Groups react to abortion-funds ban reversal
Right to Life Club, Feminist Club presidents disagree on Obama's decision to lift ban

By ALEXANDRA MURPHY
News Writer

Keough, Welsh Family team wins by 1,000 points, while event raises over $4,500

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SMC Human Rights panel discusses peace

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Professor defends pope on disputed bishop issue

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News Writer

Three panelists told first hand stories of armed conflict in the Philippines, including Chilean psychiatric patients, and working with refugees in Pennsylvania during a discussion on human rights Tuesday evening at Saint Mary's.

The College's Justice Education Department hosted the panel, titled "Speak Truth to Power; Voices for Peace and Human Rights."

The panelists, who spoke about their experiences with human rights, included Mayla Leguro, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Andrew Masak, a senior at Notre Dame who has experience with refugee rights and immigration issues, and Laura Snider, a Notre Dame graduate student who worked in Sri Lanka as well as Chile.

Leguro spoke of her experiences in the Philippines. She comes from the island of Mindanao, and describes the problems related to human rights found there, including conflict between various groups.

"In the island of Mindanao we have four key armed groups that are waging their own wars. The other armed groups are actually engaged in a war of power," Leguro said.

According to Leguro, there has been "armed conflict" in the Philippines since the 1970s. "The situation in Mindanao is not ... unique in terms of armed conflict," Leguro said.

"When I first heard that Obama overturned the policy, I thought it meant we would start giving money to fund abortions. Really, though, it's more that ... organizations that receive government funding are no longer banned from promoting and providing abortions," she said. "There's no movement of money, just a ban lifted."

With this act, Obama is failing to live up to his campaign promises, Daly said.

"The Vatican is in a tough situation," Cunningham said. "I don't want these people to fail, but good is handled very badly from a public relations stand point," he said.

According to Cunningham, the four men reinstated by the pope were part of a rogue sect — the Society of St. Pius X — that had been operating without the church's permission. Radically traditional in their views, members of this group reject religious liberty and have supported authoritarian political rulers in the past, such as General Franco in Spain and Augusto Pinochet in Chile, he said.

"The Vatican is in a tough situation," Cunningham said. "I don't want these people back under the authority of the church, because they don't see POPE/page 3

Valuable Olympian trounces the Athletic Department and Rectors in the basketball game.

"Fr. Pete McCormick, [rector] of Keough Hall, was the one bright spot of Notre Dame's basketball team, but turnovers, poor teamwork, and tempers did their team in," Beven said.

McCormick said that his favorite part of the night was "playing against the Olympians and seeing ... the excitement and energy they had during the game."

"You could just feel that they were so excited to be there playing the game and the student body was so supportive of..."
INSIDE COLUMN

Mt. Rushmore

As in their nature, ESPN’s recently asked another meaningless and completely subjective question of its audience: Who belongs on the Mt. Rushmore of Sports? And, as is my nature, I had to come up with my own idea of who belongs on the Mt. Rushmore of Sports, and discuss (or argue) with anyone who is willing (or even unwilling) to listen. By no means do I consider my opinion to be infallible, but I do think that my knowledge of sports is sufficient to at least allow myself an opinion. I have talked to multiple people about my own opinion and have heard the opinions of many others. I have heard responses that vary from Jackie Robinson to Aarzul Barry Bonds. Robinson, because of the impact he had on baseball, and on sports itself. Barry, because he is my cousin’s favorite player, and what better criteria for one’s own personal Mt. Rushmore of Sports than the athletes you like best? And Bonds, because if one goes purely by stats alone, then no one has dominated the game as our favorite steroid-ridden home run king.

For me, though, one deserves to be on the Mt. Rushmore of Sports if he (or she) transcends his sport. He must have not only been an athlete, if not also the greatest of all time, but must also have meant more to the image of his sport than any other. Therefore, I have chosen four athletes who I think are most deserving of the honor: Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods, Muhammad Ali and Babe Ruth.

In my opinion, Jordan is the most deserving of the honor. Not only is he the unquestioned greatest basketball player of all time, but he also did more for the sport than it ever could have done for him. One only needs to look at the state of the NBA post-Jordan to see what I mean. Jordan is the greatest basketball player of all time, and may very well be the greatest athlete of all time. He clearly deserves a spot on this great sports monument.

The next most obvious for me is Woods. I have heard people argue that even though he is the most dominant golfer ever, it is still just golf. One friend said that Mt. Rushmore is for presidents and Woods is simply the greatest ever Secretary of the Interior. He is great for his game, but hasn’t yet done the kind of thing that Jordan has. Jordan doesn’t have the prestige of the other, more mainstream sports. I, however, think that golf is commonly considered a mainstream sport, and that Woods is so dominant that he deserves his face immortalized.

For me, then, Ali and Ruth go in the same category. Both dominated their sport in their own time, and became the poster boy for sports. Although neither has statistics that prove their greatness, at least not when compared to others, they truly transcended their respective sport. Thus, they deserve a spot on Mt. Rushmore.

These four athletes would be my choices for the Mt. Rushmore of Sports. Feel free to disagree, however.

Eric Prister
Sports Writer

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE PICKUP LINE?

Bobby Graham
Freshman
Stanford

Chris Adcock
Junior
Stanford

Kerry Casey
Freshman
Howard

Maggie Slavin
Freshman
McCandless

Griffin Ashkin
Junior
McCandless

Don Whitlley
Junior
Stanford

"Are you a ninja? Because your body is kickin’!"

"I’m from Texas."

"Check your tag...just what I thought. Made in heaven."

"Hi, you’ll do."

"Paritals end in ten minutes."

"If you were a yogurt, would you be fruit at the bottom or stirred?"

A student uses one of the many recycling bins on campus to dispose of her waste. A new recycling program, Miraculous Metals, focuses on recycling aluminum cans and proceeds go to the poor.

OFFBEAT

Officials catch traveler with pigeons in pants

SYDNEY—An Australian traveler was caught with two live pigeons stuffed in his pants following a trip to the Middle East, customs officials said Tuesday. The 25-year-old man was searched after authorities discovered two eggs in a vitamin container in his luggage, said Richard Janesraco, national investigations manager for the Customs Service.

They found the pigeons wrapped in padded envelopes and held to each of the man’s legs with a pair of ties, according to a statement released by the agency. Officials also seized seeds in his money belt and an undeclared weapon.

Man celebrates birthday with 24-hour treadmill run

BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. — A Twin Cities man was looking for a challenge, so he decided to celebrate his 30th birthday by running on a treadmill for 24 hours straight. B.J. Van Beusekom covered 34 miles and rested his obviously stiff legs.

The 6-foot, 175-pound Van Beusekom took breaks only to use the restroom and change clothes. He accomplished his feat at Athletic Performance Inc., a training center in Brooklyn Center. To keep him motivated, API provided a dance with a disc jockey, a slumber party and a big screen television.

For the rest of his birthday, Van Beusekom says he just wants a nap and a massage.

Van Beusekom’s effort also raised just over $3,000 for the American Lung Association.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

At 5:30 p.m. today in the Hammes Student Lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center, panelists fromWaterbuck, Shades of Ebony, Sister of Nefertiti and the University Counseling Center will discuss the impact of the inauguration of the nation’s first black president.

Keenan Hall’s annual comedy show “The Keenan Revue” will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., in the O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College.

The Baseball Eighth Annual Opening Night Dinner will be at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Mike Scioscia of the LA Angels and Notre Dame alum Jeff Samardzija will speak. Notre Dame team members, who will be seated at tables with the rest of the attendees, will be available for autographs prior to the dinner, from 6-6:45 p.m. For dinner ticket information, please contact the Notre Dame athletics ticket office at (574) 631-7356.

L.A. Theatre Works presents “The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial” Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Deica 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 “heaider Act” banning the teaching of evolution in the state’s public schools. Purchase tickets online, visit or call the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

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want this schismatic group spreading." Since the recommunication does not deny clergy the privilege of developing along traditional lines, the Vatican was concerned these other bishops would continue to open Schismatic groups.

"Pope Benedict XVI is one of the greatest theologians ever to become pope, but he is very traditional," said Lawrence Cunningham, theology professor at Catholic University.

"The pope's motivation was to get these people in line under papal authority, so they're not creating more bishops outside the authority of the church," he said. "Some people have highlighted the decision as an example of what teaching and leavings, arguing that he would not be so willing to rule aggressively against religious groups on the left. But Cunningham said that point and also noted that the pope's next encyclical will be about the same thing.

"The difference is that these bishops have bishops who are ordaining other bishops," he said. "This one does not reach out to liberals."

"In my experience, it is a huge group right now, so right now we don't have any money to spend anywhere," Cunningham said.

President Reagan first enacted such a policy, so named because it was unveiled at a United Nations conference in the Mexican capital, in 1984. The program has historically been instated by Republican presidents and rescinded by his Democrats. President George H. W. Bush rescinded the rule in 1993, and President George W. Bush reinstated it in 2001. Critics refer to the policy as the "global gag rule" because they consider its restrictions a violation of free speech.

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Panel to discuss electric power

Special to The Observer

A panel of energy industry experts from various aspects of electric power and energy Feb. 25 (Wednesday) from 3 to 5 p.m. in Snider Auditorium in Continuing Education at the University of Notre Dame.

The discussion, which will be led by moderat John F. Incropera, Keating-Crawford Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and director of the Notre Dame Energy Center, is free and open to the public.

The forum is part of the University's yearlong emphasis on global energy, which was introduced during the 2008 Notre Dame Forum on Sustainable Energy. Scheduled by the Energy Center and the College of Engineering and coordinated by John F. Incropera, Clifford and Evelyn Brosey Professor of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, and Engineering Dean Emeritus, the event will feature experts in the field.

Anthony Earley Jr., chairman and CEO of Duke Energy, and David Letterman, president of Duke Energy Corporation, will discuss the electric utility serving more than 13 million customers; he earned an undergraduate degree in physics, a master's in engineering from MIT — from Notre Dame; serves on the University's advisory council; and received an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 2006.

Patrick Ellers, managing director and senior partner of KPMG, for the firm's energy power practice, focused on the acquisition and management of companies, this year he earned a bachelor's degree from Notre Dame; serves on the advisory council for the College of Engineering; was a member of the 1978 Notre Dame championship football team.

William Hederman, special assistant to the Congress and previously executive director of the Center for Climate Change, founding director of the Office of Science and Technology of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and vice president of strategic initiatives at Columbia Energy Group; and

Michael O'Sullivan, senior director of FPL Government; at FPL Energy, a world leader in the production of clean energy, including wind and solar power.

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"Whenever the topic of abortion came up on the campaign trail, Obama said he would enact policies to reduce the number of abortions," Daly said.

"In his first week, though, he has already allowed federal money to fund abortions in other countries. There's no way they can ensure that it ban fulfills that assertion," she said.

Mandy Lewis, co-president of Feminist Voice, said her group has no policy on abortion, but offered her own opinion.

"Feminist Voice does not take an official stance on abortion, but personally, I don't think it's fair to cut off aid because of the abortion issue," she said.

Lewis supports Obama's decision to ban abortion.

"I think abortions should be reduced with Obama's decision," she said.

Lewis also wrote in an e-mail: "Research shows that actually, abortion is not the number one problem ... is more likely to result in fewer abortions than just banning federal money to groups that, among other services, provide access to abortions. Obama seems to understand that concept, and we support his decision. He tries to tackle the serious social problems that face him."

While Obama's act may be an effort to solve social issues, his decision hurts the American economy, Daly said.

"Economically speaking, this is a huge group right now, so right now we don't have any money to spend anywhere," Daly said.

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and answer questions that the church had about the new Web site.

The Web site is designed to provide helpful information about places and events off campus in one location. It will also be a forum for students to visit several Web sites.

Clay and the Office of Student Affairs are sponsoring the Web site that is tentatively on the Internet early March. The project was developed in part from the Good Neighbor Guide, the current breaking news that resides off campus. Instead of a chapter of the book from year to year, the Web site would contain virtually all the information in the guide.

Along with this information, the Web site will also incorporate various other aspects of off-campus life.

Information from the pres- ence of the University's Office of Student Life, the Office of the Registrar, and the University's Communications Office. Members of COR suggested that the name "Entertainment that lists bars, pubs, clubs and other nightlife venues in the Michiana area be added to the site. Members also proposed a tab within the Web site that would be a link to a crime prevention officer from the South Bend Police Department. Students will be able to e-mail the officer and ask to place a name on a list that will alert the students if a crime happens in their area.

A listing of Macedonian nurseries was also recommended. Although these nurseries were not designed with the purpose of helping students off campus, members of COR felt that it would also benefit students who reside on campus as well.

"I think that the Web site would be useful for people before they move off campus. Also, they can see these places on campus who go off campus who could also use the site," junior Carolee Marshall said.

This project has been good through December 2009.

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The president of El Salvador for three months. While Obama's policy on abortion is non-binding, it's likely to influence decisions in other areas. It's also not going to have any kind of impact on abortion, as the president's role in decision-making is relative, he said.

"He said. "There are a lot of people in the United States who are going to be affected by this decision, but he doesn't have an opinion about it."

"I think it's just a matter of what people do for their own lives," he said.

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Mother of octuplets not receiving donations

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Where is the unlimited supply of diapers, formula and baby wipes? The "Tree van"? The brand-new free van? The brand-new tanning salon? The abundance of cabinetry? The special Olympics, and some baby stores have coupons for discounts. That is not happening with the mother of octuplets who has her hands full with seven or eight babies are often turned off many people, and it's something that people think it's a fluke to boycott any corporations that does not happen with the mother.

Fawzi Barhoum, a Hamas spokesman in Gaza, said the Sept. 13 truce agreement is in place of scoring.

Barhoum was confident that once he was going to deal with all the issues as one package, Hamas will be prevented from smuggling more weapons into Gaza. It does not want any deal to give Hamas a role in controlling Gaza border crossings.

Hamas remains committed to Israel's destruction and refused to renounce violence. Both the terrorist group won Tuesday they are ready to consider a cease-fire with Israel for more than a year.

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There is an agreement in principle about a calm for one year," said Ahmed Abdel-Hadi, a Lebanon-based Hamas official.

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"Overall, it was a great night. The Notre Dame student-athlete together for a great cause and really showed their support," said John Beven, Facilities and Student Development Intern for RecSports.

"We can say much more than the student-athletes who has her hands full with seven or eight babies are often turned off many people, and it's something that people think it's a fluke to boycott any corporations that does not happen with the mother.

"There's always a lot of demand to even get on the rosters for each sport. I think that really helps out because then you are able to make rosters full of people who are unable to go to sport instead of trying to fill it up with just a warm body," he said on the air Tuesday that people are ready to boycott any corporations that does not happen with the mother.

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**International News**

**Supplies tight for US troops abroad**

KABUL, U.S. troops in Afghanistan saw their supply lines squeezed from the north and east Tuesday after militants blew up a bridge along a supply route. Russian officials said it would end American use of a key air base following Russia's announcement of a new aid.

Securing efficient and safe supply routes into Afghanistan is a top priority for U.S. officials as the Pentagon prepares to send in up to 30,000 more American soldiers this year. Insurgents regularly attack roads through Pakistan, where militants have been busy destroying fuel trucks on convoy routes destined for U.S. bases.

Attackers on Tuesday blew up a bridge in northeastern Pakistan in a fresh salvo in an escalating campaign seeking to cripple Washington's war effort in Afghanistan.

**Rebels release prisoner to family**

KABUL, An 18-year-old prisoner freed Tuesday by leftist rebels stepped from a helicopter into the embrace of the woman who said she couldn't find her, then said President Alvaro Uribe and the guerrillas were equally to blame for Columbia's still-festering conflict.

Alan Jara, 31, looked fit but thin, wearing a gray canvas hat and carrying a rucksack across which a battered and blackened pot was strapped. The rebels handed Jara over to the International Red Cross in eastern jungles around midday. The Red Cross then flew him to the regional capital of Villavicencio, his hometown in the eastern lowlands.

"I've rested for 74 years," Jara told reporters at the airport. "Now it's time to get to work.

**National News**

**Blagojevich says he's misunderstood**

NEW YORK — Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich (ahk-GOH-vich) tells David Letterman he keeps thinking he'll wake up and people will realize "this is just one big misunderstanding."

The ousted governor showed up Tuesday for a taping of CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman." He laughed with the audience when the host was watching him on several television talk shows.

Letterman joked that the more Blagojevich talks, the more the host said to himself, "Is just one big misunderstanding."

The more the host said to himself, "Is just one big misunderstanding." The same.my and the hard-line leader's..."/image

**Disease kills bats in northeast**

WASHINGTON — A mysterious and deadly bat disorder discovered just two winters ago in a few New England caves has now been found in a Western state, raising concern about its implications for bats and other animals.

White-nose syndrome poses no health threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, the insects and crop pests they eat could increase, and the loss of their pollinating services could also be problematic.

But the suspect, 50-year-old Samira Ahmed Jassim — who said her code name was "The Mother of Believers" — has given unusual firsthand descriptions of the possible workings behind last year's spike in attacks by women bombers.

The Iraqi military spokesman, Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi, said the suspect had recruited more than 80 women willing to carry out attacks and admitted mastering 28 bombings in different areas.

Female suicide bombers attempted or successfully carried out 32 attacks last year, compared with eight in 2007, according to U.S. military figures. Most recently, a woman detonated an explosive under her robes that killed at least 36 people during a Shiite religious gathering last month.

The attacks reflected a shift in insurgent tactics: trying to exploit cultural standards that restrict male security forces from searching women and use the traditional flowing robes of women to hide bomb-ribbed belts or vests.

In response, Iraqi security forces have tried to recruit more women. In last week's provincial elections, women teachers and civic workers helped search voters. Al-Moussawi, the military spokesman, alleged Jassim in contact with top leaders of Ansar al-Sunnah in Diyala, the last foothold of major Sunni insurgent strength near Baghdad. The group is one of the factions with suspected ties to al-Qaida in Iraq.

Al-Moussawi said Jassim "confessed to recruiting 28 female suicide bombers who carried out terrorist operations in different areas." He gave no other details on the locations or dates of the attacks.

In the video played for reporters, Jassim described how she was approached by insurgents to urge women to carry out suicide attacks. She said her first assignment was to target a military camp in the Al-Anbar province.

**Report on state radio**

"This action does not convince us that Iran is acting responsibly to advance stability or security in the region."

**Iran launches first satellite of its own**

 Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran sent its first domestically made satellite into orbit, the country announced Tuesday, a key step for an ambitious space program that worries the U.S. and other world powers because of the same rocket technology used to launch long-range missiles.

Far nearly a decade, Iran has sought to develop a national space program, creating links among international leaders already concerned about its nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

The telecommunications satellite — called Omid, or hope, in Farsi — was launched late Monday after President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gave the order to proceed, according to a report on state radio. State television showed footage of what it said was the nighttime liftoff of the rocket carrying the satellite at an unidentified location in Iran.

A U.S. proliferation official confirmed the launch and suggested the technology was not sophisticated. Speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence gathering, the official said it appeared it "isn't too far removed from Spintik," the first Soviet orbiter launched in 1967.

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Protester hurl shoe at Chinese PM

Associated Press
CAMBRIDGE, England - A protester hurled abuse and then a shoe at China's premier Monday while he delivered a speech at Cambridge University.

The protester jumped up from his seat near the back of a crowded auditorium, blew a whistle, and screamed while the 58-year-old Wen Jiabao was a "dictator" before running away and throwing the shoe toward the stage.

How can this university produce such an uncouth person as a professor?" the man shouted.

Like the now-famous incident when a man threw a shoe at then President George W. Bush in December, the gray athletic shoe missed its intended target.

China's media were silent on the Wen protest Tuesday, even though news organizations were quick to link the incident involving Bush. Unlike Bush, Wen, who was standing on a stage behind a podium, did not need to duck. He merely paused for a few seconds before he continued with his speech. One of his aides quickly stepped on the stage, picked up the shoe and took it away.

Security staff escorted the protester out of the auditorium. He was arrested and taken to a police station for questioning. After issuing a public order offense, said police spokeswoman Shelly Currie.

"The university is a place for students to be constructively considered argument, not for shoe throwing," said Tim Holt, a university spokesman.

The shoe-throwing incident came at the end of a three-day visit to Britain dogged by demonstrations over human rights issues.


Merkel: Pope must clarify church stance

Associated Press

BERLIN - China's German-born Pope Benedict XVI called on Pope Benedict XVI to make a "clear, visible" rejection of Holocaust denial after the Vatican's rehabilitation of a former bishop who questioned whether six million Jews were gassed by the Nazis.

Merkel said Benedict has said public demand came amid increasing outrage among Germany's Roman Catholic leaders over the German-bom pope's decision.

Merkel said "she does not believe" there has been adequate clarification of the Vatican's position on the Holocaust amid the controversy over the lifting of the excommunication of British-born Richard Williamson.

Benedict last week expressed a "full and indisputable solidarity" with Jews and warned against any denial of the Holocaust, but several German bishops have called for the decision to be reversed.

The issue is particularly sensitive in Germany, where denial of the Holocaust and crime and Roman Catholic leaders have worked hard to restore relations with the Jewish community.

"If we do not believe that sufficient clarification has been made," said the Vatican spokesman.

"The Vatican moved quickly to counter Merkel's suggestion that the pope's thinking on the subject of the Holocaust has been 'expressed very clearly,'" said a Vatican spokesman. Fides, Apostolos Lombardi.

The German chancellor's visit to a synagogue during his first visit to Germany as pope in 2006 was quick to visit to Auschwitz in 2006 and his remarks during last week's general audience. "It should be clear that the memory of the Shoah leads humanity to recognize the formidable power of evil when it conquers the heart of men," Lombardi quoted the pope as saying. "May the Shoah be a decisive means for all against oblivion, against denial or reductionism.

Merkel said during that visit to the audience "the pope himself clearly explained the purpose of lifting the excommunication, which has nothing to do with any legitimation of positions denying the Holocaust, which were clearly condemned by Benedict. William Ginsberg was consecrated by the late ultramontane Archbishop Marcel Feflevich of Liége in the papal consistory, leading to the same communication. The Holy See has said that "the pope's public communication did not imply the Vatican shared his view." Merkel's stand was out of the ordinary, said Ellen Schaab, vice president of the New York-based American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and their Descendants.

"This is the German Chancellor a denounces a position that she herself has been an extraordinary message," Steinberg said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

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

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino Family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2009 annual competition for travel grants in support of scholarship in Italian language and culture in the year 2009.

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### Tax Break approved for new car buyers

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Tuesday to give a tax break to new car buyers, setting aside bipartisan concerns over the size of an economic stimulus bill with a tag topping above $900 billion.

The 71-26 vote came as President Barack Obama said he is awake nights worrying about the economy and signaled he'll try to knock out "buy American" provisions in the legislation to avoid a possible trade war.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski led the successful effort to allow many car buyers to claim an income tax deduction for sales taxes paid on new autos and interest payments on car loans.

She said the plan would aid the beleaguered auto-mobile industry as well as create jobs at the same time the economy is losing them at a rapid pace. "I believe we can help by getting the consumer into the show-room," she said.

The provision was attached to the economic stimulus bill at the heart of Obama's economic recovery plan and is subject to change or even elimination as the measure moves its way toward final passage.

Democratic leaders had pledged to have the bill ready for its signature by mid-month, and in a round of network television interviews, the president underscored the urgency.

He told CNN that even three months ago, most economists would not have predicted the economic crisis was "in as bad of a situation as we are in right now.

He also spoke out against efforts to limit the use of domestic steel in construction projects envisioned in the bill, telling Fox News, "we can't send a protectionist message.

The stimulus bill remained a work in without explanation, GOP conservatives abruptly dropped their opposition to a $6.5 billion increase in research funding for the politically popular National Institutes of Health.

Even so, Democratic leaders conceded they may soon be obliged to cut billions of dollars from the measure. "It goes without saying if it's going to pass in the Senate, it has to be bipartisan," said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the second-rank Democratic leader, adding that rank-and-file lawmakers in both parties want the bill's cost reduced.

One Democrat, Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska, said he hoped for reductions "in the tens of billions of dollars.

The developments unfolded as more companies announced job layoffs including 5,800 at PNC Financial Services Group. In another sign of economic weakness, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation predicted the cost of bank failures will exceed its estimate from last fall and urged lawmakers to more than triple the agency's line of credit with the Treasury Department to $100 billion above the current $30 billion.

### Government works on pay restrictions

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration plans to mandate new executive pay limits on Wednesday for government-assisted financial institutions in a new get-tough approach to bankers and Wall Street.

"If the taxpayers are helping you, then you've got certain responsibilities to not be living high on the hog." President Barack Obama said in an interview Tuesday with *Nicly Nightly News*.

The president and members of Congress are weighing various proposals to restrict executive compensation as one of the conditions of receiving help under the $700 billion financial bailout fund.

Obama did not reveal details of the administration's compensation caps. But administration officials said that the new restrictions would apply only to those struggling large firms that receive "exceptional assistance," such as the American International Group Inc., Giggroup Inc., and Detroit automakers.

They would not apply to firms that want to pay executives above a certain threshold would have to compensate them with stock that could not be sold or liquidated until they pay back the government funds.

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**IN BRIEF**

**US auto sales plunge to 26-year low**

DETROIT — Consumers frightened by the prospect of losing their jobs stayed away from auto showrooms again in January and sent U.S. and foreign truck sales falling 33 percent, a familiar refrain for the struggling industry but an unwelcome start to a critical year for U.S. carmakers.

Devastated by an economy in which few people can spare cash to buy a car or even finance the loan to do so, they were a year earlier.

Sales fell 49 percent at General Motors and 40 percent at Chrysler Group. Toyota and Nissan's sales each fell at least 30 percent.

"How many ways can you say disaster?" asked Aaron Bragman, an auto industry analyst at CDA Auto. "We're riding in the worst downturn in the industry in many ways can you say anything," he said.

Wells Fargo cancels Vegas junket

WASHINGTON — Wells Fargo abruptly canceled Tuesday a pricey Las Vegas casino junket for employees after a torrent of criticism that it was missing $2.5 billion in taxpayer bailout money.

The company initially defended the trip after The Associated Press reported it had booked 12 nights beginning Friday at the Wynn Las Vegas and the Encore Las Vegas. But within hours, investigators and lawmakers on Capitol Hill had scolded the bank, and the trip was scrapped.

The conference is a Wells Fargo tradition. Previous all-expense-paid trips have included helicopter rides, wine tasting, horseback riding in Puerto Rico and a private Jimmy Buffett concert in the Bahamas for more than 1,000 of the company's top employees and their families.

"In light of the current environment, we have now decided to cancel this event as well," the company said Tuesday night in a news release that also said the it had never planned to use taxpayer bailout money for the trip.

Corporate retreats have attracted criticism since the bank bailout last fall.

Customers walk past used cars at an auto sales yard in Beijing Thursday, Jan. 15. China has approved a new set of tax cuts and subsidies aimed at boosting the demand for cars.

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Carl Sagan may have thought the cosmos worth analyzing, but I take a different approach. Instead of looking out and up, let’s look in and down. What can we learn about our world from the life of thirteen years old? My content: Absolutely Everything. From my experiences as a summer camp counselor, I have seen that eighth graders truly are the unacknowledged legislators of the world. They, in their interactions, provide us with a microcosm of our day-to-day lives. And so I give you: Microcosmos — How 8th Graders Can Teach Us How Not To Live.

Let’s first look at Blaire and Jenna. Blaire is your average, run-of-the-mill cowboy who lives and works on his family farm. Jenna is a big-city cosmopolitan (Virginia, AL — the biggest of the big cities). And the two fall in love. First of all, you know this isn’t going to work out for these star-crossed lovers. They’ll only be together for two weeks at camp and they come from families ideologically at odds with each other. The farmer and the cowgirl should be friends, but the cowboy-farmer and the debonair — Heaven forbid! As futile as their relationship appeared, though, Blaire and Jenna were making it work.

Making it work, that is, until Blaire discovered Jenna’s letters. He pulled Jenna’s best friend aside and told her to tell Jenna he never wanted to see Jenna again. This was on the last day of camp. Jenna’s friend faithfully reported the news and Jenna cried from lunchtime to 5 p.m. Blaire and Jenna — separated forever.

So what can we learn from this first case? Men don’t know how to handle relationships. Blaire didn’t commit this folly because he’s innocent, naive, or 13. He acted this way because this is the easiest way for a guy to get out of something he shirked responsibility to remove himself from culpability and feeling bad. I see my guy friends do similar things all the time. Like when my friend, who for the sake of argument we’ll call Friendly-Pants, decided that he wanted to break up with a girl but couldn’t do so face to face so he just stopped talking to her.

Blaire and Friendly-Pants share the trait that all men share. We have an inability to confront the necessary. This may seem counter-intuitive to the macho-agnostic that has built up around such figures as John Wayne and Clint Eastwood. But every time one of these actors actually did something active and direct it was probably only to cleverly avoid doing something else that would have bothered him emotionally. Remember, John Wayne built his alien and put his name on it only so he could fly away from his feelings.

Now is the shift in our evolving drama and look at Sammy and Jimbo. Sammy is a great kid with a lot of friends: one of the most well liked kids at camp (by counselor and camper alike). Jimbo is a quiet kid, but deliberately so, because he early on decides that he is better than everyone else. Sammy has a girlfriend; Jimbo does not. Sammy is the life of the party; everyone thinks Jimbo is a jerk. Then one night Jimbo decides to steal Sammy’s letters from his girlfriend. Jimbo thinks that this will be the easiest way for a guy to get back at Sammy for all the popularity Sammy “stole” from him.

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Sammy, trying to get his private correspondence back, swats at Jimbo but inadvertently hits him in the throat. Jimbo starts hyperventilating and threatens to sue Sammy. The lesson here; we live in an extremely litigious society. Anytime anything happens that could even be remotely considered assault, we go running for a personal injury attorney and sue, sue, sue! Then there are the counter-suits, and the counter-counter-suits, and so on. We just love making other people pay for our discomfort. Jimbo would not accept it was his own fault Sammy hit him, he should not have been stealing Sammy’s letters. Instead Jimbo responded in the way any of us would have in a similar situation: “You attacked me. I’m not hurt. But I can get money from you if I claim that I was or still am.” Just like the woman and the hot coffee that she was not expecting to burn her, Jimbo’s relationship with Sammy shows us how we will go in our society to make other people feel bad for our personal misfortunes.

In these two brief examples (in which I have explicitly changed names but not even slightly changed the details), I have shown you the extent to which eighth graders do in fact represent real people. Yet we look back on eighth-grade selves and think, “Wow, I was really lame back in eighth grade. I’m so much more mature now than I was then. I’m glad I never have to be in middle school again.”

But think about it. Really think about it. How much have you actually matured in the past six, seven, eight years? After living with thirteen year olds for three summers straight, I have re-evaluated my own early teenage years. And I realize I’m the exact same person doing the exact same types of things. Why don’t you take the time to reflect on the same question.

Yeah. That’s what I thought.

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"I wasn't interested in the same people who laugh at science fiction and comic strips."

— Kevin Throp III, author

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

"All I care about is having a lot of money down there."

— Jimbo

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A bookstore is one of the only places of refuge I have that people are still thinking." — Jerry Seinfeld, comedian
Let's be a hockey school

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Choose your battles wisely

This viewpoint is in response to the letter written by Ms. Has, Ms. Quiros and Mr. Angulo entitled "Why is Notre Dame Involved in the Arms Trade?" (Monday, Feb. 2). In simple terms, the mission of the United States military is to be ready to respond in full force to act against any threat at any time. Whether or not you agree with the foreign policy of our nation, it is largely the U.S. military's warfighting capability that allows this nation's foreign policy to exist. It is largely the U.S. military's warfighting capability that allows this nation's military to drop a bomb anywhere in the world virtually anywhere in the world. The vendetta that students at this University have against Raytheon is illogical. Raytheon is not even the largest defense contractor that this nation uses, and it receives many military contracts for products that are defensive in nature, such as radar systems, air traffic control systems, satellite systems, the list goes on. Are we not the university that builds systems for the Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen on the front lines that need to accomplish their missions? Whether or not you agree with the foreign policy of our nation, it is largely the U.S. military's warfighting capability that allows this nation to exist. If the problem you have with is with the methods by which our military contractors should not be directed at the University allowing companies to recruit its students, but at the U.S. government. The University policy on military recruitment is to prevent themselves from being used for weapons that can be used to recruit students. The University policy on military recruitment is to prevent themselves from being used for weapons that can be used to recruit students.

During the economic boom years from 2000 to 2007, Notre Dame's endowment received an average annual return on investment of 20 percent, about 200 percent of its peers. Even in 2008, an economicly tumultuous year, the University realized a 1 percent return. And yet, according to the 2008-2009 financial summary of the Notre Dame Foundation, the workers at this University heard a common refrain: "We can't afford to pay you more." Workers heard this at town hall meetings, undergraduate and graduate classes, and in some cases, the University's Annual Report. In 2008, the University saw an 8 percent increase in operations of over $51 million. This was coming at a time when the University was paying as much as $200,000 for the previous year. The key word is "unrestricted"; it means that these funds can be used for anything. The University merely chose to put them back into the endowment. A little back-of-the-envelope math reveals that last year's surplus could give each of the University's 3000 estimated non-employee employees over $18,000. That's over $2,000,000, which would double the University's current operating surplus. Even when using 20 percent of the surplus would result in a $24/hour increase in wages, moving many employees above the food-stamp line and closer to a living wage. This is not a large amount of money, but surely the University can do better. One might wonder, "How could this be?" The common explanation given by the University was that the wage purposes; they were limited to the benefit of those in the Notre Dame family that need, and deserve it, the most.Obviously, during the economic boom years from 2000 to 2007, Notre Dame's endowment received an average annual return on investments of 20 percent, about 200 percent of its peers. Even in 2008, an economically tumultuous year, the University realized a 1 percent return. And yet, according to the 2008-2009 financial summary of the Notre Dame Foundation, the workers at this University heard a common refrain: "We can't afford to pay you more." Workers heard this at town hall meetings, undergraduate and graduate classes, and in some cases, the University's Annual Report. In 2008, the University saw an 8 percent increase in operations of over $51 million. This was coming at a time when the University was paying as much as $200,000 for the previous year. The key word is "unrestricted"; it means that these funds can be used for anything. The University merely chose to put them back into the endowment. A little back-of-the-envelope math reveals that last year's surplus could give each of the University's 3000 estimated non-employee employees over $18,000. That's over $2,000,000, which would double the University's current operating surplus. Even when using 20 percent of the surplus would result in a $24/hour increase in wages, moving many employees above the food-stamp line and closer to a living wage. This is not a large amount of money, but surely the University can do better.
By STEPHANIE DEPREZ

On Friday the 13th, one of TV's best writers will return. Joss Whedon, creator of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Angel" and "Firefly" returns with his next show, "Dollhouse." Starring Eliza Dushku ("Buffy"), the show centers on a group of "Actives," people who have voluntarily donated five years of their life to the Dollhouse, a super-secret community full of people committed to fulfilling your wildest dreams. The catch? They don't know they're doing it. Clients request a fantasy, ranging from love to adventure, and the Actives (or Dolls) are implanted with memories that will help them carry out (and help clients participate in) their mission. When the mission is complete, the Dolls memories are wiped clean.

The story was born out of a lunch between Dushku and Whedon. He was looking for a new project, and she was looking for more acting challenges. The story that was the world of the Dollhouse Dushku's character, Echo, will play many different roles.

"Dollhouse" was set to air in the beginning of January, but Fox's issues with the look of the show's first episode caused a series of rewrites and pushed the premier back to mid-February. But it has been well worth the wait in several ways. The sets themselves are far larger than is usually seen on TV. The Asian-inspired Dollhouse décor is supposed to be a case in point for the Dolls, with an exercise room and a working fountain in the center of the building, causing the show to have an air of spectacle. The tale has also allowed for anticipation to build. Whedonophiles are a small but mighty Internet force who have relentlessly promoted the show as far as the MySpace.com can see.

A lot is riding on this show. Joss' last show, "Firefly," also had the Friday night kiss-of-death slot on Fox and it was cancelled after 13 episodes. Even though the DVD sales convinced Universal to pick it up for a movie (2005's "Serenity"), many are wondering if the TV genius has lost his staying power. If this summer's "Dr. Horrible" is any indication, fans are ripe and ready for another venture into the World of Whedon.

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By MICHELLE FORDICE

TNT's new series "Trust Me" has all the potential: two leading men from plenty of comedic experience, the advertising office setting that sent "Mad Men" rising and the chance to comment on our own times, both in the premise of quotidian life and more formal movement. Op. 1979 Char- cial. "Trust Me" is a look into the lives of two of the most well run businesses working at the Rothman Corporation & Mohr Advertising. Starring Eric McCormack of "Will and Grace" as Mason and Thomas Gavanau as "Ed" as Connor, the show focuses on these two friends and colleagues and a working fountain in the center of the pair, and Connor acting more childish, the characters. Unlike most pair of this sort, there are few physical differences between the characters, which is refreshing Sarah Krajek-Hunter and also had the Friday night slot on Fox, and it is the premier back to mid-February. The Asian-inspired Dollhouse was cancelled after 13 episodes. Even though the DVD sales convinced Universal to pick it up for a movie (2005's "Serenity"), many are wondering if the TV genius has lost his staying power. If this summer's "Dr. Horrible" is any indication, fans are ripe and ready for another venture into the World of Whedon.

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By ANALESE LIPARI

Top CTU agent Jack Bauer is back for another day of top secret government operations. Fox's massive hit "24" has had a tumultuous history of kidnapping, murder, counterterrorism and presidential assassinations in its years on Fox. At the conclusion of season 5, Jack had been captured and imprisoned by the Chinese for actions he had taken in the previous season. It is led to Jack being released from that imprisonment twenty months later, during an eleven-week period of special operations between the states. But rather than facing free- dom, Jack found himself being traded by the Chinese to Abu Fayed (Adoni Maropios), the head of an Islamic terrorist group formerly headed by Hamid Al-Assad (Alexander Siddig). Jack is known by Jack to be innocent of past accused crimes, and now works for the U.S. government by bringing such organizations to peace talks. After some complications with his father, Philip Bauer (James Cromwell), and his brother Graem (Paul McCrane) — which result in Philip's handing over his daughter to Fayed — Jack succeeds in thwarting Fayed's terrorist plot by killing him. Jack's personal life also took a hit on Day six when Audrey Raines (Kim Raver), Jack's love interest in past seasons, was also kidnapped by the Chinese. After Jack saves her memory and doesn't remember her former lover. It seems that sometimes even Jack Bauer can't catch a break. After "24: Redemption," a special television event that aired between seasons 6 and 7, Day 7 began on Jan. 11 of this year. The premiere was actually delayed by a day due to the strike by the Writers' Guild in 2008. Day 7 has seen Jack officially on trial for torture, having turned himself in to the U.S. Marines at the end of "Redemption" after being subpoenaed. The day has begun at 8 a.m. with a kind of reboot for the series. While "Redemption" saw Jack repentant and passive, helping orphan in Africa and living away from direct involvement with CTU, Day 7 brings this enigmatic action figure back to the real world. Whether or not Jack will have to act for his political actions in a post-Bush diplomatic world remains to be seen. As the season began, the FBI agent Renee Walker (Annie Parisse) was pulling Jack out of his hearing to work against the African terrorist groups that originally surfaced in "Redemption." With a renewed focus and a new character, including new president Allison Taylor (Cherry Jones), Day 7 may prove to be the most intriguing yet.

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By CAITLIN FERRARO

The doctors of Sacred Heart returned with their eighth and possibly final season of "Scrubs" on Jan. 6, but this time around Zach Braff and Sarah Chalke had a mastectomy — and it wasn't even for a character, instead of characters. The show focuses on the lives of the Janitor's real name. While Greene (Sarah Chalke) is offered a job in the advertising office setting that sent "Mad Men" rising and the chance to comment on our own times, both in the premise of quotidian life and more formal movement. Op. 1979 Char- cial. "Trust Me" is a look into the lives of two of the most well run businesses working at the Rothman Corporation & Mohr Advertising. Starring Eric McCormack of "Will and Grace" as Mason and Thomas Gavanau as "Ed" as Connor, the show focuses on these two friends and colleagues and a working fountain in the center of the pair, and Connor acting more childish, the characters. Unlike most pair of this sort, there are few physical differences between the characters, which is refreshing Sarah Krajek-Hunter and also had the Friday night slot on Fox, and it is the premier back to mid-February. The Asian-inspired Dollhouse was cancelled after 13 episodes. Even though the DVD sales convinced Universal to pick it up for a movie (2005's "Serenity"), many are wondering if the TV genius has lost his staying power. If this summer's "Dr. Horrible" is any indication, fans are ripe and ready for another venture into the World of Whedon.

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"24" MONDAYS 9 P.M. Fox

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**NEW AND WHAT'S BACK**

**“BURN NOTICE”** **WEDNESDAYS** **10 P.M.**

By MICHELLE FORDICE

**Scene Editor**

With a smart script, plenty of action, and great characters, “Burn Notice” is a great show to take a break with. Fast pacing, twists and turns, and a main character who offers plenty of entertainment.

“The show is all about what a spy does after being burned - instantly cut off because he’s been marked as unreliable. Eventually, he is called back to work.”

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**“HEROES”** **MONDAYS** **9 P.M.**

By KAITLYN CONWAY

**Scene Writer**

“Heroes” returned to Fox Monday night to an audience who wasn’t sure they wanted to continue watching the show. Previous season three storylines, just about every character underwent major changes and acted completely contrary to their previously established traits. The show was rapidly losing popularity, as the writers turned everything we had known and loved about the show upside down. Tuning back in for season four, it is happily in the niche of its retirement, enjoying all the boon and benefits of Miami can provide, when Michael gets dumped in Miami.

“Burn Notice” loses nothing over the mid-season break. Two episodes in, the series has not lost any momentum. The show ended last fall with Michael being thrown out of his second floor apartment by an explosive rigged to his front door. He is soon picked up by Carla and told to search for the person who tried to kill him, as several of their operatives suffered the same fate similar to the focus of the rest of the season. Michael accepts this task with more willingness than usual, curious tonect the dots that Mohinder’s experiments bestowed.

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**“LIE TO ME”** **WEDNESDAYS** **9 P.M.**

By CATHERINE FERRARO

Scene Writer

New on FOX this year is the hour long series drama “Lie To Me” which follows the story of Dr. Cal Lightman (Tim Roth) a deception expert who, you guessed it, can tell when people are lying. He helps uncover the truth of someone or something, needing it, including the FBI, local police, lawyers, corporate executives, and individuals.

The show is inspired by a real-life behavioral scientist and premiered on January 21st. The real expert is Dr. Paul Ekman, who can read clues fixed on the human face, body, and voice to expose the truth and lies during a criminal investigation. Previews of “Lie To Me” demonstrated Dr. Lightman using the same techniques as he analyzes a criminal’s face, body, voice and reads his victim’s feelings to help solve cases. While on the job he might face skepticism from law enforcement officials, but he is usually correct. However, outside of the office, the Lightman’s ability can be a curse because he is constantly aware of his friends and family telling the truth. He even cannot help but notice the involuntary body language of strangers on the street.

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**THE OBSERVER**

Wednesday, February 4, 2009
INDIANAPOLIS — Randy Foye scored 19 points, and the Minnesota Timberwolves snapped a three-game skid with a 116-111 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Tuesday night.

Sebastian Telfair and Ryan Gomes each scored 16 points, Kevin Love had 15 points and 11 rebounds and Al Jefferson had 12 points and 15 rebounds for the Timberwolves.

Danny Granger scored 28 points, Mike Dunleavy scored 20 and Troy Murphy added 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Pacers, who have lost back-to-back home games.

Seven players scored in double figures for the Timberwolves, who won despite Jefferson’s below-average offensive game. Jefferson finished the game averaging 23 points per contest.

Minnesota shot 49 percent and the Pacers 48 percent. The Timberwolves committed 21 turnovers, but made up for it by outrebounding the Pacers 54-44.

Minnesota led 110-106 in the final minute, but Indiana had a chance to draw closer. Marquis Daniels missed twice in close, then T.J. Ford missed a 3-pointer before the Timberwolves rebounded. Minnesota’s Mike Miller made two free throws with 31 seconds left to make it 112-106.

Granger made a 3-pointer with 27 seconds left to make it 112-109.

Ford intercepted Minnesota’s inbound pass and was fouled by Miller. Ford made the first of two free throws with 21 seconds left. Jefferson rebounded the missed second free throw, but Foye turned the ball over and the Timberwolves fouled Ford again.

Ford made the first free throw and missed the second to make it 112-111, Minnesota.

Minnesota’s Telfair made two free throws with 13.4 seconds left.

Granger missed a 3-pointer from the left wing that could have tied the score with seven seconds left. Minnesota rebounded, and Indiana couldn’t get to any of the Timberwolves to foul them.

Indiana led 72-71 in the third quarter before going on an 8-0 run that included a 3-pointer by Jarrett Jack and a three-point play by Granger to make it 80-71 with just over three minutes left in the period. Minnesota trimmed its deficit to 82-78 by the end of the quarter.

Granger took charge early in the final quarter. He started it with a 3-pointer, hit two free throws, and converted a three-point play with 3:17 left giving the Timberwolves their first lead of the season.

It took Minnesota one minute to tie the score. Brian Cardinal was fouled on a clear path to the basket, making the two free throws, then made a three-pointer with 2:52 left when the Timberwolves kept possession. Love’s bank shot tied the game at 94, and the teams regrouped and closed the remainder of the way.

Cavaliers 101, Pacers 83

That’s 23 and climbing. LeBron James scored 21 and eclipsed 12,000 points for his career, and the Cleveland Cavaliers remained flawless on their floor by winning their 23rd straight home game, over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night.

James became the fastest player in NBA history to reach the 12,000-point plateau. At 24 years, 35 days, he did it quicker than Los Angeles superstar Kobe Bryant, who was 22 years, 220 days, when he did it.

Daniel Gibson scored 18 and Mo Williams 16 as the Cavaliers broke the club record for consecutive home wins at 23, set in the 1988-89 season. Cleveland, which built a 23-point lead in the first quarter, also became the first team since the 1949-50 Rochester Royals to win its first 23 home games by at least four points.

Chris Bosh scored 29 and Jermaine O’Neal 20 to pace Toronto.

Trailing by 19 at halftime and showing little fight, the Raptors regrouped and outscored the Cavaliers 26-15 in the third quarter to close to 74-66 entering the fourth.

Cleveland shot just 4-of-18 from the field in the third, and too often settled for outside jumpers instead of attacking the basket.

But that changed midway through the fourth when James, who did not make a field goal in the second half, decided it was time to put Toronto away.

First, he was fouled on a drive and made both free throws. On the Raptors’ next trip, James challenged a规章ing Bosh on a dunk attempt and got just enough of the ball to alter its course.

James was again fouled while powering inside and made his free throws — he finished 13-of-13 at the line — to make it 87-75. Gibson’s 3-pointer made it 90-75 and the Raptors were unable to get any closer.

James, the Eastern Conference’s player of the month in January, scored 16 in the first quarter and had 25 in the first half on an array of shots. Nostradamus, who said earlier in the season that Cleveland’s All-Star, who will now head to Madison Square Garden on Wednesday and possibly take aim at Bryant’s scoring record in the “world’s most famous arena.”

Bryant scored 61 on Monday night against the Knicks, and New York coach Mike D’Antoni is well aware that James could rewrite the record book quickly.

“We set the bar up high for him,” D’Antoni said.

“It’s rare that he doesn’t. James scored 50 at the Garden last season, leaving the court to chants of "M-V-P!" just as Bryant did. James outscored the Raptors 16-15 in the first quarter as the Cavaliers, who lead the ball around the perimeter, had one of their bigger offensive efforts this season.

They made 7-of-10 3-pointers, committed just one turnover and blasted to a 37-15 lead after 12 minutes.

James made his first six shots and Williams had six assists in the period.

Williams, snubbed as an All-Star reserve by coaches, may get another shot at going to Phoenix for the league’s showcase of stars. Cleveland’s Coach Mike Brown, who will coach the East. "But if they have to select somebody, you hope it’s us. Our team believe our team should still be represented.”

The Cavaliers were at less than full speed because of the flu. Starting swingman Sasha Pavlovic, reserve center Lorenzen Wright and longtime play-play-play announcer Joe Tait were all sick and missed the game.

Wally Szczerbiak made his first start this season in place of James, who moved into the starting lineup on Jan. 16 after forward Delonte West broke his wrist. Szczerbiak made two 3-pointers in the first few minutes and finished with 13 points.
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### NCAA Women's Basketball

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### NFL

**Pittsburgh Steelers safety Troy Polamalu, right, reaches out to greet fans during the Super Bowl parade on Tuesday, Downtown Pittsburgh's Grant Street and Boulevard of the Allies were filled with over 300,000 fans.**

“Sixburgh” celebrates Super Bowl

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### In Brief

**Ramirez rejects latest offer from persistent Dodgers**

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers are still trying to bring back Manny Ramirez. Only the enigmatic slugger doesn’t like their latest deal. He rejected their third offer — for one year — that would have made him baseball's second-highest-paid player behind Alex Rodriguez.

That leaves Ramirez unsigned three months after deciding to test his value in the recession-plagued free agent market, with the Dodgers the only team to have confirmed making any offers.

“We have interest in signing Manny,” general manager Ned Colletti told The Associated Press in an e-mail Tuesday. “We don’t have a deadline but these situations can change in an instant and either side can change them in an instant.”

The Dodgers open spring training for the first time in Arizona on Feb. 14.

**Mooread reaches deal to buy struggling Padres**

SAN DIEGO — In move that could prop up the team's sagging on-field fortunes, former agent Jeff Moorad reached an agreement Tuesday for his group to buy the San Diego Padres from majority owner John Moores.

Moorad, who resigned last month as chief executive officer of the Arizona Diamondbacks, and his group will acquire 100 percent ownership during a period of up to five years, subject to approval by baseball owners.

**Horns in day-to-day with mild groin strain**

WESTWEGO, La. — Chris Paul laughed and joked with teammates after Hornets practice on Tuesday, the grim silence that followed the All-Star point guard's injury and his team's ensuing collapse a night earlier fading into memory.

New Orleans learned while blowing a big lead to Portland on Monday night that adjusting to life without Paul may be even harder than imagined.

The good news for the Hornets is they may not have to endure without him for much more than a few games. An MRI indicated that Paul had only a mild strain of his right groin and he is listed as day-to-day.

"I feel good," Paul said. "Maybe I can play (Wednesday), maybe Friday, so I'm going to just go with it and see how it feels. ... Any time something's torn or something like that, it can be a long time, but this right here, I felt like that was good news."
Torre assures new book doesn’t bash Yanks

Returning to Big Apple for book signing, former Yankees manager claims “The Yankee Years” is as honest as he can be

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A veteran of baseball’s biggest stage, Joe Torre had his lines well in town Tuesday for his first to the Yankees as Yankee Sports Illustrated’s Tom Gorrie. Fans stood in line on Fifth Avenue, and the queue snaked around the corner halfway to Madison Avenue as people waited to meet the man who still refers to the Yankees as “we.”

“I don’t think I violated anything. At least, that was my intention,” said Torre, whose job as former Yankee manager overshadows his occupation as the current Los Angeles Dodgers manager. “I’d like to believe that’s what I’m about, to be honest as I can be.”

Torre gets to have it both ways. He wrote a controversial book, helping the publisher recoup the advance, then said he didn’t say anything he hadn’t previously said.

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Dodgers manager

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig says the game’s economic structure has changed, and still could use some tinkering.

And while the man who bought the Milwaukee Brewers from Selig’s family in 1982 and has suggested as long as cap might be the solution, Selig isn’t ready to take a stand on an issue that could affect almost every complex between owners and players.

The current collective bargaining agreement doesn’t explicitly address the issue, and Selig suggested securing long-term labor peace with continued economic reforms could be his final major achievement as commissioner.

“Toward that end, Selig praised measures baseball has taken to help teams in smaller markets compete with big-market teams, such as revenue sharing and a luxury tax on teams with lofty payrolls.

Selig used Tuesday’s four-hour session with students to make the case that baseball is stronger than ever despite increased competition from an ever-expanding universe of entertainment options.

Selig said baseball is “more popular than it’s ever been” in the U.S. and has significant growth potential overseas, adding he would like to see games played in Europe.

Selig also went out of the way to praise franchise owners for their restraint on ticket prices. By his own count, Selig said eight clubs have cut ticket prices, 15 or 16 have kept the same and others have raised prices “very judiciously.”

But when asked afterward about his personal economic well-being, Selig was less forthcoming.

Selig brushed off a question about this week’s revelation that he made nearly $17.5 million in 2007, according to the Federal Election Commission’s filings.

“Is that commensurate with the success the game is experiencing? I let others make that decision,” Selig said. “I’m not going to comment on that.”

Selig also sidestepped reports that financially troubled Citigroup was rethinking its sponsorship of the New York Mets’ Citi Field.

“Believe me, that’s a very complicated issue,” Selig said.

Nor was Selig ready to offer an opinion on a salary cap, an issue recently put forth by Atanasio after the New York Times suggested a luxury tax be considered at the mid-season All-Star break, when outsized paychecks trigger outsized ego’s, outsized expectations and outsized ticket prices at an outsized new ballpark.

When questioned whether they were a luxury tax on cap, Torre made a point of clarifying his relationship with GM Brian Cashman.

“Brian was supportive of me,” he said. “We disagreed on a number of instances, a number of things, but, you know, Brian, we got along. Last few years I thought it changed somewhat, but I overall I thought Brian and I got along.”

“Everything, the talk was to Torre. At the Yankees minor league complex in Tampa, Fla., catcher Jorge Posada said he was planning to buy the book. “It will take me about three years to read it,” he joked.

Speaking at Ed Randall’s Bat for the Cure prostate cancer charity event in Pleasantville, Cashman wouldn’t discuss the book and said he hadn’t spoken with Torre since a telephone call on Jan. 25, when news of its contents began to get out.

“We have to change the subject about Torre,” Cashman said.

For veteran Yankees, Torre remains revered.

“The man was a father figure to me,” said Damon. “I don’t think he can do anything wrong.”

“Posada said. “There’s nothing that has been on the book that hasn’t been written or talked about earlier or before.”

At the Thurman Munson awards dinner in New York, Johnny Damon said Torre remained atop the Yankees’ heap for him.

“I have no reason to not trust him,” said Damon, bashed by the authors for being out of shape two years ago. “Until Joe does something crazy to me, he’s fine in my book.”

MLB Commissioner Bud Selig speaks after Game 5 of the World Series Oct. 27 in Philadelphia.

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AC Milan hopes to keep English superstar

Associated Press

MIAMI — David Beckham has the support of AC Milan's coach and management if he wants to get out of Los Angeles Galaxy contract to stay in Italy.

Beckham is halfway through a three-month loan with Milan that will end on March 8, and he's told the Italian media he's enjoyed his return to Europe more than he expected. While he respects the five-year contract he signed with Los Angeles in 2007, Beckham said playing for Milan was "something special."

"The Galaxy has restored that it wants Beckham, who has two goals in five games, back when the loan ends. But Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti, who has been surprisingly impressed by Beckham, would like the England midfielder to remain at San Siro. "Nobody can tell what will happen after March 9," Ancelotti told Sky TV Italia. "He wants to stay here, he has not told me that he wants to leave." "Nobody can tell what will happen after March 9," Ancelotti told Sky TV Italia. "He wants to stay here, he has not told me that he wants to leave." 

"We can only speak of what the club wants to do and Milan will do everything possible to have Beckham after March," Galliani told La Gazzetta dello Sport. "It is evident that our will is there to keep him until the end of the season or even on a permanent transfer. There is hope, but contracts have to be hon­ored. If the Galaxy want to start negotiations we will be happy to try, but they are right, the agreements are clear — on March 9 Beckham must return to America." In January, he played in a lucrative friendly with Hannover, and was expected to play some part in a friendly against Rangers in Glasgow on Wednesday.

"(Beckham's marketing appeal exists and we understand it all the requests we have received to play friendly games, but it is not only his presence which attracts other clubs," Galliani said. "We have a group of stars."

NBA

After Kobe's royal performance, Knicks brace for King James

Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — The scoring record at Madison Square Garden lasted more than 24 years, even withstanding a famous challenge from Michael Jordan.

Now LeBron James can seize it from Kobe Bryant after just two days.

Of course, he'll need to score 62 points to do it.

"We set the bar up high for him. He'd have to play really well," New York coach Mike D'Antoni said Tuesday. Still dazzled from Bryant's 61-point performance, the Knicks brace for a visit Wednesday from James, who loves playing in the Big Apple just as much and authored his own 50-point masterpiece here last season. The NBA's two best players, appearing two nights apart on basketball's marquee stage, will collide again.

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"It's not just basketball, everything that ever went on at Madison Square Garden. It's not just a basketball junkie like myself, how could you not love it being in this building?" New Yorkers still cling to hope that James will someday make it his permanent home.

He could be the marquee free agent in a stellar class in 2010, and the Knicks have positioned themselves for a run at him by clearing salary cap space for that summer. The Knicks still hope to get far enough over the cap to offer maximum deals to two superstars, hoping they can convince a Chris Bosh or Dwyane Wade to join James in New York.

"That's a long ways off, so that's not our focus," D'Antoni said. "Our focus is to win that game." James had only 26 points in his November visit, but he sat out the fourth quarter of Cleveland's 119-101 romp. He's less likely than Bryant to have huge scoring nights because he tries to do so many other things — he had 10 assists and eight rebounds in his 30-point game here — but his size and strength could make him a more difficult matchup for the Knicks.

"Curry can do the same things and he does it with a 6-9, 260-pound body," D'Antoni said. "He not only can get 61, he can hurt you doing it, and that's not good." D'Antoni has said that if a player wants to be MVP, it helps to play well in New York. Bryant, last season's winner, did his part with the greatest scoring performance in Madison Square Garden history.

Now it's James' turn.
NCAA BASKETBALL

Marquette stays undefeated in Big East play

Associated Press

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Jerel McNeal scored 26 points and No. 8 Marquette beat DePaul 76-61 on Tuesday night for its 12th straight victory, matching its longest winning streak in seven years.

The Golden Eagles (20-2, 9-0), the Big East's only unbeaten team, had trouble putting away DePaul but did enough to send the Blue Demons (8-15, 0-10) to their 10th straight loss and keep them winless in the conference.

Will Walker hit five 3s and had a career-high 30 points for the Blue Demons, who played without leading scorer Dar Tucker, who twisted an ankle in the morning shootaround.

Wesley Matthews added 20 points for Marquette, while Dominic James had 15.

McNeal was 8-of-16 from the field, including 5-of-8 on 3s, to go with six assists, five steals and four blocks.

DePaul trailed by 18 points in the first half and was able to cut the margin to five at halftime. The Golden Eagles went back ahead from there.

North Carolina 106, Maryland 93

Wesley Ellington started knocking down 3-pointers, and the rest of his teammates soon followed: Danny Green, Ty Lawton — even star big man Tyler Hansbrough.

Ellington scored a season-high 34 points and hit seven of his team's season-high 16 3s in the third-ranked Tar Heels' sixth straight victory, a rout of Maryland on Tuesday night.

Hansbrough had 24 points — including a late 3 over defender Dawe Neal — and Lawson added 21 and four 3s for North Carolina (20-2, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference).

We just came out and were hitting shots — not just myself, but Danny was hitting shots, Tywan was hitting shots from the perimeter," Hansbrough said. "We just kept it rolling.

The ACC's hottest team used some early long-distance touch to clinch their fifth straight 20-win season under Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams.

Green finished with 16 points for North Carolina, which hit 11 of its first 14 attempts from behind the arc to match the school's record in a half, and finished one 3-pointer shy of the record for a game set against Florida State in 1995.

"The said a lot of times this year that we can really shoot the ball," Williams said. "We shot the Blue Demons out of it tonight.

They shot 51.4 percent, reached the 100-point mark for the sixth time and snapped a two-game losing streak in the series with their first win against Maryland since 2006.

Freshman Sean Mosley scored a season-high 19 points, Cliff Tucker added 18 and Greivis Vasquez scored 13 for the Terrapins (14-8, 5-3), who hoped to draw some confidence from their return to the arena where last year they became the first team to beat the then-No. 1 Tar Heels.

They only briefly led this time and were handed their sixth loss in nine games since Jan. 3, falling to 0-4 on the road with a second straight blowout loss on Tobacco Road. Two weeks ago, they were routed by 41 points at Duke after allowing the Blue Devils to make 48 percent of their 3s.

Marquette's Jerel McNeal, left, celebrates with Jimmy Butler after they defeated DePaul 76-61 Tuesday.

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Olympic superstar Michael Phelps could face criminal charges as part of the fallout from a photo that surfaced showing him smoking from a marijuana pipe at a University of South Carolina house party.

A spokesman for Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, who is known for his tough stance on drugs, said Tuesday that the department was investigating.

"Our narcotics division is reviewing the information that we have, and they're investigating what charges, if any, will be filed," said Lt. Chris Cowan, a spokesman for the agency.

The photo first shown in British tabloid News of the World on Sunday was snapped during a November party while Phelps was visiting the university, according to the paper.

Phelps, 23, and his team have not disputed the photo's accuracy. Phelps has issued a public apology, acknowledging "regrettable" behavior and "bad judgment" after the photo appeared.

One of Phelps' agents, Drew Johnson, said Tuesday authorities had not contacted the swimmer. "So we really can't speculate," he said.

Last fall, Phelps was introduced to large applause at South Carolina's football game with Arkansas. He met with players and visited with Gamecocks coach Steve Spurrier, who gave Phelps one of the ball in the South Carolina's football game.

In 2010, he also spoke at a University of South Carolina's football game.

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At the recent Shamrock Invitational, the Irish lost through a strong field of competition to West Virginia, Denver and Michigan State to help the team improve to 6-2 on the season.

In the 1-meter dive, Grossman scored first with a score of 280.70, followed closely by Stitt, who earned a mark of 273.20 to take second place. The results were similar in the 3-meter, where Stitt scored 307.05, and Grossman snagged second with 291.10.

In a sport with only 19 total events, one of those that is essential in the tight Big East battle for the post-season is diving. The Irish, who have lost at least three meets in the Big East this season, have a chance to take the conference championships.

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I developed some personal goals and team goals at the beginning of the season, and as a team, we have achieved most of our goals," Biffin said. "Going into the Big East championship, we will have an opportunity to check some more off the list. I think the team looks great right now and will definitely exceed people's expectations, I personally would love to end my career at the NCAA Championships in College Station, Texas."

One of the most impressive aspects of the Irish's dominant stretch is the relative youth of the team. Of the Irish's six divers, Biffin and Dunicchay are the only upperclassmen. Along with Lex, fellow sophomores Wesley Villafior and Nathan Geary and freshman Sean Hillesland make up the core of the program.

"It really hasn't been a challenge to develop these two guys," Biffin said. "They are all hard workers and can all contribute in practice with a good attitude everyday. It's been easy being captain this year."

The talent on the team fosters competition amongst them, as the divers are constantly shuffling their order according to the finish in meets. Biffin believes that this competition has helped the team succeed.

"I think that one of the main reasons for the success of the team this year has been the level of competition in practice," Biffin said. "The guys on our team are very talented and when some of your biggest competition is right in front of you everyday, it really keeps you motivated to get better each practice. We are each others' biggest fans and also our biggest competitors — it is a great atmosphere.

As the season approaches its end, the Irish diving squad does not plan to cool off. "We have two or three meets left this season," Biffin said. "First we will head to the Big East Championships — we really hope to take five of the top eight spots at this meet. It is a pretty high bar to meet, but I believe we can get it done."

If the Irish compete at the Big East championships, they will compete in the NCAA Zone Meet, which Biffin thinks will serve as great experience for the younger divers. Finally, the team is looking to send one or two divers to the NCAA Championships at the end of March.

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something that hasn't, or won't happen with this year's squad, according to senior Zach Hillesland.

"I think it's a good point of comparison to see the psyche of this team compared to the psyche of that team because that team was falling apart a bit at certain places," Hillesland said. "I think, looking at our guys, everyone seems like they're still on board and everyone's ready to go. So, this group is ready, they're mentally tough and we're going to go out and keep fighting."

And why is this team able to avoid this internal disruption that happens when teams fall short of expectations?

"I think as a group we're closer and have a better line of communication between everyone on the team between the players and the coaches," Hillesland said. "Everyone's on the same page. We know what has happened, we're going to be honest and up-front with it.

"We know what we need to do and there really isn't any bickering or behind-the-back finger-pointing."

Part of that honesty is recognizing that Notre Dame isn't going anywhere unless its post defense and rebounding improve. Against Pittsburgh Saturday, the Panthers made fools out of the Irish on the glass, outrebounding Notre Dame 49-30, with 22 of those coming as offensive boards. DeJuan Blair had 22 by himself. So far in Big East Play, Notre Dame ranks 14th in rebounding defense. This has been a point of emphasis as Notre Dame prepares for Cincinnati.

"They pose some problems with an athletic front line that we've had bad problems with keeping people off the backboard," Biffin said.

Cincinnati is led by guard Kosta Vaughn, who averages 15.3 points per game. But if the Irish can contain Vaughn, it won't mean much if they can't rebound. If they can, Notre Dame may finally turn the page on a brutal first half Big East play.

"I think we're ready to do it," McAlarney said. "No one likes to lose, and five in a row puts you at the point of God-knowledge. I think we're ready to do it. I think practices have gone very well, very good lately, and it's just a matter of us translating that over to the game."

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Crossword

Across
1. Gillette razor
2. Mask in a can brand
3. Mexican restaurant
4. 19 Letters after two slashes
5. "At the end of time"
6. "Noggin"
7. "I love you, in Spanish"
8. "Navy blue"
9. "Red wine"
10. "Spanish uncles"
11. "Waltz"
12. "Support with stones, as an embankment"
13. "Bus to Paradise" author
14. "I see it..."
15. "Dinner in a can"
16. "2 stars"
17. "Something worth investing in or taking advantage of your generosity"
18. "2 stars"
19. "Letters after two tosses"
20. "Women's hybrid"

Down
1. "Have a date"
2. "15 star"
3. "At the end of time"
4. "A Sensitive"
5. "15 star"
6. "15 star"
7. "Common lunch"
8. "15 star"
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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Hoops squad looks to get back on track vs. Cincinnati

By CHRIS HINE

Sports Writer

Ever since Notre Dame's loss to Louisville on Jan. 12, the Irish have been trying to turn the page, and start a new chapter, a new winning streak. Too bad the pages have been glued together.

After their most recent game, a loss to Louisville on Tuesday, the Irish (11-8, 9-4 BIG EAST) have suffered heartbreak loss and the race for the regular season crown.

However, despite the Irish's recent loss - a 78-68 home defeat at the hands of Rutgers - its opponents got an early lead with the 3-point shot. Zellous and Stewart each nailed a trey in the first 40 seconds of the game.

Pitt guard Shavonte Zellous made sure that Notre Dame wouldn't get out of its current losing streak, they fell behind early in the second half. The Belles couldn't buy a shot or a call, and the race for the regular season crown.

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"We've done stuff in spurts," coach Brey said. "But we've just kind of, you've just got to forget about all that and just get back to just go out and play." Notre Dame's matchup Wednesday at Cincinnati represents Notre Dame's best chance at a win since the Irish downed Seton Hall on Jan. 10, a win Irish coach Mike Brey said seemed like it was "just winning." But Brey said just because Cincinnati may not have the number next to its name doesn't mean you can automatically put one in the win column for Notre Dame.

"You can't fall into the trap where just because Cincinnati's not in the top-10, you're not very good," Brey said before practice Monday. The Bearcats posted a 65-57 win over Georgetown last week, but Villanova blew them out Sunday, 71-50. For the Irish to beat the Bearcats, they'll need to play well in every facet of the game for 40 minutes, something they haven't done in their current slump. "We done stuff in spurts and then just kind of, one important play, important opportunity, we're able to get, which was evident in the Marquette and UConn game," McGraw said.

A loss to Cincinnati would not mean the end of Notre Dame's season, but it would make the road the NCAA Tournament a lot tougher. Brey and Notre Dame's seniors were in a similar situation three years ago, when Notre Dame couldn't buy a win, and suffered heartbreak loss. Each defeat wore on the team's chemistry and psyche.

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Over-Zellous**

Senior guard nets 29 for Panthers, ensures Irish skid continues

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Sports Writer

Pitt guard Shavonte Zellous was on a roll, scoring 29 points in 31 minutes to lead the Panthers in their 82-70 win over the Irish.

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I Irish freshman forward Erica Solomon, left, goes up for a layup during Notre Dame's 78-72 win over Michigan State on Nov. 29. Solomon and the Irish fell to Pittsburg 82-70 last night.

By BOBBY GRAHAM

Sports Writer

SMC seeks conference win

Belles will try to rebound after blowout loss to rival Hope

SMC's MIAA conference opponents are the weakest, with the exception of Hope, who is ranked No. 4 in the nation. With MIAA conference opponents losing games, it's easy to see why.

Coming into last Saturday's matchup against Hope, the Belles had generated a considerable amount of momentum. After winning its first three games of a grueling four-game road trip, including a second straight conference victory against Calvin, Saint Mary's was tied with the Hope's nationally ranked Dutch for first place in the conference. With a combined record of 4-1 against those teams, winning out is a possibility. Throw in a Hope loss, and the race for the regular season conference championship would heat up once again.

In order to make sure they don't lose their second straight, however, the Belles will need to rejuvenate their game as the Bearcats. In last Saturday's loss to Hope, Saint Mary's was outrebounded 57 to 45, allowing the Flying Dutch 30 second chance points. Another strong outing from freshmen Jessica Gentz, who broke through with 12 points last Saturday, would also help the Belles' cause.

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