Facebook terms of use cause alarm

Discontent prompts reversal change, privacy questions linger

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

This is the first installment of a three-part series that will explore the recent Terms of Use controversy involving Facebook and delve into the way interactivity and opinion of the site has caused alarm throughout the Facebook user community and began a stream of complaints that quickly prompted Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and CEO of the popular social networking site, to reverse a change made to its terms of use. The blog post at consumerist.com pointed out that Facebook had changed some important language in its terms, which could affect the privacy of Facebook members.

When a person signs up to join Facebook, he agrees to the terms of use. In doing so, he grants Facebook a license to his user content. Early in February, Facebook removed the following line from its terms of use, The Consumerist blog reported: "You may remove your User Content from the Site at any time. If you choose to remove your User Content, the license granted above will automatically expire,"

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Center joins "Quest" to raise funds for hospital

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Donating cents makes sense, according to Jeanie Martz, Program Manager in Employer Relations at the Career Center. The Career Center has decided to take part in local country radio station B100's "Quest for a Million Pennies," in conjunction with the non-profit "Country Cares for St. Jude Kids" Radiothon, Martz said.

"We're all blessed with healthy kids, but there are sick children," Martz said.

The "Quest for a Million Pennies" is meant to help these sick children at St. Jude Hospital, Martz said. Members of the community outreach team at the Career Center heard about the program and decided to get involved.

The "Quest for a Million Pennies" began in January, according to Martz, but the Career Center didn't get involved until Feb. 4. The last day to donate is March 6.

"We have collection jugs on the first floor outside of the Interview Center and in the lobby of the Career Center on the second floor of Flanner Hall," Martz said.

Café de Grasta, on the first floor of Grace Hall, has also partnered with the Career Center with collection jugs, according to Anita Rome, Associate Director of the College of Arts and Letters department at the Career Center.

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OIS extends abroad invitations

STUDY ABROAD APPLICANTS 2009

348 APPLICANTS FALL
515 APPLICANTS SPRING
56 APPLICANTS WHOLE YEAR

= 955 TOTAL CHOICE:

INCLUDES 3rd & 4th CHOICE:
1554 TOTAL APPLICANTS

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Earlier this month, the Office of International Studies (OIS) invited students to participate in study abroad programs after thoroughly reviewing applications.

"Everything went out on February 6, all of our letters," Kathleen Opel, director of the OIS, said.

The OIS received 384 applications from students whose first choice was to study abroad in the fall, 515 who hoped to go in the spring, and 56 who wanted to go for an entire academic year, totaling 955 first-choice applications. Including see ABROAD/page 3

Two sexual assaults reported

Observer Staff Report

Two alleged sexual assaults were reported on campus recently, according to an e-mail sent to the student body from the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) early Thursday morning.

The e-mail, dated Feb. 25 and sent through the IRISH- LINK listserve, came during the same week students and campus groups were observing Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

A University administrator reported receiving information of an alleged sexual assault committed by "acquaintances of the survivor," in a campus residence hall on Feb. 8, the e-mail said. The incident was not reported to NDSP.

Another alleged sexual assault, committed by an acquaintance, occurred on Feb. 23 in a residence hall, the e-mail said. The incident was reported to NDSP the same day.

Information about sexual assault prevention and resources for survivors of sexual assault is available at www.ndsp.nd.edu and from the Office of Student Affairs at http://osa.nd.edu/health/safety/assault, the e-mail said.

To report a crime in progress, suspicious activity or a fire or medical emergency, dial 9-1-1 from any campus phone or 574-631-5555.

STUDENT SENATE

Affleck-Graves addresses ND finances

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

In light of the struggling economy, Student Senate hosted Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves to address questions about the University's financial situation at Wednesday's meeting.

"It is a very tough time for our country and our world," Affleck-Graves said. "We rely a lot on our benefactors, but our benefactors have lost a lot."

Affleck-Graves said the University is down 90 million dollars in gifts and pledges from last year's numbers.

"This is a very significant factor for us, and we don't see it picking up," he said.

The University also relies on government grants for research funding and money brought in from auxiliary operations such as the Hammes Bookstore and the Morris Inn, both of which have been down this year, he said.

Affleck-Graves said the University's most critical goal is to continue to meet the demonstrated financial aid need of every student, but he predicted students will require more financial aid next year.

The University's budget allotted $83 million for financial aid next year, but Affleck-Graves said
INSIDE COLUMN

Hello friends =>

As I approach the last two months of college, my friends and I have been reminiscing about things we haven’t done, and things we didn’t even know existed. This will be a very informative column, as far as people who know me, I tend to stay relatively intimate (in between bouts of aloof). So take note: Go to Quarters. Dogs at least once. And by once; mean thirty or forty times. A quarter. For a hot dog. Even as a senior, I’ve gone more than once this year. Not the healthiest midnight snack, but delicious nonetheless.

Buy men’s basketball season tickets. This is the first year I’ve done it and I’m really happy I did. And at the very least, you get a free T-shirt. Run the Finish on the Domefest. Even as a senior, I still remember the bongs. Go tubing at 10. Minutes away and the price is right at $3. Go to Studabagels. Go to a pep rally. Not several pep rallies. De芙. Even as a senior, I still remember the bongs. Go to mass at the basilica. Even if you’re not Catholic, it’s a magnificent piece of architecture and very entertaining to look at the ceiling. Use poster paint or acrylic paint. Call the DeBartolo Ticket Office at 574-631-2800. The market has tried to last year, but delicious nonetheless. The order writer noticed that would disrupt his commute threw a cup of hot coffee on the driver in pursuit. The Sun of Lowell reported that Debra Kemp, a driver for the Lowell Regional Transit Authority, told police the passenger was upset by a newspaper story about a possible drivers’ strike. Police said the man then doused the driver with his coffee at about 8 a.m. on Tuesday and took off. There will be free swing dance lessons with the ND Swing Club in the LaFortune Ballroom 9 p.m. to 9 p.m. and 9 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 9:30 p.m. in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Week. RSVP to gref@nd.edu or 574-631-9340. Bengal Bouts finals take place Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame German Club is hosting a Sound of Music Sing-a-Long event Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of Hesburgh Library. Admission is free, and free food will be served at intermission. A costume contest will also be held. To submit information to be included in this section in this issue of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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IN BRIEF

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Panel discusses feminist stereotypes
Professors address gender equality during Women's Appreciation Week

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

A panel of four Saint Mary's professors addressed feminist stereotypes Wednesday evening in the Student Center as part of Women's Appreciation Week. The panel was made up of psychology professor Bettina Spencer, communications professor Terri Russ, history and women's studies professor Amanda Littauer, and religious studies professor Stacy Davis. The panel talked about different stereotypes against feminists including that they are all white, pro-choice, ugly and lesbians. Also, that feminism is outdated and no longer necessary.

Spencer opened the panel discussion with an overview of two types of sexism: benevolent and hostile. Benevolent sexism is a term used to refer to the negative opinions associated with women. Benevolent sexism is a term used to describe how "positive" associations with women are used to reinforce women's gender roles, Spencer said. "I always think of a hot dog commercial when I think of benevolent sexism," Spencer said. "In the hot dog commercial, a guy fumbles while trying to cook a hot dog — as though he is such a guy that he can't figure it out. A woman comes into the kitchen, takes over the hot-dog cooking, and succeeded." This type of commercial uses the idea that women are good at cooking as a positive re-enforcer for their gender role. Women use benevolent sexism to distance themselves from feminist stereotypes and the hostile sexism that goes along with the stereotypes, Spencer said. Benevolent sexism is relevant at Saint Mary's College, she said. "Our students score pretty high on benevolent sexism scale, much higher than other colleges," Spencer said.

Russ followed Spencer's topic with an argument about equal rights. "The feminist argument is about equality," Russ said. "It is about people having the same rights as everyone else. We spend our time worrying about being an 'ugly feminist' instead of worrying about paying more health insurance than men as we get older or making 77 cents to the dollar that men make."

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Funds created for pro-life activities

Special in The Observer

A fund has been established in the Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture to support pro-life activities within the University and beyond.

The efforts supported by the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life will particularly concern issues arising from the plight of human life in its earliest stages; from conception to the early days of infancy.

According to David Solomon, W.P. and H.L. White Director of the center, "There are currently a number of different forces in the academy, as well as in the broader culture, that make it difficult to focus on the many threats to innocent human life in the womb and in its earliest stages. "

"Christians thought at one time that they had defeated infanticide and its advocates, and driven it back into the darkness from which it had come, but infanticide now has influential and respectable defenders at the heart of many of our greatest universities. The bioethics establishment in this country and in Europe is largely committed to pro-choice positions and many of the countries that have traditionally staunchly opposed liberalization of abortion laws have changed their position under the pressure of modernizing influences. The current focus in the public sphere on narrowly economic matters has destroyed the sense of urgency many have felt about human lives in the past. We know that many evil and dreadful practices have sprung into existence when good people are distracted by economic distress."

The fund will be administered by a committee chaired by Solomon. Its members will be Daniel McHerny and Elizabeth Kirk, associate directors of the Center for Ethics and Culture.

Rev. Wilson Micahael, C.S.C., professor of history at Notre Dame; and O. Carter Swadd, associate professor of law at Notre Dame and former chief counsel for the president's Council on Bioethics.

According to Kirk, "We want to educate Notre Dame students and others in the rich intellectual tradition supporting the dignity of human life, specifically in its beginning stages, and to prepare those students, through personal witness, public service, and prayer to transform the culture into one where every human life is respected."

As examples of the sorts of activities the fund will support, Kirk mentioned transportation and other costs of student participation in the annual Right-to-Life march each January in Washington, D.C., the expenses of the undergraduate and Law School student Right-to-Life clubs, essay contests and academic competitions encouraging scholarship on pro-life issues, and sponsorship of lectures and seminars on campus.

FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 1

2/22-3/1 "Giving a Voice" Poster Campaign featuring
GRC FIRE Starters
2/23 Take Back the Night
Prayer Service: 7:00 pm at Log Chapel
March around campus
Speak Out at Bonfire; 8:00 pm at Holy Cross Hill
(with hot-chocolate, smores and free t-shirts)
2/24-26 Resource Tables from 11:30 to 1:30pm in Lafortune and the Dining Halls
2/25 Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention (CSAP) Student Forum
7:00 pm in Reckers Hospitality Room
2/27 "A Time to Heal" Dinner with Faculty and Student Speakers
Carolyn Nordstrom, Professor of Anthropology
John Cavadini Department Chair and Professor of Theology
Kyle A.C. Rocca, Survivor of sexual assault
Tim Latham President of Men Against Violence
Anonymous Student Survivor of sexual assault

3/1 SAWW Sunday featuring petitions, ribbons and prayer cards at Masses

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Charity event raises funds for Riley’s
Dance Marathon committee holds third annual jeans sale
By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer
Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon committee held its third Charity Denim event in the lower level of the Student Center, giving students the opportunity to shop and donate to Riley’s Children’s Hospital at the same time.
Event Fundraising Co-Chair and sophomore Kelli Minor was in charge of planning the event. “Every time we have it, we raise more money. It’s always been successful and really fun,” she said.
For a $1 donation at the door, close to 100 students were able to sift through shirts and the over 500 pairs of designer jeans. Ten percent of each sale is donated to Riley Children’s Hospital.
Since the designs are from last season, jeans that are normally $50-$200 and up can be purchased at much lower prices. The prices range from $10-$40 depending on the brand.
Brands included William Rast, — Justin Timberlake’s new line as well as Seven For All Mankind, Eqo, Vervet, and many others. Minor said, “The idea behind it was to come when Maura Clougherty, senior and organizer of the event, decided to make this a part of her psychology online last year.
Charity Denim events are organized all over the country, Minor said. The committee contacted Steve Price, founder of Charity Denim, who brought the jeans and other clothes to campus.
Applications for Dance Marathon were also available at the event. So far, the group has collected over 50 names for dance, which will be April 3-4. If applicants are able to provide 15 addresses, they will then be given a T-shirt with the Riley Children’s Hospital emblem on it. The addresses will be used to send letters asking for donations for the Hospital, senior and Campus Marketing Chair Meg Varty said.
Varty got involved in the group last year after participating in the event both her freshman and sophomore years.
“I wanted to get involved because it was for a good cause, it was year long, and it’s fun,” she said.
Dance Marathon also has activities planned throughout March to help raise money for the event. Organizers will be holding Salon Night in the basement of the Student Center March 3, senior Sarah Voss said. Also, they will be holding events at Snack ’n Shake and Max and Erma’s. Portions of the sales will be donated to Riley’s.
This year, the committee is continuing to raise the bar. “Our goal is to stay above Purdue and raise over $100,000,” Minor said.
The committee also launched a new Web site, www.smcdf.org, where anyone interested in donating will soon be given the opportunity.
Minor said.
Contact Ashley Charnley at
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Group therapy popularity growing
Six groups are still available for students to join, discuss issues
By LIZ LEBFRE
News Writer
This semester, the University Counseling Center is offering 10 different group counseling sessions which cover a range of topics from eating disorders to alcohol and substance abuse to relieving stress.
The counseling groups are made up of six to 10 students who usually meet once a week during the semester to discuss common issues and strategies. This setting provides a place to evaluate personal relationships and learn new ways of responding to people or situations that may be problematic for students.
Groups are chosen for the semester six to eight weeks in advance, according to coordinator of student interest and staff expertise, as well as the types of issues that students brought to group participation, said Dr. Rita Donley, the associate director of the University Counseling Center.
According to the Counseling Center’s Web site, unc.nd.edu, “The great advantage of group counseling is that you are not only can count on the expertise of the counselors who facilitate the group but you also can get to know other students who are going through similar issues as you are.”
Although four of the groups have already been filled for this semester, six are still available for students to join, Donley said. Beyond Eyes, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Group Therapy (counselor), Given in The Loop, Graduate Student Therapy Group and Social Success Without Excess and Feel Better Fast all currently have openings.
These six groups are designed for students who wish to: relate to each other through group interaction, achieve sobriety, reduce compulsions and obsessions, gain greater confidence and self-understanding, adjust to life in college, dealing with feeling and self-esteem problems, and adjusting to graduate school, achieving personal social success by reducing negative attitudes, improving their moods by reducing stress and attaining better sleep, according to the Web site.
Students interested in joining a group counseling session should contact the University Counseling Center.
Donley stressed the importance of therapy and counseling within a group setting. “I think that by far the biggest advantage of group counseling is that learning from others and being assured that you aren’t alone,” Donley said. “In group counseling it’s a bit like a learning lab. You have learning how to express yourself and deal with feelings as they come up while supporting each other.”
Donley noted that in her over 20 years of work at the Counseling Center, rarely have they seen a breach of confidentiality from a group session.
“Because most students want their own privacy protected, They feel it is important to protect the privacy of others in the group so that the group can function best and they have done a great job of protecting each other,” Donley said.
Overall, Donley has found that the students have appreciated and grown from their experiences in group counseling.
“Life is full of risks. You have to decide what risks you are willing to take. The majority of students who have been in this group have responded to us they are glad they did,” she said.
After fall registration is complete, the Counseling Center will begin working with interested students to coordinate schedules for group counseling. Visit the Counseling Center on the third floor of Saint Mary Hall or call 574-631-7336.

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said he believes this number will not cover the costs.
“It is definitely a time when the University budget is feeling some pressure,” he said.
Affleck-Graves said there is good reason to be optimistic because the University has managed its money wisely thus far.
“We have a history of being very fiscally conservative,” he said. “Our operations are reasonably efficient.”
The University has four main sources of revenue: 29 percent tuition accounts, 27 percent endowment, 21 percent auxiliary operations, 14 percent research contracts and 9 percent annual giving.
The University’s budget is always balanced, and there is a low level of debt, Affleck-Graves said.
Also, while most colleges and universities pay out about 50 percent of the endowment, Notre Dame only pays out about 36 percent — a practice that has been heavily criticized in the past, he said.
But Affleck-Graves said this concern is not a matter of concern because it has allowed the endowment to remain more stable than the endowments at some other schools.
Another policy that has helped the University remain successful in an economic recession concerns the construction of athletic facilities.
Currently, Ryan Hall, a female dorm, Geddes Hall, the new building for the Center for Social Concerns, Stinson-Remillard Hall, an engineering building and the new Law School are being built on campus.
Affleck-Graves said he is not allowed to approve any construction project that is not 75 percent financed from the start, and the remaining 25 percent must follow within five years or less.
“We cannot put a spade in the ground until 75 percent of the cash is in hand,” he said.
Because of the current construction projects are financially stable and will continue on the proposed schedule.
Several senators asked why tuition rates are so high when the endowment is stable and producing returns.
Affleck-Graves said the money that makes up the endowment is given by a donor with the promise that it will be used in a certain way, and the money is an investment, meant to grow, so the University cannot touch it, sometimes for as long as 25 years.
“It’s restricted money,” he said.
Affleck-Graves said another goal of the University is to bring more faculty to campus in order to decrease the student-faculty ratio, but faculty salaries present a big expense.
“People with specialized skills that are hard to replace are demanding more money,” he said.
“People are loyal to their professors, in order to maintain a qualified staff to teach the students, as well as meet financial aid needs, Affleck-Graves said tuition has to remain high.
He said the issue for students to consider is what kind of school they want to attend. The tuition is high in order to bring in top-notch professors and to bring in top-notch professors to Notre Dame.
Affleck-Graves also discussed the current status of the construction of Eddy Street Commons, a center of life just south of the University.
While the University bought the land, the project is owned and funded by a private developer. Kile said.
Affleck-Graves said there are many leases pending for shops and restaurants in the Commons.
“Chipotle might come here,” he said. “We are trying to get that letter of intent.”
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Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Denny Moore Award
For Excellence in Journalism
Candidates must be seniors who excellently exemplify the qualities for which Denny Moore was known, including personal integrity and character, commitment to Notre Dame, and writing ability.
Candidates may be nominated by faculty, staff, or fellow students.
For a nomination form, please visit our website at:	http://osa.nd.edu/get-involved/student-activities-and-awards/denny-moore-award/
Nominations are due by Thursday, March 5, 2009.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Both gov'ts seeking aid for rebuilding GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The rival Palestinian administrations — U.S.-backed moderates in the West Bank and the Islamic militants of Hamas in Gaza — presented competing plans Wednesday for rebuilding war-ravaged Gaza, each seeking roughly $2.8 billion in foreign aid.

The moderates, led by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, believe they can raise the full amount at an international donors conference for Gaza next week in Egypt. The U.S. is expected to contribute about $900 million, and Saudi Arabia has promised $1 billion.

However, Gaza would need open borders and an internationally accepted government for reconstruction to move forward smoothly. At present, it has neither. Hamas is widely shunned as a terrorist group, and Israel and Egypt have kept Gaza cut off from the world since the militants violently seized control of Gaza in June 2007, leaving Abbas only in control of the West Bank.

Turkish plane crashes, few deaths

HAARLEMMERLIEDE, Netherlands — A Turkish jetliner crashed Wednesday at an international donors conference in the Netherlands, seizing the territory in June 2007, leaving Abbas only in control of the West Bank.

The jetliner broke three things upon impact: the fuselage tore in two near the cockpit and the tail was ripped off. Despite the catastrophic impact, the wreckage did not burn and scores of people walked away.

NATIONAL NEWS

Manual focuses on new warfare

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — For the first time since the end of the Cold War, the Army is updating its plans for electronic warfare, calling for more use of high-powered microwaves, lasers and infrared beams to attack enemy targets and control angry crowds.

The new manual, produced at Fort Leavenworth, also seeks to persuade the public that electronic warfare is not just for the military but for civilian officials as well. The Army calls it a "dark" facet of terrorism.

"The war in Iraq began to make us understand that there are a lot of targets that we should be going after in the offensive or defensive mode to protect our forces," said Maj. Gen. Laurie Bocknouth, chief of the Army's electronic warfare division in Washington, D.C.

Witness taken out of Minn. trial

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A Minnesota election judge who said she may have given some people two votes was taken out of a Minn. trial Wednesday to begin demolishing the sinking seven-story structure in about a month or the county will do it for them, county officials said.

Building Commissioner Dave Fuller said SAMS Street demolition procedures could take place beginning Tuesday and end tearing down the structure by March 27. If that doesn't happen forward plans to take bids and ask the County Council to pay for the demolition so the demolition can begin by March 28, Fuller said Tuesday.

LOCAL NEWS

Demolition ordered for sinking hotel

FORT WAINWRIGHT, Alaska — An Army panel has ordered the development that began demolishing the sinking seven-story structure in about a month or the county will do it for them, county officials said.

Building Commissioner Dave Fuller said SAMS Street procedures could take place beginning Tuesday and end tearing down the structure by March 27. If that doesn't happen forward plans to take bids and ask the County Council to pay for the demolition so the demolition can begin by March 28, Fuller said Tuesday.

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Glaciers melting faster than expected

GENEVA — Glaciers in Antarctica are melting faster and across a much wider area than previously thought, a development that threatens to raise sea levels worldwide and tens of millions of people to flee low-lying areas, scientists said Wednesday.

Researchers once believed that the melting was limited to the Antarctic Peninsula, a narrow tongue of land pointing southward into the continent. But satellite data and automated weather stations now indicate it is more widespread.

The melting "also extends all the way down to what is called west Antarctica," said Colin Summerhayes, executive director of the Britain-based Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research.

"That's unusual and unexpected," he told The Associated Press in an interview. "By the end of the century, the accelerated melting could raise sea levels by 3 to 5 feet — levels substantial, higher than predicted by a major scientific group just two years ago.

Making matters worse, scientists said, the ice shelves that hold the glaciers back from the sea are also weakening.

The report Wednesday from Geneva was a broad summary of two years of research by scientists from 60 countries. Some of the findings were released in earlier reports.

In Washington, as part of an overall update on global warming, top researchers on Wednesday sounded a similar warning to the U.S. Senate about rising temperatures in the Antarcics.

The head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a group set up by the United Nations, told lawmakers on the Environment and Public Works Committee that Earth has about six more years at current rates of carbon dioxide pollution before it is locked into a future of severe global warming.

For years, the continent at the bottom of the world seemed to be the only place on the planet not experiencing climate change. Previous research indicated that temperatures across much of Antarctica were staying the same or slightly cooling.

The report Wednesday was compiled as part of the 2007-2008 International Polar Year, an effort by scientists to conduct intense Arctic and Antarctic research over the past two Antarctic summers.
One of Notre Dame’s residence halls has gotten involved as well, Martz said. “Cavanaugh Hall is participating by holding a section competition to see which section will raise the most pennies,” Martz said. Caitlyn Dix is running the competition, Martz said.

The five-gallon jugs were donated by Hawkins Water Tech, Inc., a water treatment facility in Middlebury, Ind., and hold roughly 70,000 coins, or $700 in pennies, Martz said. According to B100’s Web site, anyone can participate, and get a collection jug from the station's studio. The last chance to turn in jugs is March 7.

The beauty of this fundraiser is that it doesn’t require much effort, Martz said. “Just tossing a few coins into a jug is giving back,” Rees said. However, any amount, and any denomination, can be donated. “Pennies are the foundation of this fundraiser, however I heard a rumor that silver is the new copper and we will definitely take any loose change,” Martz said. “Oh, and any other cash... We will turn no coin or bill away.” This is an easy project to get involved with, Martz said. “The simple act of tossing a few cents into one of the collection jugs will help reach the goal of a million pennies,” said Martz. “We want to see B100 successfully raise one million pennies for the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.” Danny Thomas founded St. Jude Children’s Hospital in 1962, Martz said. “Danny Thomas’ dream was for the cure for cancer to be found in his lifetime. Now, that didn’t happen, but wouldn’t it be great if it happened in ours?” said Martz.

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Dem. Congress approves legislation
$410 billion set aside for programs, while Bush admin. policies are criticized

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House passed through Wednesday a $410 billion legislation that boosted domestic programs, bristled with earmarks and chipped away at its size by the Treasury department. The vote was 245-178, largely party lines.

Republicans assailed the move Tuesday, particularly on the heels of a $787 billion stimulus bill that President Barack Obama signed last week. But Democrats hailed it.

"The same people who drove the economy into the ditch are now complaining about the size of the tow truck," said Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass., pointing out the large increase in deficits last year. Previous Treasurers George W. Bush and GOP-controlled Congresses amused.

From the GOP side, Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas said the legislation was "going to grow the government 8.5 percent... but the family budget has to pay for the federal budget only grew at 1.3 percent last year."

The debate occurred one day after Obama told Congress in a prime-time television address that he intends to cut deficits in half over the next four years, and one day before he was submitting tax and spending plans for the coming year.

Officials said the president's first budget would call for a permanent tax cut of $400 for lower- and middle-class workers and $800 for a family, preceded by the temporary provision in the economic stimulus bill.

Obama also intends to ask lawmakers to approve new cap-and-trade system of limits and pollution credits. It would also expand industries such as utilities with coal burning power plants. The program would help reduce greenhouse gas emissions while generating revenue that could help finance other elements of an ambitious agenda that includes health care and education reform.

The spending bill that cleared the House drew the support of 229 Democrats and 16 Republicans. There were 159 Republicans and 20 Democrates opposed.

In a symbolic but to the recession, Democrats included in the spending measure a provision on a cost-of-living increase for members of Congress for the year.

Overall, the legislation would provide increases of roughly 8 percent for the federal agencies it covered, about $32 billion more than last year.

The bill is intended to allow smooth functioning of the government through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year. The Senate has yet to vote on its version.

After persuading lawmakers to keep earmarks off the stimulus bill, Obama made no such attempt on the first non-emergency spending measure of his presidency. The result was that lawmakers claimed billions in federal funds for pet projects — a total of $8,570 earmarks at a cost of $7.7 billion, according to Taxpayers for Common Sense. Majority Democrats declined to provide a number of earmarks, but said the cost was far smaller, $3.8 billion, 5 percent less than a year ago.

Among the earmarks was one sponsored by Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., who secured $200,000 for a "tattoo removal violence outreach program" in Los Angeles. Aides said the money would pay for a tattoo removal machine that could help gang members or others shed visible signs of their past, and anyone benefiting would be required to perform community service.

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Banks to be stress tested for downturns

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration hopes to restore confidence in the nation's financial sector by subjecting 19 of the largest banks to "stress tests" that will gauge whether each institution has adequate capital to survive a severe downturn. Banks that need new funds will be given six months to obtain it from the private sector or, failing that, from the federal government's $700 billion bank rescue program, the Treasury Department said Wednesday.

Government officials haven't specifically said which banks will be subject to the tests, but under the government's criteria they would include large commercial banks such as Citigroup Inc., Bank of America Corp., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Wells Fargo & Co. The 19 largest banks hold two-thirds of the banking industry's assets.

Treasury officials said the new support will be provided through the government's purchase of preferred shares of the banks' stock that are convertible into common shares at a 10 percent discount to their price before Feb. 9. The additional financing will be available immediately if needed, the department said.

The preferred shares will carry a 9 percent dividend and be convertible at the bank's option, subject to regulatory approval. They will automatically convert in 7 years. Banks seeking additional funds will have to demonstrate how they would use the money to support their lending activities. Those plans would be made public.

The option to convert the preferred shares into common shares is a change in the rescue program designed to give the government greater flexibility in managing its assistance. The conversions would give the government larger ownership stakes and dilute current shareholdings. That has raised concerns the government could ultimately takeover, or nationalize, ailing banks.

The Treasury Department also provided details of how the new stress tests will function. The tests will be conducted by bank regulators, including the Federal Reserve, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and Office of Thrift Supervision.

In Brief
Florida hedge fund manager caught
NEW YORK — A Florida hedge fund manager who disappeared for two weeks as investigators closed in on him can be freed on $350 million bail after being accused of ripping off investors of as much as $350 million, a judge said Wednesday.

Defense lawyer Todd Foster, however, said Nadel does not have the $1 million in cash that Lake view said Nadel likely will remain in jail pending a prosecutor's arguments that no release is expected. But as the day wore on, some of the uncertainty about the troubled banking system is beginning to lift. When the Treasury Department said it's expected. But as the day wore on, some of the nervousness has left the banks. The test will demonstrate how they would use the government's purchase of preferred shares into common shares is a test.
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however you acknowledge that the company may retain archived copies of your User Content.

Gordon Wishon, Notre Dame's Chief Information Officer, Associate Vice President and Associate Provost, said the posting of terms of use language is fairly common on the Web.

"Every company that provides services or software on the Internet to a community of users typically protects its intellectual property rights," Wishon said. "The question that often arises is then, in the course of normal use of the service, does the company actually own the content and what rights does the company providing the service have to the content? That's exactly what's come up in the case of Facebook."

The Consumerist's Feb. 15 blog post, with the salient headline "Facebook's New Terms of Service: "We Can Do Anything We Want With Your Content. Forever," had more than half a million views and propelled coverage of the story by other news media.

The concern raised throughout the Internet did not go unnoticed by Zuckerberg. The Facebook founder posted an item on his site titled "On Facebook. People Own and Control Their Information" in the late afternoon on Feb. 16. He said the site had updated its terms of use on Feb. 4 to clarify that they couldn't help license, we acknowledged it needed to take different steps to ensure user confidence.

Zuckerberg invited users to join the conversation about the governing documents in the "Facebook Bill of Rights and Responsibilities" group. The new Terms will be unveiled in "the next few days," Zuckerberg wrote Feb. 18.

Wishon said he was surprised by the initial changes to the terms of use on Facebook.

"It was surprising to find that at least there was an interpretation of the new terms of service that suggested that Facebook was reducing the level of protection, or making claims that they hadn't previously made to content," Wishon said. "I was happy to see, of course, the reverse that position and change the language so it was more clear what their intent was.

Wishon said his impression of Facebook and of Zuckerberg is that they are concerned about the privacy rights of users.

"I think that their prior history has shown that they do have a concern," he said. "There are others that simply don't have that same level of concern, and the challenge of course is for the end user really to know, and in fact the end user never knows, what's in the mind of the people that are running these companies," he said.

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) has not performed a survey of the number of Facebook users at Notre Dame, but Wishon said he would guess the percentage is "quite high." Facebook lists 27,638 people in the Notre Dame network. Of course, not all of these people are students at the University.

But Facebook has inflamed a Notre Dame student life to service for great degree since its inception. The site’s content have the site, event invitations are sent out and photo albums are shared.

The second installment of this series will explore how Facebook use has evolved at Notre Dame, from 2004 to now.

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Abroad

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first, second, third and fourth choice applications, the OIS received 1551 total applications from students, according to Opel. Students who applied to study abroad programs may have been accepted placed on a waitlist or not invited to a program. "Being on the waitlist means you're eligible to go, and we have to see how many spaces become available," Opel said.

The number of openings for students depends on the host university, budgetary constraints and living accommodation spaces she said. "We want to give as many as possible the opportunity to go to a study abroad site that is appropriate for them," she said.

For each site, a committee of three people reviews applications and makes decisions, Opel said. In evaluating applicants, the OIS must first consider institutional requirements set by host institutions. Some institutions may have minimum GPA or course requirements that students must meet. After determining whether an applicant meets specific requirements set by the host university, they are screened to determine how well a program fits their needs and interests.

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Another aspect considered are a student's interests and reasons for wanting to study in a site and how the student plans to be involved in their community abroad, she said. "What are students looking to do while studying abroad?" Opel said.

Applicants write essays as part of the application. "For me, the most important piece of a student's application is the essay," she said. In the essay, students present an argument for why they would be good candidates for a study abroad site. "The essays show us what you learned from the experience," Opel said.

Two academic references provide insight into applicants as students, she said. A reference from a student helps the committee get an idea of how a student will adjust to the living accommodations of an abroad site and may help determine whether a student would thrive in a dorm, an apartment or with a host family, Opel said.

With OIS and Notre Dame Federal Credit Union, students also have the option to apply for a student loan. "Many students are still, unfortunately, in financial need," Opel said. "We are trying to meet that need as well."

Parents should consent and transcripts are also reviewed. "We evaluate each file in its entirety," she said. "No one part is the deciding factor." The selection committee decides whether students are qualified, and then, depending on availability, the most qualified students are invited to study at the site, according to Opel.

Once OIS determines which students to select and where to send them, a list is sent to the Office of Residence Life and Housing for review, she said. "They'll tell us which students they think that the waitlist means you're eligible to go, and we have to see how many spaces become available." Opel said.

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Obama's jenga agenda

Tuesday night, President Obama addressed a joint session of Congress to put forth his agenda for the coming months and years. The plan was incredibly ambitious, outlining not only a plan for a revival of the short-term economy, but also imagining future reforms for education, energy and healthcare and greatly reducing the Federal deficit.

The first half of the speech was largely focused on the short-term economic woes facing the administration. He explained some of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and lauded the speed with which it was passed. He attempted to explain the government’s actions in “bailing out” banks and financial institutions, and why these actions were necessary for the average American. And he, in his first bold proclamation of the address, urged congress to quickly begin work on a new legislative regulatory framework for the financial system. Even this widely supported endeavor (in this economics climate, at least) will be very difficult to pass quickly or easily.

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It is certainly my hope that Obama succeeds in all of these efforts. Each one is more than necessary to grow as a nation in an increasingly more competitive world. But with issues as complicated and often controversial as health care, social security, financial regulation and education, I can’t help but imagine that an agenda built on all of these issues is prone to fail at some point in time.

However, Obama, reminiscent of his own Inauguration speech, recalled moments in our history where great progress followed great hardship. He spoke of the transcontinental railroad built in the threes of the Civil War, and talked about the growth of the public school system following the industrial revolution. He called to mind the G.I. Bill and the growth of university level education following World War II. As always, Obama eloquently provided a history of our country and attempted to let us imagine where we might fit in the story. He provides examples where American has risen to the occasions, and for our own sakes, I hope, in this sense, that history repeats itself.

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A few years ago, I asked a friend, when she discovered she was pregnant, "What are you giving up for Lent this year?" Still dazzled from the research and writing hell he had just endured, he looked, slightly bewildered, slightly angry, at me and said, "I just finished Lent. This year for Lent I'm giving up Lent!" Seemed fair enough...

For Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Catholics, Lent does arrive at a time that pretty much is Lent already — February, with Canadian winds air conditioning themselves over the Great Lakes before barreling into our little Shire. One student coming out of her dorm some frigid morning last week turned and said to her friend (in a wonderful, comic class) — "Sometimes I walk out here in the morning and want to say a prayer to start the day, but I feel that wind and the only thing going through my mind is, "Girl, what were you thinking coming here?!?"" Throw in midterms, no football, no Wrigley, now an economic recession — and the Church wants to throw Lent into the mix!! Just what we needed! Or is it?

I suppose if one understood Lent primarily as a season of suffering, we might reasonably find that there is already plenty happening in our lives and world to make the season rather redundant. Rubbing in the bad news, so to speak — a bad pun, I realize, after Ash Wednesday.

But what if the purpose of Lent is not simply to be the rubbing in of bad news, as much as it is a preparation for the reception of good news? What if the end result of Lent is not a heightened awareness of how grey and cold the Midwest winters, or our souls, are, but the stirring up of — right in the midst of winter — the hope for the hot foot, the warming breath of the Spring?

As humans, we find it easier to optimize and rationalize our present limitations, more than our future glory. And this for an obvious reason — we live squarely in the former, while the latter exists beyond "what eye has seen or heard" (Rom 8:26). So pleasantly surprisingly that we celebrate the 40 days of Lent exceedingly more effectively than the 50 ensuing days of Easter. Ask most Catholics three weeks after Easter, "What day of Easter is it?"

and, especially on the East Coast, they will call you an insufferable snob. But any Catholic how many days of Lent left, and they will blurt out "18" with images of cheesesburgers and chocolate dancing in their heads. It's just easier, this side of heaven, to sacramentalize our present incompleteness than our future wholeness.

In my favorite Mardi Gras Gospel — the one that prepares me for Lent better than any other — Jesus is asked, "Why do John the Baptist's and the Pharisees' disciples fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, then they will fast." I love these words, for two reasons. First, they justify the Lenten fast from Jesus' own lips, which always helps when I am ready to succumb to that (already) decades-long seasonal sausage and pepperoni combo (have you had Bruno's homemade sausage yet — giving up Bruno's homemade sausage yet — giving up Bruno's homemade sausage for Lent is the stuff of saints). Second, what I like most about this Gospel is that its focus — from beginning to end, from non-fasting to fasting — is the presence of Christ. Fasting, this Gospel suggests, is not primarily ritualizing the curse of being human, or the extinguishing of our hope. Or, I mean, presumably. Fasting ritualizes the temporary absence of Christ — precisely to ones who have already deeply experienced His presence. And who have been promised eternal life and through Him in the Resurrection, as inconceivable and difficult-to-ritualize that may be.

Lent, like everything we do as Catholics, must ultimately be about increasing our awareness of and responsive to the living presence of Christ. In our minds and hearts. In the lives of others, particularly the suffering, in our Church and worship. In our world. In every aspect of our lives. Perhaps we might choose a fasting that will heighten our longing in all these places for the joy and wholeness that is promised us through the presence of Christ. Though I do not recommend giving up Bruno's sausage to the feast of heart...

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...always...
By J.J. REES
Some Writer

While certainly not a big city, South Bend is able to claim a fair influence on jazz. South Bend has yielded notables, from Junior Walker's star Motown drummer Billy "Stix" Nicks to the nation's oldest Collegiate Jazz Festival. Even legend WYnton Marsalis has performed at Notre Dame twice in the last five years.

Trying to capitalize on the city's jazz heritage is a fair number of jazz clubs, ranging from hole-in-the-wall (The Pub) to high-end (Club LaSalle). Somewhere in the middle falls Trio's Restaurant & Jazz Club, at Michigan and Colfax in the city.

Billed as an "upscale casual dining" experience, Trio's makes an attempt at emulating a bigger city offering. The room is divided into one-third restaurant, one-third jazz club and one-third bar, although the short banisters leave openness for all three to interminably mingle. Even though Trio's opened in the fall of 2007, the paintings and colors give the atmosphere a 90s feel, and uncomfortably so; I was almost wary of running into friends' parents on their date night. The bathrooms were in fine shape, but the bizarre floor tiles would leave anyone more appropriate at Tomorrowworld.

Next to the award-winning menu (the handout, not the food, of course), one of Trio's best assets is the music. While not exactly one of the city's more fun jazz clubs, the music seems to be on par with the rest. A live jazz pianist works Wednesdays and Thursdays, and South Bend favorites like Nicks' Quartet and Trio's house band, The Herb Wilson Ensemble, play Fridays and Saturdays. Their thorough website has an extended schedule (and also full menus). On Sunday, Trio's offers a Champagne Jazz Brunch, with menu items including eggs benedict and homemade blueberry shortcake.

Executive Chef Brett Boomhower serves American food, highlighting the cuisine of Kansas City and New Orleans. Dishes like "St. Louis style" barbecue pork ribs and jambalaya are meant to evoke Boomhower's national multi-ethnicity, but those items don't exactly whisk diners out of South Bend.

Some of the best food from Trio's is hidden in the specials, like the roasted duck breast pizza, with a taste of chipotle. For appetizers, the sampler plate - perhaps the only thing to part of the meal: an excellent fresh salad of hummus, full spinach artichoke dip and chips and bruschetta with a slightly spicy tomato mix. On March 1, the crawfish and shrimp gumbo was a marvelous non-menu item treat.

All plates are served with generous portions, especially for upscale dining. The desserts run the gamut. The key lime pie is not bad, but too many things are slightly off. The food is too creamy, the crust is too thin and the texture is not tart enough to compensate for the sweet drizzle. The homemade peach bread pudding was something to acknowledge. Even the sweetest tooth won't be able to cope with the overwhelming primary taste of sugar. The sweetest tooth won't be able to cope with the overwhelming primary taste of sugar. Though in between the first and last few bites, the warm bread and sugary pudding are able to be ashamedly enjoyed. The highlight of the desserts was the homemade whipped cream - almost a dessert in itself.

All things considered, the best way to describe Trio's is as a near miss. The service was excellent; our amiable waitstaff chatted with us about the menu and even tried the specials. But, the sampler came out five minutes after our entrees, leaving us to play a difficult game of losing ethics with the food. The dips were fantastic, but the pasta was stale. The gumbo was great, but lacking a certain authenticity. Their broccoli purée was good, but the pot roast was well-rounded, but the gravy sauce tasted canned. The desserts were tasty, but too sweet or too soft. Even the atmosphere was almost fit, but the lighting was much better suited for nightclubs.

Trio's is only over a year old, and Boomhower and staff could do well to continue tweaking. With the great location (across the street from the South Bend Chocolate Company), and the great outlet for South Bend Jazz, Trio's has potential as a solid date restaurant. I haven't written Trio's off, but I'll wait for some minor changes before my next visit.

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Trios Great Specials, Live Music
and Near Misses

By MARTHA KARAM
Some Writer

Celebrating 51 years with Jazz bands from all over the country, the Intercollegiate Jazz Festival of Notre Dame starts today. The festival is the oldest college jazz festival in the nation and though judges will be present, the festival is not a competition, but a learning experience for the competing bands and the audience.

As the first collegiate Jazz Festival in the nation, the Intercollegiate Jazz Festival of Notre Dame is an integral reason why you listen to jazz today. The festival moved jazz into mainstream culture as "All-American Music", shifting away from the depictions of jazz as the background music only heard in dark, sinful smoky bars. The festival encouraged jazz as music to be studied, improved and learned, which before Notre Dame was unheard of in most collegiate music programs. The educational goal of the festival is the most important aspect.

The Festival started in 1959 and was hosted by Lyon's Hall. The "Intercollegiate Jazz on the Notre Dame campus," and was sponsored by the "Notre Dame Jazz Band, the Western Michigan Jazz Combo, two jazz ensembles from Eastern Illinois, Alma College Jazz Percussion and Steel Drum Ensemble, Notre Dame New Orleans Brass Band and North Carolina Central University Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

This year's judges include Neonna Freeman, a five time nominated Grammy Award winner who has worked with acts such as Ray Charles, Ellis Marsallis, Al Jarreau, Anita Baker and Aretha Franklin. The other judges featured are Joel Holmes, Wayne Batchelor, Kinah Boto Rachel and Virginia Mayhew, who will all be performing with Freelon at 10 p.m. on Friday.

Even for students who do not know or are not remotely interested in jazz music, the festival includes other events on campus commemorating and celebrating the "Jazz lifestyle. To kick the festival tonight there will be free swing lessons in the LaFortune Ballroom at 8 p.m. and open swing dancing at 9 p.m. featuring the Notre Dame Jazz Band II and Notre Dame New Orleans Brass Band.

The musical aspect of the festival is split into two sessions, Friday from 7-11 p.m. and Saturday from 7-11 p.m. A free clinic with the Collegiate Jazz Festival Judges will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Reci Ballroom.

Tickets for the Concert Sessions are available at the LaFortune Box office. All events are Free for ND/SMC/HCC students. Non-student prices are $5 for one session and $8 for two sessions. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

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**Hula Girls (2006): 9:30 p.m., Browning Cinema**

With a tagline that reads, "They danced their way into the heart of a nation," the film "Hula Girls" promises to be an inspirational, entertaining and heartwarming tale based on a true story. In 1965, when Japan's largest mainland coalmine Joban faced threats of an imminent closing, the town decided to organize and save the industry that many of their families had come to depend on. The event "Hawaiian Paradise" was created to raise money for the mines and to lighten the gloomy mood that had befallen the town, featuring a special hula show put on by the coal miners' daughters. As challenges befall the young women who will attempt to dance their way into the heart of their nation, they learn to knock down barriers and overcome trials.

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**How to Add Flavor to Your Panini**

**Grilled Chicken and Mushroom**

This recipe requires you to wait for the next time the dining hall does grilled vegetables, but it is a good way to put a twist on something already good. Make sure to use good bread to give it the best start.

1. Fill up two good slices of bread and spread a thin layer of olive oil on one side. Grill in the Panini press until they are toasty.
2. Place a grilled chicken breast on the toast. Top with a slice of provolone or Swiss cheese.
3. Top with grilled mushrooms. (If you aren't a fan of mushrooms, try out the other grilled options like zucchini.)
4. Sprinkle some balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper on top of some spinach. Add to sandwich.
5. Close up the sandwich and enjoy.

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**Leprechaun Poo Shake**

This is a very tasty—and creatively named—milkshake thought up by Charlie Vogelheim. Mint mixed with chocolate is hard to beat.

1. Fill three-quarters of a cup with mint soft serve.
2. Add some crushed Oreos and a little bit of chocolate syrup.
3. Fill the rest of the cup with milk and mix with a spoon.

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**Dining Hall Dish**

**By MICHELLE FORDICE**
Assistant Scene Editor

Hopefully Dining Hall Dish is doing a good job diversifying your dining hall meals, but if not, don’t hesitate to come up with your own ideas. The last thing you want to do is get bored with what you eat; it’s a long semester.

A good way to start is to pick one ingredient you haven’t used in awhile and see what you can build around it. And when you’re finished? Share it with the rest of us!

This week’s recipes:
Huskies beat Eagles for 800th win

Northwestern gets first-ever win at Assembly Hall over Indiana; Virginia Tech upsets No. 12 Clemson at home

Associated Press

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timeline was given for his minority of James’ minutes running to win top defensive players.

half that he broke the fifth who broke a bone in his left foot without guard Dominic James returning the offense, and the Golden Eagles kept rallying after Connecticut squandered several chances to run away.

Price finally clinched the game by hitting a 3-pointer to put the Huskies ahead by eight points with 1.10 left in the game. Trailling by 11 early in the second half after Price hit two 3-pointers and a jumper on three straight possessions, Marquette went on a 12-9 run that included two 3-pointers by Acker to take a 1-point lead with 3:07 remaining.

But Connecticut regained control with an 11-0 run that included three three-point plays — one by Kemba Walker and two by Robinson on consecutive possessions that put the Huskies up 72-74 with 4:28 remaining.

Marquette rallied again to cut the lead to three on a pull-up jumper by MeNeal with 2:22 left. And the Golden Eagles appeared to come up with a defensive stop when Price missed a driving layup, but MeNeal was called for a loose ball foul and Jeff Adrien hit two free throws to extend the lead to five.

Price hit the clinching 3-point-shot from the left wing with 1:10 remaining, then added two free throws to put Connecticut ahead 91-81 with 45.2-seconds left. Perhaps surprisingly, the Huskies didn’t do much to involve 7-foot-3 Hasheem Thabeet on offense very much in the first half, despite having a significant size advantage over Marquette’s tallest starter, 6-9 Dwight Burke. But Thabeet was a factor in the second half and finished with 15 rebounds.

He also lined up a force on defense throughout the game, but shooting five free throws just about anything Marquette did in the paint. Mailen’s student section didn’t let Calhoun forget about his recent donation to a freelance journalist, frequently churning “not one dime” — part thanks in large part to senior Jeff Adrien when a loose ball foul

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun celebrates Wednesday after capturing his 800th career win over No. 8 Marquette.

innings, and enduring some rugged moments Wednesday, they made this one look easy.

Indiana (6-21, 1-14) was led by Kyle Taber, who scored a career-high 12 points. Nick Williams had 11.

But the Huskies were outplayed by Northwestern’s defense, committing 17 turnovers, and were outscored 24-12 over the final 12 minutes. At times, it got physical. Craig Moore and Williams drew double-technical fouls in the second half, and Moore crumbled to the ground when Indiana’s Tom Pritchard was called for a moving pick.

In the first half, Indiana guard D.J. Moore grabbed his right shoulder, winning in pain after a tussle with Northwestern players, but continued to play.

To the Wildcats, it didn’t matter. They were on a mission, one

that the short-handed Hoosiers could not derail.

Malcolm Delaney scored 26 points and Virginia Tech ended a three-game losing streak with a victory over No. 12 Clemson on Wednesday night. Delaney put the Hokies (17-10, 7-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) ahead for good with 7 minutes left, then kept pushing them forward to keep their NCAA tournament hopes alive.

Clemson (22-5, 8-5) had a final shot to tie the game, but Demontez Stitl missed a desperation 3-point try.

The Hokies jumped on the court with Delaney leading the cheers. And why not? His latest performance capped an amazing two games against the Tigers this season. He had 37 points last month, a season high, and hit five 3-pointers in the victory.

Delaney didn’t start out well, shooting 2-of-7 from the field for nine points in the first half. And his team was down 37-29 at halftime.

Delaney hit three of his four 3-pointers down the stretch and the Hokies were 7-of-11 from behind the arc in the second half.

Terrance Oglesby had 22 points, including six 3-pointers, for Clemson. However, he couldn’t get free on the Tigers’ final play and Stitl had to force up a half shot that did not have a chance of going in.

Trevor had 21 points and 11 rebounds, his 10th double-double of the season, for the Tigers and K.C. Rivers also had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

And A.J. Vandalo added 21 points for Virginia Tech, which had lost its past four games to Clemson.

Delaney’s free throw broke a 68-all tie with 6:22 left to go. He hit his last 3-pointer with 3:35 remaining to put the Hokies ahead 75-70.

But this is a series that almost always goes down the wire — the past seven games have been decided by five points or less — and this one was no different.

Delaney scored a close-in shot in the final minute that Booker converted into a breakaway layup to bring the Wildcats within 78-77.

It was A.J. Dellallo added Virginia Tech’s final points moments later with two free throws, setting up Clemson’s last chance.

Virginia Tech looked ready to go-ahead 3-pointer and a driving basket.

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Get right to the heart of matters.
Tiger Woods watches his tee shot Wednesday on the par-3 12th hole at the Accenture Match Play Championship. Woods defeated Brendon Jones 3-and-2 in his first competitive round in eight months after a knee injury.

Woods victorious in first round

Associated Press
MARANA, Ariz. — Eight months later, Tiger Woods looked as though he had never been away. Woods made a triumphant return to golf Wednesday in the Accenture Match Play Championship with a start that showed golf what it had been missing in the 253 days since he limped his way to an epic U.S. Open title.

Just past high noon in the desert, Woods fired an 8-under into 5 feet for birdie. Then came a gentle fist pump when his approach to the par-5 second settled 4 feet from the cup for eagle. He closed out Brendon Jones of Australia with a 3-foot par on the 16th hole for a 3-and-2 victory.

"I told Stevie I felt like we haven't been away," Woods said, referring to caddie Steve Williams. "It was business as usual. But this was no ordinary day.

Before thousands of fans who scurried through the high desert, eager to see every shot from the world's No. 1 player, Woods never showed any indication that he had reconstructive surgery on his left knee a week after winning the U.S. Open. "It held up," he said. "It felt good."

Woods said he had looked forward to the nerves of standing on the first tee and the rush of competing. It was as if all that time away from golf had been bottled up inside of him. And then it came gushing out on a scorching day north of Tucson, where temperatures approached 90 degrees.

Fans packed into the bleachers around the first tee, with more lined up behind the ropes all the way to the green, and the cheer when Woods walked onto the tee could be heard all the way down the fairway.

Woods backed off his tee shot, and without much expression, belted a fairway metal down the right side of the fairway.

"You are back!" one spectator shouted.

Woods said the releases save more than $50 million in salary cap space for a team under the projected cap of $123 million. Jacobs will earn $15 million in salary cap guarantees. Jacobs will earn $15 million in salary cap guarantees.

Jacobs said in a statement released by the team.

"I was confident all along that this was going to get done I didn't panic one bit," Jacobs said in a statement released by the team. "I know the reason we did it the way we did; I knew I was going to be leading, 1 up, until he birdied the par-5 eighth with a 6-foot putt.

Jones never got any closer.

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Rodriguez hits home run in spring training debut

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Back on the field, Alex Rodriguez was able to put aside the steroids scandal.

At least for a little while. Boozed and taunted by opposing fans in the Yankees' spring training opener, Rodriguez homered and drew two walks Wednesday in a 6-1 exhibition victory over Toronto that was anything but routine.

It was his first game since admitting he took performance-enhancing drugs from 2001-03 with Texas. He left after drawing a walk in the fifth inning, then signed autographs for five minutes before calling it a day.

"This is what I do. I know how to play baseball," Rodriguez said. "I just hope that's the start of something really special for this year. I feel really good about our team."

Running back Jacobs signs four-year deal with Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Less than two weeks after putting a franchise tag on him, the New York Giants signed bruising halfback Brandon Jacobs to a four-year, $25 million contract on Wednesday.

The signing came less than two days before the start of the NFL free agency period.

"I was confident all along that this was going to get done I didn't panic one bit," Jacobs said in a statement released by the team. "I know the reason we did it the way we did; I knew I was going to be here. I was super-confident and I am here. I'm happy about it."

The deal includes $12 million in guarantees. Jacobs will earn $15 over the first two years. Putting a franchise tag on Jacobs earlier this month guaranteed him a $6.6 million salary next season.

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Jets release receiver Coles

Associated Press
NEW YORK — The New York Jets restructured Laveraneus Coles’ contract Wednesday, allowing the veteran wide receiver to become an unrestricted free agent when the signing period begins Friday.

Coles, 31, was heading into the final year of his contract, but was looking for a long-term deal. Because of the compromise between the sides, the Jets are off the hook for the guaranteed $6 million Coles was due this upcoming season.

“I spoke with him today and expressed my appreciation for his contributions both on and off the field,” general manager Mike Tannenbaum said. “This move will allow Laveranes to explore his options, and we both agreed to keep the lines of communication open.”

The move comes after a series of salary dumps by the Jets, who have also cut tight end Chris Baker, defensive back David Barrett, and line backers David Bowens and Brad Kassell.

Coles will immediately become one of the top available free agents at wide receiver, joining a group led by T.J. Houshmandzadeh. Teams are allowed to begin signing free agents on Friday at 12:01 a.m. EST.

Coles caught 70 passes for 850 yards and seven touchdowns from Brett Favre last season. He was a third-round pick by New York in 2000 and played two seasons before signing as a free agent with Washington. After two years with the Redskins, Coles was traded back to the Jets before the 2005 season.

“I have had the pleasure of getting to know Laveranes since he entered the league in 2000,” Tannenbaum said. “He is a fierce competitor, a great teammate and a good friend who has always given his best to the New York Jets.”

Before last season, Coles threatened to sit out during the off-season program because he wanted a long-term deal, but coach Eric Mangini — during a trip to the receiver’s home — convinced him to back off his demands after expressing that he was an invaluable part of the team. The Jets then had the final two years of Coles’ contract — about $11 million — guaranteed in a good-faith move.

That would’ve put the Jets on the hook for his salary this season if not for the compromise.

Coles told The Star-Ledger of Newark that he could still end up re-signing with the Jets.

“Why didn’t we leave on bad terms,” Coles told the newspaper. “It’s not out of the question that I could come back.”

A team captain in 2007, Coles also became a fan favorite during his second stint with the Jets while playing through numerous injuries in recent seasons, including at least two concussions. He had his streak of playing in 107 straight games end in November 2007 because of a concussion, and was briefly knocked unconscious when he was leveled by a hit by Miami’s Zach Thomas in December 2006. He also suffered a concussion early last season.

Coles, who had a career-high 91 catches in 2006, has 631 career receptions for 8,095 yards and 44 touchdowns. He struggled to click with Favre early last season when the Jets cut his good friend Chad Pennington. A few days later, Pennington was signed by Miami and led the Dolphins to the playoffs while being voted NFL Comeback Player of the Year for the second time in three seasons.

Coles, from Jacksonville, could possibly seek a reunion with Pennington and try to sign with the Dolphins. Also, Bill Parcells, the man who drafted Coles when he was with the Jets as general manager, is currently the Dolphins’ executive vice president of football operations. If Coles doesn’t return, it would leave New York extremely thin at receiver, with only Jericho Cotchery, Brad Smith and Chansi Stuckey having played a significant number of games.
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Marbury released by Knicks after five years

Associated Press

NDW YORK —- Dennis Walsh never enjoyed having a role in the Stephon Marbury soap opera, but was prepared to deal with it until he found the right constitution for the New York Knicks.

When he finally did, Walsh let Marbury go in time to enable him to play in the postseason.

That came Tuesday, when what began as an arbitration hearing turned into a negotiation, and the sides came to an agreement that ended Marbury's disappointing and distracting Knicks career.

Walsh made it clear that Marbury had to make a substantial concession to arrange his exit.

"Obviously the buyout was significant enough for us to stop our worries about the risk of the competitiveness side of it. I don't mean on the basketball floor, but from a financial situation," Walsh said Wednesday.

\"So we're willing to say, 'OK, we'll do it and you can find your team.\""

The sides had first tried to negotiate a buyout nearly three months ago, but that meeting lasted just 20 minutes before Marbury walked out, frustrated with the terms Walsh sought.

Marbury originally vowed he wouldn't give up any of the $400,000 in salary he was scheduled to earn this season, then eventually said he would surrender $1 million. Walsh likely sought double that to let Marbury leave.

They were face-to-face again Tuesday when an arbitrator heard Marbury's grievance of the nearly $400,000 in salary the Knicks docked him after alleging he refused to play in a November game. That was quickly wrapped as buyout talks began after lunch.

Walsh could have held on to Marbury through this weekend, making him ineligible to play for another team in the postseason, but preferred to avoid that — if Marbury cooperated.

"Not if I saw he was making a legitimate effort to put us in the right position, acknowledging our position," Walsh said.

Walsh, in his first year in New York, acknowledged the situation was a distraction for him, and said he wasn't comfortable being at odds with a player. The players didn't have the same difficulties. To them, Marbury was long ago gone and forgotten.

"He hasn't really been seen in a little while," forward David Lee said after the Knicks' morning shootaround. "Almost something of a dead issue for us because we knew at some point it would probably happen." Marbury's exit may have taken longer than expected — there was some surprise he was even with the team when training camp opened — but the Knicks haven't been spending much time thinking about their former captain.

"It's not like, 'Oh now we can really play basketball, we're not distracted,'" coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We weren't distracted before.

"Nor does D'Antoni have any regrets about the way he handled his time with Marbury, starting with his decision to bench him on opening night that surprised both the point guard and Walsh.

"We said all along, tough situation," D'Antoni said. "We weren't on the same page.

Marbury is now free to join a playoff contender once he clears waivers, and he's already been linked to the Boston Celtics. Nobody knows how much he'll help them, since he hasn't played a regular-season game in more than a year.

"We'll see. I don't know," Knicks forward Quentin Richardson said. "I don't know what he's been doing. I assume he's been working out or whatever. I mean, only thing I can say is time will tell. Good luck to him."

Though Marbury had still been a Knick, he wasn't a part of the team much toward the end of his turbulent time in New York.
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Tortorella gives Rangers new rules

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — John Tortorella brought bluster and a new set of rules during his first day as coach of the New York Rangers.

The man with the booming voice and the rugged reputation got right to work Tuesday morning as he presided over practice and tried to turn around a slumping team that has lost its way.

You didn't have to look further than the dressing room to see where Tortorella has already left his mark. No longer will anyone — player, coach, trainer, or media member — step foot on the big Rangers logo in the center of the carpet.

"There is not much room on the two sides there, so we're going to have to figure that out," Tortorella said less than 24 hours after replacing fired coach Tom Renney. "I just don't think you should do that. I don't think you walk on a logo anywhere. So, yeah, that's the way it's going to be."

While Renney preferred a defensive-oriented system that featured four lines and often produced low-scoring games decided after regulation, Tortorella favors an up-tempo, aggressive mentality that pressures the opposition.

He admitted that he stuck too long to that style last season in Tampa Bay when his defensemen couldn't handle it. Tortorella wants to try it again, and feels confident that if opponents get good scoring chances, Henrik Lundqvist — whom he called the NHL's best goalie — will bail out the Rangers.

Tortorella took time during practice to talk one-on-one with Wade Redden along the boards. The defenseman, who signed a lucrative six-year deal in the summer, hasn't lived up to expectations and has heard constant boos from the home crowd.

"He definitely has different philosophies than Tom brought, but we've got to feed off of it," Redden said. "It's a change and something to shake everybody up and get them going."

I like what I see. I heard lots about him and played against him for a long time so I know the fire he brings and the intensity. It was evident in the first practice, for sure."

Not that it was so unusual, but many players were on the ice several minutes before the scheduled start time for practice. Tortorella's history of ruling with a strong hand is well-known throughout the league, and no one dared press his buttons yet.

"I'm always here early. I'm too scared to be late," forward Scott Gomez said.

The mood was businesslike Tuesday as the large media throng lipoted its way through the tight dressing room. There was some laughter and excited expectation as the cloud of Renney's tenous job status was suddenly gone.

The Rangers (31-23-7) are still in position to make the playoffs, but their performance over the final 21 games will determine if they grab one of the eight spots in the Eastern Conference.

The stretch drive begins Wednesday at Toronto against the Maple Leafs, the team that helped seal Renney's fate with a 3-2 overtime win Sunday night at Madison Square Garden.

"Everyone knows that their personalities are probably different, but the one thing in common with Tom, Torts and all of us is we want to win," captain Chris Drury said. "Whatever that takes in the next 21 games, we've got to try to find a way to do it."

Tortorella doesn't have much time to completely change the culture from the laid-back Renney, but he will start Wednesday when the Rangers begin a run of three games in four nights.

"Tough is the wrong word," Tortorella said of his sometimes grating style. "Just being honest is what I try to be."
Jackson

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ing the lead, with help from Jackson.

It was a Jackson jumper that gave Notre Dame a 38-37 lead with 17:16 left in the first half, Notre Dame’s first lead since the score was 4-2. And it was Jackson who hit a key 3-pointer and assisted other pivotal baskets that helped Notre Dame build a 65-53 lead with 4:56 left in the game.

“Coach [Mike Brey] has been on me about that, just going out and playing,” Jackson said. “He wants me to score too and my thing is, I try not to put too much pressure on myself offensively and try to defend well, but today, what helped me out was, I didn’t focus on any of that, I just went out and played my game.”

But Notre Dame nearly relinquished that lead. Rutgers guard Mike Rosario, who finished with 20 points, hit a 3-pointer to spark a Rutgers run that cut Notre Dame’s lead to 65-62 with 2:13 to play. But Harangody and Jackson hit their free throws late to prevent the comeback.

Senior guard Kyle McAlarney finished with 13 points. Harangody bounced back in the second half to end the game with 20 points and 15 rebounds on 7-for-25 shooting.

“My shot felt as good as it always is and every time it went up it felt like it was going in,” Luke Harangody, Irish forward, said.

“You have to be ready throughout the whole game and you have to stay in the flow of the game at all times,” Harangody said.

Few games are easy in the Big East and Rutgers let Notre Dame know early that—even though it only has one win in conference play—the Irish wouldn’t be able to take the night off. In the first half, the Scarlet Knights were able to get open shots against Notre Dame’s defense, which, in the first half, didn’t look like the defense that held Louisville and South Florida to 57 points two weeks ago. Rutgers opened a 21-10 lead.

Sophomore forward Tyrone Nash helped to temporarily chip away at the lead by scoring four points off the bench, but Rutgers was able to prevent any Notre Dame run from forming, thanks to a 15-28 (54 percent) performance from the field in the half. Meanwhile, Notre Dame didn’t help itself offensively with seven turnovers, but came out with a renewed focus in the second half to capture the win. Notre Dame will face No. 2 Connecticut Saturday on the road.

“We’re playing for something,” Brey said. “There’s no question about it and it’s a fine line of ‘Hey fellows, this is a really big game’ and not getting too tight and tying yourself in knots. At times we did that in the first half.”

Notes:

• In his postgame press conference, Brey said he was a little more animated on the sidelines than usual in order to try to motivate the crowd.

“I was worried about this game … but once the crowd got going, man, that helped us defensively,” Brey said. “Our crowd is loud when we’re in half-court defense, especially down there in front of the students. That made all the difference in the world. I was just trying to get them going and get them up and get them rolling.”

Senior forward Zach Hillesland exited the game because of an injury early in the second half and didn’t return. Brey said Hillesland was healthy enough to come back in the game, but did not want to mess with the rotation that was playing well at the time.

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Alaska. The Nanooks finished their conference schedule last week, so the Buckeyes can jump them with a sweep.

That should be easier said than done, though, as they take on No. 7 Miami, who currently sits in second place behind the Irish. The Buckeyes won a huge game last weekend over No. 3 Michigan to keep their hopes for a bye alive.

Miami, however, won’t be rolling over as they have plenty to play for as well. With the Wolverines nipping at their heels, Miami will need at least one win to hang on to the No. 2 spot in the postseason. If Ohio State sweeps Miami and Michigan sweeps Ferris State, the Wolverines will take that spot and will have to avoid Notre Dame until the finals.

Expect Ferris State to put up a fight as well. They currently sit in the middle of the pack with Northern Michigan and Nebraska-Omaha. All three of those teams are within one point in the standings.

Nebraska-Omaha struggled mightily down the home stretch, picking up only one point in their last nine games.

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have.”

In Tuesday’s opening round play, the Belles disposed of No. 7 Adrian (14-11, 7-9 MIAA) 74-60 in a snoozer at the Angela Athletic Facility. After building a 12-point lead at halftime, the Belles outscored the Bulldogs 57-39 in the second half, extending their win streak to a career-high 10 games.

The Belles are now 20-3 overall and 10-1 in the MIAA, while the Bulldogs are 7-11 overall and 5-6 in the conference.

The game begins tonight at 7:30 at the Belles’ Angela Athletic Facility in Notre Dame, In. In the other semifinal game, No. 5 Albion will take on No. 1 Alma to com­pete for a spot at Saturday’s MIAA tournament finals.

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gave up six hits, five runs (three earned) against the Hurricanes.

The bottom: Cincinnati (0-3), Louisville (0-3), Villanova (0-3)

The Wildcats are last in the conference in batting average (.172), ERA (9.38) and runs (seven). Cincinnati sophomore outfielder Justin Riddell, however, has the second-highest batting average in the conference at .415.

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**Men's Basketball**

Jackson's 18 points push Irish past Knights

By Chris Hine

On Saturday, Notre Dame was able to beat Providence without much help from junior point guard Tory Jackson. But on Wednesday, after Notre Dame trailed by eight at halftime to lowly Rutgers and forward Luke Harangody hit just 2-of-12 first half shots, Jackson knew his team needed him.

He answered the challenge and scored 18 points to propel Notre Dame to a 70-65 win over Calvin in the MIAA Tournament in the Joyce Center.

"When we played Providence, it was a reality check for me," said Jackson, who had just two points in 21 minutes against the Friars. "I can't play tight. My team needs me.

Jackson, however, had some assistance in inspiring the Irish in the second half.

Senior forward Ryan Ayers has sparked Notre Dame with a key offensive play many times in his career at Notre Dame, but against Rutgers, it was a defensive play from Ayers that ignited his team.

With 18:04 left in the second half, 6-foot-11Scarlet Knights junior Hamady N'Diaye went up for a shot in the lane. Waiting there was the 6-foot-8 Ayers, who put up his long right arm and plucked the shot out of the air, grabbed the ball and began a Notre Dame fast break that ended with a Luke Harangody 3-point play, assisted by Jackson.

The sequence brought Notre Dame within one point of Rutgers.

"That put us in another gear, picked us up and got us pumped up a little bit," Jackson said. "He had a few blocks today like Dikembe (Mutombo). He was Dikembe Ayers.

Ayers' block helped awaken the languid Irish, who wasted little time after that reclaiming the lead.

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**Baseball**

Teams travel south to escape cold weather, begin play

By Bill Brink

Cold weather still blankets half of the Big East campus, but baseball is underway down south.

Notre Dame won two of three in the Big East/Big Ten Challenge in Florida last weekend, including a 10-inning win over Purdue Sunday. The Irish lost to Ohio State 2-0 Friday, but their bats heated up in a 14-7 win over Illinois Saturday.

Their early success puts the Irish (2-1) atop the Big East, but the season is too young for justifiable bragging.

Here's a look at the conference:

The early leaders: Notre Dame (2-1), St. John's (2-1), West Virginia (2-2)

The Irish travel south again this weekend when they face Gonzaga, Boston College and Creighton in Arizona.

Sophomore outfielder Golden Tate hit .500 with four runs, two doubles and two RBIs this weekend. Junior reliever Steve Mazur threw three hitless innings of relief and earned a win over the weekend.

Junior pitcher Sean Black was named a Big East Player of the Week.

The Mountaineers beat Indiana and Northwestern but dropped games to Minnesota and Illinois. They travel to Myrtle Beach, S.C., for a four-game swing.

The middle: Connecticut (1-2), Pittsburgh (1-2), South Florida (1-2), Rutgers (1-3)

Connecticut lost two straight before a 10-1 win against George Mason. The Huskies head to Florida for another game against the Colonials and a game at North Florida.

Pittsburgh lost a 9-8 extra-inning game to Bradley and also dropped a game to Air Force, but beat Navy 3-1. Junior speedster Chris Sedon has stolen three bases in three attempts this season.

South Florida sandwiched a win over Purdue with losses to Michigan and Indiana and tied the Netherlands Tuesday night. Senior outfielder Mike Consolmagno is hitting .467 and slugging .694.

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**SMC Basketball**

Belles face Calvin in semis

By Michael Blasco

Tonight, the Belles could make history.

A victory this evening against No. 3 seed Calvin in the second round of the MIAA Tournament will give No. 2 Saint Mary's (16-9, 13-3 MIAA) a team-record 17th MIAA Tournament title.

The Belles face Calvin in semis in a Battle for first-round byes, home ice heats up

By Dan Murphy

Coming into the final weekend of conference play, No. 2 Notre Dame has the top seed in the CCHA playoffs locked up, but the rest of the conference still has some sorting out to do.

The Irish current conference record is 19-4-3, but the team has won all three of those ties in shootouts giving them a total of 44 points thus far. That gives Notre Dame a first-round bye and home ice advantage in the second round.

The CCHA playoffs basically divide the 12 teams into three tiers. The top four teams receive byes, the middle four have home ice in the first round and the bottom four have to fight against all odds to make it to Detroit's Joe Louis Arena for the semifinals and championship in late March.

The interesting battles to watch this weekend will be with teams on the verge of moving up or down a level in that three-tier system.

No. 15 Ohio State currently sits in fifth place, but the Buckeyes control their own destiny as far earning a free pass to the second round. With 21 points, Ohio State is currently three behind fourth-place Buckeyes.

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