Zahm struggles with culture shift

Students, alumni say change began with new rector and more rule enforcement in 2003

By MADIE HANNA

Editor’s note: This is the first story in a two-part series examining changes to residency life within Zahm Hall and what these changes mean to the campus community.

Its dorm-wide dining hall dinners are legendary, its residents are unabashedly rowdy at pep rallies and it’s notorious for sending hundreds of naked allies and it’s notorious for sharing that kind of dorm,” Father Dan Farrish said. “Because it kind of gives them a whipping boy; someone to make jokes about.

That “bad boy” image, Farrish said, is an unfair— and unfounded — stereotype.

“It really concerns me that when my freshman parents show up on campus, that the

A sign advertising Zahm during Frosh-0 promotes an image that former and current residents say doesn’t reflect recent changes.

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journalist speaks at University

Editor for The New York Times visits ND

By RYAN SYDLIK

As part of Notre Dame’s continuing push to bring top names in journalism to campus, Jill Abramson, managing editor of The New York Times, was a guest of several journalism classes on Monday and Tuesday.

Abramson—one of the few women in her field—also met with students and faculty informally Monday and Tuesday, events that included sharing coffee with University President Father John Jenkins and Provost Thomas Burish on Tuesday.

“Her visit was scheduled to last longer, but personal matters forced Abramson to leave unexpectedly Tuesday night.

Despite the shortened visit, those involved in the Notre Dame Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy — a minor for students interested in journalism — were pleased that she accepted the offer to come.

“The Keller Endowment for Excellence in Journalism allows the University to bring a notable journalist to campus every year, and Jill Abramson is one of the most admired and

Female student body presidents set to speak

By EMMA DRISCOLL

It took Notre Dame 130 years to admit female students and another 29 years until the first female student body president, Brooks Norton, was elected in 2001.

To date, there have been three female student body presidents — and all three will come together tonight at the event titled “We Can Do It! Women & Leadership at ND.”

Norton, 2002-03 student body president Libby Bishop and current student body president Lizzi Shappell will speak at the event, which is hosted by the Gender Relations Center (GRC).

It “seemed” like it was the right time to finally have three (female student body presidents) in the history of Notre Dame,” said Heather Rakocy, GRC director.

Shappell said she feels privileged to be one of the female student body presidents — although she wishes it hadn’t taken so long for women to take charge at Notre Dame.

“I am definitely honored to be in this group of three with these other two women,” she said.

Each of the women will spend approximately 10 to 15 minutes addressing pre

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Auction to raise money for charity

By LAURA WILCZEK
News Writer

Despite the unseasonably pleasant weather, the holiday season is well underway at Notre Dame. And as part of the celebration, Pasquerilla East is hosting its signature charity event — the "Silent Night Silent Auction" — tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to bid on items like footballs signed by legendary NFL quarterback Joe Montana and Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn, tickets to see a Chicago Cubs baseball game, a digital printer and multiple themed baskets.

In addition to the opportunity to bid on items, participants can enjoy food and music. The Undertones, an all-male a cappella group, will perform at 9 p.m. and Starbucks hot chocolate and pastries will be served as well.

In holding with the giving spirit of the season, funds from the silent auction will go to two charity organizations: Hannah and Friends and Camp Kesem. Hannah and Friends is a non-profit organization established by Irish football coach Charlie Weis and his wife Maura dedicated to promoting support and compassion for individuals with special needs. Camp Kesem is a camp dedicated to providing a safe and encouraging environment for children whose parents either have cancer, are in remission from cancer or who have died from cancer.

The organizers of the event said they are excited for this year’s silent auction, which combines holiday cheer with a worthy cause, and hope it will draw a large crowd.

“We hope to raise as much money as possible for these worthy charities while kicking off the holiday season.”

Laura Bennett
student organizer

“[The student] girls wanted to move the event closer to Christmas so that people could get their Christmas shopping done.”

Laura Hansen
student organizer

Weis and his wife Maureen died — with special mementos — 400 of them — would better symbolize their memory.

Four hundred graduates of the institute’s programs are implementing the tenets of peacebuilding and conflict resolution that they learned in Notre Dame’s classrooms and in Kroc internships throughout the world.

Their pervasive international influence is illustrated by two who received distinguished alumni awards: Dana-Cristina Popa, the Romanian Ambassador to Croatia and George Wachira, who started the Nairobi Peace Initiative. Both were honored during a banquet and international academic conference earlier this month.

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, peace increasingly has been on the minds of young people, and their interest is reflected in a doubling — to 200 of the number of undergraduates who have declared supplementary peace studies majors and minors.

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Appley has directed the institute for seven years. He is accustomed to being teased for loathing, since world peace seems more elusive than ever. Arms proliferation and the effects of the Cold War were the primary concerns in 1986 when Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., then president of Notre Dame, conceived the institute and secured the first of several gifts from McDonald’s restaurants heiress Joan K. Kroc.

No sooner did the Cold War end than the world “exploded” into religious, ethnic and regional wars, Appley says. The relatively new field of conflict resolution has had to adapt to ever-changing realities as it has worked to establish credibility.

In this business, measures of success are complex, Appley wryly points out, for example, that one cannot claim victory on the basis of people not killed in conflict. That is a bitterness measure at best. On a more demonstrably positive side, the increasing influence Kroc faculty George Lopez and David Corrington wield among policymakers is a noteworthy gain.

“George and David went on record many times before the Iraq war to say there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq,” Appley said. “You gain credibility in policy circles by being right.”

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of the 30 universities in the report. Approximately 24 percent of first-year students enrolling each semester belong to a racial minority—and 4.7 percent of freshmen were black.

"Next year we want a solid five percent of our students to be black, and another five percent to be international, and we're trying to get that, but the biggest problem here continues to be the insufficient financial aid," said Dan Saracino, assistant provost for enrollment.

Saracino said regardless of ethnicity, approximately 75 percent of Notre Dame students received financial assistance in the form of loans or a portion of the University's $70 million scholarship fund. "We only have $1 million [aid] for all international undergraduates, which means we only have $250,000 for first-year foreign students, and with that amount we can financially help approximately 17 of them every year," he said. "This year, there were interested international students that wanted to come here and couldn't do it because we didn't have enough money to help them." SARACINO EXPLAINED THAT HE University will meet the demonstrated financial need of any United States citizen it admits, but even in these cases, the funding is limited. "Coming up with sources of financial aid for the students who need it — whether they're black, white or international — is our greatest challenge every year," he said.

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respected journalists in America today," said Robert Schmuhl, American Studies professor and founding member of the Gallivan Program. "I think it's always valuable to have recognized and respected journalists talking to students who aspire to become journalists one day."

Matthew Storin, professor in the Gallivan Program and former executive editor of The Boston Globe, said Abramson was interested in Notre Dame when given the opportunity to visit. He said she was very impressed by its academic reputation, and wanted to come out to part of the country she does not usually get a chance to see.

The Gallivan Program began 10 years ago when several Notre Dame alumni, including Anne Thompson, chief financial correspondent for NBC News, Tom Batten, former executive producer of ABC's Nightline and Bill Dweir, sports columnist for the Los Angeles Times, organized an advisory committee.

"Interest in the Gallivan Program remains high. The caliber of student remains very high," Schmuhl said. "We are continuing to pursue many of the activities we began 10 years ago, including bringing respected journalists to campus."

Storin said the program has several distinguishing elements. "It is founded on the belief that undergraduates should not major in journalism; they should major in more traditional subjects," he said. "[Journalism] should be a supplement to that learning that gives students a taste of both the craft and the issues in the craft."

Storin said the program is valuable because it provides students with opportunities to obtain internships for future employment.

Storin is starting intern programs at the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Concord, New Hampshire Monitor that are of no cost to the papers where we will subsidize the salaries of the students. "We try to provide as many intern opportunities as we can," Storin said.

Storin also said the program ran an extra — but essential — mile by addressing journalism ethics.

"We feel that we are bringing into the media students with a highly developed sense of ethics and public service, and our program distinguishes itself with that element," he said.

Two more prominent journalists are also planning on visiting Notre Dame in the future. Sarah Childress, a Newsweek correspondent in Baghdad and former editor of White House correspondent and current PBS journalist Woody Woodruff are planning to come to campus next semester.

Storin said Abramson's visit about a suggestion of a past visitor, David Shribman, executive editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

"He suggested Jill, and I thought that was a fabulous idea, for lots of reasons," he said. "She holds one of the most powerful and important jobs in the profession. [...] She brings the additional benefit of being a great role model for our female journalists."

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Bush dismisses Iraq civil war claims  

Balk, Like - Under increasing pressure to change course, President Bush on Tuesday rejected suggestions Iraq has fallen apart, telling new U.S. troops not to "pull out until the mission is complete."  

At the opening of a NATO summit, Bush also urged allies to increase their forces in Afghanistan to confront a strengthening Taliban insurgency.  

On the eve of his visit to Jordan for meetings with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, Bush portrayed the battles in both Afghanistan and Iraq as central fronts in a war on "international terrorism," and said "safe havens and are willing to kill innocents anywhere to achieve their objectives."  

Militant kills self at border crossing  

JUDEJIT YABOUS, SYRIA — The Syrian leader of an Islamic militant group blew himself up Tuesday after trying to cross into Lebanon and engaging in a gun battle with border forces. Two border guards were wounded.  

The incident raises questions about the security of the Lebanese-Syrian frontier, which Israel contends is a gateway for weapons to rearm Hezbollah militants.  

It comes at a time of increased tension in Lebanon as the struggle intensifies between the anti-Syria government and factions led by Hezbollah, Syria's ally in Lebanon.  

The Syrian Interior Ministry said in a statement the clash began when Omar Abdullah, 28, the leader of the Islamic militant group Tajwid and Jihad, was challenged when he tried to cross into Lebanon with fake documents.  

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Bloomberg visits dead man's family  

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg met Tuesday with the family of the man who was killed on his wedding day in a barrage of police gunfire as he left his bachelor party, and investigators questioned a third civilian witness.  

Three days after the fatal encounter, it remained unclear why four detectives and one police officer were involved in a shooting that is now being investigated under an overhead operation at a strip club.  

The unidentified witness was on a darkened block in Queens when five police officers killed 23-year-old Sean Bell and injured two friends the next day.  

Bloomberg was critical of the handling of the investigation, saying it was unlike police shootings in New York City.  

**LOCAL NEWS**

Court denies sexual abuse lawsuit  

WILLIAMSBURG, KY. — The former female caretakers at a juvenile boot camp were charged with aggravated manslaughter of a 14-year-old boy who later died — a case that led to the dismantling of Florida's military-style detention system for young offenders.  

Also charged was a nurse who can be seen on the tape watching as guards repeatedly kicked and hit Martin Lee Anderson during a 30-minute scuffle on Jan. 3. Guards said the boy was uncooperative and had refused to participate in exercises.  

The teen collapsed in the exercise yard at the camp in Panama City and died at a hospital the next day.  

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Pope condemns violent religion  

Benedict XVI says leaders must shun bloodshed, cleric warns of Islamophobia  

Associated Press  

ANKARA Pope Benedict XVI urged leaders of all religions Tuesday to "utterly refuse" to support any form of violence in the name of God, in a major address to Turkey's top Muslim cleric commemorating the point of growing "Islamophobia" in the world.  

As he began his first visit to a Muslim country — a trip that drew extra ordinary security but few onlookers — Benedict sought a careful balance as he extended friendship and brotherhood to Muslims, hoping to build the outcry from many Muslims over his remarks linking Islam to violence.  

He expressed support for Turkey's efforts to join the European Union, moving away from opposition he voiced when he was a cardinal.  

But the German Pope also hammered away at key points of his 18-month papacy, telling diplomats that leaders of all religions must "utterly refuse to sanction recourse to violence as a legitimate expression of faith."  

He avoided mention of any specific religion, even when he decried terrorism and the "disturbing conflicts across the Middle East."  

Benedict also said guarantees of religious freedom are essential for a just social order and the future of the planet. He said he raised specific issues such as property rights of Turkey's tiny 32,000-member Catholic community during talks with Turkish officials.  

His comments could be reinforced later during the four-day visit when the pope is to meet with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians.  

The pope is expected to call for greater rights and protections for Christian minorities in the Muslim world, including the small Greek Orthodox community in Turkey.  

The 79-year-old made a reconciliation a priority of his first day, taking on a long series of meetings that saw him needing a drink of water after coughing repeatedly while addressing diplomats in the bust public appearance in the evening.  

"Benedict's journey is extraordinarily sensitive, a closely watched pilgrimage full of symbolism that could offer hope of religious reconciliation or deepen what many say is a growing divide between the Christian and Islamic worlds."  

**No arson in deadly Missouri fire**  

The investigation continued, questions emerged about the home's owner, who had been convicted in 2003 in a Medicare fraud case. The conviction raised the issue of whether he was legally allowed to operate the place.  

Robert Joseph Dugot, 62, was found guilty for his part in a scheme to bilk the federal program and was sentenced to nearly two years in federal prison.  

Missouri law prohibits a felon convicted of a crime involving a health care facility from being an "operator" or "principal" of a long-term care facility, but Dugot's exact role at the home was unclear.  

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Comedian Tracy Morgan charged with drunk driving

NEW YORK - Comedian Tracy Morgan, a former "Saturday Night Live" regular who co-starred on NBC's "30 Rock," was arrested Tuesday in Upper Manhattan on drunken driving charges.

Morgan, 34, who was stopped around 4:30 a.m. while driving a Chrysler Town and Country van on Henry Hudson Parkway near West 158th Street, was said Edison Alban, a spokesman for District Attorney Robert Morgenthau.

Police said Morgan smelled of alcohol and later failed a breathalyzer test at a police station, Alban said.

When he was arrested, Morgan told police he had been drinking "a few glasses and "a couple beers," Assistant District Attorney Robert Kennedy said in court.

Morgan's publicist in Los Angeles declined to return a call seeking comment.

Morgan was arraigned on charges of driving while impaired, driving while intoxicated and driving while impaired. Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Mark C. Kavanagh later released Morgan without requiring bail, but ordered him to turn over his driver's license.

The prosecutor told the judge that he recommended a $1,000 fine, five days of community service and a DWI program. Morgan's lawyer then told the judge they had no interest in the plea offer at this time.

The judge scheduled a hearing "for a possible disposition.

Morgan didn't speak in court and he evaded reporters afterward.

Last Dec. 2, Morgan was arrested in Hollywood, Calif., on impaired driving charges after police stopped him for speeding.

Authorities there said his blood alcohol level was 0.11 percent, over the legal limit of 0.08 percent.

He pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge and was sentenced to one year of probation, fined $390 and ordered to attend an alcohol education program.

Morgan was a "Saturday Night Live" regular from 1996 to 2003.

He left the show to star in the short-lived "The Tracy Morgan Show," then went on "30 Rock" with Tina Fey and Alec Baldwin.

"I don't know if you've noticed," Morgan said. "But I'm back on "30 Rock.""
Durables fall, stocks march on

Housing shows gains; investors shrug off inflation, housing market warnings

NEW YORK — Stocks advanced modestly Tuesday after Wal-Mart shrugged off a sharp drop in orders for manufacturers' goods and took comfort in the first gain in existing home sales in eight months.

The rise in stocks came after investors gave little reaction to comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke that he remains concerned that inflation is slowing at too fast a pace. But a report from the National Association of Realtors showing a slight upturn in home sales lent support to the market it also said that the median selling price fell by the steepest level on record.

The market's muted response followed its worst sell-off in more than 15 months on Monday, John Zellienski, a portfolio manager at Neuberger Berman, contends the market's drop was overblown and that investors could be seeing lesser-than-ordinary inflation given that for many brokers, Thursday marked the end of their fiscal year and they are therefore trying to lock in gains.

"The moves seem to be a little bit exaggerated based on the data points we're seeing," he said.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 14.74, or 0.12 percent, at 12,136.45, after falling 158 Monday.

Broader stock indicators also rose. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 4.82, or 0.35 percent, at 1,386.72, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 6.69, or 0.28 percent, to 2,412.63.

Bonds rose, with the yield on the benchmark 10-Year Treasury note falling to 4.50 percent from 4.53 percent late Monday. The yield on the 10-year note had fallen to a nine-month low bowing the durable goods report. The dollar fell for the sixth straight day against other major currencies, while gold prices also declined.

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Trader Richard Newman watches the boards as he works on the New York Stock Exchange trading floor Tuesday.

Fed Chair says rate cuts unlikely

WASHINGTON — Even with the economy in a slowdown mode, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke made clear Tuesday that policymakers want to see inflation continue to recede, suggesting the Fed may not be cutting interest rates any time soon.

In its most recent statements on the economy since summer, Bernanke struck a largely positive tone that the economy should be able to weather the strains coming from the housing slump and the struggling auto industry.

"I don't think the slowdown appears to be taking place roughly along the lines envisioned," Bernanke observed in remarks to the National Italian American Foundation in New York.

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Outside housing and autos, economic activity remains solid, he said. "Overall, the economy is likely to expand at a moderate pace going forward," Bernanke said.

The Fed chief also was hopeful that more moderate economic growth would continue to gradually ease inflation pressures over the next year or so.

Yet, risks from inflation or a worse-than-expected housing slump could throw a wrench in the outlook, Bernanke said.

The slump in the once sizzling housing market could turn out to be deeper than expected, putting an even greater drag on overall economic activity. Or, a sharp economic recovery could rekindle inflation pressures more strongly than expected, which could lead to a flare-up in inflation.

"A failure of inflation to moderate as expected would be especially troublesome," he said.

Overall inflation has shown signs of improving in recent months as once surging energy prices have calmed down. However, "core" prices — which exclude energy and food and are closely watched by the Fed — still remain uncomfortably high, Bernanke said.

Looking ahead, Bernanke said he expects those core prices to moderate gradually over the next year or so.
Ohio mother suspected of microwaving her infant to death

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DAYTON, Ohio — A mother was arrested on suspicion of murdering her newborn baby by microwaving the baby in an oven.

China Arnold, 26, was jailed Monday on a charge of aggravated murder, more than a year after she brought her dead month-old baby to a hospital. Bail was set at $1 million.

"We have reason to believe, and we have some forensic evidence that is consistent with our belief, that a microwave oven was used to cook the baby," said Even Betz, director of the Montgomery County coroner's office.

He pointed to evidence including high-heat internal injuries and the absence of external burn marks on the baby, with Paris Talley.

"I don't think this is the right word," said Kevin Gimber, an off-campus senior who lived in Zahn for three years and served as dorm president as a junior. "But I think there's certainly a lot of... I guess it's the word.

When Parrish took over, Gimber said the shift was anything but smooth.

"I think that in any transition of power, there are bound to be changes," Gimber said. "I think these were broad changes. Leaders who don't get the business on board fall. I think that at some levels, (Parrish) kind of skipped the step in getting the dorm on board with what he wanted to go.

Joe Cussen, a 2006 alum, said a "heavy disciplinary crackdown was really to blame for the fallout in community.

"From what I was told by Father Dan, it was the University wanting to tame Zahn Hall, the student-run General House-type dorm, to give off a more positive, healthy college image to alumni and parents," said Cussen, who served as Zahn president from 2004-05 and lived in the dorm for three years. "In effect, the opposite happened. I think students had a worse experience... Zahn sort of fell off the map."

The "crackdown," Cussen said, occurred when Parrish began sending students from the Office of Residence Life and Housing for "childish pranks" that previously went unpunished, "things that I guess could have been considered, maybe, not that bad but weren't that bad.

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LOS ANGELES — A federal judge struck down President Bush’s authority to designate groups as terrorists, saying his post-Sept. 11 executive order was unconstitutionally vague, according to a ruling released Tuesday.

The Humanitarian Law Project had challenged Bush’s order, which blocked all the assets of groups or individuals he named as “specially designated global terrorists” after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

“This law gave the president unfettered authority to create blacklists,” said David Cole, a lawyer for the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Constitutional Rights that represented the group. “It was reminiscent of the McCarthy era.”

The case centered on two groups, the Liberation Tigers, which controls a separate homeland for the Tamil people in Sri Lanka, and Partiya Karkur Kurdistan, a political organization representing the interests of Kurds in Turkey.

U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins enjoined the government from blocking the assets of the two groups.

Both groups consider the Nov. 21 ruling a victory; both had been designated by the United States as foreign terrorist organizations.

Cole said the judge’s ruling does not invalidate the hundreds of other designated terrorist groups on the list but “calls them into question.”

Charles Miller, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Justice, said, “We are currently reviewing the decision and we have made no determination what the government’s next step will be.”

A White House spokeswoman declined to comment Wednesday, acused of using his last name to convince companies he could get them lucrative city contracts and failing to pay taxes on $2 million of income.

Judge rules against the 2001 terrorist attacks.

President Bush signed the executive order June 26, 2001. It deems certain groups or individuals he names “terrorists” after the 2001 attacks.

Bush’s authority to designate a group or individual as a terrorist was unconstitutional, Collins said.

The judge’s 45-page ruling was a reversal of her own tentative findings last July in which she indicated she would uphold wide powers asserted by Bush under an anti-terrorism financing law. She delayed her ruling then to allow more legal briefs to be filed.

She also struck down the provision in which Bush had authorized the secretary of the treasury to designate anyone who assists, sponsors or provides services to the designated terror groups.

However, she let stand sections of the order that penalize those who provide “services” to designated terrorist groups. She said such services would include the humanitarian aid and rights training proposed by the plaintiffs.

The Humanitarian Law Project planned to appeal that part of the ruling, Cole said.

“We are pleased the court rejected many of the constitutional arguments raised by the plaintiffs, including their challenge to the government’s ban on providing services to terrorist organizations,” Miller said Tuesday. “However, we believe the court erred in finding that certain other aspects of the executive order were unconstitutional.”

Mayor’s brother indicted

Philadelphia’s John Street denies knowledge of illegal financial dealings

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The older brother of Mayor John F. Street was indicted Tuesday, accused of using his last name to convince companies he could get them lucrative city contracts and failing to pay taxes on $2 million of income.

Shortly after Street took office in 2000, T. Milton Street Sr. began hiring himself out as a high-priced consultant to companies that thought he could help them get city contracts, the indictment charged. One firm paid Milton Street, who is a longtime hot dog vendor, a $30,000-a-month consulting fee and required him to do no work, authorities said.

He and two other business associates were charged with mail and wire fraud, filing false tax returns and related counts.

"Milton Street wanted the IRS to believe he was a humble street vendor selling hot dogs and soda," said U.S. Attorney Patrick Meehan.

What he didn’t tell them was that he was making millions on nothing more than his last name.

Milton Street, a state lawmaker in the 1980s, has long been a colorful character on the local scene. He made news in recent years with entrepreneurial efforts including a startup company that offered a "Duck boat" tour, a venture that landed him in court in a fight with an established tour operator.

The 69-year-old vended told the court he was indignant at the charges and blamed any problems on poor record-keeping.

I think, honestly, that I stayed in bounds of the law," Milton Street said as he arrived at a home in Moorestown, N.J., on Tuesday. "Now, I have to tell you, I am the worst record-keeper in the history of the modern man."

The mayor, who was not charged, said he did not know details of his brother’s financial dealings but defended his right to pursue city contracts.

"My brother is allowed to do business with the city of Philadelphia just like any other person," Mayor Street said at a news conference. "As far as I know, he has played by the rules."

The indictment stemmed from an investigation into municipal corruption in Philadelphia.

The federal examining device was discovered in the mayor’s office.

The mayor was never charged.

Federal prosecutors say Milton Street was awarded consulting contracts with companies doing business at two city-owned airports even though he had no experience in facilities maintenance work. His consulting firms contained the name Nolim, which is Milton spelled backward.

One company, General Asphalt Paving, paid him $8,000 a month — and later $12,500 a month — to get city business, including a contract for maintenance at Philadelphia International Airport and Northeast Philadelphia Airport, prosecutors said.

Milton Street also was accused of defrauding a prospective airport contractor, who gave him $80,000 on a promise he would get a street contract that he could sell for $3.2 million to a company that didn’t exist, prosecutors said.

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A not-so-jolly holiday with Wal-Mart

Kimberly Burkart

It sounded better in my head

A few weeks ago, Wal-Mart informed the media that it would resume its use of the phrase "Merry Christmas" in its Christmas-related advertising.

Oh, how I wish there was nothing remarkable about this. But it's quite a breakthrough in a world where corporate become corporations in their attempts at political correctness.

Why this sudden reversal? Last year, Wal-Mart's refusal to wish anyone a Merry Christmas, opting instead for the secular Happy Holidays, resounded in that most clearly heard of outlets. Sales went down. Ah, capitalism. Gotta love it.

I'm just a simple columnist, one who, when driven into the outside world to buy shampoo or paper towels, regularly finds herself lost in the maze of the modern consumer world. But even I could have told Wal-Mart that boycotting the word Christmas would reduce its Christmas sales.

Why, then, did they do it? Here are a few possibilities.

Possibility No. 1: It was a play to make money. After years of marketing its Christmas merchandise as Christmas this or that, Wal-Mart noticed that Jewish and Muslim families never bought any of it. Therefore, it launched an ill-fated attempt to trick these people into accidentally buying Fiber-Optic Christmas Trees by advertising them as "Fiber-Optic Holiday Firs." Or something.

Possibility No. 2: It was a ploy to save money on advertisements. Merry Christmas has 14 letters, Happy Holidays has 13. The mere blast among us may find this trivial, but on a large scale— the Wal-Mart scale—that's a lot of money.

Possibility No. 3: Happy Holidays is an alliterative phrase. And so, alliterative advertisements always attract Americans. Agreed?

Possibility No. 4: It was a ploy to get the 14 people in the country who actually celebrate Christmas. There are people, like some Jehovah's Witnesses, who legitimately believe that the celebration of Christmas is morally wrong. Nows, this kind of diversity has been celebrated throughout American history. We all know that the reason the Pilgrims got on the Mayflower was that they didn't want to belong to the Church of England, and one reason they didn't like it was because it made much of Christmas as a celebration, while they thought it should be some day of prayer and fasting.

Christmas protesters, then, are a part of American history. Good for them. They can and do address the issue however they choose. Sometimes they just boycott Christmas amongst themselves. Sometimes they go around trying to convince other people do to the same.

One thing I am certain they never do is go to the store and buy tinsel and light-up snowmen and nativity sets because they're labeled "Holiday" and not "Christmas."

And they certainly don't deny that Christmas exists. I mean, if they really believe Christmas is the calumny they say it is, they have to recognize the problem, right? Recognize that there is a celebration called Christmas in which some 96 percent of the county participates. I assure you, the Jehovah's Witnesses know that.

Besides calling it the Holidays doesn't solve the problem. As for striking religious references in all public places, well, every thinking person knows that on those grounds Wal-Mart needed to change it to something other than Holidays. Holliday equals Holy Day, Holy equals Religion, you can figure out the rest. They should have chosen something else— perhaps the Secular Season of Mutual Greeting

But it's too late for that. For whatever reason, Wal-Mart thought that boycotting the word Christmas would attract lots of Christmas shoppers.

What really happened is that lots and lots of mothers read about how progressive Wal-Mart was in the newspaper and then bought Doris's Talking Kitchen and the Sesame Street Wriggle and Jingle Tool Boxes— somewhere, because they disliked Wal-Mart's treating the word Christmas the way it treats racial slurs and obscenities.

Or else because they'd heard Wal-Mart wasn't having Christmas sales last year.

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Letters to the Editor

Bringing evolution and religion together

Union leads to better understanding

Different focus for each

Science research, such as embryonic stem-cell research, has appeal. This appeal comes from the fact that such research can lead to saving lives. However, we could save everyone in need of a transplant by going out and killing all the "unsalvageable" people and using their organs. Even though they don't believe in God, any atheist will agree with church teachings and tell you that this is wrong. This is because the idea that killing is wrong is an objective truth. While it is possible to come to know objective truths such as these without religion it is very difficult to do so with absolutely no religious influence.

Furthermore if the two ideas were in fact in such conflict as suggested then how could the Catholic Church make its peace with Evolution as it did quite a while ago? In fact Pope John Paul II said in Fides Et Ratio, on page 8 that, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." The fact that a frightening number of people deny evolution does not affect the way religion treats it as a whole which is that they are not conflicting. Rather such denial of scientific greater education of the relationship between science and religion especially under the context of evolution.

Stating the obvious?

I must say that I am sorely disappointed by Daniel Amirii asserting that "human beings, but not animals, have wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." (Nov. 21). I feel that I might understand why he said it, but all that statement really says to me is "severe disconnect from reality." I feel silly for having to write the following statement, human beings are of course animals.

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**BLOND BOND: DANIEL CRAIG FEATURE**

By ERIN MCGINN

For Daniel Craig, it has been a rocky transition from a well-regarded actor to high-profile stardom. Although he was recognizable, it wasn’t until he was named as the sixth actor to portray James Bond that he truly became a household name.

After he was announced as the latest successor to hold the Bond mantle, there were cries of outrage from die-hard Bond fans, decrying everything about Craig wrong for his height to his blond hair. Although fans thought that Craig was all wrong, previous Bond actors — Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton and Pierce Brosnan — came forward in support of his casting.

Craig also happens to be the first actor who was born after the first Bond film (“Dr. No”) was released in 1962 and after the death of creator Fleming. Although some disagree with the casting of the “Blood Bond,” it is hard to deny Craig’s acting talents, especially when looking at his filmography. One year after graduating from Guildhall, Craig made his film debut in “The Power of One” (1992), alongside Morgan Freeman.

The next several years included small stints on several television shows, such as “The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles” and “Tales from the Crypt,” as well as a small part in the ’90s classic “A Kid in King Arthur’s Court” (which also features a young Kate Winslet).

It wasn’t until his role in “Lara Croft: Tomb Raider” (2001) as Croft’s (Angelina Jolie) rival and love interest that Craig would receive international recognition. His role a year later in Sam Mendes’ “Road to Perdition” alongside Tom Hanks and Paul Newman continued to bolster his rising success.

His first starring role came in 2004 in the hugely successful British gangster film “Layer Cake,” and his performance garnered him several European awards and accolades. Craig then went on co-star with Eric Bana in Steven Spielberg’s acclaimed “Munich” (2005).

As production wrapped on “Munich,” Craig was named as the latest actor to portray Fleming’s infamous special agent in “Casino Royale.” Thanks to the immense worldwide success of “Royale,” pre-production has already begun on the as yet unnamed 22nd Bond film, which Craig has already signed on for. His contract includes an option to star in a 23rd Bond movie as well.

He is currently working on the film adaptation of Philip Pullman’s novel “His Dark Materials: The Golden Compass” in the role of Lord Asriel. The film’s director is Chris Weitz (“American Pie”) and Tom Stoppard wrote the screenplay. It co-stars Nicole Kidman, as well as Craig’s Bond girl, Eva Green.

Outside of the spotlight, Craig maintains a quiet lifestyle. He’s known for his reserved demeanor and his avoidance of the ostentatious glitz and glamour of red carpets and premiere parties.

Although Craig is a new name in the acting world, he has already achieved both critical and popular success...

With several more movies — including at least one more Bond film — in the works, it is a guarantee that the world can expect even more great performances from Daniel Craig.

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Sean Connery’s 007, left, speaks with Domino (Claudine Auger) in 1965’s trend of attractive women accompanying the spy in two different films, reprising her role as Trench in 1965’s “From Russia with Love.”

Swedish actress Maed Adams is famous for playing two different Bond girls: Andrea Anders in 1974’s “The Man with the Golden Gun” and the title character in 1983’s “Octopussy.” For Adams, and many other Bond girls like Jane Seymour and Kim Basinger, the exposure gained in the James Bond films helped kick-start other-who obscure careers over.

More recently, Bond girls have been cast to highlight the careers of already well-established actresses. This was the case for Halle Berry (“Monster’s Ball”) in “Die Another Day” and Denise Richards (“Wild Things”) in “The World Is Not Enough.” While perhaps an anomaly since these two Bond movies are regarded as two of the worse films in the franchise, this trend has continued with Eva Green’s role as Vesper Lynd in this year’s “Casino Royale.”

The largest criticism of Bond Girls throughout the history of the 007 films is that the characters stereotype and objectify women in light of James Bond’s somewhat chauvinistic actions. There is no doubt that the motif of a Bond girl includes good looks and little clothing. This has stayed constant from “Dr. No” to “Casino Royale.”

Some of the first James Bond films seem to openly embrace this motif, as some- times four or five of these female character types would appear in one film. However, as the films went on, women in the James Bond films began to take on more central and developed roles than in the initial films.

In “Moonraker,” the character of Holly Goodhead is portrayed as a female space shuttle commander, something that had not yet happened in the real world in 1979. Around this time, a trend started in which the female roles would include a Bond Girl helping or saving Bond, or else serving as a formidable foe.

While this was sometimes still regarded as pandering to the masses and inadequate, there is no doubt that the attitude towards women in the James Bond films has made tremendous progress from the 1960s era of Sean Connery to the present day films.

In “Casino Royale,” Green ("Kingdom of Heaven") plays perhaps the most complicat ed character: James Bond Girl yet. Rather than serving as little more than eye-candy, she plays a pivotal role in the film and becomes one of the few women in the history of the Bond franchise to crack James Bond’s seemingly impenetrable veneer.

With this new take on a Bond Girl cemented in the latestdepending on the popular franchise, one can expect that characters like Vesper Lynd are here to stay. The tradition of attractive female leads cast alongside Bond will not change anytime soon.

Just like the martins, this part of the James Bond formula must remain for a Bond film to be a Bond film. Like the guns and cars, however, the women of Bond films — the most critical component next to James Bond himself — will continue to change with the times.

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Crosby returns from injury to give Penguins boost in win over Islanders; Kolzig has 48 saves in Washington win

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Martin Gerber made save after save in his return to Tobacco Road. If he had played like this six months ago, he might still be with Carolina.

Gerber stopped 29 shots in his first appearance at the RBC Center since leaving the Ottawa Senators to a 4-3 win over the Hurricanes on Tuesday night.

It was Gerber’s first start in eight games.

“You try to put him in a position where he has a little bit of pressure, but also he had already played here before and knew the shooters, they knew him,” Senators coach Bryan Murray said. “I really felt if he could beat this right now, we were going to be back to where he should be, and that’s playing quite often.”

Mike Fisher had a goal and an assist and Christian Scherbek, Patrick Eaves and Chris Neil also scored for the Senators, who won for the fifth time in six games by extending the Hurricanes’ losing streak to eight.

Andrew Lang had the lone goal for Carolina, which has lost three of five.

“We put a few lousy ones together of late,” Hurricanes coach Peter Laviolette said. “What we need to get out of right now is the ability to play a little right now. We need to snap out of it.”

And this time, they have a former teammate to thank for extending their struggles.

Gerber, in his only season with Carolina, set the franchise record with 38 victories in 2005-06.

But he was supplanted in the playoffs by Cam Ward, who went on to win the Conn Smythe Trophy while leading the Hurricanes to their first Stanley Cup.

It seemed to take any extra satisfaction out of beating his old team.

“I think we just need to overplay it, just take it as a normal game,” Gerber said.

He signed a three-year, $11.1 million deal with Ottawa in the off-season after losing the star of his Raleigh return by stopping the final 28 shots he faced.

“He was the type of guy we thought we were signing,” Murray said.

John Grahame, making his third straight start and first with Carolina at the RBC Center, stopped 32 shots but was unable to stop Lang.

“We are an identity last year that nobody was going to beat us at home, but last year is last year and we have to put that aside,” right wing Justin Williams said. “We have to realize that we have to make it hard for other teams to come into our building and take two points.”

Ottawa took it to us tonight,” Scherbek said.

Scherbek, Ottawa 2-1 4 minutes into the second period after taking Jason Spezza’s drop pass just inside the blue line and beat Grahame with a slap shot.

Then, midway through the period, Senators' turnovers turned a Carolina miscue into a 3-1 lead. Fisher scored on a 2-on-0 break which started with Peter Schaber's takeaway from Bret Hedican near the neutral zone.

Neal scored a power-play goal midway through the second after the Hurricanes' third struggle of the season, and the Penguins couldn’t solve Gerber in the third period to win 36 seconds into the final. Aron Asham put the Islanders up 2-1 by scoring early in the second.

Washington 5, Tampa Bay 2

The Tampa Bay Lightning have nothing to show for a dominating performance because of Olaf Kolzig.

Kolzig made 48 saves and Alexander Semin had a goal and an assist in his return from a shoulder injury to help the Washington Capitals beat the Lightning Tuesday night.

Kolzig was the difference,” said coach John Tortorella. “Kolzig was the difference.

The Capitals stopped a six-game losing streak behind Kolzig, who turned aside 16 shots in the first and 23 of 25 during the third. Washington is 4-6-2 when allowing 40 or more shots this season. Kolzig made 20 or more saves during the third period in his nine previous starts.

You want to get shots, get into a groove,” Kolzig said. “It’s a little extreme, but anytime you can get 10 to 12 shots a period, it’s good for a goalie. You’re in it.”

Kris Beech, Boyd Gordon, Chris Clark and Alexander Ovechkin also scored for the Capitals, who had outshot the Islanders 25-9 during their skid.

He’s the backbone of our team,” Clark said of Kolzig. “We were outplayed maybe in the first period, but he was here to keep it (close).”

Tarky Narsenski and Vincent Lecavelier scored third-period goals for the Lightning, who lost for fourth time in 11 games.

Gordon started a three-goal second that made it 4-0 with a short-handed breakaway goal at 1:33.

Lightning goalie Johan Holmstrom, who had won eight of his nine previous starts, was pulled when Semin scored with 3:31 left in the period. Semin had missed the past four games.

Clark gave Washington a four-goal advantage at 18:30 on the Capitals’ first shot on Marc Denis.

“We had a good first and had a good third,” Lightning right wing Martin St. Louis said. “We seemed to have one period that kills us. When you miss chances in the first period, and they get a break, it’s tough. We’ve got to find a way to capitalize.”

Tarky scored his first NHL goal at 5:10 of the third. Lightning cut the Lighting deficit to 4-2 with 9:57 left.

Washington was outshot 16-5, including 9-0 during the final minute, in the first, but took a 1-0 lead on Beech’s goal at 14:12.

“It’s frustrating on our part,” Tampa Bay center Vincent Penguil said. “We didn’t put the game away right in the first period. We put them in their zone. We just didn’t score any goals.”

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MLB

Negotiating rights for Kei Igawa, a starting pitcher for the Hanshin Tigers of Japan, were given to the New York Yankees Tuesday. Igawa had a 14-9 record last season and led the league in strikeouts in 2002 and 2004.

Yankees win rights to pursue Igawa

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees won the bidding for Japanese pitcher Kei Igawa when the Hanshin Tigers accepted their offer of just more than $26 million on Tuesday.

Igawa, a 27-year-old left-hander, could compete for a spot in a New York's rotation next season behind Chien-Ming Wang, Mike Mussina and Randy Johnson. Carl Pavano, coming off 1 1/2 seasons of injuries, also would be in the rotation if healthy.

New York has until mid-night at the end of Dec. 28 to work out a contract with the pitcher's agent, Arn Tellem -- also the agent for Yankees left fielder Hideki Matsui.

"We have been following Kei Igawa's very successful Matsui. "We believe in him as a pitcher, "Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said in a statement.

The Yankees pay Hanshin only if they reach an agreement with Igawa.

Igawa closed Monday, the Tigers were informed of the amount of the high bid, but not which team made it. The New York Mets bid between $15 million and $16 million for Igawa, a baseball official said on condition of anonymity because the amounts of losing bids are not disclosed.

Igawa went 14-9 last season with a 2.97 ERA in Japan. He struck out 194 to tie for the Central League lead, adding to the strikeout titles he won in 2002 and 2004.

Igawa, the Central League's 2003 MVP, has an 86-60 record with a 3.15 ERA. He would have to play in Japan for three more seasons before he could become a free agent.

In Brief

Cardinals sign Kennedy, Bennett in first offseason acquisitions

ST. LOUIS — The Cardinals made their first big moves since winning the World Series, agreeing Tuesday to a $10 million, three-year contract with second baseman Adam Kennedy and a $4 million, one-year deal with right-hander Kip Wells.

The Cardinals also agreed to a $900,000, one-year contract with backup catcher Gary Bennett with a mutual option for 2008 and a minor league contract with Eli Marrero, once their starting catcher.

Kennedy, selected by the Cardinals in the first round of the 1997 amateur draft, was considered the Cardinals' second baseman of the future before he was traded to the Anaheim Angels in 2000, a deal that brought Jim Edmonds to St. Louis. Kennedy now replaces Ronnie Belliard, who was acquired from Cleveland last summer and became a free agent.

"Different time, different player," Kennedy said of his return to St. Louis.

Wolf signs with Dodgers after recovering from elbow injury

LOS ANGELES - Left-hander Randy Wolf couldn't pass up the opportunity to come home.

Wolf, who spent much of last season recovering from elbow surgery, finalized an $8 million, one-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday.

"I don't know how many times I've have that option," Wolf said. "I couldn't pass that up. I'm happy with the way things turned out."

Wolf grew up in suburban West Hills and appeared in the Los Angeles City Section championship games at Dodger Stadium for El Camino Real High in 1993-94.

"I'm very happy that Randy's decided to stay home and pitch for the Dodgers," general manager Ned Colletti said during a conference call.

"We believe in him as a pitcher, knowing he's a quality left-hander. He went through a tough period for a couple years with his elbow."

Zaun returns to Blue Jays as talks with Barajas fall through

TORONTO — Newly signed Frank Thomas hopes the Toronto Blue Jays can add a top pitcher to their roster.

For now, they're content to keep their catcher.

Gregg Zaun stayed with the Blue Jays by agreeing to a $7.25 million, two-year contract Tuesday, a day after catcher Rod Barajas backed out of an apparent deal.

General manager J.P. Ricciardi quickly resumed negotiations with Zaun after Barajas decided not to go through with the deal and switched agents.

"Zaunie was our first choice all along," Ricciardi said at a news conference to introduce Thomas, the team's new designated hitter. "We just hit a snag there at one point. We called him last night and said, 'Zaunie, if you want to be a Blue Jay, we have to make it happen now.' He was great and we were able to work it out. We're really happy that he's back."
O’Neal confident he can return to old form

Associated Press

MIA M I — First, Shaq sat. To take a load off his surgically repaired left knee, he settled into a chair outside the Miami Heat locker room Tuesday.

Then he spoke barely above a whisper into a cluster of microphones inches from his face. For those straining to hear, the message was nonetheless clear: Shaquille O’Neal’s latest injury should not be interpreted as a sign that he’s in decline.

“They’ve been saying that the last 10 years,” said O’Neal, speaking publicly for the first time since his surgery on Nov. 19. “I’m going to stick to my formula. I know what I’ve been doing, and nobody does it better, even at the tender age of 34.”

O’Neal has been sidelined since Nov. 12, when he tore knee cartilage against Houston, and he’s expected to be out until at least Dec. 23.

A year ago, when O’Neal sprained his ankle in Miami’s home opener and missed 18 games, there was talk his body was breaking down. He recovered, sat out only five more games and led the Heat to the NBA title for his fourth championship ring.

Now that he’s in the middle of another layoff, rumors about slippage in his productivity have resurfaced. He dismisses detractors.

“I don’t say anything to people that could never do the stuff that I can do,” he said.

Miami’s sub-.500 record in O’Neal’s absence suggests his value remains high. The Heat went 10-13 without him a year ago, and they’re 4-6 without him this month.

“My brothers are out there struggling right now, and I should be out there with them,” he said. “It’s very, very difficult to watch.”

Pat Riley
Miami coach

“He has to come back a lot lighter, a lot leaner. Those kinds of things are really important now.”

O’Neal’s latest injury should nonetheless be clear: Shaquille O’Neal’s latest injury should not be interpreted as a sign that he’s in decline.

O’Neal has missed 185 games during his 15-year NBA career, but this is the first time he needed rehabilitation therapy following an operation.

“I hope his thought process is that he tries to almost reinvent himself physically,” coach Pat Riley said. “He has come back a lot lighter, a lot leaner. Those kinds of things are really important now.”

No problem, O’Neal said. “I’ll be in shape good enough to help the team out and help win games and further what we’re trying to do,” he said.

Miami had lost four consecutive home games, but Dwyane Wade’s move to point guard last week revived the offense. Wade has totaled at least 30 points and 10 assists in three consecutive games, and the Shaq-less Heat have won two in a row.

“We just have to develop a certain style right now and develop some consistency,” O’Neal said. “We’re getting better and moving the ball better, and Dwyane is playing phenomenal. Everyone else just has to do more and step up. We all have to step up.”

Miami center Shaquille O’Neal, right, watches from the bench during the Heat’s 112-105 loss to Denver Nov. 14. O’Neal underwent surgery on his knee Nov. 19 and is out for four to six weeks.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This Sunday at the 11:45am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart we will recognize those members of the Notre Dame community who are seeking to become fully initiated into the Catholic faith community in the Rite of Welcome. These women and men have met together over the past several months to explore their faith and the Catholic Church more deeply through the RCIA process. Catechumens seek full initiation through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation; Candidates are already baptized and seek to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Welcome gives all of us an opportunity to encourage these men and women as they continue their journey of initiation in the months ahead.

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Owner demands better results from Falcons

Atlanta's playoff hopes fade; fans turn on talented quarterback as Vick struggles to connect with receivers

Associated Press

ATLANTA — After watching the Atlanta Falcons lose their fourth straight game, owner Arthur Blank grabbed a front-row seat in the interview room. He listened in on what Jim Mora and Michael Vick had to say.

Blank also pored over a stat sheet, whispering some thoughts to his top lieutenant while trying to figure out how another season that began with such promise has totally unraveled heading into the final month.

This owner demands immediate results. If things don't turn around over the next five weeks, the Falcons are certainly headed for big changes — starting with several members of Mora's staff and maybe extending all the way to the head coach himself.

"Every year since I've been here, we've had high expectations," Blank said. "We did not build this team to be 5-6. We thought this team was capable of making a playoff run. Anytime you fall short of that, it's disappointing."

Technically, Atlanta (5-6) still has time to turn things around, as the Falcons are only a half-game behind the New Orleans Saints, who essentially have a three-game lead on the Falcons when the tiebreaker is figured in.

What makes this all the more troubling is just how familiar it seems.

A year ago, coming off a giddy run to the NFC championship game in Mora's rookie season as a head coach, the Falcons started 6-2 and were thinking Super Bowl. They would be good enough for a 17-13 win over the New York Giants. They would be good enough for a 28-7 drubbing of the Seattle Seahawks. They would be good enough for a 17-13 win with the ball from his hand at the New Orleans Superdome.

Yet after winning five of their last six, the Falcons head into a crucial four-game stretch that will determine what their season really amounts to. And it's the kind of string that could go either way in the NFC West, where 6-5 is the norm.

As the face of the franchise, everything starts to be Vick's fault. That's the charge for Mora, who insists he's not planning any changes on or off the field, and for Blank, who says Vick is a "coach killer." As the quarterback headed toward the locker room after the loss to the Saints, he was heckled by some fans in the stands.

"I thought we were a pretty good football team to begin the season," Mora insists. "We're not playing very well right now. I believe there are a few things we can correct."

The offense is a mess, an incompatible juxtaposition of coordinator Greg Knapp's West Coast-style passing schemes and the running-back-heavy tactics used by the guys up front, who answer to de facto line coach Alex Gibbs.

Vick has never taken to Knapp's philosophy, which relies on short drops and quick reads that seem ill-suited for a 6-foot-3 quarterback who has trouble seeing over his linemen and is more effective when he ad-libs. Vick is the 25th-rated quarterback in the NFL, and, most stunningly, has never put up better numbers in Knapp's offense than he did in his one full season working with former coach Dan Reeves.

Meanwhile, the shadowy Gibbs — who's technically a "consultant" — prefers smaller, quicker linemen who'll carry out his contended blocking tactics in a running game but are leaner than the usual run-leaner when it comes to pass blocking. Vick may be the best running quarterback in NFL history, but he's still managed to get sacked 29 times playing behind a no-name group that has zero Pro Bowls on its collective resume.

When Vick does get off a pass, light-tight end Alge Crumpler is about the only other receiver on the team. Former first-round picks Roddy White and Javon Walker have been major disappointments. Ashley Leflore hasn't had the impact over it's happening when he came to the Falcons from Tennessee.

Last week, Vick's receivers dropped five passes, the most damaging of those coming early in the fourth quarter when a wide-open White let the ball slip from his hands at the New Orleans 10 after the defender fell down.

"We were on our heels," Mora insisted. "I think we were down on ourselves. Vick was really good that night.

If the Falcons do look for someone else to run the offense, the first priority is finding a coach who can take advantage of Vick's talents. He's still too much invested in No. 7 to give up on him isory, all you need to do is look at what's happened in Miami.

A new coordinator would be smart and, like Blank, might want to upgrade the protectors up front and the guys in the backfield. The Falcons have looked much better when they've used Knapp's philosophy. The Falcons should take a look at the new coordinator.

Meanwhile, the regime change needed at the franchise, which has never put up better numbers in Knapp's offense than he did in his one full season working with former coach Dan Reeves.

"I believe we have the right folks in the building," Blank said in a tepid show of support for his coach. "They have the talent and enthusiasm to get it done, but obviously we've got to execute better and be a little more consistent."
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ior for Greece Athena High School and is rated the 136th best Major League prospect of next year's draft. Dupra, however, has decided to take the college route and get a degree before heading on to the major leagues.

Danielli towers over opposing batters with his 6-foot-3, 225-pound frame. The imposing force has dominated his opposition throughout high school to the tune of a 1.10 ERA last season.

Among the position players, Schrage signed two catchers — Matt Katch of New Castle, Penn. and Cameron McConnell of Bannockburn, Ill. Katch hit .444 last season for Mohawk High School in New Castle, while McConnell hit .326 at Deerfield in Bannockburn.

Matt Scioscia, from Westlake Village, Calif., could also catch for the Irish, but he has experience at first base as well and can be used as a designated hitter. Selosica is the son of Anaheim Angels manager Mike Scioscia.

Schrage also picked up two infielders in Mike Doyle of LaGrange Park, Ill. and Greg Sherry of Mendham, N.J. Both played shortstop in high school but could move to second or third base for the Irish if necessary.

Ty Adams, a 6-foot-2, 230-pound slugger from Indianapolis, Ind., is the only outfielder in this class. Adams hit .515 last season and hit nine home runs in just 72 at-bats.

The 10 players will play their senior high school seasons next spring and enroll at Notre Dame for the fall of 2007, playing their first seasons for the Irish in the spring of 2008.

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chance to work some kinks out.

I don't want to look past Winston-Salem State," he said. "We'll take the floor and it's an opportunity to get better.

Junior forward Rob Kurz said many of the "kinks" have to do with the defensive end of the floor. Notre Dame's Lehigh to shoot 57 percent from the floor in a 93-87 Irish victory Monday.

"Offense isn't the issue," Kurz said. "We need to work on our defense right now. We need to defend like we did last week against The Citadel."

Against the Bulldogs Nov. 19, Notre Dame allowed just 12 points in the first half on route to an easy 74-50 victory.

Brey said consistency on both ends of the floor would come once the Irish — who have only one junior and two scholarship seniors — gain more experience.

Consequently, Brey has structured most game preparation around teaching young players his system rather than scouting the opposition.

Brey said he would continue to stress the system even when Notre Dame gets into the tougher part of its schedule next week.

"The preparation is mostly going to focusing on us and our development," he said. "We're not going to worry too much about scouting reports yet."

The Rams, who have struggled to just one win in nine games this season under first-year coach Bobby Collins, are led by sophomore forward Jamal Durham, who is averaging 10.7 points and 5.4 rebounds per game.

Winston-Salem State's lone victory this year came Nov. 14 against Anderson. The game was also the only time the Rams have played at home so far this season.

As far as the Irish home court advantage goes, Brey has seen a half-full Joyce Center and a Leprechaun Legion that barely fills the lower section of its allotted area so far this young season.

The coach said he hopes the crowds will be bigger as the competition gets tougher, but he would like to see a big crowd tonight as a "warm-up" for the Alhamas game next Thursday.

"We need our sixth man," he said. "It's extremely important for us to have good home court advantage."

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The Belles rebounded well, keeping pace with the Flying Dutch and pulling down 40 boards compared to the Flying Dutch's 44. The Belles also committed fewer fouls (11 to Hope's 16) and shot 73 percent from the charity stripe to Hope's 60 percent.

Ultimately, Saint Mary's could not overcome its uncharacteristic shooting struggles of shooting two of its top players.

Kessler, who was an offensive force in the Belles' win over Anderson, was 2-for-13 from the floor — including 0-for-5 shooting from behind the arc. Senior guard Bridget Lipke, who also played an important role against Anderson, was 2-of-8 shooting. Both Kessler and Lipke turned the ball over seven times.

Freshman center Anna Kammarth recorded her first collegiate double-double in the losing effort. Kammarth scored 10 points and grabbed 13 rebounds coming off the bench. Hope center Ellen Wood scored 14 points and had 7 rebounds to lead the Flying Dutch.

The Belles travel to Chicagoland Friday to play the North Park Vikings at 7 p.m. in the North Park Viking Classic.

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Irish shortstop Greg Lopez slides head first into second base during a 4-3 win April 3 against Pittsburgh. Lopez was one of five starting senior position players last season that must be replaced.
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Frank McGraw said.

"...than we did last I think we just got better in going 15 points and the shorter Spider lineup."

"It's not the kind of game we need to play to keep our energy up," McGraw said. "In the first half, we didn't have a hot hand, so I think we finally wore them down in the second half so we need to press."

"We're not averaging that many turnovers a game, and that's something we're doing really well mostly because Taylor [Gaines] takes very good care of the ball, Charles takes great care of the ball, and we don't really turn it over that much," McGraw said.

The Irish are off the rest of the weekend taking on in-state rival Indiana Sunday at the Joyce Center.

Notes: ✷ Freshman forward Danielle Bynum recorded the first points of her Notre Dame career Tuesday night. Ben-Tsvulun was 3-of-4 from the free throw line and nabbed two rebounds in four minutes.

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half, Allen personally outscored the Spiders 8-2 to put the Irish up 16-10 with 11 minutes left in the first half.

Allen's 22-point finish marks the second time in six games this season that she has set a career high — topping her previous best of 21 that she tallied in an 85-81 overtime win over Bowling Green Nov. 13.

And she said she felt hot well before the opening tip-off.

"Before the game I warmed up very well," she said. "I felt like my shot was going in."

Irish coach Muffet McGraw had nothing but praise for Allen after the game. "I thought Charle, start to finish, just had an outstanding game," she said. "I think Charle carried us in the first half along with Melissa D'Amico, those two really did the bulk of the scoring in the first half."

Despite Allen's efforts, however, the Irish 67 percent of a team, the Irish only led by three points heading into intermission. For the first part of the second half, Allen covered when Notre Dame's leading weapon, scoring eight points in the first seven minutes of the half.

Her final bucket with 13:32 remaining gave the Irish a 53-44 lead. Three minutes later, freshman guard Melissa Lechlitner hit a 3-pointer that gave Notre Dame a 57-45 lead — its first 10-point advantage of the game — and Allen returned as a scoring factor as each basket only added to a large and growing lead.

Still, Allen's — and to a lesser extent, D'Amico's — presence on the floor and the subsequent attention it drew gave the Irish the opportunity to spread the ball around and ultimately put the game away.

"In the second half we wanted to get some other people involved," McGraw said. "That's really where we opened up the game, when they were starting to key in on those two Allen and D'Amico."

D'Amico, who was second on the team with 15 points, joined Allen as one of five Notre Dame players to finish the game in double figures. Tuesday's performance was the second time in three games — and the second consecutive home game — that the five Irish players had 10 or more points.

The team accomplished the feat Nov. 19 against Western Michigan. In part due to the more balanced attack, the Irish outscored the Spiders 53-31 in the second half.

"It's important to be that kind of balance," McGraw said.

It was Allen, however, who defined Notre Dame's performance. Though she didn't score after the 13:22 mark in the second half and sat out 6:40 remaining in the game. Allen was the focal point of the Spider defense, and Richmond head coach Michael Siferd doubted his defense's ability to stop her.

"We knew she was a very good basketball player, (and) we knew she could score over top of us," he said. "I'm not sure we ever really affected her game — to her credit, she knocked down some big shots."

Allen hit those shots, though, when they mattered. Contact Eric Retter at eretter@nd.edu

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ND Women's Basketball

Not caught in the web

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Despite trailing throughout almost the entire game, Richmond held close to Notre Dame until freshman guard Melissa Lechlitner nailed a 3-pointer to extend the Irish lead to double-digits. Lechlitner's three was the beginning of an important run for Notre Dame, which scored 11 of the next 13 points en route to an 87-66 win Tuesday at the Joyce Center.

"I thought we had a really good spark in the second half," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We hit some shots, got a little better defensively, stopped fouling for a few minutes, and we next year, a class rated as one of the top in the nation by Perfect Game Crosschecker. "We signed some top-flight players and filled some voids in areas where we need to improve," Schrage said in a press release about the signing class. "We now have two strong classes to build on for the future, with some great potential leaders among those groups."

The Irish signed three pitchers and six position players, with David Casey of Whitefish Bay, Wis., a possibility to contribute at first base or as a left-handed pitcher.

Casey batted .533 in his junior season last spring and has a 2.81 ERA in his varsity high school career as a pitcher. The other three pitchers, righthanders Evan Daniele of East Hanover, N.J., Brian Dupra of Rochester, N.Y., and Ryan Sharpley of Marshall, Mich., are all listed in Perfect Game's top 40 high school pitchers.

Sharpley is the brother of sophomore first baseman Evan Sharpley, who also plays quarterback on the Notre Dame football team. The younger Sharpley had a 6-1 record with a 1.81 ERA last year for the Mid-Michigan Tigers summer travel team. Dupra was named all-state in New York last year as a junior.

While the game was still in the balance, Allen carried the Irish. The junior guard scored 22 points and added six rebounds as Notre Dame topped Richmond 87-66.

Allen started strong and was Notre Dame's go-to presence in the first half, scoring 14 of 34 points for the Irish before the break behind 6-of-11 shooting.

During a nearly five-minute stretch early in the