ND joins ranks of Columbia with African effort
Universities make unique contributions to development of Millennium Villages Project

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associated Press

For an institution steeped in tradition, Notre Dame's venture with the Millennium Villages Project has it treading on relatively fresh ground — so fresh, in fact, that only one other university in the world has been there before.

Though it has already sparked a worldwide effort, the Millennium Villages Project (MVP) is a very recent development, created by the Earth Institute at Columbia University directed by economist and Notre Dame Forum speaker Jeffrey Sachs — in response to a set of Millennium Development Goals issued by the United Nations in 2002. Those goals include the reduction of extreme poverty, disease and hunger by 2015.

The Project's first two research villages were established in 2003 — and, in addition to Notre Dame's village in Nindy, Uganda, 10 more have already been added.

Commitment and connections were what allowed Notre Dame to become involved in MVP, according to Father Bob Dowd, director of the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (NDMDI).

"Although other universities in the United States have expressed interest in participating in the project, only Notre Dame has actually made that commitment real at this point," Dowd said.

"We are blessed with a generous trustee and benefactor, Mr. Ray Chambers, who has offered to support the project, in the name of Notre Dame."

Chambers is chairman of Millennium Promise — the non-profit corporation behind MVP, whose declared mission is to end extreme poverty worldwide by 2025. University President Father John Jenkins also sits on the board.

For hundreds of Notre Dame students, winter break was more than an endless chain of lazy mornings, football games and home cooked meals.

"We've never done a tour where we say the entire tour is going to go to one thing," Folk Choir director Steve Warner said.

"We can and will follow through," she said.

"Student government representatives met with the South Bend Common Council last spring to discuss a controversial amendment to the disorderly house ordinance. Passed in summer of 2005, the amendment allows the city to send residents a notice to abate after just one reported noise violation — a measure that can result in quick evictions.

Shappell, student body vice president Luzzi Shappell said Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting. She told senators she was confident in the progress they would make together in the coming months.

"We have a lot of work to do to fulfill these goals, but the progress thus far proves that

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Junior Dmitri Martinez and sophomore Michael Angulo took advantage of these seminars, which are only offered during winter break.

Martinez decided to attend the Holy Cross seminar since he has aspirations of teaching.

"I'm considering applying to the ACE program, so the Holy Cross Education seminar was an easy choice," he said.

Petit said other participants were motivated by their personal passions or faith.

Angulo said the " experiential learning" element of the seminars was important to his decision to attend.

"I've been on the Appalachia
Relocated memories

My high school was legendary for its crowded hallways. In eighth grade, when my friends went on their high school visits, they would return to school the next day talking about the cafeteria food, the uniforms and the classes of course, but a visit to Good Counsel invariably resulted in the same comment about congestion in the hallways. When I went to Good Counsel for the first time, I too returned with tales of a school bursting at the seams. But I decided to venture into the rush. Walking through those hallways required skill. You had to deftly maneuver through crowds of people going to class and retrieving books from their lockers. Paying myself through hundreds of high school students in matching uniforms is not something I miss, but it is a fond memory I have of my high school days.

When I visited Good Counsel over winter break, I moved through the hallways effortlessly. The surging masses were nonexistent, because the hallways were much wider. The reason for the breathing room — Good Counsel relocated to a different town and a larger facility over break. So I went to GC to walk through a school I graduated from but had never attended. Everything was bigger and the technology in the cafeteria was nicer, the labs were larger and the technology in the classrooms was impressive. I had a half-sized locker during my high school years, but all the lockers at this school were full-sized.

The place looked pristine as I walked around. There were no scuff marks on the floor, no crumbs on the carpet. For the money it costs to attend a Catholic high school, this was a much improved facility over the old Good Counsel. But when my former teachers asked me if I wished the new school had been finished a few years earlier, I could honestly agree.

The school was nice, but it had no character. No one had made any memories there yet. They had picnic tables in the courtyard, but they were missing the messages and notes written on them from years ago.

During junior year, my daily drive to school ended in a brief moment of panic: as I tried to maneuver my car in the poorly designed junior parking lot. Now every student who drives can get a parking pass that assigns them his or her own numbered parking space. The space should cut down on the number of car accidents that occur each day at the old Good Counsel, but I would rather take the memory of pushing my driving skills to the limit every day to make it in and out of that parking lot with no scratches over the day I pulled into my very own parking spot.

In a few years though, the new Good Counsel will mold its own character. Future students will probably not have to walk through the crowded hallways of my day, but classes will be taught, students will graduate and memories will be made.

And my memories will stay with that small school long after it has been torn down.

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OFFBEAT
Escaped chimp raids fridge, does housework
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — An escaped chimpanzee at the Little Rock Zoo in Arkansas raided a kitchen cupboard and did a little cleaning with a toilet brush before sedatives knocked her out on top of a refrigerator.

The 120-pound primate, Judy, escaped Tuesday into a service area where a zookeeper opened a door to her sleeping quarters, unaware the animal was still inside. As keepers tried to woo Judy back into her cage, she rummaged through a refrigerator where chimpanzee snacks are stored. She opened kitchen cupboards, pulled out juice and soft drinks and took a swig from bottles she managed to open.

Keeper Ann Badamcher says Judy went into the bathroom, picked up a toilet brush and cleaned the toilet. Badamcher says the 17-year-old lady was a house pet before the zoo acquired her in 1988, so she may have been familiar with housekeeping chores.

Father of chimpanzee baby remains mystery
SHERBROOKE, La. — It's both a surprise and a mystery. At Laddo Parish's Chimp Haven, where retired male chimpanzees all get vasectomies, a female chimpanzee has turned up pregnant. Chimp Haven managers knew something was up when they could not find one of their chimps last week.

Teresa, who's been at Chimp Haven for the past year and a half, was missing during the morning rounds. Later, she appeared with a newborn chimpanzee in her arms.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF
The Notre Dame women's basketball team will play Syracuse Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Students interested in joining the Wednesday Lunch Fast to fight poverty should e-mail their full name and NIDID number (the number on student IDs that begins with 90) to wheelnd.edu by Feb. 2.

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STUDENT SENATE

Committee chairs set new goals for spring semester

Senator members enthusiastic about improving ND-South Bend area relations, plan to hold community summit

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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Student Senate committee chairs echoed student body president Lizzi Shappell's enthusiastic outlook for the remainder of their terms Wednesday as they presented several objectives for the spring semester.

Community Relations committee chair Josh Pasquesi will head the planning of a community summit in February. The summit—a gathering of government leaders and representatives from local colleges and universities—will aim to improve relations with the Bend mayor's office, about running a tour of South Bend for next year's freshman class.

Approximately 100 freshmen attended the first sponsored tour of South Bend last August.

"We are going to try to put the Millennium Village Project forward," said off-campus senator Mark Healy.

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Urban Plunge, and now the Organizing Committee. Johnson insisted I think that the method the CSC uses of taking thoughts from the students and putting them into practice is a great educational tool," Angulo said.

As part of the seminar, students are required to attend lectures and write a short reflective paper in the spring, which earns them one theology credit.

Through the service seminars, participants work in various forms of direct service. Students in the Border Issues seminar worked in a house for immigrant workers in El Paso, Texas; Holy Cross Education seminar participants worked with children and teachers in a Catholic school in Goodyear, Ariz., as well as in a homeless shelter and in a program for expectant mothers.

Choir

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Having a single goal and a familiarity with the ACE program "provided focus" for Folk Choir members, he said, and allowed choir members to "actually see at the end a final figure." Although the grand total of funds raised in yet to be determined, Warner said it would be "in excess of $55,000."

Money was raised through free-will offerings at each of the Folk Choir tours, "we were really fortunate in that several alumni associations (in northern Florida and in Mobile) stepped up with $500 to $1,000 donations," Warner said.

Bishop Robert Lynch of St. Petersburg, Fla., also made a $10,000 donation. A contribution Warner said was "obviously something we were not counting on." Warner said the Folk Choir underclassmen allow a parish to decide how to raise funds during the concert.

"Whenever the Folk Choir tours, we always do our work for free," Warner said. "We say to the church, 'You use us any way you want.'"

Parishes sometimes "dream very big" when the Folk Choir comes to town, he said, citing the scholarship task force campaign conducted by Saint Agnes Cathedral of Rockville Centre in Long Island, which raised a million and a half dollars before the Choir arrived.

Forty-two members of the choir traveled more than 3,600 miles by bus to perform in Nashville, Mobile, Ala., Tampa, St. Petersburg, Fla., Jacksonville, Fla., Savannah, Ga., Mepkin Abbey in South Carolina, Charlotte, N.C., Alpharetta, Ga., and Columbus, Ohio.

These cities were chosen because "we knew there would be a strong financial backing and ... because there was a tradition of ACI already working in these areas," Warner said. Columbus was chosen because it was on the route back to Notre Dame, he said.

Warner said the tour did not go to the Mississippi areas of GulfPort and Biloxi simply because "there was nothing there. No funds to be had."

The Folk Choir began to work on the tour "as soon as Katrina hit," Warner said, and he anticipated a media "drop off" in hurricane damage coverage.

While Warner said Sigma Bowl reporting included some coverage of the Katrina destruction, he thought there was a "focus on the newly restored Louisiana Superdome."

"I think [the Superdome] is a very damaging icon because you can look at it and say 'Wow, things are back to normal,' while really, less than a mile from that scene, things are still in crisis," he said.

The tour was funded through normal club allocations with a little help from the Club Coordination Council and from World Library Publications from Chicago, Warner said. Students on the tour stayed with host families.

ACE staff members Amy Seuman and Matt Kloser spoke during the seminars about the ACE program and their goals, Warner said. They also discussed the problems that still stem from the hurricane damage, specifically on the Mississippi coastal areas.

"We've been given a wonderful gift of singing, but that doesn't mean it ends with us," Warner said. "We make music because we're trying to make some kind of situation better for someone. So in that respect, it's a fusion of arts and social justice."

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Johnson and Rosenbush had previously discussed, Johnson said. The elimination was not a budget issue, Johnson said, but rather part of the reorganization of Student Affairs.

Johnson dismissed rumors that Bruder's position was eliminated to boost or redistribute College funding, and said she "is working to understand Board of Governance spending, not take away from it."

An e-mail sent to The Observer by College alumna Becca Doll claimed that "the new [vice president of Student Affairs] wanted to divert $30,000 of the student activities budget to her own," - an idea that baffles Johnson.

"My job is to make sure the students get what they want," she said. "Decisions were made not about money at all, but about providing good service."

Until the new director of Student Affairs is named, Johnson said she would work closely with Assistant Director of Student Affairs Abby Van Vierah, Administrative Assistant Tena Johnson and Executive Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs Sandy Zielpinski to make sure "everything happens in the best way possible."

Johnson said she meets weekly with Van Vierah to make sure all planned events are carried out, and she looks forward to hearing "new and old ideas" from the student body.

McDonald said she also hopes to squash circulating rumors regarding the restructuring plan and administrative decisions.

It is just important that people understand there can be a tendency to believe rumors ... when this is not necessary College business," she said.

The Observer was unable to contact Rosenbush and Bruder Wednesday.

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Coffee at the Coro

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Tuesday, January 23
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A full bar, live entertainment, and a cash bar.

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Suicide car bomb kills 17 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomber killed 17 Shiites at a tea shop in Sadr City market Wednesday, while gunmen in a predominantly Sunni neighborhood of Baghdad shot up a convenience store, killing two, in a spate of violence that took the lives of an American woman and three Belgian tourists.

The attack on the marketplace came one day after car bombings killed scores of university students. The wave of violence includes a group of prominent scientists warned Wednesday as it pushed the hand of its symbolic Doomsday Clock closer to midnight.

The clock, which was set two minutes forward to 11:55, represents the likelihood of a global catastrophe. Its ticks have given the clock’s keepers a chance to speak out on the dangers that they see threatening Earth.

It was the fourth time since the Soviet collapse in 1991 that the clock ticked forward amid fears over what the scientists describe as a second nuclear age, prompted largely by standoffs with Iran and North Korea. But urgent warnings of climate change played a role.

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Scientists discuss dangers to Earth caused by climate changes

“The Doomsday Clock is moving in a direction that is terrifying,” said John Holdren, a renowned cosmologist and nuclear physicist among nuclear physicists concerned about nuclear war, and midnight originally symbolized a widespread nuclear conflict. The Bulletin has grown into an organization focused more generally on mass destruction of human civilization.

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Unless they rise higher on international agendas, remedial action may come too late, he added.

There is no actual Doomsday Clock in keeping with the bulletin’s symbolic exercise. But the group has used several makeshift clocks or replicas over the years in logos, images and publications. Since it was set to seven minutes to midnight in 1947, the Doomsday Clock has been moved 18 times, including Wednesday’s adjustment, to come closest to midnight — just two minutes away — in 1953 after the successful test of a hydrogen bomb by the United States. It has been as far away as 17 minutes, set there in 1991 following the demise of the Soviet Union.

The decision to move the clock is made by the Bulletin’s board, composed of scientists and policy experts, in coordination with the group’s sponsors, who include Hawking and science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke.

Despite the organization’s new focus on global warming, the prospect of nuclear war remained its primary concern, the bulletin’s editor, Mark Strauss, told The Associated Press. “It’s important to emphasize 50 of today’s nuclear weapons could kill 200 million people,” he said.

The organization floated a variety of proposals to help control the threat of nuclear proliferation and repeated a call to nuclear nations to whittle down their arsenals and reduce the launch readiness of their weapons.

Airplane crash in Kentucky kills 49

WASHINGTON — In the minutes before the crash of a commuter jet that crashed off the wrong runway, the pilots discussed their families, the long flight and other job opportunities, and the airline said Wednesday that part of the conversation was a federal rule against extraneous cockpit chatter.

The National Transportation Safety Board released a transcript Wednesday of the cockpit recording aboard Comair Flight 5191. The recording also showed that one of the pilots noted something was amiss when he looked down the Lexington, Ky., airport and said it looked “weird” because it had no lights.

The transcript was the first public disclosure of the pilots’ conversations during the ill-fated flight, which killed 49 people in the deadliest American aviation disaster in five years.

The transcript revealed that the flight crew “did not follow Comair’s general cockpit procedures,” Comair spokeswoman Kate Mars said. “It is unclear what role, if any, this played in the accident, so it would be premature to determine that.”

In 1981, the Federal Aviation Administration adopted a so-called “sterile cockpit rule” that forbids, among other things, extraneous conversation during taxi, takeoff and landing.

As the pilots went through pre-flight procedures, Capt. Jeffrey Clay talked about his young children having colds, and co-pilot James Polehink discussed his four dogs. The two men also talked about pay and working conditions, even as the controller occasionally interrupted to provide instructions.

“How are they?” Polehink asked six minutes before the crash.

“How old are they?” Polehink asked.

“Clay answered.

“That’s a nice range, age range,” Polehink said.

In Kentucky, a new year brought more than just the usual calendar change. It was the fourth time since the Soviet collapse in 1991 that the clock ticked forward amid fears over what the scientists describe as a second nuclear age, prompted largely by standoffs with Iran and North Korea. But urgent warnings of climate change played a role.

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Millennium Promise’s Board of Directors

Notre Dame has also forged connections with Sachs and others at Columbia, who helped provide a model for university involvement in the MVP. Dowd said he and NDMDI assistant director Tim Lyden have spent time both with Sachs and the faculty and staff of the Earth Institute in order to learn from their experiences, and intend to keep in touch to share their own findings.

“Another great aspect of this project (NDMDI),” Dowd said. “We are not only collaborating with Uganda Martyrs University, but we are also working hand-in-hand with other universities so that we can learn about and contribute to human development as much as possible.”

While receiving guidance from other universities, Notre Dame will also be charting its own course with NDMDI. Dowd noted that not only does Nindy (the village where Notre Dame will be involved) present different challenges and situations than Ruhira (where Columbia is involved), but that Notre Dame and Columbia themselves are very different institutions.

“There really is no template carved in stone that we attempt to replicate. Our strengths are different than Columbia’s strengths and our involvement in this project will be distinctive,” he said. “I cannot emphasize enough that what we make of this opportunity is up to us.

And while Notre Dame’s Catholic character is perhaps its most notable difference from Columbia, Dowd said it was not a driving force in determining the University’s involvement.

“Religious affiliation should never be an issue when it comes to a project like this. Many members of the Notre Dame family may be involved in this project because we are motivated by our faith. This is great,” he said. “[...] However, this project is about human development, not about Catholic development, Protestant development or Muslim development. Religious sectarianism has absolutely no place in this project.”

Education, however, does have a place. Though MVP has other sources of funding and support — including everyone from individual donors to national governments — Dowd said educational institutions like Notre Dame and Columbia can play a unique role in the project.

“I think the distinctive contribution that a university makes has to do with research that is devoted to identifying and explaining change,” he said. “For example, as a social scientist, I want to know if Millennium Villages Project is actually empowering people as it is intended to do. If not, why not? As students and professors, we can make contributions to the goals of the project through our research.”

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to first offense evictions.

“From this meeting we agreed upon the spirit of the ordinance and gained allies in opposing first offense evictions,” Shappell said.

A later meeting with the manager of Turtle Creek Apartments demonstrated the interpretation of the ordinance has changed, Shappell said. She called this “major progress” in light of the several evictions that occurred in fall of 2005.

“We are now confident that students will not be evicted from their homes after the first violation of the disorderly house ordinance,” Shappell said.

A central goal of the student government over the past two years has been to improve relations between Notre Dame students and the local community, she said.

“We have challenged each other to truly engage in the South Bend and Mishawaka communities, to move beyond the stereotypes of ‘tension’ and to live as good neighbors,” Shappell said. “This concept of community relations is now common language on our campus and it has resulted in incremental improvements.”

One method the student government employed to improve the relationship was a tour of South Bend available for freshmen during their first weekend at Notre Dame, co-sponsored by the South Bend mayor’s office. Shappell said the tours — which attracted approximately 100 freshmen — were “widely regarded as successful.

“The purpose of this initiative is to assure that students have a positive impression of the community from their first weekend forward,” Shappell said.

But her administration’s job of improving community relations is not over.

“We have a bit of work left to do,” Shappell said.

Shappell is planning a community summit this February with the theme of integrating students into South Bend. Notre Dame will invite local area leaders and representatives from Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross, Indiana University South Bend and Bethel College to discuss ways to enhance interaction between students and community members through community service, internships and other initiatives. Shappell called the summit a “novel event.”

“The community summit will provide an opportunity to both formally talk about these issues and informally get to know our community leaders and fellow area college students,” Shappell said.

With regard to alumni-student relations, Shappell wants to continue to bridge what she called the “perceived disconnect” between students and alumni by making the Go Irish networking group more accessible to students.

“Seniors and graduate students are now able to access the network of over a hundred thousand alumni in every region and professional field,” Shappell said.

The network currently provides contact information and search engines for users. Shappell said she will work to increase the usability of the site with resume posting, opportunities for alumni to volunteer as mentors for undergraduate students and general information sharing capabilities.

Andrichik is the undergraduate representative who will work on this project for the Alumni Association, Shappell said. He will sit on the career networking committee to incorporate student needs into the Web site and the social networking committee to continue the administration’s work of developing student-alumni receptions on football weekend Fridays.

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Apple achieves record profit

Holiday sales of iPods, Macintosh computers yield best fiscal first quarter

NEW YORK — Apple Inc. on Tuesday posted a larger-than-expected record profit in its fiscal first quarter, beating Wall Street estimates as earnings rose 78 percent amid strong holiday sales of its iPod music players and Macintosh computers.

In a sign of how the market for personal digital assistants is expanding, the iPod sales were up 358 percent from a year ago,

Apple sold 1.6 million Macs and more than 21 million iPods during the quarter, representing a growth of 50 percent and 50 percent respectively from the year-ago holiday season.

That’s an iPod sold for nearly every Texan. Sales of the iconic device accounted for $4.33 billion, or nearly half of the company’s total revenue.

Analysts, on average, were expecting earnings of 76 cents per share on sales of $6.42 billion, according to a Thomson Financial survey.

This was one of the more upbeat reports coming out of the technology sector this quarter, as investors continued to be strong.

The Better Business Bureau logged more than 4,000 consumer complaints about health clubs in 2006, ranking it 30th among the 3,000 types of businesses the BBB tracks.

The problem, Adkins said, is that people are in such a hurry to sign up that they don’t stick to their new regimes.

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Apple’s own internal probe last year had disclosed that discrepancy, among thousands of other mishandled grants. The company, however, said its probe revealed no jobs and any current management from any wrongdoing, while raising “serious concerns” about the actions of two former officers.

Investors remain optimistic about Apple’s future as it reinvites itself as a consumer electronics company, it even changed its name last week — from Apple Computer Inc. to just Apple Inc. — to better reflect its broadening portfolio beyond computers and products.

In Brief

Experts warn health club members

New York — Many people who made New Year’s resolutions to slim down are in the process of joining health clubs. Fitness and finance experts alike suggest consumers make sure they’re selecting clubs with the facilities and amenities they want and that they read contracts carefully before signing to avoid problems if they don’t stick to their new regimes.

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Having trouble with spam, viruses and constantly hard drive crashes? More seriously, have you felt guilty lately about how much time you’re spending on the Internet (or about what sites you’ve been visiting)? You might consider praying for guidance to St. bedside of Seville, the patron saint of computer users and the Internet.

A patron saint of the Internet — who knows? Students in the past two years ago, a group of Internet and computer experts who work for one of the prominent councils of the Vatican did some research to figure out which saint might be an appropriate patron of the then-new frontier of cyberspace, and they decided on bedside, a 6-century scholar from Seville, Spain.

Now before you sneer and turn to the back page to see who won the ND-Villanova game, think about this: don’t we often say to family members or friends, “Pray for me, please”? In a time of need, sorrow or fear, we pick up the phone; we turn to our roommate; we send an email; we ask for help. Put this together with our Christian belief in the resurrection of believers who have died now live in communion with God, and it makes a lot of sense that we could also ask the dead (especially those whom the Church recognizes as particularly holy) to pray for us as well.

Community, for Christian believers, stretches not only across geography, but across time. We form a community of faith with believers around the world today, but also with people who lived, died, struggled and found joy hundreds or thousands of years ago. And people who aren’t even born yet will become a part of our community hundreds of years into the future. As all-sorted match as a saint born in 568 might seem with YouTube, Google and blogs about blogs, the pairing of St. bedside with contemporary issues, do we could give us a wonderful chance to think more clearly and carefully about just how we use the time and resources available in our daily decisions?

If you want to learn more about particular patron saints, they are certainly easy to find with a Web search. The wider lesson about asking anyone to pray for us, however, whether it’s the friend in the room next door or the ancient saint who nonetheless knows our modern doubts and fears, is that we’re gathering the troops to lobby God for a particular outcome. We absolutely have to recognize how much we need each other, and how much our lives on earth will look more like heaven — not because God’s going to change the course of events for us, but because we’ve found God in our connections to one another.

I had the privilege of attending the funeral Monday of one of the newest members of the communion of saints. John Schrag was new to the Notre Dame community as well as the local St. Joseph parish and school community, but her life of faith, energy and joy had already made an impact in both places. Anyone who had the privilege of meeting John Schrag knew how important it was to gather in the Basilica with her husband and daughters to celebrate her life. Father John DeRiso, who presided and preached at her funeral, spoke of how lucky we are to have the Schrag family as part of the Notre Dame and a chance to be inspired by the life of faith, energy and joy that characterized John Schrag’s life and an example we can make as part of our own communities.

Having a saint is sort of like having a role model, even if we don’t know about them. It’s a helpful way of looking at how we can perhaps be inspired by the lives of others. But just as we don’t have to become saints to live meaningful lives, we don’t have to become saints to pray to saints.

The recent death of John Schrag reminded me of my own family history, and how much I have been able to learn about my family through the research of my brother, who is continuing the research of our family history. I have a very deep respect for the family history that we have and the research that has been done on it. I hope that I can do what my brother has done and continue to share the story of our family with others. I hope that I can continue to do this in a way that respects the history of our family and the memories that we have.

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Identifying resources for treating eating disorders

A recent article in Scholastic, “Confronting the Silence,” stated that eating disorders receive little attention at Notre Dame and student government has planned a conference in February to address the issue. The University has a comprehensive approach to the treatment of eating disorders that includes a multi-disciplinary team of providers who collaborate to develop individual treatment plans for students who present with eating and body image concerns. The treatment team consists of a physician and nurse at Health Services with expertise in eating disorders. The team members also provide individual and group counseling services and nutritional counseling for students. This team consults regularly with clinical needs of students in treatment and has been involved in expanding collaborative efforts to include the dietitian in the athletic department. Team members also provide consultation to faculty and staff about eating disorders and how to approach individuals who have concerns about eating disorders. Statistics on the number of students on campus with eating disorders may not be available, but the development of this multi-disciplinary team and comprehensive approach to treatment is evidence of the University’s awareness of this problem and commitment to providing resources for students. In October 2006, the UCC hosted a professional conference on eating disorders that brought together treatment providers and experts from across the country to focus on treatment interventions. The conference in February to be hosted by student government seems to be focused on creating a dialogue within the campus community about eating disorders which would be an exciting step for challenging the campus community to take responsibility for this issue. How can we as a community create an environment that supports direct communication when there are concerns about an individual engaging in behaviors that are unhealthy or potentially dangerous? How can we as a community recognize our biases and beliefs about weight, food, appearance, competition and success and how this impacts the Notre Dame environment? There are eating disorder treatment resources on campus. My hope is that this full-day conference will encourage members of this community to identify themselves as resources.

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Resolution ineffective

Contrary to the rest of the Student Senate, I did not support the idea of the Fair Trade Coffee Resolution. Setting aside my personal disagreement with the concept, I think the resolution should have been pursued differently. The resolution, as passed, pairs an aggressive educational drive with the lofty goal of largely eliminating non-fair trade coffee on campus. In the weeks since the Student Senate passed the Fair Trade Coffee Resolution, we have received several updates about the progress of meetings between Student Senate and University officials, but I do not believe I have heard of any dorm visits to get the word out among the students. This highlights one problem with this resolution — when the policy is implemented by Notre Dame Food Services, the incentives for the educational drive would evaporate. If the goal of exclusive fair trade coffee were accomplished, what would be the point of an educational drive? It’s not as if we would be able to make a choice. Educating the student body about the differences between free trade coffee and fair trade coffee is a worthwhile cause; it would be more meaningful if in addition to knowing the difference, we had a choice and a chance to make a statement by our actions, not by the decisions made by our student government. Focusing on the educational drive and leaving students with only one “choice” does nothing to extend the idea of “social responsibility” beyond the Notre Dame community. I was saddened to hear her before she died after a short but valiant battle with cancer knew how important it was to gather in the Basilica with her husband and daughters to celebrate her life. Father John DeRiso, who presided and preached at her funeral, spoke of how lucky we are to have the Schrag family as part of the Notre Dame community.

Finding community

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Letters to the Editor

But can be the most important part

In Eric Kosmo’s Nov. 30 Letter to the Editor, “Stop using the ‘but,’” he discusses the politicians today who use the “I am personally opposed, but...” line as a means to help legislate the things they claim to be morally opposed to. Kosmo is staunchly against this method of politics, claiming that “a politician cannot support publicly what he knows is wrong personally.”

This tactic seems to be ever more popular among current politicians, and politicians should not run for office under a moral campaign as a means of getting elected just to complacently avoid those issues once in office. However, there are some cases when politicians need to realize that what they personally believe is not going to best suit the country. It is in these cases when it is important and necessary to go against their own morals. As former governor of New York Mario Cuomo said, “All religiously based values don’t have an a priori place in our public morality. The community must decide if what is being proposed would be better left to private discretion than public policy.”

I know that I want my elected official to have a moral backbone to help guide him on important decisions. At the same time, I can only hope that our elected officials have the sense to realize when they can or cannot impose their moral beliefs on society.

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The Observer
Chumbawamba misses mark with newest album

Chumbawamba, although best known for the breakaway pop single "Tubthumping," has long been involved in controversial political activism. Since his debut, Aliuna Thiam — or Akon — has enjoyed mixed levels of success around the world. Above, Akon poses for pictures at the European MTV awards.

By TAE ANDREWS
Associate Scene Editor

After the great success of his single "Locked Up" in 2004, the real question now is, who is Akon back out against?

Out on parole with the release of his second album, "Konvicted," the whiny crooner is the talk of the town as a musical cocktail. Critics and fans are creating an inspired album sure to elicit as lukewarm a response as the R&B artist's ill-fated appearance in Notre Dame's The Show during fall 2005.

Depending on the listener's personal point of view, Akon's nasally voice can be considered either annoying or witty. Regardless of the choice description, it is an irritating and tiresome gimmick that gets old even after a few minutes, never mind a few songs.

At his best, Akon should be reserved only for use as the occasional hook on someone else's single. At his worst — well, if you're intrigued, or just don't mind wasting a few bucks, pick up the album.

The only certainty about Akon songs is that they are bound to be depressing. The creative genius that brought the public "Lonely" continues to build on his career portfolio of mellow songs in "Konvicted," cementing his status as the End of the hip-hop world.

Akon paints a rather dreary picture throughout the album, and his "glass half empty" mindset pervades the entire disc. Halfway through the album, Akon's synth-heavy pop vocals beg the immortal question, "Would you like some cheese with that whine?"

To make matters all the more confusing, Akon cannot seem to decide if he is condemning or glorifying the world of hip-hop — one moment he is lamenting life on the streets, and the next he is bragging about the bullet-abes ethos of life as a gangster. Akon's street cred is somewhat suspect as well.

Sure, he drops enough four-letter words to slap a PARENTAL ADVISORY sticker on the front of his disc, but his whiny voice and general demeanour bring to mind the image of Dashboard Dummies.

Recommended tracks: I Wanna Love You, "Blown Away," "Gangsta Bop" and "Smack That"

By CHRIS McGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

When examining the long list of 1990s era one-hit wonders, the name Chumbawamba almost always finds its way into the discussion. After all, the band's historically catchy party-pop hit "Tubthumping" still reminds most of us of middle school dances.

Perhaps dissatisfied with its "one hit then quit" status, Chumbawamba is making another run at the stop. This time however, the band is ditching the electronic aids for an acoustic act.

"A Singsong and a Scrap" is the name of Chumbawamba's latest release, a brand new take on the group's sound. What most people do not know is that the band is not really just a one-hit wonder, but has actually enjoyed moderate success (with a few very large successes) since its formation in 1984. The band formed in Leeds, England with an extremely political point of view. Considered anarchists, group members often wrote songs hashing the political goals of then-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and even held benefit concerts to protest her position in office. It was not long after this that Chumbawamba's anti-government stance pleased, and the group became the target of police raids.

However, the average listener would be surprised to hear this after taking in the soft sounds of "A Singsong and a Scrap."

The new album, although still steeped with political messages, is more likely to pull the listener to sleep rather than inspire any revolutionary spirits to take arms and storm parliament.

The album opens with "Laughter in a Time of War," a harmonic folk-inspired song that uses melodic guitar-picking to produce a feelgood sound. The lyrics, however, hint at a darker message as the band points out the irony in the general attitude towards war. "Walking into Battle with the Lord" is the fifth track on the CD and brings religious shading to the predominantly political album. The song is mostly a cappella, and the band does an impressive job in this context. The lyrics are poignant and moving, and it is at this point that the listener begins to wonder if this is the same group behind "Tubthumping."

"Fade Away" is another light-hearted piece. The song will draw comparisons to some of the happy-go-lucky sounds of folk singers from the past, such as Simon and Garfunkel. But it is this deja vu that causes the downfall of the album — where is the originality?

The album is surprisingly well thought-out and performed. A far cry from the "expected" Chumbawamba, the band has shown a musical diversity that would generally be unaffiliated with a group reputed to be a one-hit wonder. However, the music from the album is largely homogeneous and lacks anything new and refreshing to set itself apart from other groups that pioneered the folk genre. The lyrics and writing do take Chumbawamba to a slightly higher level, but overall the actual melodies do not help the album rise above mediocrity.

Maybe Chumbawamba meant to subdue its music in order to further spread its political message, but unfortunately, suppressing the sound makes for a very bland album.

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Lively Museum entertains young at heart

By MARTY SCHROEDER
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Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Robin Williams, and Steve Coogan have made much better films than this winter's "Night at the Museum." The caveat, however, is that the five-year-old in every family could not see most of those movies, "Night at the Museum" is easily accessible to people of all ages to watch and have a great time.

Directed by Shawn Levy, who helmed family film "Cheaper by the Dozen" and teen-flick "Just Married," "Night at the Museum" is an attempt at blending those two genres. It is tame enough for the little brother and sister, but at the same time it has just enough romance and historical trivia for the seasoned and parental crowd.

However, that creates a significant problem. "Night at the Museum" tries to fit in both categories and in the attempt does not manage to do either particularly well — just decently. The relationships established between the characters — except for perhaps Teddy Roosevelt and Larry Daley (who was figure's love interest) — could have been fleshed out more, but the movie might have been more dramatic than the film could really handle.

Larry Daley becomes the night guard at the New York Museum of Natural History, trying to hold down an actual job after a string of inventions and startup companies left him with empty pockets. The surprise in store for Daley is that the denizens of the museum come to life during his shift.

This includes everything from war-mongering Huns, cavemen, Teddy Roosevelt and one really pesky monkey. The film revolves around the problems Daley encounters in trying to do his job and some unexpected thievery occurring in the museum.

The best acting in this film comes in groups. Wilson, as the fast-talking head of the Old West miniature display, and Coogan, as the Russian General Oratz, bantered in what are perhaps the funniest parts of the film — minus a certain driving scene that may have been funny for little people but just seems ridiculous to anyone over the age of six. Next to these younger actors were some well-known faces from the previous generation of actors. Dick Van Dyke, Mickey Rooney and Bill Cosby are the aging night guards Daley is hired to replace. They put in fine performances and prove they still know how to light up a big screen. If "Night at the Museum" is any indication, they are not done with their careers yet. Also, Ricky Gervais, the awkward boss from the British version of "The Office," fills the role of the overly concerned museum director. There are some humorous scenes between Stiller and Gervais; however, Gervais' comedic genius does not reach its full potential in this film.

Overall, "Night at the Museum" is a fun way to spend just under two hours without having to think too much or worry about being offended. This is a great film for kids, as well as for any person who loved museums as a child. However, it is worth waiting for it to reach the dollar theater.

What the film could have been is one thing, but the final result is something else entirely. "Night at the Museum" is worth seeing, but — just one that costs more than six dollars.

The actors in this film have certainly done more rewarding projects. However, it has already taken in over $190 million, so they will surely be pleased with the paycheck, if not an award-winning performance.

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Night at the Museum

Director: Shawn Levy
Starring: Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson and Tom Hanks

Larry Daley (Ben Stiller, left) and Teddy Roosevelt (Robin Williams) explore the incredible events taking place all around them in a natural history museum.

Sidebars

Talladega Nights: Larry the Cable Guy entertains young at heart

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Bill Murray, Steve Martin, Jim Carrey and Mike Myers were all comedians before they became acclaimed Hollywood superstars. One of the latest names to add to this list is Will Ferrell, who jumped from "Saturday Night Live" to the big screen with mega-hits like "Old School" and "Anchorman." His latest comic vehicle, "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," Ferrell produced and starred in. He appears as "SNL" alum, the French Formula One driver Jean Girard (Sacha Baron Cohen) in "Talladega Nights." Other stars include Michael Clarke Duncan, Amy Adams, Gary Cole, Jane Lynch and Andy Richter. The movie, which was perfectly cast in supporting roles, provides a good assortment of filmgoers to see the audience the characters Ferrell and Reilly blend into.

Shake 'n Bake.

When French Formula One driver Jean Girard (Sacha Baron Cohen, "Borat") arrives to challenge Ricky Bobby in his NASCAR dominance, Bobby must overcome a new influx of personal problems involving both racing and his personal life to reach the top of the racing world.

"Talladega Nights" was clearly created with the intent of mimicking the style of Ferrell's previous movies that has brought him such success. This film is full of the non-sequiturs and absurd situations that audiences have come to expect from Ferrell's movies and most of these do not disappoint.

Ferrell shows his usual skill and wit in delivery, and Reilly — who was originally cast as "Anchorman" as Champ Kind, only to withdraw due to scheduling conflicts with "The Aviator" — gives a good performance in another supporting actor role. Cohen also demonstrates his comedic talent and gives a better performance here than he does in "Borat."

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In this respect, Ferrell has produced, another success in his ever-increasing litany of films. While not on the elite level of "Anchorman," "Talladega Nights" finishes a close second.

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Flowers leads Wisconsin in win over Purdue
Ohio State tops Northwestern in Big 10 action, Vanderbilt upsets Alabama, Tar Heels cruise past Clemson

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Michael Flowers scored 15 points to lead No. 16 Northwestern to its 14th consecutive victory, 69-64 over Purdue on Thursday night.

The Badgers (18-1, 6-0 Big Ten), who are enjoying the highest-ranking Big Ten school history, led by 10 points midway through the second half.

Keaton Grant’s fast break layup with 39 seconds left brought the Boilermakers (13-6, 2-3) within 67-62. Kameron Taylor made one of two free throws for Wisconsin with 36 seconds left. Purdue missed and rebounded two 3-point attempts, finally settling for a putback by Carl Landry that made it 68-64 with 4.3 seconds left.

Gordon Watt had 18 points for Purdue, which was struggling on the road in nearly three years.

The Badgers’ winning streak tied with New Mexico State for longest in the nation.

Wisconsin missed its first nine shots and was 3-for-17 from 3-point range for the game.

The Badgers did put together a 14-4 run midway through the second half — though there wasn’t much running involved, as they methodically opened a 10-point lead over nearly 6 minutes.

Wisconsin center Jason Chappell had 12 points and eight rebounds as the Badgers outrebounded the Boilermakers 40-39 with 33 rebounds, Purdue’s first double-digit rebound half.

Flowers threw up a haphazard shot with 1:23 left as he was being stumbled out of bounds, and it fell to put the Badgers ahead 51-43. Alando Herrington of Wisconsin an inside move to push the Badgers’ lead to 10 with 7.47 remaining.

North Carolina 77, Clemson 55
Brandon Wright didn’t have one bad game under his skin. That’s because he had one bad game the Carolina fans can learn to love.

Wright, the Atlantic Coast Conference’s player of the week, and the Tigers had been 17-0 and the nation’s first-team big three for six straight over Clemson (17-2, 3-2) was 8-of-22 with a 2-of-9 effort in taking a 54-37 half-time lead.

Gordon Watt had a new look and a coupe of his teammates had a new approach for the second half. North Carolina’s point-guard tandem of Mike Conley Jr. and Jamarr Butler showed they could do more than pass in leading the seventh-ranked Badgers past Northwestern.

Conley scored a career-high 17 points, the most in his brief collegiate career, finished with five points, six rebounds and five blocked shots in taking a 54-37 half-time lead.

Northwestern (10-8, 0-5) has not won in Columbus since Feb. 16, 1957 — a string of 24 consecutive losses on the Buckeyes’ home court. And 36 years after losing the first meeting 91-48, the Buckeyes (15-3, 3-1 Big Ten) pulled away to continue their homedominance of the Wildcats.

"Coach told us to penetrate, attack that middle man and try to make plays," Conley said of the Buckeyes’ plan to slice through the Wildcat’s 3-1-2 zone defense.

"It’s my best shooting game (at Ohio State)," said Campbell, who transferred from IPFW in 2005 and sat out last season.

The Bulldogs fell behind 16-0 in the first half and went into halftime down 34-25. Williams trimmed to 29-23. Williams had 29 points in the first half.

"He’s a very capable shooter," Butler coach Todd Lickliter said.

The Bulldogs (16-2, 4-1 Horizon League) made 14 of 24 3s and hit seven straight in a 4-minute stretch that broke the game open midway through the first half. Butler hit all five of his 3-point tries in the first half.

"It’s my best shooting game (at Butler), for sure," said Campbell, whose career high was 28 points with IPFW two years ago. "I’m getting a lot more looks because I’m getting used to the system, getting used to knowing how to find my shot in the system.

The Bulldogs were 10-13 on 3s in taking a 42-18 halftime lead. They widened it to as many as 32 points with 22 minutes left in the game.

LSU 62, Mississippi 55
Tasmin Mitchell and Matt Martin combined for 22 second-half points to lead No. 16th LSU to a victory over Mississippi.

Mitchell scored 14 of his 19 points in the second half, while Martin had eight of his 15 after the break. With the Tigers (13-4, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) leading by one points and less than 5 minutes to play, Martin and Mitchell both hit big shots.

Martin knocked down his fourth 3-pointer of the game to give LSU a 50-46 lead with 4:44 remaining. On the Tigers’ next possession, Mitchell hit a 3 to put them ahead 53-46. Mississippi didn’t get closer than 5 points the rest of the game.

Glen Davis added 11 points for LSU.

Clarence_pelicans15 raced the Rebels (12-6, 3-12 with 12 points, while Dwceign Curtis had all 11 in the second half and reserve Kenny Williams added 10.

Two baskets by Mitchell gave LSU a 24-13 lead with 7:36 left in the opening half. The Tigers made just one field goal the rest of the half and had their lead trimmed to 29-23. Williams scored six points in the final 7 minutes.

The Rebels fell behind 34-25 early in the second half, but the Bulldogs took three field goals as Mississippi got within 37-34.

Mississippi got within one point three times in the second half.

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**NBA**

**Warriors and Pacers complete trade**

**Associated Press**

OAKLAND, Calif. — Almost every player involved in the Indiana Pacers’ eight-man trade with the Golden State Warriors on Wednesday is likely to welcome the change of scenery.

The Pacers traded Al Harrington and Stephen Jackson to Golden State for forwards Troy Murphy and Mike Dunleavy in a large, bold deal to shake up two struggling teams.

The Pacers also sent guard Sarunas Jasikevicius and forward Josh Powell to the Warriors, who gave up forward Ike Diogu and guard Keith McLeod.

According to Chris Mullin, the Warriors’ vice president and a former player for both teams, the wholesale shuffle will benefit everyone.

“This is a situation where both teams feel good about what’s going to happen,” Mullin said.

“They’re all key components. All these guys that are in the deal, they’re going to have good roles with their new teams.”

Mullin said the Pacers were desperate to add quality players. Former Irish forward Troy Murphy watches from the bench in Golden State’s 108-93 win over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday. Murphy was traded to Indiana Wednesday as part of an eight-player deal.

**In Brief**

**Pirates complete deal for Braves first baseman LaRoche**

After two months of trying, the Pittsburgh Pirates finally landed a deal for Atlanta power hitter Adam LaRoche on Wednesday when they agreed to acquire the first baseman for left-handed reliever Mike Gonzalez and another player.

The trade will be announced after physicals are completed, according to a baseball official familiar with the negotiations who requested anonymity because the deal was still being finalized. The identity of the other player was not immediately known.

The Pirates, who hit an NL-low 141 homers during a 95-loss season last year, have been desperate to acquire a left-handed power bat to take advantage of PNC Park’s short right-field deck. They targeted LaRoche weeks ago, but the Braves previously sought both Gonzalez and one of the Pirates’ young starting pitchers.

**Tennis great Sampras elected to sport’s Hall of Fame**

As a tennis history buff, Pete Sampras can’t wait to walk around the sport’s Hall of Fame when he goes there for the first time this summer. He’s especially looking forward to seeing his own plaque.

Pete Sampras was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame on Wednesday, joined in the 2007 class by Aranxta Sanchez-Vicario, Sven Davidson and Russ Adams.

“It’s kind of icing on the cake for having a good career,” Sampras said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. “It’s an honor to be included with (Rod) Laver and the older generation, (John) McEnroe and (Jimmy) Connors. All these guys.”

Sampras has never visited the Hall of Fame in Newport, R.I., but he’ll get a chance when he’s there for the July 14 induction ceremony.
**Tennis**

**Clijsters advances in Open**

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Kim Clijsters extended the winning start to her farewell tour, beating Akiko Morigami 6-3, 6-0 Thursday to reach the third round of the Australian Open.

The 23-year-old Belgian, who has announced she is retiring at the end of this season in the hope of starting a family, recovered from an inconsistent opening set to run through the second in 24 minutes.

She started the year with a win over Maria Sharapova in the final of a Hong Kong exhibition tournament and last week won the Sydney International.

Recently engaged Martina Hingis, into the second year of her comeback after three seasons on the sidelines, had a 6-2, 6-2 win over Russian Alla Kudryavtseva to move closer to a quarterfinal rematch with Clijsters.

Clijsters won her first-round match without dropping a game but was erratic early against Morigami, making more unforced errors (12) than winners (11) and dropping serve twice.

She clicked into gear in the second, making only three unforced errors in the last six games.

She blamed the slow start on a late night, staying up to watch Frenchman Gael Monfils upset last year’s finalist Marcos Baghdatis on Wednesday.

"I went to bed maybe a little too late," she said. "But I’m playing well, and it’s nice to be back on this court again."

Sixth-seeded Hingis, who became engaged to Czech player Radek Stepanek last month, moved closer to another quarterfinal showdown with Clijsters.

Hingis won three straight Australian titles from 1997 and then lost three consecutive finals before quitting the tour because of nagging foot and ankle problems.

**NFL**

**Schottenheimer will stay with San Diego**

Chargers head coach to return for 2007 season

Associated Press

SANDIEGO — Marty Schottenheimer might be down to one last chance to get the San Diego Chargers to the Super Bowl.

Three days after the talented Chargers melted down in a stunning 24-21 playoff loss to New England, team president Dean Spanos decided Wednesday that bringing Schottenheimer back for the final year of his contract gives San Diego its best chance to win.

Schottenheimer, though, declined the team’s offer of a one-year extension for 2008 worth $4.5 million, with a $1 million buyout.

The coach didn’t offer specific reasons, but they could have to do with the spiraling salaries given to other NFL head coaches, and perhaps to his strained relationship with general manager A.J. Smith.

"Right now, I wasn’t comfortable accepting it," said Schottenheimer, who will earn more than $3 million in 2007, the final year of an extension he received after the 2004 season.

Spanos said Schottenheimer didn’t give him a reason.

"I offered what I thought was a fair offer and it was surely up to him to make the decision as to whether to accept it or not, and he chose not to, and I respect that entirely," Spanos said.

With a regular-season record of 200-126-1 with Cleveland, Kansas City, Washington and San Diego, Schottenheimer is the most successful coach never to have reached the Super Bowl.

His 5-13 playoff record has taken on a life of its own. Sunday’s loss was his sixth straight in the postseason dating to 1993, and the ninth time a Schottenheimer-coached team lost its opening playoff game.

His teams have failed four times to capitalize on the home-field advantage that comes with owning the AFC’s No. 1 seed.

He is 47-33 in five seasons with the Chargers, including 35 wins and two AFC West titles in the last three seasons.

Led by league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson, the Chargers were thought by many to be Super Bowl-caliber, with an NFL-best 14-2 record. But they had four turnovers and made numerous other mistakes in losing to the Patriots, their first defeat at home this season.

Speculation grew following the loss that Schottenheimer might be fired, especially given his front-office ties to the front office’s expectations of a deep playoff run and his icy relations with Smith, believed to be due to personal moves.

Smith said that following the loss, it wasn’t automatic that he would recommend that Schottenheimer return.

"Not in my mind. We had to stop and think," he said.

Smith said he spent Tuesday speaking with Spanos, players, front-office personnel and people around the league about Schottenheimer.

"I made a recommendation which may surprise all of you, that we continue next year with Marty Schottenheimer based on the fact that we are so talented of a football team and the information that I got from everybody was, we’re so close," Smith said.

"We made some mistakes in that football game and still almost won I just felt that it was the best for this organization to continue."

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tiple drug tests and avoid fur-
ther arrests for 12 months in
order for the charges to be
dropped. He is also responsible
for paying mandatory fees to the
court.
McAlarney was arrested in the
early hours of Dec. 29 after
being pulled over in a routine
traffic stop. The officer reported
that McAlarney was driving
eratically, and found a burnt
blunt in the guard’s car — which
McAlarney admitted was his.

The University, as of
Wednesday evening, has not
made a decision regarding his
disciplinary punishment.
Related offenses are grounds for
suspension or expulsion, as dic-
tated by Du Lac. Notre Dame’s
official handbook.
He is expected to appear
before Residence Life and
Housing in the coming days now
that school is back in session.
Irish coach Mike Brey suspend-
ated McAlarney indefinitely fol-
lowing the offense and the
guard has missed the previous
six games, including Notre
Dame’s loss at Villanova
Wednesday. McAlarney, despite being sus-
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traveling with the Irish.

Contact Bob Girfitt at
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United States — where fencing is not as popular as it is in Europe — is difficult, especially with tight NCAA limitations on scholarships. Each school has just 4.5 scholarships for men and five for women. n u m b e r s
Bednarski said he and other coaches around the country would like to see increase.

"We need to produce more of our own fencers to the high levels," he said. "It's not easy to bring them here through recruiting. We need simply to be able to produce more walk-ons, but we need the coaches to be able to do that."

While Notre Dame may have filled the talent gap with the approaching departures of its signature seniors and Olympic champion, another void remains. The Irish have only two coaches — Bednarski and assistant Gia Kvaratskhelia — even though the NCAA limit is four. Notre Dame was already understaffed when former Irish assistant Zoltan Dudas accepted the head coaching position at Princeton this summer. Bednarski hired Kvaratskhelia this fall to teach foil, but holes remain.

The biggest problems with the current coaching situation, Bednarski said, are the lack of one coach per weapon and the limitations placed on individual instruction.

"We need coaches," he said. "It's hard to bring them from Europe. It's hard to find them in this country."

Bednarski said the athletic department supports the search for a third paid coach on the staff, though meeting the NCAA limit of four may take time.

Still, he said, with the new recruits and current fencers, he believes Notre Dame remains atop the nation for fencing programs.

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"I think we looked at that game and really learned a lot from that game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think the thing I was most impressed with this team is the resilience, their ability to bounce back. They don’t dwell on losses.

The Irish were able to shave off an 11-point second half deficit in order to win 67-58 against the Boilermakers Dec. 6 and extend the Irish lead in the second half.

A strong 1-3-1 zone. For both teams, it was their effective 1-3-1 zone. For both teams, it was their effective

A strong 14-4 second half run by the Irish, capped off by a strong inside shot made by Gaines, brought the Irish to within three points to play in the second half, Gray made a three-pointer to put Notre Dame ahead for the first time in the game at 53-52.

Slapppy play by the Boilermakers, including shot clock violations and late turnovers, helped the Irish to victory, scoring almost two-thirds of the team’s total points.

One of the keys to the Irish’s success in stopping the Boilermakers, especially in the second half, was their effective 1-3-1 zone.

"I think to beat Purdue was a huge win for us in the NCAA Tournament," McGraw said. "It was really important for our confidence.

Notre Dame’s two captains — junior guard Tyahah Gaines (20 points, five assists) and senior guard Breonna Gray (22 points, two assists) — helped will the team to victory, scoring almost two-thirds of the team’s total points.

"We feel like we’re off to a great start. We’re playing well, we’re confident. It’s nice to see us in the top of the conference." Muffet McGraw

Irish coach

The Irish entered the Thompson-Boling Arena riding a four-game win streak with an easy 94-55 win over Prairie View A&M Jan. 22 before heading south to face Tennessee in Knoxville.

Tennessee

The Irish entered the Thompson-Boling Arena riding a four-game win streak, but left with a 78-54 loss to the No. 4 Lady Volunteers to extend their overall record to 0-18 against Tennessee.

For both teams, it was their final game before heading into conference play. For the Lady Vols, they were playing an unranked Irish team that would help fine tune their game before heading into SEC play. But for McGraw and the Irish, this game was crucial in establishing where they stood as a team and how well they could expect to perform in the Big East.

"It’s kind of a barometer of where you are and how things look for the NCAA Tournament," McGraw said.

In the first half, the Irish were able to hang tough against the Lady Vols, trailing by no more than eight the entire half. Moreover, the Irish went on an 8-2 run to finish the half down only 29-27.

"We played really well in the first half of the Tennessee game and made them played bad," McGraw said.

"I think the defense did a lot of good things." Even though Notre Dame continued to struggle throughout the second half, they were no match for the overpowering Tennessee lineup, which had three players in their starting five with double-figures in scoring.

Sister Spencer (17 points), Candace Parker (22 points) and Shannon Bobbitt (17 points).

Tennessee’s lead slowly grew in the second half and extended the Irish never gave up, made evident by their 13-2 run to finish off the game. The final score was even more meaningful in showing Notre Dame’s effort as Tennessee led by as many as 34 with less than five minutes remaining in the game.

McGraw credited her team’s resilience as a constant factor in their successes this season, especially against the Lady Vols.

"That’s really been the most impressive thing about this group is just how much they really wanted to move on," she said. "We never have to try to get them to practice hard. They’re always ready. Their intensity and their work ethic — they bring it every day.

The main reason McGraw wanted the team to play in Knoxville in front of a sell-out crowd of over 19,000 was for the experience for later against Big East foes.

"We need to know how to play when we go to Connecticut and when we go to some tough places in the Big East on the road," she said. "It prepares us for that.

The Big East

Notre Dame opened its conference play with strong wins over Seton Hall and Cincinnati before losing at USF in its conference opener.

The first game against Seton Hall Jan. 2 was important for the Irish in establishing itself as an NCAA Tournament team. The 64-61 victory showcased Notre Dame’s ability to win close games down the stretch, in addition to growing confidence in winning the conference.

"We went to Seton Hall and that was going to be a tough game because they beat us last year," McGraw said. "Seton Hall plays really well at 30, and that was a must-win game for us. So I was really pleased to come out of there with a win.

The Irish were unable to put the Pirates away, despite leading for most of the second half. The one time the Irish did fall behind in the second half, they were able to go on an 8-2 run to reestablish their lead. Allen led the Irish in scoring with 16 points and 10 rebounds for the second double-double of her career.

Late free throws by Gray cemented the Irish victory, giving them a three-point lead with only seconds remaining. Despite a late jump by forward Hedia Korpivaara to cut the lead to three, the Irish were able to hang onto their conference win.

After topping Seton Hall, the Irish returned to the Joyce Center to face off against Cincinnati Jan. 10, easily winning by a final score of 81-70.

Against the Bearcats, the offensive spark came from Gaines, who scored 27 points and notched five assists.

Notre Dame’s offensive pressure Cincinnati was able to shut down the Irish early, scoring the game’s first five points and maintaining the lead for the first six minutes of the game. But a Gaines layup gave the Irish the lead with 12:46 remaining, and they held on to the lead.

Cincinnati could trail by as many as 19 in the second half.

The first real test for the Irish came in their final game before break on the road against South Florida Jan. 13.

The Irish struggled throughout the game, committing a season-high 33 personal fouls against the Bulls, sending them to the line an Irish opponent record-tying 45 times en route to losing 78-67 in overtime.

"We had five people foul out and four people with four fouls, so it was a hard game for us," McGraw said. "But to take it into overtime when they beat us here last year was big."

Notre Dame freshman guard Melissa Lechlitner, who gave the Irish a three point lead with only 1.2 seconds remaining, was the game’s first double-double of her career with 10 points and a Notre Dame freshman record-tying 18 rebounds.

Another Irish freshman — guard Melissa Lechlitner — was also integral for the Irish, totaling 11 points and four assists in the loss. Most importantly for Lechlitner, three of her 11 points came at the end of regulation, when she sank a shot from the arc to send the game into overtime.

Despite the loss, Notre Dame was still heading strong into its Big East schedule with a 3-1 record including Tuesday’s win over St. John’s.

"Last year we started 0-2 and two games we should have won. This year we’ve taken care of beating the team’s we’re supposed to beat," McGraw said.

"We feel like we’re off to a great start. We’re playing well, we’re confident. It’s nice to see us in the top part of the conference." Contact Jay Fitzpatrick at jfitzpa5@nd.edu

"I think Purdue was a huge win for us, a great win for the NCAA Tournament." Muffet McGraw

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

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Irish fall to 3-2 in Big East with road loss at Villanova 102-86

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Fifty-seven percent field goal shooting, 102 points and two players scoring 20-plus were recipe for defeat in Notre Dame’s road contest against Villanova Wednesday. A Wildcats offensive explosion handed the Irish their second conference loss, 102-86 in front of a rowdy sell out crowd at The Pavilion in Philadelphia. Villanova (12-5, 2-3 Big East) scored the most points of any Irish opponent this year. The previous high the Irish allowed was 87 scored by Lehigh Nov. 27. “They made some big shots...”

Irish guard Tory Jackson, right, and Villanova guard Scottie Reynolds battle for possession in Notre Dame’s 102-87 loss in Villanova Wednesday night. The Irish are now 15-3 overall.

**SMC BASKETBALL**

Belles lose overtime thriller

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

In a game decided in the final minute of overtime, one foul made all the difference. The Albion Britons defeated Saint Mary’s 71-68 on Wednesday. A 62-62 tie at the end of regulation forced the extra period. The Belles led 59-58 with 43 seconds left in regulation when junior guard Allison Kessler hit a three-pointer to stretch the lead to four. Albion senior guard Jessica Weeks following Notre Dame guard Kyle McAlarney’s arrest on marijuana possession charges, questions concerning legal ramifications and the sophomore’s future with the team and the University are slowly being answered. McAlarney will enter the St. Joseph’s County pretrial diversion program — not uncommon for related incidents regarding underage drinking and drug possession — which will potentially allow him to have the charges expunged from his record.

McAlarney must undergo mul-

**FENCING**

Coach inks four recruits to replace seniors

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame head coach Marty Schottenheim knows the cost of success for the Irish is steep. He also knows how to minimize that cost. As Notre Dame loses its four top sabres next season to graduation and national teams in preparation for the 2008 Olympics, Bednaraski signed four coveted fencers in the discipline to national letters of intent. Three of the newcomers — Avery Zuck, Sarah Bertram and Eileen Hassett — are from the same area in Oregon as senior sabres Valerie Provvidenza and Patrick Ghattas and junior sabre Mariel Zagunis. Provvidenza and Ghattas will graduate this spring — along with All-American Matt Stearns — and Zagunis will leave the team next season as she trains to defend her Olympic gold medal. Both Bertram and Hassett are in the USFA's current women’s sabre top-12, with Hassett owning eighth in the rankings and Bertram at No. 12. "I am absolutely thrilled to be going to Notre Dame," Hassett said in a statement issued by the Notre Dame athletics department on und.com. "I was extremely impressed with the campus and the students during my visit last September. ... I’m really looking forward to fencing under coach Bednaraski and being part of a great collegiate fencing squad." On the men’s side, Zuck is No. 11 on the American under-20 list. The fourth signee was Barron Nydam of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., who enters Notre Dame ranked No. 35 in the senior USAF standings.

For Bednaraski, pulling in a strong class was important. He said recruiting in the...