University suspends McAlarney
Irish point guard to miss spring, summer semesters following December possession charge

By BOB GRIFFIN
News Writer

Notre Dame basketball player Kyle McAlarney was suspended for the spring and summer semesters Monday and is currently on his way home to Staten Island, N.Y., his mother said in a phone interview Tuesday afternoon with The Observer.

McAlarney was pulled over during a routine traffic stop near campus early in the morning on Dec. 29, as is at least the seventh Notre Dame athlete to face suspension or dismissal in the past eight years.

Kyle McAlarney was suspended from the University following accusations of raping a female Notre Dame student in an off-campus house. Earlier in 2002, Irish running back Julius Jones was suspended for academic delinquency.

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Students, professors evaluate Bush address
State of the Union reaffirms Iraq troop increase, generates debate nationwide, on campus

By JOHN TIERNY and KATLYNN RIELY
News Writers

U.S. President George W. Bush's State of the Union address Tuesday night came at a time when his approval ratings are low and Republicans agree that feeding the hungry

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Coalition reexamines Lunch Fast program

By STEVE KERIN
News Writer

It has been more than 30 years since the Notre Dame Hunger Coalition (WHC) began to confront Notre Dame students with the stark realities of malnutrition in some of the poorest nations on earth.

Now, after watching participation slacken in their signature Wednesday Lunch Fast program, the Coalition is preparing to renew its commitments to feeding the hungry and raising awareness by encouraging student involvement in new ways.

"We do our best to fight hunger," said the group's president, junior Jessica Pillarella. "One of the best things about us is that we steer clear of the politics... I think anyone can think he was... I don't blame basketball in this at all. I think he was caught way off guard also.

"The athletic department and [Notre Dame Athletics Director] Dr. [Kevin] White told me they were as surprised as I am, they were shocked."

Senior Associate Athletics Director John Heisler told The Observer Tuesday he was unable to comment. Notre Dame sports information director Bernie Cafarelli said she could not comment due to privacy laws.

Brey cannot comment on the situation either, Cafarelli said. McAlarney, who was pulled over during a routine traffic stop near campus early in the morning on Dec. 29, is at least the seventh Notre Dame athlete to face suspension or dismissal in the past eight years.

In 1999, Irish tailback Tony Driver was suspended from the football team for a pariahs violation. In early 2002, football players Lorenzo Crawford, Justin Crumpton and Abram Flam were dismissed from the University following accusations of raping a female Notre Dame student in an off-campus house. Earlier in 2002, Irish running back Julius Jones was suspended for academic delinquency.

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ESP me

Apple has once again ignited gadget geeks and businesssens alike by unveiling the iPhone, which, in its demo of the new product, Apple CEO Steve Jobs so eloquently described as “cool” and “awesome.”

Watching the keynote demo on Apple’s Web site got me thinking about the way the transfer of information is constantly being revolutionized.

Chad Hurley and Steve Chen, the creators of YouTube, gave the world a new outlet for conveying information (whether viewers find it relevant or ridiculous). But beyond this simple conveying of information, I am consistently struck by how quickly the knowledge of a particular video can spread, especially at a place like a college campus think: “OMG — shh you!”

Since people seem to be taking it upon themselves to use these contrivances to establish communities, small or large, where they can interact with like-minded individuals, it seems more likely that product designers will actually put the establishment of those communities at the forefront of their future designs. Virgin America has designed an in-flight entertainment system that, among other things, would allow passengers to email/SMS/instant message among themselves, creating an airborne community.

With the arrival of Web 2.0 (which encourages community and user-generated content), and talk of Web 3.0 (a “Semantic Web”), a man by the name of Seth Godin has proposed a Web3, where the network would take initiative based on the way a person uses the Internet. It’s a smarter Internet that takes into account how a person has previously behaved online, and proposes the best way to go about any particular internet task.

It would perform autonomous searches that could benefit you the examine, just as you’re about to order the latest TV-on-DVD boxed set, Web4 steps in.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE OF ALL TIME?

"A Few Good Men" — I’m partial to anything that is "Cool Hand Luke" or "Sorokin does."  

"Roots" because it’s my roots.

"Godfather," ‘I like to see people get shot.

"Ferris Bueller’s Day Off" I wish I could have done that in high school.

"I would need to check my Facebook... but "Monsoon Wedding" (Bollywood) or "My Fair Lady" or ..."

IN BRIEF

A reading of Homer’s Iliad will take place today in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall at 6:10 p.m.

ReSport is sponsoring a blood drive today from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. at Raitz. Registration is required.

Today is the last day to make changes to class schedules for the semester on InsideND.

The Academic Council Meeting is taking place today in the McKenna Hall auditorium from 3 p.m. to 5. Attendance is by invitation only.

Kellogg institute visiting fellow Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo will give a lecture on "The Use of Appointment Strategies in Presidentialism," from 4:15 p.m. to 6 Thursday in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center. Sponsored by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the event is free and open to the public.

The 18th annual ND Student Film Festival will take place Thursday through Saturday at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The festival features 13 short films made as class projects during the past year. Tickets are $5 for general admission, $3 for faculty/staff and $2 for students.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event.

Answers:

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Vince Houghton — "Super Troopers."
COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Organizations’ funds reviewed

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives (COR) reviewed the 2006-07 reallocation budget in a brief meeting Tuesday night in LaFortune.

The total budget of $41,037 was allocated to various organizations, including a $3,000 reimbursement of the technology fund.

(The reallocation is really a spending review and not a reallocation per se,” said Student Union assistant treasurer Kadeja Gaines, who added that the treasury reserves the right to take money away from organizations that have not been spending requested funds.

In the case of this semester, $3,000 was reallocated from the Class of 2007 funds to Senior Week, Gaines said. In addition, Judicial Council received $1,000, student government received $5,000 and Student Union Board $21,018.90.

In other COR news:

The Class Councils of 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 were the collective “Organization Spotlight” of the week.

Each class president took a turn discussing recent events, including new freshman T-shirts, a new community service opportunity at a local soup kitchen for his/her class, including new freshman T-shirts, a new community service opportunity at a local soup kitchen for his/her class, including new freshman T-shirts, a new community service opportunity at a local soup kitchen for his/her class.

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The publication honored schools from each state by placing them on the 2006 Publisher’s Pick List. Saint Mary’s was included.

For Saint Mary’s to be included in a list like this is an honor, said Melanie McDonald, director of media relations at the College.

"Schools are selected based on interviews with students of the institution," she said. "The Saint Mary’s students surveyed obviously felt supported and felt that a network of programs and people are in place at the College to make a Latina student's experience at Saint Mary’s a positive one."

With the aid of the National Center for Education Statistics, Hispanic Outlook compiles the list each year using student surveys as well as an important calculation: the number of degrees granted in proportion to the Hispanic population at the institution.

The list represents the magazine’s "latest and best thinking about which colleges and universities offer Hispanic students a solid chance of academic success," publisher José Lopez-Isa said on the magazine’s Web site.

The Admissions Department at Saint Mary’s has been working diligently to increase diversity on campus. This fall, the Office for Enrollment Management presented the most diverse class in 15 years, according to McDonald.

"Prospective Latina students, who make up a portion of that underrepresented (minority) group, are learning that Saint Mary’s offers support to Hispanic students in many forms," McDonald said.

Latina students have various campus organizations and offices that cater to their continued success, such as the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership, the Mexico Study Tour, the Student Diversity Board and La Fuerza, a student-run group.

Jeanne Choquehuanca, co-president of La Fuerza, sees inclusion on this list as a way for Saint Mary’s to distinguish itself from other institutions.

"The honors tell us that we are making a difference in our efforts for greater diversity and tolerance," she said. "Still, there is an obvious lack of diversity at our college, and this award hopefully will not indicate to our community that efforts for greater diversity should lessen."

La Fuerza works to promote Latina culture both on and off campus.

"This organization especially aims to reach out to incoming Latina and minority students. These efforts are sometimes difficult, but we always extend our welcome and support to all students," Choquehuanca said.

Veronica Dominguez, a sophomore Latina student at the College, said Saint Mary’s offers a welcoming environment — to all its students.

"I do not feel that Saint Mary’s is only a good environment for Hispanics. It is a caring environment with the common goal of preparing strong women for the future," she said.

This recognition by Hispanic Outlook is not the first distinction for the College regarding academic rankings.

"Just like our number one ranking by U.S. News & World Report, recognition by Hispanic Outlook brings news of our excellence to a broader audience," McDonald said.

Hispanic Outlook Magazine has served as the premier news source for Hispanic education in higher education for 17 years.

Published biweekly, the magazine reaches approximately 50,000 readers annually.
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$2,000 a week, so it's a great money-maker... because we don't have much overhead at all.

The group was able to donate $7,184 to provide food for the hungry last semester, which it collected entirely from the lunch fast. Pillarella said the specific organizations chosen to receive funds vary each year. This year, money will be donated to Oxfam and the South Bend Food Pantry.

The World Hunger Coalition can also choose to direct some of the funds raised from the Wednesday Lunch Fast to initiatives on campus combating world hunger.

"It's nice because poverty is kind of a hot topic this year on campus," Pillarella said.

Citing the program's current enrollment of 280 students — down from 1,400 sign-ups in 2002 — faculty adviser E. Jane Doering stressed the group's objective to renew interest in the program this semester.

"What I really do believe is that the Notre Dame student wants to participate in a way that will be effective in alleviating hunger," Doering said. "We're hoping (declining participation) is due to not knowing, as opposed to not caring."

Doering also emphasized the value of the Wednesday Lunch Fast as the starting point for further exploration of the roots and varied effects of world hunger.

"What I like about this program is that it's not just giving money," Doering said. "It's a small sacrifice on the part of students (as well)."

Pillarella said that the World Hunger Coalition plans to broaden its involvement later in the semester. "Right now, we're focusing on sign-ups for the [Wednesday] Lunch Fast," she said. "Later, we will be involved with the ND canned food drive and putting together Easter baskets through the South Bend Food Pantry."

The World Hunger Coalition will have its next meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns Coffeehouse. To enroll in the Wednesday Lunch Fast, send your full name, e-mail address and ndID number to whs@nd.edu.

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"What is particularly laudatory about [Smith] is the projects she is involved in have been especially relevant," he said. "What she writes about are issues Americans are dealing with, sometimes success-fully, sometimes unsuccessfully." Senior Kelly-Lynn Plush said she expects Smith's visit to be a relevant and beneficial experience for herself and other theatre majors.

"Smith's presence will provide theatre majors a glimpse into the world of theatre beyond our comfort zone here on Saint Mary's campus," she said. "Her experiences can provide [us] with valuable insights that can help to mold and shape our future careers, whether on stage, or behind the scenes."

The Margaret M. Hill-endowed chair in theatre is sponsoring Smith's visit.

Hill, a Broadway theatre producer and 1961 graduate of the College, established the endowment during the College's sesquicentennial in 1994. Pauley said.

"Every year with revenues off the endowment, we can bring in someone in theatre and performance studies to speak to the community and work with theatre students in a rather short, concentrated format," he said.

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Ethiopian troops start to withdraw

WASHINGTON — Ethiopian troops whose military strength was crucial to helping Somalia’s government drive out a radical Islamic militia began withdrawing Tuesday, raising fears of a power vacuum unless peacekeepers arrive soon in this chaotic nation.

Somalia’s prime minister, Ahmed Dinari said Ethiopia helped chase out the Council of Islamic Courts militia, which had taken over the capital and much of southern Somalia. But it was time for the neighboring force to leave.

“As of today, the Ethiopian troops have started withdrawing from Somalia,” said Dinari.

Dinari’s government spokesman, Zemedekun Abdi, confirmed Tuesday’s pullout but gave no details.

The intervention of Ethiopia last month ended a civil war that displaced over 2 million people and allowed a stunning turnaround for Somalia’s 2-year-old government.

The restoration of law and order in the country,” Dinari said.

Canadian pig farmer faces charges

A Canadian pig farmer whom prosecutors said confessed in a videotaped interview to killing 26 women and producing drug addicts who vanished from a drug-ridden neighborhood in the 1990s has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The trial for the other 20 murder charges is expected to begin in October.

NATIONAL NEWS

Lawyer says Libby was sacrificed

WASHINGTON — White House officials tried to sacrifice Vice President Dick Cheney’s “Scooter” Libby to protect strategist Karl Rove from blame for leaking a CIA operative’s identity during a political storm over the Iraq war, Libby’s lawyer said Tuesday.

After Libby complained “they want me to be the sacrificial lamb," Vice President Dick Cheney personally intervened to get the White House press secretary to publicly clear Libby in the leak, defense attorney Theodore Wells said in his opening statement to Libby’s perjury trial.

The defense is trying to paint Libby at top levels of the Bush White House, along with some previously unseen blunt language from Cheney in meetings of a dynamic day in which the prosecutor and the defense dueled in multimedia statements to the jury.

State Farm settles hundreds of lawsuits

State Farm Fire & Casualty Co. agreed Tuesday to settle hundreds of lawsuits by Mississippi homeowners who were denied but didn’t sue the company.

The settlement calls for State Farm to pay about $80 million to more than 600 individuals for Mississippi homeowners who were denied but didn’t sue the company.

LOCAL NEWS

Abducted mother, kids found safe

A mother and her four children were found safe Tuesday night at a motel, three days after police said they were abducted by a group of armed men.

The man, Jerry D. White, 30, was arrested, at Rutgers, said that while the news was good, “it was a tough day for Libby.”

President Bush receives applause after delivering his annual State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill Tuesday.

Bush tried to persuade Democrats

Address calls for bipartisanship; covers health care, energy, education, immigration

WASHINGTON — President Bush faces long odds in trying to make headway in this divided-government town with his latest batch of domestic initiatives, even as many appear tailored to address long-term Democratic concerns.

Democrats now the majority party in Congress, reacted coolly to Bush’s effort to regain control of the agenda with a handful of new and recycled State of the Union proposals on health care, energy, education and immigration.

Beyond fresh calls for bipartisanship from both sides, Bush faced skeptical lawmakers and a recovering Bush in an unpopular war, with the 2008 elections increasingly becoming a complicating factor.

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“Like many before us, we can work through our differences," he said.

“Many of the goals he outlined," one senator at the news conference after the speech, "would take several years before they would be legislated into law and made into a reality."

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municating well to the student body at the meetings is key," said Ferreira. "We may have had the top turnout in these past two years, but we're not a completely new vote." Ferreira believes, will have students reconsidering their previous election decisions. "Ferreira also believes they were loyal votes to women," said Ferreira. "We have many women in our [Ferreira-Antonelli] platform are in line with ours, those who didn't vote yesterday would have a voice by electing our ticket." While both tickets hold on the ideas of increased diversity and continuation of College traditions, Ferreira-Antonelli platform contains goals—such as campuswide wireless Internet—that "can be accomplished." "It's not going to take five years," she said.

Regardless of the competition, Payne said she is "extremely excited." She knows that the student body is ready for a change and our goals are achievable," she said. "We want to return to the days when we had strong, hardworking leaders (in the Legislature)." While the road to presidency continues for Ferreira-Antelli and Payne is long, she and Bush have still have a strong desire to serve and help the University. Davis, who called the results a "huge disappointment," said she expects that the competition will continue for the student body in today's election.

She said she believes "they deserve it more than (Ferreira-Antonelli) because they are more dedicated to the University."

Davis and Kennedy both said they received an outpouring of support, and Kennedy even said an appeal they sent to the elections appeal board during campaign was Dũng.

Kennedy said the two attended the Dec. 12, 2006 mandatory meeting where they introduced the Hodges-Payne and Ferreira-Antonelli platforms to all residents to run despite their failure to attend the campaign forum.

"The president also her co-presidents Susan McDuff said although the tickets didn't run in dormitories, they were allowed to run because they explained their absence and submitted a petition to have a follow-up election meeting after winter break.

McDuff said elections commission Christine Molinar maintains The press release held additional campaign materials to increase the number of tickets "that can be handled." "I think all in all, the more petitions, the better," she said. "Having more than one ticket allows [more voices to be heard], which is more people will know they have earned it.

"I'm curious to see what he will do," Hawley said. She added that the ticket-Payne win, the elections, and Davis and Kennedy said they would consider holding on their ballots, but nonetheless had a personal interest in student governance.

Molver did not return. 

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buds bobbling around in dormitories and the LaFortune Student Center. "Nothing is more important at this moment in our history than the question of how we come to America to succeed in the Middle East and to stop terrorism in Iraq and to stop mixing the two."

"It's good for the president to reach across party lines," said Sarah Way, College Republicans professor Lori Maurer did say the University should have more students around him, I mean, they did it without his team— and if they feel the punishment is still too harsh, they can review if they feel the punishment is still too harsh, they can review if they feel the punishment is still too harsh, they can review if they feel the punishment is still too harsh, they can review if they feel the punishment is still too harsh, they can review if they feel the punishment is still too harsh, they can review if they feel the punishment is still too harsh, they can review if they feel the punishment is still too harsh, they can review if they feel the punishment is still too harsh, they can review if they feel the punishment is still too harsh, they can review if they feel the punishment is still too harsh, they can review if they feel the punishment is still too harsh, they can review if they feel 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New kids on the block

The Observer has graciously decided to allow two intelligent, charming and ridiculously good-looking men (Don’t believe us? Check out our Facebook profile.) to write a bi-weekly column for the Viewpoint. In addition to the semi-monthly columns written by Gary Grobe, Jim Scanlon, Falco and Liz Coffey, among others, you will soon be introduced to their ideas. We chose this title because we have seen this movie and thought it was a good movie, possibly the best movie ever. If you haven’t seen this movie, you should rent it as soon as possible. In one of the closing scenes, the anti-authoritarian hero V becomes riddled with bullets from his assailants, including Mr. Greedy, and the following dialogue ensues:

Creedy: Die! Die! Why won’t you die?
V: Beneath this mask there is more flesh. Beneath this mask there is an idea, Mr. Creedy. And ideas are bulletproof.

Of course, we did not choose this title because we believe that our ideas are bulletproof, or that our arguments are invincible. Rather, it may be the case that we chose this title because we believe that even in the face of change to come from ideas, progress doesn’t come from forced coercion; it comes from persuasion by logic and reasoning. Unlike a Britney Spears marriage, or a dining hall meal that slides through your gut by the time you make it back to your dorm, good ideas can last forever. Our goal here is to give you some new ideas.

We are both members of the College Libertarian Society, and as such, our columns will generally be written from a libertarian viewpoint. What do we mean by libertarianism? Simply put, libertarians believe in the freedom of the individual. We believe that each individual has an inalienable right to life, liberty, property and self-governance. We believe that the only moral function of government is to protect these inalienable rights and that government used for any other mean constitutes an immoral use of force. Each person should have the right to choose what is best for himself/herself, so long as his/her actions do not interfere with the rights of others. We also believe that the United States Constitution, as the founding document of our great Republic, should be regarded as both relevant and binding, and that the original intent of the Constitution is to be laid with these courses. Hopefully, by reading our columns you will have a different look at the world. You won’t only see the world as red and blue, Republican and Democrat, or conservative and liberal. We don’t expect you to agree with us; we are hoping you will think, and think on your own. In fact, probably won’t — but at least you will have been given a new perspective on the world around you. We hope to make this a conversation of ideas, not a monologue, so please write back when you disagree with us.

Finally, if you think that you agree with a lot of what we have to say, don’t be apathetic! Come out as a Libertarian! Are you disillusioned and disenfranchised by the current state of politics? Do you have horrible memories of putting your dog down as a child because he/she broke the ‘no dogs’ commandments? Do you like “South Park” and Clint Eastwood? If you said yes to any of the preceding questions, then you may already be a libertarian! Libertarians encompass a wide range of peoples. We include everything from anarcho-capitalists, environmentalists, and pathheads to fundamentalists Christians and atheists. The only thing necessary to become a libertarian is a devotion to liberty. For more information on the College Libertarian Society, visit our website at www.nd.liberty. If you want to try our arguments, try living a lifestyle of liberty. You’ll find that government used for any other mean constitutes an immoral use of force.

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this a conversation of ideas, not a monologue. An education such as this, of course, prepares us, in a strange but certain way, to be the leaders of the Twenty-First century, to carry on the torch — because a libertarian is a rare, wasn’t there? — and, in general terms, to achieve the new, recast American dream: becoming filthy rich without getting caught.

Chris Spellman

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A revolutional education?

It’s a common scene early in the semester, students, shuffling around their classes, sometimes taking a course or adding another. In an attempt to fulfill the University literature, music or history requirement, a student will scour through the course descriptions searching for an interesting, or — at the very least — easy class. It was through this search that a friend alerted me of certain discouraging choices being offered to fulfill those requirements.

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Let us be frank about the fact that sex is good. In fact, sex is great. God is a big proponent. And I get the feeling that a lot of what God made is good, in and of itself, apart from its function. Creation was good before humans ever existed.

I would agree with Eleanore Strong "Contraceptive society morally harmful," Jan. 21) that God knows best. But I take strong issue with the idea that the Church always knows best. Passive acquiescence to theology with such far-reaching implications, when the experience on the ground screams in pain for any other than contraceptives as the scapegoat. The missionary statement also states, "A Catholic university draws its basic inspiration guided by a profound understanding of Catholic morality. The mission in all disciplines be animated and fostered and a proper community of scholars religious discourse be established."

The founders of our university believe that the truth is not in alignment with faith, that believe that truth and morality as established by faith are not foreign to one another. The search for truth about ethics at this university should be guided by a profound understanding of Catholic morality. The missionary statement also states, "A Catholic university draws its basic inspiration from Jesus Christ through the source of wisdom and from the conviction that in Him all things can be brought to their completion." All things include the examples of ethical dilemmas James provided; the founders of this university, for instance, would discourage or not it can or does produce another human because it is, not because of what it can produce. The silence from the living wage community had gone on for far too long, we do, if we allow it. We simply serve as protection, not as encouragement.

It's called HIV and this pandemic has already claimed the lives of 25 million people. People, including priests, make mistakes. It doesn't mean everything the Church says is wrong. Far from it. It just means we need to be careful. So with that said, the irony of the Church's position is that while attempting to uphold the sanctity of sex, it actually demeans it. Objectifies it, really, in the same way that someone worth as humans today tends to be tied to what we can produce. And the union of two people into one flesh through sex is something that is holy whether or not it can or does produce another human life.

It is an expression of love, a very deep and binding one, and not one that condoms or a pill can even begin to delude. If you want culprits for "more abortions, fewer children, more divorce and more AIDS cases," I suggest something other than contraceptives as the scapegoat. Millions of lives are riding on that careless statement.

Try looking at our society of material depravity, where we exploit what we want from people and the environment, and then discern without thought. Try looking at the general commercialization of sex on TV and every other sphere of our lives. Talk about sex is so taboo that most sex education, not just reproductive control, but who nonetheless are now celebrating their 50th anniversaries. A piece of plastic does not kill the significance of sex or cause societal destruction. We do, if we allow it.

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Raising wage has consequences too

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And she doesn't stop there. Strong alleges that the prevalence of contraceptives in our society has also caused a terrible consequence of events: they lead to more abortions and the world's moral afflictions, any support-
**American Idol Feature**

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**CD Review**

**Daughtry**, a solid album from popular Idol rocker

From his very first audition, Daughtry made his presence felt during season five of "American Idol." While Bo Bice and Constantine Maroulis cracked open the door of the rock genre during season four, Daughtry blasted it open. His pulse-pounding performance of Fuel's hit "Hemorrhage" was praised by all three judges and was popular with the audience. His performance even impressed the members of Fuel, who asked him to be their lead singer after his departure from the show. His unforgettable renditions of Johnny Cash's "Walk the Line" and Bon Jovi's "Was it All Worth It?" cemented his fan base and earned him a spot among the American Idol" finale. Daughtry's talent becomes apparent in the CD review.

**Daughtry**

RCA

Recommended Tracks: "It's Not Over," "Over You," "What I Want," "Gone"

With all of the success that "American Idol" and its contestants have enjoyed, it is a sure thing that it is not going away anytime soon and will continue to exist for the American public to enjoy — and its success only guarantees a promising future for its artist. Chris Daughtry has managed to do what some former Idol contestants struggle with — he transcended the "Idol" fan base and created an album that even non-Idol fans can't help but enjoy.

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Ofelia (Ivana Baquero), left, encounters Pale Man (Doug Jones), one of the many eerie and fantastic characters in Guillermo del Toro's film, "Pan’s Labyrinth."
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NCAA Men's Basketball

Nardi and Reynolds guide Nova to victory

Auburn knocks off ranked team for second time in six days; strong defense helps Illini top No. 23 Hoosiers

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Mike Nardi had a game-high 19 points and Scottie Reynolds added 18 to lead Villanova to an 82-73 win over Providence on Tuesday night.

It was the third straight victory for the visiting Wildcats (14-5, 3-3) and marked the second time in six days that the team has defeated a ranked opponent.

Villanova, ranked 19th, rebounded from a loss to No. 22 St. John's last Friday by rallying late to break a 73-73 tie and put the game out of reach.

"This is something we were looking for," Reynolds said. "We could have played better out of the gate, but when we needed to step it up we did." 

Air Force Falcons used sharp shooting and a stifling defense to cruise past TCU on Tuesday night for their 27th straight victory.

Nardi and Reynolds were named co-captains of the Big East team for the second straight year.

The team's defense was led by Reynolds, who had a game-high 18 points and six assists.

"I'm really proud of our defense," Reynolds said. "We did a good job controlling the ball and taking charge of the game early." 

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Auburn 81, Alabama 57

Korvotney Barber scored 18 points for the Tigers, who improved to 13-8 in SEC play and 3-3 against No. 12 Alabama on Tuesday night, ending a seven-game losing streak.

The Tigers scored the first eight points of the second half and led the rest of the way.

The Tide cut the lead to 43-39 on T e n e s s e e ' s 3-pointer with less than a minute left, but it didn't last long after Alabama's 3-pointer capped a 17-4 run that started the second half, making it 46-32 midway through the half.

"They're a lot quicker than we were a week ago," Alabama forward Andre Harmon said.

Auburn came closer than 11 points after that.

Illinois 51, Indiana 43

Indiana guard, Scottie Reynolds, left, is fouled by Providence forward Herbert Hill as he goes up for a shot Tuesday night. The Wildcats defeated the Friars 82-73.

The Illini (15-7, 3-4) had no answer for Illinois in late 2005, then the Illini were 0-3 to start the season and fell to 19-6, an insurmountable deficit against the disciplined Falcons.

Air Force led its push to the final 3-0 point, but it wasn't enough to put the game away. Illinois Bruce Weber said the Illini were "playing with a chip on their shoulder" and "playing with a lot of heart." 

"I don't think we played our best game tonight, but we were close," Weber said.

Coach John Beilein said his team had a "little bit of a letdown" after the big win over Indiana.

Bo Ryan said his team was "playing with a lot of heart" after the loss to the Hoosiers.

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## NFL

### Raiders hire USC's Kiffin as head coach

**Associated Press**

ALAMEDA, Calif. — After four miserable seasons, Al Davis knew the Oakland Raiders needed a fresh start. He hasn't had a new coach much more fresh than Lane Kiffin.

The Raiders officially hired the 31-year-old Kiffin on Tuesday, putting the former Southern California offensive coordinator in charge of restoring glory to a three-time Super Bowl champion that fell to the NFL's worst record last year.

Kiffin, who took the job Monday, became the youngest head coach in club history and the NFL's youngest in several decades. If the job of rebuilding a 2-14 club intimidates him, Kiffin didn't show it while sitting next to Davis in a sharp black suit.

"I'm extremely excited about this opportunity and where I see this place going," Kiffin said at the Raiders' training complex. "It's a historic franchise that has good tradition and has fallen on tough times, but we will bring it back to where it was before. We will do that through hard work. I'm prepared to roll up my sleeves and go to work."

Kiffin, the son of Tampa Bay defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, has just one year of NFL experience as Jacksonville's defensive quality control coach. In 2000. But the 78-year-old Davis wasn't afraid to hire a coach young enough to be his grandson.

In fact, Davis wanted another talented young offensive mind to lead the franchise where John Madden, Mike Shanahan and Jon Gruden excelled in their 30s. Shanahan and Gruden won Super Bowls with other teams after leaving the Raiders rancorously when their ideas clashed with Davis' vision for the franchise.

"I think, '31 years old, that's young,'" Davis said. "But you don't have to be old to be great. You have to be good. You have to want it. You have to have a desire, a passion for football."

The Raiders also will retain defensive coordinator Rob Ryan, who built an above-average defense last season despite the offense's woes. Kiffin, who left for the Senior Bowl after Tuesday's news conference, plans to hire an offensive coordinator soon.

And he has plenty of additional work ahead with the Raiders.

## In Brief

The Associated Press

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**Lane Kiffin, 31, speaks with the media after he was hired as the head coach of the Oakland Raiders Tuesday. The former Southern Cal offensive coordinator became the youngest head coach in the National Football League.**

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Young duo’s charm expected to boost buzz

Associated Press

DALLAS — Sitting side by side at a table, facing question after question about being the faces of the new NHL, Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin flashed their grace and charm.

Asked about trying to bring the game to a wider audience, Ovechkin smiled, turned to Crosby and said, "Can you answer?" And the 19-year-old delivered smoothly, giving a thoughtful response that included the line, "We're going to do our best to make that possible."

Then came the subject of the league's MVP this far, Crosby and Ovechkin leaned right into the microphone and said, "Crosby!" Crosby laughed, started giving a politically correct answer about there being "too many guys right now," then broke into a smile and said, "I mean, the best answer would be Ovechkin right now, right?"

Pretty good, eh?

Well, they should be even more dazzling on the ice Wednesday night.

"They play hockey with him," Lemieux said. "They feel comfortable, too. We concentrate on the game and don't think about our faces, the NHL or Magic Johnson or Larry Bird. We concentrate on our game and our team.

Crosby plays for the Pittsburgh Penguins and leads the league with 72 points, five more than anyone else. That's a whopping amount considering the rest of the top-20 scorers are separated by one or two points.

In his bid to become the youngest MVP since Gretzky, Crosby already has become the youngest top-vote-getter for the All-Star game.

And he lives with Lemieux, who as the owner of the Penguins also is his boss.

"It's been very exciting for my family. My four kids really love him," Lemieux said.

"They play hockey with him all the time in the basement. They have a great time. He's a great ambassador for our league. I feel very fortunate to have a chance to watch him play."

Ovechkin, of the Washington Capitals, has 62 points and 29 goals, one off the league lead. He also beat out Crosby last season for rookie of the year honors. Yet as great as they are separately, it's hard to talk about one without mentioning the other.

"It's fun to watch the highlights every night because you know there will be a lot from both of them," Ottawa's Dany Heatley said.

"Those guys could do a lot of damage."

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The last time these two teams met, Alma forward Ashley Matuzak paced her team with 27 points and a contest-high 12 rebounds. Saint Mary’s won that game at home by a score of 72-60.

"Ashley Matuzak is a very good player. She creates problems for us defensively," Saint Mary’s head coach Jennifer Henley said.

In order to neutralize Matuzak, Belles freshman center Anna Kammrath and sophomore forward Erin Newsom will need to play well.

Newsom has been steadily improving throughout the season and is averaging eight rebounds a game. Kammrath has taken a dominant presence in the paint and also pulling down an average of eight rebounds per contest.

"We are going to have to give more help on [Matuzak] when she attack the basket and find her earlier in transition defense," Henley said.

Kammrath and Newsom have been keys to Saint Mary’s recent success. After a rocky start the Belles have turned their season around.

"I think our early struggles were due to three factors: adjusting to a new coach, playing an incredibly tough non-conference schedule and our overall youth," Henley said.

The Belles roster of 15 players includes only three upperclassmen. Those seniors, most notably junior guard Allison Kessler — have been key contributors throughout the season. But the Belles have found success when their younger players came into their own.

Having other contributors has allowed the Belles to spread the ball around and alleviate the pressure that opposing defenses devoted to stopping Kessler and senior guard Bridget Lipke.

"[Kessler] more people contribute to our offense, it really takes the pressure off Bridget and Allison," Henley said. "We are no longer a team that relies solely on our points coming from these two guards."

Henley said that she has already earmarked early for the spring semester at Notre Dame. Allison, quarterback Jimmy Clausen of Westlake Village, Calif., and cornerbaek Gary Gray from Columbia, S.C.

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Juice in Chicago, especially in the Chicago Public League," Frank said Brown’s career path and style resonate with fans in Chicago, especially in the Chicago Public League.

"It’s time to let the music move you.

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has a lot of depth," Carroll said. "The points they are able to do definitely help us and they’re only getting better."

While the freshmen may not always win their events, their ability to finish strongly and score third, fourth or fifth-place points are essential to Notre Dame’s hope of capturing the Big East title next month.

"There are a quite a few of them that are the Big East meet," Carroll said. "It’s good for them to get their feet wet and get experience."

At the prestigious U.S. Open meet — an event that featured Olympic quality competition — freshmen Natalie Stitt finished 11th in the one-meter dive, while Tiffany Bobak placed 10th. Megan Farrell and Ashlee Edgell placed 48th and 58th in the 200-meter individual medley.

Numerous freshmen also hold top team times in their respective events, including Lexie Shue (200-meter freestyle), Farrell (200-meter fly), Stacey Nedrad (200-meter backstroke) and Stitt (one-meter dive). Right on their heels are other frosh coaches in the league, and that familiarity can trickle down to the top players as they decide what school to choose.

National Signing Day — when high school seniors can sign binding letters of intent with their chosen colleges — is Feb. 7, but three recruits have
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view. "It slowed them down and changed their rhythm." So when Red Storm forward Anthony Mason Jr. dumped the ball inside to Hamilton with less than 20 seconds remaining and the score tied at 68, Irish forward Russell Carter cheated from his post outside, the paint to prevent Hamilton from getting an easy bucket.

Once Carter took a step inside, Hamilton spotted St. John's guard Larry Wright open beyond the three-point line between the corner and the wing. Hamilton kicked the ball out to Wright, who drained the shot before Carter could get back outside. Wright's clutch shot extended the Red Storm a 71-68 lead with 9.9 seconds left.

"We gave ourselves a lot of chances to win the game," Brey said. "Larry Wright made a big shot right there. We had our opportunities. We certainly had our opportunities." Notre Dame guard Colin Falcon scored 16 points on 8-of-13 shooting and 2 rebounds, with all of his points coming in the first half. Wright finished with 11 including the game-winner while St. John's guard Eugene Lawrence added 13.

The loss drops Notre Dame to just 30 percent shooting, including 4-for-13 from the three-point line, shooting only 15-for-25 (60 percent). Defensively, the Irish kept themselves in the game, limiting St. John's to just 40 percent shooting in the second half. Their inability to put the ball in the basket late, however, prevented them from taking a significant lead.

Fulls finished with 16 points on 5-of-13 shooting, but converted only one of his six second-half 3-point attempts. Notre Dame forward Bob Kurz could not duplicate his 21-point, 10 rebound performance against the Bulls. Kurz ended up with seven points on 1-of-5 shooting Tuesday. Hamilton finished with 23 for the Red Storm on 8-of-13 shooting and 12 rebounds, with all of his points coming in the first half. Wright finished with 11 including the game-winner while St. John's guard Eugene Lawrence added 13.

The loss drops Notre Dame from second to sixth place in the Big East standings as it prepares to face Villanova Saturday at the Joyce Center. The Wildcats defeated Notre Dame 102-87 last Wednesday in Philadelphia. "[Villanova's] very good line on most nights, so we earned our guys remember that," McGraw said. "They scored on the inside — I think they got 36 points in the paint. Late in the game, they got like three or four offensive boards for putbacks. We just didn't do a good job boxing out." Despite the outcome, the Irish were able to keep the game close with Marquette early, even taking a 12-12 lead at 13:44. The Golden Eagles would soon reassert that lead, however, and would hold on to it the remainder of the match.

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"Well, what am I saying?"

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Answers: HE

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What happened to the library thief?

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Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: This may turn out to be an emotional year, but only if you lose your love causes of stress that have been hanging over your head for some time. rid yourself of the burdens you have been carrying around with you, once and for all, and you will see the light at the end of the tunnel. it's time to stop letting negativity consume you. Instead, fight for the positive and you will find yourself in a new headspace. Your numbers are 1, 14, 26, 39, 46, 59.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't get caught up in anything today that will lead to a confrontation with someone you love. You have to keep things light and put your efforts into where you see yourself heading in the future. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Visiting a friend will lift your spirits and guide you down an interesting new path. You have plenty to contribute, and if you do, you will gain friends with someone interesting. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Consider your past and the people you have met along the way. Someone from your past may be able to help you, but you must not let them take over. Pace yourself and stay in control. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotional matters may be difficult to deal with today. An older friend or relative may not understand what is going on. Your explanation will help both you, and close together. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sudden changes regarding your financial situation will surprise you. You can make good decisions regarding your health. The more you do to make improvements, the better you will feel. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Partnerships can be formed, but make sure that you are both on the same page before making any promises. Once you have your plans laid out, writing will stop you from achieving your goals. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What you think is going on and what is really going on will not coincide. Back up and refrain from voicing your opinion until you have a better understanding of what everyone else is doing.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today is all about love, course and getting to the bottom of things. You can fix a list of the most important issues in your life. If you are precise, determined, and dedicated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An older relative will appreciate what you do to help them. Your luck is changing, and you may find yourself in a wonderful world. You may have a change of heart. You will if you try. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get down to business and let whoever you care about know what you are thinking and how you feel. It may be your only opportunity to do what's right and to set the record straight. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have to take better care of yourself. Set a new regime that will help you get back into shape using exercise, proper diet and a healthier lifestyle. Take the initiative to improve.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Love and romance are certainly in the picture, but not so as to be able to produce something very creative and unusual. Sit down to what you like and you will be very satisfied.****

ADAM FAIRHOLM

WILL SHORTZ

Tyrone, I can hear you breathing...

Horoscope

Happy Birthday: You are so sensitive and caring and know how to get things done. You strive to do your best and will take on more than your share in order to help. You are a thoughtful, kind and concerned friend.

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Chicago Recruiting

By KEN FOWLER
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ND Women's Basketball

Smiley's head to Alma for MIAA tilt

By DAN COOPER
Sports Writer

After a big win over Adrian last Saturday, Saint Mary's travels to Michigan today to face the Alma Scots in an MIAA matchup with tournament implications.

The Beller - 5-4 in the MIAA and 6-10 overall — are currently in a three-way tie with Albion and Olivet for third in the conference. Alma is sixth in the conference at 3-5 and 7-8 overall on the season.

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