Notre Dame connects with Church in Rome

Pope greets Jenkins, trustees at Vatican

By MADDIE HANNA

ROME — When Pope Benedict XVI began to descend the white marble steps of the Vatican auditorium after his public papal address Wednesday morning, he needed no introduction to the man directly in front of him.

The Holy Father took University President Father John Jenkins' right hand with his own, placed his left hand on top of Jenkins' hand and said, "You're from Notre Dame," Jenkins recalled Wednesday afternoon.

When Jenkins responded yes, the pope said simply, "A great Catholic university.

"I asked him, 'Keep us in your prayers,'" Jenkins said.

The conversation lasted about 30 seconds and ended with Jenkins kissing the pope's ring.

Pope Benedict XVI then spoke with Holy Cross Superior General Father Hugh Cowley and Trustee Father Carl Ehey, who also kissed the pope's ring, in turn.

"I told the Holy Father I was a trustee of the University of Notre Dame," said Jenkins.

Notre Dame students in study abroad programs attend academic convocation

By KATE ANTONACCI

ROME — Though some guests traveled halfway around the world to attend Notre Dame's academic convocation and conference Wednesday, students at either of the University's two international study programs in Rome simply had to walk down the cobblestone streets of Italy's historical capital to see some familiar Notre Dame faces — including University President Father John Jenkins.

"I think an event like this is a time for the whole Notre Dame community ... to celebrate the link that Notre Dame has to Rome and to see how Catholic higher education fits in," said Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost. "We wanted the students to learn from the remarks."

The event — held at Saint John's Lateran Pontifical University — was "open to both Rome programs," Jacobs said, referring to the program at John Cabot University and Notre Dame's architecture program in Rome.

Architecture students were encouraged to attend the event in classes throughout the week, said junior architecture major Claire Colclough.

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Cultural committee approved

By KAREN LANGLEY

Student government representatives presented the Student Senate's resolutions on cultural competencies — which would create a committee of faculty, students and administrators to provide recommendations on incorporating diversity education into the Notre Dame curriculum — for debate at the Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday night. Though the debate turned heated at times, both resolutions passed.

The student presenters — including Senate Minority Affairs Chair Rhea Boyd and Claire Colclough — served as the topic of an academic conference in Rome Wednesday that featured speeches by Jenkins, auxiliary bishop of Rome Rino Fisichella and Father Daniel Jenky, bishop of Perugia, Ill., and Notre Dame trustee.

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Zahm awaits outcome for incident at Keenan

By HEATHER VAN HOOGARDEN and MARY KATE MALONE

After a group of Zhahn Hall residents threw fruit and vines onto Keenan Hall Saturday evening, Zahm's hall government and rector are in talks about the best way to punish those responsible for the incident.

Initially, Zahm rector Father Dan Parrish banned all dorm social gatherings indefinitely in an e-mail he sent to his residents immediately following the incident.

But at a closed hall government meeting Tuesday, Zahm residents and hall staff members agreed to "several concrete resolutions," including a public apology as well as a personal apology to Keenan Hall rector Father Mark Thesing, Zahm Hall president Kevin Ganser said.

Parrish said he would come to a final decision on the consequences of the incident by the next hall government meeting.

"I believe that there was a unanimous opinion of all residents that this action did step over the line, and that we agree that there should be consequences," said Ganser.

Faculty Senate

Catholicism, culture combine in addresses

By MADDIE HANNA

ROME — The relationship between the Catholic Church and culture — a theme tied to the focus of University President Father John Jenkins' addresses last week — served as the topic of an academic conference in Rome Wednesday that featured speeches by Jenkins, auxiliary bishop of Rome Rino Fisichella and Father Daniel Jenky.

The conference, entitled "Contribution of Catholic Universities to the Church and Culture," was part of a week of activities surrounding the Board of Trustees meetings. In addition to trustees and their families, those in attendance included University officers, local university officials and a handful of Notre Dame students studying in Rome.

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Goldilocks and the three hair critics

Kurt Cobain. Johnny Depp from “Blow.” The center on DePaul’s women’s basketball team. When you’re a man, and you happen to have let your hair grow, everyone seems to have an opinion about it. Some of the samplings handed down to me. The first two, okay, they’ve done all right for themselves — I can take that in stride. That last one though, that one just hurt my feelings. Barracuda not one person, the first thing anyone I haven’t seen in while comments on is my long, golden locks. My mother was shocked. Her best friend said I looked like a yeti. My grandmother was the setup of an awkward moment. I think it would have been better to have let your hair grow, everyone. I feel that as my hair has grown, I no longer have a job for the summer. I went to the front of the line, and saw the door was open. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes in the future. The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We recognize that we will make mistakes in the future. The Observer regrets this error.

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Ebersol family to join Oprah Winfrey on show

By MARY KATE MALONE
Assistant News Editor

Recent Notre Dame graduate Charlie Ebersol, still on high school with his family on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," this afternoon to tell the inspiring story of the troubled children at Ifhunag Trust, a school that takes in students who are rapists, murderers, car thieves or rape victims. Run by one woman, the school has more than 6,500 students and is the only school on the continent of Africa with a 100 percent graduation and retention rate, Ebersol said.

"I think one of the things we wanted to show was ... horrible things happen in your life, but you have to experience them," he said. "This is an opportunity to share that with other people. Obviously there is no bigger pedestal on earth to say that from than the Oprah show." Ebersol said Winfrey was "very respectful" of his family's feelings as they shared their story about the plane crash.

"(Oprah) really is amazing," Ebersol said. "Without really knowing us, she is able to relate with people and really ask the questions that are on your mind ... it was a blessing in disguise and maybe in some way help people who have gone through that experience." Ebersol said.

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Career fair: getting the jobs done

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

The Joyce Center bustled with activity Wednesday as students, alumni and prospective employers and internships at Notre Dame's largest ever career fair.

Event organizer Anita Rees said the fair's more than employers offered everything from accounting to publishing to law enforcement.

"We have companies and organizations for the first time on campus such as Microsoft, Rodale, the Catholic Diocese of Chicago and DHL," she said.

Lee Svete, the fair's principal organizer, said the key is there are employers for all majors.

"We have employers like ESPN and Sony," Svete said. "They don't recruit on most campuses. They come here because of the quality of our graduates."

Rees said students left excellent impressions on employers.

"Every career fair I've been at for the past seven years has had companies with a resume drop instead of actual students," Rees said. "But now, employers really want face time with Notre Dame students."

Svete said she set up the Career Resource Center gives students the opportunity meet with companies and to learn more information so that we could hopefully work for them in the future," Stephens said.

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Gimber said.

Gimber said a group of about 50 Zahm residents went to South Dining Hall around 4:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon for a dorm dinner. After dinner, Gimber said, a group of about 10 Zahm residents ran to Keenan and vomited on the south side of the dorm and returned to their rooms after Keenan residents came out of their building.

Parrish immediately sent an e-mail to Zahm residents banning all social gatherings indefinitely, and a copy of that e-mail was obtained by The Observer. Parrish has not yet finalized the stated punishment.

The e-mail said "a group of Zahm men, wearing red shirts, threw fruit at Keenan Hall and vomited on and near Keenan's southern wall. The majority of the fruit and vomit fell directly at or below the windows of Keenan's tower, Father Mark (Thelsing).

The e-mail — which was sent by Parrish at about 7 p.m. Saturday — stated, "The mess outside of Keenan will be completely cleaned up before Father Mark (Thelsing) returns from this afternoon's basketball game."

Gimber said the incident occurred before the 6 p.m. game at the Joyce Center was over.

"There were a group of residents that cleaned it up," Gimber said Tuesday.

Gimber said the Tuesday hall government meeting was "calm and level-headed."

"We have also agreed to look into purchasing an ad or (asking The Observer) to print a Viewpoint letter that we will draft as a community apologizing for actions that have upset the Notre Dame community," Gimber said.

Gimber declined to comment Wednesday.

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New award to honor trustee Ray Siegfried

An award for student leadership has been established at Notre Dame in honor of Ray Siegfried, a trustee, alumnus and benefactor of the University who died last year after a long and courageous struggle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease). The Ray Siegfried Award for Leadership Excellence, jointly sponsored by Notre Dame's Office of Student Affairs and the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, will be presented annually to a senior who exemplifies the qualities for which Siegfried was known and admired in the University community, including leadership, generosity, devotion to the Catholic faith and delight in athletics. Nominations are being solicited from Notre Dame's residence hall rectors, student affairs department directors and other campus officials.

Siegfried, a 1965 Notre Dame alumnus, was chairman of the board of the NOR- DAM Group, an international aerospace manufacturer, when he died Oct. 6 in Tulsa, Okla. Despite the ordeal of his illness, he had maintained an active schedule which included regular visits to the Notre Dame campus. Among the gifts he and his family have given the University are the Siegfried Building in the Mendoza College of Business, Siegfried Hall, a men's residence hall, and the Ray and Milanni Siegfried Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies, which is now held by Carolyn Y. Woo, Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business. He also was the enthusiastic host of an annual dinner for the men of Siegfried Hall, whose success in intramural sports he greatly enjoyed. He received an honorary doctorate of laws degree from Notre Dame in 1995.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Indonesian ferry sinks; 45 missing

JAKARTA — Naval vessels picked up 114 survivors from a passenger ferry that went down in rough seas in eastern Indonesia, but there was no sign late Wednesday of dozens of others still missing, rescuers said.

Groups of worried relatives flocked to the port in Kupang, where the ferry originated, to greet survivors as they disembarked from two navy ships. Many needed medical treatment. A woman was rescued by a helicopter and another slid backward into the sea or hanging on to debris or lifeboats, witnesses said.

By nightfall, 114 survivors had arrived at the port, said Siti, an official there who goes by a single name. She said she had been torn by board had yet to be accounted for, she said.

Hussein boycotts new trial session

BAGHDAD — Saddam Hussein and four other defendants refused to attend at a new session of their trial Wednesday and their lawyers boycotted the proceedings, demanding the removal of the chief judge, who they claim is biased against the former Iraqi leader.

Chief judge Raul Abdel-Rahman pressed ahead despite the boycott and only three defendants present. Five prosecution witnesses were heard before the 4 1/2 hour session was adjourned until Thursday.

One witness, a woman, testified that she was arrested by Saddam's security forces and tortured in prison. She said she was stripped and naked, hung by her feet and kicked repeatedly in the chest by Barzan Ibrahim, Saddam's intelligence chief at the time and the top co-defendant in the trial.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush addresses growing anxiety

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Bush said Wednesday that even though the state of the union is strong, he understands why some Americans are worried in a time of war and job cuts.

"I understand there's an anxiety about the time of war," Bush said, trying to keep the mood upbeat even though this economy is souring. It is strong, when you recognize we've overcome a lot."

W. Virginia governor halts coal mining

MILTON — Governor Joe Manchin called for all coal companies in West Virginia to halt production and perform safety checks after two more employees were killed Wednesday in separate accidents.

"We're going to check for unsafe conditions, and we're going to correct any unsound conditions before we mine another lump of coal," Manchin said.

A minor was killed at an underground mine when a wall support popped loose, said Caryn Gresham, a spokeswoman for the state Office of Miners' Health Safety and Training.

The second fatality occurred at a surface mine when a bulldozer struck a gas line, sparking a fire and killing the operator, said Teresa Rounds, a spokesman for the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

LOCAL NEWS

Bill holds colleges more accountable

INDIANAPOLIS — A plan aimed at sending more Indiana high school graduates to college is being considered by education officials.

The plan before the Indiana Education Roundtable would hold colleges responsible for students' success, just as officials try to hold elementary and high schools accountable.

EX-U.SPS employee previously made racist remarks; six of the victims were minorities

Associated Press

GOLETA, Calif. — A woman wounded in a rampage by a former postal worker died Wednesday, and investigators said the assailant also killed a former neighbor just before the attack, bringing the death toll to eight.

A former postal worker said the attacker had spread racist comments in the past, and at least six of the victims were minorities, but investigators have refused to discuss a motive in the slayings.

The first victim, Beverly Graham, 54, was found Tuesday, dead of a gunshot wound to the head, at a Santa Barbara condo complex where former postal employee Jennifer Sanmarco lived up until a few years ago.

Sanmarco's sister, Frik Banez, said authorities believed Graham's death was "the beginning of this rampage. Investigators matched several 9 mm shell casings found at Graham's condo to casings from the postal distribution center."

A neighbor of Graham's reported hearing a gun­shot Monday evening, before Sanmarco worked at the mail-processing center.

Sanmarco shot six postal employees to death and committed suicide in what was believed to be the nation's deadliest workplace shooting by a woman. It was also the nation's bloodiest shooting at a postal installation in nearly 20 years.

A postal worker who was shot in the leg by Graham, Chantel Colton, 44, died of her wounds Wednesday, said Teresa Rounds, spokesman for Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

In 2003, Tabala said, he saw sheriff's deputies pull Sanmarco out from under a mail-sorting machine and wheel her away in handcuffs on a mail cart after a disturbance.

She returned several months later but "people started coming to me and saying, 'She's acting erratically.' Tabala said. "She was screaming. She was saying a lot of racist comments. It was pretty ugly."

UNITED KINGDOM

World pledges aid to Afghanistan

Associated Press

LONDON — Nearly 70 nations and international bodies pledged $10.5 billion to help Afghanistan fight poverty, improve security and crack down on the drug trade, officials said Wednesday. It was the end of a two-day conference on the nation's future.

The pledges were intended to fund the goals set out in a five-year plan to build a functioning justice system in Afghanistan, said Anwar ul-Haq Ahadi, the country's finance minister.

Diplomats at the conference praised the progress Afghanistan has made since a U.S.-led coalition toppled the hard-line Taliban regime in 2001. But after decades of war and the Taliban's brutal rule, the country is still plagued by violence and extreme poverty, and they acknowledged it has a long way to go.

"We've laid the foundation for change," Foreign Office minister Kim Howells said in announcing the funding promises. "This money will go to the heart of the basis for getting Afghanistan's work under way."

Dashed the "Afghanistan Compact," the five-year plan covers poverty reduction, economic development, counternarcotics efforts and security, and promises aid to help President Hamid Karzai's government achieve the targets.

"I'm very thankful and I'm very confident that with this kind of support — we will eventually be able to establish a very democratic society in Afghanistan," said Anwar ul-Haq Ahadi, the country's finance minister.

Howells said $77 million of the money pledged would go to fight drug production and trafficking. Afghanistan produces nearly 90 percent of the world's opium and heroin.

Hedayat Amin Arsala, Afghanistan's commerce minister and a senior government adviser, said changing the country's political culture would be difficult.
Faculty
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Committee chair Rhea Boyd and student body president Dave Barson—connected the resolutions' goals to University President Father John Jenkins' remarks about improving diversity in his inaugural address last September.
"Father Jenkins uses the term 'diversity' as an aspect that enhances the educational objects of ND, and we use the term 'cultural competencies' in the same way," Boyd said.
Mark Gunty, assistant director of the Office of Institutional Research, presented relevant information regarding diversity among those who have been most exposed to diversity issues.
"Although students who have been involved in diversity activities are slightly less satisfied with experience at Notre Dame, they are tremendously less satisfied with cultural diversity...at Notre Dame," Gunty said. "At other institutions we're getting 70 percent of students satisfied with the diversity of their campus, but at Notre Dame 37 percent are satisfied."
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January, which is usually a slow month for the car business, totaled 17 million vehicles. For the full year if they remained at the same pace, heavy fleet sales pushed up the numbers. The Chrysler Group — saw their sales rise 4.6 percent. General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Asian automakers gain on the market share front.

United Airlines leaves bankruptcy CHICAGO — United Airlines finally left bankruptcy Wednesday, a leaner and more cost-efficient carrier after a painful restructuring that began in 2002 and lasted 1,750 days.

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One must only take a brief look at any daily newspaper or TV news network to realize that evil is alive and well in the world around us. Some may claim that it is very antiquated or naïve to believe that such evil is caused by the meddling of a figure called "Satan" in the Bible. However, the Scriptures and the Church have always taught that the devil is indeed a real entity. In the Scriptures, Jesus underwent temptation at the hands of Satan, and He later cast out demons and sent His disciples to do likewise. In the Catechism, we read that “Satan was at first a good angel, made by God,” but that a certain “fall” occurred whereby Satan and the other angels with him “radically and irrevocably rejected God and his reign” (#391-392).

The belief in the reality of Satan can be expressly seen in many of the Church’s liturgical rituals. Adult candidates for baptism are asked to renounce Satan and his empty promises. Throughout the Easter season, we reaffirm our faith and renounce Satan at the beginning of each liturgy before being sprinkled with holy water to commemorate our own baptism. The Church also has an official “Rite of Exorcism,” with the ministry of exorcist being entrusted to the bishop of each diocese or to whichever priest he appoints. Exorcism and demonic possession have often been sensationalized through books and movies, but recently the subject has been examined in a bit more profound light in the 2005 movie Exorcism/Family/Fun, based on a true story. The existence of such a Rite of Exorcism would be ridiculous if we believe that demons do not really exist.

Despite the mass media’s and society’s efforts to convince us otherwise, the Scriptures and the Church believe that the devil does exist. I think CS Lewis said it best in The Screwtape Letters: the greatest victory for the devil is convincing mankind that he doesn’t really exist (paraphrase).

For additional reading, please consult the book “An Exorcist Tells His Story” by Gabriele Amorth.

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"I thought Jenkins’ speech was interesting, but I thought it was a little general, a little vague," Coleough said.

Marieich said because she was abroad during the fall semester as well, she hadn’t yet heard Jenkins speak until the convocation.

"It was nice to hear him here in Rome. I especially liked Father Jenkins incorporating Thomas Aquinas into his talk—just clear and simple," she said. "I’d also see his speech last week that corresponded with some of the topics today.

Colclough said she enjoyed Jenky’s synthesis of the history of the congregation of the Holy Cross throughout the years. Though fewer than a dozen students attended the event, Jacobs said he knew there were class conflicts that prohibited more students from coming.

"I think the trustees were pleasantly surprised to see Notre Dame students here," Jacobs said.

Some architecture students decided to attend the event because the Board of Trustees has a scheduled visit to their studio in downtown Rome today. "I think part of the reason we got an open invitation was that the Board of Trustees are coming for an open exposition of the architecture studio," Marieich said. "A lot of it is [for trustees] to see how it’s run and learn why the Rome program is important for architecture students.

Michael Lykoudis, dean and professor in the architecture school, already gave a presentation to visitors about the Notre Dame architecture program, speaking in particular about the importance of students spending the third of their five academic years studying in Rome. Jacobs said.

"I will be there for the open house," he added.

Several students attending John Cabot University through Notre Dame also attended the event.

"I went to see [Fisichella] at Notre Dame talking about the situation with Catholic education. I wanted to follow up on that," junior Danice Brown said.

Such an event in Rome sponsored by Notre Dame was a welcome change, students said. "The closest thing to this that we attended was when L. Frances Rooney III, U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, invited us to his house for dinner," said Colclough, adding that the invitation was informal and not an academic event with guests from the United States, like the convocation Wednesday.

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Academia," focused heavily on
the Church-culture interface
and said it was the role of a
Catholic university to serve as
intermediary between
the sometimes opposing
forces.

He drew upon the teachings
of the late Pope John Paul II,
who said, "A Catholic universi-
ty, aware that the human cul-
ture is open to revelation and
transcendence, is
also a primary and
privileged place
for fruitful dia-
logue between the
Gospel and cul-
ture.

This Church-cul-
ture relationship is
mutually benefi-
tial," Jenkins said.

"As John Paul
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tions of our age, we are not
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These questions, he said,
pertain to economic and social
justice, the meaning and pur-
purpose of human life, the rela-
tionship between science and
religion and morality in pro-
fessions, among other topics.

Next, Jenkins said Catholic
universities "must listen to and
take seriously the contrary
voices" in a concept that,
while not directly acknowl-
edged, seemed linked to the
question-and-
answer format of his addresses
on academic freedom and
Catholic charac-
ter last week.

To follow the
teachings of Aquinas, one
must be prepared by
stating the per-
son's objection in a manner
that he or she would
find acceptable," Jenkins
said, quoting Aquinas.

"[We must]
paraphrase Aquinas' that
is much more persuasive than
he or she would
be!

This is necessary, Jenkins
said, because a Catholic uni-
versity cannot fulfill its role
"unless we listen to and under-
stand the contrary voices."

The third stop, Jenkins
said, is to attempt to resolve an
issue "in the best way one can
in the light of Christian faith
and revelation," striving to
give reasons "persuasive
to those engaged in discussion."

He said the final aspect
of the process is to "try to
address and respond to ques-
tions and contrary views in a
manner that will speak to and
help persuade others" —
another method that seemed
similar to how Jenkins is con-
ducting the dialogue on aca-
demic freedom and Catholic
character.

There are "great opportuni-
ties as well as challenges to a
Catholic institution," Jenkins
said. "We cannot address these
issues without strong, vibrant
Catholic universities.

Fischella delivered an
address entitled
"The Role of the
Roman Catholic
Universities.
One of the pri-
mary aspects of his speech
was the balance between
science and Catholic uni-
versities in the 21st cen-
tury."

In her com-
ments, Father Hugh Cleary
kissed the pope's ring. Center,
University President Father
John Jenkins delivers a speech
at an aca-
demic convocation held in Rome
Wednesday. Right, Pope Benedict XVI
walks down the steps of the Paul VI Auditorium
at the Vatican.

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when the community isn't
"Now, does any of this sound
familiar to my Notre Dame
friends out here?" he asked,
inviting a few laughs.

Jenks said Catholic
schools were unique in their
ability to make a "singular
contribution to educational
mosaic of the world."

"The world today
doesn't need more private
schools. There are plenty of
them out there," he said. "But
both the world and the Church
need more Catholic schools
that remember their reason for
existing. Our schools should
never choose between being
excellent or being Catholic.
Catholic school should not be
'either or,' it should be 'both
and.'"

After the speakers —
introdu-
ted by theology professor
John Cavodil — completed
their addresses, Provost
Thomas Burish awarded hon-
orary degrees to Fischella and
U.S. Ambassador to the Holy
See Frances Rooney III.

Fischella, Burish said, was
honored for multiple reasons,
including "revering Jesus no
too closely, which is exactly
what the public square.

Boone, appointed to his
position by the Vatican in
November, "aspires to
assist in the alignment of the
earthly and heavenly orders," Burish
said. The event concluded with
a reception for those in
attendance,
culminating the official
Board of Trustees Friday
morning.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Monologues’ a reflection of society

I’m concerned that University President Father John Jenkins isn’t truly listening. I was disappointed at last week’s forum when, after taking 45 minutes to present his side, Father Jenkins attempted to refute the concerns of the students rather than simply listening and considering them.

We, as students, treasure the chance to encourage Father Jenkins to consider our perspectives. This is exactly what “The Vagina Monologues” strives to do. Anyone who watches the play must understand that the “Monologues” don’t necessarily represent the beliefs of the author or the students performing them — just as the University does not necessarily endorse the events it sponsors.

Evie Estler simply provides a forum for the sharing of the long-suppressed voices of women and an opportunity for actors and audience to consider these foreign perspectives. The actions hold notecards, symbolizing that the stories they tell are other women’s stories. They speak directly or indirectly about vaginas because they are attempting to reclaim the part of their anatomy that has been a justification and a means for sexual, physical, emotional and psychological abuse — not to make themselves sexual objects.

Some of these stories are meant to shock us into critical analysis. Many contest the Monologue that describes the seduction of a 16-year-old girl by an older woman. Its purpose is not to lead the experience, but to ask us to consider what kind of society we have created when such an alarming event is a woman’s only positive sexual experience as a tale.

Silencing the voices of these women is not the answer. The purpose of the movement is to acknowledge these voices.

Refusing to listen is refusing to acknowledge pain and suffering and refusing to consider the systemic problems in our society that cause and perpetuate them. What good do we accomplish by silencing Ides that contradict Catholic teaching, except to promote blind faith and blindness to injustice?

Whether we should critically engage with the “Monologues,” exploring how they contradict Catholic teachings as well as why they are important as a means of liberating female voices and conceptualizing structural subjugation of women. This would truly be respectful dialogue.
leadership not just for authority

Have you noticed how the reality of authority — in those who have it and those who don't — has surrounded us recently? Perhaps in the recent eradication of authority, others, who've claimed it for a long time, and still others who hope to acquire it soon have all been in the news of late.

And the Gospel reading last Sunday dealt with Jesus' authority. He taught with unmistakable authority and even the unclean spirits obeyed him.

President Bush spoke Tuesday night with all the authority of his office on that most "presidential" of occasions — the State of the Union address. The Democrats party scored a decisive victory in recent Palestinian elections, surprising even themselves with the new order that has been assured. Ben Bernanke (the "who") stepped into what many call the "most powerful economic post in the world" Tuesday following the official retirement of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. Bernanke (the "what") will have authority and not as the scribes and Pharisees knew and saw that even unto his own death he would teach forgiveness, love of one's enemies, and care for the poorest of the poor.

Clearly, we must continue to ask ourselves whether or not such restriction is essential to the Catholic character of Notre Dame. Does recognition imply endorsement?

"No responsible Catholic expects the role of an educated Catholic to be restricted in the name of monistic contemplation. That role must be structured by concern for a healthy continuity of critical inquiry and responsible practice. But such combinations cannot flourish in a climate of enforced orthodoxy. The independence currently imposed upon student life will diminish the vitality of intellectual activity on this campus. Student organizations which seek to continue the discussion of issues opens to critical inquiry in the classroom have been denied recognition, or the range of topics to be discussed has been subjected to administrative regulation. No better way of labeling certain activities as "merely" academic has ever been developed. Nor under that a general lack of enthusiasm for intellectual disputation is so commonly observed as part of the prevailing temper of under-graduate life at Notre Dame.

I have sometimes argued that the marked division of principle and practice in our Association presumes a Catholic mind, in the classroom and the close administrative regulation of student organizations. If the critical inquiry essential to the intellectual life is to flourish on this campus, political liberals (e.g. the AUFI) insist that the "who," that is, the president, should do nothing to diminish the vitality of intellectual activity on this campus.

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Band's appeal expands outside Chicago rock scene

By MICHELE JEFFERS
Cone Coast

More than just an adage of encouraging soccer parents, sometimes it really doesn't matter who wins — it just matters how hard you play.

Last summer, CBS launched Rockstar, a hit reality show in which several performers competed to become the lead singer of the rock band INXS. As the runner-up, Marty Casey may not have been chosen to revive the largely forgotten band he's been with for over 15 years.

The Lovehammers have long been a staple of the Chicago rock scene, winning over throngs of loyal fans who refer to themselves as "Hammers." Having met in junior high, Marty Casey (vocals), Rob Kourdel (drums), Billy Sawitschik (guitar) and Dino Kourelis (bass) have remained passionately dedicated to their band despite being unable to land a recording contract.

This self-titled album is the band's first release on a record label, but it also features an assortment of tracks from previously self-released albums. Although the album lacks a focused whole, it provides a diverse picture of where the band has been and where it hopes to be.

The album opens with "Casualty," pouting out a rousing refusal to answer to failure. Although there are exceptions, most of the subsequent songs tend to sound the same. But The Lovehammers fend off boredom by tirelessly knocking out their songs with full force.

Marty Casey, middle left, founded his band, Marty Casey & Lovehammers, when he was only 16 years old. Their fan base is located primarily in Chicago.

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CD Reviews

Dre camp veteran's debut 'hitts' hard

By CHRIS KEPNER
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Hittman began his rapping career as a protégé of Dr. Dre. However, he has released his first solo album on another label, Sick Bay Records.

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The big question surrounding this album's release deals with Hittman's decision to bring it out on Sick Bay Records, rather than on Dre's Aftermath label. Dr. Dre is a musical genius with whom countless artists want to work, and his talents and work ethic are unparalleled. Both rappers and producers learn from their time with him, labeling Dre as the Miles Davis of his generation.

But when Davis started out half a century ago, musicians had little to do with the production of an album. He was eventually able to wrest creative control from the men with the money, but perhaps he still had record deals with deadlines that pressured him to get things done more quickly than he would have if he had all the time he wanted.

Things are very different today. Dre has his own label, which means he answers to no one. The reason Dr. Dre has only released two albums in the past 15 years is because he is a perfectionist. It's no accident that "The Chronic" (1992) and "2001" (1999) are as tight as they are. An enormous amount of time was put in — especially for "2001."

The perfectionism that delays his own albums seems to carry over to those that he produces. He won't put his stamp of approval on anything that's not up to the stringent standards he's set for himself. For whatever reason, Dre didn't feel as though Hittman's album was ready for release.

Obviously, Hittman felt that it was. Born Brian Bailey, Hittman is an acronym for Highly Intensive Tongue Talents Making All Vehicular. The quality of this record will definitely put other rappers on edge.

"Hittmanic Verses" is better than Eva Longoria all the way through, but some highlights include "My Last Dayz," "When It Comes To," and "Let S*** Go." This disc could definitely be spun at a party and get a great response.

There are 14 tracks — all music and no skits, which is refreshing. The production team, which includes Dre and Maillman (who both also rap on the album), did a fantastic job putting together rich and catchy backgrounds that support Hitt's flow, which is better than ever. With a highly synecaphor interpretation of the beat, Knoe-Turn'All stands out on the guest list.

So why did listeners have to wait so long for Hittman's record, only to have it come out without the Aftermath seal? Take Eminem and 50 Cent for comparison. Eminem had two verses on "2001" and 50 Cent makes no appearance at all. Yet since that album dropped in 1999, these guys have both had multiple Aftermath releases. Why then does Hittman, who rapped an amazing 12 verses on Dre's last album, get no love? Sure, there might be a couple of tweaks needed here and there (Hitt sounds a little hollow on "Get Myne"), but how could Dre leave this one to collect dust after the work Hittman did on "2001?"

Something is a little fishy on the west coast. Fans will have to watch and see what happens (will Hitt be involved in the second Up in Smoke Tour?) For now, they can at least enjoy these 14 hard-hitting tracks.

It might be a little difficult to find "Hittmanic Verses" in stores because of its independent release, but it can be downloaded from iTunes for just $9.99. This album is definitely worth the money.

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Matt Carufel
offensive lineman
6-5, 288
Forest Lake, Minn.
“We’re really, really excited about having a physical player like Matt.”
Charlie Weis
Irish coach
USA Today second-team All-American ... named Gatorade Minnesota player of the year.

Zach Frazer
quarterback
6-4, 209
Mechanicsburg, Pa.
“He’s a true pocket passer and makes a lot of plays down the field.”
Mike Frank
Irisheyes.com
No. 12 on USA Today list of top 100 players ... set Pa. single-season passing record with 3,674 yards.

Leonard Gordon
safety
5-11, 195
Ft. Campbell, Ky.
“He’s a really physical kid, a big kid for a safety.”
Mike Frank
Irisheyes.com
Gatorade Nevada player of the year ... tallied 55 tackles in leading team to state title this season.

Demetrius Jones
quarterback
6-3, 190
Chicago, Ill.
“Has the ability to make something out of nothing.”
Tim O’Halloran
Rivals.com
Gatorade Illinois player of the year ... named top senior player in Illinois by Chicago Tribune.

Robby Parris
wide receiver
6-4, 185
Olmsted Falls, Ohio
Once again, another big wide receiver.”
Charlie Weis
Irish coach
Caught 12 TDs in six games during injury-shortened senior season ... AP second-team all-Ohio selection.

Richard Jackson
wide receiver
6-2, 195
Clermont, Fla.
“What Richard really brings is size and speed.”
Charlie Weis
Irish coach
Ranked No. 87 on USA Today list of top 100 players ... caught 186 passes for 3,049 yards in high school.

Paddy Mullen
defensive tackle
6-5, 262
St. Louis, Mo.
“As he gets bigger his bull rush continues to improve.”
Pat Mahoney
high school coach
Played mostly tight end as a senior, catching three TDs ... garnered seven sacks as junior defensive end.

Eric Olsen
offensive lineman
6-5, 298
Staten Island, N.Y.
“He’s a big kid who likes to smack people around a little bit.”
Mike Frank
Irisheyes.com
Gatorade New York player of the year ... never gave up a sack in three seasons as a starting lineman.

Munir Prince
running back
5-9, 164
Florissant, Mo.
“He’s a dynamic back who can do it all.”
Charlie Weis
Irish coach
Gatorade Missouri player of the year ... rushed for 50 TDs and 3,688 yards in high school career.
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**Fun Facts about the Class of 2010**

- Weis offered 57 scholarships, 27 were accepted.
- Of the 27 athletes who made official visits to Notre Dame, 27 signed with the Irish.
- Jashaad Gaines' sister, Tulyah, is a sophomore Irish basketball player.
- Barry Gallup's father, Barry, Sr., is the director of football operations at Boston College.
- Faddy Mallen and Munir Prince played together at DeSmet Jesuit High School in St. Louis; Bobby Petrino and John Ryan also played at St. Mary's.
- Prince went to junior high in St. Louis with James Aldridge.
- Demeriscus Jones hails from Morgan Park High School, the same school as former Irish linebacker Colin May's Jones and Mayo are the first Notre Dame player to come out of the Chicago Public League since Chris Zorn of Chicago Vocational came to Notre Dame in 1988.
- Konrad Reuland spent eight months living with relatives in Germany between the eighth and ninth school years.
Frazer, Jones bear responsibility for strong group

The Observer Wednesday, February 1, 2006

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

It’s been only about 24 hours since Irish coach Charlie Weis’ class of 2007 was signed into the book of life, but already the signature athletes of the class have begun the process of being predicted for greatness. The promise that everything would stay sunny in the shadow of the Dome is beginning to be realized. Williams’ group of 21 players — highlighted by quarterback Brady Quinn, defensive back Tom Zbikowski and defensive end Victor Abiamiri — was ranked No. 5 in the country by Scout.com on Signing Day 2003. One theory commonly tossed around after Williams’ firing was that he couldn’t recruit. But wide receiver Jeff Samardzija, center John Sullivan, defensive tackle Trevor Laws, tackle Ryan Harris and free safety Chinemelu Nwokoh — all members of Williams’ class of 2007 — turned out pretty well, as anyone who watched the Irish in Saturdays this past autumn could see.

The point is not that Weis attracted these blue chippers with a flimsy, used-car salesmanship pitch. There’s no doubt he’s a prepared, mercurial and charismatic recruiter. But Notre Dame’s BCS run — the one Weis had promised in his inaugural season — has the Irish playing better than Williams’ squad performed in his inaugural campaign.

But the root of Weis’ recruiting problem was not a lack of enthusiasm or a weak handshake — it was the results on the field. When the coach stopped winning he started losing credibility with recruits. They no longer saw him as a man who could draw a map to the NFL, but as a mediocre coach with little chance at winning much more than the Dome.

Weis is being praised as one of the nation’s best recruiters — right now. He’s been able to sell the point that he is going to make sure I come in and compete. It’ll be an interesting battle but I don’t think both of them will be part of this team.

It’s official — Charlie Weis is no longer the head football coach on this campus. Instead, after inking a much-hyped recruiting class during the past two weeks, Weis has resigned as coach of the Irish and will take the position of athletic director at the University of Connecticut. Weis surprised just about everyone, even those who had been calling for his replacement. The current head coach of the Irish has a strong record of success. He has led the Irish to two national championships and has a winning record in both the BCS and the NCAA. He has also been a vocal critic of the NCAA's policies and has been a strong advocate for changes to the rules. Weis' departure has been met with mixed reactions from fans and analysts alike. Some have praised his decision, while others have expressed concern about the future of the Irish football program.
**Blunt on his way to sensitive songwriting glory**

By KELLY CLANCY
Scene Critic

Chances are that James Blunt's music has been or will be stuck in music fans' heads sometime.

"You're Beautiful," the current pop single off of Blunt's debut American album, "Back to Bedlam," has frequented Top 40 radio stations, dominating pop culture airwaves with its smooth lyrics and lullaby beat. The video, featuring the artist's icy plunge off of an Arctic cliff, has also gained success on music channels like VH1, where Blunt was featured as a "You Oughta Know" artist. Already a success overseas in his homeland of Britain, Blunt seems to be enjoying his stay in the States as well.

There are few, if any, who would have predicted Blunt's success. Growing up in a family which Blue's riffs. The rhythmic duo of bassist Tim and guitarist Tom Morello continues to Cornell's vocals are solid throughout, almost every one of their bodies,' the singer-songwriter found himself in the military after studying Aerospace Manufacturing Engineering and Sociology in college. But Blunt kept his guitar near to him, as he recalls on his homepage, singing through the streets of Serb villages on peacekeeping missions.

The initial reaction to James Blunt is a fear that the listener has stumbled onto a collection of "You're Beautiful" and the rest of the songs on "Back to Bedlam" stand to prove that Blunt won't wind up a one-hit wonder at all. Although certainly trying to play to the same audience as a Coldplay opening act would (but not yet attaining the brilliance of Chris Martin on "Viva la Vida"), Blunt manages to carry musical wit through the album that could someday earn him his own place among the top live-songwriter gods.

While "You're Beautiful" proves to be a perfectly pop pleaser for the masses, the rest of the album carries lyrical and musical complexity, which could bring Blunt plenty of respect. The track "Billy," with its catchy beat, seems destined for the same success as "You're Beautiful" has garnered, while "Wisemen" also seems revved to back up Blunt's success and keep his name on the charts for months to come. "Back to Bedlam" manages to cover a myriad of feelings within the compilation, from the bittersweet despair featured within "You're Beautiful" to the high of a successful relationship featured in the aptly-titled "High." Both "High" features some simplistic lyrics such as "Will you be my shoulder when I'm grey and older? / Promise me tomorrow starts with you," Blunt does manage to reflect more than just direct adoration in quite a few songs. These songs include "Wisemen," a symbol-laden song featuring lines like "And they're really sorry now for what they've done / they were three Wise Men just trying to have some fun."

Already managing to appeal to large audiences, the sappy teenage girl/college student in everyone should enjoy the entirety of "Back to Bedlam." Luring the listener in with the success of "You're Beautiful," Blunt manages to also back up his talent and provide other soon-to-be chart-topping tracks.

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**Doubters proven wrong with success of new album**

By RYAN MILLIGAN
Scene Critic

When word got around in 2000 that Rage Against the Machine frontman Zack de la Rocha would be replaced by ex-Soundgarden vocalist Chris Cornell, it seemed as though every fan of alternative rock had an opinion on whether or not the success would continue. Even after the band renamed itself Audioslave and recorded a self-titled debut album in 2002 that sold surprisingly well, skeptics still saw the foursome as more than nothing more than another super-group—a short-term side project. Almost three years later, doubters were proven wrong with the release of "Out of Exile."

There is no weak point to be found anywhere within the 12 tracks. Cornell's vocals are solid throughout, and guitarist Tom Morello continues to amaze listeners with his ear-splitting riffs. The rhythmic duo of bassist Tim Commerford and drummer Brad Wilk serve as more than Morello's back drop, as they make keeping up with the more fast-paced tracks look extremely easy. It's clear that all three ex-Rage members have given the freedom to push their musical limits now that they are singing singer Cornell instead of rapper de la Rocha. "Be Yourself" was the first single on this disc to hit radio stations, which initially seemed to be an unusual choice. It is a relatively laid-back song that simply advises listeners to, as the title suggests, be themselves. While it doesn't have nearly as much power as the majority of the tracks on the album, it accomplishes its goal in proving the group's flexibility.

"Doesn't Remind Me" was the second track from "Out of Exile" to receive equal radio attention. The lyrics are blatantly random, with lines such as, "I like gospel music and canned applause because it doesn't remind me of anything." However, one can't help but smile once they realize what a carefree attitude the song carries with it.

The rest of the album delivers the electricity that listeners have come to expect from Audioslave. "Gone" was a great opener in the first album, "Your Time Has Come" greeted the ears with an unmatched intensity that remains consistent from beginning to end.

"The Worm" can more or less serve as an anthem for those people who made poor decisions in high school, while "Man or Animal" attempts to show that some things will never go away, no matter how much people want them to.

What separates "Out of Exile" from the other recent rock albums in its ability to remain consistent while never becoming stale. For example, almost every song features a guitar solo a la Tom Morello. After all that he has accomplished as a guitarist, it is easy to see why it should be that way. Granted, some of noises he manages to get out of his guitar somewhat resemble sculls on a chalkboard, but the variety makes up for it, and then some.

It does not matter if the listener was a fan of Soundgarden or Rage Against the Machine. It does not matter if they purchased Audioslave's first album. Listening to "Out of Exile," they will start to hope the band becomes a fixture in today's rock world.

Contact Ryan Milligan at rmilligan@nd.edu
HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady scored 22 points, Yao Ming added 21 and the Houston Rockets overcame an early 13-point deficit to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 86-84 on Wednesday night.

Milwaukee went on a late 12-2 run to pull to 86-84 when T.J. Ford hit one of two free throws with 37 seconds to play. But Bobby Simmons missed a 25-foot jumper with 3 seconds left and Houston got the rebound.

Yao, in his second game back after missing 21 games due to surgery on his left big toe, had 13 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season.

Simmons hit a career-high five 3-pointers and led the Bucks with 26 points, matching his season high.

The Bucks were playing without leading scorer Michael Redd, who missed the game with back spasms. Redd, averaging 25.3 points per game, is day to day.

Houston opened the game by scoring the first five points, but Milwaukee then went on a 20-1 run. The Bucks finished the first quarter leading 27-15 as Jiri Jarecky had 13 rebounds for his 11th double-double.

Milwaukee then went on a 19-2 run to start the second quarter, shooting 4 of 4 and having only six points in the first half as Houston took a 49-41 lead.

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Suns 102, Celtics 94

The Phoenix Suns ended their road trip with their fourth victory in five games and another reminder that big leads can fade quickly.

They led by 21 points at halftime, then weathered a 33-point second half by Paul Pierce for a fade quickly.

After scoring only two points in the first quarter, Yao finished his season high.

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Sun's star center Yao Ming returns to the starting lineup and Simmons each had seven points.

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**Seattle Seahawks**

Seattle's fan base, nicknamed the 12th man, celebrates a big play in the Seahawks' NFC Championship Game victory over the Panthers on Jan. 22. Texas A&M has filed a suit against the Seahawks over the use of the term '12th man.'

Aggies file suit over use of school trademark

Associated Press

**IN BRIEF**

Swann likely to win Penn. GOP nomination

MONROEVILLE, Pa. — Former Pittsburgh Steelers star Lynn Swann appears to have locked up enough support to win the Republican Party nomination for Pennsylvania governor. In the last regional GOP meeting before state Republicans meet to endorse a candidate, the NFL Hall of Famer on Tuesday picked up 33 unofficial endorsements from party representatives. If they all follow through, he will have just over the 180 votes needed to win the party's official endorsement on Feb. 11.

Swann, 53, is seeking to become Pennsylvania's first black governor. Though he has revealed little about his political philosophy, he has said the Democratic Party has "taken the African-American vote for granted." Supporters say his high profile and charisma make him the best candidate to take on Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell, who is expected to seek a second term.

Swann's leading opponent for the GOP nomination, former Lt. Gov. Bill Scranton, 58, has sharply criticized Swann's qualifications and promised to stay in the race through the May 16 primary with or without the party's backing.

Hall of Fame status remains in limbo

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The city and the College Football Hall of Fame have again failed to agree on a five-year contract aimed at keeping the Hall in the city. The two sides originally hoped to have an agreement by the end of December. Then they hoped to have the contract signed by the end of January. Now they hope the contract is ready by February's end, said MKiki Dobbski, city director of communications and special projects.

Dobbski said the city and Hall still are having good discussions about their partnership and are working on the details.

"They're just fine-tuning the draft," Dobbski said Tuesday. "It's just good due diligence, essentially."
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Referees work hard to be unseen in big games

Associated Press

DETROIT — They’re the guys in black and white. No names needed. Unless they make a bad call. Then, everyone finds out who these NFL officials are: "What we want to do is to pick up the paper Monday and read about the game, not the officiating," said Mike Pereira, who oversees NFL refs. "We all want to be anonymous."

Then, everyone finds out who the head referee in the Super Bowl is. "There’s nothing perfect. It’s a mistake. I feel worse than anybody," said Jerry Markbreit, the only person to be the head referee in four Super Bowls, said Wednesday. "Officials are so hard on themselves. When they make a mistake, nobody feels worse than they do."

Pete Morelli and his seven-man crew found out firsthand while working the Indianapolis-Pittsburgh playoff game last month.

Morelli overturned an interception by Steelers safety Troy Polamalu on video review late in the game, and it nearly cost them the Super Bowl hold on to win 21-18 — linebacker Joey Porter later said the officials tried to cheat them out of a victory, and the NFL said Morelli made a mistake. A few days later, a rock was thrown through the front window at Morelli’s home in Stockton, Calif. Police said it was unclear whether the vandalism was related to his school job or his role as a referee.

In Denver’s 27-13 win over New England on Jan. 16, the Broncos’ first touchdown was set up by a 39-yard pass interference call on Asante Samuel in the end zone. Replays showed contact by both players and Patriots coach Bill Belichick was irate.

"I don’t really complain about the refs too much," Seattle corner Andre Dyson said. "We’re all human. They don’t get to see instant replay on every play. The biggest thing is not to make a crucial call to change the outcome of the game."

Super Bowl officials are picked based on their regular-season performance. They must have worked five full seasons in the NFL before they can work consecutive Super Bowls. Most officials wait about 10 years before getting called up to the big game. Many never make it there.

"If not get out of the business." Jerry Seeman worked two Super Bowls and later was head of officiating. He especially remembered the New York Giants’ 20-19 win over Buffalo in 1991 when Scott Norwood missed a field goal at the end. You didn’t even know we were on the field," Seeman said in a telephone interview from his winter home in Rancho Mirage, Calif. "That’s what you love to have happen. You understand what your role is, you contribute to the success of the game, but you’re not out there to get the credit or the discredit or what it is that happens. You want to stay out of it.

To prepare for the Super Bowl, the crew is sent videos of both teams so they can become more familiar with the formations and alignments. The officials arrive for the game Thursday and for the only time all season are allowed to bring their families with them.

On Friday, they start reviewing more video, then go to the field and practice the coin toss. Yes, even that has to be perfect. They really start focusing on the game Saturday, going through all-day meetings where Pereira will go over points of emphasis and also review calls made in the playoff games that means he will explain to the crew why Morelli was wrong to overturn the interception in the Colts-Steelers game.

"I had several big-time mistakes. I made mistakes at the time that it happened. Why am I here?" You’re heartbroken about a call that you made. You want everything to be perfect, but it’s not a perfect science. There’s nothing perfect."
Super Bowl highlights problems in Detroit

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Super Bowl means big money to Keith Vanillo. Forty bucks cash on this day, and a chance to make more money on Friday scavenging for half-full liquor bottles and empty cans outside the Kid Rock concert event.

Waving an orange flag on a downtown street corner Wednesday, Vanillo and an unwitting example that the trickle-down theory of economics sometimes does work.

He would get five hours’ work at $8 an hour to lure drivers into a pay parking lot. That’s huge for someone with an idea that a good day is selling some food cards and finding a handful of empty cans he can redeem for a dime apiece.

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Detroit apparently wasn’t paying much attention, either. It was too busy trying to make itself presentable, hoping the nation’s news media would follow the story, and spreading the message of a great city’s rebirth. A huge news flash. It didn’t work.

Try as it might, Detroit couldn’t hide its warts this week behind a fresh coat of paint, a few new downtown shops or some repaired roads. There’s too many of them, and they’re everywhere.

You see them on the way into Ford Field, where abandoned houses are sprinkled among muddy lots only a block or two from where captains of industry and wealthy fans will sip chardonnay and nibble on delicacies Sunday while the Steelers and the Patriots battle on the field below. You see them downtown where buildings with distinctive architectures compete for attention with those boarded up and vacant, and you see them in adjoining neighborhoods where liquor stores seem to be the only businesses thriving.

As big as the Super Bowl is, 60 minutes of football can’t undo a half century of decay. One game isn’t nearly big enough to jump-start the rebuilding of a 304-year-old city whose main industry is teetering on the brink of collapse and whose residents are being at the rate of 200 a week.

That, of course, hasn’t stopped the politicians from trying.

“This is the kind of event that creates revolutionary changes in cities like Detroit,” Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said this week.

It didn’t in 1982 when Detroit was the official host of the Super Bowl, though the game was actually held in the suburb of Pontiac. McNeil that Super Bowl was remembered most not for fueling the economy but for a game day snowstorm that wrecked havoc on those trying to get to the game.

Don’t blame Kilpatrick for seizing the moment. Going to Super Bowl events has to be a lot more fun than his usual duties, which include presiding over a city embarraging so much red ink that even the layoff of 1,300 city workers last year didn’t stop the bleeding.

It might take his mind off the $8.6 billion that General Motors lost last year, the massive job cuts planned by both GM and Ford in the Detroit area, or the city’s average of nearly a murder a day last year.

“We want to introduce ourselves to the world and redeem ourselves from 1982,” Kilpatrick said. “We’re light years ahead of where we were just four short years ago.”

That may be true. But Detroit, which has lost more than half its 2 million population since the 1950s, is also light years away from reclaiming its place among great American cities.

You don’t need to study statistics to know unemployment is terribly high. Just look on the streets, where bands of idle men congregate on downtown streets, smoking and drinking to fend off the cold.

The disparity between rich and poor seeps out as you walk from the Renaissance Center on the Detroit River toward the city’s own new ballparks. And, if people are coming downtown in greater numbers, it wasn’t evident even with fans in town a few days before the Super Bowl.

It’s easy to make fun of it all, especially if you don’t have to come back.

One Pittsburgh columnist wrote that if his city was a shot and a beer town, Detroit was a town you had a beer and then got shot. Far those like Vanillo who have to live here, though, it’s deadly serious.

On a normal week he sells his food card for 70 cents on the dollar to a friend, and paves off partly filled liquor bottles he might be lucky enough to find. With steady work this day on the corner of Griswold and State, though, his biggest concern was being able to use the restroom of a nearby building before it closed at noon.

‘I could be hustling liquor bottles or looking for cans instead,” he said.

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McNabb offended by Terrell Owens, again

Associated Press

DETROIT — Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb injected a race element into his rift with Terrell Owens on Wednesday, saying the receiver’s criticism amounted to “black-on-black crime.”

In an interview with a group of reporters Wednesday, Nano rebuked some of the few moments of his relationship with his team, including making fun of Owens’ driveway apology, and bringing up the matter again.

In November, responding to a question from Michael Irwin during an ESPN interview, Owens said Philadelphia would have been in better situation if Brett Favre was in the quarterback instead of the bungled-up McNabb.

“It was like, it’s unfair,” McNabb said.

“That’s like me going out and saying, ‘Hey, if we had Steve Largent, if we had Joe Jurevicius. It was definitely a slap in the face to me. It was a slap in the face because, as deep as people want to go into it, it was black-on-black crime.’

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Not long after that, an NAACP leader criticized McNabb for “playing the race card” in explaining why he didn’t run the ball as often as he used to.

In November, the Eagles suspended Owens for the remainder of the season for his repeated criticism of the team, McNabb and several other issues. The team recently gave Owens permission to seek a trade, and this week he visited the Denver Broncos.

On Wednesday, McNabb brought up some of the criticism he had taken through his career, and said Owens was simply piling on with his statements.

“It’s different to say, ‘If we had Michael Vick or Darren Culpepper or Steve McNair or Byron Leftwich,’ McNabb said of four black starting quarterbacks.

McNabb said that the game was remembered most not for fueling the economy but for a game day snowstorm that wrecked havoc on those trying to get to the game.
Mickelson feels at home with crowds, course

Golfer won 2005 FBR Open with record setting round

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Phil Mickelson loves the FBR Open, and the feeling is mutual. Mickelson won the tournament twice, in 1996 and last year, when he tied the course record with an 11-under-par 60 in the third round. It was his best 18-hole score ever, and, he said, the best round of his life. "This is one of my favorite weeks," Mickelson said Wednesday before his pro-am round. "There's a feeling we get at this course, with this many people, that we don't get anywhere else. It's pretty cool to have a chance to have won it now a couple of times."

Mickelson and Vijay Singh lead a field that will begin play Thursday on the par-71, 7,216-yard course. Tiger Woods hasn't played in the event since 2001. He reportedly is getting $3 million to play in this week's Dubai Desert Classic.

So Mickelson is everybody's favorite in a tournament he hopes will kick-start his season, just as it did last year. Mickelson had an erratic final round to finish two shots behind Woods. Jose Maria Olazabal and Nathan Green at last weekend's Buick Invitational. Woods won the tournament in a playoff.

"I've had a couple of chances but haven't really played very well," Mickelson said. "But I've been able to get the ball in the hole and get in contention."

"It's made a few adjustments after talking with instructors Rick Smith and Dave Pelz."

"I may think I may have ironed out some of the kinks," Mickelson said. "I went out and played yesterday, and it seemed to be a little bit more of a shootout. It looks cautiously optimistic about playing well this week."

The left-hander's big drives should bounce even farther on the dry fairways.

The Phoenix area has gone a record 102 days without rain, and sunshine with temperatures in the mid 60s to high 70s is forecast through the weekend. Sprinklers can do only so much to soften the terrain.

"It will be a matter of guys trying to hit drive, trying to knock it on the surface of the [par-5 17, trying to have short irons or mid irons into the par 5]," Mickelson said.

"Booming shots should mean shrinking scores, unlike last year, when windplayed havoc with the first round.

"The first day was brutal," Mickelson recalled. "Balls were rolling off the greens, and yet we still played, and you just tried to hang in there, and then when the wind died down, turn it on and try to make some birdies."

This week I think it's going to be more of a shootout. It looks like it's going to be beautiful weather. I think we're going to see a lot of low scores.

Mickelson has earned $1.6 million at the Phoenix Open, formerly known as the Phoenix Open. That's more than any other golfer. This year's winner gets $936,000. Some golfers don't like the raucous atmosphere on the north Scottsdale course, where a crowd of 165,168 was reported at last year's third round.

The atmosphere is especially unusual on the par-3 16th hole, where the crowd surrounds the entire hole like a football stadium, cheering boisterously and singing the call to songs of some of the golfers. They even booed shots.

"I've heard many stories, and I'm looking forward to that 16th tee," Villanueva said.

Gymnastics

Winter Cup upends scoring system

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Winter Cup will have a different look this year.

The annual ranking meet for the top U.S. male gymnasts begins Thursday in Las Vegas, and will be one of the first to use the sport's new, open-ended scoring system. Instead of 9.6s and 8.5s, get ready for 12.4s and 12.5s.

"I think it's actually a good thing we're just jumping right into it," said Steve Penny, president of USA Gymnastics. "The speculation has been removed. Everybody's changing their routines. We have to move with the change if we're going to remain competitive."

The International Gymnastics Federation decided to overhaul its scoring system after several judging errors marred the Athens Olympics. Not only was U.S. gold medalist Kerri Strug's misstep supposed to give a better representation of the worth of a routine. One panel of judges will determine the difficulty mark, combining the preset value of the 10 highest elements and adding points for connections or required skills. A separate panel of judges starts at 10.0 and takes deductions for execution, presentation and artistry. The high­est and lowest of those scores are dropped, and the remaining are averaged for the artistic mark.

The two marks are then added together for a final score. Figure skating went through a similar transition after the 2002 Olympics. But instead of implementing the new system right away, it was tested for two seasons before officials decided it was ready for use at the world championships and Olympics.

Gymnastics officials decided to jump right into it. Though some tweaks will be made over the next 2 1/2 years, the system that will be used at the Beijing Olympics will be the same one used this week at Winter Cup and at next month's American Cup.

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"We've kind of gotten over whether they should have used it as a test year," Penny said. "This will evolve a little bit over the next two years. Between 2006 and 2007, we'll be all going to be adopting. But we're hop­ing what we've seen will carry on to the 2007 world championships and everyone will be able to hone in on it before."

While gymnastics officials were critiqued most for abandoning the 10.0 mark that has defined the sport, many opponents also feared an open­ended scoring format would turn gymnastics into an X Games-like spectacle.
Tennessee Tech coach returns despite disease

Mike Sutton leads Golden Eagles, fights possible paralysis

Associated Press

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — For most of his life, Tennessee Tech basketball coach Mike Sutton has counted wins and losses. Now he measures success in smaller increments. Raising an arm one week, both the next. Breathing without a ventilator, then having his tracheotomy tube removed a day later.

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Sutton recently returned to coaching, but he still uses a motorized wheelchair in the slow recovery from Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a mysterious disorder in which the immune system attacks the peripheral nerves and weakens the legs and arms.

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No Motown at big game

Few local acts will perform in Detroit during Seahawks-Steelers week

Associated Press

DETROIT — Looking for the Temptations on Super Bowl Sunday? They’ll be in Charlevoix, Mich.

Smoky Robinson? He’s playing down the block from Ford Field the night before.

Diana Ross? Nothing on her schedule.

America’s biggest sporting event is in Detroit this year, but there won’t be any corresponding celebration of the Motorown sound that has long defined the city — at least not on the NFL’s turf.

“Yeah, it’s a little disappointing,” said Fred Bridges, longtime road manager for the Four Tops. “But it’s their show. You’d love to be in it, but what are you going to do? It’s their party.

The Tops actually were recently added to theless-watched, less-prestigious pregame show, very little of which will be televised. Stevie Wonder will play and Aretha Franklin will sing the national anthem along with New Orleans native Aaron Neville.

“I was upset initially, and I voted against it,” Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said Wednesday. The NFL missed a golden opportunity. I’m glad Stevie Wonder was added — late — and Aretha, Franklin was added very late.

All were invited to perform after the NFL heard more than 500,000 fans sign its share of complaints upon announcing that London’s own, the Rolling Stones, would provide the halftime entertainment.

Since the current upsurge began, NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy has said several times that the league always intended to pay tribute to Motown in the pregame show.

“Halftime, though, is a different story. The Super Bowl transcends the host city and even the country," he said.

That became very clear to Brian Pastoria last year when he showed the NFL his proposal for a halftime show that would feature the old and new of Detroit music — Kill Rock, Aretha, Bob Seger and more.

“They were obviously impressed by it,” said Pastoria of Detroit’s Harmonie Park Creative Group. “But they made strong point to say, This is all great, but at the end of the day, we’re trying to get the Rolling Stones and Prince to do halftime for many years.”

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“I was upset in it initially, and I don’t want to go there,” he said. “It’s my feeling. How dare you come to Detroit, a city of legends — musical legends plural — and not ask one or two of them to participate,”

Stewart battles injuries, prepares for new year

Tony Stewart gets into his car before a practice session at the Daytona International Speedway Jan. 27.

Reigning Nextel Cup champ meets Bush, competes in Rolex 24

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Though his ribs are still sore from a sprint car crash last month, reigning NASCAR Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart would still rather be in a race car than sitting and fretting over his aching right side.

Stewart drove several long stints last weekend during the Rolex 24 sports car endurance race in Daytona Beach, Fla.

“Really, the only time I didn’t think about the pain from the ribs was when I was in the race car,” the Columbus, Ind., resident said Wednesday. “It’s pretty much the best thing for me, when I’m going and doing that.

Stewart’s No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Chevrolet was one of more than 40 Cup cars that took part in the three-day pre-season test session that ended Wednesday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Each car was allowed to participate in two of the three days of testing on the 1.5-mile track.

The top story, according to Jason Shapiro of the creative group. "But they made strong point to say, That’s all great, but at the end of the day, we’re trying to get the Rolling Stones and Prince to do halftime for many years."

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NHL
Red Wings to late 3-2 victory over Blues

Zetterberg scores game-winning goal with 3:55 remaining

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Red Wings are a team that can fight and get a winning on the ice. Henrik Zetterberg scored the tiebreaking goal with 3:55 remaining and Detroit rallied for a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Wednesday night.

Zetterberg got his 24th of the season when he put in the rebound of Andreas Lilja's shot just after Lilja had come out of the penalty box.

"Unfortunately for us, the guy steps out of the penalty box as soon as they start a rush," Blues goalie Curtis Sanford said. "And Zetterberg makes a great play to beat our defensemen."

Lilja came in off the left wing and took a shot that Sanford knocked away, but Zetterberg was there to slam the puck into the empty net.

"Andreas made a pretty good shot," Zetterberg said. "I came around. He would have beat me at no if I had missed that one."

Mikael Samuelsson and Brendan Shanahan also scored for Detroit. Martin Brodeur made 27 saves. Defenseman Niklas Kronwall, playing in his first game after post-season knee surgery, had two assists.

Mike Stempniak and Keith Tkachuk scored for St. Louis, and Sanford stopped 35 shots.

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"It was excellent," Tippett said. "We blocked a lot of lanes and didn't give them a lot to shoot at, and on the chances they did get to the net, Turco was real good. We get a couple of big goals but the penalty-killing was the key for us."

"It's coming sooner than you think..."
Smith's shot. They made 28 of Kessler, who made 15-of-18 attempts from the free-throw line, including 8-of-10 after the 6-5 Tucker moved in and made West Virginia's first against Notre Dame in its last 12 attempts. The last time the Mountainneers defeated the Irish was Feb. 14, 1999. The loss drops the Irish to 1-7 in the Big East and 10-9 overall. Even though the Irish are at the bottom of their league for the first time in their history, close losses show they are competitive every game. "There is no difference in Notre Dame and the top of the league," West Virginia coach John Beilein told the Associated Press. "One shot makes, one shot misses. That's the ball game."

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"The matchup zone was definitely the key to our turn-around," said Saint Mary's coach Steve Bender, whose team led 40-28 at halftime.

The Belles did not lead to start the second half, building their lead to 21 points with just 12 minutes left in the contest. Kaelin's 3-pointer off a fastbreak, was the Belles 12 points. With 15-of-18 points, Saint Mary's played what Brey called a "great game."

Mike Brey Irish head coach

"This was an absolutely huge win for us," Brey said, after his team secured at least a 500 record in league play. Shelly Brey recorded a double-double for the Belles with 12 points. She also added 11 rebounds—a career high.

A u d r y Graham led Olivet (12-7 overall, 8-5 MAC) with 20 points. But, with the victory, Saint Mary's drew to within a half-game of the Comets for third place in the MAC.

The Belles host Calvin College at the Angela Athletic Center at 3 p.m. Saturday. Calvin is ranked 14th among Division III schools and Saint Mary's looks to record its first-ever win against the high-powered squad.

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NCAA Men's Basketball

No. 2 Blue Devils edge Eagles

Redick scores 28 for Duke, team improves to 20-1 overall record

Associated Press

BOSTON — J.I. Redick scored 28 points, including four free throws in the final 65 seconds, to lead No. 2 Duke hold off No. 15 Boston College 83-81 on Wednesday night.

Duke (20-1, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) led by as many as 18 early in the second half before BC (16-5, 4-4) whittled the lead to 5. The Eagles made it a one-possession game in the final 50 seconds without star Craig Smith, who fouled out with three minutes left.

But Shelden Williams stopped Tyrree Rise on a coast-to-coast drive, sending him to the floor hard without drawing a foul. Williams, who finished with seven blocks, was fouled and made both free throws with 7.4 seconds left.

Williams added 11 rebounds in a victory for Duke over the Eagles, including 13-of-16 from the line, Josh McRoberts scored 14 and Sean Dockery had 12 for Duke, who won three straight for the first time this season. He also grabbed 7 rebounds in 16 minutes.

North Carolina State 66, Virginia 64

RALEIGH, N.C. — Cameron Bremenman had a great view of both shots that decided the outcome Wednesday night. The first was his own attemp from 3-point range. The second was his own attemp from behind the arc. The senior guard added 11 assists and four steals. Falls added 18 for Notre Dame on 6-of-12 shooting from 3-point range.

Brey has said throughout Notre Dame's slump the team needs to find some luck to get back on track. Wednesday night was no different. "You need to hit a runner there," Brey told the Associated Press. "You need to hit a runner there."

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moments with his buddies.

"Every day coming to the rink is something I'll remember, because being a part of a team is not so much the wins and losses, but enjoying the guys we are playing with. You will last a lot longer than the four years here at Notre Dame, he said.

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A little more on/off the ice for Walsh this year, who is one of the last to ver-

ice or the ice again." Walsh said, "I still keep in touch with my bud-

ility as a player. Also, if I was going to come back to the team, I knew I had to do it my way."

"I'm pretty happy with how everything went, I just have to enjoy it for what it was and appreciate it," Walsh said.

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we're wishing you were somewhere else, why are you wondering how everyone's doing? You're missing the game. Everything just kind of fell in line."

The 27 commitments include six offensive linemen, five defensive backs, four wide receivers, two kickers, two defensive tackles, two cornerbacks, two linebackers, one tight end and one kicker.

The three scholarships also enabled Notre Dame to have more than the NCAA-maximum 25 commitments per year. Walsh said he left one extra scholarship available for a walk-on who might earn a scholarship the next season.

The class, ranked fifth by ESPN.com and Scout.com, is expected to make an impact at Notre Dame this season. Walsh said the biggest

Rounding out the defense are two Georgia internationals, Morris Richardson out of College Park and Tyrone Smith of Rome.

Walsh also signed one tight end, Conrad Reuland, who went to junior high with Aldridge in St. Louis. Prince will be joined by 6-foot-2 Luke Schmidt, who could play either running back or fullback.

On the defensive side of the ball, Walsh signed one defensive tackle, Paddy Mullen of St. Galgus, a 6-foot-11 with soccer experience.

The Irish also signed three wide receivers to join West in the fall, including 4-foot-4 Robby Parrish and 6-foot-3 Richard Jackson. Parrish is listed as a three-star by both Scout.com and Rivals.com, and Jackson is a four-star according to Rivals.com and a three-star according to Scout.com. Barry Doherty from Las Vegas, Nev., whose sister, Tyliah, plays on the girls' basketball team.

Two other big pickups for Notre Dame came at the quarterback position, where the Irish nabbed Demetrus Jones out of Chicago, Ill., and Zach Frazer out of Mechanicsburg, Penn. Both were selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl and were tabbed four-star prospects by Rivals.com.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Weis inks top-five recruiting class

Irish coach signs 27 high school standouts for next year's class

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Assistant Sports Editor

A lot has changed since last year's Feb. 2 signing day when then-new Irish head coach Charlie Weis, in Jacksonville for the Super Bowl, announced via videoconference the signing of his first 15 Notre Dame recruits. Wednesday, after his first full year of recruiting, Weis announced the signing of 27 of the country's top high school players — a signing of 27 of the nation's top five in the nation.

All of the players expected to sign with the Irish did on Wednesday, making Weis' day a little easier. "This was a no sweat day," Weis said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles pull off tough MIAA win

Saint Mary's defeats Olivet 74-66; takes 10th game of season

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's held off a late-rush by Olivet to pull a huge MIAA upset Wednesday, winning 74-66 and improving to 10-11 overall and 8-4 in the MIAA.

It was the third win in a row for the Belles, who had lost to Olivet 92-55 in their first meeting of the season.

After falling behind 11-4 in the first three minutes, Saint Mary's took the lead and controlled the tempo for the remainder of the contest. The Belles switched to a 1-2-2 zone following their rocky start — frustrating Olivet in the process.

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HOCKEY

Walsh leads on rink and in locker room

Goalie's contribution extends beyond his position on the ice

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Ask any Notre Dame hockey player or coach about Rory Walsh and they'll give you a smile and a laugh before praising him.

The senior Irish goaltender and locker room personality from Milton, Mass., has played a backup role in the crease for most of his college career, but on and off the ice Walsh' upbeat character is unmatched.

"He's always positive and never really negative — you never really see him have a bad day," freshman goalie Jordan Pearce said. "He always has a smile on his face or cracks some jokes."

Pearce says he and Walsh have a non-competitive relationship on the ice — each just wishes the best for the other's game — and that Walsh's absence next season will be a downside due to the color he brings to the locker room and attitude he brings to the game.

"Sometimes you get to the rink and you might not be having the best practice and you look over and you see Rory trying his best, giving all he can, and it's motivation," Pearce said.

Walsh recognizes when it comes to game time, everyone needs to focus their efforts towards a successful game.

"But in the down time he loves to kid his teammates for anything from on-ice performance to his color he brings to the locker room and attitude he brings to the game."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish fall in familiar fashion

Quinn misses runner with time running out and team loses by one

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Assistant Sport Editor

Irish guard Chris Quinn missed a game-winning runner as time expired and Notre Dame fell 71-70 to West Virginia Wednesday night in Morgantown. The Irish have lost seven Big East games by a combined 23 points this season.

Quinn caught the inbound pass with 3.4 seconds left and drove towards the basket. The Irish guard released a shot, bowing into West Virginia forward Kevin Pittsibgno, but no foul was called.

"That's the guy we wanted taking the shot," Irish coach Mike Brey told the Associated Press after the game. "He made all the plays for us, and he wanted the ball again. But we're just not as old as some of the teams that have come in here and won."

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