Burdick and Schmidt to compete in run-off

No ticket reaches a majority, so a winner is not determined; top two vote-getters will face off again Thursday

By JENN METZ

The Election Committee of the Judicial Council announced the tickets Grant Schmidt-Cynthia Weber and Laura Burdick-Derek Sanchez will advance to a run-off election for the offices of student body president and vice president Monday.

In order to determine a winner, one ticket must receive more than 50 percent of the total vote. George Chamberlain, president of the Judicial Council, said:

Four thousand, five hundred and nine votes participated in Monday's election, which ran from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on-line. Students were directed via e-mail messages sent out by the Judicial Council to a Web site where they entered their netID and password to vote.

The number of students who voted in the election was "the largest turnout ever," Marcello Perez, vice president of the Judicial Council Elections Committee, told the four tickets, who were assembled in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune to hear the results.

Four thousand, five hundred and nine votes cast is approximately 54 percent of the undergraduate student body based on the enrollment numbers from fall 2008.

The Schmidt-Weber ticket

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Obama lands in South Bend, drives to Elkhart

Air Force One lands as a crowd gathers to watch

By KATLYNN RIELY

The flight was not listed on the "arrivals" screen in the South Bend Regional Airport, but many people stood in and outside the terminal Monday morning in expectation of the appearance of Air Force One.

Several dozen onlookers gathered in front of a window on the second floor of the airport concourse in the hour before the plane arrived.

Lisa Brunt, 47, of Niles, Mich., was one of them. She was ready with her camera to capture the plane's landing.

"It's an historic event, and I wanted to do it," she said. "I want something to show my grandkids.

Her husband, who works at Saint Mary's, was planning on listening for the plane's passage overhead while he was at work.

The distinctive plane, with the words "United States of American," arrived from Washington, D.C., just minutes after President Barack Obama finished a speech in Elkhart, Ind., urging Congress to pass the stimulus package and telling the crowd it was "the most important legislation in the history of this country.

President Barack Obama disembarks from Air Force One at the South Bend Regional Airport on Monday morning.

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For College Dems, motorcade will be a day to remember

By JENN METZ

Professors at Notre Dame have probably heard a wide range of excuses for why their students did not show up for class.

Driving in a presidential motorcade most likely isn't one of them, but for eight Notre Dame students it's an excuse they can use in class tomorrow.

Spencer Howard, the president of the Notre Dame College Democrats, used a few words over and over again to describe Monday's experience, most notably: "amazing." and "exciting.

"It was a very proud moment for me," he said.

The students who volunteered in the motorcade were able to spend a few minutes with President Barack Obama after his hour-long town hall meeting in Elkhart, Ind., to discuss the stimulus package. They waited by their cars while he spoke.

Taking a picture with the president was "the

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Green Summit sparks new ideas

Second annual conference recommends ways to make ND greener

By AARON STEINER

Making faculty pay for parking spots, creating a "cap and trade" system for print quotas and eliminating plastic bottles in Waddick's were among the ideas suggested at Notre Dame's second annual Green Summit Monday evening in McKenna Hall.

University administrators, faculty, staff and students attended the event, organized by various groups on campus including Greend and the Office of Facilities.

Administrators, students, faculty, and staff gathered Monday in McKenna Hall to discuss ways to make the campus greener.

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Spring transfer students adjust to campus life

By JENN METZ

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The Notre Dame Office of Admissions received 80 applications for spring, which was a "fairly standard number," according to Catherine Linn, admissions counselor and transfer admissions coordinator at the University.

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Typically, the University receives between 75 and 100 applications, she said.

Of the 80 applicants, 14 were offered admission to Notre Dame and eight accepted. All transfer students that enrolled at the University in the spring are second-semester sophomores, Linn said. Seven of the students entered the College of Arts and Letters, while one joined the College of Science.
INSIDE COLUMN

Fashion at ND. Or not.

My dear fellow students, I am going to be honest with you. As you walk to class, I am judging you purely based on what you're wearing. Sit down and talk for me for five minutes. If my promise I'll let it pass. But until then I am going to indulge my rapid side and silently laugh. As such, I thought I would use my time in the Inside Column to highlight some of the worst Notre Dame has to offer. Ug Boots. Yes girls, I've been told they are ever so comfortable. I don't much care. They widen your foot to gigantic proportions, hit that odd place on your leg that will make most girls shorter and bottom heavy, and really, can't we try a bit harder? Stand out from 30 percent of the girls on campus and wander into a shoe department during a sale. Find yourself something in leather with a bit more point to the toe. Perhaps a bit of heel? I promise they aren't the uncomfortable monstrosities you think they are. (Yes, I know just every once in a while it snores here.) Then you are free to wear whatever you like to make it across campus without spread eagling across the ground. I have worn my beloved heels a bit too far into winter and did just that in front of D'Unporto. To those of you that witnessed it, I hope it was gloriously entertaining.) Stuffing your pants into your boots. Sometimes it's pouring rain or sleet, and for the sake of not having to sit through hours of class with wet pants, I understand that this is entirely practical (and I've done it.) And on those women with legs up to your place to place, don't turn on, I promise. If the answer is not A or B, I promise they aren't the most comfortable monstrosities you think they are. (Yes, I know just every once in a while it snores here.) Then you are free to wear whatever you like to make it across campus without spread eagling across the ground. I have worn my beloved heels a bit too far into winter and did just that in front of D'Unporto. To those of you that witnessed it, I hope it was gloriously entertaining.)

Korean poet Kim Hyesoon speaks on the "Women in International Literary Cultures" panel at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium on Monday.

OFFBEAT

Police find 22 dogs in station wagon with owner POTTSBORO, Texas — North Texas authorities seized 22 dogs found crammed inside a station wagon with their owner. The owner locked the car doors and refused to come out when a constable tried to serve her a warrant for the seizure of the dogs early Monday, said SPCA spokesman Maura Davies. Two puppies and 20 dogs were taken to a shelter until a judge decides who gets custody, the SPCA said. A hearing on the case is set for Feb. 16 in Denton. The dogs were in the car along with a pot of water, blankets and waste. The owner does not face charges, Grayson County constable Michael Putman said. She was not coherent and the SPCA said it has contacted Adult Protective Services about the woman.

German police chase zebras through the streets BERLIN — These fuggitives were wearing stripes even before they were caught. Police in the southern German city of Augsburg said they had to chase four circus zebras through the streets after they escaped from their handlers. Police spokesman Robert Goeppel said one of the escapes gave itself up to by passers-by as it wan- dered the city streets. The other three were eventually corralled in a paddock on the outskirts of town. Goeppel said there were no injuries, either to humans or zebras, during Monday's chase. He said it was the first time "any- thing like this has hap- pened here."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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IN BRIEF

Valentine's Day Candy Heart-grams will be sold in LaFortune today, Wednesday and Thursday. The hearts cost $1 per package and will be delivered on Friday.

The Glass Club is hosting Lovefest on Friday at 9 p.m. The event will take place Friday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in South Dining Hall. The event will include music and dance by Chicago Samba, a costume contest, samba ins- tions and door prizes.

The Freshman Class Council is hosting Lovefest on Friday at 9 p.m. The event will take place in Casey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library and will include free candy from the South Bend Chocolate Factory and musical performers from the Freshman class. Tickets are $5 and will benefit the American Heart Association.

The annual Edith Stein Project will take place throughout the day this Friday. The conference will address women's issues which will include speakers, a Mass, meals. Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students are invited free of charge, but must reg- ister at https://marketplace.nd.edu/e/ce/index.cfm.

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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Octuplets mom treated at a Beverly Hills clinic

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The mother of octuplets was implanted with those embryos at a Beverly Hills fertility clinic run by a well-known fertility specialist who pioneered a method of implantation.

Dr. Michael Kamrava’s name emerged Monday as a result of an interview aired Monday on NBC with Nadya Suleman, who gave birth to eight babies Jan. 26.

Over the past two weeks, the identity of Suleman’s fertility doctor has been a source of great mystery because of questions over the ethics of implanting numerous embryos in a woman who already had six children.

Kamrava, 57, would not comment on the issue, but told doctors outside his clinic on Rodeo Drive that he had granted an interview to one of the television networks. When asked to provide more detail, he said, “Watch the news.”

Without identifying the doctor, the Medical Board of California said last week it was guided into the Suleman case to see if there was a violation of the standard of care.” The Medical board said Monday it has not taken any disciplinary action against Kamrava in the case.

In the NBC interview, Suleman did not identify her doctor by name, but said that she went to the West Coast IVF Clinic in Beverly Hills — of which Kamrava is director — and that all 14 of her children were conceived with help from the same doctor. In 2006, Los Angeles TV station KTLA ran a story on infertility that showed Kamrava treating Suleman and discussing a method of implanting so many embryos, saying: “I do think that this doctor really realized his dreams.”

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States of America" emblazoned on its side, landed at 11:11 a.m. Air Force One touched down on the runway before coming to a stop. A bed set of stairs several hundred yards away from the terminal.

President Barack Obama exited the plane and descended the stairs, pausing briefly to wave to the members of the media gathered at the terminal.

Kathy Liggert, 56, of Mishawaka, Ind., who had been to the train tracks outside the station with a sign that read "Hope" on one side and "President Obama, you give Indiana hope," on the other. Indiana, told the Tribune. She walked off, but instead was represented by a drawing of the state, colored in with blue marker. Liggert said it was to show that Indiana, which had been a reliably red, or Republican-leaning, state for the past several decades, turned blue in November in support for Obama.

"I wanted to make sure people were here to welcome Obama and show our appreciation for his return to Indiana," Liggert said.

Obama, who has a son who is an Iraq war veteran, said she spoke to Obama about mental health screenings for all veterans for whom he was campaigning at the 4:15 Fairgrounds in St. Joseph County.

Obama took a brief moment in Indiana Monday to make a pitch for his approximately $33 billion economic stimulus plan, which is currently awaiting a final vote by the U.S. Senate. Obama addressed the nearby town of Elkhart, Ind., as the site to make the case for the passage of the bill because the area has been especially hard hit by the economic recession.

Over the course of an hour, Obama delivered remarks and then answered questions to people gathered in Elkhart's Concord High School gymnasium.

"It's good to be back in Indiana," Obama said, to loud applause. "The last event we had of the campaign was a rally on Monday, and the first time that I'm traveling outside of the White House, that is talk about the economy is back in Indiana."

Elkhart and the surrounding area has been hit hard by the economic crisis. Obama said, with the unemployment rate at 7.3 percent, it is currently at 12.4 percent.

Obama said he still remembered the stories of people he met from Northern Indiana from when he campaigned in Elkhart. "I promised you back then that if I elected, I would do everything I could to help this community recover," he said. "And that's why we came back to Indiana, because I intend to keep my promise." Obama

In his remarks, Obama described the bill before Congress and how it would help the economy recover. The proposal would create or save three to four million jobs over two years, Obama said, and will also provide tax relief for 95 percent of American workers.

In Indiana, he said, the plan will create or save some 15,000 jobs over the next two years.

One of the workers in the town,does this, said, "We're doing, and I think we're happy with where we are." Obama

Over the weekend, the Burdick-Sanchez campaign posted new posters, called "The Speculator," which addressed a few of their platform initiatives.

"We felt like we needed something that would make the thing we that we didn't get The Observer or Scholastic awards in Indiana, and we're our own endorsement," Sanchez said.

He said an endorsement gives another ticket an advantage that we didn't get any of the endorsements, and we wanted to set the record straight on that.

Burdick said the response to the posters was positive, and we want to make sure these are not the things we haven't been convinced.

"We need to keep the support we already have and have three more days to explain ourselves to those we haven't convinced," Grant Schmidt.

Schmidt said he was both happy and disappointed with the results of Monday's election.

"We're excited, but we still have work to do. We want to talk to," Schmidt said.

They said they were both happy with the overall student body turnout in the election, which shows a real interest in student government.

"Most people care about what we're doing, and that's what you want to see," Schmidt said. "The participation and interest of students supporting the election and attending to what anyone can do in the future.

Schmidt, who was in the run-off election last year with current student body president, said their campaign "didn't take the run-off lightly.

"This is a new ball game," he said. "We need to keep the support we already have and have three more days to explain ourselves to those we haven't convinced."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Controversial bishop removed

The ultraconservative Society of St. Pius X, which Williams had supported, announced Monday that its bishop, Benedict XVI, had lifted his excommunication. The move is seen as a rare concession to liberal elements within the Vatican.

The society, which has been at odds with the Vatican on a number of issues, has been linked to the controversial bishop, Bishop Jerzy Mrowczyński. Mrowczyński, who was expelled from the Vatican in 2004, has been a vocal critic of the liberal elements within the Catholic Church.

The move is seen as a significant development in the ongoing conflict between the Vatican and the Society of St. Pius X.

Sparks start fire at Chinese hotel

BEIJING — The burning shell of an unfinished hotel hit the night sky over downtown Beijing on Monday after being doused with sparks from fireworks set off during China's biggest holiday.

The fire started at about 1 a.m. near the Olympic Green, which was being used as a temporary shelter for thousands of people displaced by the massive earthquake in nearby Sichuan province last month.

There were no reports of deaths or injuries. Local officials said they were investigating the cause of the fire.

NEWSPAPER CLEARINGHOUSE

President Barack Obama speaks in the East Room of the White House on Monday evening during his first prime-time television news conference.

"The plan that ultimately emerges from Congress must be big enough and bold enough to meet the size of the economic challenge we face right now," Obama said.

"Again and again, I am confident that the economy is in dire straits. This is not your ordinary, run-of-the-mill recession," he said.

Obama said the administration was working toward an economic stimulus package that would help get the economy moving again. He said the economy was "deteriorating rapidly" and that the country needed "a coordinated strategy to get the economy back on track.

"We have a plan," Obama said. "It is not your ordinary recession, but it is a recession that will require bold action.

"We are going to do everything we can to save the American people from this economic crisis,

Australia

Death toll rises in Australian wildfires

The death toll from the wildfires in Australia has risen to 173, with 400 people still unaccounted for.

At least 244,000 homes have been destroyed in the past two weeks, and thousands of people have been displaced.

The fires are believed to have been started by lightning strikes and have spread rapidly due to dry conditions and high winds.

The Australian government has declared the situation a national disaster and emergency measures have been put in place.

St. Pius X Seminary

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LOCAL NEWS

Former mayor may face jail time

A federal judge Monday to send former Washington mayor Marion Barry to jail for failing to file his tax returns for the eighth time in nine years.

In a motion filed in U.S. District Court, Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Zeno said Barry, who's also a current District of Columbia State Senate candidate, failed to file his taxes in 2007, violating his probation for previous tax offenses.

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Transfers
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As stated on the Office of Admissions Web site, transfer students to the University may be divided into first- or second-semester sophomores, and the Office of Admissions, under the leadership of Celia Kelly, said the event drew a larger, different crowd this year. "This event was a conversation," she said.

Kelly said themes like recycling, conservation and sustainability have become a "permanent presence" on campus since last year, all of which has changed the direction of discussion.

Last year, the summit sparked several discussions about greening Notre Dame's campus, and this year's discussion was "building on a base that we've created," Kelly said.

"We're able to go [further]," she said, "going out of the recycling bin.

The nearly 200 participants were divided up into 20 groups.

Discussions at each table lasted for an hour, with representatives from different groups providing a summary of discussions and conclusions.

The Office of Sustainability will summarize the discussions and conclusions presented at the summit, Kelly said. The information will then be communicated to appropriate departments, who will be charged with addressing each table's ideas or questions.

Kelly said she was especially struck by the repeated discussion about increased recycling and communication about sustainability.

Other suggestions focused on printing and paper usage, simple manipulation down the blocked-off street was really impressive. We passed people who worked really hard last fall." The commander-in-chief joked around with students from Notre Dame—"he's a very friendly guy, a real genuine person," Howard said.

He came up to the Notre Dame students and joked about one of our new recruits from the football team who was in his class," Howard said, passing for a moment.

"He's a good guy," he said.

White House event staff members contacted Howard late Friday afternoon to inform him he would be putting together a small group of volunteers to drive people who wanted to go to the event. Volunteers went through a Secret Service background check, and "everybody passed with flying colors," Howard said.

The drivers—Howard included—were dressed in "standard business of the White House," and drove large 15-passenger vans. Though his experience driving a vehicle of this size was limited, Howard had no problem maneuvering down the blocked-off street to the Bend Regional Airport to Concord High School in Elkhart.

"It was pretty cool to stay in line and keep up," he said with a laugh.

Howard drove one of the support vans that contained Service and protection vehicles. Among the passengers was David Axelrod, senior advisor to the president; Valerie Jarrett, senior advisor to the president; and Gibbs, White House Press Secretary.

It was a thrill, he said, to drive in car with and put faces to the names that were usually just printed on the back.

"They've done some big things in politics and for the government cool to be even their chauffeur," especially for someone like me who is constantly reading about policies," Howard said. "Getting the President's seat, it was like宠物 is pretty cool.

The list of topics is on many of the e-mails sent by the Obama campaign, and now, administration, is working to "keep people motivated and involved in the system," he continued.

"He didn't want to forget about keeping in touch with the people after elections." Howard said his campaign was "full of innovation and the use of technology.

"It was kind of funny, and very typical of the people you imagine in the government, constantly communicating," he said.

When Howard joined the Congress, he thought he would never think he would end up driving in the president's motorcade.

"I joined the campaign because I believed in it, I'm doing it to fight for people and work on things I'm passionate about," he said. "Not many people get the chance to change the president — it's a big deal at this point.

"The day began at 7:30 a.m. when he left his car for the airport and he didn't return home until after 4:00 p.m. Howard said every minute of his experience was worth it.

"It was a privilege," he said. "But you're actually there with the crowds of people when we enter the town." Diaz said. "It was really impressive. We passed people, you could see the faces of the kids and it was really special. It was a long time coming to glimpse the... it was really special.

The people of Haiti are "really hurting right now," Howard said, "and Obama wanted to reach out to them."

The town hall meeting format of questions and answers and "townhall-style" for the president, who "not exactly a Washington insider.

"He's happy to be out and across the United States and actually basing a change to speak with the people," he said. "He's very comfortable with the people, he's willing to do it, and he's happy to do it.

Being asked to assist in the event — the president's first trip with the full G-8 Group of Eight in January — isn't something you say "no," to Howard.

"We're part of a television series the "West Wing" to illustrate his point. The commander-in-chief also attended the White House event and spoke in the White House Council's office for the political administration after asking the Chief of Staff, quite plainly, she serves at the president's pleasure.

Though perhaps not on the same scale, the sentiment, for Howard, is the same.

"When you have the opportunity to serve the president, you just say yes. We've done that. We've done that on the priority list."

But the event was "very successful," Howard said "hopefully they won't hold it against me."
Obama hits prime-time airwaves  
WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama pushed for his emergency economic stimulus with an urgent one-two punch Monday, addressing the nation in the first prime-time news conference of his presidency after taking his campaign directly to recession victims in hard-hit Indiana.

"Doing nothing is not an option," Obama warned during a town hall meeting in Elkhart, Ind., where the unemployment rate has passed 15 percent.

Speedy passage of legislation to pump federal money into the crippled economy, once seemingly assured with bipartisan support, has become an uphill battle for a major test of Obama's young presidency. 

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WASHINGTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday announced an agreement with disgraced money manager Bernard Madoff that could allow him to eventually return money raised from investors.

The two sides reached an agreement that would outline rules on how and when Madoff's assets after his arrest in December, must be approved by the judge overseeing the case in federal court in Manhattan. The civil proceeding is separate from the White House, which is expected to win the day.

Monday's vote was close but scarcely in doubt once the Senate took up the measure. The vote was 61-36, one more than the 60 needed to move the measure toward Senate passage on Tuesday. That in turn, will set the stage for possibly contentious negotiations with the House on a final compromise legislation the president says is desperate­ly needed to tackle the worst economic crisis in more than a generation.

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As a result, Republican Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania broke ranks to cast their votes against the advance the bill.

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"We do not wish to cast our votes to advance the bill," Obama said Monday. But he added that if the measure were to pass, he would veto the legislation unless it contained key elements.

Obama said that the measure was necessary to "secure America's future," but that it would not be enough to "solve America's problems." He also said that the bill was not a "handout," but a "way to help the middle class," and that it would "defend the middle class." He also said that the bill was not a "handout," but a "way to help the middle class," and that it would "defend the middle class." He also said that the bill was not a "handout," but a "way to help the middle class," and that it would "defend the middle class."
Bengal mission bous

We are being overrun by rats that have come into the jungle and hills because of the flowers and seed pods of the bamboo. They are destroying the crops of the people. And a group of 41 elephants has destroyed crops, banana trees and other homes in a number of villages. And now is the time of drought. The poors are suffering a lot, with very little food surviving on wild roots and new bamboo plants as their daily food, and they cannot afford the school fees for their children. They come to us everyday asking money for food and treatment or medicine. I am sorry for telling you the present situation of our people, but as a pastor I think and feel for them and I just needed to share with someone.

Those lines, in a recent letter from Fr. Rohi Gomes, CSC, to Fr. Tom Smith, CSC, tell you more about the need for Bengal Bouts than I ever could. Since 1931 the Bouts have become the largest single contributor to the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. Now the rotation has moved to a new level. Last summer, boxing Club president in Rome, brother Tomas Castillo, Patrick Martin, Leo Rubikowski, Mike Perez and Patrick Ryan raised money to go to Bangladesh with Professor William Donaruma and cinematographer John Klein. We’ve made a film. “Strong Bodies Fight,” depicting the real-life nature of the missions. The premiere will be on campus on the Navy weekend in November. See Details about the Bengal project in Bangladesh at project.org.

The Bengal Bouts are literally a lifesaving mission. The program is run by the boxers themselves, under the supervision of Rich O’Leary and Jimmy Rogers of RecSports. The captains are Mark Weber, Mike Lee, Kris Perez, Dan Rodgers, Leo Rubikowski, Diego Villalba, Brian de Sплинтер, Patrick Burns and Chris Cugliari. Tom Suddes, Chicago attorney Terry Johnson and University of Corpus Christi boxing coach Pat Farrell are the head coaches. The assistant coaches include Sweet C. Robinson of the Buchanan Police Department, Mike Hurley, former boxers Ryan Rans, Chip Forrest, Thad Naccini, Judge Roland Vannah and Brian de Sплинтер. Dr. Jim Moriarty oversees the medical and safety programs which has presented serious injury for 78 years. Emergency Medical Technician Terri Engel attends every sparring session along with EMTs Erica Daley, Sean Bradley and Steve Mirabile, along with Ronnie Chow, Brett Williams and Mitchy Eatinos of RecSports whose official title, on their T-shirts, is (lo kidding) “professional rescuers.”

The real indespensables, however, are the managers, Kelly Garvy, Katherine Johnson, Ashley Munch, Kyle Lasser, Morgan Boll, and they not only keep impeccable sparring, advertising, equipment and other records. They are the brains of the outfit, day to day. Without them, things would grind to a halt. And they know why they do it. “The work is challenging, the people are great.” said Ashley Munch, “but most important, we are doing something real for people who need it.”

On Jan. 13, more than 300 athletic (some might say masochistic) young men began their final training for the Bouts. Probably half will survive the training imposed, not offered, by volunteer coach Tom Suddes, a Columbus developer, who matches his victims push-up for push-up. Why do the boxers do this? One reason is to get in shape and experience the challenge of stepping into the ring, alone, and putting yourself on the line. But the other reason, as any of us involved with the boxers can guarantee, is that they really want to “give back,” to help the poor on those missions.

The Bouts will be in four sessions at the Joyce Center: Preliminaries on Sunday, Feb. 15th at 5 p.m.; Quarterfinals on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 6:00 p.m.; Semifinals on Tuesday, Feb. 24th at 6:30 p.m. and Finals on Saturday, Feb. 28th at 7:00 p.m. General admission is $5 for the first three sessions and $7 for the Finals. The all-season General Admission pass is $10.

“Bengal Bouts,” said Fr. Tom Smith, CSC, director of the Holy Cross Mission Center, “are a vital support as our Holy Cross community seeks to show God’s love and compassion to the hungry and sick, and offers hope through education efforts throughout Bangladesh.” Beyond that, the Bouts are fun to watch. If you go once, you’ll be hooked. Please support them.

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Tradition never graduates

It seems the administration has lost its way. This year, we have witnessed an unprecedented change in student life at Notre Dame. The Dillon Pep Rally: canceled. The Alumni Wake: canceled. The Fisher Zoo: canceled. And to be sure, (although if this year is any indication, it will just become more and more subdued until it is hardly recognizable).

Student life, and more specifically, dorm life, is one of the great things that sets Notre Dame apart as an institution, and a big reason why so many alumni are attached to this place: the phenomenal experience they had as undergraduates.

But in their chase after the Ivy League, and ever higher rankings in U.S. News, the administration seems to have forgotten this important aspect of dorm life. We are not Harvard or Yale, we’re better, and the reason is that at Notre Dame, there is more to life than just great academics. But with the way things are going, it seems Fr. Poorman and the rest of ResLife’s ideal campus would be dorm rooms housing students with their noses in their books, never seeing one another, much less socializing. That’s not the Notre Dame that I wanted to go to when I applied here.

Hand in hand with dorm life goes dorm tradition, without which, the dorms are just buildings like they are at most other schools, some of them with flat screen TVs (Duncan), and others with tap water that is unsafe to drink (Fisher). All of those events that have been canceled this year are an earmark of that tradition, a part of which you remember fondly years from now. When you take away that tradition, you take away what makes student life here great. The saying “tradition never graduates,” is true. Tradition just gets banned by ResLife.

Noah Franske
junior
Duncan
Feb. 8

Cocoa Krispies

Since moving from Keenan to Duncan, the number of times I’ve visited North Dining Hall can be counted without the use of toes. This is mostly because of location. I enjoy the superior pasta bar fajitas at North, the layout and atmosphere at South, and generally just eat at whichever is closest. I never realized how little reason there is to go to North Quad until I moved south. However, this past Thursday, I found myself in the Library (true in itself) and decided to head over to North for dinner. It was nearly 8:00 so I didn’t have to deal with the massive dinner crowds, and after getting penne with tomato Alfredo at the pasta bar I went for some milk. Much to my surprise, right next to the milk dispenser was the single most amazing breakfast delicacy ever created: Kellogg’s Cocoa Krispies.

When did this happen? They certainly weren’t there last semester, and they have yet to show up in the now incredibly inferior South Dining Hall. I don’t want to hear from you non-purists that go for Cocoa Puffs and Cocoa Puffs. Cocoa Krispies are the real deal. They don’t get soggy quickly and the taste is unbeatable. It feels so good when they hit your lips! Anyway, I filled two bowls and was suddenly in a Got Milk commercial (all 4 dispensers out of skin — drastic change to 8:00 dinners). I settled for 2% and had one of the best dinners yet at Notre Dame. I appreciate the cereal survey administered every year, and I hope this inequality of cereal distribution can be corrected.

On a related note, they have Crispies in the lines at NDH but not at Grab & Go. And they have it at Grab & Go at SDH but not in the lines. What’s up with that? On an unrelated note, the tray carousel at SDH should run in the other direction. Counter-current systems are more efficient. FS — my girlfriend, Sara Lewis, wishes everyone to know she’s not at all concerned about cereal equality. Thank you.

Tim Ryan
freshman
Keenan
Feb.9

A defense of criticism

In Monday’s viewpoint, it was asserted that criticizing the Pope is “ridiculously and offensively arrogant.” It was stated the college students do not have the right to question the authority of the Catholic Church. This opinion could not be any more wrong or dangerous. If you take a group of 18-22 year olds who are making the transition from home life to real life, and tell them never to question or criticize, you create the kind of stagnant mind that this nation and world definitely does not need right now. I understand that, as a Knight of Columbus and fervent Catholic, Mr. Metzger feels the need to defend Pope Benedict, but I will never understand and never support anybody who tells an entire university that they should blindly accept what they are told. If the students of Notre Dame fear to question authority, how are they supposed to make a difference?

We are told that we are all unique and capable of doing great things, but anybody who pushes against the status quo is instantly chastised. This can not be right to question the authority of the Catholic Church. If Mr. Metzger and his fellow Knights really wish to defend our Church and her leaders, I wish them well in their endeavor, but I would encourage them to address the arguments of those who attack the Church, rather than simply saying “shame on you.”

Christopher White
sophomore
Dillon
Feb. 9

Write a letter to the editor!
By ANALISE LIPARI  

Scene Editor

On Sunday, students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will have the chance to see a performance by one of the most versatile groups in contemporary classical music.

The Turtle Island String Quartet, who won a Grammy last year for their crossover album "A Love Supreme," will arrive at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Feb. 15th for an afternoon of genre-bending string stylings. The group is scheduled to appear with jazz pianist and songwriter Cyrus Chestnut to perform as they please.

Yo-Yo Ma has called the Quartet "a unified voice that truly breaks new ground," and the quartet’s Web site quotes the St. Louis Post-Dispatch as saying, "It must have been like this when Beethoven was taking Vienna, by storm — the exhilaration of seeing the future of classical music unfold before your eyes and ears."

No doubt listeners in the Leighton Concert Hall will enjoy the afternoon’s touring program, which is set to entice audiences with its multifaceted approach. "Icons" was designed by the Quartet as the latest in a series of cross and blend different genres while retaining its classical core. The group has experimented with music styles as diverse as Indian and Latin American, and has experimented with swing, funk, rhythm and blues, folk, hip-hop and more. They have also made multiple albums with various labels, and their film, radio and television credits include Garrison Keillor’s "Prairie Home Companion" for National Public Radio. Even the name of the Quartet, "Turtle Island," draws from diverse influences — the image derives from a creation myth commonly found in Native American folklore.

Students interested in exploring more of the Turtle Island Quartet’s music can explore any of their more than a dozen recorded albums. Highlights include "4+Four" (2006), which takes a raucous, energetic approach to the music of John Coltrane, and "4+Four" (2006), the group’s first recording with the Telarc label. "4+Four" was scheduled to appear with jazz pianist Cyrus Chestnut from European Jazz to the Beatles, and is a collaborative effort between the Turtle Island Quartet and the Ying Quartet.

The afternoon’s additional performer, Cyrus Chestnut, is a high-profile American jazz artist in his own right. An alumnus of renowned prestigious Berklee College of Music, Chestnut has toured with such artists as Wynton Marsalis and the Betty Carter Trio. Chestnut has also record or performed with a variety of contemporary jazz, pop, R&B and gospel artists, including Betty Midler, Isaac Hayes, Chick Corea, Dizzy Gillespie and others. Interested listeners can check out Chestnut’s first album, 2006’s "Genuine Chestnut," or his 2007 album "Cyrus Plays Elvis" before the show.

"Icons" will take place on Sunday, Feb. 15th at 2 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall. Tickets cost $38, $30 for faculty and staff, $29 for seniors and $15 for all students. For more information, visit performingarts.nd.edu.

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By EMILY LESTRANGE  

Scene Writer

Don’t be surprised if you hear orchestral music ringing throughout campus this weekend. Czechoslovakian music is taking the world by storm.

On Wednesday night, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will host a performance of the world-renowned Czech Symphony Orchestra. Although highly influenced by the works of Czechoslovakian composers, the orchestra’s repertoire also includes works by Beethoven and Mozart.

Since 1954, the Czech Symphony Orchestra has been one of the most prominent symphony orchestras in the world. At the peak of the era of Communism, the Czechoslovakian government prevented the Orchestra from touring foreign countries, particularly those that stood against the principles of communist countries. The birth of the Czech Republic in 1993 and the end of communism allowed the group the freedom to perform as they please. Since then, the Orchestra has found success touring in many countries, including Russia, the U.S., Japan, and Taiwan.

The Orchestra performs many pieces by 18th century Czechoslovakian composer Leos Janacek. Janacek’s pioneering new patterns of chord spacing, was very influential in the lives of Bedrich Smetana and Antonin Dvorak, two other Czechoslovakian composers showcased by the Orchestra. However, while the Czechoslovakian heritage is highly influential to the Orchestra, it does not prevent the musicians from exploring the works of other composers.

One of the most famous performances the Orchestra has given was in 2006 at the Rudolfiniou Hall in Prague. Prague was also home to the Orchestra’s performance in the Contemporary Musical Festival during the same year. Other notable showings include various international festivals in Australia, the Netherlands, and Italy. This year the Orchestra’s 2009 America Tour includes four-weeks worth of performances in California, Massachusetts, and Florida in addition to the Orchestra’s appearance at Notre Dame, a standard stop on the tour.

The Czech Symphony Orchestra is led by Maestro Theodore Kuchar. Kuchar has been the Artistic Director and Musical Conductor of the Orchestra for the last 15 years. Best known for his role in recording over 90 discs of orchestral music in the last decade, Kuchar recently assumed his role as conductor during the Orchestra’s performance of Smetana’s work in a three-disc recorded special. As put by Classic FM, “Theodore Kuchar is an extremely exciting and talented conductor, and his take-no-prisoners approach works very well in this colorful music.” Kuchar also holds the title of Principal Guest Conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra of the Ukraine, and has frequently been a guest conductor on the American Symphony Orchestra.

World-renowned violinist Jennifer Frautschi will also be present Wednesday night. In 2008, Frautschi joined with the American Symphony Orchestra in the Rising Stars series, debuting in venues including London’s Wigmore Hall and the Salzburg Mozarteum. As the Chicago Tribune wrote in a recent article, "the young violinist Jennifer Frautschi is molding a career with smart interpretations of bashy warhorses and rarities."

As listed on the DeBartolo Performing Arts Website, the performance of the Orchestra will include many virtuoso pieces, including Smetana’s ”Ma Vlast” and other works by Felix Mendelssohn and Antonin Dvořak. The performance also includes a short intermission.

The Czech Symphony Orchestra can be seen on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall. Ticketed admission is required. Tickets are $45 for general admission, $38 for faculty/staff, and $15 for students.

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Scene Writer

**Great Lake Swimmers: Lost Channels**
*(MARCH 31, NETTWERK)*

What’s Known:
A 12-song track list is on the band’s website and Stereogum is previewing one of the record’s tunes.

Why Care?:
This little known group of bearded Canadians produces a style of melodic folk reminiscent of Neil Young and early Mark Kozelek, aka Red House Painters.

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**Golden Bloom: TBA**
*(SUMMER, UNSIGNED)*

What’s Known:
Notable friend of Guster, Shawn Fogel, will team up with a new group of buds and have a record out by this summer. After rifling through hundreds of mailed-in singles and albums, a “Spin Magazine” intern really liked an indie pop song called “Doomsday Devices.” A well-compensated “Spin Magazine” staff writer took the assist and featured Golden Bloom in a piece highlighting little known bands.

Why Care?:
Unsigned bands barely exist anymore outside of college bars and high school garages. Plus, “Doomsday Devices” is quite good.

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**The Decemberists: Hazards of Love**
*(MARCH 24TH, CAPITOL)*

What’s Known:
The aborted rock-opera’s first song is all over the web. The 17-song track list has already been released. Also, the group’s wordsmith frontman, Meloy, has been dishing all sorts of dirt on Twitter.

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**Band of Horses: TBA**
*(TBA, SUB POP)*

What’s Known:
Well, nothing, except that the band’s in the studio and will have an LP out in ‘09. Ben Bridwell and the boys gave fans a nice surprise on their Myspace page. Milwaukee blogger Muzzle of Bees caught the hint and word spread.

Why Care?:
2007’s “Cease To Begin” was a late-year surprise which ended up on just about everyone’s best-of list. If the new album is anywhere as good as the one before it, look for Band Of Horses to make an even bigger splash in critical circles.

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**Wilco:**
*(SPRING, NONESUCH)*

What’s Known:
America’s rock band once again returns to using the studio as an instrument to construct their seventh album to date and second with the current lineup. “The Colbert Report” debuted “Wilco The Song.”

Why Care?:
Possible album tracks “Everlasting Everything” and “You and I” sound like they could belong on “Planet Waves,” while “Wilco The Song” is the best pop song the group has produced since “Heavy Metal Drummer.”

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early offensive struggles or build a big enough lead to coast to an uncontested victory.

And once McCants got going, North Carolina finally remembered the team that has ranked among the nation's best.
The Blue Devils had allowed opponents to average 55 points a game and 15.5 percent shooting from the arc the previous game. North Carolina finished at 46 percent, a season-high for a Duke opponent.

"It's frustrating when you pride yourselves on defense," said seniors Jaclyn Thoman and Sylvia Crawley.

"We say we're a defensive team, then we give up too many points in the second half. That's absurd." McCants added seven points during a 12-2 run that pushed Duke's deficit to 80-66 and forced coach Mary McDermott to call a timeout with 8:44 left. With the score tied at 46, she started the run with a pair of layups in transition, then helped break Duke's press and assisted on Breland's layup before forcing a feed from Brevard two possessions later.

Then, after a 3-pointer from She La White, McCants buried a 3-pointer over Wamier from in front of the hill to knock off the Blue Devils. With the score at 48-49, Degraneffreed's three-point play with 4:47 left.

The Tar Heels also helped themselves by taking better care of the ball. North Carolina committed just one turnover in the first half — its fourth straight game with at least 20 — but had nine in the first half of its 95-77 loss. With several coming after the Tar Heels built a double-digit lead.

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MLB

During an ESPN exclusive interview with Peter Gammons on Monday, Alex Rodriguez admits to having used steroids for his first three seasons with the Texas Rangers, beginning in 2001. In 2003, Rodriguez won the AL MVP.

A-Rod admits to steroid use in Texas

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez admitted Monday to using banned drugs, the biggest name yet to acknowledge he couldn't resist the temptation to juice up during baseball's Steroids Era.

The All-Star third baseman said in an interview with ESPN that he used steroids with the Texas Rangers for three years, from 2001-03, in an attempt to justify his status as the game's highest-paid player after signing a 10-year, $252 million contract.

"Back then it was a different culture," Rodriguez said. "It was very loose. I was young, I was stupid. I wasn't naive, and I wanted to prove to everyone that, you know, I was worth, you know — and being one of the greatest players of all time."

He said he quit after 2003, his first of three AL MVP seasons, because "I've proved to myself and to everyone that I don't need any of that." He was traded to the New York Yankees before the 2004 season.

The admission came two days after Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site that Rodriguez was among 104 names on a list of players tested positive for steroids in 2003, when testing was intended to determine the extent of steroid use in baseball. The results weren't subject to discipline and were supposed to remain anonymous.

Rodriguez said he alone was to blame but then accused one of the Sports Illustrated reporters who broke the story of collecting "nuisance." "When I arrived in Texas in 2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day," Rodriguez said.

"And I took a banned substance and, you know, for that I'm very sorry and deeply regretful. And although it was the culture back then and Major League Baseball overall was very — I just feel that — You know, I'm just sorry, I'm sorry for that time. I'm sorry to fans. I'm sorry for my fans in Texas. I wasn't until then that I ever thought about substance of any kind.

Rangers owner Tom Hicks said the admission caught him by surprise.

"I feel personally betrayed. I feel deceived by Alex," Hicks said in a conference call. "He assured me that he had far too much respect for his own body to ever do that to himself... I certainly don't believe that he's now admitting that he started using when he came to the Texas Rangers, why should I believe that it didn't start before he came to the Texas Rangers?"

In Brief

Timberwolves devastated as Jefferson undergoes surgery

MINNEAPOLIS — All the progress the Minnesota Timberwolves had made in the new year came to a crushing halt Monday.

Star center Al Jefferson, the cornerstone of the franchise's rebuilding plan who has emerged as one of the best post players in the league, will miss the rest of the season with a torn ACL in his right knee.

It was the most devastating news possible for a team that finally seemed to be turning the corner after a horrendous first season and a half in the post-Kris Humphries era.

"Of course we're all a little upset and a little down," forward Ryan Gomes said. "Our guy, our captain, our superstar, is going to be missing for the remainder of our season. Of course our spirits are down."

Coach Kevin McHale said Jefferson will likely have surgery to repair the injury in the next week to 10 days.

Vonn wins second gold at the world championships

VAL D'ISERE, France — Lindsey Vonn was so nervous she was out of control.

A snowstorm in the French Alps forced the postponement of the one race — the downhill at the world championships — and she needed someone to calm her. Thomas Vonn, her husband and former U.S. ski racer, did just that.

She won the downhill for her second gold at these championships, giving her four victories in her last five races. Vonn became the second American woman to win two golds at a world championships.

Andrea Mead Lawrence won the slalom and giant slalom at the 1952 Oslo Olympics, which doubled as the world championships.

In the men's race, Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal won the super-combi.

Julien Lopez of France was second, 0.90 behind, and Natko Zrncic-Dim of Croatia was third, 1.58 back.

Pavolovic sprains ankle in home loss to Lakers

INDDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Cavaliers starting guard Sasha Pavolovic could miss up to six weeks with a sprained right ankle, another injury setback for a team which had won all 23 of its home games until Sunday.

Pavolovic sustained a high ankle sprain at the end of the first quarter Sunday in Cleveland's 101-91 home loss to the Los Angeles Lakers, with NBAs best record at 41-9.

An MRI taken Monday revealed the extent of the injury. The Cavaliers estimated Pavolovic will be out for a minimum of four weeks and possibly six.

The 6-foot-7 Pavolovic is averaging 4.9 points and 16 minutes per game for the Cavs. He was starting for injured guard Delonte West, who has been out since early January with a broken right wrist.

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Clemmensen records shutout in Devils victory

Associated Press
NEWARK, N.J. — Scott Clemmensen made 27 saves in posting his first NHL shutout in nearly five years, and Zach Parise scored twice to lift the New Jersey Devils to a 3-0 victory Monday night over the skidding New York Rangers.

The Devils have dropped a season-high five straight.

Clemmensen, who has 23 wins in place of injured regular Martin Brodeur, wasn't severely tested as he earned his third career shutout and first in 58 games — dating to March 26, 2004, at Atlanta.

His time in the Devils net could be ending soon as Brodeur skated Monday and is close to returning to action. Brodeur has missed 44 games due to a biceps tendon injury sustained earlier this season.

Clemmensen held the Rangers off during five fruitless power plays, including two that were shortened by New York penalties. The Rangers are 0-4-1 in their past five games and are sliding closer to the postseason cutoff line in the Eastern Conference.

The Devils believe that than they are to the Devils, who lead them by eight points in the Atlantic Division.

Bobby Holik had the first goal of the season and Parise scored in the 32nd this season into an empty net for the Devils, who had lost two consecutive at home.

Henrik Lundqvist was solid but not good enough. He stopped 28 shots after sitting out Friday night's 10-2 loss at Dallas with the flu.

The Devils took a 1-0 lead 8 minutes into the second period when a pair of former Devils teamed up. Brendan Shanahan, playing against New York for the first time since he signed with New Jersey last month, fed a pass in front that was shoved between Lundqvist's pads by Holik.

Shanahan spent the previous two seasons with the Rangers and wanted to return, but he grew tired of waiting for New York to clear salary cap space and offer him a contract. Once opened negotiations with other teams, the Devils brought him back to the club that made him the No. 2 overall pick in the 1989 NHL draft.

Holik, also in the first season of his second stint with the Devils, was with the Rangers for two seasons before his contract was bought out by New York after the NHL lockout ended in 2005.

Just 22 seconds after Holik's tiebreaking goal, New York's Brandon Dubinsky was sent off for holding to give New Jersey its second power play. Parise needed just over a minute to make it count.

Devils captain Jamie Langenbrunner kept the puck in New Jersey's zone by stopping it on the blue line, and fired a shot at Lundqvist. The puck hit traffic in front, and Travis Zajac shoved it to his left to Parise, who steered in a shot. He has three goals in three games and seven in 10.

Parise is tied for third in the NHL in goals.

The Rangers, who failed on their first four attempts — all batted out in the first period — then burned their timeout to try to settle things down. They entered the final period down by two goals for the second straight game after generating only 16 total shots in the first two periods.

New York was trying to bounce back from Friday's rout when backup goalie Steve Valiquette was beaten for six goals in the third period.

It was the first time the Rangers allowed 10 goals in 16 years.

The bigger problem against the Devils, as has been for much of the season, was the Rangers' lack of offense. They have scored only five times during their skid and are averaging under two goals over the past 12 games.
**College Football**

**UT's Kiffin guilty of recruiting violations**

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee notified the NCAA it found a Southeastern Conference coach committing recruiting violations — the Volunteers’ own Lane Kiffin.

Kiffin was reprimanded by SEC commissioners Mike Slive on Thursday for falsely accusing Florida’s Urban Meyer of a recruiting violation in a mock press conference at Neyland Stadium’s media center.

In letters to the NCAA and SEC, the Tennessee athletic department said the secondary violations occurred in January. One violation occurred when nine prospects on an official visit to the school participated in a mock press conference at Neyland Stadium’s media center.

Another violation occurred when a fog machine was used as a recruit entered the field at Neyland Stadium during his official visit on Jan. 9.

Under NCAA recruiting rules, coaches are prohibited from simulating a game environment for recruiting official visits.

Tennessee issued letters of admonishment to Kiffin and recruiting coordinator Ed Orgeron and provided the staff with a review of NCAA recruiting policies. Neither the NCAA nor the SEC has issued any punishment.

“They understand that they must ask questions of the compliance office about anything ‘creative’ regarding campus visits,” the Jan. 26 letter said.

The violations were first reported Monday by The Knoxville News Sentinel.

Tennessee’s coaching staff believed the mock press conference was allowed because it was not done in public. They thought the use of the fog machine was allowed after seeing it used at other universities.

Kiffin, who was introduced as Tennessee’s new coach on Dec. 1, said Meyer broke recruiting rules by phoning wide receiver prospect NickKess Richardson as he was making his official visit to Tennessee. Doing so would not constitute a violation of either NCAA or SEC rules.

South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier questions similar Kiffin broke rules by contacting a recruit before being cleared by the NCAA to do so. Kiffin assured fans that he had been notified by the NCAA that he was cleared before making his first phone call.

**NCAA Men's Basketball**

**Young’s performance lifts Pitt over WVU**

No. 4 Pitt wins fourth consecutive game despite minimal contribution from star center DaJuan Blair

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Both of No. 4 Pittsburgh’s losses came after physical center DaJuan Blair got into foul trouble. When Blair was pulled with less than five minutes gone after drawing two fouls against West Virginia, the Mountaineers were more encouraged. So much so, they alarmed the alarm.

Even with Blair sitting out for all but 16 minutes, the Panthers seized the lead with a late first-half run Monday night and went on to beat the Mountaineers 70-59 behind Sam Young’s 20 points and an overwhelming advantage in rebounding.

Young followed up a 22-point game in Pitt’s 79-67 win at West Virginia two weeks ago, making seven of 12 shots and adding seven rebounds. Levance Fields had 13 points and seven assists to help the Panthers (22-2, 9-2 in the Big East) win their fourth in a row and sixth in seven games.

Alex Ruoff scored 17 points and Devin Ebanks 16, but the Mountaineers (16-8, 5-6) lost their sixth in seven games against ranked Big East teams — mostly because they were outrebounded 49-26 and lost their fourth in a row.

“DeJuan Blair didn’t play much and in foul trouble and two of our best were in foul trouble,” Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said. “But we played through it.”

The Panthers didn’t do that in losing earlier to Louisville and Villanova, but Blair’s foul woes proved insignificant in a fourth consecutive home win over West Virginia.

“That was one of our goals to get him and Young in foul trouble, that’s what happened in their losses,” Blair’s gotten in foul trouble,” Ruoff said. “We did that, but we didn’t do a good job of taking advantage of it, plus me and DeJuan did a terrible job of getting into foul trouble ourselves.”

The 6-foot-7 Blair was coming off a 32-point, 14-rebound game against DePaul on Saturday and was averaging 23.2 points and 14.7 rebounds in his previous three, but didn’t score until getting Pitt’s first two baskets of the second half. He finished with eight points and nine rebounds in 16 minutes.

Pittsburgh, known for its defense and not its offense, scored 90 points or more in succession against DePaul, Robert Morris and Notre Dame. That wasn’t going to happen against West Virginia, which came in leading the Big East with a 61 points per game defensive average, yet the Panthers maintained a double-digit leads during most of the final 10 minutes.

West Virginia also shot poorly, going 21 of 52 (40.4 percent) in its seventh loss in nine games against ranked opponents.

“Obviously, that’s one of those things you don’t want to have happen and we got to learn from it.”

Pitt, 15-0 at home this season, swept the backcourt version of the Backyard Brawl for the second time in three seasons despite making only 4 of 13 from 3-point range.

Pittsburgh's Sam Young, right, defends West Virginia's Da'Sean Butler in the first half of their game Monday night.

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Charlotte, N.C. — Walk into the Charlotte Bobcats' locker room and there are several stalls with white stickers covering the names of the previous occupants. The newest addition to coach Larry Brown's ever-changing roster made for a first impression worthy of a permanent name plate.

Vladimir Radmanovic, burled on the bench with the Lakers, scored 13 points and hit three fourth-quarter 3-pointers in his Charlotte debut Monday night, helping turn a close game into a rout in the Bobcats' 102-73 win over the road-weary Los Angeles Clippers.

"Another guy who can hit shots," point guard Raymond Felton said. "That's going to help our offense, no question.". 

The Hornets fall to Mayo, Grizzlies without top three players

Associated Press

Bobcats hammer lowly Clippers

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Associated Press

NBA

Charlotte's Emeka Okafor shot 3-for-13, missed starters Gerald Wallace, bong and Rajai Reil (groin). So two days after he was acquired for undetermined assets, Adam Morrison and reserve Shannon Brown, Radmanovic was pressed into action without the benefit of a practice with his new teammates.

The 23rd player to suit up for Charlotte this season — an NBA debutante said versatility with four rebounds and provided the Bobcats with outside shooting the struggling Morrison didn't provide.

The Bobcats shot an early air ball, but eventually got comfortable in the fourth quarter. After Baron Davis' jumper, cut Charlotte's lead to 67-63, Radmanovic hit two long jumpers in a 15-2 run. He added another 3 to put Charlotte ahead 88-70 with four minutes left to secure the end of the shortest game in Bobcats history.

"It was definitely nice to be out there and contribute a little win," said Radmanovic, who was out of face of fact. Lakers coach Phil Jackson and asked to be moved, "Luckily, I got the last two games," Davis said.

The Clippers had dropped 11 straight on the road before Radmanovic combined for 60 points in consecutive blowouts which included a 104-77 win at Portland. But the Clippers were outsored 27-12 in the fourth quarter, with Radmanovic scoring 10 points.

AI Thornton shot 3-for-13, Camby 3-for-8 and Davis 1-for-7 in his return to form. But Davis started DeSagana Diop at center and moved Okafor to power forward. Radmanovic, who wasn't sure he'd play before the game, checked in late in the first quarter and immediately appeared lost.

Less than a minute later, the small crowd began to stir as Sean May took off his warmups and jogged to the scorer's table. The injury-plagued former first-round pick hadn't played since Dec. 11 because Brown demanded that he lose weight.

"Seam May?" one fan near the court shouted in amazement.

May played only seven minutes, didn't score, but Radmanovic recovered from an ugly beginning to help the Bobcats up front. He hit five of 10 shots and was 3-of-5 from 3-point range.

"I really think Vladimir is going to help this team a lot," said Boris Diaw, who had 15 points and nine assists. "He really knows the game and is a great shooter."

NBA

Bobcats guard Raymond Felton, left, drives against Clippers guard Eric Gordon during their game in Charlotte Monday night.

By ERIC PRISTER

Sports Writer

NCAA Men's Basketball

Late Mizzou shot shocks Jayhawks

Taylor's jumper with 1.3 seconds seals victory

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Zaire Taylor hit a 10-footer from just outside the lane with 1.3 seconds to go, capping No. 17 Missouri's comeback from a 44-point halftime deficit to win 62-60 victory over No. 1 Kansas on Wednesday night.

DeMarre Carroll had 22 points and seven rebounds for the Tigers (14-2, 4-2 Big 12), who won their 16th in a row at home against a bitter border rival that had beaten them five straight times. Fans from a raucous sellout crowd of 15,061 mobbed the floor after the game.

Missouri dominated the boards, outrebounding the Hornets 64-38, including 26 offensive rebounds that enabled it to outscore them 23-8 advantage in second-chance points.

The Hornets weren't the only ones short-handed, though. Memphis had six second-straight scoring leader Rudy Gay with a left hip bruise, along with starting forward Darrell Arthur (family reasons) and reserve forward Kyle Lowry (ankle sprain). The Grizzlies, who led by 12 in the second half, still held an 11-point lead late in the third.

But the Tigers rallied for a 14-6 run spanning the third and fourth quarters to pull even at 66 on Rascal Jud's 3-pointer. But a 3-pointer and a free throw from Conley, then nine straight Memphis points by Mayo allowed Memphis to take the lead it never relinquished.

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Leading the Irish this season is senior attack Jillian Byers, who enters the 2009 season first all-time in goals (179), third in points (225) and seventh in assists (46) at Notre Dame. However, Byers isn’t new to the position of team leader. She is the first Irish player to ever score 50 or more goals in a season three times and also have 66 or more points in a season in three consecutive years.

She had the most goals (67) and points (81) on the Irish squad at the end of the 2008 season, ranking her No. 14 for points and tied for seventh in goals in the nation. Byers also holds the school record for 52 draw controls and was a unanimous selection for the third year in a row on the preseason all-Big East team. The senior has also been a selection on the all-IWLCA second team and a unanimous selection on the first team all-Big East each of her past three seasons.

Joining Byers as a unanimous selection on the preseason all-Big East team is sophomore midfielder Shaylyn Blaney who completed her freshman season fourth on the team in scoring with 43 goals and had 52 points and nine assists. Blaney had the second-most goals and points for a Notre Dame freshman, falling to Byers’ 54 and 78 in 2006.

She was chosen as a first team IWLCA all-West/Midwest Regional selection and took second team all-Big East honors last season. She was selected to the Big East all-tournament team after scoring five goals in the loss to Georgetown for the championship.

The Irish have a third preseason all-Big East selection, senior defender Shannon Burke. Burke wrapped up her junior season as a selection on the second team IWLCA all-West/Midwest regional team, and a Big East defensive player of the week, finishing fourth in the conference with 1.56 caused turnovers per game.

She contributed offensively and defensively for the Irish with career highs in goals (8), assists (3) and points (11) offensively, while going second on the team for ground balls (100) and third in caused turnovers (32) defensively.

Notre Dame faces tough competition from the start, playing four-time defending champion No. 1 Northwestern in their home opener on Feb. 20, and adding Louisville and Cincinnati to its Big East schedule.

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MLB

Fehr: players had no prior warning of tests

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Fehr denied allegations that his No. 2 official gave players advance notice of drug tests and defended the baseball players’ union against criticism that records of the anonymous survey should be destroyed in 2003.

Questions about the 2003 testing intensified after Sports Illustrated reported last week that Alex Rodriguez was one of 104 players who tested positive that year. Rodriguez admitted Monday to using banned drugs.

Fehr, the Major League Baseball Players Association’s executive director, said there was just an eight-day span between the initial receipt of the test results and notice that a federal grand jury was seeking them as part of the BALCO investigation into performance-enhancing drugs.

Fehr said the union first received the test results Nov. 11, 2003, that the results were finalized two days later and that players were notified the following day, a Friday.

"Promptly thereafter, the first steps were taken to begin the process of destruction of the testing materials and records," Fehr said. "On Nov. 19, however, we learned that the government had issued a subpoena. Upon learning this, we concluded, of course, that it would be improper to proceed with the destruction of the materials."

The union negotiated with federal prosecutors in San Francisco until the following spring and pledged not to destroy the records. The union moved in April to quash the subpoena, and federal investigators obtained a search warrant and seized records from Comprehensive Drug Testing and samples from Quest Diagnostics.

Although the search warrant sought records of 10 players, the government found a spreadsheet with a list of 104 players who had tested positive; it then obtained additional search warrants and seized all records.

The case has been in the courts every since.

The union said the seizure of the wider group of records was illegal under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, and that the government had the right to only the records and samples of the 10 players.

Three U.S. District Judges agreed with the union in August and October 2004. The government appealed, arguing that because the records were on the same computer, it had a "plain view" right to all the materials.
Sophomore forward Maya Moore is leading the way they're playing. The Cardinals were 15-1 in conference with only seconds left, were unable to score, and the Shamrocks claimed the season's title.

The Weasels concluded their season with an undefeated record in the regular season and a large point differential, but the NCAA Tournament comes to town Saturday. Losing four of their last six, the Golden Eagles had a little slip of their own, losing four of their last six. Senior forward Angel McCoughtry is one of six starters returning from the conference tournament the way they play scoring, averaging 22.5 points per game. As a team, DePaul leads the conference at home shows they're still dangerous.

The middle: Rutgers (13-8, 5-5), Marquette (13-10, 4-6) and South Florida (4-6, 1-7) Talk about a slip. Rutgers has lost three of their last five (although it did beat Notre Dame at home in that stretch) and needed double-overtime to take down Georgetown last week. South Florida have junior guard Epiphanny Prince, who is third in the conference with 20.5 points per game, as well as 6-foot-4 senior center Kia Vaughn. It's tough to count them out yet. The Red Storm just beat Cincinnati Sunday, but they haven't beaten since 2003, on Wednesday. Providence also beat the Panthers, in double-overtime, on Feb. 3. Since every team makes the conference tournament this year, any of these teams could make a run, but most likely the NCAA Tournament will be tough with their conference records.

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6. Eleven or a (9)
11. Sun or Moon, to bard (9)
14. The Bool... (Gene Vincent Hit)
16. Vibly Impregnated (5, 4)
17. They're hard to believe (5)
18. Evie sighting, for short (4)
20. PT boat crewman: Abbr. (Gene Vincent Hit)
21. Adoptions from shelters (5)
22. Initial stage (9)
24. Beach atmosphere (11)
25. Have the nerve (14)
28. 1939 Bette Davis drama (11)
31. Former U.N. chief Dui (13)
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36. Take live (11)

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2. Make smooth (9)
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By NATHANIEL LEE

**Title defense: Manorites defeat O’Neill, win championship**

Tournament for the fourth time in the program’s history, historic Georgetown Hoyas. Notre Dame 15-7 loss to defending champion Northwestern in the 2008 Big East byes. The Mob (14-3-2, 10-1-2) started quickly, gaining a 1-1 lead in the opening minutes, but missed shots on open looks would plague them, as Morrisey cleaned up in the glass, allowing O’Neill just two offensive rebounds for the half. Coming out of the locker room at half down seven, solid play from Klupchak and freshman Garrett Quinn kept the game close. O’Neill’s deficit to three. Nichols, however, who scored only seven points in the first half, came up with a 12-point effort in the second to hold off the Mob. O’Neill senior captain Alex Andersen said, “We made big shots when we had to inside and out.”

**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Playing to rest

By BILL BRINK

**ND still has a chance at two Big East byes**

Notre Dame’s close win over DePaul Sunday came in a timely fashion, because two of the next three teams it faces will put the heat on the Irish. The Fighting Irish had lost four of six heading into Sunday’s win and better hope they can create momentum. Angel McCoughtry and No. 10 DePaul come to the Joyce Center Wednesday, and on Feb. 22 Notre Dame travels to Storrs to throw its best at undefeated No. 1 Connecticut. At this point in the Big East season (in the country, for that matter) it’s Connecticut and the Irish bring high hopes into the Big East tournament. The Irish return five starters from a strong 14-3 season. The 14 wins tied a program record, and Notre Dame is ready for the NCAA Tournament berth last year, the Irish bring high hopes into 2009. After playing the toughest defense in team history, No. 11 Notre Dame will try to use its mix of talent and experience to make another championship run this season. The Irish return five starters from a strong 14-3 campaign in 2008. The 14 wins tied a program record, and Notre Dame advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament. McGlinn claimed a 41-33 victory over Pasquerilla West after a stellar second half Monday night in the women’s Interhall championship game. “We’re a good team, we missed some open looks and they made big plays down the stretch.” The first half displayed the quick, intense play that brought both teams to the big dance — both teams combined to force 14 forced turnovers. The Mob started quickly, gaining a 11-5 lead in the opening minutes, but missed shots on open looks would plague them, as Morrisey cleaned up in the glass, allowing O’Neill just two offensive rebounds for the half. Coming out of the locker room at half down seven, solid play from Klupchak and freshman Garrett Quinn kept the game close, bringing O’Neill’s deficit to three. Nichols, however, who scored only seven points in the first half, came up with a 12-point effort in the second to hold off the Mob. O’Neill senior captain Alex Andersen said, “We made big shots when we had to inside and out.”

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Tough shoes for team to fill

Irish start play Saturday after an historic 2008 season

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**MEN’S LACROSSE**

New faces ready for season

By MICHAEL BRYAN

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