Student shot near off-campus home

By JENN METZ
News Editor

A Notre Dame student was shot in the arm walking home from a bar early Tuesday morning after mistakenly attempting to enter a neighbor's house, police said.

The 23-year-old woman was shot on the 800-block of E. Miner St. on the front porch of the home next door to her own.

A Notre Dame Spokesperson and Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown confirmed the woman is a student at Notre Dame and is receiving care at a local hospital.

Brown said the University is gathering more information about the event, but per the woman's family's wishes, will not release her identity.

University President Rev. John Jenkins offered his prayers in a University press release Wednesday: "Our prayers are with her and her family, and we will continue to offer support to them during this difficult time," he said.

According to the release, staff members from the Office of Student Affairs are providing assistance to the student's family.

"Last Lecture" draws crowd

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Pursuing a career without considering financial gain may seem counterintuitive in an economic downturn, but finance professor Carl Ackermann said students embarking on a career path must do what makes them happy.

"If you do what you really enjoy, you will be a happier and more productive person," he said. "Financial gain is important, but it should not be the only thing you look for."
iPod

Manifesto

When the iPod became popular, it not only changed how people listened to music, but also how people threw house parties.

All you have to do is buy an iPod dock, make a playlist and you’re set. The iPod has turned everybody into a deejay. This is a problem.

I was recently at a house party and everything was going fine. People were dancing, having a good time, but as it got later in the night, some of my fellow partygoers became dissatisfied with the music. This began a spiral effect that nearly killed the party. One girl, we’ll call her Girl No. 1, went over to the iPod, looked for a favorite song of hers and put it on. Happy with herself, she resumed dancing but her joy was negated by the disappointment of another girl.

Girl No. 2 waited a few seconds to decipher what song it was, process that.

iPod, please play an artist or song that.

If someone changes the song, resist that.

If you absolutely have to touch the.

You’ll make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can.

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Miss for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated today in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wendy Falk MacGregor, the Chief Marketing Officer for Feeding America and Lisa Jaworski, the Chief Executive Officer for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana will give a talk today titled “Hunger in America and South Bend: Responding to Unprecedented Demand” at 5 p.m. in 136 DeBartolo. All are welcome.

“Guernica,” a play inspired by the true story of a ship that sunk in 1997, will be performed in the Philbin Studio Theatre in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play is being performed at 7:30 p.m. through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. For more ticket information, performingarts.nd.edu or call the DeBartolo Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

There will be free swing dance lessons with the ND Swing Club in the LaFortune Ballroom 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 11 p.m. There will be open swing dancing with live music featuring ND Jazz Band II.

A student-faculty dinner will take place at Legends from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Week. RSVP to gcf@nd.edu or 574-631-9340.

Bengal Bouts finals take place Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Group deliberates details of second survey

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

The Intercollegiate Organization of Representatives (COR) discussed changes for the new survey at their meeting on Tuesday evening. The survey, which was released early last week, includes questions on a diversity of topics, from off-campus living to surveys living to diversity and inclusion.

Members of the Council made few changes to the survey, but tried to clarify the wording of the questions to make them as lucid as possible.

Student body president Bob Reish said the way the questions are phrased was designed to provide the most accurate results possible for garnering data about specific topics. Council members asked for clarifications about the format of the survey.

"The survey should contain clear-cut, simple questions," said sophomore class president Cynthia Weber.

Council members debated whether to eliminate the answer choice of "not sure" in the survey. Reish, however, said the answer was included so a student was not forced to respond to a question he or she was uncomfortable answering.

This year, the questions on the survey will have four answer choices instead of three. Reish said this will encourage students to lean to one side of an issue instead of remaining in the middle.

The survey will include questions on different performing arts venues. More specifically, questions about "art points," will be added to the survey. These points will work similar to flex points, which caused members of COR to question whether this would lead to an increase in fees.

A section of questions dedicated to sexual and sexual orientation will be on this survey. One question in this section will gauge student opinion on recognition of a club for gay and lesbian students.

Another question COR discussed was on relations between Notre Dame and the South Bend community. They said this question is important because it will help student government better grasp the breakdown of responses from different areas of the student body.

"The survey helps us to filter out the responses to questions to target students who currently live off campus, students who will be living off campus next year and students who will be living on campus,” said Bob Reish, student body president.

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"We should do our best to target students whose answers we would like to hear more about, and not just the ones who are comfortable answering," said Reish.

This year’s survey government receives from the University in providing information about off-campus things," Reish said.

After going over the survey, the floor was then opened for members of COR to suggest additional questions in the survey.

"Weber said students should be given the option of answering an open-ended question about how well they feel student government is currently doing and what they think student government should be doing.

"Some people don’t think student government should address pressing issues and instead leave that up to the administration," she said. "We want to know what students think we should be doing.

A second suggested topic was to add additional questions on the good Samaritan policy at the University.

There is a committee composed of Student Union Board and Campus Life Council members addressing this issue and trying to come up with the best possible questions.

Reish said it was important for the COR members to give their feedback on the survey because it is highly influential to the actions of student government.

"Over half the student body filled out the last survey sent out," he said. "It is really important because it has the potential to change student government.”

In other COR news

• Reish asked COR members for feedback on what they would like to see discussed at the intercollegiate Symposium that will take place on March 28. Members suggested a range of topics including the usage of student finances and services provided to students.

• COR said goodbye to two-year member Karina Gaine. The Student Union Treasurer will be replaced by the new Student Union Treasurer Nick Danna at the next meeting.

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Students give thanks to alumni with notes

By PUJA PARIKH
News Writer

Those green “Holla Back” T-shirts you may see students wearing around campus are part of the Thanksgiving in February event held by The Notre Dame Annual Fund and Student Development Committee.

The two-day event, which took place Monday and Tuesday, was designed to have students write personal thank-you notes to alumni who have donated to Notre Dame this year.

All Notre Dame students were encouraged to go to the Sorin Room in the LaFayette Student Center and write the letters.

The Annual Fund and Student Development Center offered donations made by University alumni...have supported our dorms, clubs, academic programs, building maintenance and repairs, campus-wide electricity and heating, financial aid packages, and much more.

Posters placed throughout the residence halls and in LaFayette to encourage students to participate in the two-day event read, “Holla Back. Tuition covers less than 50 percent of the cost of your education. Alumni make it possible. Say thanks.”

The goal of the program was to raise awareness regarding the impact of alumni support of the University by having students write a short handwritten thank-you note, organizers said.

“It takes only five minutes to say thank you,” Emma Klosterman, who works for The Student Development Committee, a branch of The Annual Fund, said. “As students who are part of the Student Development Committee, it is our job to help with student alumni relations.”

This thanksgiving in February event is part of the Spirit of Notre Dame Campaign, which is the largest fundraising operation in the history of Catholic education.

“We basically want to continue to help students who need monetary assistance,” Klosterman said. “Not only do we know that it takes a lot of money to help them out. The alumni of Notre Dame are the ones that make it possible, and so we really need to thank them for everything they have done. They make Notre Dame possible for so many students.

The event also provided pizza and soda for students who came to write a note.

The Annual Fund plans on holding this event for the next year due to its success and has planned on expanding the dates and times of the events to accommodate a larger number of participants.

This is the event’s second year.

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aspect of Notre Dame’s School of Architecture.

“It’s a combination of fac tors,” Lykoudis said. We have good students, so the admissions process is working well. We have dedicated faculty, and our curriculum is unique.

Lykoudis also cited the year in Rome, where architecture students spend studying abroad in Rome as a contributing factor to Notre Dame’s high ranking in the survey. The year in Rome provides students with knowledge about the historical combination of architecture.

“The year in Rome teaches students to set their aspirations pretty high,” Lykoudis said. Not only are they competing with their fellow students and students from other schools, they are competing with all of history.

When asked if he had any ideas on how to push Notre Dame’s ranking even higher in next year’s survey, Lykoudis said he was receiving many favorable rankings in the survey for the school of Architecture’s primary goal.

“Rankings are not our objective,” Lykoudis said. “Students’ impact in the world is our objective...But we’re not chasing rankings.”

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[Image of Seafood Celebration]

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Students have contributed to the crisis now facing the country, these things can be fixed, Obama said.

“If we’re honest with ourselves, we’ll admit that for too long, we have not always met these responsibilities — as a government or as a people,” Obama said. “I say this not to lay blame or look backwards, but because it is only by understanding how we arrived at this moment that we’ll be able to lift ourselves out of this predicament.”

Freshman Michael Fedynsky said he agreed with Obama’s view that the nation faces a “cross-roads in history, challenges in health care, energy, and education, and the history’s ability to threaten the nation’s long-term prosperity.”

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**World & Nation**

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**International News**

Islamic court gets women judges

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Islamic court in the West Bank has appointed its two female judges, who were previously put on hold pending theological considerations.

**North Korea plans satellite launch**

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Tuesday it is preparing to shoot a satellite into orbit, its clearest reference yet to a test of a long-range missile.

North Korea asserted last week that it bears the right to "space development" — words the regime has used in the past to disguise a missile test. In 1998, North Korea said it had a bullet hole in its fuel tank from the test of a Taepodong-1 ballistic missile over Japan and then claimed to have put a satellite into orbit.

The statement from the North's space program comes amid growing international concern that the communist nation is gearing up for a fifth test of its most advanced missile — capable of reaching the U.S. — in coming days, in violation of a U.N. Security Council resolution.

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Obama addresses national problems

President Obama addressed the nation in a prime-time speech from the House of Representatives Tuesday night. Obama proposed solutions for the current financial crisis.

**National News**

CEO shipped tainted syringes

RALEIGH, N.C. — For months, prosecutors say, technicians in the gnomes of a run-down North Carolina company knew syringes were being shipped out contaminated.

Business waiting for payments

AUSTIN, Texas — Hundreds of businesses that provided transportation, portable toilets and other assistance after Hurricane Ike are still waiting to be paid six months after the storm, the result of a $134 million dispute between Texas and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Small businesses around the country are struggling because of the delay, and many of them say the time a hurricane such as Ike took on the Gulf Coast, they might be reluctant to help.

**Local News**

Bill against illegal immigrants passed

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Senate has approved a bill that would revolve the business licenses to businesses that repeatedly hire illegal immigrants.

The "three-strikes" proposal would revoke a business license to a business that repeatedly hires illegal immigrants.

**Associated Press**

ORLANDO, Fla. — The economic downturn couldn't overshadow the Mardi Gras revelry Tuesday as parades rolled through streets on parade routes and the French Quarter swelled with boozy fun and masked crowds.

Many revelers turned the tables on the tradition, dressing in costumes riffing on bailouts, the stimulus package and busted budgets.

The first parade of the day was the Zulu, the traditional African-American parade, followed by Row, the King of Carnival, and hundreds of truck floats.

At 4 a.m., Zulu members got into costume, which for them means blackface, huge Afro wigs and grass skirts.

"Oh, my God, if my family could see me now, the only good news is that they wouldn't recognize me," said Zulu member John Rice after his face was painted. "This is the only city in the world where you can do this." Mayor Ray Nagin rode on horseback dressed as what he called a "recovery gladiator" in honor of the city's rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina.

Katrina was on the mind of Cheryl Gilbert, a 42-year-old Seattle bus driver who helped organize a reunion for about 80 family members, many displaced to cities like Dallas and Atlanta by the 2005 disaster.

"This is the first time since Katrina we've all gathered here and it's a beautiful thing," Gilbert said. "There's nothing like New Orleans ... and family."
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start the Lenten season.”

The dining halls will continue
with vegetarian Lenten Fridays,
which have sparked controversy in
the past.

Marc Poklinkowski, general
manager of South Dining Hall,
said, “We will have meatless
meals on Ash Wednesday and on
Fridays throughout Lent. This is
a University policy that’s always
existed. But two times in the past
10 years, this issue has been
brought up to the administration.”

Despite student complaints, the
dining halls will not change this
practice any time soon.

“We’re a Catholic university, and
the administration really wanted
to continue that tradition,”
Poklinkowski said.

To appease disgruntled students,
the dining halls will serve “meatless
favorites,” vegetarian foods
students love.

Poklinkowski said these items
included cheese-topped
breadsticks, cheese lasagna and
pasta dishes like shrimp.

“When I was a student and I thought
there was no money and no future
in sports,” he said, generating
laughter from the crowd.

Ackermann said he missed out
on great opportunities because he
was searching for financial reward.
So he encouraged students to take
a chance in their job search.

Learning from this mistake later in
life, Ackermann said he came to
Notre Dame to focus on research,
but instead concentrated on teach­
ing, despite warnings that he was
making a poor career decision.

“I de-emphasized my research
and moved in the direction of try­
ing to help students,” he said. “It
may be one of the best deci­
sions I’ve ever made.”

Although he one­surfed putting
happiness over money in a career,
Ackermann acknowledged the
tough job market seniors currently
face.

“Many in the room are facing
limited job prospects because of
the state of the economy now,”
he said. “But be effec­tively posi­tive and look on the bright side of
every situation.”

He said he is more worried about
those college graduates that have
been in the workforce for 10 years
and are accustomed to a certain
lifestyle.

“When they are laid off from
their jobs, they will face major
changes,” Ackermann said.

Throughout Lent, he gained from
current economic struggles
benefits students later in life, he
said.

“You should be much more opti­
mistical,” Ackermann said. “Your
path may be more circum­
vanes now, but where there’s a will there’s a way.”

One significant lesson to
be gained from the lack of job
opportunities is the importance of
hard work, he said.

“This economic climate should
be a humbling reminder to you
ever be mediocre in your
work,” he said. “Be indispen­sable at work.”

But Ackermann said he does not
doubt that every student in the
room has the ability to succeed.

“You’re all so smart,” he said.
“I’m still sure you can accomplish
anything you wish.”

Ackermann said he believes
another key factor in achieving
personal success is seeking out
unfamiliar situations.

“The times I’ve grown most in
my life are when I have placed
myself in uncomfortable situa­tions,” he said. “I encourage you
to make a habit of that.”

Ackermann said the previous
night he “received a pounding” from
several Notre Dame basket­
ball players when arguing
against them in the Bookstore
Basketball tipoff, but the experi­
ence was worth it.

While career advancement is
important, Ackermann said it is
more important to use one’s area
of expertise for service work or to
significantly connect with others.

“If you volunteer in the area
of your specialty, you will amplify
your impact, he said.”

Jobs are exhausting, and keep
people busy, but it is worth the
extra effort to dedicate time to a
service endeavor, or even just
in­
terest in a positive way with oth­ers, Ackermann said.

“No matter how tired you are,
making the extra effort is to make
at least one more person smile ever­
day and you will feel terrific about
yourself,” he said.

Ackermann said he uses the
future to teach students to
connect with students — but not
in the traditional way.

Ackermann said he encourages
students to take pictures in unusu­
al places and situations with the
booktext. He displayed pictures
of him in unusual situations
while reading the textbook while
standing in the middle of a snow­
board.

“When people are risking their
lives to top other people in these
photos, you know you have an
dazzling activity that people
enjoy,” he said.

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Home prices ticking at record rate

Falling costs will affect homeowners' ability to qualify for mortgage relief

New York — Home prices tumbled by the worst annual rate on record in the fourth quarter, two housing indexes showed Tuesday, and the slope of declines sharpened in all but a handful of battered cities.

The farther prices fall, the fewer homeowners may be able to qualify for President Barack Obama's mortgage relief plan. Last week, the president estimated up to 5 million borrowers in good standing who don't owe more than 105 percent of their home's current value would be able to refinance into a lower-interest-rate loan.

Though details of the plan won't be released until March 4, almost 14 million homeowners are already underwater, according to Moody's Economy.com. They owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth. Nationally, home prices have receded to 2003 levels, and half of the metro areas in the 20-city Case-Shiller Home Price Index have lost more than 20 percent of their home value from their peaks in 2006, including Las Vegas, Phoenix and Miami.

"If they don't get (the plan) into place very soon, it will be out of our reach to help these people," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody's Economy.com.

Americans are feeling grim about the prospects of any turnaround. Consumer confidence index sank to new lows in February as widespread layoffs, shrinking retirement accounts and plunging home prices fueled fears, the Conference Board said Tuesday.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price Index plunged more than 18 percent during the quarter from the prior-year period, the largest drop in its 21-year history.

Meanwhile, the Federal Housing Finance Agency said Tuesday that home prices dropped more than 8 percent in the quarter from a year earlier, its largest annual decline on record since 1991.

The reports, however, did offer a modicum of good news. The rate of year-over-year price declines slowed in Boston, Denver, Los Angeles, San Diego and Washington, according to the Case-Shiller index, while cities in Washington, North Dakota and Texas posted year-over-year quarterly gains, the government said.

Home prices in the Boston suburbs are holding up better than in the city itself, said Judy Moore, a broker with Re/Max Landmark Realtors in Lexington, Mass.

"I've seen more buyers out there kicking the tires," Moore said.

But prices in the Sun Belt cities continue to get clobbered. Phoenix, Las Vegas and San Francisco all saw home values lose more than 30 percent in December, the Case-Shiller index said. And the government index showed many California and Florida cities clocked their worst declines in the fourth quarter.

In Miami, buyers can't get financing for condos in buildings that have more than 30 percent investor-held units, or if more than 15 percent of owners are behind on their condo fees.

That's bringing down prices in those buildings by as much as 25 percent, said Ron Shuffield, president of Esslinger-Wooten-Maxwell Realtors.

President says U.S. banks safe

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama says the money Americans have deposited in U.S. banks is safe and the nation can rely on the continued operation of the financial system.

In a speech to a joint session of Congress, Obama sought to reassure Americans nervously watching banks struggle to remain solvent. Obama said a greater concern is if the banks don't stop re-lending, the economic recovery will be delayed even longer.

He called the flow of credit the lifeblood of the economy.

To address the problem, Obama said the administration will create a new lending fund to help provide loans such as college and auto loans. He touted the $700 billion housing plan to help those facing foreclosure. And he said the government will use all resources to ensure that major banks have enough money to grant loans in difficult times.

Musicians want radio stations to pay

WASHINGTON — Sheryl Crow, will.i.am, Herbie Hancock and other entertainers on Tuesday urged Congress to force radio stations to pay performers when their music is broadcast.

Satellite radio, Internet radio and cable TV music channels already pay fees to performers and musicians, along with songwriters royalties. AM and FM radio stations do not pay performers' royalties, just songwriters.

"People deserve to be paid when somebody else uses their songs," Hancock said.

He and the other musicians, including David LeeRick, will.i.am, and Paul LaBeille, appeared at a news conference on Capitol Hill on behalf of the musicFIRST Coalition. The group is pushing legislation that would require radio stations to pay musicians royalties similar to those paid to songwriters.

The National Association of Broadcasters, who oppose the measure, said a fee would put thousands of radio jobs at risk. The association also argues that stations drive listeners to buy music and concert tickets. awkners in the House and Senate have introduced bills that would make radio stations pay the artists when their songs get airtime.

A list is for sale near newly constructed homes in Cincinnati. Due to the record decrease of home prices, homeowners may not be able to qualify for Obama's mortgage relief plan.
GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The Islamic militants of Hamas and the moderates of Fatah have never had more compelling reasons to repair the rift between them that is fast destroying their dreams for a Palestinian state.

As they begin a new round of unity talks after several failed attempts, Hamas needs the Western-backed Fatah’s international legitimacy to get foreign aid to rebuild Gaza, which was devastated in Israel’s recent offensive.

Fatah chief Mahmoud Abbas badly needs an alliance with Hamas to bolster his political standing, eroded after his term as Palestinian president expired and a victory by Hamas in elections in Israel’s electorate confirmed the pragmatists’ central role in that peaceful negotiation with Israel will win Palestinians a say.

But a unity agreement appears to be a long shot. Distress between Hamas and Fatah continues to stem from the five-year power struggle, including a civil war that ended with Hamas’ violent takeover of Gaza in 2007, leaving Abbas’ Fatah in charge of just the West Bank.

Samri Suboh, a 32-year-old Hamas terrorist whose house was destroyed during Israel’s Gaza offensive, said he hoped for a unity deal soon.

"With the unity government, everything would go back to normal. I hope they can reach an agreement."

Samri Suboh victim of Israel’s Gaza offensive

Hamas claimed Abbas’ government ran a Gaza spy ring that fed Israel information about Hamas targets during the fighting. Fatah accused Hamas of destroying and wounding dozens of Fatah activists under the cover of the war.

"All Hamas has been doing is poison the atmosphere," said Abbas aide Yasser Abed Rabbo.

Gaza-based political scientist Naji Shurrab said outsiders, including Hamas backers Syria and Iran, could decide to sabotage unity efforts. And it is not clear whether the Obama administration will be more supportive of a unity government than its predecessor.

"The way is still long, and there are many obstacles," he said.

On some issues, the gaps are so wide that compromise seems impossible.

For example, Hamas wants a major say in the PLO, of which it is currently not a member. Abbas rejects the demand because it would amount to defunding the Palestinian national movement. The Fatah-Abbas-led PLO insists on mutual recognition with Israel in 1993, while Hamas remains committed to the destruction of the Jewish state.

Other issues seem just as daunting, particularly restructuring the security forces. Hamas controls some 20,000 troops in Gaza, while Abbas’ thousands of armed men in the West Bank are undergoing Western training. Under a unity deal, their forces would have to be merged and depoliticized.

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Palin must pay Alaska nearly $7,000 for her kids’ trips

Associated Press
JUNEAU, Alaska — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin will reimburse the state nearly $7,000 for costs associated with nine trips taken by her children, her attorney said Tuesday.

Palin must reimburse the state within 120 days, according to a settlement agreement filed by a special investigator hired by the Alaska Personnel Board to investigate an ethics complaint filed against her.

The exact amount, will be determined by the Alaska Department of Administration, said Palin’s attorney, Thomas Van Plein. He estimated the amount would be $6,900.

There is no state law prohibiting the governor’s family from traveling with her and the personnel board found no wrongdoing on the part of the governor. But the investigator, Timothy Petumenos, interpreted the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act to require that the state only pay if the first family serves an important state interest.

Petumenos said “some of the travel raised by the Complaint does not meet this standard,” according to the agreement. Van Plein said 72 travel authorizations were studied, with nine found to be of questionable state interest.

Those include airfare and one meal for her daughter Bristol Palin, who accompanied the governor to New York for Newsweek’s Third Annual Women and Leadership Conference in October 2007.

Other trips include Bristol attending “Beauty and the Beast” at the Valley Performing Arts Center, airfare for daughters Piper and Bristol to travel to Juneau from Anchorage for the State of the State address and airfare for Piper to attend the start of the Iron Dog snowmachine race and the Alaska Outdoor Council Banquet.

In a statement issued Tuesday, Palin said she was granted that no fault was ascribed to her. She said she agreed to support a clarification of the rules to avoid similar disputes in the future.

“Although I am not required to do so, I will set a new standard on travel now by assuming the burden of these particular expenses,” Palin said.

The former Republican vice presidential candidate called the complaint “an obvious political weapon” filed just before the election.

The complaint was filed in October by Anchorage Democrat Frank Gwartney, 60, who alleged that Palin used her official position as governor for personal gain, violating a statute of the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act.

Gwartney, a retired power company lineman, said he was not surprised that the personnel board, whose three members are appointed by the governor, failed to find wrongdoing.

“I think it’s really apparent that she was wrongfully using state funds to conduct personal business,” he said. “They basically are an extension of the governor’s office so I think they would be hard pressed to actually come out and condemn her as they should.”

Gwartney’s complaint followed a report by The Associated Press that Palin funneled the state more than $21,000 for her three daughters’ commercial flights, including events where they weren’t invited, and later ordered their expense forms amended to specify official state business.

Administration officials have said Alaska law allows governors to charge the state for their family’s travel if they conduct state business.

Van Plein said the governor’s action in reaching the agreement was voluntary and above what was legally and ethically required of her.

“She did not have to do this. She did not have to reach this agreement and she’s been fully cleared by this investigation,” he said. “The problem that was raised by the complaint was determined to be a lack of clarity in the rules and regulations and a lack of familiarity, because of that lack of clarity, with long-term state employees whose job it is to handle this.”

Petumenos was asked to examine the complaint at the same time he was investigating allegations that Palin fired her public safety commissioner over his refusal to let go a state trooper involved in a contentious divorce with Palin’s sister.
Iowa knew of disabled workers

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa’s social-services department acknowledged Tuesday that it looked into a company’s treatment of its mentally disabled meatpacking workers as early as the 1970s, but decided it lacked the jurisdiction or enough evidence to act.

State officials say the 21 Texas men lived for decades in a squalid house in the tiny eastern Iowa town of Atalissa, and were paid little for their work. The federal marshals closed the living quarters Feb. 7, the men were placed in state custody and a state agency is considering criminal charges.

Social workers, however, had looked into the workers’ housing situation twice before without taking action: once in the 1970s and again in 1997, according to a 38-page file discovered about two weeks ago at the Human Services Department’s Muscatine County social services agency.

“I’m not going to debate whether I would have done something differently 35 years ago,” Gene Gesow, the agency’s director, said in a statement. “What I will do is pledge that from now forward, the Department of Human Services will be aggressively vigilant to protect the rights of dependent adults.”

His department said the file was incomplete, making it “difficult to put all of the decisions in context.”

Last week, Gesow referred to the newly discovered file in his testimony before the Legislature’s Government Oversight Committee, which was looking into the state’s response to the situation. A redacted version of the file was made public Tuesday.

The men lived at a 106-year-old house that locals called the hunkhouse. The city of Atalissa owned the home, and city officials recently acknowledged that some of its doors were padlocked, windows were boarded up and the heating system was broken, leaving only space heaters.

The men worked for Henry’s Turkey Service, a Texas company that provided labor for a meat-packer near Atalissa in West Liberty. Recent inquiries showed the company diverted much of the mentally disabled men’s paychecks and government payments to living expenses, leaving them about $65 a month in wages.

The file said that in 1975 Henry’s Turkey Service was an ancillary firm of Hill Country Farms, based near Goldthwaite, Texas, and described that company’s work as social and vocational training of mentally disabled men. It was unclear where operations for Henry’s Turkey Service are now located.

There was no answer on Tuesday at a telephone number listed for Hill Country Farms and an attorney who represented Henry’s Turkey Service in previous Iowa matters said he wasn’t authorized to comment.

The state file includes a Dec. 4, 1974, memo from social worker Ed George, who tells district manager James Strickland that the mentally disabled men lack adequate housing and are deprived of their families, among other problems.

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — The leader of Turkey’s Kurdish lawmakers startled the country Tuesday by speaking in his native language in Parliament, breaking the law in a country that has tried for decades to keep a firm grip over the restless minority amid fears of national division.

State-run television immediately cut off the live broadcast of legislator Ahmet Turk, ostensibly to celebrate UNESCO world languages week. But his real aim was to challenge the country’s policy toward its Kurdish population, a suppression of rights that only recently has started to ease.

“Kurds have long been oppressed because they did not know any other language,” Turk said. “I promised myself that I would speak in my mother tongue at an official meeting one day.”

Kansas City Star reporter Chuck R. Phillips gave Turk a standing ovation. His party has 21 legislators in the 460-member Parliament.

Turkey’s prime minister has only recently made a formal appeal to the Kurds in a country that has battled Kurdish separatist guerrillas for decades and even threatened to lose a five-year in large measure because of Western-style democracy that would consider a language ban an affront to human rights.

Turkish law banned the speaking of Kurdish at all until 1991, and today it is barred in schools, parliament and other official settings on the grounds that it would divide the country along ethnic lines. Kurds, who are also present in large numbers in neighboring Iran, Iraq and Syria, make up about a fifth of Turkey’s 70 million people.

“The official language is Turkish,” Parliament Speaker Koksal Toptan said after Turk spoke. “This meeting should have been conducted in Turkish.”

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"So it involves a white colonizer," Mrs. G. explained to a class full of kids who either needed the English credit to graduate or were just taking the extra class for fun. "Colonizing a subject country that's non-white. Think of China, South Africa, India, Ireland..."

I raised my hand. "Ireland is considered non-white?"

"Mrs. G. paused, and tilted her head in thought. "Huh. Hmm... well I guess Ireland would be an exception there."

We went on to discuss mimicry, the imitation of one's colonizer. Mrs. G. submitted after tea in Asia as an example. Then we discussed technology as a means of "civilizing" the colonized. I remember a classmate proposing that irrigation might not always be a means to oppress a desert community of Others.

The outcome of that discussion hasn't, for whatever reason, stuck with me. But the idea that Ireland, while colonized, is not "non-white"? That has stayed with me. Because maybe a little over two years later, studying post-Famine emigration in a very different class, we learned that "whiteness" was only a construct, such that more established, "real" Americans were considered "whiter" than the also Caucasian Irish newcomers.

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Happy Day! After-Mardi-Graz, everyone. I hope last night’s hanging in a New Orleans party got you through the slow slog of Lent. (Side note: Did you know that there’s an arrest around seven shots of liquor in a standard hurricane? I do now. Here’s to waking up in bonus time!) Given that my Mardi Gras isn’t really “over” yet, I feel obligated to spread some leftover Mardi Grazy cheer.

Ash Wednesday finds many of us scrambling to come up with a “good” thing to give up for Lent. It must be something that is completely manageable, yet substantial enough for us to avoid embarrassment when discussing it in the seminary. I would opt for fishless. For those facing some Ash Wednesday anxiety, there is some insight into the real reason behind some of your friends’ sacrifices.

I’m giving up sweets / going on a diet. Read: I’m going to Panama City for Spring Break next week and the crash diet begins now. Nothing feels better than being a fish out-Catholicked!.

Letter from a head coach at a rival university, and the crash diet begins now. Nothing feels better than being a fish out-Catholicked!

I’m giving up smoking. Read: That damn record music has ruined my vocabulary, and I’ll be god-damned if I don’t do something about it during Lent. Wow, I have a paper due tomorrow that I forgot about! I’m giving up sugar. Read: My girlfriend dumped me last week and I have all of this leftover chocolate from Valentine’s Day that I am not eating. I don’t care how delicious it is. If I eat it, I’ll cry when.

I’m giving up Facebook. Read: There may or may not be pictures of me from last night in which I would not be tagged. Body shots? Not on my Neverfeed!

People that choose this option usually get to keep eating chocolate during Lent. I’m giving up Subway. Read: I’m one of those douches making five-dollar-footlong Moustaches World! The Daft Punk Team rivals the practice of arresting former slaves for not having a job or days of hard labor. But their sentences were increased to a year if they could not pay for court costs. Few could, and the Social Security Act of 1935 authorized the federal government to take payments from workers’ wages to pay for their Social Security taxes. This was a 45 percent mortality rate for prisoners leased to these corporations.

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You forgot one

While I realize the purpose of his article was to most likely spread awareness for Dillon Hall’s Spring Break Fund, I found Fishbowl’s article “The Best Mustache of All Time” to be lacking. Perhaps his motive was to lower the expectations of the ladies attending the bash, most of whom will be escorted by whereabouts of the “common crustache,” but he omits the greatest mustache of our time, that of Keith Hernandez. Named the best sports mustache of all time by the American Mustache Institute, Mets and Cardinals legend Keith Hernandez may possess the best mustache known to man. Clean-shaven from his rookie season in 1975 until 1978, his batting average hovered around .250 until he grew out a grand mustache and hit .344 and won the batting crown in 1979. He kept the ‘stache and won the National League MVP award, 11 gold gloves, and the National League batting crown in 1986, and the hearts of New York’s fans as the voice of the Mets for SportsNet New York. Just because no Dillon (or any other sort of man) could match the greatness of No. 17’s mustache doesn’t mean that its majesty should be unappreciated.

Brian Wysocik
Fisher Hall
Feb. 24

Eric Holder, the nation’s first African-American attorney general, gave a speech last week. In it, he characterized the United States as a “nation of cowards.” I see Holder’s words as a challenge to us all to have honest conversations about race. America. We are living at a time when the gains of the 1954 Supreme Court decision, Brown v. Board of Education, have been completely reversed, when the gap in wealth among different racial groups has never been wider, and when the effects of historical inequities have never been greater. We are living at a time when we see the effects of the government’s disinvestment in urban communities.

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‘Guernica’ offers an inquisitive look at man

By ELLIE HALL
Script Writer

"Guernica," Notre Dame's Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) department's latest production, offers a deeply introspective and surrealistic representation of wrongful death, frustrated ambitions and man's inhumanity toward man.

Yiannis Lymstousiouis' "Guernica" begins with a layered, emotional explanation of the circumstances leading up to the play's start, specifically the sinking of an Albanian refugee ship on route to Italy after a collision with an Italian warship. This results in the deaths of hundreds of refugees, and one of the play's many questions is whether or not the act was intentional. "Guernica" is set underneath the Mediterranean Sea and tells the story of four of the victims in this collision, who have drowned, but are conscious and unaware that they are dead.

"Guernica" grabs you from the moment you enter the theatre, with intricate sets that almost reach to the seats of the Philbin Studio Theatre. Indeed, the production's visual elements alone are reason enough to attend — the lighting, scenery, costumes and even the movements of the actors pull you into the watery purgatory of the play's setting. This is not a play that provides a passive viewing experience; the actors deliberately interact with those seated in the front row and draw the audience further into the story.

Director Anton Juan's intimate understanding of the script — he translated the work from its original Greek — is apparent in the integrated nature of the performance. Audiovisual effects (music, video, off-stage narration) add to the overall experience rather than detract, as is often the case in theatrical presentations.

The smallness of the cast — only five actors — highlights the strength of Notre Dame's theatre program. These five undergraduate students present the play's dark material with heart-wrenching poignancy and incomparable Albanian accents.

This play is not for those who don't want to leave the theatre thinking of those who can't handle heavy subject matter. It is a moving and lyrical, but admittedly difficult presentation about human nature. "The basic fear of man," Juan writes in director's note, "is to open his eyes in the water." Anyone willing to embrace that fear and experience a new kind of theatrical experience should make a point to see this play.

"Guernica" continues its run in the Philbin Studio Theatre tonight at 7:30 p.m. as part of the University's international playwriting conference, "Darwin and Theatre: Migration and Evolution." There are also performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets cost $15 for general admission, $12 for faculty and staff, $12 for seniors, and $10 for all students. Contact the box office at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at performin­ garts.nd.edu for more information.

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The history behind ‘Guernica’

By ELLIE HALL
Script Writer

Yiannis Lymstousiouis' "Guernica" is based upon a true historical event marked by the deaths of innocent civilians, but not the ones you might be thinking of after looking at the play's title.

The play "Guernica" takes its name from the 1937 aerial bombing by German and Italian fascists of the Basque town of Guernica, Spain during the Spanish Civil War. The bombings at Guernica were some of the first examples of terror bombing, as the town was not a military stronghold and had no aerial defense. The numbers are still a subject of controversy, but approximately 250 to 300 civilians were killed in the bombings. Pablo Picasso heard of the tragedy and created the painting "Guernica," which brought international attention to the plight of the innocent in the ongoing civil war when it was first displayed during the 1937 World's Fair. The painting remains a symbol of the horrors of war and a tapestry of the work hangs in the United Nations building in front of the entrance to the Security Council chambers to remind the delegates of their goals of peace and international cooperation.

But "Guernica" is not a play about the bombings in northern Spain. Confused? Don't be. "Guernica" is about the sinking of an Albanian ship, the Kater I Bades, in the Straight of Otranto in the Mediterranean Sea after colliding with the Sybilis, an Italian warship on March 28, 1997. Approximately 80-120 refugees were crammed onto this ship, which was built to hold a maximum of 30 passengers. Only 30 of the refugees survived the crash and these survivors claim that the collision was not an accident. The events leading up to the sinking of the Kater I Bades indicate the Italian government's dissatisfaction with the influx of Albanian refugees. The de facto collapse of democracy in Albania on March 1, 1997, and Albanian president Sali Berisha's simultaneous declaration of a state of emergency, sparked the immediate migration of over 10,000 Albanians to nearby Italy. Foreign governments pulled their citizens out of the country.

As anarchy took hold in Albania, Italian officials, suddenly dealing with a refugee crisis, expressed resentment to the United Nations and asked for the organization's support of a naval blockade to stem the flow of illegal immigrants. On March 27, 1997, the United Nations instead authorized a peacekeeping force to restore order in Albania and asked surrounding countries to provide protection for the refugees. The Kater I Bades sank the next day.

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Designing ‘Guernica’

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

One aspect of “Guernica,” the latest Mainstage production of the Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) Department at Notre Dame, which might go unnoticed to the untrained eye, is its list of credits, and one of the show’s top design credits goes to a student.

Kimberly Mering, a senior FTT major from Baraboo, Wis., is the set designer for “Guernica.” Mering is taking on the project for her senior thesis in FTT.

“Designing the set for ‘Guernica’ has been a challenging and collaborative task for Mering.

“In order to design the set, I had to work from the script and in discussion with the director and other designers to come up with a design that works for the show and in the space where the piece is being performed,” Mering said.

That space, the Philbin Theater, is known as a “black box” theater, a versatile facility in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center that functions as something of a blank slate for each new production.

“The set is based on the idea that while humans intrude on natural settings, causing dissonance in something that should be beautiful, eventually nature is able to restore itself by overwhelming the intrusion,” she said.

Her design incorporates a variety of natural-looking elements,” including sand, rocks, water and seashells.

Still, the human touch lingers on the environment Mering has designed. There is human “stuff” all over the place,” she said, blending and eroding into the larger landscape surrounding it.

The process of designing was a difficult one, Mering admitted, and unlike her previous challenges on other productions.

“Designing and building was tough,” she said. “I never realized just how much goes into getting a design from that first reading... to up-and-running by opening night.

“But it was really rewarding to finally see everything as it came together after months of work.”

Designing the set for “Guernica” presented another layer of pressure for Mering, as the project is effectively her senior thesis, the culmination of four years of work in the major. Mering said that while the design is now a cohesive whole, the process of working towards that design had its twists and turns.

“I knew I wanted to work on a creative project,” Mering said. “What really excites me about theater is the chance to be part of a collaborative process that results in something as beautiful as Guernica.”

Through the careful guidance of several members of the FTT Faculty, Mering decided to take on the set design of a mainstage show, leading to her position as the “Guernica” set designer.

If students are wavering in their decision to see “Guernica,” Mering said the play will no doubt interest them long after the final curtain falls.

“It’s a very tragically beautiful show,” she said. “You’ll walk out thinking about something you saw or heard happen to the characters.”

Mering’s history with FTT is a long one; she first encountered the department during her freshman year, acting in the mainstage production of “Wings.” After that early foray into acting, however, she found herself more drawn to the technical side of production.

“Since (‘Wings’) I’ve been mostly behind the scenes,” Mering said. “I’ve been the Assistant Set Designer on a few shows (2008’s The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus, among others) and the Light Board operator on The Mousetrap.”

As an employee of the scene shop at the Performing Arts Center, Mering has also helped build the sets for major FTT productions for the past few years.

Mering actually came to the University with the intent of studying political science. But early involvement with on-campus theater productions got her hooked, and by her junior year, she had declared FTT as her major.

Mering said the department’s faculty were her strongest influences during her undergraduate career, leading to her work with “Guernica.”

“They’re supportive and excited about what they do and what we students do,” she said.

Ultimately, the power of theater is what’s kept Mering involved these past four years, from that first role in “Wings” to her senior thesis.

“Just having the chance to be a part of a live performance in any capacity is very rewarding,” she said. “Live theater is such a powerful medium, and the more I learn about it, the more I realize how much this is true.”

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Colts release receiver Harrison from contract

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts released Marvin Harrison, ending the star receiver's 13-year tenure with the team and breaking up one of the great pass-receiver combinations in NFL history.

Colts owner Jim Irsay announced the move Tuesday after meeting with Harrison in a final effort to re-sign the franchise-wide record holder. It was a bittersweet moment for both sides.

"It's a day as an owner you keep thinking you're going to come up with, but not a day you look forward to," Irsay said at a news conference. "I consider Marvin in 1996 coming into the draft as the beginning of an era and talking to him and meeting him for the first time, and the journey began.

"As an owner, these are rare events, when you have a chance to leave many individual who literally changed the face of a franchise."

Harrison, who did not attend the news conference, ranks second in NFL career receptions with 1,102, the vast majority from quarterback Peyton Manning's passes. Together they helped make the Colts one of the most prolific passing teams in the league for more than a decade.

Harrison made eight Pro Bowls and earned a Super Bowl ring and his 14,550 yards rank fourth on the NFL's career list. He is No. 5 all-time with 128 TD catches and holds all major single-season and career receiving marks for the Colts.

Colts president Bill Polian said he discussed Harrison Saturday night.

"We talked at length about all the things he accomplished here," Polian said.

"He worked so hard on his craft, always so prepared. He did it with every little individual who literally changed the face of a franchise."

The Associated Press

Colts' receiver Marvin Harrison scores a touchdown against the Jaguars in a Dec. 2005 game. Harrison was released Tuesday.

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New York's Stephon Marbury watches a game against the Milwaukee Bucks in November on the bench at Madison Square Garden. Marbury has not played in a game this season under new coach Mike D'Antoni.

Marbury waived by Knicks
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks are free of Stephon Marbury, and the troublesome point guard is free to join a playoff contender.

Marbury was waived Tuesday by the Knicks, ending a turbulent five-year stint in which the former All-Star couldn't lead his hometown team to a single playoff victory.

The team released a statement saying an agreement between the Knicks and Marbury had been reached, but did not disclose financial terms. Knicks president Donnie Walsh has said the team and Marbury have been trying to work out a buyout.

Walsh's hope was to get something for Marbury in trade, but with the NBA salary cap of close to $21 million this season and a divisive personality, he knew a deal would be improbable.

Marbury would be eligible to play in the postseason for any team that signs him because he was waived by March 1. He has been linked to the Boston Celtics, who are in need of a backup guard with Tony Allen injured.

"The Celtics are focused on defending our championship and are working day and night to finalize our playoff roster," owner Wyc Grousbeck said. "We don't have anything to announce at this point except that we intend to do everything we can to raise Banner 18."

Though perhaps the most talented player on the roster, Marbury hadn't played in a game this season as new coach Mike D'Antoni preferred to stick with the players who would be part of the Knicks' future. He never gave the temperamental guard a chance to cause the same troubles for him that he did for Larry Brown and Isaiah Thomas.

The Knicks' statement also said Marbury's grievance against the Knicks had been resolved. The sides attended an arbitration hearing earlier this week.

The team said it is hopeful the nearly $400,000 in salary the team would dock the point guard after appealing his release if the Knicks respect to play in a game in Detroit in November when the team was short-handed.

He then publicly criticized D'Antoni and said he could never play for the coach because he didn't trust him. Marbury sought his departure soon after that episode, but hadn't met face-to-face with Walsh since Dec. 1, when he left a meeting after just 20 minutes because they weren't close on a buyout agreement.

Texas Tech's Knight gets suspension for arguing

KANSAS CITY — The Big 12 Conference suspended Texas Tech coach Pat Knight for one game on Monday for complaining about the officials after a loss to Texas A&M.

Knight received a technical foul in the second half of the 79-73 loss on Saturday for arguing a foul call and complained about the officials after the game to reporters, saying he didn't care what the Big 12 thought.

The son of Bob Knight, Pat Knight also was publicly reprimanded by the Big 12 earlier this month for being ejected after running onto the court twice to argue a foul call in a game against Nebraska.

Assistant coach Stew Robinson will replace Knight for Wednesday's game against Texas. "I wasn't surprised because I broke a rule," Knight said during the Big 12 coaches teleconference.

NCAA Women's Basketball AP Top 25

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IN BRIEF

WR Crabtree indecisive on whether to run for scouts
INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Crabtree might not perform in front of NFL scouts, after all.

The top-rated receiver in this year's draft told NFL Network on Tuesday there was only a 50-50 chance he would run at his personal workout next month in Lubbock, Texas.

On Saturday, doctors at the league's annual scouting combine diagnosed a stress fracture in his left foot and recommended surgery to insert a screw. Rehabilitation is expected to take 10 weeks or more, meaning Crabtree wouldn't be able to work out for scouts before the draft if the procedure was done soon. The draft is April 25-26.

On Sunday, Crabtree changed his plans. He said he would delay surgery until after his plans. He said he would delay surgery until after his personal workout. Now that could change.

Oden sidelined again by bone chips in knee
HOUSTON — Portland Trail Blazers center Greg Oden will miss at least two more games because of a bone chip in his left knee.

Oden was hurt in a collision during a game at Golden State before the All-Star break. The 7-foot Oden missed the rookie challenge and will miss sit out Tuesday's game in Houston and Wednesday's game in San Antonio.

Coach Nate McMillan said there was a "slight chance" Oden would participate in practice on Thursday. McMillan said he wanted to see Oden run before determining when Oden would play again.

"We thought, everybody thought, he would be able to be moving by now," McMillan said. "Things just keep getting bumped back." McMillan said doctors have assured him that the injury won't turn into a long-term absence.
New team looks for drivers

Founders of Formula One team hope to make debut in 2010

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The founders of a new U.S.-based Formula One team plan to hire a pair of American drivers, and Mario Andretti believes his grandson is the perfect choice to fill one of the seats.

Ken Anderson and Peter Windsor, the principals behind the team they call USF1, officially announced their intent Tuesday to run the 2010 schedule. The motorsports veterans said they'll base the team in Charlotte, home for most NASCAR teams, and scour the market for young American drivers.

"Who they are ... your guess is as good as mine," said Windsor, a former team manager for Ferrari and Williams and current F1 pit reporter for Speed TV. "But two American drivers, that's what we intend to do."

Windsor rattled off a prospect list of relatively unknown open-wheel drivers currently competing in lower ranks, the most notable Jonathan Summerton, a 21-year-old Florida native racing in Europe in the A1GP Series.

Then he and Anderson turned to their dream list, which included former F1 driver Scott Speed, NASCAR star Kyle Busch and IndyCar glamour girl Danica Patrick. But Speed has said he has no interest in leaving NASCAR for an F1 return. Busch and Patrick both are willing to discuss the opportunity, but neither has been contacted by USF1 representatives.

Neither principal mentioned Marco Andretti, the budding IndyCar star and grandson of 1978 F1 world champion Mario Andretti.

Mario Andretti called into the news conference, which was televised live on Speed TV, as an invited guest in support of the USF1 team. During his comments, he recommended his 22-year-old grandson for a future F1 ride.

"Every time I mention Formula One, he says 'I'd give anything to have this opportunity,'" Andretti said. "If I were to design a Formula One driver today, I would design Marco. We'll see what the future brings for him."

Marco Andretti signed a contract extension last year with Andretti Green Racing, the team co-owned by his father, Michael. He was testing Tuesday at Homestead-Miami Speedway and not immediately available for comment.

After Andretti hung up, Windsor added Marco Andretti to the list of potential hires, as well as Graham Rahal, a 20-year-old IndyCar driver.

There has not been an American driver in F1 since Speed was released from Toro Rosso in the summer of 07.

Speed, who has since moved to NASCAR, was the first American driver since Michael Andretti in 1993.

The list of potential drivers was one of the few details revealed, as Windsor and Anderson had nothing concrete to offer about their planned race team.

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Wade sets career high in Heat's win over Pistons

Spurs hold Mavericks to worst offensive showing of season while All-Star Duncan sits out with sore knee

MIAMI — Not only did Dwyane Wade continue his run of career highs, he sent the Detroit Pistons to a new low.

Wade scored 31 points and set a personal best with 16 assists, leading the Miami Heat to a 103-91 win and handing the Pistons their seventh straight loss — Detroit's longest slide in more than seven years.

Daequan Cook scored 16 points, Jermaine O'Neal added 14 and Jamario Moon added 12 for the Heat, who took control with a 22-8 run to close the third quarter and hold on from there.

Allen Iverson scored 22 points and Tayshaun Prince added 18 for the Pistons (27-28), who fell under .500 now doubled last season's win total with 26 games still to play, moved within two games of idle Atlanta for fourth in the Eastern Conference.

Detroit (27-28) fell into a tie for sixth in the East with Philadelphia, and needs to win in New Orleans on Wednesday to avoid matching the franchise's longest slide since 1995.

The key for Miami was defense in the third quarter, which finally got the Heat some breathing room. Iverson's layup with 6:05 left in the third put Detroit on top 60-59. The Pistons proceeded to miss 12 of their 13 shots over the remainder of the period, with only six free throws in the final seven minutes of the quarter keeping Detroit within striking distance.

McDyess' three-point play with 10 minutes left got Detroit within 82-76, but the Pistons got no closer. Wade scored Miami's next three points, then found Cook for a 3-pointer that restored a 10-point lead.

Miami outrebounded Detroit 44-34 — an impressive stat, considering the Heat had been outrebounded by an average of 18 in their last three games.

Spurs 93, Mavericks 96

Tony Parker had 37 points and 12 assists with All-Star teammate Tim Duncan sitting out with a sore right knee, and the short-handed San Antonio Spurs held the Dallas Mavericks to their worst offensive showing this season in a 93-76 victory on Tuesday night.

Parker scored 26 points in the first half and shouldered the load without Duncan and Manu Ginobili, who hasn't played since the All-Star break because of a stress reaction in his right ankle.

Michael Finley scored 16 against his former team, and Josh Howard led the flat-looking Mavericks with 19 points. The severity of Duncan's injury wasn't immediately known, nor was his likelihood for Wednesday's game against Portland. Duncan walked around the locker room before the game but was scratched only a half-hour before tip-off.

He was not on the bench for the game.

It was the first time this season San Antonio's leading scorer sat out with an injury, and left the Spurs to manage again without two of their big three.

The Spurs survived a rocky first few weeks without Parker and Ginobili, who at the time was still recovering from surgery on his other ankle.

Ginobili, who is expected to miss another few weeks, cheerleaded in street clothes as the Spurs won their third straight.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 14 points for the Mavericks, who are also still without one of their biggest offensive weapons, Jason Terry. The standpoint sixth man missed his sixth game with a break in his non-shooting hand.

Minus Duncan, Ginobili and Terry, the latest meeting in the Interstate 35 rivalry was a far cry from the 133-126 double-overtime thriller that the Spurs wrested in Dallas in December.

Tuesday was more of a jog than a sprint. The Mavericks shot just 34 percent from the floor and San Antonio improved to 18-2 when holding opponents below 89 points.

Matt Bonner added 11 for San Antonio and Kurt Thomas had 10.

Papovich did not mention Duncan's health in a pregame chat with reporters. But when the subject of the recent rash of notable injuries came up — Ginobili, Phoenix's Amar'e Stoudemire, Boston's Kevin Garnett — Papovich plainly stated that "everyone knows you got to have your horses to win it."
Friars upset No.1 Pittsburgh

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — All Providence coach Keno Davis wanted was for his team to be part of the conversation about who will be in the NCAA tournament field.

They're talking about the Friars now.

Weynimi Ejaku scored 16 points for Providence, which took a 20-point lead and then turned back one last rally by No. 1 Pittsburgh for an 81-73 victory Tuesday night, the school's second win ever over a top-ranked team.

"I'm sure if we had lost, they wouldn't be talking about us anymore," Keno Davis Providence coach said of his seniors after their final home game. "We're in a pretty good situation: we're in the top half of the best conference in the country. It puts us in the conversation. I'm sure if we had lost, they wouldn't be talking about us anymore."

The Friars upset No.1 Pittsburgh NBAKETBALL on a free throw for Providence a fraction of a second later, Pitt brought the ball down and Blair was called for an offensive foul. The fans in the Dunkin' Donuts Center crowded around the courtside press tables for the final minutes. Twice, the public address announcer begged the fans to stay off the court following the game; twice the crowd responded by laughing.

Sure enough, after the Friars dribbled out the last 20 seconds — it was too far gone for Pitt to try fouling — the fans went over the tables and chairs circling the court and celebrated one of the biggest wins in school history.

"We weren't here to get rolled on," Providence forward Jonathan Kale said. "We knew we had to win one. It happened to be Pitt. They happened to be No. 1."

The Friars are 3-10 all-time against No. 1-ranked teams, with their other victory coming in double overtime against Michigan in 1976. They 2-5 against ranked teams this season, having also beaten then-No. 15 Syracuse on Jan. 28.

"We've got high standards, and we didn't live up to them tonight," said Pitt's Jamie Dixon, who coached his 200th game. "That's obvious." Providence opened with a 13-4 lead and led by 18 at halftime despite making just one of its first eight 3-point attempts. The Panthers cut the lead to 29-25 with 6:25 left in the half, but Providence scored 17 of the last 18 points before the break.

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Harangody said. "It's going to be a tough game. It's a Big East game and it's going to be tough, no matter who you're playing."

Junior guard Jonathon Peoples made a statement with his performance Saturday against Providence.

Against the Friars, Peoples enjoyed a breakout performance in which he played 28 minutes setting career highs in points (13) and assists (nine). His ball-handling against the Friars' press was needed a little confidence, and that's great for us," Harangody said. "We know he's capable of doing that. I think he just needed a little confidence. Now, he's sky high, and that's great for us." Peoples' performance was a key part of the season-high 103 points put up by the Irish. "We were joking around with him. He needs to play like that for us that all the time," Harangody said. "He handles the ball well. He's strong and makes great decisions. I think that was evident against Providence. He made great decisions with the ball. Tory was out most of the game and he did a good job of playing with the team and not slowing us down at all."

Luke Harangody Irish junior

Whether its Peoples or regular starter junior Tory Jackson handling the point guard duties, Notre Dame will need a strong performance from its backcourt. The Scarlet Knights are led by their guard duo of Mike Rosario and Anthony Farmer who, combined, average just over 26 points per game. Last season, Rutgers gave Notre Dame a scare in Piscataway. The heavily-favored Irish escaped with a 71-68 win.

"From what I can remember they have drivers. Guards who can really get in the paint and drive the ball. Obviously they're a dangerous team and can get up into you. They play kind of chaotic." Kyle McAlarney Irish senior

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Johnson puts up impressive numbers in Purdue’s defeat of Indiana, possible conference player of year candidate

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, LA. — Trent Johnson took over a LSU basketball program last April that had gone through consecutive losing seasons in the Southeastern Conference.

Now in Johnson’s first season the Tigers are SEC champions again, clinching at least a share of the conference crown with an 81-75 victory against Florida on Tuesday night.

Marcus Thornton scored 32 points for the Tigers (24-4, 12-1), who have won nine straight overall and 12 in a row in SEC play. They can win their second outright conference title in the last four seasons with one victory in the last three games.

“Trent was really a big help for us, you have no idea,” Johnson said. “I don’t believe in all that destiny stuff. This is a good basketball team. The thing I really appreciate about these guys is they speak from the heart and they have a sense of security.”

Garett Temple scored a career-high 21 points in the Tigers’ loss. Tasmin Mitchell added 12 points.

It’s been a huge turnaround for LSU, which fired coach John Brady during last season’s losing campaign. Johnson was lured away from John Brady during last season’s losing campaign.

“Winning is always fun,” Thornton said. “Last year, we didn’t have the season like we wanted to have. Nobody but the guys in this locker room thought we could have a season like this.”

Walker Hodge paced the Gators (21-7, 8-5) with 16 points.

The Gators trailed 56-53 before going on a 14-2 run to take control of the game. A basket by Temple was followed by Bo Spencer’s three-point play and gave Gators a 58-56 lead. After Alex Tyus tied the score for Florida, LSU scored nine consecutive points.

“I think we were playing against the best team in the league right now with a whole bunch of seniors,” Florida coach Billy Donovan said. “Our guys didn’t get that well to be honest with you. We had some plays that we could have made, but we just didn’t. Two free throws by Mitchell gave the Tigers the lead at 60-58 with 10:18 to go. A three-pointer by Temple, a layup by Mitchell and two foul shots by Thornton boosted the LSU advantage to nine points at 67-58 with 8:01 to play.

The Gators scored six straight points on a three-point play by Ervin Walker. LSU rebuilt its advantage to seven points on two foul shots by Thornton and a dunk by Chris Johnson. Florida came no closer than four points the rest of the way.

We really got after them and guarded them in the second half,” Trent Johnson said. “At halftime, we made a couple of adjustments to attack their zone. We made a decision to run our man stuff against it.”

Tyus had 15 points for Florida and Chandler Parsons and Nick Calathes each had 12 points.

Florida, which trailed for most of the opening 20 minutes, closed the first half on a 17-5 run to take a four-point lead. The Gators were held to 11 points in the second half. LSU had 21 points in the second half.

A three-pointer by Dan Werner began the Florida outburst. Tyus and Calathes combined to score the Gators’ next ten points. A three-point play by Tyus tied the score at 37 with 1:19 left in the first half.

Shipman then made a steal and drove for a layup to give Florida its first lead since early in the first half. A layup by Parsons put the Gators on top 41-37 at halftime.

LSU regained the lead at 44-43 less than two minutes into the second half when Thornton knocked down another three-pointer. However, Florida came right back to take a 50-46 lead with Hodge making a pair of layups.

The Tigers answered with seven consecutive points — five by Temple. The Gators scored six points in a row on a three-pointer by Walker and a three-point play by Parsons to go on top 56-53 with 12:05 remaining in the game. LSU then started the game-deciding run.
Junior Matt Hopke, left, lands a left hook on senior Alex Duffy during a semifinal in the 155-pound weight division Tuesday in Bengal Bouts.

Sophomore Jamie Koepsel, left, attempts a left jab at junior Timothy Thayer during a semifinal at 130 pounds.

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hold for a week. This fight opened with Crepeau throwing the first punch but Burroughs making the first contact. After a few punches Burroughs landed a left jab to the opponent’s chin, which set up his right hook that landed cleanly and with great effect.

Crepeau could not find the holes in Burroughs’ defense and landed punches of his own, and the first round went to Burroughs.

Crepeau made his strongest effort in the second round, landing multiple right-left combinations complemented by right jabs, but none of it was enough to seriously disrupt Burroughs’ momentum.

In the final round, Crepeau attacked in order to win, and Burroughs met him, refusing to dance away or try to coast to a victory on points. By the end of the round, Burroughs dispersed numerous shots to Crepeau’s body, as well as right and left hooks to the Daneus sophomore’s head.

But Crepeau fought until the very end, mounting one last stand in the closing minute. He did fire a few punches at Burroughs, and each landed cleanly, blessing Burroughs with a couple of points one hour later. But considering such an electorate came in the final minute of the final round, it was indeed too little, too late.

Burroughs claimed the first-place trophy with a unanimous decision but he could already foresee who would hold the title in the coming years. “Kevin is a great fighter. I consider him a good friend, and I wish him the greatest of fortune,” said Burroughs said, after icing that round had not gone his way, Hof did throw. Bulger tried pushing his reach advantage to earn a spot in the finals.

Eric 2nd Reading From The Book of the Prophet? Feduska def. Michael Johnston
In a match where the only person to get knocked down was the referee, the first round saw Johnston pushing the pace, with Feduska using effective counter striking to take the round. The second round was more of the same, with Feduska counter-attacking Johnston’s aggression. The aggression took its toll, as Johnston appeared tired and sluggish by the end of the round. Still looking tired in the final round, Johnston continued to initiate, but Feduska worked the jab well, and kept his tired opponent at bay.

140 pounds

Kristopher ’El Azteca’ Perez def. Kieran ‘The Bulge’ Bulger
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145 pounds

Bobby Powers def. Albert Sayles ‘The Evangelical Panic’ Toscano
The top-seeded Powers used his reach advantage to the fullest in the finals for the second straight round.

Powers used his reach early and often, trapping Toscano in the corner and landing good punches while staying out of Toscano’s reach. Toscano used aggression to overcome the reach disadvantage in the opening round, initiating and winning the early exchanges. Toscano continued to get inside and trade shots with Powers for each one his opponent.

Toscano’s strategy of aiming for the back of the neck, and again landing a spinning back elbow while trying to escape Wehr’s flurries. Wehr took the unanimous decision and will join Powers Saturday in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 final.

147 pounds

Koepsel gave it his all, and by the third round it showed.

The first round saw Leary getting the better of Koepsel, who had trouble getting accustomed to Leary’s back-foot dance. As Koepsel was often unable to find the reach he needed. Koepsel turned things around in the second round, leaning into his punches and making Leary look tired. He sealed the round with combinations against the ropes, though both men were breathing hard by the end of the round.

Leary took the fight up for grabs, Leary came out aggressively, with the second round being set up from the very beginning. Both continued to swing throughout the round, though by the end it did not appear either had enough left in the tank to cause too much damage. Leary took a split decision victory that could have gone either way.

Patrick ‘The South Bend Sniper’ Kibbe def. Brian ‘Raw Dawg’ Powers
Kibbe chased Desplinter into a corner, and Desplinter’s strategy of aiming for the back of the neck, and again landing a spinning back elbow while trying to escape Wehr’s flurries. Wehr took the unanimous decision and will join Powers Saturday in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 final.

145 pounds

Danny ‘You’re in the Lion’s Den. Now’ Rodgers def. Nathan ‘I Am The One’ D’Angelo
Both fighters looked cautious from the get-go, but Rodgers caught Rothenberger off guard with a right jab-and-hook combo to start the fight. Rothenberger went for the body early on, but Rodgers landed a few more combinations.

Neither of the boxers proved to be overly assertive at the start of the second round, but Rodgers took over effectively from there until the remainder of the match. Rothenberger began some effective chasing, but Rodgers began to aim for Rothenberger’s unguarded head. Toward the end of the round, Rothenberger showed a powerful right jab but Rodgers landed a few more combinations.

Both saved their aggression out for the third round. Rothenberger still did the majority of the effective chasing, becoming a much stronger opponent. Combo shots worked well for both men, while Rogers showed that Rogers was losing The round finished with both fighters tiring, off their targets, and unable to do crucial damage to make the decision obvious. Both the judges determined Potuzsky the victor with a split decision.

155 pounds

Josiah ‘The Caveman’ Bennett def. Eric ‘A 2nd Reading From the Prophet’ Posluszny
Bennett showed a few right jabs as detracting Rogers was losing The round finished with both fighters tiring, off their targets, and unable to do crucial damage to make the decision obvious. Both the judges determined Potuzsky the victor with a split decision.

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John ‘LERN’ Maier def. Alex ‘Speedy’ Gonzalez

Devereaux’s hooks were able to do some damage to his opponent, who trailed most of the round until landing a right hook.

In the second round, neither fighter gained much ground. However, Bucci’s jabs began to land, and Devereaux’s reach advantages defined the fight, but only in the ways that Bucci managed to exploit them.

From the opening bell, whenever Winne attacked, Bucci would duck the punches from above and take advantage of the newfound gap to pummel Winne’s body.

In the second round, both fighters sought a rhythm. With the opening adrenaline-induced flurry shortly before the bell, the two boxers entered the third round in a hurry. Hopke threw more punches with greater frequency than Winne, and indeed, it was unanimous.

170 pounds

Andres Villalba def. Matt ‘The Abominable Flowerman’ Paletta

Both fighters opened the championship bout with a left jab, and neither fighter seemed to feel that in order to win the bout, he needed to land a single punch. Hopke returned to form in the third round, focusing on Paletta’s body. Both fighters began to fatigue at the end of the round, and Hopke retained a unanimous decision.

Bernardo ‘Blue’ Garcia def. Alex ‘The Big Swede’ Kissinger

The fight began quickly as Garcia’s hooks and jabs were able to land with a right hook that firmly connected with Paletta’s body. A right jab to Paletta’s chin furthered Villalba’s momentum. The right hook also set Villalba’s body shots near the end of the round.

Entering the third round, both fighters continued to exchange blows to the body, and Villalba continued to focus on Paletta’s body, eventually dropping down to Villalba’s unanimous victory.

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Joy after defeating senior Sean McNichols in a semifinal bout in the 130-pound division.

Noël John Michael Sayles jumps for joy after defeating senior Sean McNichols in a semifinal bout in the 130-pound division.
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‘Cuse performance earned her a ringing ovation from the crowd. She limped through a couple possessions before Williamson replaced her.

Notre Dame continued with the foul shooting and didn’t make a field goal for the second half, but a technical foul following a personal foul gave Notre Dame four straight free throws, and the Irish made all four.

Williamson made a hook shot and tipped in a miss and Lechlitner hit two more free throws to give Notre Dame a 63-48 lead with 10:10 left. Just as Notre Dame went to the line often in the second half, Syracuse got some help in the foul department later on. Notre Dame committed two fouls in just over three minutes, including Schrader’s third and fourth and two three-point plays. Syracuse made all five free throws during the stretch and pulled within 70-61 with 6:57 left.

In the first half, Schrader had 11 points in the first seven minutes and her two free throws gave Notre Dame a 22-7 lead at the 10:30 remaining. Notre Dame started the game on a 16-3 run and led 24-12 with five minutes left in the first half. Three Syracuse fouls in a foul gave Notre Dame a half helped Notre Dame start shooting foul made earlier. The Irish got to the one-and-one mark with 8:33 remaining in the half.

Two quick baskets by Morrow brought Syracuse within 10, but Braswell converted a 3-point play to make the score 36-23 with 5:13 remaining.

With some help from Jones, Syracuse worked its way back. A 7-0 run by Tasha Harris tied the score at 36, capping a 13-6 run. The half ended with Notre Dame ahead 38-36.

Schrader finished the half with 15 points on 6-of-7 shooting.

Notes:
- Williamson now has more than 100 blocked shots, with 102, good for 9th on the all-time list at Notre Dame.
- Schrader is now six points away from 1,000 for her career.

Kailene Abt and Jackie Doherty.

But Blaney’s past success hasn’t stopped her from continuing to set goals for improvement.

“I would really like to get more assists than I did last year and also have at least one goal in every game,” Blaney said. “Every year our [team] goals for the season are to win the Big East and a National Championship. It isn’t easy. There are a lot of great teams in the country.

“I think that this year we have a really good chance of winning the Big East and being contenders for a National Championship.”

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Worth the weight

Burroughs repeats as heavyweight champ; finalists in other 12 divisions determined

By DUSTIN MADDEN, MOLLY SAMMON and DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

The big boys got a chance to fight for a title amid a night of semifinal bouts in the 12 other weight classes, and Will "The Stimulus Package" Burroughs beat his good friend Kevin "I Left My 6-Pack in my Gym Bag" Crepeau for the second straight year to claim the heavyweight championship.

"After we fought last year we became friends, hung out on occasion," said Burroughs, a law student. "I think fighting him again only added to the stress element. When it turned out we were fighting, it was as if we needed to put the friendship on hold."

Sophomore Kevin Crepeau, left, and law student Will Burroughs duke it out during Tuesday's heavyweight title fight. Burroughs won the championship for the second straight year.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Schrader celebrates in style

Senior scores 23 on birthday in victory

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Whether it was a birthday wish coming true or the result of a surging Notre Dame offense, everything went right for Lindsay Schrader.

The senior guard had 23 points and eight rebounds on her 22nd birthday Tuesday during No. 23 Notre Dame's 90-79 win over Syracuse.

"It was a good birthday present, that's for sure," said Schrader, who made 16-of-34 field goals.

Sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski had 20 points and five Irish players scored in

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles top Adrian in playoffs

By ROBERT GRAHAM
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's extended its record-breaking season last night after defeating Adrian Bulldogs 74-60 in the MIAA tournament's first round at the Angela Athletic Complex.

The win was the 16th of the season for the Belles (16-9, 13-3 MIAA), the most in the history of the school's program.

Saint Mary's never let up after building an early 20-8 lead over the visiting Bulldogs.

Senior forward Erin Newsom recorded her seventh double-double of the season, scoring 13 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in the win. Freshman Pacy Mahoney also added 11 points with a trio of 3-pointers.

Saint Mary's, as it has throughout the season, also

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

For Blaney, lacrosse is always a family affair

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

"I never liked the title of 'the coach's daughter,' but looking back I wouldn't have it any other way," said Blaney, whose three older siblings all played at the college.

"It is such a big part of who I am. I think that if lacrosse wasn't in my life another sport would be in its place.

"Blaney has a team-high eight goals through three games for the Irish (2-1) this year, and as a freshman scored 43 goals to rank second on the team."

Those gaudy statistics helped make Blaney a unanimous all-Big East preseason team selection this season, as she joined

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