Campus debates new Iraq policy

Professors and students consider President Bush's plan from wide range of perspectives

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On Jan. 10, President George W. Bush gave one of the most anticipated and controversial addresses of his presidency, admitting in prime time the mistakes and failures of the American strategy in Iraq while ordering a 20,000-strong troop surge into the war-torn country.

While the President has remained firm in his decision, saying the U.S. needed to "increase support at this crucial moment to help the Iraqis break the current cycle of violence," the announcement sparked nationwide debate, from Capitol Hill to the classrooms at Notre Dame.

Saturday marked the deadliness day for American forces in the last two years, as 20 troops were killed in Iraq.

Notre Dame political science professor Dan Lindley said with instability in Iraq mounting and the possibility of a civil war eruption only increasing, the U.S. will need at least 20 troops for every 1,000 Iraqis in order to maintain order in the region -- a scenario that isn't anywhere close to the current ratio.

Past estimates said there were approximately six troops per thousand Iraqis, and the President's recent troop increase will not increase that figure substantially.

"The Iraq war is lost unless the military force on the ground is tripled," Lindley said. "As this will not happen, and because the Iraqi forces being trained are as much or more sectarian fighters than others, the situation can only deteriorate."

Iraqi doctors watch President George Bush's speech Jan. 10. Bush said he will send 21,500 additional troops to Iraq.

ND graduates embrace ACE opportunities

Students use undergraduate skills to teach underprivileged students across the country

By AARON STEINER
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When Sarah Greene was accepted to Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program during her senior year at Notre Dame, she expected to spend two years on assignment in Mobile, Ala. Teaching high school freshmen about famous works of literature and developing their writing skills after five months in the program, she says she's experienced that, and much more.

Greene moved to Mobile on Aug. 1 to begin teaching freshman English at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School, the only Catholic high school in Mobile.

"I think that people have a different idea of what teaching is until they get into it," she said.

For Greene, an English major, ideas about "what teaching is" go beyond going over the material in lesson plans, she said.

"Teaching encompasses so much more than I ever imagined. I chose ACE because I felt a call to teach," Greene said. "I love discussing literature with my students and reading their writing."

"However, I realize now that I am called to teach them more than English," Greene said. "Teaching more than English." (see ACE/page 6)

Right to Life attends march in Washington

By BECKY HOGAN
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Students from Notre Dame/St. Mary's Right to Life Club attended the 34th March for Life, an annual event that memorializes Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision on abortion.

Approximately 120 Notre Dame students marched from the United States Capitol building to the steps of the Supreme Court building carrying a Notre Dame banner and a U.S. flag, said Notre Dame Right to Life secretary Victor Saenz.

"The enthusiasm and support of all the people at the march made us feel like we were making a difference," Saenz said.

The group arrived in Washington, D.C. on Saturday in three charter busses. Another charter bus arrived on Sunday.

While at the march, students heard from various senatorial candidates on pro-life issues and were also accompanied by Holy Cross priests and seminarians, who led them in the rosary.

"People could tell Notre Dame cared for the pro-life message," Saenz said.

Many of the traveling group members attended the 2007 Rally for Life and the Youth Mass sponsored by the Archdiocese of 

MSA students relish trips abroad

By EILEEN DUFFY
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When Bridget Meacham checked her e-mail last fall and learned there were three spots available for Notre Dame Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) students to travel to Asia — and they'd simply be granted to the first three people to apply — she didn't hesitate.

Meacham joined a group of 34 graduate business students on a two-week trip to Suzhou and Shanghai, China, an experience she called "absolutely phenomena- nal."

"Right now, China is the center of innovation. It's revolutionizing manufacturing. It has an impact on so many sectors that are either 

Driver in car crash identified

Man arrested for Breathalyzer refusal

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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The man who struck six cars in a parking lot in the Castle Point Apartment complex early Sunday morning was arrested for DUI refusal, police said Monday.

Carlos Q. Cedillo, 23, of South Bend has not been officially charged, St. Joseph County Police spokesman James Thirion said in an e-mail Monday. The preliminary charge, declining a Breathalyzer test — which Cedillo did after driving his car into six unoccupied, legally parked vehicles early Sunday — is a misdemeanor offense.

Cedillo is listed as a student in Holy Cross College's 2006-07 telephone directory. In the 2005-06 telephone directory, Cedillo's address is listed as Basil Residence Hall.

Since Thirion provided information by e-mail and was unable for further comment, The Observer was unable to ask follow-up questions regarding Cedillo's background.

Holy Cross Director of Marketing and Public Relations Sara Kassen declined to comment on whether Cedillo was a student at the College. Holy Cross issued a statement regarding the incident:

"We have not received any report of an accident over the weekend involving any of our students. Holy Cross College
A house divided

With the recent NFL playoff excitement, I find myself thinking this year’s Super Bowl situation is win-win. Since my home team — the Eagles — fell short for another year, it may as well be the Colts and the Bears — the only two other teams in the NFL that I even remotely follow.

The reason I follow these teams is that my mom is from Indianapolis and my dad is from Chicago. Every time either team is playing, we, as a family, root for the Colts or Bears, which works out because they do not usually play each other ... until now.

On Super Bowl Sunday, my parents will not trade their loyalties to favor one team as a family. It will be full-out war.

My parents spent at least 20 years in their hometowns before getting married and moving to Philadelphia. Naturally, each of them was brought up cheering for their birth team: Dad is from Chicago, but spent most of his life in Philadelphia, this Super Bowl will be his first. Mom is just a gamer and they are able to flood him with hype from aunts and uncles, as well as Indy. Having an all Midwest house divided.

I must join their father in rooting for their birth team: Dad is from Chicago, but spent most of his life in Philadelphia, this Super Bowl will be his first. Mom is just a gamer and they are able to flood him with hype from aunts and uncles, as well as Indy. Having an all Midwest house divided.

Because of my split football upbringing since I was born in Chicago, this Super Bowl will be nothing more than an excuse to get together and talk to friends with which funny commercials with a football game will be a great side.

At home, however, I can only imagine what state my house will be like during those four hours of football. Hopefully, my parents will leave my little sisters to decide for themselves who they want to win, even though they may be indifferent.

My e-mail inbox has already been flooded with hype from aunts and uncles, as well as Indy. Having an all Midwest house divided.

In the Jan. 18 edition of The Observer, in the article "ND joins ranks of Columbia with African effort," a statement by Father Bob Dowd was paraphrased to say that Notre Dame’s Catholic character "was not a driving force on the Millenium Village Project. To clarify, Notre Dame’s Catholic character was a major reason for Notre Dame’s home in the project, but it did not directly influence the specific activities we were undertaking in Uganda.

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Students pass Native American resolution

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL

The Campus Life Council (CLC) unanimously passed a resolution to enhance student life for Native Americans during its first meeting of the semester Monday in LaFortune.

The body resolved that the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs "be strongly urged" to work with the Office of the President to appoint a permanent member of the faculty or administration to serve as an official adviser to Native American students.

Members debated the wording of this particular line, as Dr. G. David Moss, assistant vice president for student affairs, said Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman was already "very sensitive to these issues" and urged care in making such strong demands.

No amendments were made, however, since student body president Lizzie Shapell agreed to include in her cover letter to Father Poorman an explanation that CLC and the Senate feel strongly about the issue but did not wish to be demanding of its beneficiary.

The resolution also included collaboration with University departments to "render an overall sensitivity and respect for the Native Americans previously inhabiting the University area" in describing the history of Notre Dame.

The Student Senate Multicultural Affairs committee's original resolution passed unanimously at a Nov. 2 Senate meeting, but the CLC decided at a Nov. 14 meeting to create an ad hoc committee to revise it.

Revision committee chair and Welsh Family hall rector Candace Carson said the committee took the basic resolution and worked alongside Kellen Lewis, president of the Native American Student Association of Notre Dame, to clarify areas in which the body wished further inquiry at the Nov. 14 meeting.

In other CLC news:

Chair Liz Brown said the Student Voice and Input task force is prepared to place the application for the University committees online as soon as the student government Web site is up and running.

The resolution for the Domer Dollar swipe card system is ready for presentation to Senate on Wednesday. Student Concerns task force chair Danny Smith said, and pending passage it will return for CLC approval at the next meeting.

The ad hoc Student Safety task force will present the information put together for the freshman Contemporary Topics book at the next CLC meeting, chair Katie Cordelli said.

The Student body vice president and chair of the Conduct Awareness task force Bill Andrichik said his task force is finalizing its report about freshmen "disorientations" following general student conviction, hall staff and retailer research. Gambling in the dorms is the next topic which the task force looks to address.

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Washington, D.C. At the rally, attendees received the sacrament of confession, participated in mass and enjoyed entertainment by Catholic recording artists.

During the weekend before the march, Notre Dame students took advantage of their time in D.C. to visit monuments and museums. Taking a break throughout the D.C. area, students admired the opportunity to interact with both the secular and religious aspects of the abortion issue, Saenz said.

The group also visited the John Paul II Cultural Center located near the Catholic University of America.

Cardinal Francis Eugene George, Archbishop of Chicago, delivered a talk to the students in Washington, D.C. on Sunday before the march.

"I thought his insight was amaz­
ing on practical life issues," Saenz said. "His talk really helped us to realize why we were marching."

Sunday night, Notre Dame Right to Life also celebrated mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The church was a beautiful place of worship, and we got to participate in a huge mass," Saenz said.

Senior Monica Querebgrossa, a member of the Notre Dame Right to Life, organized the trip to Washington, D.C.

Students who arrived Saturday paid a $75 fee to cover the cost of transportation for the trip and those that got in Sunday paid $50. Saenz said the club also received funding for the trip from donors who support the pro-life message.

"Saenz said that the trip to D.C. helped the club members "begin to realize the reality of the impor­
tance of human life."

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they are supporters of the current government, the war is likely already lost," Lindley said.

Lindley dismissed Bush's plan, saying that a 25,000-troop surge cannot prevent a Shia-Sunni war or stabilize Iraq.

The prolongation of U.S. efforts "— far from finalizing the conflict — will only temporarily delay an inevitable civil war at the cost of more American lives, he said.

"How fast we leave and what we do with our remaining influ­
ence are the relevant issues," Lindley said. "Winning is not an option."

However, politicians and profes­sors agree the future of Iraq must be considered as well.

In the Jan. 10 speech, the President said "to step back now would force a collapse of the Iraqi government, tear that country apart and result in mass killings on an imaginable scale."

The Iraq Study Group agreed. The congressional bipartisan panel, charged with the evalu­
ation of the Iraq crisis, released its conclusions in December.

Though it agreed that "a pre­
 evacuation strategy to withdraw from Iraq would almost certainly pro­
duce greater sectarian violence and increase deterioration of con­
ditions in the region," it also noted meat-sized manpower incre­
ments to the Coalition forces — such as the 20,000-troop increase — would not be enough to advi­
fate the fundamental causes of the Sunni-Shite conflict.

To make the decision to stay or withdraw even more difficult, the­
ologists told Michael Baxter threw the Christian viewpoint into the mix.

Baxter argued in favor of with­
drawal from Iraq, considering the war "theologically unjust due to inconsistent purposes and erro­

nous notions."

"At first it was about destroying weapons of mass destruction, but then it became about rooting­
down al-Qaeda and finally was about freeing the Iraqis," Baxter said. "Under these circumstances, any Christian who is involved in the war should refuse to partici­
pate any further — and plenty of them are already doing that.

Christians have not been the only ones to question the American presence in the Middle East.

Last year, the Washington Post reported that approximately 80 percent of the Iraqi population favored an immediate pullout of American forces — but experts predict the President will remain optimistic about his new strategy in tonight's State of the Union address.

The White House said the President will focus his speech on energy conservation and domestic policy, but his continued support for the troop increase will likely cause the most heated debate.

Supporters of the President's new Iraq proposals, including potential presidential candidate Senator John McCain, will also be faced with criticism as the former's approval ratings have sunk to a dismal 33 percent, said the ABC News/Washington Post poll.

Political science professor Peri Arnold said McCain's future in American politics depends largely on the outcome of the road of Bush's decision — which will have two years to unfold before the next presidential elections.

"If this turns out badly, McCain will be harmed by his identifica­
tion with a losing cause and bad decision," Arnold said.

While Arnold called McCain's endorsement of the new Bush plan "politically very risky," he noted that the senator is more­
polarizing than the President, with his earlier positions concerning troop increases for Iraq.

Bush's recent announcement has generated debate among stu­
dents, who see the impact they have on this generation's future — especially for those who know someone fighting the war, or may help fight it themselves.

Senior history major Phil Malony, who is also a member of the Army ROTC, said he was "bothered by the troop increase, "but even happier to hear about the new effort being put in to reconstruction, as well as the removal of the political barri­
ers which seem often to hinder the effectiveness of coalition forces."

Mauro, who will be going into the Army Active Duty directly fol­
lowing graduation, may see com­
bat in Iraq one day — and he will­
ingly embraces this call to service.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to help the people of Iraq rebuild their country, as well as the challenge of combat leader­
ship in the contemporary oper­
ating environment," he said.

Mauro noted that the troop surge does not necessarily increase the chances of recent graduates going to Iraq, and will more likely mean the quicker deployment of units already set to division and extensions of the tours for those already there.

Speaking as a private citizen and not a representative of the military, Mauro said many of his friends have reacted positively to Bush's new announcement.

"I think I have benefited greatly from being able to learn from their experiences [in Iraq]," he said. "And in my opinion, the quality of the ROTC instruction has improved as we have gained more cadre [instructors] who have more recent wartime expe­

rience."

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always follows up on any knowledge of or any concerns regarding the student safety or violation of a student code. Any violation of state, local or fed­
eral law constitutes a violation of our student code and Holy Cross does exercise off campus jurisdiction.

Tory Mitchell, who took over as director of Campus Residence Hall on Holy Cross, said Cedillo was never a resi­
dent under his direction. He said, however, he had heard the name before.

"I believe he was a student here, or is," Mitchell said.

Saenz, the Observer was unable to confirm whether Cedillo cur­
rently lives in Castle Point. His local address is not listed in the Holy Cross directory, and Judy Logan, manager of Castle Point Apartments, declined to com­
ment on the incident.

Senior Mark Long, Cedillo "was driving his Lincoln Navigator west in the Campus Point Apartment Complex near 1309 Coachmans Trail when he drove off to the north part of the lot and struck six vehicles," Thrien said.

"At least three of the cars belonged to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students."

Rachel Davis, 26, a Castle Point resident who witnessed the incident, said Sunday she woke up between 4:20 a.m. and 4:30 to the sound of Cedillo's car crashing into her car and five other cars in the lot.

Davis called the police and said she arrived within two minutes. She said three St. Joseph County Police cars and one ambulance were at the scene.

The police at the scene told her the man in the car was intoxicated, Davis said. They also told her the man lived in the Enchanted Forest section of Castle Point, she said, but she did not recognize him.

Thrien said Cedillo was released from the St. Joseph County Jail on a $500 cash bond and is due to appear in court on Jan. 12.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran denies 38 inspectors entrance

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran has barred 38 nuclear inspectors on a United Nations list from entering its nuclear facilities.

The rejected officials are on a list of potential inspectors drawn up by the International Atomic Energy Agency to visit and monitor Iran's nuclear facilities.

"The act of rejecting some inspectors is legal and in accordance with the agency's regulations," Foreign Ministry spokesman Mostafa told the official Islamic Republic News Agency. He said others on the U.N. nuclear watchdog’s list remain eligible, but did not explain how Iran decided which inspectors to bar.

The IAEA “summits a long list of inspectors to member countries and the countries have the right to oppose the visit by some inspectors,” Mostafa said.

Last month, the U.S. Security Council imposed severe sanctions on Iran after its refusal to cease uranium enrichment, a process that could produce the material for nuclear energy or bombs.

Alps to be glacier-less by 2050

VIENNA, Austria — Glaciers will all but disappear from the Alps by 2050, scientists warned Tuesday, saying their bleak outlook on mounting evidence of slow but steady melting of the continental ice sheets.

In an interview with the Austrian province of Tyrol, glaciologists have been shrinking by about 3 percent a year, said Roland Popper, the University of Innsbruck’s Institute for Ecology. And 2050 is a conservative estimate, he said: If things continue as they are at that rate, most glaciers could vanish by 2035.

NATIONAL NEWS

Republicans speak against Israeli attacks

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans pushed back Monday against President Bush’s decision to increase troop strength in Iraq, some voicing opposition while others urged the administration to consider the Iraqi government more accountable for the war effort.

“We’ve had four other surges since we first went into Iraq,” said Scott, a Republican who is running for governor of Arizona. “It’s clear that we need to address the situation clearly and responsibly.”

Bush has repeatedly threatened that an “explosive surge” of U.S. military forces would be needed in the Middle East.

But Popper, the Czech analyst, said Russian threats should be taken with a grain of salt.

“Russians in the past have threatened many things,” he said. “In the case of NATO what actually happened was that the Russian military leaders have occasionally threatened that an agreement is not going to be made because they do not want to do that.”

BUSH “SURGE” RECEIVES YEAR IN PRISON SENTENCE

Allard, former top State Department official — A former top State Department official was sentenced to a year in prison Monday for mishandling classified documents and concealing his relationship with a female intelligence officer from Taiwan.

Donald W. Keyser, 63, of Fairfax, had been the second-ranking official in the State Department’s Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs before retiring in 2004.

Prosecutors at one point considered bringing espionage-related charges against Keyser but eventually settled on a plea bargain involving lesser counts — making false official statements and unlawful removal of classified documents from the State Department.

LOCAL NEWS

School-board memberb busters votes

Gates but hold his ground over criticism for using $422 in school money to buy new shoes for his sons on a family vacation, said he cast absentee ballots in primary races that included the district in which he was seeking re-election.

Two state officials question whether Michael Scott may have used the taxpayer funds to influence voters by buying the meals at a Ponderosa restaurant.

Scott has characterized the lunches as part of a Lew Wallace High School field trip in which the teens were taken to the Lake County Government Center to cast ballots for the May primary.

New passport rules start Tuesday

WASHINGTON — New travel rules that take effect Tuesday require that most U.S. citizens traveling to neighboring countries to show a passport to get past border checkpoints.

The new regulations requiring passports were adopted by Congress in 2004 to secure the borders against terrorists.

Travelers in Atlanta and other airports said they had no complaints through the first few days.

“I’d rather be going through a security check, than possibly being blown out of the air because of lack of security measures,” John Golden of Columbus, Ga., who was headed Tuesday for a flight to Venezuela.

Starting Tuesday, Canadian, Mexican and Bermuda air travelers, as well as U.S. citizens flying home from those countries or the Caribbean, must display their passports to enter the United States.

The only valid substitutes for a passport will be a NEXUS Air Card, used by some American and Canadian frequent fliers; identification as a U.S. Coast Guard merchant mariner; and the green card carried by legal permanent residents. Active members of the U.S. military are exempt.
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than English's requires being a positive role model and a witness to the Christian faith. It also includes helping students according to Greene, "are yearning for support and guidance."

"It's times in which a student says something like, 'My grandfather just passed away, can you pray for him?' or a student stops me in the hall to ask my advice on a problem," Greene said. "Those moments are very rewarding."

Greene is one of the 174 current ACE teachers, college graduates who spend two years in the University's service program teaching in under-resourced Catholic schools across the country. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's offer 94 of the program's current participants.

ACE participants spend two summers during the program taking what ACE Assistant Dean Christopher Kowalski called a graduate program in education. At the completion of the two-year assignment, participants earn their Master of Educational Degree from Notre Dame.

Ten days after her college graduation, Greene began her preparation on campus for her first year of teaching.

Greene said the support from ACE staff and faculty allowed her to transform from someone with little classroom experience into a full-fledged teacher.

"The rigor of the summer prepares us for the rigors of teaching," she said.

The challenges come from people who understand the difficulty of teaching. They know that ACE is a challenging experience and that your first year teaching is a challenge," Greene said. "They welcome it as a challenge and, too, was ready to grow in a challenging way."

For Greene, the choice to pursue post-undergraduate service was one she made early in her education.

"I knew I wanted to go into teaching, ministry or education," Greene said.

Experiences at Notre Dame, including an internship in academic assistance in Lyons Hall, helped develop her passion for both faith and education.

Greene applied to the ACE program because she felt God was fulfilling a desire to live and work in a Catholic-based community.

"The three pillars of teaching, community and spirituality are emphasized to Greene and her ideals.

"The way that ACE balances the three pillars is something that I really wanted to be a part of any service experience," Greene said. In addition to teaching, Greene leads a women's prayer group at the center of the school which meets once a week to pray and discuss different issues.

Whether the group discusses the way the media portrays women or a student asks Greene how she has dealt with specific personal problems of her own, Greene said she has to dig deep into issues and is in need of support.

While ACE strives to aid under-resourced Catholic schools, Greene said it's a challenge to search out new programs. The primary need of these schools is not always financial, but is often the need for positive role models for students growing in the Catholic faith.

Kowalski also said that ACE teachers serve a variety of needs for the school where they work.

"I would say most schools do get a financial benefit from having ACE teachers," Kowalski said. "However, there are some situations where a school might benefit more from positive role models in the Christian faith to teach their students which meets once a week to pray and discuss different issues.

"Many ACE teachers go above and beyond their call to serve and are willing to help out in whatever way they can make a difference in the school," Greene said.

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However, the difficulties she has led to her own growth, she said.

"At the end of every day, I look back at what I have learned and what didn't really go well," she said.

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World’s largest drug company suffers under pressure from competing markets

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MARKET Recap

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pfizer Inc., struggling with fierce competition from makers of generic drugs, announced Monday it will cut 10,000 jobs and at least five facilities as part of an $11 billion effort to slash costs by up to $2 billion by next year.

The drastic measures by the world’s largest drug maker highlight challenges faced by many pharmaceutical companies recently, in addition to patent expirations, big drug companies are facing a business climate where insurers and other large purchasers of medicines are demanding lower prices and more evidence of products’ worth.

Although big rounds of job cuts typically follow a company’s stock price, Pfizer today fell 27 cents, or 1 percent, to close Monday at $26.95 on the New York Stock Exchange.

It’s the second time in two years the maker of Viagra and Lipitor has announced a major cost-reduction plan to combat the loss of about $14 billion in revenues this year due to expiring patents. The company is at risk of losing 41 percent of its sales to generic competition between 2010 and 2012, according to Prudential analyst Tim Anderson.

The latest cuts come on top of a previously announced plan to slash costs by $4 billion a year by late 2009. On Monday, Pfizer said it would cut an additional $500 million to $800 million in costs. However, it said some of the savings would be reinvested into the company so that the total savings would be between $1.5 billion and $2 billion.

The 10,000 layoffs amount to about 10 percent of the company’s global workforce and include the elimination of 7,400 jobs from the U.S. sales force, which Pfizer announced late last year.

The company said Monday it would cut 20 percent of its European sales force but didn’t say how many jobs that will be.

Pfizer will close three research sites in Michigan, to steal trade secrets from the beverage age giant in a case about “greed and "I believe we must transform the way we’ve done business in the past in order to be more successful in the future,” said Jeffrey Kindler, who became Pfizer’s CEO last summer and chairman last month.

"Incremental e volution is not enough. Fundamental change is imperative — and it must happen now." Pfizer reiterated that its revenue would be flat this year and next, but it expects earnings to jump between 6 percent and 9 percent in both 2007 and 2008.

Analysts are skeptical about whether Pfizer’s current and pipeline drugs can generate enough sales to compensate for revenue it stands to lose. Pfizer said it intends to buy or collaborate with other companies to bolster its product portfolio as it attempts to improve its own research. Pfizer reiterated it will introduce six new products a year beginning in 2011, four from its own research and two from collaborations.

Prosecution focuses on Coke worker

ATLANTA — A former Coca-Cola secretary spearheaded a conspiracy to steal trade secrets from the beverage age giant in a case about “greed and poor choices,” a prosecutor said Monday during closing statements in the woman’s trial.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Charash told jurors that Joyce Williams was the one who first approached a confidential informant for the case in late 2005 about selling Coca-Cola documents and samples of products that hadn’t been launched to rival Pepsi.

"She says the documents are worth something to a competitor," Charash said, referring to a meeting between Williams and a co-defendant.

Williams faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of the single federal conspiracy charge against her. She has pleaded not guilty. Williams remains free on bond pending the outcome of the trial. Two co-defendants have pleaded guilty to conspiracy, and at least one is expected to testify against her.

Williams, Edmund Duhany and Ibrahim Dilmun were indited in July, accused of stealing new product samples and confidential documents from The Coca-Cola Co. and trying to sell them to Purchase, N.Y.-based PepsiCo Inc.

The alleged plans were foiled after Pepsi warned Atlanta-based Coca-Cola and an undercover FBI investigation was launched.

Williams was fired from her job as an administrative assistant to Coca-Cola’s global brand director after the allegations came to light. Among the key evidence against Williams, according to Charash: a $4,000 deposit Williams made into her bank account, voicemail messages between Williams and the co-defendants and surveillance video of Williams at her desk at Coca-Cola headquarters.

Charash showed jurors during his opening statement some of that surveil lance video, on which Williams is seen stuffing documents in a bag and taking a bottle with a liquid in it.

Pfizer, the maker of Viagra and Lipitor, is attempting to combat a loss of $14 billion due to expiring patents. The drug company intends to restructure and make job cuts this year.

Pfizer also pledged to interact more with potential customers such as insurers to make sure it is developing medicines they deem worthy of purchasing.

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Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Charash told jurors that Joyce Williams was the one who first approached a confidential informant for the case in late 2005 about selling Coca-Cola documents and samples of products that hadn’t been launched to rival Pepsi.

"She says the documents are worth something to a competitor," Charash said, referring to a meeting between Williams and a co-defendant.

Williams faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of the single federal conspiracy charge against her. She has pleaded not guilty. Williams remains free on bond pending the outcome of the trial. Two co-defendants have pleaded guilty to conspiracy, and at least one is expected to testify against her.

Williams, Edmund Duhany and Ibrahim Dilmun were indited in July, accused of stealing new product samples and confidential documents from The Coca-Cola Co. and trying to sell them to Purchase, N.Y.-based PepsiCo Inc.

The alleged plans were foiled after Pepsi warned Atlanta-based Coca-Cola and an undercover FBI investigation was launched. Williams was fired from her job as an administrative assistant to Coca-Cola’s global brand director after the allegations came to light. Among the key evidence against Williams, according to Charash: a $4,000 deposit Williams made into her bank account, voicemail messages between Williams and the co-defendants and surveillance video of Williams at her desk at Coca-Cola headquarters.

Charash showed jurors during his opening statement some of that surveillance video, on which Williams is seen stuffing documents in a bag and taking a bottle with a liquid in it.
Abortion and the March for Life

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The seats, about 250, on the buses were sold out almost immediately. The riders subjected themselves to a 10-hour trip each way. In between, they had to sleep on a gym floor; spend long hours out in the cold and do what they could for food, etc. Where were they going? A concert? The Motor City Bowl? Not quite. They are Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students going to the March for Life in Washington. It marked the 34th anniversary of Roe v. Wade on Jan. 22. A reasonable observer might ask, "Why bother?" Maybe students just don't have enough to do. The reality, however, is that those students are doing something real and important. For most readers of these words, Roe v. Wade is ancient history. Since that ruling in 1973, more than 42 million unborn children have been legally executed by surgical abortion through 2002. That is the last year for which the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the source of the most complete statistics, has reported. Since the early 1990s the totals have leveled out and declined somewhat. In 2002, the total was about 1.29 million. Those figures do not include the uncountable but increasing number of early abortions by chemicals, intrauterine devices and other means. The legalized execution of unborn children is a fixed reality in our law and culture. Violence from the first decade of Roe would have already attended, had they lived, their tenth college reunions. You have rights under the Constitution because you are a person. In any civilized society where personhood is the condition for possessing rights, every innocent human being should be entitled to be treated as a person. The theory of Roe is simple. The Court declined to decide whether the unborn child is a living human being. The Court held instead that, whether or not he is such, he is not a person. The ruling is the same in effect as a ruling that an acknowledged human being is a nonperson and therefore has no rights. That personalization principle of Roe is the principle that underlies both the Nazi extermination of the Jews and the depersonalization of slaves in the Dred Scott case of 1857.

If the students in the March seek to accomplish a restoration of legal rights to the unborn child they are embarked on an exercise in futility. The most the Court will do is to let the states decide whether to allow or prohibit abortion. That would confirm the nonpersonhood of the unborn child, because if an innocent human being is subject to being executed whenever a legislature authorizes it, he is a nonperson. The Court will soon rule on the federal prohibition of partial-birth abortion. That case, however, is a sideshow. The issue there is not whether innocent human beings may be legally executed and not even which ones may be so killed, but rather how the killing is to be done. In any event, the restoration of legal rights to that child will not happen because early-abortion technology is irrevocably moving abortion beyond the effective reach of the law. For these reasons, abortion is now essentially not a legal problem to the one that is cultural and — dare we say it? — religious. Here is where the March for Life becomes a big deal and the students are doing something real and important. The students from ND/SMC Right to Life are joining other thousands at the March for Life in giving witness not only to justice but also to peace. In his message for the World Day of Peace, Jan. 1, 2006, Benedict XVI said "the right to life ... is not subject to the power of man. Peace requires ... a clear boundary between what is at man's disposal and what is not. ... As far as the right to life is concerned, we must denounce its widespread violation ... And alongside the victims of armed conflicts, terrorism and the different forms of violence, there are the silent deaths caused by hunger, abortion, experimentation on human embryos and euthanasia. How can we fail to see in all this an attack on peace?" Benedict described abortion and embryonic experimentation as "a direct denial of that attitude of acceptance of others that is indispensable for peace." The evils named by Benedict proved peace because they deny what he called "the requirements of the nature bestowed on man by the Creator." Legalized abortion is part of a bigger picture.

Benedict entrusted his prayer for peace to "the Queen of Peace" who is, of course, Notre Dame. As Right to Life chairma n Mary Elizabeth Walter described it, the journey to the March for Life is "not so much a demonstration but a prayer." Those students embody Notre Dame at its best. They have their act together, evidently more than some faculty.

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Ethics and morals not synonymous

I do hope the ND students will continue their mission to get the University to pay the employees at least a living wage, which would be about $12/hour now.

I know some people that are employed think it is adequate now, but they are not raising a family on one income. Also for a Catholic organization answering for death to their neighbors — and of those, not a single one found a conclusion that was unfavorable to their industry.

...Kirill Kilburn

...that trans fats are bad for us, we have to...
Director Coppola blends punk rock, 18th century

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

With her 2006 release “Marie Antoinette,” director Sofia Coppola took a unique approach to creating a soundtrack for a period film. Including songs from various time periods, the majority of the music featured in the movie is not a recently composed mishmash of strings and generic orchestration. In an approach not characteristic of the film’s quixotic director, the music of “Marie Antoinette” derives not from an orchestra pit, but more likely from a garage or dingy nightclub.

Coppola has filled the film with New Wave, post-punk and modern rock songs, creating a surprisingly fresh and youthful orchestration. In an approach not uncharacteristic of the film’s director, the music features fantastic guitar work by The Edge.

The two new songs on the album are respectable, but not nearly as good as the rest of the collection’s material. A cover of The Skids’ “The Saints are Coming,” featuring Green Day, while “Window in the Skies” is a U2-by-numbers anthem that showcases a fine vocal performance by Bono despite an excess of strings.

Still, for a collection that purports to be a collection of singles, it’s disappointing just how many of the band’s biggest singles have been forgotten — “I Will Follow,” “Gloria,” “Bad,” “Stay (Faraway So Close)” and “Even Better Than the Real Thing” among them. “U2:18” is also disappointing because it omits unreleased album tracks, so the breadth and depth of U2 is lost in the commerciality of the singles. It also fails to include anything from any of U2’s side projects, which means that “Miss Sarajevo” (featuring Luciano Pavarotti), one of its best songs from the 1990s, is also missing.

In the end, it’s hard to see the point of a compilation like “U2:18.” Faithful fans will most likely own most of the album’s material, and wouldn’t feel compelled to buy the disc simply for a few new songs. Those unfamiliar with U2 would be better off buying one of its previously released “Best Of” collections, or better yet, picking up 1987’s “The Joshua Tree” and 1991’s “Achtung Baby.” There’s no arguing with the greatness of the music included on the disc. However, it’s hard not to wish for more of it.

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Various Artists

Marie Antoinette: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack

Verse Forecast

Recommended tracks: ‘Hong Kong Garden,’ ‘Fools Rush In,’ ‘Ceremony’ and ‘Aphrodisiac’

The music that is included is generally great, though it relies a bit too heavily on U2’s later renaissance. Songs like “I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For” and “New Year’s Day” have timeless, anthem-type quality to them, while love songs like “One” and “With or Without You” hint at the band’s depth.

The best song on the compilation (still one of the defining songs of the 1980s) is U2’s tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., the fiery “Pride (In the Name of the Lucky)” which features the Edge’s astonishing guitar work.

Recommended tracks: ‘New Year’s Day,’ ‘Pride (In the Name of Love)’ and ‘With or Without You’

From left, U2’s Adam Clayton, Larry Mullen, The Edge and Bono pose after a recent Grammy win. Their latest compilation album omits several songs from their library.

Kirsten Dunst stars as doomed French sovereign Marie Antoinette in Sofia Coppola’s 2006 film. The film’s soundtrack includes bands such as Sloxssie and the Banshees.

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Football entertainers from Grossman to gridiron

Tae Andrews Assistant Scene Editor

Once my favorite NFL team has been eliminated from contention, all I ask for the remainder of the playoffs is that I'm entertained as I watch this past weekend's conference championship games, unable to ru

But lo and behold, the little brother grew up, and Manning's Colts pulled off a Tom Brady and the Patriots-esque comeback, finally towing the monkey off their backs, slaying their dragon and all other fantasy-related sports metaphors about defeating people you normally can't.

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The film's characters notes, "...if the cholera doesn't get us, the nationalists might." From the outset it explores the dynamic between various political groups, including the British, Chinese nationalists, regional warlords and the local Chinese peasants.

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As for the rest of us? Well, we get to tune in to the Super Bowl in Miami. Fortunately, this year the Slokers aren't in it, so the rest of us won't have to deal with the stupid towel-flapping of a year ago.

Even better, Patriots coach Bill Belichick, replete with his customary sweatshirt-cutout, got to pass the monkey off to someone he once called "the most beautiful supermodel girlfriend in the world," Gisele Bundchen. As for the rest of us? Well, we've seen worse worse losers. I also loved the "agony of defeat" shot of Tom Brady, looking stunned after the Patriots lost. What'll he do in the offseason? Well, he'll probably go somewhere exotic and play golf with his consolation prize, stunning supermodel girlfriend Gisele Bundchen.

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By MICHELLE FORDICE Scene Writer

"The Painted Veil" is one of the few films I've seen recently whose mood has managed to linger beyond the theater doors. The majestic and powerful cinematography, scenery and score capture the senses and provide a striking overlay to the character's humanity and the story's themes of punishment, forgiveness and the difficulty of uniting two worlds.

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They struggle to fix them.

Western writer Walter Fane (Edward Norton), and his wife Kitty (Naomi Watts). The film's language sounds like a combination of a porn star after euro and something one Illini dorm monkey would say to the other after another disgusting/bloody throw, as in, "That's gross, man." It is just me or should the Bears organization run a promotion where they offer all male fans free coconut bras and grass slippers, so they can hold big shrunken and serve up opposing teams with chants of "Asaanaaaa Bears Da Bears Da Bears Da Bears." Where are you Farley, where have you gone?

After watching the Bears reign supreme, I always love this somewhat perilous match-up for two reasons. Firstly, for the Patriots, playing the Colts is a lot like beating up your little brother. For a year, all you hear about is how they were the "new and improved" Colts, are then you come home from school and powerless to stop the upstart little man into the family sofa for half an hour until he admits defeat or your mom yells at you. Sure, you might say with the young fella a little bit, make him think he has a watermelon. Jolene Rancher shushy's chance in beating of you, but ultimately the outcome is never in doubt. The other reason I love watching Peyton Manning is because he has the Colts' annual tradition of Peyton Manning croupping like a piece of toilet paper, and the accompanying cracking of his features into facial expressions of frustration, pain and general fresh terror. Sure enough, it looked like business as usual in the first half, as the Patriots gener

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Hill, Howard help Magic end long losing streak

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Grant Hill scored 22 points, Dwight Howard added 18 with 13 rebounds and the Orlando Magic snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the listless Cleveland Cavaliers 90-79.

Hill, who missed Orlando’s previous game with a dislocated pinky, scored two points and played less than six minutes of the fourth quarter. But he did enough in his first 27 minutes on the floor to give the Magic an 11-point lead entering the final period.

Jameer Nelson had 11 points, Keith Bogans made three 3-pointers and Darko Milicic added nine rebounds for Orlando, which ended a six-game skid in Cleveland.

LeBron James had 19 points for the weary Cavaliers, who missed seven games due to back pain and were playing their fifth game in seven nights.

Larry Hughes and Damon Jones had 16 points apiece for Cleveland, which after losing for the fourth time in five games, remained 2-14 with 13 points of the season at 24-17 — the same record it had last season.

Leading 71-60 after three, the Magic pushed their lead to 80-64 following a 3-pointer by Keyon Dooling and Milicic’s basket inside. Bogans third 3 made it 83-68 with 7:19 left, and the Cavaliers didn’t have the fortitude to get back in it.

Hill and Howard finished a combined 15-of-22 from the field.

Pacers 98, Bulls 91

Jermaine O’Neal had 22 points and 10 rebounds as the Indiana Pacers beat the Chicago Bulls on Monday night to snap a four-game losing streak and win for the first time in 13 games against the eight-player trade last week.

Darrell Armstrong had 16 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds for the Pacers. The 38-year-old point guard was making his season debut in the season in place of the injured Jamaal Tinsley.

Ben Gordon scored 21 of his 31 points in the second half for Chicago. Luol Deng had 18 points and eight rebounds and Kirk Hinrich had 14 points before fouling out late in the game.

Two of the newcomers acquired from Golden State, Mike Dunleavy and Troy Murphy, were inactive. Mike Dunleavy had 15 points, seven rebounds and five assists and Troy Murphy had seven points and eight rebounds in his first start for Indiana.

Danny Granger scored 19 points and Marquis Daniels added 12 for the Pacers, who have lost three games during their losing streak by three points or less.

Raptors 105, Bobcats 84

Chris Bosh scored 20 points and Jose Calderon had a season-high 19 points and 11 assists to lead the Toronto Raptors to a victory over the Charlotte Bobcats.

Andrea Bargnani scored 14 points for the Raptors, who won their seventh straight game and five of the last six games against the Bobcats.

Toronto allowed Charlotte to score 58 percent of its shots in the first half, but the Raptors stifled Charlotte’s offense with a zone defense in the third quarter.

The Raptors outscored the Bobcats 21-8 in the third, and 52-21 in the fourth.

Gerald Wallace had 19 points and nine rebounds for the Bobcats, who had won five of their previous seven games. Fork Feltton had 19 points and eight assists and scored the winning 2-point game with two inches behind the backboard. 

Bargnani, the No. 1 pick in the draft, finished 5-for-10 from the field. Adam Morrison, the third pick, went 1-for-6 for a season-low 2 points.

Toronto’s Pape Sowe received a loud ovation when he entered the game in the fourth quarter. Sowe played his first game since having neck surgery to repair a fractured vertebrae after falling and hitting another player during practice in the Las Vegas summer league.

Toronto is 2-1 on a five-game homestand and 3-1 with victories over Boston and New Orleans.

Calderon’s 3-pointer and Bosh’s jumper made it 96-68 with 5:27 left in the fourth. Calderon added another 3-pointer with 1:34 to go andToronto held on lead with 30 remaining.

Bargnani had nine points in Toronto’s 37-point first quarter — its highest-scoring opening period this season. Wallace had 11 of his 15 first-half points in the second quarter, cutting the lead to three by halftime.

Spurs 93, Celtics 89

Tim Duncan remained unbeatable at the free-throw line as Boston Celtics, finishing with 21 points and nine rebounds to help hold the San Antonio Spurs to a victory.

Green Ginobili and Tony Parker each scored 15 points and Michael Finley had 12 for the Spurs, who have won 18 straight against the Celtics and nine in a row in Boston. The Celtics last beat the Spurs on Jan. 8, 1997, the season before Duncan entered the NBA.

Duncan shot 7-of-17 from the field and 7-of-7 from the free throw line as the Spurs won their third straight and eighth in 10 games. His 10-second quarter points helped San Antonio outscore Boston 30-14 after falling behind 24-20 through one.

Delonte West led Boston with 27 points, while Al Jefferson added 26 and Ryan Gomes had 26. The Celtics have lost eight straight and are 2-14 without star guard Paul Pierce, who has been out since Dec. 22 with a stress reaction in his left foot.

The Spurs led by as many as 23 in the third quarter and 77-63 after the period. But after the teams traded baskets for much of the fourth quarter, Boston used a late 13-0 run to make it close.

West’s jumper from just inside the 3-point line pulled Boston in 91-89 with 8.7 seconds left, but Finley made a free throw with 3.2 seconds left in it.

Heat 101, Knicks 83

Playing without their two All-Stars, the Miami Heat scored a franchise-record 27 consecutive points and beat the New York Knicks.

Dwyane Wade and Shaquille O’Neal watched from the bench as Miami raced to a 29-3 lead over the Knicks, who have the second largest deficit in franchise history.

New York’s Stephen Marbury sat out the second half because of a sore left knee.

The Knicks’ past three games had been decided at the finish, but not this one. Kapono’s third-pointer of the opening period put them behind 21-3, and Haslem’s short jumper made it 29-3 before Curry’s layup ended the Heat run.

The crowd offered a mock cheer for New York’s first basket in more than eight minutes.

On long point guard Jameer Nelson, right, dribbles down the court while forward Grant Hill breaks in transition. The Magic topped the Cavaliers 90-79 in Cleveland Monday.
All-Star festivities feature many young players

Brodeur, Shanahan travel as familiar faces

Associated Press

DALLAS — Martin Brodeur is used to coming to All-Star games to catch up with friends, guys he knows from Team Canada and previous midseason gatherings.

On Monday, he might as well have worn one of those "Hello, my name is ..." badges.

The All-Star festivities feature so many new players that the days leading up to Wednesday night's game are more get-to-know-you sessions than reunions — even if first-timers Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin need no introduction to anyone who has followed the post-lockout NHL.

"A lot of young players are a big part of the league, so for us older guys it's kind of nice to get to know them, talk to them and see how they are," Brodeur said. "Really, they're the future of our game."

The past has been amazing — and swiftly swept away by this new wave of talent.

Consider this: Brodeur and East teamate Brendan Shanahan have played a combined 15 All-Star games; the rest of their teammates have played a combined 8.

On the West squad, Joe Sakic, Teemu Selanne and Nicklas Lidstrom hold a 28-15 advantage in career, you're really nervous. But the more times you're here, the easier it gets. You just come here, relax and have a good time."

The fun began Monday evening with a ceremony outside the arena honoring Dallas' 1999 Stanley Cup championship team. Mike Modano, Brett Hull, Joe Nieuwendyk, Ed Belfour and Canadian coach Guy Carbonneau were among 13 attendees.

Then came an on-ice celebration of 11 former NHL superstars, followed by a practice featuring the real squads.

The light workout was most noted for seeing players skate in sleek new uniforms created for this event with materials that will be used for every team next season. The difference was barely noticed by players looking as if they were hardly wearing any pads.

The YoungStars game and the skills competition come Tuesday night.

A big reason for all the fresh faces at the event. There hasn't been one since 2004. The last two were scrapped because of the lockout and the Olympics, helping build some enthusiasm in this time among players who might otherwise want a few days off.

"You get excited to come back after the Olympics last year, and you get excited to see all of the players again," San Jose forward Joe Thornton said. "It's fun seeing ex-teammates like Brian Rolston or guys that you used to play with. I get excited. It's a good couple days for us. ... You never know if it's going to be your last, so you get excited and have as much fun as you can."

While there's talk of trying to put on a competitive game, the reality is that a scorefest could break out at any moment.

"I think it's important for us as coaches to put the players together to showcase the skills that are there," said West coach Randy Carlyle of Anaheim, another All-Star rookie. "When we're really in looking to do is allow the players, A, to have fun showing the skills, B, to have some fun; and, C, we want to win the game, too."

Second-time All-Star Dan H Heinly laughed at being described as a grizzled veteran. But he qualifies because he's among only four former MVPs playing these All-Star games.

"A lot of people don't see often, you have back-to-back nights to talk to people, I think it's a great experience," he said.

Crosby was the leading vote-getter and is leading the NHL in scoring, a terrific feat; his 29 goals are one off the league lead.

"You get excited and have as much fun as you can," he said.

NHL Vick not charged in crime

Associated Press

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was indicted on charges of conspiring to mix and deliver marijuana when stopped by security last week at Miami International Airport. The ESPN reported Sunday.

The FAA prohibits passengers from mixing "other illegal substances." The ESPN report also cited an anonymous Falcons source, who said the team expects to hear something formally Monday.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello wouldn't comment on the report. He told The Associated Press the league had received no information on the issue. Falcons team spokesman Reggie Roberts told the AP the team had no comment and did not want to know the origin of the ESPN report.

"It's a search warrant," a law enforcement official told The Associated Press.

Last Wednesday, Vick reluctantly surrendered a water bottle to security at the Miami airport. He was not arrested and was allowed to board an AirTrain flight to Atlantic City. The Associated Press does not have a compartment that contained "a small amount of dark particulate, a presumptive area closely associated with marijuana," the police report said.

NCAA Women's Basketball

No. 6 Sooners top Texas Tech in overtime

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Backup guard Kendra Moore scored 13 of Oklahoma's career-high 20 points in extra time to help No. 6 Oklahoma hold on and beat Texas Tech 86-81 in double overtime on Monday night.

Courtney Paris recorded her 45th straight double-double, finishing with 22 points and 17 rebounds for Oklahoma (16-1, 6-0 Big 12), which extended its winning streak over the conference opponents to 25 games.

But during the overtimes, Moore became Oklahoma's go-to player. With the game tied 81-81, it was Paris handing the ball off to Moore on a pick-and-roll and Moore slicing through the lane for a layup with 1:16 left.

At the other end, Oklahoma's starting point guard, Brittany Brown, stole the ball from Texas Tech's Jordan Murphy as she rose, stole it and dribbled the ball free throws with 11 seconds left — her first points of the game — and added another three with 4.3 seconds left to seal the win.

Five players scored in double figures for Texas Tech (12-8, 3-3), led by Alesha Robertson, who finished with 15 points. Six-foot-four center Patrice Edwards added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Raiders.

It was Oklahoma's first double-overtime game since Dec. 21, 2000, when the Sooners beat San Diego. Texas Tech played its last two-overtime games Oct. 23, 2000, a win over Texas.

Oklahoma struggled with turnovers for much of the game, finishing with 21, and never led by more than eight points. Paris went just 9-for-24 from the field, sitting out nine minutes of the second half. She was not in the game's final 14 minutes and missed five shots in the overtime periods.

The Sooners led by six with three minutes left in regulation, but Texas Tech rallied to go ahead 67-63 with 44.2 seconds left, and Oklahoma missed a 3-pointer by Erin Higgins with 7.6 seconds left to force a 68-68 tie.

Texas Tech's Chelsie Dabbs, who scored 13 points, missed a 10-footer at the buzzer.

The Lady Raiders fell behind by three points early in the first overtime, took a 75-73 lead on a 16-foot jumper by Dabbs with one second left, then missed a free throw with 0.2 seconds left on a drive at the other end.

But for a Paris miss, Texas Tech had another chance to win, but a turnover by Brown the ball went out of bounds with eight-tenths of a second left. Oklahoma's Ashley Newbauer grabbed the ball and her heave from 70 feet hit the rim and bounced away.

Oklahoma forward Amanda Thompson, right, blocks a shot from Texas Tech center Patrice Edwards in the first half of Oklahoma's 86-81 double-overtime victory Monday.
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**Bill Parcells calls it quits after 19 seasons**

Parcells announced his retirement from coaching Monday, ending a 19-year run in the NFL that included three Super Bowls and two championships. "I am retiring from coaching football," Parcells said in a statement. "I want to thank Jerry Jones and Stephen Jones for their tremendous support over the last four years. Also, the players, my coaching staff and others in the support group who have done so much to help. Dallas is a great city and the Cowboys are an integral part of it. I am hopeful that they are able to go forward from here." Known for a gruff demeanor and colorful quotes, Parcells leaves with the ninth-most wins in NFL history and a career record of 183-138-1. He was 34-32 in Dallas, counting two playoff losses. He had one year left at more than $5 million on a contract extension signed last January. "I am in good health and feel lucky to have been able to coach in the NFL for an extended period of time," the 65-year-old coach said. Although he failed to make the Cowboys champions again, Parcells leaves the Cowboys better than he found it. The club went from three straight 5-11 seasons before he arrived to making the playoffs twice in four years. "I'm looking forward to the game of football and to the NFL and am immeasurable," team owner Jerry Jones said in a statement. "We will always be grateful for his dedicated effort and commitment to the Dallas Cowboys."

Parcells expected big things in 2006 and, thanks to the emergence of Romo, Dallas had a two-game division lead in December. Then the Cowboys lost four of their final five games, including the last three. The cap came against the Seahawks after Romo bobbled the hold of a short field goal with a little more than a minute left.

**In Brief**

Nadal advances to quarterfinal of Australian Open

Rafael Nadal finally got to see how he holds up against a guy who can beat Roger Federer.

And when his night's work was done — well past midnight — he understood what he had accomplished against Andy Murray.

It was a very, very, very important match for me, very tough," Nadal said. "Andy was playing at an unbelievable level. He's very smart on court, for sure."

For four sets there was little to separate the two. But Nadal outlasted the 19-year-old Scotsman, twice rallying from a set down to win 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 and reach the Australian Open quarterfinals.

After chewing his backhand past on his second match point, Nadal dropped to his stomach and stretched face down. He got up and bowed to the crowd. It was 1:50 a.m. Tuesday, and time to get some rest.

NASCAR changes points race system

Kasey Kahne won a series-high five races during NASCAR's regular season, yet barely qualified for the championship chase because of a points system that has long rewarded consistency over winning.

But under a series of adjustments announced Monday, the emphasis has been shifted to winning. To doing so, NASCAR might also have ensured that its biggest stars will almost always qualify for the Chase for the championship.

Beginning this season, the Chase will have 12 drivers — up from 10 — and the field will be seeded based on "regular-season" victories.

"We believe the Chase accomplished the original goal — it made racing more competitive, made every race ... mean more and created more excitement," NASCAR chairman Brian France said.

N.C. State coach returns after bout with cancer

Two months after cancer forced her away from basketball, North Carolina State coach Kay Yow still fights a disease that won't let her rest.

The Hall of Famer showed little sign of backing down Monday as she announced she'd return to the team — even as she adapts to what her body will and won't let her do.

"Of course, I'm always anxious to get back with the team but I have to be realistic about it," Yow said.

"I told myself that I don't want to get back with the team and it be a hindrance. I have to be able to make a contribution. I wanted to get back, but I wanted to be sure I could do that before I came back."

The 64-year-old coach plans to resume her duties Tuesday, with her first game likely coming Thursday against Atlantic Coast Conference rival Virginia.
Manning scheduled for X-rays on thumb

Colts QB is probable for Super Bowl play

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts quarterback Peyton Manning was scheduled to have X-rays on his injured right thumb Monday, although Indianapolis doesn’t believe it will affect his status for the Super Bowl against Chicago on Feb. 4. Manning hit the thumb on his throwing hand on the helmet of left tackle Tarik Glenn late in the Colts’ 38-34 victory over New England in the AFC championship Sunday night.

Coach Tony Dungy said the thumb was dislocated after the game and that Manning was hurting.

"But from everything I hear, it's going to be OK," Dungy said.

Manning ranks second on the NFL’s all-time Pro Bowl list, behind Brett Favre. He has started 156 consecutive games, including playoffs, in his nine-year career.

In fact, Manning has only missed one play because of injury — in a 2001 game against Miami.

"I don't think he's going to play," Dungy said of Manning's availability for his first Super Bowl. "But Dr. RobertMarco Martinez, the Blue Devils' defensive coordinator, said Manning, who started 11 games, in including the playoffs, has missed only one play because of injury. "And that was last year, when he hurt his right thumb in the playoffs and couldn't play against the Patriots," Dungy said.

Manning is back to full strength, according to Dungy.

"I think he's going to be able to play," Dungy said. "The X-rays will be done tomorrow."

Manning's status will be updated Tuesday before the team flies to Miami for the Super Bowl.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — College recruiting in the high-tech world has led to a flood of new challenges for high school coach Bill McGregor.

"You have a lot of new players in class," McGregor said. "And the next thing you know he's getting distracted because he's getting a text message from a college recruiter."

McGregor, coach at perennial powerhouse DeMatha High School in Washington, also said he could do without the proliferation of recruiting services, combines and Internet sites that doggedly track players' performances.

"Right now I have a player who's the third-best recruit in the country," McGregor said. "Who in the world ever designated him as the seventh best junior in the country? And now, does he have to live up to that reputation? Does he have to pretend that he is the seventh best junior in the country? What happens when he drops a pass next year? What happens when he doesn't make a 40-yard run in every ball game? I think what's happening is the pressure is being unduly transferred to the boys in a situation where they don't need it."

McGregor spoke Monday at a meeting of the Knight Commission, a group that promotes reform in college sports. McGregor said it was "ludicrous" to compare college coaches — whose phone calls and recruiting tapes are strictly limited — to text reconcruits as often as they want. He said he wanted to restrict text messages to a new measure that would ban the practice.

"I don't start the ranking system," Burton said.

Associated Press

Indiana's quarterback Peyton Manning celebrates a 2-point conversion pass on the Colts' 38-34 win over the Patriots Sunday.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Mike Tomlin didn’t realistically expect to become the Pittsburgh Steelers’ coach so early in his career, with so little experience as an NFL coordinator and at such a young age.

He knew it, too, although the 34-year-old Vikings defensive coordinator was excited when the Steelers called two weeks ago and offered an interview. In Tomlin’s mind, jobs like this go to Hall of Fame-caliber coaches, the kind of men he has looked up to since he became a coach 12 years ago.

“I’m somewhat of a football historian, and I’ve got a great deal of respect for those who came before me,” Tomlin said Monday after being hired for the job formerly held by Bill Cowher and, before him, Chuck Noll.

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“I’m still coming to grips with what that means,” Tomlin said.

For those who wonder if he might have used a few more years as a coordinator before becoming an NFL head coach, Tomlin said: "I can’t worry about concerns others might have. I’ve been hired to do a job here and I intend to do it at a high level."

Not many Steelers fans knew much about Tomlin beforeCowher resigned in Jan. 5—and, in a rare bit of candor by team president Art Rooney II, theSteelers say they didn’t, either. But Tomlin quickly convinced them during a pair of three-hour interviews he was ready for the job.

During those interviews, Rooney couldn’t help but be reminded how another 34-year-old coordinator with similarly this experience convinced the Steelers in 1992 he was ready to be an NFL head coach.

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want it to. We know we’ll get there eventually.”

The last two times the Irish played on the road, against Georgetown Jan. 6 and against Villanova Wednesday, Notre Dame fell behind early. Against the Hoyas at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C., the Irish found themselves down 29-9 in the first half.

The Wildcats didn’t quite display that kind of dominance, but they did lead by as many as 13 in the first half.

“We haven’t done a good job of matching the home teams’ intensity when we’re on the road,” Irish forward Rob Kurz said.

Guard Colin Falls said Notre Dame can’t afford an early deficit against the Red Storm.

“We’re going to have to play hard right from the first tip,” he said.

Irish coach Mike Brey rejected the idea that Notre Dame’s struggles have to do with playing on the road. He gave credit to Villanova and Georgetown.

“They’re NCAA Tournament level teams and they beat us in two areas — transition defense and the offensive boards,” Brey said.

Brey predicted that getting back on defense and boxing out will continue to be important areas for the Irish against the Red Storm.

St. John’s is just 2-4 in conference so far this season, but it comes into Tuesday’s game having defeated Syracuse 64-60 Sunday.

The Red Storm are led by senior forward Lamont Hamilton (13 points per game) and junior guard Avery Patterson (12.1 points per game). In addition to the two-game road losing streak, the Irish will also look to end a three-game losing streak at the Garden, all in Big East tournament games. The Irish haven’t met St. John’s in New York since the 2003-04 season.

The last Irish win in Madison Square Garden was a 65-64 win over West Virginia in the first round of the 2004 Big East tournament. Then a freshman, Falls hit a 3-pointer with 15 seconds left to give Notre Dame the victory.

Despite the lack of recent success, playing in New York has a special feel for the Irish, Falls said.

“The Garden, that’s the basketball Mecca of the world,” Falls said. “I wish I could play every game there. It’s just a lot of fun, knowing how many people played there before you and just the people that have been in there.

“There’s definitely a mystique about the building that’s really fun to play in.”

Tonight’s game will tip off at 7:30 p.m. and it will be shown on ESPN regionally.

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Coffee at the Como
For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

The Como House is hosting an informal lunch for all gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning students on Saturday, February 10th. For more information, please contact the Como House. The Como House is located at 330 North Main Street, Notre Dame.

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Player of the Week,

"In high school, maybe I had a better week than this," Allen said after Saturday's game. "I'm feeling really confident and my shots are falling."

Those shots will need to continue falling if Notre Dame (13-5, 4-1 Big East) hopes to put together another 2-0 week as it prepares for road games against No. 17 Marquette and No. 7 Connecticut — the only teams ahead of the third-place Irish in the Big East — tonight and Saturday, respectively.

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"As far as which way he's going to go, I really don't know. He's been really quiet and hasn't talked to many people."

Mike Frank

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Hughes commits to Notre Dame, Wilson may reconsider his commitment to Illinois and give the Irish one more shot.

Notre Dame currently has 18 verbal commitments for the Class of 2011, including three who have enrolled early — Allen, quarterback Jimmy Clausen of Westlake Village, Calif, and cornerback Gary Gray from Columbia, S.C. "There's still a number of very good players out there that Notre Dame is recruiting," Frank said. Whether they get them is another question.

The athletic department at Hubbard High School did not return calls from The Observer Monday.

Notes:

♦ Frank said members of the Notre Dame coaching staff likely would meet with Ransey, N.J., defensive end Justin Trattou within the next few days after the highly-ranked lineman visited Florida last week. Trattou committed to Notre Dame in June, but Frank said the Irish coaching staff may be worried that the 6-foot-4, 250-pounder would rescind his commitment and join the Gators instead.

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The Observer is now accepting applications for its 2007-08 Editor-in-Chief. Applicants should turn in a resume and 12-15 page application to The Observer's South Dining Hall offices by Wednesday, January 24 at 5 p.m. Please call Mike Gilloon at 631-4542 with any questions.

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Eugenia Last
Irish guard Charel Allen attempts to drive past Syracuse guard Cintia Johnson on Saturday. Allen had 25 points and 10 rebounds in Notre Dame's 83-55 win over the Orange.