Panel examines effect of Obama campaign
Group focuses on diversity and increased civic engagement in 2008 election season

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

A panel of students, faculty, and staff discussed the impacts that President Barack Obama's campaign had on unifying the diverse American population Tuesday evening in the Coleman-Morse Center Lounge.

Members of the Notre Dame community gathered to eat dinner and listen to the discussion, which was titled "Obama's Impact on Diversity, Inclusion and Civic Engagement: Now and Beyond."

Shades of Ebony, the Afrikan Studies Department, and the Black Alumni of Notre Dame hosted the discussion, which lasted approximately an hour.

The panel consisted of six members of the Notre Dame community ranging in ethnicities, ages, and religious affiliations.

Members included Carmen Orozco-Acosta, a political science graduate student, Cecilia Lucero, the assistant director of undergraduate research, Jasmin Simmons, a sophomore majoring in Spanish and

HEI hotel workers ask for support
Employees fight for right to unionize

By KAITLYNN RILEY
Associate News Editor

Three hotel workers and a union organizer urged Notre Dame students to support the rights of HEI Hotels and Resorts workers to unionize at an event hosted by the Coalition for Economic Justice in the Dooley Room of LaFortune Wednesday.

Maria Vivanco, 24, an organizer with Unite Here Local 2, a San Francisco chapter of the union, urged students to campaign for better working conditions for hotel employees.

"You guys are among the privileged that have that college educa­tion, so we really want you to use your degree and your education as a tool to make change," she said.

The Coalition, a division of the Progressive Student Alliance, first hosted workers from HEI's Le Meridien Hotel in San Francisco last November.

One of the workers who spoke, Michael Archita, was fired from his position as a cook after a Nov. 11 Observer article about the event was discovered by the hotel management, Vivanco said.

The workers came to Notre Dame to speak Wednesday and last November because the University is one of several colleges that invests

Course researches college-aged health

By JENN METZ
News Editor

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"We wanted to make a point that you could be more aware of your surroundings," she said.

Students, faculty and staff gathered in the Coleman-Morse Lounge for a discussion on President Obama's campaign Wednesday.

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By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the second installment of a three-part series examining the development projects occurring near Notre Dame's campus.

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"All three projects Notre Dame is investing in the past. After hearing of Friedewald's plans for the study, she helped plan the course with him in the fall to launch in the spring.

"Together we put the skeleton of the study together," she said.

Designed with an emphasis on increasing undergraduate research, the study's goal is to measure the blood pressures of between 800 and 1,000 undergraduate students by the end of the Spring semester.

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**Academy anticipation**

I get excited about the Academy Awards. Possibly too much, but I always make no admission, but it's the truth. And this year's awards contain a number of items of interest to me that will make the ceremony fascinating, never mind the fact that Hugh Jackman is hosting.

Where'd that come from?

Used to be funny people would run the show, the better to entertain the masses: Steve Martin, Billy Crystal, Chris Rock, Jon Stewart, Ellen DeGeneres. Where'd Hugh Jackman come from? But we can't judge before we see. He may turn out to be a success and connect with the audience better than all of the above. At the very least, his physique in a tux and hint of an Australian accent will entertain the females.

Here's what has me excited this year:

Up for Best Picture, we have "Slumdog Millionaire," a movie with no well-known actors (at least in America) that still captivates the audience. Half of the movie follows young Indian中 who doesn't speak English, yet the cinematography and Indian music (two songs are up for Best Song) move the film along at a rapid pace.

We also have "Titanic's" Jack and Kate 11 years down the road when the relationship forged in the heat of a cross of Daniel Day-Lewis with Mickey Rourke in "Revolutionary Road." Kate's not having it ... whatever the case may be.

We also have "The Wrestler" by Darren Aronofsky. Jack gets up in a tux and hint of an Australian accent will entertain the females.

**Members of the Notre Dame community enjoy events, including hula hoop contests, massages and relaxation tests at the Recsports Health Fair at ROLFS.**

**The Class of 2012 presents “Fresh Four Square” tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. in Snapp Center. The event is free to participate, and $5 for a T-shirt.**

**Questions of the Day:**

**What is your opinion on President Obama’s stimulus package?**

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**In Brief**

The lecture "Critical Dimensions of Data Mining" will be given as part of the Institute for Latino Studies' (ILS) spring lecture series titled "Caribbean Flights: From the First Colonial Cities in America to Metropolitan U.S.A." today at 6 p.m. in 212 McKenna Hall. It is co-sponsored by Notre Dame's Hennessy Lecture Series, Graduate School, College of Arts and Letters Office of Undergraduate Studies, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, and Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.

David Walker, the president and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, will speak Friday from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The event is part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series. It is free and open to the public.

"Peace and Reconciliation in Uganda," featuring Archbishop John Baptist Odama who has played a prominent role in resolving the conflict in Uganda, will be held on Friday at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

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

**Correction:**

A caption on the front page of the Wed., Feb. 18 edition of The Observer misidentified the name of a student anomaly in the CSLC. The student pictured is Hayley Mohr.

The Observer regrets this error.
Lecture explores gender in pop culture

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
New Woman

The Men Against Violence club sponsored a lecture entitled "That's What HE Said: Images of Modern Masculinity" in the Hesburgh Library's Carey Auditorium on Wednesday at 8 p.m., as well as a panel discussion, explored the topic of how masculinity is portrayed in popular culture.

The first panelist, Dr. Augustin Fuentes, a professor of Anthropology at Notre Dame, discussed gender roles within "The Office."

He said that the sitcom worked well because the male-female dichotomy present within the episodes is so embedded in society's understanding of gender. However, in real life, gender roles are much more subtle, Fuentes said. There is overlap in how people act, and no one can be placed solely into one gender category.

Dr. Eileen Hunt Bottig, the director for the Gender Studies Program, spoke about the metaphors for unsuccessful romantic relationships present on the show.

She mentioned a plot line where a character tried to live her relationship with another character by a contract. Bottig said this is not the way that a true, loving relationship works, and that the storyline showed the errors involved with this way of life. "It forces us to contemplate what's wrong about [the relationships present on the show]," Bottig said.

Dr. Mark Guntz, a Notre Dame sociology professor, spoke about how relatable the show's characters are. However, Guntz said all of the characters are caricatures of various archetypes of people. "These are caricatures, and there is some truth in the types, but the representations of whole persons is almost uniformly missing," Guntz said.

Guntz said even though viewers of "The Office" can relate to various aspects of each character, they are two-dimensional. People in real life are much more complex than any character in "The Office."

Dr. Cathleen Kaveny, a John P. Murphy professor of Law, spoke about the boyish behavior present on "The Office."

She said that Michael Scott, one of the main characters, often engages in behavior that is like a child. "What does it mean to be a grown-up?" Kaveny said.

She listed five characteristics necessary for a successful adulthood: Self-control, awareness of other people's boundaries, sense of one's own boundaries, understanding of what is appropriate in a given situation, and ability to relate to other people's needs.

Dr. John Cavadini, the chair of the Theology department, said "The Office" presents a great sense of irony and also reveals the flaws in the traditional structure of masculine identity. "The Office" is a place where the women are just as likely to be your boss as it is for them to be dandels in distress," Cavadini said.

Cavadini also discussed the illusion of manliness present in the show, citing examples of how each character's masculinity is undermined in some way.

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The blood pressure measurements collected, along with the answers to questionnaires, will be analyzed and published.

In order to ensure the study is well received in the professional medical research community, Wash said the group has made sure its research is sound.

"Everything about our study, down to the type of equipment to how we take the blood pressure, is very precise," she said.

The NDash group is considering a number of health conditions related to high blood pressure in the study.

"We're definitely interested in hypertension," Wash said. "This age group is really absent in the literature the research is lacking in blood pressure in young adults."

All 25 students mostly juniors and seniors interested in pursuing a career in clinical research in the course "had a chance to give their input about the study" before it launched at the Fair, Wash said.

She said there has been a lot of work done on the rise in childhood obesity and diabetes in older adults, but the middle age group college students has been neglected in the research.

The NDash study, named for the Dash Diet, a program designed to help lower blood pressure that the students will be pursuing a career in clinical research. They will study the impact diet and exercise have on blood pressure and might change their lifestyle choices to lower blood pressure.

The study is being conducted on a purely volunteer basis, Wash said. Currently, students are taking the blood pressures once per participant, but if any one wants a follow up, they will take the blood pressure a second or third time," she said.

Over the next six weeks, NDash will be setting up in the commonal spaces in all 28 residence halls, making it "very convenient for all students to participate," Wash said.

"It takes less than 10 minutes to participate," she said.

The study's questionnaire is confidential and anonymous and asks the participant's age, height, weight, habits, and family and personal medical histories. The answers will help the students running the study analyze their data.

"We'll look at the group of students who have a parent with diabetes and see if there's a significant difference in their blood pressures compared to other students," Wash said.

From the outset of the study, participants are given a number that cannot be tied back to their identity, as for all analysis purposes the students will not use any identifiable information, Wash said.

Wash estimated about 50 students participated at the NDash booth at the Health and Wellness Fair, which was held in the Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center.

The course's Web site - http://sites.google.com/site/ndashspring2009/home - lists the dates the students will be at each residence hall to take measurements as well as contact information and other links related to the study.

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Where God Left His Shoes (2008) Directed by Salvatore Stabile

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Where God Left His Shoes is the story of Frank (John Leguzamo), Angela (Leonor Varela), and their two children. When they are evicted from their New York City apartment, they have no choice but to move into a homeless shelter. After a few difficult months, good news comes their way on Christmas Eve: a nearby housing project has an apartment available immediately however, Frank needs a job on the books in order to qualify. While the rest of the city prepares for Christmas, Frank and his ten-year-old stepson, Justin, roam the cold streets of New York trying to find a job by day's end. Where God Left His Shoes is the story of a family that refuses to break apart during the darkest time of their lives and discovers that they will survive as long as they have each other.

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Board of Trustees visiting College

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Trustees arrived on campus Wednesday afternoon and will hold several meetings that will conclude on Friday. The Board of Trustees visits four times each year meeting in February, April, June and June.

One unique aspect of the visit is the amount of student participation with the Board. Many students are allowed to actively work with the Board to better life at the College.

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Student Senate

Group ponders 'Fighting for Footlongs'

By MADALINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

The bulk of Wednesday's Student Senate meeting was dedicated to a discussion of whether or not a student government should get involved in a fight for $5 footlongs at the Huddle.

A Facebook group dedicated to opposing the food vendor in the Huddle has amassed over 1,500 members and inspired student senators to add this cause to its agenda.

Student body president Bob Reish said Grant Schmidt, student body vice president, met with the creator of the "Fighting for Footlongs" Facebook group and has scheduled meetings with Jim Schmidt, the general manager of the Huddle, and Davey Perez Schckardt, the director of Notre Dame Food Services.

Schmidt was not present at the meeting, but Reish invited the senators to voice concerns Schmidt may convey in these meetings happening later in the week.

Jim Hall senator Kevin Kimberly said this issue is a priority for students because Subway is the most popular food venue in the Huddle.

"I feel like there is such a focus on Subway because the other options are unappealing, like the Shawarma and Burger King," he said. "There's always a constant line at Subway.

However, Walsh Hall senator Julie Zoerb said many of the girls in her dorm say they are not interested in $5 footlongs.

"Girls in Walsh say they don't care because they work at that large of a sandwich," she said. Zoerb also said she heard people complain that students care too much about sandwich prices.

Reish then asked senators if they think this is an issue student government should discuss.

He questioned whether it is too minor of an issue for student government, but he said the group could support the Facebook group if it indicates it is an important concern for the student body.

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Devin Fee
Campus Technology Committee chair

"It is important to take concerns from the students in your hall. This is what we do as volunteers to do -- take student concerns to a higher level," she said.

Sarah Rodis, Student Outreach Committee chair, said student government should listen to the concerns of students, even if they are about Subway sandwiches, but she hopes attention will also be paid to more important issues.

"I ask that just as much attention be paid to things like the sexual assault policy," she said. Despite these concerns, Campus Technology Committee chair Devin Fee said addressing working for $5 footlongs because of a lack of attention paid to sexual assault is not logical.

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Fee said many students have an unfavorable perception of student government because they believe it does not accomplish anything.

He said adding the fight for footlongs would improve this perception.

"We need as much good press as we can get," he said.

In other Senate news:

• Student Senate unanimously passed an amendment to continue the Campus Technology Committee. This year, the committee helped obtain printers for every residence hall, put a printer in Jordan Hall and worked on the switch from Webmail to Gmail as the University's official e-mail domain, according to Campus Technology Committee chair Devin Fee.

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"Our community is a little more complex than we thought," she said.

"I have been a part of a lot of roles with which we do business to engage in practices that uphold the dignity of workers," he said. "I would like to call us all to a higher standard."

"I want to encourage those of you who are working on the switch from Medtronic to Stryker to support $5 footlongs, while higher wages are a goal," he said.

"We are here to organize workers and provide the tools for you to fight for your future," she said.

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U.S. economy will worsen in 2009

Federal officials estimate a bleaker future than predicted in November 2008

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve warned Wednesday that the nation's crippled economy is even worse than thought and predicted it would deteriorate throughout 2009, with no sign that the housing market will stabilize.

The Fed's bleak estimates indicated that unemployment could climb as high as 8.8 percent this year and that jobs would continue to decline for a full calendar year for the first time since 1991. The central bank's latest projections came hours after a separate report showed that new home construction and applications for future projects both fell to record lows last month.

Still, some economists saw a silver lining in the otherwise dismal housing report: Scaled-back building should reduce the number of unsold homes and contribute to an eventual housing recovery.

The reports raise the stakes for the plan President Barack Obama announced Wednesday to curb foreclosures and ease the broader housing recovery.

The Fed's latest forecast says the unemployment rate will climb to between 8.5 and 8.8 percent this year. The old prediction, issued in mid-November, estimated that the jobless rate would remain between 7.1 and 7.6 percent.

Many private economists believe the current year will see an even higher jobless rate — the highest in more than 16 years — but few estimates will hit at least 9 percent by early next year even with the $787 billion economic stimulus package signed into law Tuesday by Obama.

The Fed also believes the economy will contract this year at a rate between 2.5 and 3.8 percent. The old forecast said the economy would shrink by 0.2 percent or expand by 1.1 percent.

The last time the economy registered a contraction for a full year was in 1991, by 0.2 percent. The Fed's new predictions prove correct, it would mark the weakest showing since a 1.5 percent drop in 1972, when the country had suffered through a severe recession.

The grim outlook reprises the growing toll of the worst housing, credit and financial crises since the 1930s. All of those negative forces have plunged the nation into a recession, now in its second year.

"Given the strength of the forces currently weighing on the economy," Fed officials "generally expected that the recovery would be unusually gradual and prolonged," according to documents on the Fed's updated economic outlook.

In another sign of the troubled economy, production at the nation's factories, mines and utilities fell 1.8 percent last month, more than economists expected. That figure, the third monthly drop in a row, was dragged down by a 23 percent drop in production at auto plants and their suppliers.

Meanwhile, construction of new homes and apartments plummeted 16.8 percent in January from the previous month, the Commerce Department said, falling to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 466,000 units, a record low. Analysts expected a pace of 530,000 housing units.

Building permits, a measure of future activity, also sank to a record low pace of 251,000 units in January, a 4.8 percent drop from the prior month.

"Conditions in the market for new homes have not been this bad since the 1930s, and they continue to worsen," said Patrick Newport, an economist at IHS Global Insight in Lexington, Mass. He predicted that housing starts would remain depressed for at least another month.

But other economists saw some glimmers of hope in the report. The sharp cuts in new home building should help reduce inventories of unsold homes, which reached record levels last year, and stabilize home prices, which have been battered by a flood of foreclosed homes on the market.

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Nonprofits see increase in volunteers

Adapted from

BOSTON — Meghan McCloskey heard the call to service when she was in college, applying to the Peace Corps during her senior year. That call only got louder as she realized her shrinking job options in the faltering economy.

"Just having some sort of security for two years was a very good way to gain a lot of experience in a short amount of time and after the job I have now, I don't know if I could find another job in the economy," said McCloskey, 23, an administrative assistant who completed the Peace Corps application process and is awaiting her country placement.

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Volunteer organizations such as the Peace Corps and Teach for America say the financial crisis and President Barack Obama's call for service have led to a major increase in applications.

Teach for America received a record 14,000 applications by November, an almost 50 percent increase over the previous year. And Peace Corps applications rose 16 percent from fiscal year 2007 to 2008, with a big spike registered around the time of Obama's inauguration.

As a former community organizer, Obama advocated public service throughout his campaign and encouraged Americans to spend Martin Luther King Jr. Day volunteering. Obama's administration also has several initiatives promoting service, including expanding the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps.

While applying to Peace Corps, most college graduates speak first about their desire to serve. But they also learn a foreign language and gain valuable international experience that can further their future careers, organization spokeswoman Laura Lartigue said.
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psychology, Spencer Howard, a senior political science major and president of the College Democrats, Naushal Singh, a political science professor, and Lois Jackson, a former student worker and assistant VP & counsel and concurrent assistant pro-

fessor at the Law School.

Erdina Franci, president of the Student Housing Association, is moderat-

ing the discussion, began the panel by expressing the reason for the event being held.

"We are here today because Black History Month isn't an event for only African Americans to celebrate," she said. "It should be a time to celebrate diversity and come together as a country.

She then addressed the panelists for the first time, asking why they became involved in the campaign with Obama.

Lucero said she was previ-
ously hesitant to join in any political activity, but said this election was more personal than any other in her lifetime.

"This election really hit home, I wanted my family to know where my views stood," Lucero said.

Howard, unlike Lucero, has been highly active in politics for many years. He said he wanted to get involved in order to break the stereotype that young people are not politically active.

So started a PAC (Political Action Committee) called the Northern Indiana College Democrats, which apparently was the first student-run campa-

ign office in the country.

Howard said.

Franci then posed the ques-
tion of why there were differen-
type of people involved during this campaign, and how incivility and civic engage-

ment affected this involve-

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Addressing the diversity of the president's family tree, Singh offered the explanation that Obama is a universal can-
didate who fits all peoples' backdrops in a number of different ways.

Howard said Obama has a way of transcending bound-

aries and a way of showing all that he respects their views.

When asked how the campa-

ign caused them to think differently about inclusion and civic engagement, the pan-

elists responded that while the country has a long way to go in coming to terms with issues of racism, large strides were made.

Simmons said progress was made but the country is not yet perfect.

"It has taken a long time to get this far," she said. "But we are slowly moving forward.

Many of the members of the panel had campaigned door-
to-door for Obama, and when asked if people said anything shocking or offensive at the doorsteps, all agreed that while there were a few extreme cases, overall, people were inviting and polite.

"There were a large number of people that were willing to talk about the issue of diversity and the election," Orozco-

Acosta said.

Orozco-Acosta also said the groups that were created dur-

ing the campaign must con-

duc meetings and creating and

attaining new goals to help the success of the presidency.

Franci asked the panel how the newly-elected president will change the country, and what still needs to be done to bridge the racial gap.

"This election comes at a great time because it is not as much black and white, there are people of all races and col-

ors that are starting right now," Simmons said. "People don't feel the need to affiliate with their race because we all want the same things at the end of the day."

The panel also discussed what needs to be done to pro-

mote diversity on campus.

Jackson said that it is impor-
tant to encourage dialogue.

"No one is naive enough to think that America's problem with diversity are over now that we have elected an African-American president," she said. "Students need to be proactive and push their agenda by deciding what actions they want to take."

The discussion concluded with questions from the audi-

ence.

One subject discussed was the diversity sessions that are included in all contempo-

rary topics classes that are mandatory for first-year stu-

dents.

Members of the audience and the panel voiced their con-

cern that students in atten-

dance at these sessions were not engaged enough. They also said that they hoped to find a way to increase interest and participation in these discus-

sions.

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dons and houses, but Hakakan stressed that it is geared toward families and professionals in the area, not students.

"It is absolutely not targeted towards student housing," he said. "One problem we were trying to address was when four, five or six students live in a rental house next to a family. That often doesn't work out well."

While students generally will not be renting apartments in Edly Street Commons, they will finally have stores and eateries within walking distance of campus, Hakakan said.

Hakakan said there will be two upscale restaurants, an Irish pub and an oyster house, and several fast, casual eateries. The casual cafes will provide quick food without waiters, but they are a step above a fast food restaurant, he said.

There will also be several retail stores, an electronic store and an extension of the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstores.

The names of the specialty stores and eateries will be revealed when the projects are finalized, she said.

Affleck-Greaves said the Commons are "more of an urban living environment," which can potentially draw people to the University.

The Commons are also in walking distance of the northeast neighbor-

hood, where the University owns many lots it uses to construct tradi-

tional-looking houses for University faculty, Affleck-Greaves said.

Affleck-Greaves said the University, in conjunction with the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Group (NNR), a private non-profit organization, rebuilds dormitory hous-

es and opens empty lots in the

area in the hopes of establishing a traditional neighborhood for both Notre Dame faculty and members of the community who are not affiliated with the University.

"People see that it's nice to live in a neighborhood where the homes have a very traditional look," he said. "We control the design of the home so they look like they've been there a long time."

The project allows the University to give professors housing options close to campus in a nice neighbor-

hood, Affleck-Greaves said.

"A lot of faculty want to be close to the University, and it's nice we can offer them something," he said.

While Edly Street Commons and the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Project offer students and faculty dining, entertainment and living options, Innovation Park will benefit them in another way.

Although Innovation Park is inde-

pendent from Notre Dame, President and CEO David Brennan said the park will have many intern-

ship opportunities for students inter-

ested in research, and University fac-

ulty will be able to extend their aca-

demic research into the business world.

There will be an incredible array of ways to engage Notre Dame's research, giving faculty and students a much stronger sense of what is expected in the marketplace for their ideas.

Brenner said students with intern-

ships would be able to walk to the Park after class and work, with start-

up businesses as well as large, estab-

lished companies.

The third part of this series will look at how these projects affect the South Bend community and its role in the projects' development.

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**BRIEF**

**U.S.** faces $780 million in fines
WASHINGTON — Banking giant UBS has agreed to pay $780 million and turn over once-secret Swiss banking records to settle allegations it conspired to defraud the U.S. government of taxes owed by thousands of American clients.

As part of the deal struck in federal court in Portland, Ore., UBS has made the unprecedented step of agreeing to immediately turn over the U.S. government confidential information for U.S. customers of the bank's cross-border business.

In doing so, federal authorities have struck a big crack in Switzerland's vaunted bank secrecy laws.

UBS will pay $780 million in fines, penalties, interest and restitutions for conspiring to create sham accounts to hide the assets of U.S. clients from the U.S. government.

Obama aims to save homeowners
SEATTLE — President Barack Obama threw a $75 billion lifeline to millions of Americans on the brink of foreclosure Wednesday, declaring an urgent need for drastic action — not only to save their homes but to keep the housing crisis "from wreaking even greater havoc" on the broader national economy.

The president signed a law, a full $25 billion bigger than the administration had been suggesting, aiming to prevent as many as 9 million homeowners from being evicted and to stabilize housing markets that are at the center of the ever-worsening U.S. recession.

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Geronimo's kin sue Skull and Bones over remains

Associated Press

HARTFORD — Geronimo's descendents from New Mexico's Gila Wilderness have sued the elite Skull and Bones — the secret society at Yale University linked to presidents and other powerful figures — claiming that its members stole the remains of the legendary Apache leader decades ago and have kept them ever since.

The federal lawsuit filed in Washington on Tuesday — the 100th anniversary of Geronimo's death — also names the university's Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to review the agency's enforcement policies.

"I want the skull of Geronimo to be returned to his family, to his tribe, where they belong," said Chris Lavin, an attorney with CASA, representing some of the men.

The ICE agents involved in the raid are part of the agency's fugitive operations program, which tracks down violent criminals living in the country illegally. Agency records from the program show that beginning in 2004, the tours were assigned to arrest at least 125 fugitive immigrants. In 2006, each team's quota was increased to 1,000 fugitive arrests.

"We're tired of waiting and we're behind on 1,000 arrests per team goal," said Harlyn Betances, vice president of CASA's board of directors.

Both men were assigned to the 10th Airborne Division, based on the supply of more than the procedures and that the actions hurt the military's efforts to win over the Iraqi people.

"Staff Sgt. Warner knew that what he was doing was wrong," said Thomas. "He knew he was doing it to a person at his mercy."
Man shoots self while in church

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In an about-face following a torrent of online protests, Facebook is backing off a change in its user policies while it figures how best to quell user protests. The site, which boasts 1 billion users, said today that it intends to revert to its previous terms of use policies while it figures how best to quell user protests, and the site also created a group called “Facebook Bill of Rights and Responsibilities,” designed to let users give input on Facebook’s terms of use.

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In 2004, Michael Phelps was arrested for drunk driving. He struck a plea bargain, served 18 months' probation, and was also on more with minimal damage to his athletic career. Phelps bounced back from the controversy in the most impressive manner imaginable, winning a record eight gold medals in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and returning home as a national hero. A few weeks ago, however, the star swimmer once again found himself under scrutiny after a photograph surfaced showing him using a bong at a party in South Carolina. This time, Phelps did not escape unsanctioned. USA Swimming dropped him as a spokesman, and the Backyard Boys, the Rhode Island residential treatment program Phelps flirted with, have now announced they will not face charges.

Some commentators have been quick to denounce Phelps' behavior, but it's worth taking a step back to consider the situation. Every year, well over 10,000 Americans are killed in alcohol-related accidents, yet Phelps escaped his drunk driving conviction with a measly $250 fine, no jail time, and the public's forgiveness. Marijuana, in contrast, is relatively harmless, but Phelps has faced widespread scorn for his use of the drug. There is clearly a sort of peculiar logic at work here. Phelps' actions are being judged not on the basis of any objective moral criteria, but rather on an arbitrary standard set by the federal government. Rather than castigate one of our country's greatest athletes for engaging in an activity tried by Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Al Gore, Sarah Palin, Clarence Thomas, and roughly 70 million other Americans, we should ask ourselves why we continue to harass people for making the private and harmless decision to smoke pot.

The so-called "war on drugs" is one of the most monstrous and pernicious endeavors ever undertaken by the federal government. For decades, the U.S. has devoted billions of dollars to a futile and destructive effort to eliminate the production, sale, and use of a substance which it deems insidious. While failing to fulfill its stated objectives, the war on drugs has brought about the deaths of innocent Americans, drained the U.S. treasury, eroded Constitutional rights on the federal government's powers, blocked patients' access to valuable medical treatments, catalyzed the militarization of domestic police forces, and created a black market that keeps violent criminals in business.

Serious discussion of our nation's drug laws remains all too rare, but in recent years, notable thinkers from across the political spectrum have begun to acknowledge the failure of the drug war. The late conservative icon William F. Buckley and his magazine, National Review, were consistent supporters of drug legalization, and even President Obama has indicated that he supports some reform of drug laws, though he has yet to end the federal government's unconstitutional raids on medical marijuana dispensaries authorized by state laws. The notion that drug use is a major source of crime and social decay in the United States has been thoroughly discredited. A candid review of the history of drug use in this country reveals that even so-called "hard drugs" were once legal and produced few ill social effects. Marijuana, in particular, is not addictive and has not been shown to cause any serious health problems.

Marijuana prohibition has created a black market, resulting in the emergence of organized crime and violence. In its efforts to combat drug use and distribution, local police have adopted increasingly deadly equipment and tactics, all too frequently leading to the deaths of innocent bystanders and persons wrongly targeted in drug raids. Furthermore, the federal war on drugs blatantly violates the U.S. Constitution, which grants the federal government no authority to prosecute the use and intrastate sale of drugs. The Department of Justice's aggressive policy has gone so far as to attempt to wholly over-ride state laws, refusing to allow states to legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes. As Justice Clarence Thomas warned in his concurring opinion in Gonzales v. Raich, the federal government's prosecution of the war on drugs threatens to dissolve the Constitution's most basic checks on federal power.

The most basic problem with drug prohibition is that it represents an attempt to suppress peaceful, harmless behavior through the coercive apparatus of the state. Government exists to protect our individual rights, not to protect us from ourselves or to tell us how to run our lives. You may find marijuana use distasteful, but you have no right to dictate to your neighbor what he may do within the confines of his home. Alcohol use frequently leads to deadly traffic accidents, addiction, serious health problems, and broken families, yet the state still recognizes our fundamental right to consume alcohol in a responsible manner, provided that we do not harm others as a result. Why, then, should marijuana, a far less dangerous drug, be illegal? Michael Phelps' predicament serves as a potent reminder of the destructive consequences of our nation's senseless drug policies.

We don't have to sit silently and watch the drug war continue to devastate the lives of innocent citizens. We should hold President Obama accountable to his promise to end federal raids on medical marijuana dispensaries and ask Congress to begin reforming federal drug laws. And the next time you feel like a bowl of Corn Flakes, remember that the Kellogg Company decided to drop Michael Phelps's name through the mouths of children against unjust laws. Cheers might suddenly sound a bit more appetizing.

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“I love that there has not been friendship for its base, is like a mansion built upon sand.”

Ella Wheeler Wilcox
author
Faithpoint

Barrett Kake

Brad Duffy claims that "there is nothing anti-gay" about Notre Dame. Really? Last spring approximately 3,000 students, faculty, and staff signed a petition to add "sexual orientation" to Notre Dame's Non-Discrimination clause.

Apparently this outpouring of support from almost half the student body did not merit an official response. Year after year Notre Dame rejects the Gay-Straight Alliance's application for club recognition, further isolating gay and lesbian students from the Notre Dame community. The active elimination of the Film Festival is just one of the many indications of the university's attitude toward members of its own minority groups.

Notre Dame's treatment of gay and lesbian students is embarrassing for a university that prides itself on its Catholic character and family atmosphere. We regret that Brad Duffy 샘을한 다.의 Catholic teachings on homosexuality. The Catholic Church does not condemn gays. Catholic teaching characterizes homosexual acts as "disordered," just as it condemns all sexual acts outside of marriage. Regardless of treatment of gays, the Catholic Church does not hold it to be evil, so that they "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity," and that "every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided." (2358)

Brad Duffy states that "Notre Dame can't throw its mission to be shaped by those determined to denormalize it." We don't want to denormalize Notre Dame's mission.

We want to ensure that it lives up to its mission of being a university that espouses Catholic beliefs, which include the acceptance and respect of gay/lesbian students. This university is our home too, and it saddens us that it continually alienates part of its community that only asks for respect and support. Therefore, while you might consider our views "radical," we do not. Neither do 3,000 students who recognize the need for a more inclusive school community. Notre Dame needs to be improved. It is time for Notre Dame to live up to the Catholic teachings so central to our University's identity.

Bridget Flores
Walt Family Hall
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That's bologna

Dear John Traut, We'd like to thank you for being aware of the unjust injustice that's occurring on Notre Dame's campus. We appreciate your will- ingness to take a stand for $5 footlongs. The speed at which you organized 1,549 students to support your cause is truly an accomplishment. Students haven't been shaken from their apathy like this since Rockwell stopped making the fold out.

As front page Observer news, this can finalize the spotlight away from trivial issues like recycling and sexual assault and focus it where it belongs: the price of a $5 footlong. Thanks for encouraging patrons get to keep the $1.99. 

Tommy Marangos
St. Elmo's
Feb. 18

Brad Duffy's irrelevant mistake in identifying the "Queer Film Festival" as a "play"—which somehow demonstrates that Duffy intended to "attack" the prominent Vignette Monologues—instead of if this had anything to do with the actual content of Brad Duffy's letter. It doesn't.

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By DECLAN SULLIVAN
Scene Writer

On Saturday, standup comedian Christian Finnegan will be performing at Legends at 10 p.m. A regular on VH1’s “Best Week Ever” and the “I Love the ...” series, Finnegan is most famous for being “Chad,” the Caucasian impersonator on the Real World sketch on “Chappelle’s Show.” He is also a regular on Comedy Central’s standup comedy series “The Premium Blend” and he has had his own half hour special on Comedy Central Presents.

Comedy Central also sponsored Finnegan’s national college tour in the first half of 2007. The “Two for Flinching Tour” was done to support his 2006 comedy CD of the same name. Even at the age of 35, Finnegan is still viewed as an endearing man of humor and his delivery does not pretend to be anything special, but his gaps in jokes, quirks of manner, hot food appeal, and his endearing Midwestern manner, hot food served quickly.

Christian Finnegan coming to Legends

By J.J. REES
Scene Writer

The city of Mazatlan, Mexico lies 1,700 miles southwest of Notre Dame. Much closer is Mazatlan Authentic Mexican Restaurant, located just past Bethel College — an easy four-mile, 10-minute drive on McKinley. Along with La Esperanza, the local Hacienda chain and the Colorado-based chain Chipotle, Mazatlan is one of the few Mexican restaurants around South Bend, and it makes a stand as one of the area’s finest.

Mazatlan’s menu is astonishingly simple to comprehend, even to the staunchest Hispanophobe. A glossary of terms in the menu simply explains foods like enchiladas and burritos. And with Philly Steak-inspired dishes, almost anyone is sure to find something that appeals to them.

The fresh warm chips and homemade red sauces are brought to the table immediately. This excellent combination is a good start as an appetizer, but the quick eater might be surprised at how spicy the salsa is. That being said, diners with a taste of hotness in their system will surely be satisfied by the salsa. But the blandness is somewhat of a warm-up for those looking to branch out.

The entrees come, most diners will be ready to try something a bit new. The enchiladas are done well, but their blandness is somewhat of a let down after the spiciness of the chips and salsa and the savoriness of the chicken quesadillas. The pork carnitas, paired excellently with rice, are surprisingly tender — enough to shred with a fork — and have a remarkable hint of smoked flavor. For those not willing to change it up, the quesadillas, especially the cheesy 12-inch Lariso’s Quesadilla, are solid choices. All meals are generously portioned, and one of the best parts of Mazatlan is the leftovers.

Mazatlan offers attractive Mexican food. As for the “authentic” in the title, they won’t be fooling any Mexicans, but the food is certainly a good substitute for Michiana.

Mazatlan
507 E. McKinley Ave. (574-259-4430)
Hours: 11-10:30 Mon.-Fri., 12-10:30 Sat., 12-9 Sun.
Prices: Apps $2-$6, Entrees $5-$10

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Thinking back on it, some of the restaurant’s best offerings were based on cheese, a Midwestern staple. Of course, the pleasant staff doesn’t speak with Hispanic/Midwestern fusion accents, but the faded green and orange walls do certainly convey a warming blandness native to the Midwest. Even the style of décor, albeit Mexican-inspired, has a flair of your friend from Wisconsin’s mom’s house. Mazatlan accepts its Midwesternness and seems even to embrace it to their advantage.

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Browning involvement, but eventually learns that things aren't always as they seem.

Sunday, February 19, 2009

By MICHELLE FORDICE
American Scene Editor

Happy Thursday everyone. Today the Dining Hall Dish offers an entree and a dessert for your enjoyment (and of course a quick tip). Hopefully it will fuel you through one more week as we draw closer to midterms. Can you believe it? The semester moves fast. It will move even faster if you're eating well and keeping your body and your taste buds happy. Keep thinking up new ways to put a twist on the dining halls' offerings.

This week's recipes:

Couscous Wrap
This wrap was inspired by one I had at a café. Using couscous as a filling puts a great twist on the wrap idea. I added black olives, spinach and lemon, but you can use the couscous base for just about anything. Just keep fresh.

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2. Move quickly (you want to keep the waffle a little warm) and top with every condiment you've ignored for awhile, whether it's cream cheese, apple butter, peanut butter or honey. Or, if you're tired of toast, go for a bagel or an English muffin. Have some fruit on the side (or even put it on top).

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.
Hornets rout Magic behind Paul's double-double

Kidd, Wright lead Mavericks to victory over Nets nearly a year after being traded from New Jersey to Dallas

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Chris Paul had 14 points and 10 assists, and the New Orleans Hornets handed the Orlando Magic their worst loss of the season, 117-85 on Wednesday night.

Rasual Butler added 15 points, and David West had 14 for the Hornets, who've won three of their last four games following the All-Star break.

Rashard Lewis had 17 points, and J.J. Redick 14 for Orlando, which shot poorly from the field and free-throw line. Dwight Howard had 12 points and was a non-factor for most of the last three quarters, when he scored only two points.

Orlando's previous worst loss was by 19 points to Boston on Dec. 1. Having won in overtime against Charlotte on Tuesday night, the Magic looked flat in New Orleans, shooting 37 percent (26-of-68) and trailing by double digits most of the game.

New Orleans outscored Orlando 44-18 in the paint and outrebounded the Magic 46-35. Orlando was as close as 58-50 after Hedo Turkoglu's 3 early in the second quarter. But the Hornets seemed unfazed. Minutes later, West's driving layup gave New Orleans an 11-point lead.

After Howard had 44 points, 19 rebounds and eight blocks a night earlier, the big worry for New Orleans was what Orlando's superstar center would do against Hilton Armstrong, Sean Marks and Ely, who'd been reserves before Tyson Chandler injured his left ankle in January. The 7-foot Chandler, the Hornets' best interior defender and rebounder, then was traded to Oklahoma City on Tuesday in a deal that ended up being rescinded Wednesday night because he failed a physical. Although Howard was solid early on, those worries began to fade when it became apparent that Paul's advantage over the likes of Anthony, Jordan and Tyson Lue would more than compensate.

New Orleans raced to a 17-6 lead, with Paul scoring 12 of those points and assisting on Stojakovic's transition jumper.

Late in the first quarter, Paul had 16 points, three assists and four rebounds, compared to 14 points, four assists and three rebounds for the entire Orlando team. At that point, Paul had more points, assists and rebounds than the Magic's entire bench. Paul's 17th point and first three-point basket came with 1:17 left in the first quarter, 13 seconds before the second period started.

The Hornets started 6-of-8, but missed his last 10 shots, fail­ ing to score in the second half. He finished with 20 points before scoring and fin­ ished with 18 points on 5-of-18 shooting. Keyon Dooling scored 14.

The game opened with the Nets inviting Kidd to shoot. On one play, Kidd started chasing a pass into the backcourt, but it was Kidd, then shook his head and went back into the lane. Kidd swished a three-pointer, then another soon after. He didn't have that same advantage, but Nowitzki scored 16 in the period, after being shot out in the first.

Kidd and Howard each scored 11 points in the third quarter.

Hornets guard Chris Paul shoots during the first half of New Orleans' 117-85 win over Orlando Wednesday night.

Dallas 113, New Jersey 98

Jason Kidd and Antoine Wright celebrated the first anniversary of their trade from the New Jersey Nets a day early Wednesday night, leading the Dallas Mavericks to victory over their former team.

Kidd opened the game with three early 3-pointers and scored 23 points, one shy of his season high. He also had 10 assists and a quick-handed steal against Devin Harris — the youngster he was dealt for — during the game-breaking third quarter.

Wright was a big reason for that surge, hitting three 3-point­ers and scoring 13 of his 20 points in the period.

The Mavericks improved to 7-­2 since Kidd was put in charge of the offense. This one was especially impressive as four starters cracked 20 points, and all five were in double figures. Jason Kidd had 24 points and 10 rebounds, Dirk Nowitzki had 23 points and nine rebounds, and Erick Dampier scored 10.

New Jersey lost its fourth straight, all by at least 15 points.

Playing for the first time since a tough loss to Boston six days ago, Dallas trailed 55-52 at halftime. A few minutes later, a go­ ahead jumper by Josh Howard started a 15-1 spurt that turned this game into a rout. The Mavs ended up scoring 40 points in the third quarter, their most in any quarter all season.

Thursday is the first anniversary of the swap that sent Kidd and Wright to Dallas for Harris, Trevor Ariza and others.

Harris scored 41 points in a 24-point victory over the Mavs earlier this season and was only a few days removed from his first All-Star appearance, but he didn't have the same zing this time. He went more than 20 minutes before scoring and fin­ ished with 18 points on 5-of-18 shooting. Harris started but didn't score in 20 minutes, miss­ ing his only shot.

Vince Carter started 6-of-8, but missed his last 10 shots, fail­ ing to score in the second half. He finished with 15 points. Brook Lopez had 16 points and Jan Vesely scored 15 in the 6-­66 shooting. Jåhkassell started but didn't score in 20 minutes, miss­ ing his only shot.

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NBA

Houston Rockets guard Tracy McGrady, right, announced that he would have surgery on his knee, ending his chance of a return this season. McGrady has missed 85 games since joining Houston before the 2004-2005 season.

Rockets’ McGrady out for season

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Rockets star Tracy McGrady will have surgery on his left knee and miss the rest of the season.

The star forwarded on Sunday with a knee injury when exactly he’ll return next season.

McGrady is Houston’s third-leading scorer. He had one game with a sprained ankle. He said before the All-Star break he wanted to return next season because of his sore knee. He also missed one game with a sprained ankle.

McGrady said the pain has been persistent since joining Houston before the 2004-2005 season. McGrady has missed 85 games since joining Houston before the 2004-2005 season.

NCAA Men’s Basketball AP

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NCAA Men’s Basketball

No. 9 Duke at St. John’s

7:00 p.m., EST

NBA

Red Sox owner renews call for MLB salary cap

BOSTON — Red Sox owner John Henry renewed his call for a salary cap on Wednesday after an offseason in which the New York Yankees added three free agents for $423.5 million.

"We’ve been working hard," Henry said. "We’ve been discussing this issue with other teams and trying to find a solution that will work for everyone."

Red Sox owner rewinds call for MLB salary cap

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Boston Red Sox owner John Henry renewed his call for a salary cap on Wednesday after an offseason in which the New York Yankees added three free agents for $423.5 million.

"It’s important that we work together to find a solution that will work for everyone," Henry said. "We’ve been discussing this issue with other teams and trying to find a solution that will work for everyone."

Patriots’ Brady remains on schedule for knee rehab

Boston — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady says his recovery from knee surgery remains on schedule and he doesn’t see any reason why he won’t be ready for the 2009 season.

"I’m feeling good. I’m feeling really good. Everything is progressing just as I expected," said Brady told reporters Wednesday at a charity event.

"I’m just a matter of getting to that point," Brady said. "I’m looking forward to being healthy and playing for the team."
Griffey set to return to Seattle

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. has decided to return to the Seattle Mariners.

The Mariners announced the move Wednesday night. The 39-year-old star's contract is for one year and worth $2 million in base salary, plus incentives.

Earlier in the day, the player with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press that an apparent agreement with the Atlanta Braves had fallen through.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been announced.

Griffey asked for a trade from the Mariners in 1999 to be closer to home. He eventually got one just before the 2009 season, to Cincinnati.

But after conflicting reports about where the aging star would settle, Griffey ultimately chose to follow through on his proclamation two years ago when again he came to Seattle while playing with the Reds — that he would finish his career as a Mariner.

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Jeter backs A-Rod in steroid case

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, right, is congratulated by teammate Alex Rodriguez after hitting a solo home run in September 2008.

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Derek Jeter played it right down the middle with Alex Rodriguez. Didn’t like what he did, time to move on.

A day after Rodriguez tried to explain his use of performance-enhancing drugs, Jeter responded.

“We’re here to support him through it,” the Yankees captain said Wednesday. “I don’t condone what he did. We don’t condone what he did. And Alex doesn’t condone what he did. And I think at this point now it’s our job to try to help him be as comfortable as he can on the field and try to move past this.”

With all the focus on A-Rod, Jeter bristled at those who continue to group all players together.

“One thing that is irritating and it really upsets me a lot is when you hear everybody say, ‘It was the steroid era. Everybody was doing it.’ You know, that’s not true. Everybody was not doing it,” he said.

“I think it sends the wrong message to fans, to baseball fans; I think it sends the wrong message to kids, saying that because that’s just not the truth,” Jeter bristled at those who continue to group all players together.

Rodriguez reported for spring training on Tuesday and held a 32-minute news conference, his first since a Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site Feb. 7 that he was on a list of 104 players who tested positive for steroids during baseball’s anonymous 2003 survey.

Rodriguez had admitted to ESPN on Feb. 9 that he used banned substances while playing for Texas from 2001-03, and he expanded on his story during his news conference. He claimed a cousin — whom he would not identify — repeatedly injected him during those years with a mysterious substance from the Dominican Republic called “boil.”

A-Rod was the last of 60-plus Yankees to take the field, sprinting from the right-field corner. Some of the 1,600 or so fans gathered under a near-cloudless sky at Steinbrenner Field cheered when they saw No. 13. A few yelled out encouraging words. Not a single boo or insult was heard.

“Don’t be the center of attention,” Girardi said.

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The Chicago Bulls acquired center Brad Miller and John Salmons from the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday for four players, including forwards Drew Gooden and Andres Nocioni.

Sacramento also got Michael Ruffin and Cedric Simmons in the deal, but immediately traded Ruffin to the Portland Trail Blazers for forward Ike Diogu and cash. The Kings then waived guard Quincy Douby and veteran Sam Cassell, acquired on Tuesday from Boston, to make room for their new players.

The Bulls gave up some salary flexibility to acquire Miller, a two-time All-Star who played 105 games with the Bulls early in his career. Although he hasn't played since Jan. 30 because of a hip injury, Miller — who's averaging 11.9 points and 8.3 rebounds — showed flashes of his best game earlier in the season.

Salmons, a versatile swingman and Sacramento's second-leading scorer with 18.3 points, also could be a promising contributor in Chicago. The disappointing Bulls apparently are still committed to chasing a playoff berth despite starting the day seven games below .500. "You always hate to lose good guys and good players, and that's difficult, but we're adding two guys that we like a lot," Bulls coach Vinny Del Negro said Thursday, February 19.

"He's a great passer, has a great feel for the game, and I think he can make it a lot easier for guys," Nocioni, the two-time Argentine Olympian, averaged 10.4 points and 4.2 rebounds for the Bulls this season. He has three years and $21 million left on his deal.

Sacramento might be interested in re-signing Gooden, a Northern California native who has been pursued by the club several times in recent years. He's averaging 13.1 points and 8.6 rebounds, but hasn't played since Jan. 19 because of a groin injury.

Kings interim coach Kenny Atkinson was excited to land Gooden and Salmons after they worked together in Cleveland earlier in their careers.

"We grew as a team, and it was a very similar situation to this," Natt said. "We both know what it's like to struggle. He's a versatile guy at the power forward spot. He can score in the post, score on the perimeter and pass the ball. He's a legitimate double-double guy."

The Bulls returned from the Kings trade with a home game against Atlanta on Wednesday night.

Portland moved Diogu, an undersized power forward, to acquire Ruffin, who hasn't played this season while recovering from a sprained left ankle and an Achilles' tendon injury. Ruffin practiced with the Bulls last week, however.

The Blazers also gained a $5 million trade exception to be used within the year.

Diogu, who joins his fourth NBA team, has barely played since the Blazers acquired him in a trade with Indiana last summer.
NBA

Telfair scores 30 as T-Wolves top Heat

Associated Press

MIAMI — Sebastian Telfair's career night wrecked Jermaine O'Neal's first night. Telfair had a career-high 30 points and eight assists, Ryan Gomes added 20 points, and the Minnesota Timberwolves spoiled O'Neal's debut in Miami by hitting a season-high 14 3-pointers and beating the Heat 111-104 on Wednesday night. Minnesota blew an 11-point lead with 10 minutes remaining, but recovered in time largely thanks to Telfair, who hit a 3-pointer with 1:26 left for a four-point lead — and the Timberwolves held on to snap a five-game slide.

"I had everything going for me out there tonight," Telfair said. "Some nights are like that."

Dwyane Wade finished with 37 points and 12 assists for Miami. Udonis Haslem added 17 points for the Heat, and O'Neal — who sustained a right eye injury in the third quarter and missed 13 minutes before returning late — had 13 in his first game since being acquired from Toronto last week.

"I would have scripted this for my first game," said O'Neal, who still had some blurred vision after the game.

"Absolutely not." Mario Chalmers scored 12 points for Miami, including a 3-pointer with 2:26 left to give Miami a 99-97 lead.

The Heat wouldn't be on top again.

Randy Foye took a pass from Telfair and hit a 3 on the next Minnesota trip. Telfair added with another shot from beyond the arc 30 seconds later, and that essentially sealed it for the Timberwolves — who outrebounded Miami by a staggering 49-24 margin.

"I don't think we impacted them defensively the entire game," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "They absolutely annihilated us on the backboard."

O'Neal only had one rebound, and wasn't thrilled with himself about that.

"I don't care if I'm on only one leg," he said. "I should never grab only one rebound."

Kevin Love had 16 points and nine rebounds for Minnesota. Foye had 14 points for the Timberwolves, who also got seven points, nine rebounds and nine assists from Mike Miller and 10 rebounds off the bench from Brian Cardinal.

Minnesota tried to throw the knockout blows — two of them — in the third quarter.

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**Wildcats**

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Notre Dame most recently downed previously-undefeated Michigan State, 6-1, Sunday in East Lansing, Mich., which Bayliss said had been a tough place for the Spartans' opponents of late.

One key for the Irish this season has been their doubles play.

"Our doubles has held up pretty well so far," Bayliss said. "But we have a significant dent on the national scene we will need to lock down our lower positions because I thought our depth was going to be our strength."

Notre Dame has eighth underclassmen — three freshmen and five sophomores — in its top nine lineup slots, which has led to some inconsistency.

"We knew that we were throwing them into the deep end, hoping that they would swim, and we have been pretty competitive," Bayliss said. "Maturity has been a key and the competitive spirit our younger guys have displayed has been remarkable at times. That having been said, we need to make some improvements in a team where here the weight of battle has exposed a few things we need to do better if we expect to keep improving."

It appears the Irish have begun that improvement, as Notre Dame rides a four-game win streak heading into today's 4 p.m. match against Northwestern.

The Irish will hit the road Saturday for a 12 p.m. start at Ohio State, one of the nation's top teams.

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**Day One**

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said. "But we have to keep this up for seven sessions in a row."

The women's 800 relay team of seniors Christa Riggins, junior Melissa Farrell, sophomore Lauren Sylvester and freshman Amy Prestinato beat the second-place Louisville team by nearly four seconds.

The Irish also took first in the 200 medley relay, but by a much closer margin — .03 seconds, again over Louisville. The team of freshman Colleen Fotsch and sophomores Samantha Marzulli, Kelly O'Brien and Amywren Miller had a qualifying time that was a half-second slower than Louisville's, but the winning Irish team set another school record.

"We're off to a pretty good start, but you could tell we were a bit nervous outside of the gate," women's coach Brian Barnes said. "Hopefully we can pull that out of them and get a bit more confident. But we came out of the evening with two wins and two records and that's a good start for us."

Competition continues at 10 a.m. Thursday, as the men try for their third title in four years and the women attempt to lock up their 13th consecutive conference championship.

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**Loss**

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them a little credit, too," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a press conference after the game.

Irish senior shooting guard Kyle McAlarney scored seven points on 3-of-4 shooting in the first six minutes as Notre Dame took a 10-point edge. But West Virginia closed the gap quickly and cut the deficit four with 9:45 left in the first half.

The Mountaineers ended the period with a 6-0 run to take 42-40 at halftime.

West Virginia never trailed after intermission, left Irish junior Luke Harangody knocked down two free throws to cut his team's deficit to three, but Notre Dame never got closer than that.

Harangody finished with a game-high 26 points of the Irish were outrebounded 18-7 by West Virginia and had 15 points off the bench.

"When you're big and athletic and they're kind of hard to keep off the backboard," Brey said. "Mountaineers guard Alex Ruoff led West Virginia with 24 points, including four 3-pointers. Ruoff nailed a baseline jumper with just over 12 minutes left to give the Mountaineers a 12-point lead.

"He gave them confidence," Brey said. "When we got them down, we finally missed a few, we couldn't clean up the backboard and get a rebound. He's one of the better players, a first-team all-league guy, and he's one of the guys that's making them go right now — a very confident player.

"After holding their own under the basket against Illinois and South Florida, the Irish were outrebounded 40-32 against West Virginia. The Mountaineers edged Notre Dame 16-6 in second-chance points. On one possession early in the second half, West Virginia grabbed four offensive rebounds before finally scoring on a Matthew McGarvey three.

"They hurt us on the backboard. That was the real issue, not being able to control the backboard as good as we did at home, and that kind of cost us," Brey said.

The Mountaineers built a 17-point lead with less than a minute left and sent the Irish packing. Notre Dame will head to Providence Saturday. The Friars also went down Wednesday, losing 94-76 to Louisville. An after season after going 14-4 in conference play, the Irish must win four of their final five games to finish their Big East slate with a winning record. "You can't hang your head, and this group didn't," Brey said. "They'll keep competing and battling."

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**Purdue**

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and senior Katie Potts won 8-4. The top-ranked duo of Tefft and sophomore Kristin Rafael provided the Irish with a 6-0, 6-1, 6-5 victory.

"Today, we came out and took care of business," Tefft, Irish senior said. "We just put the ball in the net to win and we did."

Notre Dame will travel to Utah to face both Brigham Young and Utah over the weekend.

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Standings
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has it a little tougher — it faces UConn in addition to the Cardinals.
Still in the hunt:
DePaul (20-7, 8-5),
No. 22 Notre Dame (16-6, 7-5)
The Blue Demons beat Syracuse, 87-79, Tuesday and have the week off to prepare for South Florida on Feb. 24. After that, they face Marquette and Cincinnati, so they have a chance to win out and snag a top-four spot.
Notre Dame heads into the Huskies’ den this weekend, but after that the Irish face Syracuse, Providence and South Florida, all winnable games. Should the two teams finish tied, Notre Dame holds the tiebreaker thanks to two wins over DePaul this season.
Right in the middle:
Rutgers (16-10, 7-6),
Marquette (16-11, 7-6),
Georgetown (6-7, 16-10),
South Florida (18-8, 5-7)
South Florida lost to the Irish Tuesday but played well enough to win in the first half. Junior guard Janae Stokes hit four 3-pointers in the half. The Bulls still have to travel to DePaul and Villanova on the road before the conference tournament. Rutgers and Marquette both picked up wins Tuesday, Marquette over Cincinnati and Rutgers over Seton Hall. The Golden Eagles have easy games against St. John’s and Providence before finishing against DePaul and Louisville. The Scarlet Knights have three winnable games before ending the season against UConn.
Georgetown helped itself stay in contention by beating West Virginia in overtime Wednesday. It faces Syracuse and Villanova before finishing against Seton Hall.
The homogenous bottom grouping:
Syracuse (15-10, 4-8),
West Virginia (14-11, 3-9),
St. John’s (15-10, 3-9),
Providence (9-16, 3-9),
Cincinnati (13-13, 3-10),
Seton Hall (15-12, 3-11)
These teams are all around the same area. Syracuse has a shot at climbing into the top-eight and receiving a bye, but it would need to win out (against Georgetown, Notre Dame, West Virginia and Providence) to have a legitimate shot.
Since every team makes the tournament, these teams have a chance to put together a run once they get to Hartford. Syracuse, West Virginia and St. John’s have decent non-conference records, so a few wins and a win or two in the conference tournament could get them NCAA consideration.
Cincinnati, Providence, West Virginia and Seton Hall didn’t help their causes by losing Tuesday.
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Where the girls are.
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**ND SWIMMING**

**Men's and women's teams lead Big East Championships**

By MIKE GOTIMER and MOLLY SAMMON

Sports Writers

Both Notre Dame's men's and women's teams posted record-setting performances in the 800-yard free relay to earn the lead after one day of competition at the Big East Championships in Indianapolis.

The men's relay team set a school and conference record with a time of 6:27.19, and the women's relay team did the same with a time of 7:13.51. With 137 points, the men lead Pittsburgh by four points, while the women, with 80 points, have a 12-point edge over Louisville headed into the second day of the four-day meet.

The men's relay team was deadlocked with Louisville after the first leg, but senior Danny Lukus swam a strong second leg to give the Irish a sizeable lead. Sophomore Steven Bras and junior MacKenzie LeBlanc closed out the race for Notre Dame.

The Irish divers, led by senior captain Michael Buffman, earned all-conference honors after the first leg, but senior Caleb Dunnichay edged out Bulfin for first. Sophomore Joshua Nosal finished second through fifth with his third-place finish, which beat Bulfin for first.

The men finished competition with a sixth-place finish in the 200 medley relay. The team of senior Jeff Wood, sophomore Joe Raycroft, junior Andrew Hoffman and sophomore Joshua Nosal finished with a time of 1:25.85.

"It was a great session for us," men's coach Tim Welsh said.

**ND Women's Tennis**

**Boilers no match for Irish**

*Squads sweeps Purdue after suffering first loss of season Sunday*

By DOUGLAS FARMER

Sports Writer

No. 14 Notre Dame shut out Purdue Wednesday and improve to 7-1, erasing the memory of a tough defeat to top-ranked Northwestern Sunday.

"We were excited to get all the matches today, our first 7-0 this year," senior Kelly Telfi said. "Usually there is a girl or two that doesn't perform very well that day, or a girl or two on the other team who play very well that day."

The Irish put pressure on Purdue from the start, as freshmen Shannon Matthews and junior Colleen Biebel won 8-5 and junior Cosmina Ciobanu won 8-2.

Junior Cosmina Ciobanu finishes a shot during Notre Dame's win over Michigan on Feb. 6.

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By FRAN TOLAN

Associate Sports Editor

On Wednesday night at West Virginia, Notre Dame came out playing like it had in back-to-back wins over Louisville and South Florida. Unfortunately for the Irish, they couldn't keep it up.

After Notre Dame (14-11, 5-8 Big East) jumped out to a 16-6 lead and forced West Virginia coach Bob Huggins to call two timeouts early in the first half, the Mountaineers (18-4, 7-4) stormed back and eventually secured a 79-68 win on their home floor.

"We couldn't get into a rhythm, and I think their defense, you've got to give them credit for. They really make you earn what you get and they play good doubles,"

"It was a great session for us," men's coach Tim Welsh said.

Four games left, time to shine.

No. 25 Notre Dame will host an undefeated Northwestern team today that Irish coach Bobby Bayliss called one of the most improved in the country.

"They are off to a great start at 10-0 and have terrific depth," Bayliss said. "I expect a great challenge. We have played a more difficult schedule to date than they, and I hope that us a slight edge in the close matches because they have dominated most of their early opponents."

"They have several players who really make you earn what you get, and they play good doubles."