dame (18-9-3-4, 22 pts)

Last week: lost 4-1, tied 3-3 at Miami

Next week: at Western Michigan

Key stat: 3-6 goals allowed per game. The Falcons are the only team that has allowed 70 goals in CCHA play, but their goals-against average is 3.35. That’s about a half a point of Notre Dame’s 1.70.

Michigan State (17-8-3-4, 14-2-2-12, 30 pts)

Last week: lost 2-0, lost 4-2 at Lake Superior

Next week: vs. Ferris State

Key stat: Eight first-period goals. The Spartans’ league-worst offense (1.65 goals per game, half of Miami’s average) has scored the conference’s fewest goals in the opening period. Previously, the Michigan State’s anemic offense is a big reason behind the disappointing finish for a perennial top-four CCHA finisher.

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Happy Birthday: Don't take life too seriously and things will flow better for you this year. There will be support and help from those who care about you and want to see you do well. Work and those you get along with should contribute to your happiness. You'll be less interested in the relationships that are self-seeking. Your numbers are 2, 6, 15, 20, 23, 35, 48

-ARES (March 21-April 19): You'll be taken advantage of if you're too much for others. You'll do too much for others. Your best efforts will come from taking care of your own interests, taking care of ventures benefited, projects and promises. 3 stars

-TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't give your true feelings away with your reactions. You can expect someone to try to take credit for something you did. Don't get angry; try to do more research. 3 stars

-GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Someone will be behind your back if he or she thinks it will give them a professional edge. There is money to be made but a new move or learning a new skill may be required. Some unsure you'll expect to help. 3 stars

-CANCER (June 22-July 22): You may have ideas you will want to guard good ideas for greed or bring in more money. Chances are there is a service you can offer to a real problem that can be marketed. Making alterations or setting down can help save financial money. 4 stars

-LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't be fooled by what someone is telling you, especially if you do that with others. A personal position may be at stake here. You'll do best if you listen to others. 3 stars

-VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You need a vacation. The experience will lead you into a new direction — ones that are constructive and productive for your future. Let is in the stars and commit yourself in which area. 3 stars

-LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Its important for you to be able to realize that will get you what you want to go. Networking will pay off but don't let it cost you too much. As you have you will be well served. 5 stars

-SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be important for someone who may not be telling you the truth. Back up and rebuild your position. You cannot get up or money to someone else if you have your own projects to pay for and manage. 3 stars

-SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Additional responsibilities will be a bit to handle but can be one of you own well being and future. Someone questions your loyalty may be carrying on exactly what he or she is doing. For any inability to get along may be changed. 3 stars

-CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider what you can do to increase the value of something you can offer or a craft you produce that can be marketed. Making alterations or setting down can help save financial money. 4 stars

-AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't jump to conclusions or make a hasty decision. Be sure before you make a move that will affect your future or continue in the same way. Revisit past experiments to make a new one in the right direction. 3 stars

-PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You may be swayed by what your emotions or someone says about what your emotions or someone says about. Someone is talking and making a change that will affect your position. Don't let anything to change. 4 stars

-Birthday Date: The sun is strong and determined. You are bold and sensitive and always stay up for the underdog. You're like in to control.
ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Stop the leader

Zelleous and red-hot Panthers await ND

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Notre Dame found its stride on defense Saturday against Cincinnati. And just in time, too, because tonight the No. 19 Irish face senior guard Shavonte Zellous, the Big East's leading scorer, and the No. 22 Panthers at the Peterson Events Center.

Zellous averages 23.8 points per game, second in the country, and just dropped 31 in a home win over Marquette on Jan. 30. She was also recently named to the Wooden Award watch list. Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said Zellous will get her points and that the Irish don't have a defender who can guard her.

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HOCKEY

No. 2 Irish still lead CCHA, but playoff race heats up

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame may have lost its 20-game unbeaten streak and its No. 1 national ranking, but the No. 2 Irish still hold a two-point lead with two games in hand over CCHA rival Miami.

With most teams — Notre Dame included — having eight games left in the 28-game conference season, the league standings are taking shape.

The top four teams in the final standings receive a first-round bye in the conference tournament, and with three teams within a point of each other for that No. 4 seed, that race is certainly one to watch.

The next four teams will each host a best-of-three series starting March 6, so the fight for the No. 8 slot will also heat up in the coming weeks as the bottom four look to move into position to host a first-round series.

No. 2 Notre Dame (20-4-3, 14-3-3-3, 34 pts)

Last week: lost 2-1, won 3-2 vs. Michigan

Next week: at Ohio State (Key start: 1.5 net goals per game. With the league's second-highest scoring offense (3.2 goals per game) and top scoring defense (1.7 goals allowed per game), the Irish have dominated a relatively easy conference schedule to this point. Notre Dame also boasts the CCHA's most efficient power-play unit, scoring on 23.5 percent of its man-up chances.

No. 8 Miami (16-8-4, 14-5-3-3, 32 pts)

Last week: won 6-1, won 3-2 vs. Bowling Green

Next week: vs. St. John's on Feb. 13-14

The RedHawks were the first team to reach 70 goals in the CCHA.

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FENCING

Both teams defeat Penn State at Northwestern

By MICHAEL BLASCO
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The No. 1 men (17-0) and the No. 2 women's team (17-2) combined to go 22-0 at the Northwestern Duels this weekend, knocking off seven ranked opponents in the process. Both squads posted victories over top-ranked Penn State teams during the Evanston, Ill. event.

The men, who finished the weekend 9-0, turned in wins over Johns Hopkins (23-4), Northwestern (20-7), Cleveland State (24-3), No. 10 North Carolina (21-8), Wayne State (24-2), Detroit (24-3), Lawrence (27-0) No. 3 Ohio State (15-12) and Penn State (14-13), who currently are tied with the Irish atop the USFCA poll.

On the women's side, the team went 11-0 with wins against John's Hopkins (25-21), No. 1 Penn State (19-8), No. 8 Temple (19-8), Farleigh Dickinson (24-3), Lawrence (25-5) Wayne State (23-4), Cleveland State (26-1), North Carolina (23-4), No. 6 Northwestern (27-0), No. 7 Michigan (27-2) and No. 3 Ohio State (17-10).

On Saturday, the men's team's scintillating 14-13 victory over Penn State set the tone for the Irish. Holding a narrow 13-12 lead late in the match, Notre Dame head coach Janusz Bednarski made a late substitution, placing sophomore Jacob Osborne into the epee lineup. After falling behind 4-3 in a match that needed five touches for a win, Osborne picked up two quick touches to

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MEN'S TENNIS

Young squad still learning

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

If Notre Dame was a teenager, it would be going through its awkward stage. But growing pains are to be expected on a team composed almost entirely by a talented group of freshmen and sophomores not used to playing at such a high level.

"This is a process," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Learning to compete is as much a learned skill as are one's strokes and shot-making."

The team is led by senior Brett Helgeson, ranked No. 20 — the squad's only upperclassman. Nine freshmen and

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

In Big East, no rest for weary

No conference wins in three weeks, but team gets easier track

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

The good news is the toughest part is over. The bad news is the easier part is also pretty darn tough. It almost seems like the Irish failed to climb Everest so

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